

SHINING BRIGHT AND SOARING HIGH

FRATERNITY ESTABLISHES TWO NEW COLLEGE CHAPTERS

ETA MU/OCCIDENTAL

Imagine attending a college with no Greek system. No sisterhood retreats in which to giggle and just be yourself, no pride in being part of a group with the highest GPA on campus, and no bonds of sisterhood that strengthen friendships and make lifelong ties. This was the case at Occidental College in Pasadena, Calif. until a few women, who knew of family and friends touched by Theta, decided it was time for a change. After months of hard work by these young women, educational leadership consultants, and Fraternity officers and staff, Kappa Alpha Theta became the first National Panhellenic Conference group on the Occidental College campus.

On November 6, 2004, 45 women were initiated into the Eta Mu Chapter at the Omicron/USC facility. "The charter class is a very diverse group of women, and every one of them is involved. Each member is a leader, and all members are motivated," said Jill Dittoe, A/DePauw, educational leadership consultant. A banquet at the Valley Hunt Club concluded the evening, and more than 120 family members and friends of the new initiates were in attendance for the celebration.

The installation team, made up of educational leadership consultants and Fraternity officers and staff, ensured the weekend was a success. The team included Karen Ledbetter, IT/Tulsa, Fraternity president; Carole Brophy, AN/Montana, Fraternity vice-president public relations; Angie Molina, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, fraternity music coordinator; Robyn Powell, ZP/UC San Diego, college district president; Silvia Sfiligoi, ZP/UC San Diego, public relations district director; Betsy Corridan, BO/Iowa, executive director; Kelley Hurst, BI/Colorado, director of chapter services; and educational leadership consultants Courtney Sierk, BΔ/Arizona; Jill Dittoe, A/DePauw; and Jillian Mathias, HI/San Diego.

Thank you to the members at Omicron/Southern California, who opened their hearts and facility to host and assist with the initiation service. *-Amber Stormer, N/Hanover*



Charter members of HM/Occidental proudly display their chapter's charter.

"The women are SO excited about what they are a part of! Every Thursday the women dress up in chapter attire and wear their badges to class for 'Theta Thursday.' Ritual appreciation is extremely apparent."

*- Courtney Sierk,
BΔ/ Arizona, educational leadership consultant*



Four members of the team that installed the Eta Mu Chapter at Occidental College.