

Installation

Zeta Kappa Chapter Installed at USC

As the performers in the final act exited the stage, the master of ceremonies stepped to the microphone and began, "The competition was very tough." A large group of supporters, clutching black and gold balloons, huddled together and crossed their fingers. The emcee continued, "After much consideration, the judges have made a decision. First place goes to the Zeta Kappa colony of Kappa Alpha Theta!"

The emcee was talking about the Homecoming skit competition, but the competition had been tough from the beginning, as Theta joined ten other women's sororities at the University of South Carolina last fall. It didn't take long for the 123 women, Theta's largest pledge class ever, to establish their mark.

One month after pledging, they entered the Cockfest skit competition: the Homecoming pep rally for the fighting Gamecocks and one of the largest Greek competitions of the year. In fact, it is the largest pep rally in the state. Theta's win over the other more experienced sororities made the campus sit up and take notice.

But the colony didn't stop there. They built a Homecoming float, won events in the Derby Days competitions and participated in numerous service activities — all while trying to get to know their new sisters. "The pledge activities were the best," declared sophomore Lisa Jennings. "We went on a pledge retreat to Lake Murray, had a picnic on campus together and had a different Kite Pal each week. It really helped us meet everyone."

The group also organized activities with alumnae. On the day of the Clemson/Carolina football game, South Carolina's biggest game of the season, the USC Thetas held a reception for Clemson Thetas and alumnae. During December, they invited area alumnae to a Winter Warming Christmas party with



Zeta Kappa Chapter's 94 charter members celebrate Theta's past and its future, with Founders Day and installation at the University of South Carolina in January.

Chapter Consultant Lynda Fairman serving as Santa Claus.

The busy colony also found time for a variety of social functions with non-Thetas. In addition to a number of activities with other USC Greeks, the energetic group sponsored a non-alcoholic Halloween masquerade ball for the entire campus. Before Christmas, they held a Kite and Key semi-formal with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

With all these activities, however, academics were not forgotten. Lynne Bolt and Emmie Wyatt received 4.0 grade point averages, and 18 women made the Dean's list, which requires a 3.5 or better. Forty-four members made over a 3.0 GPA.

The week before installation the women met for lunch each day and gathered for the much-studied-for pledge test. Later in the week they celebrated their birthday. After all, they were zero years old! On Thursday night at a fireside, they reflected on their approaching initiation.

Grand President Janet Peters and the installation team led the initiation and charter services January 27-29, 1990, assisted by the women of Delta Phi/Clemson. In addition to Grand President Peters, the installation team included Grand Vice-President Sue Blair-Sheets;

Grand Vice-President Alumnae Jane Hedges; College Regional Director Carol McPadden; Director of Colonizations and Installations Marilyn Lynch; Alumnae District President Gay Brown; Chapter Consultants Lynda Fairman, LynnAnn Baldwin and Katie Bax; and Central Office staff members Kelley Galbreath, Paige Thompson and Susan Kiley.

The weekend began with the Loyalty Service at the historic Rutledge Chapel on campus. On Saturday, Kappa Alpha Theta's Founders Day, colony members were initiated, 120 years after Bettie Locke Hamilton initiated the Fraternity's founding members. That evening a dessert reception was held at the Columbia Museum of Art, where Kappa Alpha Theta sponsored an exhibit entitled, "Images of Women." The exhibit, drawn entirely from the collection of the Museum, acknowledged the importance of women to art as artists and as subjects of creative endeavors.

The new initiates gathered Sunday morning at the Marriott Hotel for the charter service, conducted by Grand President Peters, followed by a model chapter meeting and installation of officers. Afterward the women joined over 300 friends,



Three of Zeta Kappa's 94 charter members receive welcoming notes from members of the chapter's advisory board and from other Theta chapters. The installation weekend was rich in Theta tradition, as the chapter and guests also observed Founders Day.

family members and USC dignitaries for a luncheon banquet in the hotel's ballroom.

Zeta Kappa President Anastasia Medes summed up her feelings in her banquet speech, "We had to work very hard to get to know each other, plan and carry out activities and become recognized as an outstanding organization on this campus, but it's all been worth it. Right now, I am so proud to be a Theta." Yes, the competition was tough, but Zeta Kappa met the test with flying colors.

By Lynda Fairman
Chapter Consultant

Flash: Zeta Kappa's winning streak is still in place as they won Greek Week, the second major Greek competition at South Carolina. The chapter placed second in the Greek Games and won the Shield and Crest Drawing Contest and Gong Show, making them the overall women's champion. On the same night, the Order of Omega inducted Sharon Ratcliff, the current chapter president, and Debbie Drucker into membership and announced that Advisory Board Chairman Helen Summer was the Chapter Adviser of the Year.

Zeta Kappa Charter Members

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 Lydia Baker, Aiken, SC
 Elizabeth Anne Baldauf, Columbia, SC
 Tara Banks, Ninety Six, SC
 Jessica Batson, Greenville, SC
 Stephanie Bayle, Metairie, LA
 Melissa Begley, Ramsey, NJ
 Wendy Bell, Newburg, NY
 Tara Bento, Newburgh, NY
 Tracie Berry, Blythwood, SC
 Lynne Bolt, Walhalla, SC
 Leslie Bomar, Greer, SC
 Kimberly Braddy, Belvedere, SC
 Lyn Bremanis, Cincinnati, OH
 Gina Burns, Vidalia, GA
 Mary Ann Cate, Rock Hill, SC
 Kelly Chappell, Columbia, SC
 Lisa Chappell, Greenville, SC
 Aimee Cheves, Walterboro, SC
 Caroline Coffman, Frankfort, KY
 Robin Cowie, Poolesville, MD
 Kelley Anne Crews, Ballentine, SC
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 Karen Eide, Hamilton Square, NJ
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 Melissa Ann Fricker, Columbia, SC
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 Erin K. Gallagher, Eden, NC
 Dana Garcia, Mt. Pleasant, SC
 Martha Goldman, Richmond, SC
 Sherri Gray, Walhalla, SC
 Diane Grubowski, Holmdel, NJ
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 Kerry Helwig, McLean, VA
 Billie Jo Hiller, Little Mountain, SC
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 Rebecca House, Greenville, TN
 Susan Hunter, Salem, SC
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 Dana Keeler, Greenville, SC
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 Chrissy Ludwig, Columbia, SC
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