

# New Traditions Begin: *Epsilon Psi*



Epsilon Psi members, from left, Mary Margaret James, Mary Irwin, Anne Benson, Meg Barber, Marta Person and Missy Miller celebrate after their initiation.

Both Panhellenic spirit and Theta sisterhood were strong at the University of Richmond last spring, as Kappa Alpha Theta joined five sororities in making history on the Richmond campus in Richmond, Va. Colonies from Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta were installed as chapters the same weekend in May, with strong support from the University.

Eighty-seven young women signed the charter for the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta May 3. This charter was later presented by Grand President Sue Supple at the installation banquet.

The charter members of Epsilon Psi began their pledgship on February 14. Under the supervision of Chapter Consultant Karen Rathgeber, the colony immediately began getting to know one another and forming strong bonds to make the chapter the best possible.

The first group event was a retreat to Virginia Beach, where

pledges flew kites, played volleyball and conversed over lunch. It was a cold and blustery day, but also one of new-found friends and fun.

At the beginning of the chapter's pledge period, each young woman was given a Secret Sister to whom she sent notes and gifts. After about three weeks, they met their sisters at an ice cream party. This was followed by Spirit Chairman Libby Zaidel's plan for Birthday Buddies and Study Buddies. Each group of buddies consisted of four women who got to know one another better by studying together or going out for a meal.

Other highlights of the Epsilon Psi pledgship were socials and mixers with other sororities and fraternities, and a faculty tea at which Kappa Alpha Theta was introduced to faculty members.

As initiation time grew closer, so did the Epsilon Psi pledges. The general consensus was that Theta had brought many more friends into each woman's life, and that each felt a special bond to the oth-



GVP Membership Jane Hedges and Joyce Ann Vitelli sport T-shirts given to them by the new initiates.

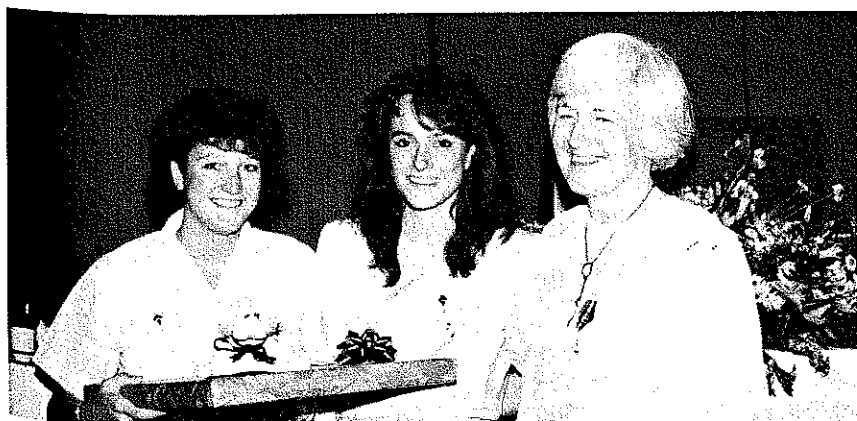
ers, even though the pledge class was a large and diverse group.

"Three months ago, there were 89 girls put together who didn't know each other. Now everyone feels comfortable together and we're psyched to do things together next year," explains new member Missy Kunkle.

Friday, May 1, the group signed the Loyalty Pledge and opened gifts to the new chapter. The next day the young women were initiated, and on Sunday, May 3, Epsilon Psi was installed as a chapter.

The installation team included Grand President Sue Supple; Grand Vice-President Membership Jane Hedges; Linda Pieplow, college district president; Gloria Williams, alumnae district president; Joyce Ann Vitelli, director of music; Marcia Bond, executive director; Nancy Frick, associate executive director; Betsy Sierk, chapter services manager; and Karen Rathgeber and Sara Bodenstainer, chapter consultants.

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Leslie Spiegel, Epsilon Omicron president; Bevelyn Brousseau, Epsilon Psi president; and Grand President Sue Supple, at Epsilon Psi's Initiation Banquet

## Alpha Iota Charter Members

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Pamela Ator, Portland, OR  
Anne Beitel, St. Louis, MO  
Renae Blair, Oneida, IL  
Dianna Brown, Kansas City, MO  
Kristine Byron, Beloit, WI  
Leah Caplan, New York City, NY  
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Shannon Copeland, Little Rock, AR  
Chiara DiPaolo, St. Louis, MO

Jaree Duenke, Washington, MO  
Kathy Finlayson, Omaha, NE  
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Lynn Frankel, Ridgewood, NJ  
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Nora Hartley, East Aurora, NY  
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Laura Hromyak, Frankfort, KY  
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Melissa Murphy, Des Peres, MO

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## Epsilon Psi Charter Members

Susan Alkire, Leesburg, VA  
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Annie Bentley, Far Hills, NJ  
Missy Bieglow, Potomac, MD  
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Sue Brece, Ewing, NJ  
Bevelyn Brousseau, Highland, MD  
Karen Buschmeyer, Setauket, NJ  
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Karen Golembeski, Acton, MA  
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Mary Jacobs, Petersburg, VA  
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Ginny Kendall, Glen Mills, PA  
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Linda Rafoss, South Salem, NY

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Betsy Steiff, Baltimore, MD  
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Deb Tilton, Worcester, MA  
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Wendy West, Gulph Mills, PA  
Tracy Yancey, Radnor, PA  
Libby Zaidel, Corning, NY

### Alpha Iota continued

Early Sunday morning, the new members attended a model chapter meeting and a church service. Later, a lecture, "Careers in Aerospace," co-sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta and the Campus Assembly Series, was presented by Theta alumna Eilene Slack Galloway.

Mrs. Galloway was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta at Washington University in 1924. She is an award-winning author, lecturer and editor; an expert in the creation and development of space law to establish and maintain law in relation to mankind's activities in outer space.

The lecture was an opportunity for the Fraternity to provide the University with an educational experience as well as to encourage the new Theta initiates to strive to follow in the footsteps of a pioneering Theta alumna.

Alpha Iota's installation team included: Grand President Sue Supple; Grand Vice-President Education Annetta Potts; Joyce Anne

Vitelli, director of music; Jerry Harris, college district president; Kathy Klipfel, alumnae district president; Executive Director Marcia Bond; Chapter Services Manager Betsy Sierk; and Ann Laubenhimer and Tracy Modeer, chapter consultants. Epsilon Iota Chapter at Westminster was the assisting chapter.

Special thanks go to the Alpha Iota colonization team, which included Grand Vice-President Membership Jane Hedges, Marilyn Huseby, director of membership selection; and the many other local and area Thetas who contributed so much to the new chapter.

The spirit of the new Alpha Iota Chapter was captured by Chapter President Nicole Casper when she said, "The Alpha Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta will strive for the best, for if we set our minds to it, we cannot be limited."

Ann Laubenhimer  
Chapter Consultant

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Other Fraternity officers present were Mallie King, college district president; Anna Lemert, alumnae district president; Katie McMillen, alumnae regional director; and Local Installation Chairman Kimbell Gabor. The assisting chapter was Epsilon Omicron at Randolph-Macon College.

The new sisters signed the charter Sunday morning and attended a model chapter meeting, during which the officers of Epsilon Psi were installed. The new members and guests then attended a banquet where Dr. Leonard, vice-president of student affairs at the University of Richmond, spoke on behalf of the University; and Epsilon Psi's historian, Kelly Murray, presented a slide show.

The installation weekend proved a memorable time for the University of Richmond and the new members of Epsilon Psi.

Betsy Steiff  
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