Collegiate Chapters

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Alpha

Longwood College, Farmville, Va.

Founded Nov. 15, 1901

Reorganized Nov. 26-27, 1914; closed November 1919

Reinstalled May 19-21, 1933

To the chapter at Farmville goes the proud distinction of being the mother chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. The first years of the group are those of the national sorority and are recorded in the national history.

From 1901 until the fall of 1919, members of Alpha brought honor to Alpha Sigma Alpha on the Farmville campus. At that time, because of misunderstandings between Ida Shaw Martin, national president, and the chapter, the group relinquished its charter and became the local Delta Sigma Chi. However, the standards that had previously guided the chapter were never lowered.

In May 1933 the chapter again became a part of the Alpha Sigma Alpha roll in ceremonies that are described in the national history.

Quoting a chapter editor, we find that "in all college work and play, Alpha holds her own. There has never been a student government, May Day, dramatic production, scholastic or honorary fraternity, or any other campus activity that has not had at least one Alpha Sigma in its midst. Looking through Alpha's scrapbooks, one finds on each page a picture or clipping of a typical Alpha Sigma doing her share in some college affair. To name outstanding members would be to name the majority of Alpha's members, for they are all literally into everything."

Quoting another editor, "Alpha girls are very outstanding as well as friendly, attractive and popular on campus." In 1951-1952, two girls were named for the collegiate Who's Who, the president of student government and the editor of the college annual were Alpha Sigma Alphas, and three girls were elected to Alpha Kappa Gamma, national honorary fraternity.

World War II found Alpha active in war work. In the winter of 1944 it reported that it had already purchased three $100 defense bonds, made a quilt for the hospital at Camp Pickett, Va., sent money for rose bushes to be planted at the camp, and, on each Thursday evening, worked on surgical dressings. Moreover, one member of the chapter, for a year, headed the Red Cross knitting for the town of Farmville, and during the entire period, the various members did knitting.

The 1951-1952 chapter philanthropies of a local nature were Christmas gifts for a needy family, financial help for Farmville welfare work, and contributions to the World Student Service Fund.

Alpha boasts a chapter room that the members are always trying to make more attractive. The spring of 1952 saw plans being made for redecorating in the coming year. Among the many activities centering about this room have been intermission parties held during the Panhellenic dances.

At the Founders' Day banquet of 1945 the chapter contributed to the Francis Hanson Cary Memorial Fund. The 1951 Founders' Day celebration was memorable as it marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the chapter and of the national organization; the banquet was held in the college tearoom.

Alpha also places emphasis on scholarship as is indicated by the notation that the chapter was first at Longwood during the spring semester of 1949 and second for the entire year.

Cabin parties at the Longwood estate are important. It is reported that on at least one occasion, April 1950, five Madison

Alpha Sigma Alphas shared the festivities and that even the rain did not hinder the open fire cooking. Whether the Madison or Farmville girls were the cooks who could not get the coffee to boil is not stated, but when it did, that breakfast, with the doughnuts, was worth remembering. Angels-on-horseback at midnight had been acceptable appetizers.

Longwood College and Alpha Chapter have been the recipients of numerous honors from the national sorority. A bronze plaque was put in the rotunda of Longwood College Nov. 16, 1957, along with plaques from the other Alpha chapters of the Farmville Four: Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma. In November 1958 a memorial garden was presented to Longwood College and in 2000 a beautiful four-sided clock in honor of the Farmville Four had the Alpha Sigma Alpha portion dedicated. The clock was a gift to the college from the four national sororities.

In 1966 a new residence hall opened on the Longwood campus and housed all the sorority suites. Stubbs Residence Hall houses the Alpha Sigma Alpha suite on the third floor. Major renovation was done to the chapter room in 1999-2000 in anticipation of the visitors for the centennial celebration held in 2000.

Over the years Alpha Chapter played hostess to two national conventions: the 1976 convention in Williamsburg, Va., and the 2000 convention in Richmond, Va. Both conventions had members visit and tour the Longwood campus.

Alpha is active with philanthropies. The Kappa Alpha Christmas Party for the underprivileged children of Farmville has occurred since 1970s. Children are bussed to the Kappa Alpha house at Hampden Sydney College. Each year, a Kappa Alpha brother dresses up as Santa Claus and passes out presents purchased by both the sorority and fraternity chapter. The Alphas and Kappa Alphas always enjoy spending the afternoon with the children. Every child leaves the Christmas party with a present and belly full of Christmas goodies!

The annual Easter egg hunt takes place on campus and is traditionally hosted by each Longwood fraternity on a rotating basis. The underprivileged children of Farmville are invited to campus to enjoy an afternoon of Easter fun! The sorority and fraternity prior to the children's arrival hide eggs and candy. Some of the children are assisted by Alphas in their hunt and the afternoon concludes with a visit by the Easter bunny.

Other activities have included sponsoring a "grandparent" at area nursing homes such as Eldercare, Weyanoke and Holly Manor. In the '70s Alpha sponsored a woman at the Virginia Home for the Incurables in Richmond and a young boy through one of the save the children programs. In 2001 the chapter assisted with the Mothers of Preschoolers program coordinated through a church in Farmville.

Alpha has hosted many state and province days. The chapter continues to maintain contact with alumnae with annual teas during Oktoberfest weekend and in the spring.

Sadly, on April 24, 2001, a fire broke out at Longwood College, destroying the rotunda, the school's signature building and early meeting place of Alpha Sigma Alpha's founders. West Ruffner, East Ruffner and Grainger halls sustained heavy fire and water damage. No one was injured and more than 400 students were evacuated from residence halls. Classes were suspended for the rest of the academic year.

At the 2000 centennial convention, 500 Alpha Sigma Alphas traveled to Farmville to visit the college. For some visitors, it was the first and only time to see the original rotunda.

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Beta

Lewisburg Seminary, Lewisburg, W.Va.
Installed Nov. 30, 1903; closed 1907

Nov. 30, 1903, the second chapter of the sorority was established with the initiation of five girls as Beta Chapter. Credit for establishing this chapter goes to founder Louise Burks Cox's cousin, Marguerite Beirne, who was a student at Lewisburg. Charter members are Marguerite Beirne, Lewisburg; Effie Mealy, Oakland, Md.; Annie Brown, Lawton, W.Va.; Evelyn Dixon, Macdonald, W.Va.; and Prue Colcord, St. Albans, W.Va.

In December, Jane Birthesel was initiated, and in March, Sue Pannill and Mary Birthesel. When school opened Sept. 9, 1904, only three members returned to school. However, in March 1905, Pearl Bacon and Caroline Crouch were initiated.

Four girls returned to school for the year 1905-1906. Two months later, in November, three more girls were initiated: Alice Montgomery, Hallie Champ and Lottie Davin. In February 1906, Smogen Nickell was added to the roll. Thus when Vol. I, No. 1 of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Magazine was issued, eight girls were pictured as Beta Chapter. Early in 1907 Beta Chapter was disbanded.

Though its existence was brief, Beta Chapter contributed greatly in loyalty and service to Alpha Sigma Alpha. As mem-

bers of the early grand councils and as alumnae, Betas gave "full measure" to the furtherance of the sorority's aims and ideals.

Gamma

College for Women, Columbia, S.C.

Installed May 9, 1904; closed Nov. 21, 1910

Gamma Chapter was established May 9, 1904, with these charter members: Fredree Calvert Ansel (daughter of the governor of South Carolina), Greenville, S.C.; Julia Kline Brown, Brunswick, Ga.; Violet Officer, Eddy Lake, S.C.; Jessie Eloise Scott, Claxton, Ga.; and Martha A. Wilson, Charleston, S.C. To Martha Wilson goes the credit of having established the chapter. (Records show that Martha was a cousin of Grace Macon Wilson, A, and that Grace encouraged Martha in the organization of the new chapter.)

Alpha Sigma Alpha was the first sorority to enter this college. This group, self-nicknamed "the original six," furnished no small service to the sorority. Jessie Scott became editor-in-chief of the Aegis, which she named, and Fredree Ansel was elected to the grand council by the Richmond convention as secretary/treasurer. Martha Wilson had been editor of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Magazine, and Helen Scott had been one of her assistants.

Jessie Scott was editor-in-chief of the first annual published by the college, and Fredree Ansel, Violet Officer and Helen Scott were all on the staff. Violet was also twice vice president of the Preston Literary Society and once its president. She was also editor of the Palmetto, a monthly magazine.

Jessie Scott was class poet, president of her class, president of Hampton Literary Society in 1904-1905 (and vice president the previous year), as well as exchange editor of the Palmetto, class historian, debater, in the Hampton-Preston contest and vice president of the athletic association. Helen Scott served the Palmetto as literary editor, editor-in-chief, exchange editor and was vice president of the College Press Association. In fact, nearly every responsible position in college was filled by Alpha Sigma Alphas in the first several years of Gamma's existence.

Gamma's first initiation took place several days after the installation of the chapter. Mary Eliza Fox, Batesburg, S.C.; Jeanne D. Pelham, Newberry, S.C.; and Annie D. Rodger, Union, S.C., were the initiates.

Martha Wilson was elected president of the new chapter. "It is almost impossible to get anyone to claim the office of secretary, and it is invariably impossible to get the minutes of the chapters in the various years," wrote the Gamma historian in 1911. "The meetings, then, as always, were very informal, and not a 'single minute' seems to have been preserved."

This same historian continued, "Soon after the initiation, school closed and 'the nine' scattered over North and South Carolina and Georgia to reunite in a body in the fall of 1904. On Oct. 9, 1904, the following girls were initiated: Lina Wakefield Mattison and Juanita Hewitt."

The name of Wakefield Mattison was to become very dear and familiar to Alpha Sigma Alphas for it was she who became one of the sorority's loved grand presidents. "Suffice it to say that Gamma feels her existence justified, at least, in the person of Wakefield Mattison."

The chapter's roll was further increased on Dec. 12, 1904, when Nancy Clarke, Elizabeth Gueinzius and Hallie Covington were initiated. Just before school closed, Mary Wilson was admitted to membership.

The following fall, Gamma returned 14 girls and added four. Before going home for Christmas holidays, an elaborate banquet was given in the private dining room at Wright's Hotel. The girls were chaperoned by Miss Kelly, head of the English Department for the college, who was the devoted friend and confidential adviser of the chapter from the time of its installation until her death in the summer of 1910. With the addition of one more initiate, the chapter reached its maximum number of 19.

However, only eight girls returned to college in 1906. After February initiation, activity was suspended by faculty ruling because of strong fraternity opposition, which showed itself in elections, especially in the literary societies. From then on, Gamma labored under the disadvantages of faculty disapproval.

The rule that no girl could be pledged until the end of her freshman year or initiated until the following year went into effect. All but two of the girls returned in September 1907, and with the return of a former member, including the June pledges, there were 10 to answer roll call. Rushing was quiet with little entertaining because of the trouble of the previous year. At the Charleston convention in 1906, Gamma girls were on every committee and in almost every case acted as chairmen.

The remainder of the school year of 1907-1908 was spent in fear and trembling lest the faculty demand that the charter be relinquished. Yet the chapter continued to pledge and initi-

ate and so continued when school opened the following fall.

During the year 1909-1910, there were "an unusually large amount of society 'stunts' all during the year, the town girls entertaining us lavishly with luncheon, Halloween and Valentine parties, etc." The custom of having monthly social meetings, to which the alumnae in town were invited, was inaugurated.

"In the early spring of 1910 it began to be whispered about that the faculty had decided to put out sororities and about pledging time, a representative of each sorority went to the president to find out how much truth there was in the rumor. We were told that the matter had been under faculty discussion, but no decision had been reached. In order not to make bad matters worse, very little rushing was done, and the pledging was made as inconspicuous as possible. The 'non-frat' feeling showed itself to some extent in the spring election, especially in the rising senior class," wrote a member at the time.

In the fall of 1910, things began to run smoothly, and the prospects for the year seemed especially good. But on Nov. 21, Gamma received her death warrant. "It came in the shape of a notice on the bulletin board which stated that sororities were nonexistent in the college from that day." The presence of several local sororities was apparently the direct cause, and the girls were told that the decision was positively irrevocable. The only privileges left to them as a group were those of wearing their pins and having their picture in the annual.

Speaking of Gamma, Wakefield Mattison Mahon said, "We had to have a high scholastic rating and much extracurricular work to be even eligible for a bid. We had to have offices — and we did!"

Delta

Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va.
Installed February 1905; closed 1908

The fourth chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha was established in February 1905. Charter members of Delta Chapter are Caroline Clay, Savannah, Ga.; Margaret Cunningham, Yazoo City, Miss.; Mary Rose Finn, Elizabethtown, Ky.; and Julia Williams, Yazoo City. The life of Delta was destined to be brief, however, for in 1908 it was ruled out by the faculty.

Epsilon

Fauquier Institute, Warrenton, Va.
Installed March 1905; closed 1906

Alpha Sigma Alpha added Epsilon Chapter to its roll in March 1905. Charter members are Suzanne Bandell, Baltimore; Jessie Baugh, Lafayette, Ind.; Katharine Fergusson, La Plata, Md.; Jane Graves, Hancock, Md.; Mary and Margaret Humes, Altoona, Pa.; and Marguerite Kemper, Moorman's River, Va. To the original group were later added Alfred Leigh, Calvin's Run, Va.; Ethel Pemberton, Mount Holly, Va.; and Nellie Shiles, Washington, D.C.

For nearly a year the girls enjoyed life as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and enjoyed it thoroughly, they wrote, for they were "the only sorority in school." But unfortunately, the authorities thought it best to prohibit secret organizations, so the chapter was disbanded in 1906.

Although the chapter's life was unusually brief, the quality of its membership is indicated by the fact that at three successive conventions, 1909, 1910 and 1911, even though the chapter was no longer on the active roll, one of its charter members, Suzanne Bandell, was elected to the grand council as custodian of the badge.

Zeta

Fairmont Seminary, Washington, D.C.
Installed Oct. 27, 1905; closed 1906

On Oct. 27, 1905, the Zeta Chapter was established. Charter members are Mary Alley, Forest City, Kan.; Caroline Jardon, West Point, Miss.; Bappie Hill, Orange, Texas; Louise Henderson, Greenville, S.C.; Erma Lee McClung, Marleton, Ark.; Mary Poling, Lynchburg, Va.; Lena Reinhardt, Lincolnton, N.C.; and Annie Sumpter, Dallas.

Because of faculty ruling, Zeta was sub rosa, ["under the rose," an ancient symbol of secrecy] and in 1906, it was disbanded because of the school's nonsorority laws. Although in the school year of 1907-1908 there were four Alpha Sigma Alphas at Fairmont (three from Mary Baldwin and Bappie Hill, then private secretary to the president of the school), and there had been some thought of reorganization, conditions existed that made it impractical.

Because of the wide geographical distribution of their homes, it was very difficult for those members who had left school to meet for alumnae activities, and the girls inevitably drifted from each other except for occasional personal news exchanged via letters.

Eta

Ward Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.
Installed Dec. 15, 1905; closed fall 1910

Eta Chapter was established Dec. 15, 1905. Charter members are Jency Hawkins, Fayette, W.Va.; Annie Hawkins, Fayette; Elizabeth Herring, Natural Bridge, Va.; Cathryn Pinkerton, Lexington Miss.; and Sophia Price, Collersville, Tenn. However, "Baby Eta," so the chapter correspondent of May 1906 wrote, "was well-acquainted with the mysteries of initiation, for in January she took in Nellie Raddish, Memphis, Mo., and in March, Hallie Harwood, Pulaski, Tenn."

In March 1907, the correspondent noted that after the initiation of Josephine Richards, there was "a regular school-girl spread" in one of the rooms. Although future plans for 1907 had not been definitely arranged, some of the girls were contemplating Alpha Sigma Alpha house parties for the summer months.

By 1909, the post-initiation activities had become more elaborate. After the initiation of Blanche Ferris and Eleanor Baddy on Feb. 5 of that year, a six-course banquet "of dainty and well-chosen menu, elegantly served, was held in the dining hall. The table was a dream of decorative art and repaid the girls for their direct charge in place of the caterer's. Every available fruit in the market helped to make up the beauty and effectiveness of the pyramid in the center of the table. The sorority colors in flowers and ribbons completed the exquisite picture."

That year, besides having their regular meeting, the girls usually met one evening for a social time. "Over the chafing dishes we discuss plans for the future not only of those who will still remain in school, but those who will be scattered in different parts of the globe."

Among the graduates of 1906 was Madeleine Rollwage, later to be dearly loved by her sisters in other chapters who enthusiastically welcomed her in her visits as the sorority's first national inspector. Miss Rollwage was twice elected to this position — by the convention body of both 1909 and 1910. Years later, a fellow grand councilor of that period wrote, "She was wonderful — in every way — especially in looks."

In spite of the close union among its members, as an active chapter Eta was doomed to be disbanded in the fall of 1910 when only one member returned to college. In the five years of its existence, Eta Chapter had initiated 32 loyal Alpha Sigma Alphas.

Iota

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.
Installed May 1908; released to Pi Beta Phi in 1913

In May 1908 Iota Chapter was established with five charter members: Clara Barton, Calvert, Texas; Georgia Foster, Navasota, Texas; Lucetta Badgett, San Sabo, Texas; Kathryn Nowlin, Iola, Texas; and Perdie Orr, Pennington Gap, Va.

The chapter correspondent wrote that the beginning of the college year of 1908-1909 found the chapter with only two members, but that six were added during the fall. Georgia Foster, however, left at Christmas.

"There is no doubt," wrote the correspondent in the May 1909 Aegis, "that this year is the high-water mark so far in the life of our chapter, and realizing this, we are bending every effort to place it on firm ground and then make it the very best here. We had no fraternity room at the first of the year, but now we have one of the prettiest in college. It is in one of the towers, being octagon shaped, and is handsomely furnished in mission wood. We hope to improve it as our number increases. One of our sisters, Virginia Proctor, is treasurer of the freshman class and will take the leading part in one of the literary society plays to be given real soon, thus bringing Alpha Sigma Alpha into another field of prominence."

Then, just one year later, we read that, "Iota Chapter is composed of 11 members, and their average attendance at the meetings is 10. These girls are having to struggle under many disadvantages, owing to the number of older frats at Randolph-Macon, but they are working well and there is not a doubt in my mind but that they will be ahead of everything in college." Beneath the "dear little clubroom" described above was "their kitchen and where delightful little lunches are prepared."

"The initiation fee of these girls is large," wrote the correspondent of 1910, "but it includes the pin. The scholarship of all excepting two is very good, although none were exempt from dues and fines." Listed among the activities of the girls were chairman of the extension committee of Y.W.C.A., chaplain and corresponding secretary of a literary society and gymnasium honor roll. During 1910, the Alpha-Iota Alumnae Chapter in Lynchburg was disbanded, for some of the members had left the town.

The following fall, Iota returned 10 girls who worked hard at rushing. "Every Saturday night we entertained in one of the girls' rooms and on Sunday nights we go up to the frat rooms. During the week all of us make as many dates as possible with

our 'rushies.' Last week we went on a picnic, and the other day we took them on an automobile ride that they seemed to enjoy very much. Then we are planning a launch party up the river for the near future." Efforts were not in vain, for they initiated "five new ones, and every one a lovely girl."

In February 1911, the chapter reported that sophomore pledging had just been passed in Panhellenic. Although they felt it would be hard the following year not to pledge a single girl, they not only anticipated the return of most of the old members, but also consoled themselves with the thought that they would not suffer more than the other sororities, and that the rule would undoubtedly raise the standard of the sorority girl.

The news of greatest importance was the hope for a chapter house. "We are going to arrange for a lot on the campus next week, and then start to work for it (the house) in earnest. No sorority here has a house yet, and our delight would know no bounds if we could have the first one." Plans evidently matured rapidly, for in May 1911, the chapter wrote, in regard to Easter vacation, "Our chapter house is to be started! The house is going to have a big living room with a grand, big fireplace, a dining room, kitchen and dressing room."

After mourning the graduation of their president of that year, Hardenia Fletcher, later a member of the national examination board of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the girls were thrilled in August to write that she would again be with them, as an assistant in psychology and Bible on the college faculty.

Furnishing the new house was the major topic of interest in 1911-1912. The living room fireplace was the focal point for many parties on Saturday nights, "meeting to roast apples, nuts, and toast marshmallows." The chapter reported "fine, capable and purposeful girls, honored with offices in the Senior Class and elsewhere." Because of the new rule on pledging, only one girl was asked — and received.

In 1913, Iota Chapter was released to Pi Beta Phi national sorority and was installed as the Virginia Alpha Chapter of that organization in the same year.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.

Installed Feb. 28, 1909; released to Delta Delta Delta in 1914

On March 3, 1905, five students at Brenau College Conservatory established a local sorority known as Sigma Phi Epsilon. At that time there were but two other similar organizations at the college: Alpha Beta Tau, a local, and Phi Mu Gamma, a national. Sorority life was in the most elementary form.

From the first, however, it was the desire of the founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon to make their organization a potent factor in every phase of college activity — to represent not merely a band of congenial comrades, but an association of earnest and influential students, whose endeavors should be toward the promotion of every good and helpful interest of their alma mater; who should preserve friendly and honorable relations with other organizations and with nonfraternity students.

Year by year it was the endeavor of Sigma Phi Epsilon to maintain this standard and to select as members those earnest and purposeful students who displayed intellectual ability and studious inclinations, and it came to be understood by faculty and students alike that scholarship was the fetish of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In the fall of 1906 the group gave up the clubroom it had occupied in the school building and secured a nine-room cottage, opposite the campus. During the four years that had elapsed since the founding of Sigma Phi Epsilon, great changes had taken place in sorority conditions at Brenau. New sororities had been established, and an inevitable rivalry had sprung up between them — a rivalry, however, that was for the most part friendly.

In January 1908 an attempt had been made to establish a Panhellenic association, but because of the withdrawal of one of the national sororities, this attempt failed.

By the fall of 1908, rivalry between the six sororities had become intense. It was at this time that the idea of "nationality" began to be urged upon the reluctant many in Sigma Phi Epsilon — who did not favor expansion — by the few who foresaw the probable result of such a position.

Wakefield Mattison, Γ, grand president, installed Sigma Phi Epsilon as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha Feb. 28, 1909. Writing of the occasion, the chapter correspondent related, "We learned much from her about national sorority aims and ideals, and we feel inspired to raise our standard even higher than before. President Van Hoose entertained the chapter in honor of Miss Mattison at dinner at Riverside Academy — the Brenau's boys' school. An elaborate dinner was served and afterwards we were invited into the 'frat' rooms, where we spent the remainder of the evening. Monday, Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Epps, both Alpha Sigma Alphas (Sigma Phi Epsilon members), entertained us at tea. Tuesday morning Miss Mat-

tison had to leave us."

Reporting her inspection of this chapter in 1910, Madeleine Rollwage, H, grand inspector, wrote, "There is not one criticism to be made of our splendid chapter in this school." Describing the chapter house, she wrote, "There is in it a large reception room finished and furnished in 'mission' and made cozy and attractive with pillows, pennants, pictures and other college girl treasures.

"The bedrooms are all on the lower floor. The second story is given up to the lately finished clubroom, which is justly the pride of the chapter. Its walls are paneled in mission and the only decorations are the banners and pennants of almost every well-known college and fraternity. The polished hardwood floor makes the clubroom an ideal place for the dances which the chapter frequently entertains."

At this time there were no scholarship failures, and five of the 19 actives and four pledges were exempt from dues because of having kept an average of over 90 in all of their studies. As at the time of installation, the participation in campus activities was outstanding.

In November 1910 we read that eight girls returned, four more had been initiated and two pledged, and that the chapter house was "quite full." Perhaps it was to celebrate this that the house was painted gray with a red (crimson) roof, the sorority colors of that period.

In a school of 375 students, there had come to be six national and three local sororities, Phi Mu and a local having recently been added. Before the year 1910-1911 ended, Panhellenic was organized.

As mentioned in the general history of the sorority, Sigma Phi Epsilon was one of the chapters Alpha Sigma Alpha released to Delta Delta Delta. In 1914, it was installed as Alpha Epsilon Chapter of that group.

Gamma Beta Sigma

St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N.C.
Installed May 27, 1909; closed fall 1911

Gamma Beta Sigma was founded as a secret society in 1901, the founders being *Mary Farrand Henderson, *Louise Manning Venable (c), *Laura Placid Clark, Anna Parsley, Caroline May Brevard, Florence Jackson Thomas and Mary de Bernier Graves.

Soon after the formation of Gamma Beta Sigma, the rector of the school decided it best that each sorority have as a member one of the faculty who would advise and help it. Hence Gamma Beta Sigma invited *Miss Lizzie Hinton Lee (c), who was a faithful, loyal and helpful sister throughout the entire life of the sorority at St. Mary's.

In 1902-1903, the group added five names. One of these girls, Isabelle Brumby, later became an Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Feb. 5, 1904, Gamma Beta Sigma was incorporated and chartered by the State of North Carolina and raised to the rank of a local sorority. In the following year, two other chapters were installed, one at Edgewood School in Baltimore, and the other at Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn.

The initiates of 1904-1906 who later became Alpha Sigma Alphas were Helen Clark, Grace Martin Ward, Alice Davis, Annie Caroline Wood (c), Ida Jean Rogerson (c), Margaret Robinson Williams, Eva Rogerson, Elizabeth McDonald Dixon, Alice Munnerlyn, Florence Beckwith, Minnie Leary (c), Sarah Prince Thomas (c), Mary Campbell Shuford (c) and Jane Hilderbrand Stillman.

During the session of 1907-1908, two teachers, Lucille Peck and Ida Mae Vedder, and two students, *Matilda Bradford Haughton and *Nell Battle Lewis, were initiated, while the next year, *Mary Parker Bourne (c), *Joanna Elizabeth Rogers (c), *Rebecca Benehan Wood (c), *Marie Jaquelin Thomas (c), *Sallie Haywood Battle (c), *Fannie Lamb Haughton (c) and *Mary Rawls Gilliam (c) were added.

No further attempts were made to enlarge the chapter roll until in 1907. Both of the other chapters were lost through faculty ruling in the schools where they had been placed. The members of the mother chapter then made several attempts to gain other chapters, but being met by obstacles, in the spring of 1909 considered joining a good national sorority.

Upon writing to Delta Delta Delta founder Ida Shaw Martin, editor of the Sorority Handbook, they were advised to follow this course and were sent data regarding several prospering Southern groups.

Wrote Mary C. Shuford to the Aegis in August 1909, "After much red tape and a good deal of correspondence with the old members of Gamma Beta Sigma and several of the sororities recommended, a petition was sent to Alpha Sigma Alpha in May 1909, and on May 27, the active members of the local were installed as the charter members of Gamma Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"Having, before this, held its own as a local against three nationals, it need not be feared at present that the chapter will hold any lower standard as Alpha Sigma Alpha than it did as

Gamma Beta Sigma, or will ever be anything but an honor to the national which it joined."

Describing St. Mary's she wrote, "First of all, St. Mary's is very, very old and very aristocratic — the place is heavy with tradition. One can look out over the grove and imagine the white tents of the Confederate army as they once dotted the grass. One can picture the wife and daughter of the Confederate president sitting in the spacious parlor, as they once did when they took refuge at St. Mary's.

"And there are the same, unchanged, tiny 'alcoves,' and the identical, crowded, little rooms that our mothers lived in when they were carefree schoolgirls — and our grandmothers studied and laughed and played in the same big, bare schoolroom — so many years ago. So it happens that this dignity of tradition and age and reputation — this spirit of St. Mary's — seems to infuse the ever-changing crowd of schoolgirls, who lie amid it, all of the gentle manners and the courtesy of the 'Old South,' until the name St. Mary's has become a synonym for good breeding and refinement thro'out all the length and breadth of the two Carolinas."

Wakefield Mattison, Γ, grand president, installed the group at St. Mary's on the last day of school, the day giving the chapter cause for regret that they couldn't entertain her very "strenuously." There was an informal dinner (a very informal one, it is recorded) "down at Giersch's," and after that, "a Moving Picture Show."

The first initiate after the installation of the chapter was Nannie Davis Lee, later elected business manager of the Aegis by the 1910 and 1911 national conventions.

This chapter, like its predecessors, brought to Alpha Sigma Alpha a wealth of campus honors. At installation, it boasted the following: editor-in-chief, business manager and literary editor of the Monthly Muse; three members of the Annual Muse board; presidents of Epsilon Alpha Pi and Sigma Delta literary societies; Most Dignified; Most Coquettish; captain of the basketball team; two Inter-Society debaters; chief marshal; one of the two senior marshals and one of the two junior marshals.

In her inspection tour of 1910, Madeleine Rollwage, H, reported that Gamma Beta Sigma Chapter had 12 active members, 10 being in the collegiate department, and two on the faculty. The rector pronounced the chapter the best in the school and although the scholarship at St. Mary's was so strict that no girls had an average in all of their studies of over 90, the scholarship of the chapter was the highest in school.

The fall of 1910 found only four resident Alpha Sigma Alphas in school although Nannie Lee, a graduate of the preceding year, was taking vocal work there. Since Kappa Delta and Alpha Kappa Psi were back with exceptionally strong chapters, competition was great. Upon entering the National Panhellenic Congress, Phi Mu had withdrawn its charter at St. Mary's and the Phi Mu members had formed a local. The rector was attempting to introduce a new intersorority rule that for a girl to be eligible in a sorority, she must be an unconditioned freshman. However, the rule at that time did not permit any invitations to membership to be sent out until after the first quarter.

Despite the chapter's size, it maintained its traditional reputation for campus activity. Although the members actually on campus were few, the alumnae often increased the number by visits. Some of the attractions were the university dances at Chapel Hill. During this year, too, a few members of Gamma Beta Sigma local visited the girls and became Alpha Sigma Alphas.

At 1911 commencement, the chapter had the honor of having Nell Lewis read her essay, which had been declared the best in the senior class, and Rebecca Wood had gained honorary mention by having the third highest marks in the school. During this year, the chapter held its final initiation.

By the end of the school year, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Alpha Kappa Psi were the only nationals left at St. Mary's, Kappa Delta having withdrawn its chapter.

The following fall, the girls went back to school with their hearts and minds full of Alpha Sigma Alpha. They had been thinking and planning all summer for rushing season, and they rushed for one week. At the end of this time, Mr. Lay, the rector, called an intersorority meeting and announced that sororities would no longer exist at St. Mary's.

* Became members of Alpha Sigma Alpha

(c) Charter members of the chapter, probably

Kappa Phi

Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio

Installed June 5, 1909; released to Delta Delta Delta in 1914

Reinstalled April 28, 2001

On June 5, 1909, Alpha Sigma Alpha established its first Northern chapter, Kappa Phi at Mount Union College, with Wakefield Mattison, Γ, grand president, installing officer. In

entering Mount Union, the sorority came to a campus already rich in tradition and service. Founded Oct. 20, 1846, as Mount Union Seminary, on Jan. 9, 1858, it was granted a charter by the state of Ohio, making it Mount Union College.

From the beginning, Mount Union was co-educational, being the first in the world to admit women to the regular course and graduate them with diploma and degree upon the same footing as men. Miss Matilda Hindman, later famous in the American women's suffrage associations, was said to be the first woman in the world to receive the degree of bachelor of arts.

Three national fraternities — Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu — and two national sororities — Alpha Xi Delta and Kappa Delta Epsilon — were already on the campus. The group that petitioned and received the charter of Alpha Sigma Alpha was by no means a new or inexperienced group, however.

Organized in 1882, that same year it had been installed at Mount Union as Alpha Chapter of Delta Gamma. (This was not the mother chapter of Delta Gamma, which had been established at Warren Female Institute in 1874.) However, in December 1908, "owing to the gradual development of a conservative policy on the part of the national governing body, the local and national relationships of the last few years were somewhat unsympathetic," this group had resigned its rights and privileges in Delta Gamma and in 1909, organized as Kappa Phi local.

During its life as a chapter of Delta Gamma, the organization had initiated more than 150 members. Through information furnished by Florence Overton of Gainesville, Ga., one of their alumnae of about 20 years standing, and others, Kappa Phi became interested in Alpha Sigma Alpha and accordingly, petitioned the sorority in May of the same year.

Charter initiates are Hazel Lee Cunard, Barnesville, Ohio; Charlotte Battles, Chardon, Ohio; Martha Henry, Alliance; Elizabeth Rich, Senecaville, Ohio; Elizabeth Rippel, Alliance; Ruth Butcher, Barnesville; Ruby Cary Culp, Cleveland; and Lois J. Hull, Alliance. Pledges were also all from Ohio: Hazel C. Taylor, Mary K. Henry and Corrine Harris, Alliance; Frances Rouse, Summerfield; Roberta Milhon, Senecaville; Ethel May Dunn, Fernwood; and Mary Morton.

This chapter was one of those fortunate enough to have a house. In November 1910, six girls were rooming there and 12 took their meals there. The various events of fall rushing were highly successful, for the chapter was able to report 12 new pledges.

Although often feeling many miles from its Southern sisters, Kappa Phi was diligent in providing opportunity for contact within its own membership. It is recorded that one of the "regular five-pound" boxes of candy was in evidence to announce the engagement of Isla Elizabeth McClure to Frederick Louis Neusbaum.

In the fall rushing of 1911, the chapter won eight girls. This year, too, the chapter continued its custom of holding many prominent offices on the campus. In fact, in her report of May 1910, Madeleine Rollwage, H, national inspector, had listed 16 honors that had come to the 10 "splendid, congenial girls" forming the chapter.

In 1914, Alpha Sigma Alpha's new policies surrounding the reorganization caused the release of Kappa Phi to Delta Delta Delta, which installed the group as its Delta Nu Chapter that year.

In the fall of 2000, the Greek population at Mount Union College decided to expand and chose Alpha Sigma Alpha to return to campus. The colony went through the Phoenix degree on Feb. 13, 2001, and Kappa Phi Chapter officially returned to Mount Union College on April 28, 2001. Alpha Sigma Alpha is the fourth NPC sorority on campus.

Friday evening a reception was held at the newly remodeled chapter house. After the reception, the installation team, members of Zeta Gamma and Zeta Omicron chapters, local alumnae, leadership consultant Melissa Koch, EE, and colony members gathered for icebreakers and songs. The women were fortunate enough to have the company of Hazel Brewer Gibson, AΓ, a 1934 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The installation team consisted of Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, president; Grace Moody, ΔH, province VI director; Tricia Sanok Landrum, ΔN; Marna Ridenour-Ward, AA, colony development director; Krystal Geyer, ΓP, assistant director of chapter services; and Jessica Bridwell, ZΠ, leadership consultant.

Saturday morning the women were initiated and Kappa Phi Chapter was installed. Charter members are Elizabeth Grace Koniecko, Amanda Sue Aliff, Amanda Lee Baltzer, Anna Margaret Becker, Candace Marie Bertolino, Barbara Ann Blue, Monica Anne Carpenter, Meggan Anne Cerrito, Crystal Michele Cooper, Karen Nicole Craghead, Julie Anne Gage, Rachel Ann Hampu,

Anna Elizabeth Jaggers, Yoko Kikutani, Valerie Marie Lasko, Jennifer Anne Malone, Melissa Ann Mausar, Cara Noelle Mazur, Shannon Kathleen McCarthy, Jamie Lynn McMillen, Stacie Lynn Memmer, Jessica Lynn Raber, Katie Leigh Rutledge, Carlynn Elizabeth Snyder and Amanda Jeanne Tucker. The charter pearl member is Katherine Jeanne Koch. *Contributor: Jessica Bridwell,* ΖΠ

Nu

Shorter College, Rome, Ga.
Installed Nov. 24, 1910; closed 1912

Nu Chapter was installed Nov. 24, 1910. This made eight chapters on the active roll at that time. Charter members are Grace Harris, Griffin, Ga.; Sarah Holt, Columbus, Ga.; Martha Hunter, Madison, Ga.; Inez Parker, Madison; and Fannie Pendley, Paducah, Ga.

This chapter was also fortunate in having as transfers from Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter Eliza Mitchell, Leila Ward Hamilton and Sourie Glover, a faculty member, through whose influence the new chapter was founded. There were also three pledge members that fall: Anne Goetchins, Elizabeth Campbell and Margaret Harper Hamilton, all of Rome, Ga. As honorary members the girls claimed Mrs. Irene Tisinger, Mrs. Clopton Mitchell, Mrs. Jack McCartney and Miss Marion Dean. Their mascot was little 5-year-old Eliza Marshall Norton.

This new chapter also brought campus honors to Alpha Sigma Alpha. In the fall of its installation, members held the following offices: president of the Students' Association; president of the senior class; vice president of the Tennis Club; secretary and vice president of the Eunomian Society; secretary of the Y.W.C.A.; and treasurer of the Art Club.

Evidently, Nu had a house at the time of installation, for in the chapter newsletter of August 1911, members wrote that during the coming fall they would have a chapter room at the end of the hall in which the chapter would live together. This seems to have been the result of the college's moving into a new building.

In January 1912, we read that the chapter numbered 19, counting two pledges. "Besides these we have two ladies of the faculty and one 'brother-man' and then Mrs. Mitchell, about whom it is necessary only to say that she is a regular grandmother to us all. … We have the only real twins in the whole school, 'the E. Philipses,' who, it is unnecessary to say, are living wonders to us all the time. There are 12 of us who were here last year." Nu was discontinued in 1912.

Chi Iota

Hamilton School, Washington, D.C.
Installed December 1911; closed 1912

Chi Iota Chapter was installed in December 1911. Although it was the sorority's 13th chapter, at the time of chartering it was the sixth active chapter. Charter members are Pauline Boyle, Uniontown, Pa.; Liza Jane Cruce, Ardmore, Okla.; Irma Johnson, Dorchester, Mass.; Orra Mason Kincheloe, Upperville, Va.; Laura Galloway Noel, Elkin, N.C.; Pearl Parks, Atlanta; Chaille Payne, Webster Groves, Mo.; Delia Phillips, Alexandria, Va.; Margaret Trimble, Washington, D.C.; and Ann Turmann, Ardmore.

The organization of this chapter was the result of the efforts of Carrie Rennie, A. It seems unlikely that Chi Iota existed longer than one school year.

Alpha Alpha

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
Installed as Pi Tau Chapter May 1913
Renamed Alpha Alpha Nov. 27, 1914
Inactive 1938-1950; reinstated Dec. 9, 1950
Inactive 1992-1994; reinstated April 1, 1995
Closed November 2000

Pi Alpha Tau, a local sorority at Miami organized in the spring of 1912, is the group that Alpha Sigma Alpha can thank for its Alpha Alpha Chapter. The seven girls were recognized on the campus for their poise, good scholarship and varied interests.

A sorority friend of one of the girls, a Delta Delta Delta, gave her a Sorority Handbook and advised her to write to the author, Ida Shaw Martin, for help in going national. Pi Alpha Tau wished to follow the action of the local that had already become national as a chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

As recorded in the general history of the sorority, about the same time that Pi Alpha Tau was corresponding with Ida Shaw Martin, Alpha Chapter members had written her for advice as to what they should do. Through Mrs. Martin, Pi Alpha Tau got in touch with the girls at Farmville. As a result, Pi Alpha Tau was installed as the Pi Tau Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha in May 1913. Charter members are Ruth Duffey, Helen Lincoln, Kathleen McClenghan, Katherine Schultz, Ruth Wyatt, Helen Sexaner, Jessie Chenowith, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Dorothy Clason, Lucinda Leedom, Harriet Smith, Helen Bog-

gess, Catherine Prudent and Ruth Stephenson.

The first Phoenix (Nov. 1, 1914) tells the story of how Pi Alpha Tau came to be renamed that year: "The Central Office [Ida Shaw Martin] has a new suggestion to make and that is that 'Alpha' belong to the Mother Chapter in Virginia and that the others represented at the convention be named with some Alpha combination. For instance, Miami might be Alpha Alpha; Kirksville, Alpha Beta; Iowa, Alpha Gamma; and Pennsylvania, Alpha Delta. This will give us the idea of 'one' developing into 'four' additional chapters. The Central Office, in the case of the adoption of such a ruling, would recommend that no other combination of 'Alpha' ever again be used, that letter being considered the absolute property of those that were associated with the new foundation."

For many years, Alpha Alpha served the students and faculty of Miami University and sent to the schools of Ohio and neighboring states teachers who became important to their schools and communities.

Changing campus conditions, partially the result of increased training requirements for elementary teachers, national economic conditions and the AES-NPC question, caused Alpha Alpha to decide not to rush in the fall of 1938. However, to make sure the sorority's name would remain familiar to Miami students, Alpha Alpha alumnae and actives arranged for an annual cash award on scholarship day to the most outstanding freshman girl in the school of education.

Although no active chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha existed at Miami for the next few years, members still went to Miami on the cordial invitation of Alpha Alpha's beloved adviser, Miss Amy Swisher. Her parties for the alumnae resulted in 20 girls forming a group in the spring of 1939. They decided to have at least four meetings a year, to be held in Oxford, Dayton, Middletown and Cincinnati.

From the Chicago Alumnae came the very thing needed to place Alpha Alpha again on the Miami campus: Anne Petree, daughter of Ruth Neff Petree, AA. Being also an Alpha Sigma Alpha niece, Anne said yes when Miss Swisher spoke to her about possible reinstatement one day in the spring of 1949.

Plans were underway by the fall of that year when an alumnae chapter was organized in Dayton. At this meeting recommendations and ideas were formulated. Before the end of the first semester there were four members in the colony, but for various reasons, three of these girls did not become members at the time of reinstatement.

With the help of Helen Page, assistant dean of women, the petition to the university was approved in November. On Dec. 9, 1950, 22 girls were pledged, 11 of these being initiated. Alpha Alpha was officially reinstated by Virginia Carpenter, OO, national vice president. Since this event has so much importance in national history, it is described in that section.

Charter members (1950) are Anne Petree, Marilyn Liston, Mary Ann Haight, Mary Jane Hughey, Beverly Scott, Irene Cortelletti, Joyce Parish, Marilyn Sherrick, Janet Black, Rita Campbell and Marjorie Heyman. Pledged on that day were Joan Keel, Ruth Whiteside, Marianne Guy, Alice Bailey, Martha Wolcott, Barbara Richards, Evelyn Livdur, Margaret Savoye, Margaret Huff, Lillian Yount and Doris Dowling.

The acquisition of a chapter room highlighted 1951-1952 for Alpha Alpha. With its modern furnishings, obviously new, it was the envy of older groups. Much hard work produced the phenomenal increase in size, wealth and prestige of the chapter.

Alpha Alpha's health fared well until the spring of 1980, when the membership had significantly declined. During this same period fraternities were beginning to disband "Little Sister" groups. The Lambda Chi Alpha little sisters who wanted to stay together approached Mary Evans, dean of women, about starting a new sorority. Dean Evans proposed that the women, now a sorority interest group, contact Alpha Sigma Alpha about joining Alpha Alpha Chapter. The two groups reached a membership agreement and Alpha Alpha continued its legacy at Miami for 12 more years. In 1992, the national council voted to close the chapter because of low membership.

In April 1994 Alpha Sigma Alpha received campus approval to reorganize. A national rush team arrived in September of that year and pledged 35 women. The colony grew, and 66 women were initiated prior to Alpha Alpha Chapter's reinstatement on April 1, 1995.

Charter members (1995) are Michelle Freese, Courtney Allensworth, Megan Arant, Kristin Back, Casey Baker, Kristen Balonier, Michelle Boll, Shannon Boylan, Lisa Bryum, Amy Churchill, Jamie Cook, Michelle Dir, Heather Doten, Kimberly Eberwine, Jo Faidiga, Kelly Feltner, Kris Franck, Heather Galbraith, Tiffany Gardner, Gina Gliozzo, Kerry Goodman, Jennifer Greisen, Marci Harrington, Krista Helber, Dawn Henry, Rachel Hrnyak, Kelly Ilse, Michelle Jackson, Erin Kaplan, Lisa Keller, Amber Kilgore, Melissa Klein, Claire Lampus, Megan Manuel,

Brandy Mapes, Meredith Mayberry, Ava Miller, Shaela Nelson, Tiffany Nickel, LaDonna O'Hair, Angie Parent, Erica Poisson, Laura Price, Marna Ridenour, Aliana Schafer, Kristina Schmidt, Michelle Seidel, Jill Sharp, Shannon Shidaker, Jennifer Shrout, Becky Sifford, Kathleen Silvernell, Natalie Steinback, Rebecca Stoecker, Sarah Swert, Elizabeth Thompson, Jennifer Torres, Bethany Vanderhoff, Nicole Vara, Laura Vogel, Heather Wesley, Marne Williams, Kimberly Zeigler and Wendy Zolciak.

The chapter was closed in November 2000, again because of low membership. *Contibutor: Emily Jacobson,* AA

Alpha Beta

Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.

Installed Nov. 26-27, 1914

On Christmas Eve 1899, Kirksville students Eugenia Ringo, Helen May, Eunice Link and Margaret Hull established a society that they christened Kappa Theta Psi. Their prime objective was to make possible a pleasant social life through closer association of themselves and certain others as they might decide to elect to membership.

Helen May, who went to visit Crawfordsville, Ind., found her stay more pleasant because of participation in good times arranged by a local sorority. She returned to Kirksville, enthusiastic about introducing the idea into the normal school. Since Eugenia Ringo happened to have a Kappa Kappa Gamma sister at the University of Missouri, she wrote to her for assistance. Ethel Ringo drafted a constitution for the women at Kirksville, as well as an initiation service. These, with a few amendments, remained in use until the local affiliated with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The four friends wrote the bylaws and selected the name themselves. The three letters were taken from a trigonometry textbook that belonged to one of the girls and was chosen because they looked well together and were euphonious. Ethel Ringo again came to their aid by supplying the Greek words to fit the letters. The first badge was selected from the designs submitted by a St. Louis jewelry firm. It was a triangular pin, enameled in purple and displaying a gold rose on each point. After a few years, this badge was discarded for a right-angle triangle, the narrowest side worn uppermost. It was enameled in black and had a beveled or jeweled edge.

Other members were selected in the course of a month or two and, as the years passed, the organization began to be felt as a force in the school life. For a time, it had no rival, but in May 1902, another society was formed under the name of Sigma Delta Chi. From the beginning, the relation between the two sororities was most cordial. It was not at all unusual for them to give social functions together, and there was a custom of annually entertaining each other. Eventually Sigma Delta Chi established other chapters in Missouri, but as several of these died, it finally followed the lead of Kappa Theta Psi in affiliating with another national and gave its only living chapters, those at Kirksville and Warrensburg, to Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Kappa Theta Psi maintained high standards always and pioneered in refusing to elect to membership any girl who did not hold a diploma from a four-year high school, who did not make an average of G in her grades, or who did not take enough work to be considered a regular student. For a large part of its existence, the society had a house, excellently chaperoned. It always had the splendid social support of a fine group of local alumnae and influential patronesses.

There is a record showing that the sorority received a charter from the state of Missouri, empowering it to establish branches elsewhere, but there are only rumors of a chapter in St. Louis at Mary Institute and of another at the Oklahoma State Normal School at Ada. There is record, however, to show that Beta Chapter was in existence at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, as early as 1905.

Tradition says that this chapter came into being because a Kirksville Kappa Theta Psi went to the Iowa school as a representative of her own college's debate team. While there, she met the various members of an excellent group and succeeded in interesting them in the Missouri society. In the years after this chapter was installed there were many visits between the two groups.

During one of these, when the Iowa women were visiting the Kirksville women at the time of the annual prom, the question of affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha was first considered. This was in March 1914. The Iowa group had received letters from women at Miami University and elsewhere and had been most favorably impressed with the idea. As a result, the mother chapter at Kirksville was authorized to send a representative to the convention planned for later in the year at Miami.

It was upon Elva Doyle that the responsibilities of serving as delegate fell. With her went an alumna, Lennye Tucker. So impressed were these two girls with the aims, the ideals and the constructive policies of Alpha Sigma Alpha, as well as with the charming representatives of the chapters then in exis-

tence, that Elva Doyle pledged her organization to membership in it and to unfailing support.

Immediately upon her return to Kirksville, arrangements were made for an alumnae reunion and initiation. On Dec. 12, 1914, Elva Doyle and Lennye Tucker initiated 39 Kappa Theta Psis and four pledges. A hall was hired for the occasion since the school did not allow its buildings to be used for such purposes. It is said that the initiators "did not get to bed until 2 a.m. after working for a 12-hour stretch." Eleven of the 39 were active girls of the chapter. The others were those living in town or away teaching who came back for the ceremony.

Alumnae charter members are Eugenia Ringo Moorman, one of the four founders of the local group, Clara Fent Brett, Bess Smith Starr, Bess Lorenz Bigsby, Eileen Higbee, Louise Rechard Allen, Alta Lorenz Fair, Florence York Stahl, Lucille Sands, Laura Porter, Mamye Foncannon, Anne Evans, Gertrude Doyle, Mildred Ward, M. Carmen Fisher, Lena Newmyer, Neita Brawford, Ann Brewington, Ida Brewington, Ione Travers, Esther McCune, Ida Jewett, Frances Lail, Vanda Mitchell, Ruth Turner, Ethel Newmyer, Esther Robinson and Jeanne Willet.

Collegiate charter members are Marian Gardner, Julia Sparks, Gladys Fowler, Leo Rachford, Helen Pfeiffer, Anna Swartz, Cornelia Lloyd, Rita Husted, Janette Howell, Hazel Whitelock, Elizabeth Uhe, Anna Lemon, Sue Parr, Winifred Sowers and Lenna Hall. The last four were pledges. Of the group, Ida Jewett later became education chairman, national vice president and national editor; Elizabeth Uhe, as Mrs. Wayne Fuller, was national extension officer and constitution chairman; Carmen Fisher was state secretary; and Jeanne Willett, then Mrs. Ramsey, was hostess at the 1941 Chicago convention.

Soon after installation, the Kirksville Alumnae Chapter, with a membership of 15, was established. Eugenia Ringo Moorman was president. Later on in the college year and even during the summer, services were held for returning alumnae, many of whom came long distances so that they might become members of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

It has always been a matter of deep regret to Alpha Beta that the Iowa Chapter of Kappa Theta Psi was prohibited by its faculty from national affiliation.

At the time of affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Theta Psi is said to have had a membership of 220.

Of the early days of Alpha Beta as a part of Alpha Sigma Alpha, an alumna wrote, "Alpha Beta was as much identified with the social life of Kirksville as it was with the teachers college. When I was a child in grades, my friends and I were either Alpha Sigs or Tri-Sigs (these were the days before other educational sororities). All the families in Kirksville were definitely Tri-Sig or Alpha Sig. If one didn't have a direct family connection, one's mother had certain close friends who were in one of the Greek sororities, and so it was decided for one.

"Another thing I recall were the famous May morning breakfasts. Kirksville was quite a romantic place because of the osteopathic college located there. This brought as many as 800 marriageable young men into the community, so we did have many engagements. On our traditional May breakfast we hiked to Owenby's Lake and after cooking our bacon and eggs all of the women who were engaged had to walk around the breakfast fire. In case a woman had walked around the fire the year before and had broken her engagement, then she had to walk around the fire backwards."

Tradition is strong in Alpha Beta as is indicated by the list of annual events the chapter has. There was the gypsy dance, with costumes, for a rush party, the Valentine or sweetheart dance, the Christmas party, held for some years at the home of the adviser, Miss Alma Zoller, who had guided the chapter since 1937, and the Mother's Day tea. The May breakfast of earlier years became the breakfast dance, and while it honors graduating seniors, it also gave the engaged or married the opportunity for announcement.

Queens have been prevalent among the Kirksville chapter and a list of honors won, both for beauty and brains, sounds like a section of Who's Who. In 1948, Alpha Beta won the campus scholarship cup for the third consecutive year and gained permanent possession. In nine years, this group had acquired the cup six times.

Jean Pevehouse was chosen as "Miss Kirksville" and thus became one of the attendants of the queen of the American Royal in Kansas City in 1947.

A history of Alpha Beta would be incomplete without mention of the years of faithful service and leadership given by Miss Ethel M. Hook, adviser from 1923 to 1937.

Alpha Beta has won numerous awards throughout the years. Between 1987 and 1998 the chapter was named a four-star chapter 10 times and won the Crown of Excellence Award in 1989, 1990 and 1995. In 2001 the chapter endowed the last of the five Founders' Memorial Scholarships. *Contributors: Francie Poehling,* AB, *Kim Winans,* AB, *Sharon Handley,* AB

Alpha Gamma

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.
Installed Nov. 26-27, 1914: closed November 1919
Reinstalled March 17, 1928

As early as 1902, there was a sorority named Phi Kappa Phi at the State Normal School at Indiana, Pa. This group was without a rival until 1909, when Pi Kappa Sigma established its Zeta Chapter there. The following year, the Agonian Society, founded in New York and also known as Alpha Kappa Phi, placed its Iota Chapter at Indiana. The same year, a local organization — Phi Delta Phi — came into existence. Next came Gamma Pi Beta, of special interest because it was later to become one of the Alpha chapters of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The women who organized Gamma Pi Beta in 1910 probably were Edythe B. Withington, Oka G. Wiley, Mabel H. Byers, Anna E. Schade, Margaret Veil, Mary Miller, Alice Weyman, Nelle Lowry, Clara Laing, Grace Monteitte, Hazel McCreight and Norma Piper. Mrs. Foreman, a member of Alpha Chi Omega and the wife of a faculty member, wrote the ritual for the group. Two members of the faculty, Susan Applegate and Margaret Moore, associated themselves with the chapter through initiation and did much during the early years to make the sorority strong by attending all meetings and by entertaining for the group, as well as by representing it on the faculty.

The attractive pin of Gamma Pi Beta, which was designed by a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, is especially worthy of mention because it was a trefoil arrangement of three miniature Alpha Sigma Alpha badges arranged around a raised circular center, which was enameled in black, and each diamond displayed one letter of the sorority's name. The colors were crimson and white, the flower, the red rose. It is not difficult to understand that the insignia of Alpha Sigma Alpha should attract an organization with such a pin and such colors.

There were several other reasons, however, that Gamma Pi Beta became interested in a possible affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha. Pennsylvania had long been known as a fraternity state, and many of the Gamma Pi Betas had relatives and friends who were members of the largest fraternities and sororities, so the many advantages of being affiliated with a national organization had been called to their attention on a number of occasions.

Two of their rivals were already offering some of these attractions to rushees, so in making its decision concerning Alpha Sigma Alpha, Gamma Pi Beta waited only long enough to be assured of the consent and support of the alumnae. When these were secured, Ruth Keyser Ritchey, president of the undergraduate group, was selected to represent Gamma Pi Beta at the 1914 Miami convention, with full power to act in all matters pertaining to affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Upon her arrival at Miami University, Miss Ritchey found everything so satisfactory that she very readily pledged the allegiance of the undergraduate group as well as the support of a strong body of alumnae. Nearly all of the graduates were initiated into Alpha Sigma Alpha eventually, but even in cases where initiation was temporarily out of the question, the alumnae paid the same dues as did those initiated and thus gave steady support during the pioneer years of the transformed organization.

It is recorded that from its founding to its affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha, Gamma Pi Beta had initiated a total of 52 girls. Charter members (1914) are Lois Vera Besnick, Helen Genevieve Hartsook, Beatrice Lillian Jeffries, Bernadette McNelis, Ruth Keyser Ritchey, Isabel Cooper Saxman, Mary Alice Watson, Ruth Anna Young, Katharyn Rachel Brown, Julia May Cruthers, Clara Ethel Ferguson, Katherine Sara Froelick, Winifred Gray Robinson and Sara Campbell. Faculty members in 1915 are known to have been Alma G. Noble, Charlotte Stuchel and Jean McElhaney.

The highlight of 1916 was the all-sorority dance of the spring. Programs were white and gold, and Alpha Sigma Alpha engaged a fine orchestra from Pittsburgh for its share of the preparations.

In 1919 World War I ended, leaving its marks upon Indiana college life. Alpha Sigma Alpha had shared in the Red Cross work, adopting a French orphan as the chapter's protégé. The members made the best of the flu epidemic, which quarantined the school, preventing all social functions and vacations. They also took part in the peace parade. But then the ultimate aftermath of the war had come — the president of the college had asked the sororities to give up their cherished charters because of the democratic wave that was sweeping the student body.

In their letter of justification to The Phoenix, the Alpha Gammas stated that it was with the greatest regret that they disbanded, for they would have liked to pass on to those who were to follow the torch of inspiration that is so peculiarly the gift of the sorority. So far as they were concerned, there was no

loss, they felt, since their precious associations were secured to them for all time. The school was forfeiting the keen and abiding interest of a loyal alumnae group and the succeeding generation of students would be denied the privilege of close association with a congenial and understanding group. They planned that as alumnae they might meet regularly and have fine times together by forming a state association if necessary.

In the eight years that followed, there was no student interest in sororities, but when the school was changed from a normal school to a state teachers college and the course of study lengthened to four years from two, interest was revived. When the matter was laid before the faculty, they decided that national sororities might be permitted to enter.

On Oct. 22, 1927, the first meeting of the group that was to become the reorganized Alpha Gamma Chapter was held. The girls who gathered in Miss Belden's room elected Nell Russell as president, Dorothy Uber as vice president, Thelma Sterling as secretary and Phyllis Glasgow as treasurer. A new name had to be selected for the year during which the group must remain local. Finally, they chose Theta Chi Delta and selected a motto.

Four groups were organized as locals that year, and under a Panhellenic ruling, these four became national on the same day, March 17, 1928. There were simultaneous initiations and banquets and a joint reception. The four were Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Sigma Epsilon and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

S. June Smith, KK, acted as installing officer. She and Helen Schultz, KK, were the first to arrive, being met at the train by two future Alpha Sigma Alphas carrying a green letter to distinguish them from the others. Following a recital on Friday evening, the four AES sororities held their reception. Frances Bishop, NN, Mrs. Powers and Alice Watson Ferguson, members of the original Alpha Gamma Chapter, members of the Pittsburgh City Association and Alice Weinheimer, ΠΠ, also assisted at the initiation services. Wrote Miss Smith: "The new paraphernalia for Alpha Gamma looked very bright, but no more so than the happy faces reflected in the candle light."

The installation banquet was held that evening at the Yellow Lantern Tea Room with covers laid for 32, including Mrs. H.B. Neal and Miss Florence Wallace, patronesses, and Miss Joy Mahachek, MM, a member of the Indiana faculty.

Initiates at the reinstatement of Alpha Gamma are Ethel A. Belden, adviser; Josephine Buchanan, Mary Emerson, Phyllis Glasgow, Virginia Kinney, Mary McColly, Irene Mertz, Burdella Nease, Mildred Ohmit, Violet Ralston, Mary Rickert, Ruth Rink, Nell Russell, Marion Schnabel, Anna Schaffer, Ethel Sleighter, Eleanor Smedley, Thelma Sterling, Viola Sullivan, Ruth Tilton, Dorothea Uber, Margaret Wilkins and Ella Mae Wilson.

As one reads the list of events recorded by Alpha Gamma editors since 1928, the thought comes that the name and type may change, but the spirit and the girl, never. There have been Panhellenic events, Founders' Day celebrations, rush parties, Christmas gatherings, quite often at the home of Miss Ethel Belden, activities involving the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter, senior farewells, Mother's Day events, the inevitable theater and pajama parties and, in May, the Strawberry Festival. Queens, attendants, presidencies and other campus officers and leadership positions were the honor and responsibility of Alpha Gamma.

World War II found the women active. In 1943-1944, Alpha Gamma sponsored stamp and bond sales, took part in the cartoon scrapbook drive and helped in sending the college paper and letters to soldiers. The record for 1945 shows that in April of that year, when Alpha Gamma had charge of the Sunday evening campus vesper service, Capt. Nell Russell (later a Wilma Wilson Sharp Award winner) conducted a round-table discussion with four of the senior members participating.

During the school year of 1945-1946, old hats and other items needed by convalescent soldiers for crafts classes were collected, and Christmas gifts were sent to an army hospital. For Christmas 1947, the women mailed toys and other gifts to children in France, while the following year, German children were similarly remembered.

Red corduroy weskits with sorority letters greeted alumnae of 1950. Four Alpha Gammas in such garb rode with Alphie the Turtle on the sorority float that day. The following year the color scheme changed, and an April 1952 shipment brought white corduroy jackets with the coat-of-arms on the upper left-hand pocket. The school year 1951-1952 is memorable for the homecoming circus float with Eanie, Meanie, Miney and Moe, the Toyland rush party and the Laughter Skit, "Firehouse No. 5 1/2."

The 1960s saw Alpha Gamma first in campus scholarship. Founders' Day 1960 was brightened by a visit by Nell Russell, first president of Alpha Gamma. Alumnae Mary Emerson Blackstone, national president, visited the chapter in 1964, the year the group moved into its suite in Turnbull Hall. *Contributors:*

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Beta Beta

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley
Installed Feb. 19, 1916

Beta Beta Chapter traces its origin to May 1909, when Theta Zeta Beta was organized by Genette Elizabeth Beattie, Mabelle Inez Beardsley, Bessie Patrick Dubber, Alice Gibson, Blanche Keefe, Alicia Gertrude King, Myrtle Elizabeth Knight, Myrtle Estelle Laughead, Lillian Moore Richart, Agnes Coleen Seal and Letha Williams.

Beta Beta was the first chapter to be added to the national sorority's roll after the 1914 reorganization convention. It was eagerly welcomed by the existing chapters, whose members were anticipating an opportunity to "wear colors" for a new addition and to prove to other campus nationals the superiority of Alpha Sigma Alpha growing bigger and bigger.

With the installation of Beta Beta on Feb. 19, 1916, Alpha Sigma Alpha became the second national sorority on the Greeley campus. Sigma Sigma Sigma had preceded it in 1915. Also on the campus were locals Sigma Upsilon (1909), Phi Sigma Phi (1911) and Delta Phi Omega (1915). Of the 1,765 students enrolled, 1,496 were women.

Elva Doyle Reed, AB, national secretary, was the installing officer. Vera Campbell, Beta Beta's first historian, wrote to The Phoenix the day after installation: "Her visit here was of immeasurable help and a source of deepest inspiration to all. Assisted by Vanda Mitchell, AB, she pledged us all that night and then we simply bombarded her with questions until the wee small hours of the morning. The next afternoon the Tri-Sigmas entertained us royally. Their house was beautifully decorated in our colors, and their hospitality was truly charming. They have a very strong chapter here and we are proud to call them our friends. The initiation services, followed by a banquet on Saturday, closed the installation ceremonies and festivities."

The 29 charter members are Sue Cary Mitchell, Miriam Smith Van Sickle, D.A. Baker Miner, Clara Turner Hertz, Frances Baker Woodbury, Blanche Weidman Bradfield, Anna Broman Given, Jessie Brunton, Jennie Green, Edna Caverly, Beulah Flowers, Rebecca Berry, Vera Campbell, Bess Kennedy Greedy, Edith McMurtry, Gladys Le Master Moser, Eileen Kelly Shideler, Grace Paden, Edith Ramsey, Elvira Peck Murphy, Mary Paden Steward, Maria Travis Davis, Irene Sawyer Sherrill, Iva Watson, Hazel White, Florence Tyrell Ruddick, Edith Taylor, Mabel Shultis Owens and Frances Turner.

In the fall of 1916 the chapter returned with 12 members and with successful rushing activities bid and pledged eight girls. One of the outstanding social events on campus that year was a matinee dance given with Sigma Sigma Sigma.

On Nov. 3, 1916, the custom of having a Founders' Day meeting during the Teachers' Institute in Denver was started and continued through the years to be an important event for alumnae and collegians in the Colorado region.

Beta Betas were active in campus life that first year and in the years that have followed. They have held an enviable position on the Greeley campus. Like their sisters elsewhere, they have produced campus officers, queens and cups, and shared in activities to benefit others, such as the March of Dimes dance and the "Campus Chest" dance.

In 1944-1945, when a woman achieved the presidency of the Associated Student Body, she was an Alpha Sigma Alpha. The tradition of having many members hold offices in the campus student government continues today.

In 1951-1952, the freshman queen, the C-Club queen and the Blue Key queen were all Beta Betas. Moreover, Cupid was quite busy in the chapter, for the fall quarter of 1951 opened with an engagement and two pinnings, while by the year's end, there were four more engagements and three marriages.

For many years, the Beta Betas sponsored a Sadie Hawkins dance, with all proceeds going to the Campus Chest fund. Beta Beta also participated in Forensic Follies. In the '50s, Beta Beta won the Panhellenic songfests four out of five years. Other Greek events brought the chapter much fun and many awards during the 1970s and 1980s.

Beta Beta celebrated its 50th anniversary Nov. 13-19, 1966. The entire campus observed "ΑΣΑ Week" with a candlelight ceremony held in the city park, followed by days of activities. In 1984, Margret Grant, Beta Beta's housemother of 11 years, retired. The first alumnae reunion was held in 1985, a tradition that continues today.

Several Alpha Sigma Alphas went West to help Beta Beta celebrate its 75th anniversary Feb. 16, 1991. The weekend affair, whose theme was "A Celebration of Excellence — From Generation to Generation," attracted 48 collegians and 35 alumnae from as far as California and Minnesota.

President Diane Yencic James, HH, delivered the keynote address at the formal banquet. Other current and past national

officers there were Beta Betas Kim Ramsey Meyer, vice president of program; Marilyn Manion Stratton, secretary; Sue Zorichak Hagen, historian; Beth Ann Colwell, region. V director; Lynda Johnson Hempstead, province XVII director; Esther Kauffman Gatseos, former national councilor, chairman and historian; Patricia McCarthy DiTolla, past province XVII director; Marlys Jarrett White, former national councilor and chairman; Ellen Funk Morris, BΛ, scholarship chairman; and MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓH, former national president and chairman.

Fifty-year members Doris Sunderlin McFarland, Dorothy Hughes Johnson and Patricia Meehan Malm were honored with plaques.

Beta Beta has earned many awards over the years, including the 1996 Crown of Excellence, four-star chapter awards for 1996 and 1997; intramural champions from 1991 to 1995; first place in Greek week in 1995; first place in the homecoming parade in 1996; and the 1996 Panhellenic Merit award.

Beta Beta members believe that the chapter's unique characteristics are being strong-willed, diverse, open-minded, energetic, down-to-earth, dependable, responsible, fun, friendly and easy going. Beta Beta has existed at the University of Northern Colorado longer than any other sorority on campus. *Contributors: Jessica Conner,* BB, *Heather Canevari,* BB, *Jenny Lang,* BB, *Sue Zorichak,* BB

Gamma Gamma

Northwestern State College, Alva, Okla.
Installed Feb. 21-24, 1916
Inactive June 1, 1948-April 7, 1949; closed 1952

The Sorosis Club was founded in 1907 at Northwestern State Normal School. Its founders believed that they might, through an organization, exert a stronger influence for good among their fellow students. Every member admitted to the club had to pledge herself to be loyal to Northwestern, faithful to the sisterhood and an earnest seeker after truth and purity in all things.

At first, the membership was limited to 15, but in 1914 this number was increased to 20. Membership was by invitation only, but a girl had to do good class work before being considered for membership. Good moral character was a sine qua non [an essential condition] for membership.

Five alumnae and 15 undergraduates signed the Sorosis Club's petition for membership in Alpha Sigma Alpha. Recommendations received from college officials were excellent. One professor spoke of the girls as possessing "good brains, good breeding, and good looks." President Grumbine of the college testified to the care with which the group had always selected its members, its loyalty to the school, the irreproachable character of the membership and the church affiliation of all the girls.

The weekend of Feb. 21-24, 1916, was a red-letter one at Alva. Elva Doyle Reed, AB, national secretary, arrived Monday evening on the train from Joplin, Mo. A few days before, she had installed Beta Beta Chapter at Greeley, Colo., the two installations having been planned for the same trip. By the following afternoon, all was ready for the ceremonies.

All the Sorosis girls in town were pledged, but time permitted initiation of only seven alumnae. These included Miss Minnie M. Shockley and Mrs. Frank Munson, a former faculty adviser.

"Ten active members were initiated the next morning," wrote Helen Fitzgerald to the national president. "The service was beautiful and so inspiring that we all felt as though we had had a glimpse of the Heavenly City. Surely no order can have a more perfect Initiation Service. . . . There was a steady round of festivities during the whole of Mrs. Reed's stay. On Wednesday afternoon there was a reception at Mrs. Munson's, to which the faculty, the other sororities and the club ladies of the town were invited. In the evening the young men were invited to meet Mrs. Reed. She captivated everyone and the whole school was sorry to have her leave. . . .

"We are planning a homecoming of all our alumnae for June, by which time we shall hope to have initiation paraphernalia as wonderful as in the National Installation Trunk. We had not dreamed of seeing anything so altogether lovely, and we are eager to get to work on our set, so that it may all be in readiness for our June initiation.

"Our new officers are president, Ada Smith; vice president, Ruth Kendall; secretary, Helen Fitzgerald; treasurer, Ruth Pettit; registrar, Ethel Feese; librarian, Blanche Woolman; and historian, Louise Miller. Mrs. Munson is the state secretary. We are planning to meet every Thursday evening, alternate Thursdays to be devoted to a study of the Outline in The Sorority Handbook. The chaplain was Belle Chesnut."

One of the first social functions of the new chapter was a tea for Alpha Sigma patronesses and Delta Sigma Epsilon.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was the third national sorority to install

a chapter at Alva. Its predecessors were Pi Kappa Sigma in 1901 and Sigma Sigma Sigma in 1915. The Shakespeare Club had already been pledged to Delta Sigma Epsilon. This left one local, known as the Saturday Night Club. In those days, the total student body numbered 418.

The next year, several members attended the installation at Emporia of the second chapter [Epsilon Epsilon] to usurp Gamma Gamma's place as the Alpha Sigma "baby."

In the years that followed, Gamma Gamma's minutes reveal Founders' Day banquets and rush parties, moonlight trips to Capron and flu epidemics, line parties and sales of popcorn and candy at football games, stunt nights and sunrise breakfasts, hikes to Cherokee and regular sorority study sessions, chapter elections and Washington's birthday parties, Panhellenic functions and homecoming floats, progressive slumber parties and redecoration of the sorority room, not to mention boyfriend picnics and Mother's Day teas.

Service to campus, community and national sorority have never been forgotten. Nationally, Gamma Gamma has contributed much and often. Outstanding among its gifts has been the sharing with the entire membership of its beloved adviser, Minnie M. Shockley.

From the day of her initiation in the first group of Gamma Gamma charter members, Alpha Sigma Alpha was a vital part of her and she of it. As national ritualist, vice president and the sorority's representative to the Association of Education Sororities (AES), she served the entire sorority as faithfully as she served as adviser to her own chapter.

Nov. 18, 1939, Gamma Gamma honored her with a banquet on the completion of her 30 years of service at Northwestern State Teachers College. In all, 62 members gathered at the Bell Hotel to celebrate the occasion. Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, then national education director, and Edna Kerst Chamberlin, ΓΓ, Tulsa, Okla., were special guests. Each place was marked by a pearl program and a miniature framed picture of Miss Shockley.

A few weeks before, open house had been held at the recently completed Shockley Hall, a girls' dormitory. An attractive portrait-photograph of Miss Shockley hangs in the new residence hall. It was presented by the class of 1939 during the dedication service Oct. 27.

Alma Lois Rodgers, ΓΓ, then president of the Alva Alumnae Chapter, said, "May the girls who live in Shockley Hall, from year to year, be inspired by the high ideals that have made Miss Shockley so admired and loved. May Shockley Hall prove to be a home and a haven indeed to the girls who come to Northwestern State."

In one of her later notes, Miss Shockley wrote of her hope that the sorority would "grow and grow." Speaking of her death in the Phoenix, the Alva Alumnae Chapter wrote, "For her love, for her friendship, and for her guidance in Alpha Sigma Alpha, we are reverently grateful." Miss Shockley died July 18, 1951, in Salt Lake City.

On Feb. 28, 1941, Gamma Gamma celebrated its silver anniversary as a chapter with a dinner dance at the Bell Hotel. Collegians, alumnae and patronesses combined in celebrating this milestone in the chapter's history.

Parties, pledgings, initiations, rush parties and campus offices are also recorded in the second quarter century. A war note enters with the record that in 1942-1943, the chapter folded Red Cross bandages as a service project and that in October 1943, a squadron of the 92nd College Training Detachment of the Army Air Forces entertained Panhellenic with a dance in the college dormitory.

In writing a history of Gamma Gamma Chapter, it is impossible to separate the activities of the collegians from those of the Alva alumnae, for again and again we find "a tea for alumnae," "attended by Alva alumnae and the active chapter" or "held at the home of … alumnae."

From June 1, 1948, to April 7, 1949, because of the dissolution of the AES and the absorption of the member organizations as associates of the National Panhellenic Conference, it was necessary for Gamma Gamma to be dropped from the active roll and assume the status of a petitioning group. However, at the meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the spring of 1949, Northwestern State College was accredited, and Gamma Gamma was reinstalled April 7, 1949. It was closed three years later.

Delta Delta

Ohio University, Athens
Installed April 20, 1917; closed 1932

In The Phoenix of Feb. 8, 1917, one reads in the Miami Chapter's newsletter that "Another matter that has been of deep interest to Alpha Alpha is the possibility of a new chapter in Ohio. … Alpha Sigma Alpha has not been willing to enter Athens until recently because the Congress [NPC] sororities established at Athens — Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha

Xi Delta and Chi Omega — have been permitted to draw from the Normal College.

"Within a short time, however, conditions have been greatly changed. The Congress sororities on the ground have been forbidden to draw from the Normal College, and so there are quite a few particularly fine girls that are not as yet in any sorority. Alpha Alpha girls have a number of friends, mostly from their home towns, who are in Chi Omega and Alpha Xi Delta, and these Athens girls are urging us to consider the field.

"One of our members, Ruth Donnelly, had hoped to be able to look over the situation en route home for the holidays; unfortunately the two vacations corresponded exactly, and so there was no opportunity for investigation. … At the moment matters stand this way — several attractive girls at Athens have become interested and have talked the matter over with their Dean, who favors the idea."

In the next issue, we read that, "Ruth Donnelly and Lorna Duke of the Miami Chapter went up to Athens March 1 and 2, and met the Alpha Sigma Delta group. They were much pleased with conditions, and advised the group to petition at once. This it has already done. There will be certain formalities to attend to before anything more definite than this can be stated. It goes without saying, however, that the Council will be guided largely by the recommendation of Alpha Alpha."

In the March 24, 1917, Phoenix, the girls wrote, "Our Ruth Donnelly, who has been serving as sponsor, has been in almost daily communication with the bunch, and has given the girls in it an examination every week! If the group cannot say its Greek alphabet backwards, as well as crosswise, it won't be Ruth's fault. Since word came of the Charter grant we have all been thrilled at the thought of another chapter in Ohio and are feeling as proud as peacocks that Ohio had the honor of securing the second chapter before any other state did. …

"With Alpha Alphas doing the inspecting, training and installing, the Athens Chapter must always seem almost a part of Alpha Alpha. We are all quite envious of those of our number who are to go over to Athens and have a share in the brilliant installation.

"We have been trying to bribe Ruth Donnelly to bring back that Installation Trunk with her, so that we may look on the glory of its green fibre covering, the brass bound edges, and most wonderful of all, the Sorority letters in gold on either end. We just know that no other sorority or fraternity ever has such a stunning looking Installation Trunk, and we think it is just a shame that we cannot have it carted around the Miami campus to make everyone just green with envy, as well as deeply impressed with the wonders of ΑΣΑ."

Alpha Sigma Alpha could be justly proud in entering Ohio University. The oldest of the three state universities then existent in Ohio, it had been provided for as early as 1787 in the purchase of lands from the U.S. government by the Ohio Company of Associates. By contract between these two parties, two townships of land were set aside for the purpose of a university and placed under the care of the state legislature.

It was chartered by the legislature on Feb. 18, 1804. Its Ellis Hall was the first building in Ohio to be erected at public expense for the training of public school teachers. By 1917 there were about 600 girls at Ohio University. In addition to the Congress sororities mentioned above, Sigma Sigma Sigma had entered Ohio.

For the installation April 20, 1917, Ruth Duffey, AA, national treasurer, and Helen Lincoln, AA, state secretary, were able to arrange for substitutes in their schoolrooms and leave for Athens on Thursday. These two and Helen Boggess, AA, of the Springfield Alumnae Association, met in that city and reached Athens on Friday morning. Later in the day, Ruth Donnelly, Flora Duke, AA, Helen Edwards, AA, and Irene Goodall, AA, arrived from Oxford.

The Athens chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma most graciously donated the use of its room for the services. The presence of 50 people at the banquet made that event unusually impressive. Special guests were Miss Mary Tough, head of the Domestic Science Department; Dean Irma Voigt, dean to many generations of Ohio University students and well-known to college-trained women in both Ohio and neighboring states through her activity in YWCA and AAUW; Professor and Mrs. T.N. Hoover; Miss Elizabeth Garber, faculty adviser; Professor Jefferson and Miss Brisben of the faculty; the three patronesses and their husbands: Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Walsh; as well as the presidents of all the sororities on the campus. Unfortunately, illness in his family kept Dean John J. Richeson from being present. Dean Richeson had been instrumental in bringing Alpha Sigma Alpha to Athens.

On Saturday, Dean Voigt placed her apartment at the disposal of the chapter for a tea at which, from 2 to 5 p.m., 500 people called. Guests included the faculty and university officials, prominent townspeople, the sororities and fraterni-

ties, nonsorority girls and nonfraternity men, and matrons of the various dormitories. To each guest a tiny yellow and white butterfly was presented as a favor. At the reception, the Phi Delta Thetas asked the privilege of sending over a "feed" in the evening. Miss Voigt consented and offered her apartment. Not to be outdone, the Delta Taus serenaded the Alpha Sigma Alphas that night.

Fifteen girls are charter members of Delta Delta: Cecelia Adam, Helen Clem, Elsie Ritter, Wilda Stuber, Grace Fultz, Eva Watkins, Inez Upp, Naomi Caldwell, Ruth Baker, Helen Hudson, Helen Millikin, Lola Spies, Thelma Groome, Ada Haun and Edna Usher. Unlike most petitioning groups, they had not known each other well before installation but had been called together by Dean Richeson of Teachers College and Dean Voigt after these two had suggested their names to Miami girls seeking to organize a chapter. The local Alpha Sigma Delta was established Feb. 10, 1917.

Seven girls graduated from Delta Delta that year: Cecelia Adam, Helen Clem, Elsie Ritter, Wilda Stuber in two-year elementary, Grace Fultz in public school music, Eva Watkins in public school drawing, and Inez Upp in domestic science. Naomi Caldwell, the first president, being a four-year girl, planned to return. Before commencement, the girls initiated their adviser, Miss Garber, and pledged Anna Manville.

In its fall rushing, Delta Delta received 11 pledges, an excellent record in comparison with the other groups. And this had been achieved without a chapter room. In addition to Naomi Caldwell, the chapter returned Ruth Baker, Helen Hudson, Helen Millikin and Lola Spies. The other three charter members, Thelma Groome, Ada Haun and Edna Usher, accepted positions and failed to return as expected.

One of the outstanding events for Delta Delta in its first full college year was the visit of Miss Ida Jewett, AB, as an inspector. This was the chapter's second national visitor, as Eleanor Lowry, AΓ, had spent a weekend during rushing. Delta members were heartbroken that Miss Jewett could not remain over the weekend for their first dance.

Although they regretted that her visit occurred in the middle of a week when college rules demanded that girls be in their rooms at 7:30 p.m. and be quiet, they admitted she probably got more sleep and had more opportunity for quiet talks with the girls and long conferences with the college authorities.

Anyway, the dance was a great success, "in spite of the fact that we were limited by university rulings to an expenditure of $25. Permission to use the gymnasium, accorded to all 'U' organizations, cut out a big item of expense and left us practically the whole sum for music and refreshments."

Two Alpha Alpha girls were the first of a long line who journeyed from Oxford to Athens for Delta Delta dances for the next 15 years. Nor did the Athens girls forget that it was no farther to Oxford than from it when there was a dance in prospect.

During the same semester, Delta Delta rated second in scholarship on the campus. Later, Delta Delta acquired a house and offered delightful hospitality to all fortunate enough to know an Alpha Sigma Alpha. Active in campus activities, the girls were conscientious in scholarship and also prided themselves on the care with which they gave the various national services of the sorority.

The depression of the early '30s became too much for the education sororities at Ohio University, and in the fall of 1932, those that had not already succumbed were urged by the dean of women to give up their charters and become NPC groups by petitions or amalgamation.

The Delta Delta girls felt that their sorority was Alpha Sigma Alpha and refused to take action as a group, although it was necessary to cease existence as an ΑΣΑ chapter. Upon the invitation of Phi Mu, part of the membership affiliated with that group but remained loyal to Alpha Sigma Alpha as members.

The history of Alpha Sigma Alpha shows that from the date of its installation in 1917 until 1932, Delta Delta gave the sorority many reasons to be proud of the Ohio University membership. Delta Delta girls were active in national work and in alumnae activities and are found in many alumnae groups taking active roles.

Epsilon Epsilon

Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.
Installed Nov. 16-17, 1917

In 1901, a social card club was formed at the Kansas State Normal School in Emporia. In 1906, the card club developed into Kappa Delta Theta, a local social sorority. Relatives of the members later consulted them and asked them to consider becoming affiliated with a national sorority. Thus, on Nov. 16-17, 1917, Kappa Delta Theta became officially known as Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and remains the oldest organization

for women at Emporia State University.

Around 1913-1914, the Greek groups (another had been formed soon after Kappa Delta Theta) became inactive on the campus because of the general opinion of outsiders. It was thought that the Greeks were too partial to the members of their own groups. The Kappa Delta Thetas gave up their house but still kept the organization, quietly under cover.

Although there had been invitations from other national groups, it was not until the fall of 1917 that the girls decided to become national and petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha. Perhaps the girls' interest in Alpha Sigma Alpha was due to contacts with the sorority. Mrs. Paul Higbee, head of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Art Committee, had a sister, Grace McGinnis, in the group; Blanche Stevenson, ΓΤ, had transferred to Emporia; and both girls had contacted Miss Ida Jewett, AB, national vice president. Moreover, both Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Sigma Epsilon had entered the campus.

At the time of installation, 19 were initiated and Miss Catherine Strouse served as the chapter adviser. Immediately thereafter, Epsilon Epsilon began a mothers and patroness group that aided the members with their needs. At this time, the group had taken a house at 1102 Commercial St. The housemother was the mother of Janet Atkinson, chapter president.

First to arrive for installation ceremonies were Gamma Gamma Chapter members from Northwestern State College, Alva, Okla. The train pulled in at 4 a.m. with seven Alpha Sigma Alphas, headed by Miss Minnie Shockley, ΓΤ. Miss Ida Jewett was unable to arrive until afternoon, but reached Emporia in time for the lovely tea given by Sigma Sigma Sigma. A vesper pledge was held, then an 8 p.m. "at home" by the new chapter. It is recorded that cherry punch and wafers were served to the prominent townspeople, faculty and Greek-letter presidents and representatives.

The charter members of Epsilon Epsilon are Janet Atkinson, president; Erma Brown, vice president; Margaret Ramseyer, secretary; Vaughnie Jean Waynick, treasurer; Maude Barrigar, registrar; Hazel Brown, sister of Erma, historian; Rebecca Ott, librarian; Harriett Hover, chaplain; Bertha Brady and Ann Nanninga, all upperclassmen; Helen Irene Anderson, Madge Brown, Aileen Ellis, Avis Jenkins, Lois Kootz, Mary Lewis, Grace Lane McGinnis, Frances Morrow, Gladys Pratt and Elizabeth Smith, pledges of Kappa Delta Theta; and Rosalie Brigham, Mary E. Forde, Nell M. Grant, Lida M. Hardy, Hazel E. Harris, Ethel M. Ireland, Ruth Jeremy, Margaret Pughe and Ruth Scott, alumnae.

During the first few years members created and developed new ideas and became well known on campus. The chapter's membership was not affected by World War I, but was affected by an epidemic that closed the sorority house and college for longer than one week. The campus gymnasium was used for parties and other events. Other sororities on campus during this time were Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Sigma Sigma. In the fall of 1921, Epsilon Epsilon moved into a house at 1128 State St. Every room was complete with a fireplace for warmth during the cold months.

During fall rush, individual colors for each sorority were stressed so prospective members attending functions could identify the sorority members from each chapter. In 1923, Epsilon Epsilon held separate meetings for pledges and active members prior to a joint meeting. By then, the chapter had grown to 26 members. Near this same time, the Kansas State Normal School had grown and changed its name to Kansas State Teachers College.

Picnics and parties were often held at the homes of advisers, mothers and patronesses. The new house was also used frequently for parties because it was the largest Greek house on campus. Soon, however, Epsilon Epsilon moved to 929 West St. Twenty-four were pledged in the fall of 1927, making a total membership of 38 women.

Study hall was held Monday through Thursday nights and was supervised by rotating active members. In 1928, Mrs. Edna McCullough became the new faculty adviser. By 1929, Epsilon Epsilon moved to another house just two blocks from campus at 218 West 12th St.

The 1930s provided a lot of excitement as Janice Peter was elected most beautiful as well as most popular on campus. Each fall the chapter held an open house for the fraternities. In the spring of 1932, Livonia Warren was crowned Miss Emporia. During these years the house was very cold and the residents slept with many "layers" on the sleeping porches. On weekday evenings, the residents had to be home by 8:30 p.m. and the monthly dues were $35, which included social dues. After seven years Epsilon Epsilon moved to 116 W. 12th St. This house was much larger and more modern. In 1938, national officers inspected the chapter and inspired members to improve and continue the group's growth.

The 1940s were an emotional time for Epsilon Epsilon. Hayrack rides throughout the year brightened the entertainment. During the winter of 1941, Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ,

national education director, visited Emporia. In 1942 Jerry Phillips, chapter president, died after an automobile accident. On Nov. 17, 1942, the chapter held its silver anniversary tea with Mrs. Sharp as a guest.

The war was a strain for everyone from 1943 to 1945. All the Greeks were appointed a day to serve in the Red Cross room to check out supplies. In 1944, a war-bond drive was held during homecoming and raised $100,432 in hopes of bringing the "boys" home sooner. Epsilon Epsilon's Ardis Jean Reigle raised $29,000 herself. Soldiers of the Herington Army Air Base, located near Herington, Kan., were invited guests of the Christmas formal, because of the shortage of men on campus. Special ceremonies, such as engagements, were announced by passing chocolate to each member. In 1943, Peggy Ladner received the chapter's Alpha Sigma Alpha Alumnae award.

Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, national president, visited Epsilon Epsilon in 1946. Near the same time, all the fraternities were reactivated because the men were back in the states.

Epsilon Epsilon then moved to 929 West St. During 1949 the chapter pledged 20 women, which brought the total membership to 45. Quota pledge membership was established in 1950. Epsilon Epsilon had to watch the quota membership so as not to exceed the limit. The formal theme that same year was "Fireman's Ball." Everyone wore firemen's hats and red and black costumes. Kahola Lake was the site for the senior breakfast following the formal dance, where the pledges fixed breakfast for the seniors. At the end of the year, the total chapter membership was 52.

In 1952, the "Bunny Ball" formal dance provided much fun for Epsilon Epsilon. Once again, success became common as Epsilon Epsilon won the singing bee and continued to shine in intramurals. In addition, Mary Jo Ormsby was crowned as homecoming queen, and Epsilon Epsilon was featured on the cover of the 1956 Phoenix. In 1959 the chapter again won the singing bee. Growth continued to be evident as the basement room of the house on West Street was completed for a study room and gab sessions; however, talk was "in the air" about building a new house.

In 1960, Epsilon Epsilon continued to redecorate the house. Shortly after pledging 22 new members, fund-raising efforts began and included activities such as car washes. For philanthropic activities, members made scrapbooks for children with mental handicaps at Parsons School. During this time, many members held leadership positions within the chapter and in campus organizations.

In 1962 the alumnae decided to build a house; the alumnae chapter house committee was formed and Jo Ellen Blaylock served as chairman. In 1963 the spring Phoenix illustrated the newly proposed house for Epsilon Epsilon at 226 West 12th St. An open house was held Oct. 18, 1964, and approximately 300 people attended.

By 1969 the chapter had designed and made red and white sorority suits. The suits were sleeveless and made of lightweight wool. That year Epsilon Epsilon received the sorority's efficiency award.

During the early 1970s, the chapter adopted the "Apples" nickname, perhaps because the campus is known as a teachers college. In 1973 Epsilon Epsilon again appeared on the cover of The Phoenix. The annual fund-raising "chili feed" began in 1974. In the mid to late 1970s, Epsilon Epsilon's participation in intramurals and varsity sports flourished on campus. Many plaques and trophies were awarded during the school year, including the college Greek-week games. During the fall of 1977, Emporia Kansas State College became Emporia State University.

The chapter continued its success in the 1980s. Brenda Stolle received the national special education scholarship in 1980. In 1981, the "Apples" pledged quota of 28 members. Brenda Jo Miller received the national philanthropic scholarship in 1981, and in 1982, Deanna Koch received the Elizabeth Bird Small award.

During the 1982 fall rush, Epsilon Epsilon pledged quota of 30 women. Membership growth resulted in the basement storeroom being converted to a sleeping room for six members. At this time, the sorority had 50 women living in the house — the largest number in the chapter's history.

The inspiration and achievement from the early years of Epsilon Epsilon continues. With parents, advisers, housemothers and very gracious alumnae, the Apples have come a long way together. *Contributor: Wendy Williamson,* EE

Zeta Zeta

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg
Installed April 4, 1919

Zeta Zeta Chapter was originally the XX (double X) Club on campus. In the spring of 1916, Miss Ida M. Jewett, AB, national vice president, visited Warrensburg and talked to Miss Mabel

Arnett, the Intermediate Grade Supervisor of the Laboratory School, about the possibilities of a chapter on that campus. Miss Arnett referred her to Gladys Hutchens. Ten girls met with Miss Jewett to discuss plans for the formation of a sorority. It was at this meeting that the XX Club was organized.

This club was to be limited to 20; charter members are Gladys Hutchens, Emma Hogan, Josephine Dixon, Mildred Morrow, Florence McVay, Mildred McKinley, Kathryn Walker, Erna Burrus, Ida May Wolf, Rose Colbern and Ethel Cordry.

The club was active during the summer, entering into the social life of the school. It ranked among the literary societies in grades and in the winter of 1916-1917 began to compete with Sigma Sigma Sigma. In the spring of 1916, the girls petitioned the faculty for permission to be admitted as a Greek-letter organization. This request was refused. Miss Bess Carter was the sponsor at that time. Again in the spring of 1918 a petition was refused. This time, however, the comment of the faculty was more favorable. A third petition was submitted in the spring of 1919 and, largely through the efforts of Miss Almeta May Janney, dean of women, the approval of the faculty was given.

The weekend of April 4, 1919, the XX Club was installed as Zeta Zeta Chapter. Installing officers were Miss Jewett and Miss Minnie M. Shockley, ΓΤ, national ritualist. They were assisted by Miss Rosamond Root, Alpha Beta adviser; Miss Catherine E. Strouse, Epsilon Epsilon adviser; Miss Mary Shoush, AB, Julia Sparks, AB, Nelle Eubank, AB, Lucille Chew, ΓΤ, Sarah Martin, EE, and Gladys Pratt, EE.

Festivities began with a dinner at Hotel Estes by Dean Janney in honor of Dean Shockley and a reception given by Miss Mary Letts, Matron of the Y.W.C.A., in honor of Miss Shockley. Initiation came on Friday evening with 24 initiates. On Saturday there were installation of officers, an afternoon tea and an evening banquet, held at the Estes Hotel.

Charter members of Zeta Zeta are Miss Bess Carter, adviser; Letha Berry, Frances Brady, Margery Byram, Lerene David, Josephine Dixon, Emma Hogan Greer, Gladys Hutchens, Oleta Lobban, Mildred Morrow, Anne Neely, Ida Wolfe Russell and Eleanor Wisner, alumnae; DA Campbell, Marie Campbell, Ruth Engel, Marie Moore, Mildred Payne, Margaret Prunty, Hazel Strahan, Ethel Cordry Warnick, Mary Wilson, Mildred Wilson and Wilma Wilson, collegians.

In 1920, the sorority rooms were in the Dockery Gymnasium. The girls had a rather difficult time that year; they brought curtains, furniture and other needed items from their own rooms for rushing parties. The leading spirits of that year were Wilma Wilson, Lillian Ford, DA Campbell, Mabel Labban, Pauline Jaqua and Anne Neely.

After the XX Club was formed, the members spent one weekend each summer at Pertle Springs. This outing was called the XX Camp. Messages for the girls of the next year were hidden in a secret place. A large formal dance was given on Saturday night. This dance was the single big affair of the year and everyone wanted to go. The summer camp was continued for two years after the group became Zeta Zeta Chapter. It was revived to a degree when in the summer of 1940, all the girls met at Warrensburg for a weekend party near Clinton, Mo., at the farm home of one of the chapter members.

The year 1944 brought happiness and deep sorrow to Zeta Zeta. In April, the chapter celebrated its silver anniversary. In September, when another college year was just beginning, it suffered a great loss in the death of its esteemed adviser, Miss Myrtle Downs.

Zeta Zeta has been like its sister chapters in winning many honors. During the school year of 1951-1952, a typical year, it had three girls selected for Who's Who in the Colleges of America, the homecoming queen, the presidents of Yeater Hall and the Dolphins Water Club, the recipient of the Swimming Cup. The chapter has the usual number of formals, picnics and, of course, the remunerative rummage sale. Each year the campus Song Fete assumes great importance. In April 1948, the chapter won two softball games within a week, then, three days later, attended the Kansas City regional, and the following week staged its spring formal, "Alpha Lawn Party."

Jan. 3, 1951, Zeta Zeta began plans for a regional golden anniversary dance. The gala affair expanded to include a workshop under the guidance of Wilma Wilson Sharp, national president, during the day before the dates arrived.

Feb. 21, 1951, the chapter won the intramural basketball tourney. The following year, members stood third in volleyball and second in basketball, with good prospects of ending first in softball. To finance the purchase of a projection machine for reading by polio victims in iron lungs, in 1951-1952 the chapter sold magazine subscriptions, held a cookie sale and held a workday on which each girl donated her earnings of at least four hours to the project.

Gladys Hutchens Magee served as the chapter's house-

mother, and in 1943-1944, her daughter Patricia was chapter president. Like Patricia, other Zeta Zeta daughters have followed in their mothers' footsteps and become Alpha Sigma Alphas.

Zeta Zeta's 1957 homecoming float won third place with the theme of TV commercials. The chapter presented an American flag to the school president in honor of Veteran's Day. Alpha Sigma Alpha presented a $250 donation to Children's Mercy Hospital for the sixth consecutive year and six members were named to Who's Who at Central. Sadly, the chapter suffered a loss with the death of sponsor and friend Myrtle Dwans. Sandra Temple was the 1959 Miss October and was homecoming princess. The Founders' Day Banquet was held in Todd Dining Hall and a parent's tea was held Dec. 14. In 1959 Pat Strider received the national Frost Fidelity Award.

The 1960s continued with great success for Zeta Zeta. Linda Silver was the 1960 homecoming princess and 23 members were named to the Who's Who list on campus. Barbara Snyder was Miss April and Rita Hayes received the school's 1961 English honor award. The first campus Greek week was held March 20-26. In 1962 Lynda Gudde was elected to the judiciary board of the Association of Women Students. Marian Diekman received the Margaret E. Smith award for being an outstanding member. Beverly Sue Avery was crowned the 1965 Miss Warrensburg and Alpha Sigma Alpha held a state convention on campus. In 1968 member Judy Koonrod died.

Membership numbers were lower in the 1970s, but Zeta Zeta recruited additional members each year. In 1974 22 members attended state day in Springfield. In 1976 Zeta Zetas participated in the Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit run for philanthropy and three members attended national convention. MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, national president, signed the Zeta Zeta autograph book. Members were thrilled when Zeta Zeta's Betty Urban Wallick was elected national president in 1976. Fall 1977 brought a pledge class of 14 and Zeta Zeta hosted state day April 8.

Awards for intramurals, homecoming court and honorary societies filled the early 1980s. Colleen Lehr was the 1980 homecoming princess, Sharon Polhman was elected vice president of Panhellenic and Carolyn Duffey was initiated into Beta Beta Beta biological society. Connie Ferguson was the 1981 homecoming princess. The chapter won the 1982 all-campus football and all-campus softball tournament and in 1983 participated in school's Fall Distance Classic philanthropy. Brenda Weber won the 1985 homecoming princess title and Kristy Martin won the 1987 Watermelon Queen title at the annual Watermelon Fest, for which the sorority won the overall award. The 1980s ended with Zeta Zeta reigning as Greek week champions.

The chapter's award-winning record continued into the 1990s with the 1990 outstanding chapter award from the campus Panhellenic council. The chapter hosted a field day for Special Olympics and took second place overall for 1991 Greek week. In 1993 and 1994 the chapter won first place overall in intramurals. Fall 1994 brought the campus scholarship award, and during homecoming 1995 the chapter took first place for a walking entry. Heather K. Scully won the 1996 Frost Fidelity Award, the officers won the officer efficiency award and the chapter won the outstanding membership award from the Panhellenic council followed by a first-place finish in flag football.

Kelli Williams received the 1997 Frost Fidelity Award, and the chapter received first place in the banner and cheer competition for homecoming, first place in flag football and an outstanding campus involvement award from the Panhellenic council. In 1998 the chapter won first place in the homecoming cheer and banner contest and third place for its float. Stephanie Hartle won Greek Goddess and Laurel Tree was 1998 homecoming princess. Alpha Sigma Alpha also participated in the Delta Sigma Theta Variety Show and hosted a professor tea. The end of the decade saw a new program called "sober sister" and the redecoration of the house front room with green carpet and hardwood flooring.

Greek week was held April 3-10, 2000, and the chapter took the following awards: first in cheer, third in chariot, second in variety show, second overall, Greek goddess, outstanding new member education and outstanding programming. In 2001 Gwedalyn Knipp and Erica Pohlman held the first "Sisterhood Week." *Contributors: Alisa Dungy, ZZ, Holly L. Balsman, ZZ, Carrie O'Connor, ZZ*

Eta Eta

Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.
Installed July 8-9, 1920

Eta Eta Chapter was founded in November 1919 as the local Gamma Tau Kappa. On July 8-9, 1920, installation ceremonies made it a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Charter members are Eulalia Roseberry, adviser, Gladys Adamson, Esther Cable, Fran-

ces Herron, Ruth Iserman, Maude Laney, Mable Marshall, Pearl Nicholson, Ann Opdyke, Marguerite Pohek, Helen Schwartz and Evelyn Smith. Installing officers were Ida A. Jewett, AB, vice president, and Rosamond Root, AB, and Catherine E. Strouse, EE, advisers of their respective chapters.

Each member earned the money for her installation fee. To earn the charter fee, the women had a chapter stand at the Fourth of July celebration at Lincoln Park. That these charter members were diligent workers is also indicated by the fact that in their first rush season the following November, they received not one refusal to their bids, and nine new women were pledged to Eta Eta.

In December 1921, 10 members attended their first national convention, the Kansas City conclave. These women staged "Living Songs" as part of "Stunt Night." Original Alpha Sigma Alpha words and clever dancing added much to the attractiveness of this stunt.

For the second time, Eta Eta observed its birthday with a reunion, when on July 8, 1922, there was a banquet at Bussey's Annex, a popular downtown cafe. Miss Jane Carroll, patroness, started Eta Eta's silverware collection at this time with six silver teaspoons.

In December 1922, the chapter again added to its domestic appointments when, as a result of invitations to collegians, alumnae, mothers, patronesses, pledges and City Association women, statistics reveal the shower netted 47 teaspoons, a butter knife, a server, salad forks, cups and saucers, kitchenware, tea towels, sheets and pillow cases. To their popular adviser, Miss Roseberry, went a bouquet of roses. And the evening ended with a short Christmas program.

On March 28, 1924, the chapter presented "Snow Queen's Court" at the Kanza Stunt Fest and won first prize. During this year Eta Eta was active in the drive to raise funds for a new stadium. Marjorie McFarland and Alice Montgomery helped on the floor committee at the large mass meeting.

In September 1930, the chapter reluctantly accepted the resignation of Miss Roseberry as adviser. Miss Jane M. Carroll was initiated to serve in this position. Miss Roseberry was honored with a tea at which actives and alumnae presented her with a watch and bracelet in appreciation of her faithfulness to Eta Eta during the 10 years of its existence.

December 1935 found the chapter sponsoring an amateur hour in the college auditorium. Incidentally, this was discovered to be an excellent way of earning money for the treasury. The following year, 1936, Miss Perva Hughes was initiated to act as co-adviser with Dr. Carroll.

That the chapter has managed to have its share of fun and good humor along the years is indicated by an item in the Collegio of 1938. "Funeral services for Hugo K. Crawdad who passed away last Friday morning were held at the home, 201 East Williams, with Rev. Mary Alice Montgomery in charge. Burial was in the Alpha back yard where brief rites were held at the grave at 4 p.m. Crawdad came to the Alpha house several days ago from the gutter. He lived in the Alpha shower until his death Friday. He is survived by Marjorie Thomas, the Alpha sorority, and a few Sigma Taus."

Eta Eta originality and leadership is evident in numerous ways over the years. Chapter stunts have taken prizes in the various Kanza Stunt fests. Members have been Kanza queens, Sigma Tau queens, Phi Sig queens and homecoming queens. The first Apple Day queen, in March 1941, was an Eta Eta. In 1943-1944, seven of the eight girls in the race for Navy queen were Eta Etas. College activities of all types have listed them in responsible positions.

During World War II, Eta Etas sold stamps and bonds, worked on salvage drives, gave blood, entertained service men and worked for the Red Cross. USO shows for the hospital unit at Camp Crowder, Mo., brought a full write-up in the camp paper. In the same year (1945-1946), the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce recognized the chapter for its cooperation in public projects and programs. It was during that year, too, that the girls chose a different church for one Sunday each month to attend as a group, thus increasing church attendance and knowledge of different faiths.

General activities of the chapter included traveling to Parsons, Kan., to visit the Parsons State Home for the Mentally Retarded around Christmas time to sing, distribute gifts and in general raise the spirits of residents. The chapter annually celebrates Founders' Day, Big Sis/Little Sis Christmas and a sweetheart formal. The formal includes chapter awards to honor Eta Eta women and their achievements. A scholarship banquet is held to honor scholastic achievements as well.

One unique attribute of the chapter is the longevity of its advisers. In 88 years, Eta Eta has had just seven advisers: Eulalia Roseberry, Jane Carroll, Perva Hughes, Jean McColley, Betty Duncan, Diane James and Brenda Chappell. Many alumnae have served as national officers over the years.

Nearly 85 percent of Eta Etas participate in campus activi-

ties and organizations. Homecoming, Greek week, intramurals, university student ambassadors, Panhellenic council, Greek council, Gamma, Student Government Association and student publications are just a few of the organizations and activities the chapter supports. Locally, the chapter is involved with Special Olympics and New Horizons, a hospital for those with mental handicaps. To raise funds for philanthropic endeavors, Eta Etas participate in Sigma Phi Epsilon's teeter-totter-a-thon and a swing-a-thon with Pi Kappa Alpha.

Eta Eta Chapter includes a diverse array of women who are dedicated to making Alpha Sigma Alpha a strong chapter both locally and nationally. Eta Eta strives to keep in contact with its alumnae and conducts many alumnae activities throughout the year, such as the annual homecoming chili feed. Today, Alpha Sigma Alpha remains the oldest active Greek organization at Pittsburg State University. *Contributors: Stacey L. Williams,* HH, *Alecia C. Perry,* HH, *Becky Harrison,* HH

Theta Theta

Boston University

Installed Nov. 12, 1921; closed 1971

On Nov. 12, 1921, Alpha Sigma Alpha installed Theta Theta Chapter in the new School of Education. This division, one of eight schools and colleges of the university, had been organized in 1918 to satisfy the demand for a fuller and better training of teachers. Its work was to be of junior, senior and graduate character. Alpha Sigma Alpha was the first sorority to enter this school of Boston University, although the Greek-letter groups at the university dated from 1876.

Installation ceremonies took place at the home of Ida Shaw Martin, national president (and a founding member of Delta Delta Delta. For more on Ida Shaw Martin, see page 327). Assisting Mrs. Martin were Ida A. Jewett, AB, former national vice president; Rosamond Root, AB; Edith A. Webb, ΓΓ; and Marguerite Pohek, HH.

"Not even the model ceremony of Convention could have had a more beautiful setting than the one provided by Mrs. Martin with its profusion of potted palms and gorgeous chrysanthemums, and no installation banquet could ever be more enjoyable than the buffet luncheon served in Mrs. Martin's own home," reads the account in The Phoenix.

Because the petition for Theta Theta had been filed the previous year, it was possible to initiate graduates of the class of 1921. Charter alumnae members are Gertrude D. Halbritter (later national editor; see page 341); Christine S. Little, Harriet H. Norcross, G. Mildred Whittier and Alma Wolfe. Seniors: Florence E. Durgin, Gertrude M. Forge, Margaret M. Gearan, Laura H. Holland, Florence R. Haley, Mildred A. Henderson, Marian G. Lantz, Jennie L. Hendricks, Hazel A. Tanner and Maude F. Wheeler. Juniors: Ethel J. Birrell, Ruth E. Cameron, Hazle E. Crane, Priscilla Drake, Charlotte R. Glenfield, Elsie M. Larkin, Gladys G. Lermond, Marjorie E. Luxton, Esther F. Manson, Josephine P. Ray, Carmel E. Rose, Geneva M. Smith, Caroline G. Wasgatt and Harriet L. Clark.

During the first year, Theta Thetas were able to secure an attractively furnished suite near the university, in the Back Bay district. We also find from their list of college activities that they were fully capable of maintaining the Alpha Sigma Alpha traditions of leadership and service.

Because of its location in a large-city university, in a college attracting upperclass and graduate students, Theta Theta made a unique contribution to Boston University and Alpha Sigma Alpha. During our membership in the Association of Education Sororities, Theta Theta Chapter was one of the few organized groups by which social life could be furnished to the College of Education at BU.

Moreover, because of the experience of its members and their close contacts with Boston Alumnae Chapter members and the community, the chapter had a record of broad service to the university and the city. Active chapter members often had full- or part-time positions in Boston-area schools so that chapter projects were likely to stretch beyond campus boundaries.

For the same reason, members had to travel long distances to chapter meetings. Among the service projects that were especially noteworthy was the aid given in raising the building fund for Boston University, work in the rehabilitation program for the boys at Cushing General Hospital and collecting books for the Marine Library. Like their sisters in other chapters, Theta Thetas were also "good knitters" in the making of afghans.

While Theta Theta during its years in the College of Education had fewer social activities than many ΑΣΑ chapters, there were such events as an evening at the theater, a skating party and attendance at the book fair, as well as picnics and the usual mother-daughter tea. Theta Theta also claimed its share of prom princesses.

When the whole campus of Boston University became the rushing field for Alpha Sigma Alpha upon its affiliation with

NPC, problems and possibilities changed. Fall initiation in 1950 was held at the BU Women's Building in October. Rushing for the campus girls began with the Panhellenic Tea on Oct. 13, and the first formal rush party was Theta Theta's on the 18th, in the Mirror Room of Hotel Lenox.

During the school year 1950-1951, chapter president June Roberts and Louise Peck were initiated into Scarlet Key, the BU activities honorary, and Alice Jillette and Betty Gallant became members of Alpha Phi Omega, dramatics honorary. June was also included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In 1951-1952, the chapter was delighted when Jo Ann Isbell was one of the "chosen few" to represent the university Glee Club in Germany.

Local philanthropic projects included making dolls for the annual Christmas party at the School of Education and assembling scrapbooks for the Children's Hospital.

The chapter closed in 1971.

Iota Iota

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Installed Jan. 13, 1922 ; closed 1936

Drake University's early experience with the Greek-letter system was very brief, for the first fraternity to enter was on the ground but three years when rulings were passed that put an end to all Greek-letter life.

Student clubs still managed to exist, however, and these maintained relations with one another for some years through what was known as the Inter-Club Conclave. Gradually university sentiment changed, and in 1915, every group on the campus took a Greek name. It was not until five years later that the trustees were ready to grant these local sororities the right to petition national groups. Soon after the permission was given, six NPC groups entered.

In the fall of 1916, Dean W. F. Barr, with the cooperation of Bonnie Andrews, head of the grade department, arranged for the formation of a society to be known as the Grade Club. It had for its purpose the creation of a strong esprit de corps in the department and the College of Education and the formation of close friendships among members.

It was this organization that, on Jan. 13, 1922, became Iota Iota Chapter, the eighth sorority to enter the university and the first national in the College of Education.

"All the ceremonies took place in the Rose Room of Hotel Chamberlain, the ribbon pledge service on Friday evening and the other services, Saturday," the record reads. "The Rose Room made a beautiful setting for the various ceremonies, for by candlelight the soft rose blended beautifully with the crimson and white of the ΑΣΑ color scheme. Immense mirrors, extending from floor to ceiling, reflected and repeated the lighted candles and produced a striking effect.

"The formal pledge and the undergraduate initiation were followed by a luncheon at the Green Mill, after which came the installation of the chapter and of the chapter officers. Last of the services was the Mother Patroness Degree, given to Mrs. Arthur Holmes, wife of the president of Drake University; Mrs. W.F. Barr, wife of the dean of the College of Education; Mrs. George Peak, a prominent club woman of Des Moines; and Mrs. C. Franzeen, wife of a professor in the College of Education. They were all charming, representative women of the community, and Iota Iota was fortunate in securing them as chapter mothers."

Details of the installation were cared for by Catherine E. Strouse, EE, Epsilon Epsilon adviser, assisted by Bess Carter, ZZ, Zeta Zeta adviser; Lola Brandenburg, HH, Alpha Beta adviser; Wilma Wilson, ZZ, national registrar-elect; Edna McCarty, BB, supervisor of chapter activities; Neita Crawford Pearl, Alpha Beta alumnae of Des Moines; and Mary Friday, Ione Smith, Eva Riggins and Eunice Selby, Alpha Beta collegians.

After the last service, the 23 new Alpha Sigma Alphas, with the 10 installing officers and four patronesses, closed the day most appropriately with a banquet in the Ivory Room of Hotel Chamberlain. (During World War II, Hotel Chamberlain housed many members of the Women's Army Corps stationed in Des Moines for specialists' training.)

Charter members are Bonnie Andrews, adviser; Louise M. Boller, Lillian Hethershaw, Margaret Meek, Edna A. Parson, Mabel I. Payne, Mayfred E. Stone, Leona Wilcox and Norma Campbell Adkins, alumnae; Igna C. Tesdahl, Edith Cain, Florence Harley, Grace M. Davis, Margaret Bork, Elizabeth Dodson, Arline Elliott, Zela Hyten, Albertine Ringrose, Stella L. Schalk, Lela Stringer, Leona Welch, Myrtle A Wolford and Cleo Brown, collegians; and Elizabeth Brown and Dorothy Wells, pledges.

During the years of the chapter's existence on the Drake campus, Iota Iota was constantly faithful to the pledges made to Alpha Sigma Alpha by the charter members. Nationally, it was known for its efficiency and the loyalty of its individual members.

There was never a convention since the time of its installa-

tion that Iota Iota failed to send at least one representative. Iota Iota girls won many honors, including one for using Georgia Barton's composition "Oh, We Came On the Buses" as the 1934 convention song at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Iota Iota members distinguished themselves in many fields, including education, science, journalism and homemaking. The ideals of love and loyalty as promoted by the sorority had their mark on every life.

Because of the economic depression of the 1930s, it seemed unwise to try to maintain a chapter on the Drake campus with the few girls available for rushing. So it was with deep regret that the house furnishings were sold and an attempt made to meet in a room for a time.

Finally, in 1936, the active chapter ceased to exist and the alumnae chapter gave warm welcome to the girls then on campus. Never-to-be-forgotten Iota Iota memories are those of the sorority's house fire, the time the house was quarantined for diphtheria, the house dances and all the innumerable problems, plans and fun of college years.

Kappa Kappa

Temple University, Philadelphia
Installed March 17, 1922; closed 1995

March 17 has a deep significance for Kappa Kappa Chapter, for on that day in 1922, its charter members adopted King Asa as their patron saint and gave him precedence over St. Patrick in their affections.

Writing of the pre-Alpha Sigma days of this group, a chapter reporter stated, "Our group was organized in 1919 as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau. Later, upon learning that Alpha Sigma Tau was not a member of the Association of Education Sororities, we severed our connections with that organization and formed ourselves into a local known as Tau Upsilon" on Oct. 24, 1921. "We then formally petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha and entered upon the nerve-racking months of waiting while Alpha Sigma Alpha investigated our college and our group."

The chapter was installed March 17, 1922, by Ida A. Jewett, AB, former national vice president, and Rosamond Root, AB, who went down to Philadelphia from Columbia University. Miss Root had previously visited the group during the period in which they had considered a petition.

Wrote the chapter reporter: "The ceremonies were held in our College Club Rooms made beautiful for the occasion with a profusion of potted sago palms and the gorgeous paraphernalia furnished each new chapter by the national organization. The morning was devoted to the services for honorary members, alumnae and sophomores, and was followed by a green, gold and white luncheon in the dormitory dining room. In the afternoon came the services for the freshmen and the formal installation of the chapter and of chapter officers, each service seeming almost more meaningful than the preceding.

"The day was closed by a dinner served at the city College Club, at which our guests were the dean of Temple University, Dr. Laura H. Carnell; our two installing officers from New York; our chapter adviser, Mrs. Sherman H. Doyle; faculty member Dorothea Beach; and the presidents of the other sororities at the university. Our one regret was that the influenza epidemic had made impossible the attendance of ΑΣΑ sisters from our own Pennsylvania cities of Pittsburgh and Johnstown and from nearby chapters in Ohio and Boston.

"The momentary sadness brought to the older members of the active chapter by the farewell toast to Tau Upsilon was dissipated by the scattering of crimson balloons containing cards with the inscription 'Alpha Sigma Alpha — Tau Upsilon' and by the singing of merry Alpha Sigma Alpha songs, which gave promise of increasingly happy associations in the new organization."

Charter members of Kappa Kappa are Mrs. Sherman H. Doyle, adviser; Dorothea Beach, faculty member; Helen Lutes and Hester Sexton, alumnae; Helen Lewdrop, Elizabeth Montague, Irene Parker, Mary Brenholtz, Elizabeth Harsch, Mildred Strunk, Alice Garrettson, Thelma Nall, Frances Atkins, Leona McLain and Dorothy M. Bough, sophomores; and Irene Benner, Edna Bowen, Florence Remlinger, Mary Laurence, Mary Parson, Adelaide Zearfross, Freda Bunting, Margaret Chamberlain, Helen Edwards and Mary Shallcross, freshmen.

The first president was Irene Parker, and patronesses were Mrs. Charles E. Beury and Mrs. John Smaltz. The latter were presented with jeweled pins at the installation of patronesses, which followed soon after Tau Upsilon affiliated with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The most important occurrence after becoming a chapter of a national sorority was the acquisition of a regular and definite place for meetings. The university, seeing the importance of sororities, set aside a building at 1826 North Park Ave. as a Panhellenic House, in which each sorority was given two rooms. With the main question, "How to furnish?" letters were sent to patronesses and friends. Soon gifts poured in. The

university, through Dean Carnell, donated a piano, while the mother-patroness organization donated a rug.

An interesting event in 1922 was the beginning of a round-robin letter that was received by the group and contained the latest news of the 1921 sisters. June 1924 brought a house party at the cottage of Mary Wagner on the Blue Juanita River. Each day two girls were appointed as cooks and two as dish-washers. When not working, the girls spent the time singing Alpha Sigma Alpha songs, hiking, mountain climbing, swimming, rowing and dancing.

In the same year, the first Kappa Kappa baby arrived. She was Frances Elain Duffey, whose mother was Frances Atkins. In 1925, Kappa Kappa assisted in the installation of Nu Nu Chapter at Drexel, also in Philadelphia. In the same year, a formal initiation took place on the spacious lawns of Mrs. Beury in Germantown.

In 1931 all attention centered on the move to a sorority house located in the center of campus activities — a house with seven bedrooms, a living room, club room, kitchen and playroom. Mrs. Rita J. Clarke was appointed housemother. For nine years she watched over the Kappa Kappas. In 1932, the first formal in the new house found Nu Nu as guests.

Kappa Kappas have been noted throughout the history of the chapter for outstanding campus activities. In May 1943, the chapter was chosen the most active sorority on campus by the campus magazine. One of its several projects during World War II was the penny bucket brigade. Kappa Kappa girls carried buckets to their classes and thus netted $60 for the United Way Chest Drive.

Among the many girls who brought honor to the chapter is Alvadee Hutton, one-time president of the chapter and active in a multitude of Temple enterprises. Upon graduation, she was awarded a plaque for being the most active girl at Temple and a scholarship for graduate work at Columbia. In 1941, she received the Pulitzer Prize of $1,500 for travel.

In examining the record, one finds mention of cake sales, support of drives, a "Hansel and Gretel" booth at the University Carnival for the World Student Service Fund (1949), Mother's Day events with the fathers there too, a tea at the house for Dean Gertrude Peabody, honoring her 25 years of service at Temple (May 16,1949), open houses for the entire university, luncheon at the house for Peter Lawford (1949), and "all states day" (1951) when Theta Theta girls joined with Nu Nu and Kappa Kappa for a glorious weekend.

The year 1951-1952 is typical of the personal activities of chapter members. There were three drum majorettes, five members of the cheerleading squad, seven members of the varsity hockey squad (which lost only one game during the season and that had ΑΣΑ Barbara Harper named to the all-college first as center forward for the second consecutive year), a homecoming queen and a member of the student government organization.

Kappa Kappas also were one-third of the total membership in Chimes, including the president, vice president and chaplain of that organization; nine of the 15 members of Magnet, the senior women's honorary, including its president; two of the 30 listed by the university as outstanding seniors; secretary and treasurer of Women's Glee Club; a member of the undefeated bowling team; five members of the varsity basketball squad; five members of the swimming team, including the captain, who placed fourth in the Eastern Inter-Collegiate competition; president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and publicity chairman of the Women's Athletic Association Board; the assistant copy editor and three reporters of the campus newspaper; the editor of the yearbook; six participants in the modern dance concert; four members of the tennis squad; 11 members of the lacrosse squad; and eight members of the rhythmic swimming show presented at Penn.

A Christmas party for neighbor children (assisted by Sigma Pi), adoption of a Polish war orphan, an undefeated season in the basketball intramurals, first prize for the third consecutive year in the campus carnival and an interesting list of social events also made 1951-1952 memorable.

The Vietnam War and antigovernment sentiments around university campuses took its toll on the Temple University sororities during the 1960s and 1970s. At some point, only two NPC sororities remained on campus: Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Having withstood the downturn in membership and seeing their membership increase, the Kappa Kappa's excitement grew during the 1980s. Back to school in September meant making thousands of tissue-paper flowers during weekly meetings in preparation for the float to be made for the annual homecoming parade down Broad Street to Veteran's Stadium. On several occasions Kappa Kappa took home first-prize trophies.

In 1985 Kappa Kappa was instrumental in re-establishing the campus Panhellenic with three NPC sororities. Kappa

Kappa, being the oldest sorority on campus, had the honor of holding the office of president during Panhellenic's reinstatement year. Enthusiasm for Greek life continued to escalate during the late 1980s with the addition of Delta Zeta on campus.

During the 1980s and 1990s Kappa Kappa continued to participate not only in Alpha Sigma Alpha philanthropic events but also in activities sponsored by other Greek organizations. Kappa Kappa helped raise money at dance-a-thons and regularly participated in "Hoop It Up" at the Neshamity Mall. In addition, the chapter held an alumnae luncheon, during which members presented awards to collegians and alumnae, sang songs and exchanged memories.

Amid all this enthusiasm the chapter did struggle to retain membership. Kappa Kappa lost its on-campus office space when the building was condemned and the chapter was not provided adequate replacement space. The university didn't provide any on-campus housing for Greek organizations, therefore making the Kappa Kappas fragmented. The chapter extended membership invitations to Gamma Psi, a local sorority, in an attempt to increase membership. At the same time, Kappa Kappa obtained off-campus housing on Diamond Street, but found this to be financially draining. After a few years the chapter left the house, not renewing the lease.

An unsupportive university climate, decreasing membership and the lack of a large supportive alumnae chapter finally led to the closing of Temple University's oldest remaining NPC sorority on Jan. 14, 1995. Kappa Kappa was two years shy of its 75th anniversary. *Contributor: Dianne Hamble-Hafer,* KK

Lambda Lambda

The Ohio State University, Columbus
Installed Dec. 9, 1922; closed 1934

Alpha Sigma Alpha's entrance on the campus of the Ohio State University was due to the loyalty of a group of young ΑΣΑ alumnae working in the Columbus area. Meeting together socially, they began to wonder why there could not be an Alpha Sigma active chapter at "state." So — they got busy.

Ruth Donnelly Steele, AA, Marie Richter, AA, Alice Anderson Wurster, AA, Helen Hudson, ΔΔ, and Helen Millikin, ΔΔ, procured a list of eligible girls in the College of Education. They gave tea after tea, to which they invited these prospects to be "looked over."

Finally, a group that met the rigid requirements of these alumnae "caretakers," as they were later termed by Lambda Lambdas, had been culled and organized as the Education Club. A summer of waiting and of round-robin writing, and a fall of conferences, letters, telegrams and petitions resulted in acceptance of the group by the national organization.

On Dec. 9, 1922, came the culmination of the work of almost a year on the part of the caretakers. They installed their baby group as Lambda Lambda Chapter with assistance from their faculty advisers Amy Swisher, AA, and Elizabeth Garber, ΔΔ, and Ruth Parrot, AA, Viola Warren, AA, Letha Edgar, AA, Thelma Groome, ΔΔ, Garnet Gooley, ΔΔ, and Grace Fultz, ΔΔ, national treasurer. Lambda Lambda was the fourth Ohio chapter and one of three then active.

Services were held at the Hotel Chittenden. At the banquet afterward, additional guests were the patronesses: Mrs. Louis Anderson and dean of women Elizabeth Conrad. The setting was perfect, from the huge baskets of golden chrysanthemums and the crimson-shaded candles, to the bows of golden tulle on the tiny nut baskets at each place.

Charter members are Eleanor H. Percival, adviser; Elizabeth Conrad, faculty member; Louise Ketterer and Sophia Roess, alumnae; Clara Fenn, Eva Lamon, Marguarite Liggett, Sara Long, Dorothy Porter and Mildred Dolt, seniors; Lillian Brauch, Cornelia Jones, Doris Kiner, Maxine Mathews, Elizabeth McCloud, Eleanor Purpus, Rachel Van Hook and Eleanor Wright, juniors; Ruth Blenkner, sophomore; and Helen Campbell and Martha Van Tilburg, freshmen.

In a university as large as Ohio State, competition for leadership positions is keen. However, from the beginning of the chapter's history, Lambda Lambda girls received their share of honors. In the first year, Clara Fenn and Dorothy Porter were elected to Pi Lambda Theta, while Sara Long was elected to Phi Upsilon Omicron. Dorothy was also editor of Phi Pi Epsilon News and president of Delphic Society, and Lillian Brauch was treasurer of History Club.

Moreover, in the Intramural Festival held at the Coliseum that March, Sara Long, representing Alpha Sigma Alpha, placed her sorority fourth among the 20 participating in the needle-threading contest. (Later, Sara was an efficient home economics teacher.)

The following year the girls secured a chapter house. After a strenuous two weeks of buying furniture, scrubbing, painting and hanging draperies, the town girls were putting on the finishing touches when the other girls returned to college.

From then on, Lambda Lambda might be found "at home" at some address near the Ohio State campus, and its home was always a mecca for Alpha Sigma Alphas of various chapters. Many an Ohio or West Virginia sister remembers a third-floor dormitory with its collection of beds and cots that often on a weekend might contain double their intended quotas of sleepers. And the Lambda Lambda fireside was both warm and cheerful after a homecoming game, for it was there that one might see almost anyone from almost anywhere for a few moments in the year.

Chapter basketball teams, members in Hi-Jinx or Browning, Glee Club, Dancing Club, Kappa Phi, Pi Lambda Theta, milking contests and other varied activities of a large state university proved that the "Lambs," like their sisters of other chapters, were versatile individuals.

However, at the peak of the chapter's success came the depression of 1930. The chapter never had the financial and social security of the older NPC groups against which it had successfully competed for members during the prosperous '20s. It had neither a house of its own nor an alumnae group of established financial security.

Lambda Lambda's position as the only AES sorority on the campus, and the necessity of bidding against 25 so-called "socials," each frantically grabbing members in the effort to keep away the wolf and maintain financial equilibrium, made the struggle too great. Hence, in the fall of 1934, the few returning girls and the Columbus alumnae petitioned that the chapter be permitted inactivity until Alpha Sigma Alpha could again compete with assurance and honor at the Ohio State campus.

The story of the last year of the chapter's active existence is one of remarkable loyalty and courage. Under the leadership of president Mary Short and an unusually fine and loyal head resident, Grace C. Doane, the tiny group maintained a record that a large group could envy.

Proudly, Alpha Sigma Alpha can record that in the fight for existence of sororities on this campus, its Lambda Lambda Chapter was the last group of those ultimately becoming inactive to take this step. Those that had been older and stronger preceded it.

To the inactivity of Lambda Lambda the sorority owes the inception of the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award. In its darkest hours of 1933-1934, through the understanding and love of Mrs. Sharp, ZZ, the national president, money from the national treasury was appropriated to care for the desperate needs of the chapter. It was sent as a gift to the chapter and was made possible by the fact that money voted by the national convention for a small salary to the national president had been constantly refused by her.

A few years later, after the furnishings of the chapter house had been sold, there was a small sum in the bank to the chapter credit. Because there seemed no early possibility of reviving Lambda Lambda, the Columbus Alumnae of the chapter voted that the remaining money should be sent to Mrs. Sharp for her personal use. However, the check was refused for this purpose by Mrs. Sharp and at the 1941 national convention, it was decided to make the money the nucleus of an alumnae award. Upon the motion of Mary Gaal, ΛΛ, this was designated the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award.

Mu Mu

Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti
Installed Jan. 19, 1924; closed 1943

Mu Mu Chapter traces its origin to the formation in December 1910 of a local sorority known as Zeta Tau Alpha. From that date until its nationalization, the group had initiated a total of 166 members.

It was an excited group of 28 girls that gathered on the afternoon of Jan. 19, 1924, in the Episcopal Church House in Ypsilanti. Here was to take place the installation of Zeta Tau Alpha as Mu Mu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. The room on the second floor was decorated artistically with large potted palms, ferns, a huge bouquet of narcissus and candles.

Everything had been planned splendidly by the installing officers: Grace G. Fultz, ΔΔ, national treasurer; Amy Swisher, AA, Alpha Alpha adviser; Eleanor H. Percival, ΛΛ, Lambda Lambda adviser; Mabel I. Payne, II; Helen Cypher, AB; and M. Ruth Early, AB. After the installation service, the ladies of the church served a delicious banquet.

Chapter president Winifred Welch acted as toastmistress. The girls who so proudly donned the badge of Alpha Sigma Alpha at this time were Jennie Darling, alumna and critic teacher in the modern language department of the Normal High School, who assumed the advisership; and Gladys Lackie, Bernice Phelps, Winifred Welch, Carlotta Corpron, Ruth Marvin, Donalda Morrison, Lois Schilds, Frieda Smith, Ruth Bayler, Doris Betzner, Virginia Blue, Margaret Charters, Estel Feldkamp, Frances Fuller, Margaret Gotts, Mildred Gray, Mary Humphrey, Clem-

elia Kehoe, Helen Mitchell, Florence Nehil, twins Violet and Viola Rau, Margaret Campbell, Florence Gee, Janet Randolph, Beatrice Riggs and Martha Wickstrom.

In establishing its Mu Mu Chapter, Alpha Sigma Alpha entered an institution that was the sixth state normal school in the United States and the first west of the Allegheny Mountains. The law establishing the school was enacted in 1849, and its first class was graduated in 1854.

In response to a felt need of social organizations on the campus, many Greek-letter groups were formed. Among these was the Delta Phi sorority, organized in 1910. Mrs. Charles O. Hoyt was selected as adviser, and the first initiation was held at the Masonic Temple on Jan. 7, 1911. Jessie Nourse was the first president.

For many years, Mu Mu Chapter and Delta Phi existed as separate organizations on the Ypsilanti campus, each making its individual contribution to the life of the college. However, when the requirement for teacher training was extended to four years, junior colleges were established in several Michigan cities and, at the same time, dormitories were built to house students at Ypsilanti.

Then the Greek-letter organizations found they had become too numerous. In May 1939, the faculty adviser of Delta Phi at Ypsilanti, Marguerite Hepmansberger, attended the Detroit meeting of the Delta Phi Alumnae Chapter there and presented the invitation from Alpha Sigma Alpha to join the national sorority.

Thus, the active chapter of Delta Phi joined with the active chapter of Mu Mu, and the members of the alumnae group were duly initiated into Alpha Sigma Alpha. These members retained the name of Delta Phi Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. This group, which traced its origin to a meeting held in January 1919 at the home of Mrs. A.F. Boening by a group of Delta Phi girls living in Detroit, took such a step to maintain connection with the collegiate group and not exist only to maintain old friendships.

This alumnae chapter became one of the most active and loyal of graduate chapters. In the history of Delta Phi the name of Mrs. Charles O. Hoyt is mentioned with loving reverence. Delta Phi received news of her death in 1929 with sadness. Her good judgment and wise counsel laid a firm foundation for Delta Phi.

A scholarship fund was established on the campus in recognition of Adella Jackson, honorary member of Delta Phi and adviser from the faculty for many years. Chapter members enjoyed her May parties for Delta Phi babies.

May 20, 1939, marked the merger of Delta Phi and Mu Mu. Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, national president, was in charge of the formal initiation, held at Charles McKenny Hall. Helen Block Bradley, ΠΠ, alumnae organizer, and Jane Stratemeir, ΠΠ, Norma Williams, ΠΠ, and Eleanor and Zita Oliver, ΠΠ, assisted with the services. In the evening, a banquet was held with the program built around a rainbow arch, the rainbow representing the sorority. Lois Reilly, MM, acted as toastmistress.

Forty-one alumnae, 10 collegians and adviser Marguerite Hepmansberger were the Delta Phis who became Alpha Sigmas at that time. On Oct. 7 the active chapter went to Detroit and held formal initiation for 28 Delta Phi alumnae.

For several years, it seemed that Mu Mu might be able to survive successfully on the campus. However, the location of the college in an active defense area and the consequent lure of defense positions and teaching positions opened by the exodus of trained teachers to better paying jobs again created a problem for the sororities in finding an adequate number of suitable rushees.

Hence, on Nov. 24, 1943, the national council granted permission to Mu Mu Chapter to become inactive, under the regulations accepted by the Association of Education Sororities as a wartime procedure for chapters falling below membership standards.

Nu Nu

Drexel University, Philadelphia
Installed May 30, 1925

Alpha Sigma Alpha at Drexel University had its origins in March 1922, when 16 girls with common interests formed a group they named Omega Delta Epsilon. For three years the organization, which had been founded by Ruth Buchanan, Helen Lindenmuth, Nora Christianson, Helen Ozier, Edith Hetherington, Dorothy Bishop, Edith Diver, Anne Carter, Marjorie Bull, Harriet Lininger, Florence Garrison, Louise Johnston, Sadie Mills, Elizabeth Gifford, Ruth Brown and Hazel Thompson, was an influential local sorority. When the chapter formed as the first sorority at Drexel, the women would slide a chest of drawers in front of the door to maintain secrecy.

On Memorial Day 1925, 18 new Alpha Sigma Alphas were installed as Nu Nu Chapter, the first national Greek organization at Drexel. The ceremony took place in Drexel's impressive

art gallery, which the Kappa Kappas from Temple University (including Helen L. Corey) had prepared for the service. Installing officers were Miss Ida A. Jewett, AB, former national vice president, and Miss Rosamond Root, AB.

Nu Nu's first president, Florence Brierley, received the charter. Mildred Burdett, first chapter adviser and Miss Frances MacIntyre, first sponsor, were initiated with the 18 charter members: Marjorie Bull, Margaret Schwab, Elizabeth Loughery, Ruth MacCullock, Hazel Thompson, Marian Bull, Helen Lindenmuth, Florence Brierley, Elizabeth Haines, Alice Kay, Edith Hetherington, Mary Elizabeth Darlington, Ellen Johnston, Dorothy Oakes, Sarah Parshall, Dorothy Chitterling, Sarah Thompson and Evelyn Bridell.

In true Alpha Sigma Alpha fashion these 18 women set about to perform some service to their school and community. They donated Thanksgiving baskets to needy families and distributed the girls' basketball schedules to all female students. Social life was not at a standstill with the Nu Nus, however — there are many records that tell of their "flying home" from parties in order to get in by 11 p.m.

1928 was an eventful year in Nu Nu history. That year saw the advent of Nu Nu's traditional farewell dinner for the seniors of the chapter. The first spring weekend, held in 1928 at the lodge, but held since then at the shore, and a fall lodge weekend both came into being. In September of the same year, Kappa Sigma Delta, Nu Nu's brother fraternity at Drexel — now Pi Kappa Phi — entertained the members at a lavish party at a downtown club. Rummage sales to swell the treasury became periodic chapter functions.

Teas, campus honors, dances, weekends at the Drexel Lodge near Newton Square, Pa., bake shops, shore weekends, projects for the hospitals, sales of football programs and parties with fraternities made life full for Nu Nu members. The "harvest moon" dance, began in 1932, was held through the years. Its original purpose was to enable freshmen girls to meet Alpha Sigma Alphas before rushing and to see them in a strictly social light.

The first woman ever to serve as editor of Drexel's paper, The Triangle, was Nu Nu Edith Rood. Her year as guide of the college's news dispenser proved that women were as capable as men in fulfilling positions of great responsibility.

In September 1948, the Marjorie Sims Panhellenic House opened. This house became the center of sorority life on Drexel's campus. One of the events of 1951-1952 was the Panhellenic bazaar, the proceeds of which were used for improvements and upkeep of this house. Nu Nus were helped by the mother patroness bakeshop to acquire new draperies for its two rooms in the house.

Nu Nu celebrated its silver anniversary in 1949 with a week of parties. Two or three Greek organizations were entertained at the Panhellenic house each day during the week. The celebration culminated in a special party for the alumnae, Kappa Kappa Chapter and the charter members on Friday of that week and a silver anniversary ball in Drexel's Grand Court on Saturday.

The record for 1951-1952 is typical of Nu Nu's interest in those less fortunate. During the fall term toys were given to needy children, a CARE package was sent to a family in France during the winter quarter and in the spring a group of children was taken to the Philadelphia zoo. A photograph of the zoo trip indicates that the consumption of ice cream bars received as serious attention from the children as any other event of the day.

In the early 1960s, the chapter was not as strong as other sororities on campus. At one point, the chapter had only five or six returning members. The dean of women gave special permission allowing Nu Nu to pledge as few as two women at a time all year in informal rush. Under the leadership of Barbara Kinney (Casey), Kathleen Hillegass (Soreide) and Gerry Vang Cox, chapter presidents during this time, the chapter grew quickly. By the late 1960s, the chapter was at total and quota. Kathleen Hillegass was Panhellenic president in 1966-1967 and two Nu Nu representatives attended the Gamma Xi Chapter installation in Slippery Rock, Pa.

Through the 1970s, Nu Nu supported various philanthropic and fund-raising projects as well as participated in athletics, professional organizations and other campus activities. Annual social events such as Founders' Day in Chinatown, the Christmas Party, pledge overnights, dinner dance and senior banquet had become a tradition. Nu Nu sported a competitive team in the Greek week games, winning the Panhellenic trophy at least two years in a row. The chapter created a time capsule about personal remembrances for the 75th anniversary in 2000 to be opened at the 100th anniversary in 2025. *Contributors: Geraldine Vang Cox,* NN, *Barbara Kinney Casey,* NN, *Kathy Wilson Burke,* NN

Xi Xi

University of California, Los Angeles

Installed Jan. 24, 1926; closed 1951

The existence of Xi Xi Chapter was due to Julia Lancaster, ΘΘ, and the Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae living in the Los Angeles area. Transferring to UCLA in the fall of 1925, Julia found that although there were many sororities, none was an education sorority, and the vast majority of female students had no sorority contacts.

The campus was then in the city and had a very large, rapidly growing student body. Hence it seemed an excellent field for a new chapter. After corresponding with Ida Shaw Martin, national president, about methods and receiving the enthusiastic approval of the dean of women, Mrs. Laughlin, Julia organized a charter group in December 1925.

It was necessary to push the organization very rapidly because Julia was returning to Boston University in January. Only the utmost cooperation and interest of the initiates, their mothers and a few Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae made it possible. Mrs. Martin rushed the necessary paraphernalia by express, but even so, it arrived too late for initiation, which was carried out with impromptu materials that, nevertheless, were pronounced very dignified and successful.

Installation occurred Sunday, Jan. 24, 1926, at the home of Elizabeth (Betty) Fellows, and dinner followed at the Spofford Arms. In addition to Julia Lancaster, installing members were Nell Grant, EE, Lillian Criswell, BB, Dorothy and Emilie Yelton, AA, Ruth Payne Nilsson, EE, Inez Pierce Bone, AB, Ruth Farnsworth Norsted, EE, Mabel Anderson, AB, and Fern White, BB.

The 18 charter members of Xi Xi are president Bessie L. Whipple, Elizabeth Fellows, Ruby Bellmard, Hattie Kozlowski, Adelene Ponti, Orrell Hester, Jessica Harris, Viola Gill, Sarah Howard, Mildred Baker, Evelyn Sylvester Wilmont, Josephine Gallegos, Katherine Birch, Miriam Brinsan, Altha Archer, Bianca Smith, Nell Nonamaker and Mattie Van Heukelon. Emilie Yelton was a transfer from Alpha Alpha. Helen Matthewson Laughlin, dean of women, became an honorary member and faculty adviser. Xi Xi was very fortunate in having as patronesses Mrs. Alfred Fellows, Mrs. Harold Lloyd, Patsy Ruth Miller and Mrs. Frederick Woellner.

In the early years, Alpha Sigma Alpha held a prominent place in campus activities. Old scrapbooks are full of clippings revealing Xi Xi's leadership and accomplishments. "Interesting events filled the weekend when Alpha Sigma Alpha held a house party at Hermosa Beach. On Sunday morning, the guests and members were entertained with a most enjoyable bridge breakfast." Other events — teas, pledgings and initiations — are similarly recorded.

Besides newspaper clippings there are party invitations, favors, place cards and dance programs. There is a very clever place card of fall chrysanthemums that serves as a reminder of a party given at the Hollywood Athletic Club Nov. 15, 1926, by Ruby Bellmard, a charter member. A red and white suede dance program announces the dinner dance at the Miramar Hotel June 2, 1928. Pictures in the old scrapbook indicate the changes in styles.

The 1930 section records, "Sorority Women Meet in Annual Swimming Meet. Alpha Sigma Alpha Wins Swim by 1 Point; Kappas Close Second."

Little cards distributed all through the years tell of engagements and marriages. In April 1930, when Westwood Village, by then the home of UCLA, celebrated with a birthday carnival, Alpha Sigma Alpha proudly held forth with an Italian Street Cafe. In the summer of 1936, Xi Xi provided the staff for Alphawood, a summer camp for underprivileged girls. This project was in cooperation with the Assistance League of Los Angeles and proved so successful that it was carried on again in the summer of 1937. During the second semester, the project was assisted financially by a grant from the national treasury of Alpha Sigma Alpha. It was an attempt to experiment with a philanthropic project on a national basis, using volunteer workers from the sorority membership.

In 1940, Xi Xi established a scholarship fund from which awards were to be made to students of the university. Because of the housing problem at UCLA, the chapter became inactive at the close of the school year of 1950-1951.

Omicron Omicron

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Installed April 9, 1926; closed 1939

Although sororities were not recognized at Kent until 1925, prior to that time a group of girls had formed a society that in March 1925 became known as Phi Lambda Tau. The aim of the society was threefold: to promote friendship, to promote scholarship and to enrich the traditions of the college. Eight girls are charter members: Mary Hopton, Margaret Hughes, Nancy Sheldon, Ethel McMasters, Marie Lengs, Ruth Winter,

Kathryn Green and Elizabeth Kist.

Because there were no national sororities on the campus, there was no Panhellenic organization to govern the groups that had been formed as locals. Thus, there were no rushing parties as such, and prospective members were entertained informally at teas in the homes of members.

The first real social event of Phi Lambda Tau was a spring formal held at Meadowbrook Inn, a short distance from Kent. During the summer of 1925, the group was very active because many of the members attended summer school. However, no new pledges were taken during this term.

In the fall of 1925, 12 new girls were pledged and a successful year seemed certain. It was at this time that a petition for affiliation was sent to Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Grace Fultz, ΔΔ, national treasurer, inspected the local sorority. April 9, 1926, installation ceremonies for Omicron Omicron Chapter began with the return of the alumnae to be pledged. The following afternoon, installation services were held at the Franklyn Hotel in Kent. Installing officers were Miss Fultz; Amy Swisher, AA, Alpha Alpha adviser; Katherine Schultz, AA, president of the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter; Ada Haun, ΔΔ; Helen Robinson, AA; and Mary Wagner, Kappa Kappa president.

Guests at the banquet were dean of women Blanche Verder and patrons and patronesses Mr. and Mrs. Hale B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James Green and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Wagner. Among the speakers were Hazel Keener, Omicron Omicron president, Miss Fultz, Miss Swisher and Dean Verder.

Charter members of Omicron Omicron are Marguerite Condron, Margaret Davis, Margaret Hughes, Mary Hopton, Esther Johnson, Marie Lengs, Ethel McMaster and Ruth Winter, alumnae; Louise Brownell, Ruth Felt, Jeanette Geiger, Virginia Skelly, Rosalind Hathaway, Mildred Poto and Miriam Seese, seniors; Hazel Keener and Alice Young, juniors; Hilda Bachman, Elizabeth Kist, Helen Murphy and Margaret Stage, sophomores; and Henrietta Beechy, Jean Gorham and Naomi Johnson, freshmen. Ada Hyatt was installed as chapter adviser.

Other Association of Education Sororities groups entered at Kent, and for more than a decade, Omicron Omicron held a proud place in the campus Panhellenic, presided over for many years by Dean Verder. Some years were excellent in terms of numbers and campus contributions, others less satisfying. In the fall of 1928, the chapter returned only two members, but that fact did not daunt it. The two, one the president — "Happy" Sapp — pledged and initiated 28 girls, the largest number of any sorority on the campus.

In 1929, the chapter moved into one of the first sorority houses on the campus. In 1931-1932, under the presidency of Mary Jane Fairchild, the group initiated 20 girls, again the most on campus, and took first place in every honor.

One of the problems that constantly faced the chapter was the turnover of members, as two-year girls predominated in the school population. It was still possible to teach in the elementary grades in Ohio with a two-year certificate, and because of its origin as one of the institutions known as "normal schools" in Ohio, Kent attracted more elementary than secondary candidates.

Secondary education majors were frequently more interested in attending one of the denominational colleges or a state institution with university rank. However, the election of Martin L. Davies as governor of Ohio had an important effect on the future of Kent. Kent being the new governor's hometown, he set out to do something for it. Thus, the one-time normal school received the title of Kent State University, and things began to happen.

At about the same time, requirements for new elementary certificates were raised to three and then four years of training on a collegiate level, and Kent began to compete with other institutions that had long granted one or more degrees as a common occurrence.

The entrance of new administrative officers, jealous for the prestige of Kent against that of three long-established state universities and Bowling Green State University (also recently made a university from a college of normal school origin), caused dissatisfaction with the national affiliation of the various campus sororities.

Because there can be nothing but a martyr-like happiness for a chapter whose existence is not desired by the college administration, on June 10, 1939, Omicron Omicron was withdrawn from the Kent State University campus, and the chapter became a local organization.

Pi Pi

Buffalo State University of New York
Installed June 4, 1926
Closed 1953; reinstated 1977; closed 1995

Alpha Chapter of the Clionian Society was formed in 1872 at Geneseo Normal School in New York State. From time to time various other normal school groups in this state peti-

tioned Clionian for membership and were admitted. Such a group became Theta Chapter at Buffalo State Normal School in 1909. The aim of Clio was not purely social, for the promotion of sisterly feeling and unity were stressed both within the school and among other schools.

However, the group at Buffalo, as its college grew larger and as degrees were granted in all courses, believed a broader field was opened to it and petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha. Because it was desired that there be enough in the treasury to pay half of each girl's initiation fee, there followed a round of bridge parties, candy sales, rummage sales and roller skating parties, ending with a two-piano concert by Guy and Lois Meier in the school auditorium. Finally, the financial goal was reached.

On June 4, 1926, the group was installed as Pi Pi Chapter. Concerning this event, it was written, "After chapel on the eventful day, groups of sorority girls could be seen with their heads together talking excitedly, and the Clionians were distinguished by their wild appearance as they raced from place to place. Finally, our president, Louise Wolf, sent for us with news that Miss Rosamond Root, AB, and Miss Carlotta Corpron, MM, had arrived and were awaiting us in the Social Center.

"After we had been introduced to our guests, plans for the day were completed with lightning speed. All Clionians were excused from further classes, and descended in a body to the Lenox Hotel where the service was to be held. All initiations are beautiful, but ours surpassed others in spirituality and symbolism."

The 28 Clionians who became charter members of Pi Pi Chapter on that eventful day include two alumnae, Helen Weis and Laura H. Buerger; Elizabeth Bird Small, faculty adviser; and Evelyn Grace Bell, Lois Bell, Ruth Berner, Helen Block, May Brill, Lorene Bullard, Ella Coleman, Emma Coleman, Leta Cooper, Elizabeth Curran, Katherine Daw, Eleanor Holmwood, Mary Elizabeth Houghton, Hildegarde Launspach, Ellen Neunder, Florence Nevis, Grace Olief, Rosamond Olief, Dorothy Potter, Wilma Schwalenstocker, Betty Scott, Ruth Vawter, Mildred Weil, Alice Weinheimer and Louise Wolf.

After the installation of the chapter, a banquet was held in the Rose Room. Joining the installing officers and charter members in the celebration were Elizabeth Uhe Fuller, AB, Hazel Harris, EE, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Root of the college faculty, and the presidents of Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Sigma Epsilon, Pi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Soon after, at the 1926 national convention, Pi Pi was welcomed as the "baby" chapter. The official representative was the chapter president, Evelyn G. Bell, later to become national president. Attending as chapter adviser was Elizabeth Bird Small, beloved national finance chairman of a later day. Also present was Helen Block, known to future convention-goers and multitudes of alumnae as Helen Bradley.

During the year 1926-1927, the young chapter held several initiation ceremonies for Clio alumnae who desired affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha, and by June 1927, the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter was organized. The college and alumnae chapters cooperated in their efforts to make Alpha Sigma Alpha a powerful influence in the college and community.

Pi Pi Chapter played an important role in the life of the college. During the six years that the Panhellenic sponsored "Sorority Sings," Alpha Sigma Alpha emerged victorious three times. The chapter also received the Panhellenic Scholarship trophy several times.

Phi Upsilon Omicron, Kappa Delta Pi and Nu Lambda Sigma honorary fraternities always had several Alpha Sigma Alphas among their members. Alpha, a leadership society, had several Pi Pis among its charter members. In 1952, three Pi Pis were tapped by this organization. Queens also were prevalent in Pi Pi. In 1951-1952, the Moving-Up Day Queen and two of her attendants were Pi Pis, as was Miss Varsity.

Since the chapter's installation in 1926, many affairs became traditional such as mothers' day tea, fathers' banquet, Founders' Day celebration with the alumnae chapter, Christmas college dance, midsemester slumber party and summer house party.

Each year on Moving-Up Day an appropriate gift was presented to the college in the name of Alpha Sigma Alpha. To enhance the beauty of the college quadrangle, four stone benches were presented to the college during the years 1940-1943. Other financial contributions were made to the college library and the dormitory fund.

In March 1947, the "Alphaquade" was introduced at the campus "state fair." The 1952 production was appropriately called South Pacific and was reputed to be worth "a month of straight hair." In February 1947 the Sweetheart Dance was revived for the first time since World War II. The Firemen's Ball, staged in the early fall of 1951, was one of the first dances on campus that year.

In the fall of 1940 the out-of-town members arranged to live together in a house where chapter meetings could be

held. The venture terminated in the renting of Tudor Castle, in which the girls lived from the fall of 1943 until the summer of 1946.

Many months of planning culminated in the golden-silver anniversary on Oct. 27, 1951, when 200 Alpha Sigma Alphas and their friends gathered at the 20th Century Club to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pi Pi and the 50th anniversary of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The caliber of Pi Pi members has become familiar to Alpha Sigma Alphas because of the "en masse" attendance, insofar as possible, at national conventions and because of the services of numerous members as national officers. Because of the anti-Greek sentiment prevalent in the New York State University system in 1953, Pi Pi was inactive between 1953 and 1977.

Pi Pi Chapter was reorganized March 11, 1978. This reopening of the State University of New York's campuses to Alpha Sigma Alpha was indeed a happy event. Pi Pi's founding members included such well-known alumnae as Elizabeth Bird Small, Evelyn G. Bell and Emma Coleman Frost.

The weekend began with a get-together Friday night. Collegians from Gamma Omicron Chapter, Clarion University, Clarion, Pa., Delta Tau Colony at State University of New York at Buffalo and the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter had turned out in full force for the event. They were soon joined by Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, national president; Paula Cyrus, PP, vice president of development; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; and Leslie Maxwell, ΓH, field representative.

Betty Wallick and the installation team initiated 20 women into Alpha Sigma Alpha. The chapter installation followed the initiation, and after officer installation a white luncheon was held in Moot Hall on campus. Heidi Berin, Pi Pi Chapter president, served as toastmistress. The day closed with a formal banquet at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker was Evelyn Bell, past national president, who reminisced about her own initiation into Pi Pi 52 years ago.

Sunday morning, 50 Alpha Sigs gathered in the college Newman Center for an interdenominational service planned by Pam Rack and her committee. Pi Pi members Mary Ellen Kahl, Amy Blair, Ann Marie DeLuca and Kathy Moore shared some of their favorite readings, while Father Jack Keiffer addressed the assembly on sisterhood, friendship and love.

Because of low membership, national council closed Pi Pi Chapter in 1995.

Rho Rho

Marshall College, Huntington, W.Va.
Installed May 14, 1927; closed 1971

Rho Rho Chapter was organized as Tau Mu Alpha April 4, 1925, and installed as an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter May 14, 1927. Charter members are Miss Ethel Claire Davis, adviser; Blanch Bice, Doris Lucille Feeley, Zara Lenore Garrett, Cecilia Hibner, Dorothy M. Williams, Margaret Potter Woodward, Audra Pauline Abell, Ethel Irene Catzen, Dora Lee Gammon White, Ruth Gammon, Wilsie Louise Malone, Dorothy Atkins Callicoat, Capitola Bartlett, Emily Imogene Mayfield, Elizabeth Frances McNeill, Eva Lucille Beckette, Dorcas Belle Gant, Bess Wisner Lewis, Ruth Emma Meyers, Nina May Reed Robertson, Eloise Josephine Carroll, Muriel Leona Rhude, Effie May Sadler, Ona Fae Shafer, Imogene Fontaine Toney and Kathryn Winnifred Witt.

Rho Rho was established at an institution that was founded in 1837, shortly after the death of Chief Justice John Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court, and named for him. In 1856, its name was changed from Marshall Academy to Marshall College. All records of the school were lost during the Civil War. After that war, the new state of West Virginia persuaded its legislature to use it as a normal school although its work was largely academic. Courses and organization have varied; the curriculum now includes education and liberal arts courses.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Marshall College was known as being outstanding for its preparedness and defense courses. Because of the foresight of the dean of women, Miss Lee Fairchild Bacon, home nursing, first aid, nutrition and various mechanics courses were underway by the fall of 1940. Rho Rho girls took their places in these classes.

After V-J Day, the chapter relaxed and welcomed those men "at last." A hay wagon ride and a theater party began the fall of 1945. The social service project for that year was aid to the 18th Street Mission, entertaining the younger children and helping with classes and clubs each week. The chapter also initiated a drive for books for the mission.

In the 1950s, the college returned to more normal conditions after World War II and the influx of veterans on campus. Many veterans joined fraternities and the Rho Rhos welcomed them to social events and "mixers" at Marshall. This was a time of frivolous pranks but also of serious efforts by staff and students to appeal to the state legislature for greater state support for Marshall. Interest in sororities and fraternities reached

a new high.

The Mother's Day Sing was one of the biggest events of the year for Greek organizations. The Alpha Sigma Alphas would practice in the evenings at the sorority house for weeks during the spring for the big event. Mother's Day Sing continues today at Marshall with competition being high among sororities and fraternities. Also during the 1950s, the Artist Series brought big-name shows to town. Marshall was thriving and growing and university status was just around the corner.

The big event of 1951-1952 was the acquisition of a house. Although some of the girls moved in as soon as there were beds, the official moving day was March 29. The first chapter meeting in the house was held as soon as the key became Rho Rho property, but by the second meeting there were carpets and furniture. Papers were laid on the new carpet lest someone mar its perfection, the doormat not yet having arrived. Open house was held a month later with a "full house," the editor reported.

The Rho Rho booth at the Spring Carnival was likewise very successful both in offering and patronage. In the years 1950-1952 the chapter was proud of two members, Betty Hall and Connie Waite, who were on the Dean's List. Connie was also chairman of the Home Relief Unit of the College Red Cross chapter. Formals were always important at Rho Rho. The "Moonlight and Roses" spring formal went down in history as another happy achievement, being a fitting climax to 1951-1952.

One of the most joyous days in Marshall history came in the spring of 1961, when the West Virginia legislature approved university status after much debate. The news reached campus quickly on March 1, 1961. During the 1960s, Rho Rho was an active sorority at Marshall with a beautiful new sorority house on part of Greek row, right across from the Student Union. Many wonderful times were spent in the house at 1655 Fifth Ave., with the front being decorated as a Southern mansion or a showboat for rush events. Homecoming decorations in the front yard and sunbathers on the roof were all a part of living there.

Rho Rho members continued to live in that house until 1969. At that time the chapter purchased land on Sixth Avenue when the chapter's membership was growing — all in hope of building a larger house someday. Members settled in the new location with great hope for the future of Rho Rho.

The 1970s started as a sad, troubled period. The campus was greatly affected by the Kent State situation (in which students protesting the Vietnam War were killed by National Guardsmen) and interest in Greek organizations was dropping. In November 1970 an airplane crash took the lives of 75 people, including members of the Thundering Herd football team, coaches, supporters and crew. Students protested the war in Vietnam and rioted in the streets of Huntington over drug raids.

Rho Rho Chapter was closed in the spring of 1971 because of low membership and lack of interest in the Greek system on campus. The chapter was reorganized in 1981-1982 as a colony but was never reinstalled. The colony was dissolved in 1983. Today, there are many Rho Rho alumnae living in the Huntington area who for many years met as an organized alumnae chapter. Madeline Dial was a longtime chapter adviser during the 1950s, serving until the chapter closed.

Today, Marshall University features a medical school and a notable graduate school. The university has achieved recognition as a Division 1-A athletic program and the football team has won four national championships. The motto since the tragic accident in 1970, "From Ashes to Glory," is much like the Phoenix. Alpha Sigma Alpha has a history at Marshall, and members hold wonderful memories of fun-filled times at "the house." *Contributor: Paula Cyrus Foreman,* PP

Sigma Sigma

Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison
Installed May 25, 1927; closed 1971

Kappa Sigma Alpha was founded Nov. 24, 1924, by five girls: Cynthia Buck, Ruth Stone, Helen Luxinger, Ruby Rector and Leona Rector. Of those, only Cynthia Buck and Leona Rector were students when this group became a part of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Sororities had not yet been allowed on the Gunnison campus until that year, and Kappa Sigma Alpha was the second group to be formed, the first ultimately becoming a chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

It had been thought that fraternal organizations would break up the democratic spirit of the college. Kappa Sigma Alpha was organized entirely by its original group. Members made their constitution and drew up their own ritual. Additional girls were chosen on the basis of scholarship, character, personality and adaptability. The group was a member of the campus Panhellenic and abided by the rules of that body.

The decision to "go national" came so suddenly and so late

in the school year that the members of Kappa Sigma Alpha had to use all their energy to reach their goal. For five consecutive weeks, they held a food sale in North Hall, each week varying the kind of foodstuffs sold. Part of the needed money was obtained from the alumnae, and the patronesses were most helpful in the food sales.

Six girls of the chapter contributed the amount won as second prize in a vaudeville contest. Then, too, there were bridge parties and checking stands at dances. At last the chapter money was in, and each girl had been able to raise her own initiation fee. Two girls from Beta Beta at Greeley, Esther McConnell and Mildred Schaefer, visited the Gunnison girls to talk about Alpha Sigma Alpha. The lovely tea given for them is one of the important ones in the history of this chapter.

Lorna McGinnis, a Beta Beta teaching at Gunnison High School, gave the ribbon pledge degree, and Minnie M. Shockley, ΓΓ, national vice president, read the Phoenix Degree. The initiation and installation services were held at South Hall. Miss Shockley was the installing officer. Services were held on the evening of May 25, 1927. The formal banquet was held at the Commercial Hotel. Guests were Miss Shockley; Miss Hillman and Miss Wolfe, inactive members of Kappa Sigma Alpha; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Quigley; and the Mesdames Brown, Daugherty, Dawson, Helmecke, Miller, Porter and Tallman, patronesses.

After dinner the initiates went to the home of Miss Spicer, where the initiation of the patronesses was held. In addition to the adviser, Lucy Spicer, the charter members are Cynthia S. Buck and Letha Mathews Givens, alumnae; Lamorah R. Anderson, Lupie A. Blake, Ruth E. Bull, Rosalie M. Carey, Virginia E. Caywood, Vesta M. Crawford, Leona B. Rector Hinricks, Ruth I. Hoskins, Elizabeth J. Johnston, Jean McKee, Z. Avis Peck, Grace Reed, Esther M. Roberts, Dorothy D. Romig, Mildred E. Stevens and Leone E. Zollinger.

Lucy Spicer's long and invaluable service as chapter adviser terminated upon her retirement as college registrar in 1944.

As one of the two Colorado chapters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma, located high in the Rocky Mountains, sometimes seemed geographically isolated from the rest of the chapters. However, in its loyalty and activity it was one of the vital groups of the sorority.

Its members were outstanding on the Gunnison campus, being leaders in every activity. The chapter had more than its share of prom queens, personality girls, Miss Democracies and Miss Scholarships or Miss Attractivenesses.

The girls were especially active in dramatics. In 1950-1951 Dorothy Fowler directed the college play; five other Sigma Sigmas assisted her as technical workers or actresses. Two pledges, Mary Alice Price and Jean Ecklund, had leading parts in two different plays. During this year, too, the record was maintained for queens with Virginia Tessman being Miss Leadership and Annie Flick being both Miss Scholarship and Miss Western State.

During World War II, activities included a book drive for the Merchant Marine Library and constructing and filling Christmas stockings for hospitalized veterans. The Borland Trophy for intramural debate was won by Sigma Sigma members several times.

On May 18, 1952, Sigma Sigma held a formal dinner at Keating Hall celebrating its silver anniversary as an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter. Present as a national officer was Polly Smelser Schlosser, BB, scholarship chairman.

From this chapter, whose members wore snowshoes and skis to classes, have come alumnae who are noted for their positions of service to the community and nation. Sigma Sigma is justly proud of Mary Kay Yoklavich, a former chapter president, who was one of Alpha Sigma Alpha's two WAFs in World War II. Sigma Sigma Chapter closed in 1971.

Tau Tau

Fort Hays State College, Fort Hays, Kan.
Installed March 17, 1928; closed 1958

The B.I.F.F. (Be in for Fun) Club was organized in November 1920. The purpose of the club was to provide wholesome activities on the Fort Hays campus. The club gave some kind of event every few weeks, with selected members as hostesses. There were no regular meetings, and there were no fees except assessment for parties. The first event was a Christmas party, the second a Kansas Day party Jan. 29, 1921, and the third, a Valentine's Dance Feb. 14, 1921.

Charter members are Muriel Main, Arbutus Wise, Maurine Speer, Frances Nickles, Winifred Elder, Hazel Main, Sylvia Ferguson, Ila Mart, Mary Chittenden, Charlotte Bowlus, Myrtle Divine, Ruth Fults, Althea Sims and Idaesther Truan.

In the fall of 1921, the B.I.F.F. Club became known as Gamma Sigma. The colors were yellow and white and the flower was the jonquil. Elizabeth J. Agnew was the sponsor. Gamma Sigma was the first sorority on the campus. In 1924, a state charter was granted to the organization, and in the spring

of 1927, the society petitioned and was accepted into Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Installing officers Minnie M. Shockley, ΓΤ, vice president, and Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, registrar, reached Hays during the fiercest snowstorm of the year. In fact, the storm was so bad that only four alumnae were able to get to Hays.

In addition to Miss Shockley and Mrs. Sharp, the following assisted in the installation ceremonies: Katherine B. Nevius, HH, alumnae officer (called graduate secretary at the time); Adda Anderson, EE, secretary; Jane M. Carroll, HH, Eta Eta adviser; Edna McCullough, EE, Epsilon Epsilon adviser; Helen Brandenburg, HH; Ruth Cronin, HH; and Ruth Nation, EE.

Installation was held on March 17, 1928, in Forsyth Library. Perhaps it was due to the snow that the badges were delayed. However, the visiting Alpha Sigma Alphas were able to collect eight pins among them and initiate the new girls in groups of eight. After the services an informal banquet was held in the parlor of the Lutheran Church. All through the dinner there had been an eager watch at the door, for the girls had hoped the badges would come in on the 8 p.m. train. A young Alpha Sigma Alpha brother was to bring them to the church. But they did not come.

Charter members of Tau Tau Chapter are Elizabeth J. Agnew, adviser; Rosa Giess, Lucile Wright, Josephine Rupfer, Florence Wallace, Mildred King, Marjorie Reinecke, Maybelle Schaefer, Twila Schaefer, Pricilla Wilson, Gladys Hayes, Dorothy King, Eleanor Chittenden, Frances Reiff, Ruby Dews, Ruth McReynolds, Gretta Lewick and Dorothy Morrison, collegians; and Geraldine Reinecke, Maurine Speer, Sue Chittenden, Marjorie Mullen, Catherine Lewis, Mildred McConachie Reed, Rosina Albert and Freda Brooks, alumnae.

The famous Tau Tau institution of a local convention was begun with that of July 20, 1932.

For many years Tau Tau was especially noted for its contributions in handicrafts to its own chapter possessions and shared this ability with the national organization. It was Tau Tau that cared for the first printing of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Creed and demonstrated how effectively it could be mounted as a wall plaque. From this chapter came Mary Mae Paul, former national registrar, and also one of its energetic and beloved advisers.

Following the Alpha Sigma Alpha pattern, Tau Tau members were listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. During World War II they served actively where needed. In the spring of 1943, the chapter helped with janitor work because of the labor shortage at the college. There were stamps and bonds to sell, surgical dressings to make, parties for the aviation students quartered on the campus and an evening a week at the U.S.O.

As one reads the chapter records of the post-war years, there are noted many interesting activities: a blueberry muffin breakfast for rushees, helping with the May Fete to raise funds for the Memorial Union Building Fund, sweethearts and queens, a donation to UNESCO to bring a displaced person to the Hays campus, making baskets for the trays at two hospitals, Outstanding Coed, first place in the homecoming parade (1949), winning the Panhellenic Scholarship Shield (1948), sponsoring a campus talent show (1949) and first or second place in an athletic event almost every year.

In fact, the honors listed for 1951-1952 are an excellent sampling: representative to UNESCO Council; three Tigerettes; first in soccer intramurals; representative to Campus Booster Council; second in house decorations at homecoming; first in volleyball intramurals; first in basketball intramurals; second in aerial dart intramurals; three members in the International Relations Club; Sigma Tau Rose queen; first in softball intramurals; and winning the scholarship shield for highest average grade point of the first semester.

Two deans of women at Hays have been Alpha Sigma Alphas: Elizabeth Agnew, TT, and Wilma Wolf, XX.

Tau Tau Chapter closed in 1958.

Upsilon Upsilon

Denison University, Granville, Ohio
Installed May 5, 1928; closed 1931

Had Mr. E. Basil Hawes, head of the Department of Education at Denison University, not attended a faculty meeting at which two local social sororities petitioned for existence, Upsilon Upsilon Chapter might never have been formed. If there were a need for more sororities on the campus, then there must be one for a group that would gather, on a professional level, those girls especially interested in teaching.

Hence, during the last week of October or the first week in November 1926, Mr. Hawes invited to his home representatives of the five established social groups: Grace Cleveland, Kappa Phi; Elizabeth Price, Chi Psi Delta; Florence Martin, Sigma Delta Phi; Dorothy Reed, Phi Phi Phi; and Lillian Dallman, Shepardson Club. However, because the night proved to be one of those

delightfully rainy ones famous at Denison, Dorothy Reed was absent.

A few days later, this original group of five students working for state high school certificates and 10 or 12 additional girls suggested by them, met in the Education Room of Barney Science Hall. An organization was created from this larger group.

Thelma Overturf Neptune, instructor in education, and Marie McNamara Hawes, wife of Mr. Hawes, became advisers of the group, although Mr. Hawes was never permitted to be very far in the background and always occupied the place of chapter "father." The petition to the executive council of the university not only asked permission to organize locally, but also to join a national professional sorority of high standing as soon as possible.

Sometime during the winter, the group took the name of Sigma Eta Sigma. Mary Louise Allen suggested the idea that "high school" should form some part of the name, and "Eta" and "Sigma" fulfilled the requirement. It proved a poor selection, for when the campus deigned to notice the new group, it was easy to refer to it as "the cannibal sorority."

The group obtained a list of education sororities from Baird's Manual (borrowed from the Sigma Alphas). During Christmas vacation, Thelma Neptune, visiting in Boston, met Ida Shaw Martin, the national president of Alpha Sigma Alpha. As a result, correspondence followed. Because two Ohio State friends of Louise Stewart's — Margery Rutledge and Gladys Glenn — were found to be members of Lambda Lambda Chapter, personal correspondence was also begun with Gladys.

When college opened the following autumn, members attempted to perfect the organization. They chose royal blue as the sorority's color and larkspur as its flower. Because of their desire for nationalization, they didn't select a badge or other insignia.

They did write a brief ritual. Elizabeth Wood, a new member of the psychology department, was one of those initiated by it. Later this ritual was used for pledging and a second service was written for initiation. Services and meetings were held at the Hawes home, which had moved to West Broadway, or at the home of Thelma Neptune on East Broadway. No girls whose college scholastic average was below B was ever bid to Sigma Eta Sigma.

On Oct. 18, 1927, Mr. Hawes wrote a letter of introduction for Miss Wood and a committee of actives to Mr. Alfred D. Cole, Denison trustee, mentioning that their visit would pertain to permission for petitioning "a professional organization of national prestige." That fall, the visit of Carol D. Pierce, ΓΓ, national secretary, and additional information from Boston culminated in a petition to Alpha Sigma Alpha in January 1928.

In March, the group obtained financial help toward installation by sponsoring a lecture by Professor William (Billy) Graves of Ohio State University. Not only did this mark the first public function of the group, but it also added to its prestige because of the lecturer's delightfully entertaining speech.

In preparations for nationalization, Doris Kiner, ΛΛ, then a Granville High School teacher, was invaluable. It was she who so ably assisted in planning the first step, the ribbon pledge service, held in the living room of the Overturf home. Edith Sniffen, ΛΛ, Lambda Lambda adviser, read the service, assisted by Ohio State collegians.

When Grace G. Fultz, ΔΔ, national treasurer, arrived a few weeks later to confer the Phoenix Degree, the "Phoenix Nest" was ready for the service. This meeting place was indeed a "nest," for its location in the rear of the college barn made it necessary to climb a pair of rickety steps to enter (only lightweight members ever felt really safe). Ohio State girls again assisted with the service, which certainly never had been given in smaller quarters.

Initiation and installation occurred on May 5, 1928. Services were held on the lower floor of the Granville Inn. Forty-five Alpha Sigma Alphas and their guests were present at the installation banquet.

Assisting Miss Fultz, the installing officer, were Elizabeth Bird Small, ΠΠ, Pi Pi adviser; Elizabeth Garber Goodwin, ΔΔ, Delta Delta adviser; Helen Geller, MM, Mu Mu adviser; Doris Kiner and representatives from the active chapters of Alpha Alpha, Delta Delta, Mu Mu and Lambda Lambda.

Charter members of Upsilon Upsilon Chapter are Clara King Shaw, honorary member; Marie McNamara Hawes, adviser; Elizabeth Wood, sponsor; Thelma Overturf Neptune and Florence Kile, alumnae; Mary Louise Ralston, Mary Louise Bussell, Lillian L. Dallman, Maxine E. Gordon, Carolyn E. Schopp, Isabelle Smock, Geraldine Stone and Ann Wright, seniors; Mary E. Cowan, Janet E. Falstreau, Mary C. Gienger, Miriam A. Hildreth, Ethel G. Llewellyn, Mary M. Pigman, Ruth A. Sterling, Louise N. Stewart and Mildred Smith Neuwirth, juniors; and Martha C. Tom and Jayne A. Weible, sophomores.

From Phi Delta Psi of the Teachers College of Indianapolis

came Helen G. Selvage and Mary C. Turner to be initiated as alumnae members of Chi Chi Chapter, soon to be installed.

The year 1928-1929 found the new Upsilon Upsilon Chapter working hard to learn the requirements of the national organization and to establish a place on the campus. The addition of an "installment plan" piano to the Nest's furniture was considered one of the noteworthy achievements.

Spring pledges recall receiving their "orders" in the shadows of the old barn itself, the scene made more Hellenic by the Greek pillars and the chariot (attributed to King Asa) that were leftovers from some early college play. They also recall the requirement of a pre-initiation thesis, requiring approximately 20 hours of work, on a professional subject secured from Mr. Hawes. These theses were later filed in the Department of Education.

The next year, an interim in a real house at 129 Main St. resulted in the purchase in March of a house on Thresher Street. The June alumnae meeting was memorable in that plans were made for incorporating the alumnae group to carry the house debt; trustees also were elected. The happiness of that homecoming of 1930 in the chapter's own house, an event that seemed to prophesy so much for Upsilon Upsilon, was brief. Campus politics, prejudices and changes proved too much for the impatient, active group.

Because it was evident that the requirements and desires of the girls were incompatible with the policies of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the resignations of active members were requested by the national council in January 1931 and the charter recalled.

Phi Phi

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville
Installed May 19, 1928

On Oct. 5, 1927, Dorothy Russell, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Vada Cliser, Katherine Gray, Mary Lee Peck, Marjorie Brown and Ruth Lawrence met and organized the Lambda Phi Society under the supervision of Miss Gladys Criswell, a member of the college faculty. At this meeting officers were elected and the colors blue and silver were chosen. The society was organized with the purpose of becoming a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha as soon as possible.

From time to time, new members were admitted until the group numbered 20. Additional members were Margaret Putnam, Ruth Harding, Wave Duncan, Juanita Marsh, Carol Oliphant, Gwenevere Wiley, Beatrice Stewart, Evalyn Evans, Louise Smith, Noreen White, Hildred Fitz, Alyce Hastings and M. Gertrude Wray.

Although there were many struggles, each time the crisis was weathered. Honor came to the group when, during the winter, at "stunt night," the playlet "Katinka" by the Lambda Phis won first prize.

Ribbon pledging was in charge of Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, registrar. Then, when the "ribbon was becoming frayed and worn" as a Phi Phi pledge wrote, Mrs. Sharp journeyed to Maryville and replaced the tattered ribbon with the much desired silver pledge pin.

May 19, 1928, was the day of installation. It was a beautiful spring day, and services were held in the Little Theatre Room of the administration building on the campus. The girls for the services had artistically arranged potted ferns, iris and snowballs. Mrs. Sharp, "with her lovely charm and grace," presided over the occasion. Assistants were Mrs. Orlo R. Nattinger, adviser of Zeta Zeta; Margaret Flottman Bryant, ex-collegio secretary of Eta Eta; Elizabeth Romans, adviser of Alpha Beta; Edith Burr, ex-collegio secretary of Iota Iota; Leona Wilcox, II, supervisor of standards; Dorothy Curtis, II; Bernice Samuelson, II; Mabel Christie, AB; Mildred Nulton, AB; and Laura Brown, ZZ. The 20 women mentioned above are the charter members, with their adviser, Miss Criswell.

By the time the installation service was over, there were seven mothers and four patronesses waiting to be given the Mother-Patroness Degree: Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hagan and Mrs. White, and the four patronesses: Mrs. Price, Mrs. Person, Mrs. Whiffen and Mrs. Haggard.

The usual installation banquet that evening climaxed the weekend. This was held at the Smart home on West Fifth Street. Immediately after installation, Miss Criswell asked to be relived of her duties but was persuaded to continue until after fall rushing.

In October 1928, Miss Nell Martindale accepted the position and began a long association with the girls of Phi Phi and Alpha Sigma Alpha nationally. Although Albert Kuchs made her change her role as adviser to that of Mrs. Kuchs in 1936, Phi Phi never ceased to use her talents. She served as national constitution chairman from 1938 to 1948 and was the guiding light for the formal banquets at the 1941 and 1946 conventions.

In both the town and on the campus at Maryville the women of Phi Phi have been noted for ability, poise, culture

and charm and have many times cooperated in providing the nucleus group for a worthwhile project. Prizes, honors, fun and hard work compose the chapter's history. There were the annual campus comedies of January 1929, when the chapter won one of three prizes with "The College Girl's Checkbook." There have been queens and names listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

During World War II, the chapter was especially active in bond sales. Phi Phi's Mary Frances Todd was the photogenic miss who posed in the Chicago newspaper pictures of the Alpha Sigma Alphas entertaining Fort Sheridan men at the 1941 convention. Maryville's candidate for queen of the American Royal in 1946-1947 was Wilma Jean Proctor.

Philanthropically, Phi Phi has sponsored a clothing drive for needy children, sent entertainment groups to orthopedic and paralytic wards at the Wadsworth, Kan., Veterans' Hospital and given food and clothing to needy families. In 1951-1952 the girls worked as Red Cross campaigners collecting for flood relief. In the same year, a new project was the adoption of a 12-year-old French girl to whose foster parents they paid $15 monthly for her care. In 1951-1952 girls also staged a "work day" when they did various jobs to earn money for the World Student Service Fund.

For all-round participation on the campus, Phi Phi tied with the Independents in 1951-1952 and won the supremacy cup for the second year. "Coketail" parties, balls, a circus party under a false "big top," picnics, skits and homecoming floats dot the social picture.

On April 28, 1951, an explosion occurred behind the girls' dormitory; plastering fell, windows shattered and fire broke out. Although no one was killed, many were injured, including two Phi Phis who were hospitalized with burns for a long time. Many girls lost all of their possessions. Records of both the Phi Phi secretary and treasurer were lost. On the day after the fire a portion of the chapter funds that had been put in a jewel box and believed lost appeared — a boy who had been helping threw the box out of the window during the blaze.

Throughout the years, Phi Phi has not only been blessed with outstanding and dedicated sponsors, but has also been blessed with gracious, charming and dedicated patronesses: In 1931 Mrs. C.T. Bell took the place of Mrs. R.C. Person; in 1933 Mrs. Jack Rowlette took the place of Mrs. U.S. Whifflin; in 1934 Mrs. F.M. Townsend replaced Mrs. Charles Haggard; in 1938 Mrs. J.W. Jones replaced Mrs. Jack Rowlette and Mrs. Charles R. Bell replaced Mrs. C.T. Bell; in 1948 Nell Martindale Kuchs became a patroness; and in 1963 Mrs. J.W. Jones resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Frank Felton. Several patronesses have an impressive record: Mrs. Clun Price, 59 years of service, Mrs. F.M. Townsend, 34 years; Mrs. Charles Bell, 30 years, Mrs. Nell Kuchs, 20 years; and Mrs. Frank Felton, 15 years. Each Phi Phi is deeply grateful for all of the many things these women have done for the chapter.

In 1976 Dr. Ann Rowlette, ΦΦ, took over as the faculty adviser for Phi Phi. She has received numerous national and campus awards and won the most outstanding adviser award many years in a row.

Over the past 20 years the chapter retired two traveling scholarship trophies and is close to doing the same on a third. During the 1980s rush events centered around the country-western theme, for which many members wore cowboy hats and boots or dressed as hillbillies. Meeting times have been constant: Tuesday at Northwest is Greek day with all Greek organizations holding meetings at 5:00 p.m.

As Phi Phi entered the 1990s, the traditions of the chapter were still strong: It swept homecoming awards in all divisions, it kept its scholarship traditions alive and received the scholarship trophy many times. Popular rush themes were Olympic or safari themes. The best event held during rush is still the red and white day. Phi Phis wear trademark big red Alpha shirts and the rush room is decorated in Raggedy Anns, the Phi Phi mascot. All sororities live in Roberta Hall, a campus residence hall. The chapter room was redecorated several times over the years.

An honor the alumnae bestow on a chapter member is the Ruth Jean Price award. Ruth Jean served as patroness to Phi Phi from 1928 to 1991. This award is given to a Phi Phi who upholds the high standards of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Started in 1991, recipients have been Nicole Rowlette, 1991; Melanie Griswold, 1992; Kelly Burger, 1993; Jennifer Hupka, 1994; Stacy O'Sullivan, 1995 and Gulsen Akalan, 1996.

New programs in the 1990s included a sober sister program for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Two of five homecoming queen finalists for 1999 were Phi Phis, and Sarah Hambrecht was crowned homecoming queen. The chapter won first place for the 1999 homecoming variety show and was named 1999 outstanding Greek chapter and overall winner of 1999 Greek week.

The 2000 new members continued Phi Phi's record of

academic success by earning the highest new-member GPA award. *Contributors: Natalie Harbin,* ΦΦ, *Anne Taylor,* ΦΦ, *Jenni Nourse,* ΦΦ, *Sarah Caldwell,* ΦΦ

Chi Chi

Ball State University
Installed June 2, 1928
Closed 1933; reinstated Dec. 12, 1936; closed 1995

Phi Delta Psi was founded at the Teachers College of Indianapolis in the fall of 1902, with Anna L. Fern, Genevieve Hall, Bernice Smith and Ethel Rhodehamel as charter members.

In 1908, the group was incorporated and obtained a charter in the state of Indiana. It then became the wish of the sorority to expand and to establish sister chapters in other schools. In the summer of 1909, a committee visited Dr. Eliza A. Blaker, the former president and founder of the school, asking for her cooperation in this undertaking. She agreed and gave the girls a list of people who were leaders in the kindergarten world.

Invitations to become honorary members of Phi Delta Psi were sent to them, and most of these were accepted. Among the honorary members were Dr. Blaker and Alice Corbin Sies, president of the college. It was hoped through these honorary members to gain new chapters, but nothing definite was accomplished until Marie Ruth Kingdon started a chapter in Atlanta in 1909.

In the meantime, two other sororities had been organized at Teachers College, and Dr. Blaker and the board decided that these organizations should be discontinued. Hence Phi Delta Psi ceased all activity until 1918, when it was discovered that the other groups were active. Phi Delta Psi then reorganized.

Feeling the need for a broader program, Phi Delta Psi petitioned for membership in Alpha Sigma Alpha and was installed June 2, 1928. Installing officer was Grace G. Fultz, ΔΔ, national treasurer. Assisting her were Elizabeth Garber Goodwin, ΔΔ, Delta Delta adviser; Ruth Yauger, ΔΔ; Thelma Overturf Neptune, YY, Upsilon Upsilon adviser; Mary Pigman, YY; Margaret Shelby, ΛΛ; Cornelia Jones, ΛΛ; and Mary Turner, XX, and Helen Selvage, XX, both of whom had been initiated a few weeks before with the Granville chapter.

Services and banquet were held at the Columbia Club. After installation, five mothers received the Mother Patroness Degree. Charter members of Chi Chi are alumnae Margaret Britt Henry, Vivian Coers Rowe, Dorothy Darrough, Helen V. Emick, Anna L. Fern, Jane L. Foltz, Letha Heckman Gaskins, Berenice J. Lamb, Adelaide McCarty, Vera Phillips Gordon, Eloise Proctor, Marie Rauh Kingdon, Genevieve Steele Leib, Dorothy Weer Morrow, Marie Winn Rice, Helen G. Selvage and Mary C. Turner (adviser); and Geneva K. Beam, Frances E. Bone, Lucille Brown, Eleanor H. Burton, Mary L. Greyer, Katherine B. Haas, Evelyn Hall, Lois A. Herring, Thyra C. Marvel, Alice H. Myer, Harriet T. Pollock, Dorothy A. Ramsey, Helen L. Ryan, Mary Wilhoit and Wilma M. Wolf.

Chi Chi Chapter continued its growth until Teachers College of Indianapolis lost its identity as such and became the College of Education of Butler University. At that time the school moved on the Butler campus. Members of Chi Chi found that the field in which they were eligible to rush was so restricted that it would be impossible to compete with the NPC groups already established on the Butler campus, so they asked that their charter be withdrawn.

This was done in 1933, the group being at first granted a two-year period of inactivity. Eighty-three members had been initiated into Chi Chi. Members living in Indianapolis retained their identity as the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and the mother patroness group, always strong, continued to function as usual.

Determined that, like the Phoenix, some day Chi Chi should rise from its ashes, the Indianapolis alumnae began to search for another Indiana group that might be worthy of carrying on the traditions of Chi Chi. They finally decided on Sigma Alpha Sigma of Ball State Teachers College at Muncie.

In the fall of 1920, 10 girls at Ball State had organized the Sigma Alpha Sigma section of the Girls' Club. They are Olive Pate, Hazel Calvert, Flossie Poland, Fawnie Reed, Marie Johnston, Josephine McKinley, Elizabeth Presnall, Ruby Shephard, Montie Baker and Bernice Coble.

The purpose of the section was to instill the desire for high ideals and to inspire good will among its members. Fellowship and scholarship were promoted to the fullest extent. The group won its share of campus honors as a local but in the spring of 1936 petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha. In becoming a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the group became the first national at Ball State.

Installation of the new Chi Chi Chapter occurred Dec. 12, 1936, in the beautiful lounge of the new Arts Building. Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, national president, and Genevieve S. Leib, XX, national editor, were installing officers. Assisting were Dorothy Fitzgerald, OO, Catherine Landolf, AA, Mary Margaret Schroer,

MM, and 14 members of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter.

This alumnae chapter had previously conducted the pledge service, with Mrs. Leib in charge and Chi Chi members Marie Kingdon, Adelaide McCarty, Eloise Proctor, Helen Selvage and Letha Gaskins assisting. Mary Whitcraft, adviser, and June Wilkinson, president of the Ball State group, had been initiated at the national convention in Breezy Point, Minn., in August 1936.

On the evening of initiation day, a banquet was held at the Hotel Roberts in Muncie. Marie Kingdon was toastmistress, and Grace DeHority, dean of women at Ball State, was an honored guest.

Charter members of the Muncie Chi Chi group are Mary Whitcraft, June Wilkinson, Velma Haines Thresher, Helen Reed, Martha Stuckey, Grace Richey, Margaret Work, Ruth Bickel, Kathleen Darrow, Irma Greive, Edna Quivey, Marjorie Harper, Florence Howe, Marjorie Hutchens, Delores Karr, Maribel Marshall, Thelma Waltz, Margaret Allen, Jane Baker, Vera Hughes, Berry Huston, Jean Mitchell, Mildred Teany, Dorothy Wiley, Anna Marie Yates and Mildred Hartman. Additional sponsors besides Mrs. Whitcraft are Mrs. Mark E. Studebaker, Elizabeth Simkins and Miss Anna Marie Yates.

The Ball State girls continued to gain honors for Chi Chi on campus and nationally. At the Cleveland regional, a Chi Chi trio presented "An Alpha Sig Cycle," written by Mrs. Whitcraft and Elizabeth Wolfe. Campus chairmen, class officers and Women's Athletic Association officers were among the honors won by Chi Chi.

Even before Pearl Harbor, the girls were knitting squares for Bundles for Britain and doing Red Cross work. On April 20, 1942, with the Sigma Tau fraternity, the chapter presented a radio program consisting of a play by each organization over the local network. On Dec. 9, 1943, the group again went on the air, this time giving a brief history of Alpha Sigma Alpha and of Chi Chi Chapter.

Philanthropic activities listed for 1951-1952 included entertaining at Marion Veterans Hospital, giving a huge Thanksgiving basket to a needy family and participating in "Help Week," the proceeds from which were used for the mission, the Girl Scouts and the Salvation Army. That the Chi Chis were active at Ball State is shown by their inclusion in the collegiate Who's Who. Four members were listed in 1951-1952.

Volleyball had long been a Chi Chi interest. The chapter won the intersorority trophy in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952. One trophy for this sport is now the permanent property of Alpha Sigma Alpha. When bowling competition began among the Muncie sororities in April 1951, the Chi Chis discovered that their Jan Schurr was the co-champion female bowler of Indiana and made her captain of their team.

In late October 1950, 12 Chi Chis assisted in a colonization rushing party for Alpha Alpha at Miami University of Ohio, while in December, 13 braved the snow and ice to assist in the reinstatement of Alpha Alpha. Those who stayed in Muncie and rushed that weekend also did fine work in persuading an excellent group of girls to pledge Alpha Sigma Alpha. From this chapter came colonizers Pat Doyle and Dot Tremple.

In 1967, Mary Goeke, AA, president, announced at the national convention the endowment of a new philanthropic scholarship for Alpha Sigma Alpha collegians. Mary Turner Gallagher, the first initiate of Chi Chi and long-time adviser, made the endowment.

Chi Chi celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1986. Pam Bernard, chapter president, and committee members Elizabeth Headley, Marievelyn Stuber and Susan Harris organized a collegian-sponsored luncheon for alumnae. The event was hosted on homecoming weekend and included attendance at the football game and a social hour at the suite in Rogers Hall.

In 1988 Chi Chi was in a state of transition and wanted to expand. Maria Malayter, president, and Gayle Beyers, director of Greek life, requested assistance for the chapter. A national expansion rush team was sent to Ball State consisting of Diane Yencic James, HH, president, Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, vice president of collegians, and Lisa Tait, ΓH, chapter consultant. The Greek organizations on campus fully supported the expansion rush through ads in Ball State Daily News and campus signs. The initial rush party held on Valentine's Day 1989 was not well-attended and is not remembered as a success. However, the informal rush period following the publicity campaign proved successful by more than doubling the chapter size to 80 members.

The expansion rush was successful in the formation of the national rush team concept and the creation of the rush party "Late Night with ΑΣΑ," a spoof of David Letterman's show and most appropriate, since he was a Sigma Chi telecommunication major from Ball State.

During the late 1980s the men's national organizations placed strong restrictions on little sister organizations, enforcing the closure of the little sister groups associated with Sigma

Chi, Theta Chi and Lambda Chi Alpha. This created conflict and questions for the Panhellenic association at Ball State. The Panhellenic suggested the little sister groups disband and join existing groups that were not at total. The little sister groups wanted to stay together. The Panhellenic voted to allow the little sister groups to explore other national sororities, which brought Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Mu and Kappa Delta to campus at the end of the 1980s and early 1990s. These new groups threatened the groups that had not consistently maintained total each year.

The vote to expand the sorority system by allowing little sister groups to affiliate with national sororities not already on campus was a downfall to many Greek chapters at Ball State. By the early 1990s the Greek system could not support all the national sororities. Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma were not at total and routinely did not make quota during rush.

In May 1995 national council announced its decision to close Chi Chi. The oldest sorority at Ball State, at age 59, was closed at the end of that year. In the next couple of years both Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma sororities were also closed. *Contributor: Maria K. Malayter,* XX

Psi Psi

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.
Installed May 30, 1930; closed 1971

Friday, Nov. 23, 1928, Frances Flanders, Mabel Sorey and Mildred Chambers were sitting in Frances' room with nothing to do but talk. Because they were attending a school boasting four national education sororities, the conversation naturally turned to sororities. Each girl agreed that she would very much like to be a sorority girl.

Things, however, seemed hopeless. All three girls were seniors, and sororities wanted girls who could carry on the work the following year — not seniors who would be gone. Each girl had attended a denominational school before going to Northwestern and consequently had no opportunity for sorority affiliation in those colleges.

The next Monday the girls went to see Catherine Winters, chairman of the faculty committee on sororities, to discuss the advisability of organizing another educational sorority. Miss Winters conferred with Mrs. Hereford, dean of women, who agreed to see President Roy. The next day, Mrs. Hereford notified the girls that they might organize the local group. They decided to ask Alpha Sigma Alpha if it would consider their petition.

At a meeting called for Wednesday night, Nov. 28, they made plans for the sorority and elected officers: president, Mary White; vice president, Bessie Horn; recording secretary, Louise Buffington; corresponding secretary, Alice Merle Hood; treasurer, Ilene Flenniken; and chaplain, Lora Mayes.

On Dec. 5, they held their first initiation service, initiating Lora Mayes, Lula Inabnet, Louise Buffington, Leona Alexander, Eloise Smart and Ruth Higgins. Helen Cain, Mabel Sorey and Minnie Law were received at the first pledge service Dec. 17.

Although the chapter had received a visit from Eta Eta sponsor Jane Carroll, HH, in 1929, it was not until May 30, 1930, that it was officially installed as Psi Psi Chapter. Eulalia Roseberry, HH, Eta Eta adviser, and Miss Carroll were in charge of services. A reception and a luncheon, the latter at the Hotel Nakatosh, were included in the festivities.

First president of the chapter after installation was Lora Mayes. Mrs. Albert Fredericks was the first adviser.

Psi Psi was noted for its singularly successful rush parties, beginning in 1931 with a Spanish party. The 1951-1952 formal rush party was a Chinese Tea Garden with everyone sitting under the big Ming tree, eating Chinese food and watching Chinese entertainment. In the spring of 1939 the group realized its dream of owning a chapter lodge, the first on campus.

When war came in 1941, it seemed that there would be no men left on the campus and many groups canceled their social programs. The Psi Psi girls, believing that morale was important, had an informal Christmas party in their house with chicken, spaghetti and bottles of milk, and rows of Christmas stockings on the mantel for the men.

By January, khaki wool and knitting needles were evidenced in meetings. By the following January, however, the chapter was feeling the loss of girls who were going to live with new soldier husbands at camps or to positions in war industry. Yet the chapter still maintained a large membership and in November had won honors for its homecoming float, a huge tractor labeled "Plough 'em under, Normal!" That fall it held its second father-daughter banquet.

Although a Naval preflight school brought in some 600 cadets, to the girls' dismay the boys' work gave them little time for social affairs. Food rationing canceled many banquets, but in May 1943, the girls had found a way to prepare and serve a lovely luncheon for their mothers in their own house. (In May

1952, the affair was a mother-father-daughter banquet.)

Psi Psi always had a fine proportion of campus honors. The girls were honor students, members of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, held offices in student body and classes and were campus beauties and members of honoraries. Psi Psi Chapter closed in 1971.

Omega Omega

San Diego State College, San Diego
Installed Jan. 16, 1932; closed 1939

In May 1931, Julia Lancaster, ΘΘ, national editor, gave the S.A.B.E. Club of San Diego State College the ribbon pledge degree of Alpha Sigma Alpha. In June, the girls received the Phoenix degree.

When the chapter was finally installed as Omega Omega on Jan. 16, 1932, the members wished that television were really practical at that time so that they could share their happiness visually with Alpha Sigmas everywhere. Scripps Cottage, a typical Spanish building of white stucco with red tiled roof, was a lovely setting for the services.

Adda Anderson, EE, past national secretary, was installing officer. Assistants were Nell Grant, EE; Anna Gassaway, ΞΞ; Orrel Hester, ΞΞ; Mildred Rich, ΞΞ; Ethel Tobin, ΞΞ; Lillian Criswell Hinrichs, ΔΔ; Eugenia Welcher, ΞΞ; Katherine Taylor, ΞΞ; Ruth Farnsworth Morstad, EE; and Hazel Nealy, AB.

After the installation, Margaret Basinger, chapter president, conferred the Mother Patroness Degree on Mrs. John Zweck, Mrs. George P. Abell and Mrs. W.H.P. Dellman. The formal banquet was held at the Barcelona Hotel.

In addition to their adviser, Gertrude Bell of the psychology department of the college, charter members of Omega Omega are Margaret Basinger, Ellen Christenson, Lucile Zweck, Virginia Driscoll, Marion Hammond, Fleta Jones, Doris Cota, Bernice St. Clair, Ruth Bradley, Ann Powell, Corinne Heller, Geraldine Cunningham, Ione Wright, Bernice Brand, Betty Elliot, Lorenne Laubmayer, Audrey Peterson and Cleo Tilton.

Although the girls of Omega Omega were well-rounded, participating in social as well as academic activities, they were always alert to the professional opportunities of their college years. Several charter members were pre-med students and carried unusually heavy programs.

During its existence on the campus at San Diego, Omega Omega remained the only national sorority. In April 1939, because of the lack of interest by other national sororities and the existing campus problems, it seemed best that the charter of the active chapter be withdrawn by Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Beta Gamma

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla.
Installed Nov. 20, 1937; closed 1977
Reinstalled April 28, 1990

With the purpose of fostering companionship and friendship among women on the Northeastern campus, Mrs. Lois Gillis Hall, in the spring of 1936, selected a group of unaffiliated women as a nucleus for several local groups that were organized at that time. Of these, only two, Tau Beta Alpha and Pi Sigma Phi, continued into the next school year. Tau Beta Alpha met in the fall of 1936 and elected Faye Fletcher president and Miss Louise Williams, professor of music, their sponsor.

In January 1937, Pauline Henderson was elected president and served until Tau Beta Alpha and Pi Sigma Phi were united to form Tau Sigma and petition Alpha Sigma Alpha. The first president of Pi Sigma Phi was Maurine Dahlem, and Miss Helen Henderson was the adviser. Julie Christie and Patti Wells were successive presidents until the union of the two groups. Alpha Sigma Alpha was petitioned for membership in the spring of 1937.

Pledging for 19 women was held during the first week of the fall term of 1937. Polly Smelser Schlosser, BB, national treasurer, and Miss Esther Bucher, HH, national secretary, supervised the installation Nov. 20, 1937. Assisting were Edna Donley, ΓΓ, Mrs. W.D. Otie, chapter not known, and 16 collegians from Gamma Gamma and Eta Eta chapters, including the advisers of both groups.

Charter initiates are Lois Gillis Hall, adviser; Julia Christie and Helen Henderson, alumnae; Bernice Bradley, Gertrude Carney, Dessie Dickinson, Fay Fletcher, Mary Alice Lee, Maxine Line, Ruby Nell Neal, Hazel Phillips, Maxine Pikering, Opal Ramer, Hazel Rennie, Marion Spraker, Mary Stevens, Vilma Van Horn, Virginia Wells and Margaret Stringer, collegians. Pledges were Sylvia Adams, Rhea Amdon, Mary Beers, Helen Louise Ford, Wilma Garret, Betty Harmon, Freda Marie James, Faye Levy, Marcella May, Irene Powers, Kathryn Pysher, Louise Scott, Mildred Waggoner, Goldie Wilson, Dorothy Lee, Edna Trent, Jean Clark and Fern Pascoe.

The installation banquet was held in the dining room of Florence Wilson Hall. On Sunday morning the officers and guests of Beta Gamma were honored at a breakfast given by

the officers of the two other national sororities on campus, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Sigma Epsilon.

As one reads the record of Beta Gamma's events and honors, there is noted a pattern of activity of which any chapter would be proud. There were student council officers, class officers, members mentioned in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, president of W.A.A. and queens. There were parties, including the summer "cabin party," ritualistic services, dances, sometimes in cooperation with a men's group, stunt nights, membership tests, rummage sales, Panhellenic teas and scholastic honors.

At the close of 1950-1951, it was announced that Beta Gamma had the highest grade average for the year that had ever been made by any group on campus. In 1951-1952 the chapter had the president of Wilson Hall (the women's residence hall), the homecoming and carnival queens, secretary-treasurer of Rho Theta Sigma scholastic fraternity, president of Alpha Chi scholastic fraternity, a recipient of a Danforth Foundation Scholarship and three members elected to Who's Who. Socially, the 1951-1952 girls felt that the "Showboat" rush party and the February "Sweetheart" dance deserved prominence in their memories.

Beta Gamma was closed in 1977 and reinstalled April 28, 1990. Many alumnae of the original chapter assisted in pledging and colonizing the group, reported Tulsa alumna Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, in the fall 1990 Phoenix.

The installation team consisted of Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, colonies chairman; Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive; Juanita Roberts Rowe, BΣ, headquarters office manager; Marilyn Garbee, installing officer; and Nancy Clohisy, EH, chapter consultant. Eta Eta, Beta Lambda and Beta Sigma chapter members served as sponsors.

The white luncheon was held in the Branscum Alumni Center on campus. Laurie Lawrence, chapter president, served as toastmistress. Suzanne Myers, NSU student activities coordinator and Panhellenic adviser, welcomed Alpha Sigma Alpha. A special tribute was given to chapter advisers Sue Chapman and Sally Lewis.

After lunch, Laurie Lawrence and newly installed president Rebecca Smith opened gifts from the national organization, visiting collegians and alumnae chapters. Rhetta Robinson presented the silver punch bowl, trays, pitcher, nut dish, glass serving plates and cups — and the brass doorplate that had belonged to the original chapter.

During the weekend Lois V. Beers, BΓ, Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation treasurer, announced the formation of, and her donation to, a Beta Gamma Scholarship fund through the Foundation.

The alumni center also served as the reception site Saturday afternoon, followed by the banquet at the Holiday Inn in Muskogee that evening. New initiate Rebecca Smith served as toastmistress. Guest speaker was Dr. Don Betz, vice president of university relations. Ron Cambiano, dean of students, made a special presentation to the chapter.

Sharese Swanson, Eta Eta Chapter president, gave the Aspire toast; Paula Halfast Brown, BΓ, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter president, delivered the Seek toast; and Rhetta Robinson offered the Attain toast. The highlight of the evening came when Diane James presented the chapter with the framed original 1937 charter.

The charter initiates of the reinstalled Beta Gamma chapter are Laurie Lawrence, Jill Barnes, Susan Bender, Stephanie Cain, Amy Cantwell, Janet Cornelius, Shelley Dillard, Linda Elkins, Sandy Foltz, Gina Foster, Dana Glover, Jill Grissom, Sandy Hallmark, Tammy Harris, Lynn Henley, Becky Keaton, Theresa Laws, Shannon Lee, Melody Massey, Donnell Mathis, Murrey McNabb, Mindy Mirkin, Tracy Miskimens, Michele Newman, Cyndi Nixon, Cheryl Overacker, Marie Reiser, Gay Lynn Rich, Tracie Riley, Rebecca Smith, Kelly Webster and Elizabeth Woods.

Beta Gamma has been very successful since its reinstatement. The chapter was selected as outstanding sorority six out of its first seven years on campus. The award is determined by community service, campus involvement, service to the university and academic performance.

The chapter participates in several philanthropies such as Special Olympics, adopt a highway, the North America canned food drive and raising funds for the S. June Smith Center. For the S. June Smith Center, the chapter holds a 24-hour dance-a-thon and a "thanks for giving" quarter drive.

In fall 1999 the chapter had the highest campus GPA. In 2000 the chapter celebrated the 10th anniversary of its reorganization. For the national sorority's centennial, Beta Gammas planted narcissus bulbs on campus. *Contributors: Kim Bridges,* BΓ, *Amy Wallace,* BΓ, *Julie Ott,* BΓ

Beta Delta

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
Installed May 20, 1938; closed 1990

Sigma Beta was organized in the early fall of 1937 by a group of girls who wished to promote a better feeling of friendliness and good citizenship on the Hattiesburg campus. Mary Pulley, college registrar, served as adviser, and in a few weeks this small group began to be an active factor of campus life. Evelyn Garner was elected president; Ruth Martin, secretary; Geneva Stubbs, vice president; Helen Jones, treasurer; and Joyce Newcomb, reporter. In the spring of 1938, Sigma Beta petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha.

May 20, 1938, 21 members and their adviser became the charter members of Beta Delta Chapter. Polly Smelser Schlosser, BB, national treasurer, was presiding officer. She was assisted by Manette Swett, ΨΨ, Jo Tarlton, ΨΨ, and Lyda Wilson, ΨΨ. Initiation and installation were held on Saturday, May 21, with a banquet at the Forrest Hotel. The local group was also entertained by Sigma Sigma Sigma at a lovely garden party in the formal garden.

Charter initiates are Mary Pulley, adviser; Mary Louise Barksdale, Dorothy Brantley, Yvonne Brantley, Delores Crane, Mary Sue Cox, Evelyn Garner, Clarice Ice, Helen Jones, Helen Kynes, Betsy Majure, Ruth Martin, Lois Nelson, Joyce Newcomb, Emile Komp, Mai Flowers Pace, Mary Alice Pickel, Esther Saxton, Nancy Lee Shivers, Geneva Stubbs, Edwina Turner and Thelma Williamson. Officers elected for 1938-1939 were Ruth Martin, president; Dorothy Brantley, vice president; Delores Crane, secretary; Mary Louise Barksdale, treasurer; Helen Jones, registrar; Yvonne Brantley, collegiate representative; Betsy Majure, chaplain; and Mary Alice Pickel, editor.

Before the summer vacation of its first year, Beta Delta held a lodge party. The chapter patronesses, Mrs. G.B. Denham and Mrs. Harry McArthur, entertained the members and their guests at Mrs. McArthur's camp, where yellow pines and a clear lake formed an ideal vacation setting.

The sailor party for rushees and a spaghetti party given in town are two of the memorable events of the following year. Homecoming on the campus was a great occasion, and the Alpha Sigma Alpha float carried out the idea of a toast to alumnae. The chapter believed its Valentine dance was the best dance given all year on the campus.

History repeated itself in February 1949, when the Sweetheart Dance was claimed as an important factor in gaining publicity for the Beta Deltas. Also in 1949, a series of fortnightly dances was held, a different men's fraternity being invited to each one. The 50th anniversary dance is likewise memorable with its 300 balloons of blue and white, its quantities of confetti, the pearl and ruby Alpha Sigma Alpha badge 8 feet high and the huge letters that read "50 years." Intermission parties at the home of a patroness were also important that year.

Both the 1951 and 1952 campus yearbooks had Beta Delta editors. Other campus honors held in those years were listings in the beauty section of the yearbook, listing in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, B.S.U. and Christian Federation reporters, membership in Alpha Lambda (freshman scholastic honorary), Wesley Foundation, Home Economics Club, Student Council, Kappa Omicron Phi (home economics honorary), American Chemical Society, Elementary Council, Y.W.C.A., Speech Arts Council, Canterbury Club, Modern Language Club, Choral Union, Kappa Pi (art fraternity), Sigma Alpha Eta (speech and hearing honorary), Freshmen Women's Council, Southern Players, Town Girls' Council, Alpha Psi Omega (dramatics honorary), Choristers and Hattiesburg Choral Union.

Beta Deltas not only held membership in the activities mentioned but also usually held offices. They also participated in the pep squad in 1951-1952 serving as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Also in 1951-1952, the outstanding woman student, Joanne Red, was a Beta Delta.

Scholastically, the chapter was outstanding, having won the scholarship trophy for both 1951 and 1952. It also won the intramural tennis championship in 1952. However, the greatest pride of the 1952 chapter was in receiving the Red Cross Blood Drive award for donating the highest percentage of pints of blood of any sorority on the campus. The group likewise was happy to sponsor the "Heart" drive on campus.

The psychological effect of a newly decorated and refurnished sorority room may have been important in the chapter's success in 1951 and 1952. Certainly Beta Delta's financial stability and its success in adding new members were matters for pride.

During the remainder of the 1950s, Beta Delta continued to grow and add new members. The chapter was involved in many activities on the campus of Mississippi Southern College. It participated in the "Miss Lou" state day, which included Psi Psi Chapter at Northwestern College, Natchitoches, La., and Beta Zeta Chapter at the University of Southwestern Louisiana

in Lafayette. In 1962, Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ, president, was the keynote speaker at the meeting. Ish Seaman became Miss Mississippi Southern College in 1962 and the chapter continued to participate in campus activities.

Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, served as chapter adviser during this time. She was also active in the Hattiesburg Alumnae Chapter, which hosted the preference rush party in members' homes until the fall of 1964, when Beta Delta moved into the newly built Panhellenic dormitory. The Hattiesburg alumnae helped decorate the chapter room. The dorm housed eight national sororities, with a chapter room for each sorority and dorm rooms for members.

Pennie Sue Webre became Miss Southern Mississippi and was in the Miss Mississippi pageant in 1964. In the spring of 1966 the chapter participated in G.I. Joe Month, a school-sponsored project. The money collected was used to buy articles that were needed by soldiers in Viet Nam.

Despite experiencing a drop in membership during the 1970s, Beta Delta continued to participate in philanthropic and campus activities and held offices in many campus organizations. The campus was changing and it seemed that the larger sororities grew larger and the smaller sororities grew smaller. Membership remained steady, but was not growing at a rate to compete with the other sororities on campus.

In the spring of 1989, national council voted to reorganize Beta Delta. The active members became alumnae and the national organization sent a team of volunteers to recruit in November 1989. The climate on the campus was just not right for the reorganization and in May 1991 the chapter was closed.
Contributor: Dolly Purvis Loyd, BΔ

Beta Epsilon

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.
Installed May 13, 1939

"For some time there had been faint whisperings on Madison campus that sororities were going to be installed; this seemed too good to be true," wrote the chronicler of Beta Epsilon's installation. "However, the March wind of 1939 brought Mrs. Fred M. [Wilma Wilson] Sharp right into our midst. It was on the afternoon of Mrs. Sharp's arrival that an informal tea was given. Promptly at 4:30 went groups of enthusiastic girls over to the reception room of Junior Hall. The question undoubtedly written on the mind of every girl present was, 'Just what does it mean to be an ΑΣΑ?' "

That night immediately after dinner a joint meeting of prospective Sigma Sigma Sigmas and Alpha Sigma Alphas was held with Mrs. Sharp, ZZ, education director and former national president. Later in the evening the Alpha Sigma Alpha group was told the meaning of the sorority and what was expected of its chapters. "Then with the signing of the petition, we bade Mrs. Sharp a pleasant goodbye. She had made a lasting impression within a few hours' time and was the talk of the campus for days afterward."

To Ellen Fairlamb, president, and Miss Mary Louise Seeger, faculty adviser, goes much credit for the early success of the Beta Epsilon local sorority.

On May 13, 1939, Beta Epsilon Chapter installation services were held in the music rooms of Jackson Hall, a freshman dormitory. Installing officer was Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, national president. Wilma Wilson Sharp and Julia Deer Jones, president of Hampton Roads Alumnae Association, assisted her. Other guests were Kappa Kappas Dorothy Alcorn, Dorothy Dodd, Alvadee Hutton, Betty Gardner and Helen Ritter; Nu Nus Clarie Bowman, Dorothy Hutton, Dot Ritchie, Betty Sohne and Betty Towner; Grace B. Moran, adviser; Alphas Marie Eason, Virginia Lee Pettis and Katherine Roberts; and Louise McCracken Lowe, ΠΠ.

After installation, Beta Epsilon held a joint banquet in Harrison dining hall with Sigma Sigma Sigma, which also installed a chapter that day. As favors, the Beta Epsilons received recognition pins. The place cards had the ΑΣΑ emblem in one corner and the ΣΣΣ emblem in the other.

Charter members of Beta Epsilon are Ellen Fairlamb, Geraldine Ailstock, Frances Barnard, Jean Collier, Norma Forrest, Almeda Greyard, Mary June Kaiser, Katherine Lester, Ruth McLain, Winifred Rew, Rosa Lee Scott, Eleanor Shorts, Clara Soter, Margaret Young, Maxine Calfee, Marilee Henkle, Anne Ireland, Katharine Ketron, Dorothy Phillips, Gwen Trueheart, Fannie Hope Warden, Frances Beaton, Mary Burger, Elizabeth Catterton, Anne Cowling, Katharine Curling, Peggy Delp, Frances Drewrey, Naomi McAllen, Elizabeth Neale, Elizabeth Ogburn, Margaret Parsons, Shirley Rawles, Annette Rogers and Mary Lee Utley.

The first chapter officers were Frances Barnard, president; Winifred Rew, vice president; Catherine Curling, secretary; Ann Ireland, treasurer; Maxine Calfee, registrar; Dorothy Phillips, chaplain (replaced by Naomi McAllen when Dorothy did not return the following fall); Frances Drewrey, collegiate represen-

tative; and Frances Beacon, editor.

Less than a year after its installation, Beta Epsilon was asked to have the model initiation at the Washington regional convention.

During the World War II years, the chapter sponsored the stamp collection for the Daughters of the American Revolution, sponsored the issuing of War Ration Book IV, was a member of the Campus Defense Committee and worked on Red Cross surgical dressings.

Beta Epsilon furnished many "wheels" in the Madison activity program. In 1945-1946, the chapter had the student government president and the editor, assistant editor and three special editors of the "Breeze" staff. The following year was even better, with the Y.W. president and the "Schoolma'am" editor added to the student government president, the "Breeze" editor and five other members of that staff.

Beta Epsilons also traveled to the national conventions of Kappa Delta Pi in Milwaukee in 1946, of the YWCA in Atlantic City, N.J., in 1946, of the Associated Collegiate Press Convention in Chicago in 1947, of the YWCA in Chicago in 1948, of the Press Convention in Minneapolis in 1948, and of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Association of Student Government Organizations in Florida in 1948.

May Court participants and the Madonna at Christmas were also Beta Epsilons. The first chairman of the Honor Council at Madison was Barbara Wensel, BE. Helping others less fortunate was important as is evidenced by the help given a local orphanage in gathering food and clothing and giving parties to the children, assistance in the campus clothing drive, in the Red Cross campaign and the World Student Service Fund show.

Nevertheless, the social side was not neglected. A Cinderella Ball rush party and a Christmas party given for the actives were memorable. In 1951 rushees were entertained by a Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs party. In December 1951 the chapter was second in sorority scholarship at Madison.

In 1962 several members moved into a new brick house — the Baker house — and in 1964 moved to the new Greek residence hall, which was sponsored by Panhellenic and housed 164 women from different sororities. Changes occurred throughout campus when Madison became co-educational in 1966.

The 1970s included several philanthropic activities such as Easter egg hunts for special-needs children, raising funds for Camp Jaycee and a Christmas boutique to collect clothing for the less fortunate. In 1975, the Scarlet Rose formal was introduced to the chapter's annual social calendar. Madison became James Madison University in 1977

Today, the chapter upholds several traditions. Senior brunch and Founders' Day celebrations are annual activities. Social events such as traditional mixers and Greek week continue. As the sorority grows, members enjoy living on Greek row along with seven other sororities. The chapter continues to raise money for philanthropic causes by hosting the S. June Smith Center rock-a-thon and brings cheer to others by tutoring children and visiting the elderly. *Contributor: Carrie McCabe,* BE

Beta Zeta

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Installed Nov. 3, 1940; closed 1983

It was October 1938 and the Southern sun was losing its blistering touch when a group of girls at Southwestern Louisiana Institute banded together under the name of Zeta Delta Phi with Jessie Keep, assistant professor of physical education, as their adviser.

On April 14-15, 1939, Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, education director of Alpha Sigma Alpha, visited the girls. An informal petition had been signed on Jan. 12 by 17 girls. Later they compiled a scrapbook and sent it in as a formal petition.

On May 11, 1940, Mrs. Sharp, Clio Allen, ΨΨ, Psi Psi adviser, and Mary Allen Caraway, ΨΨ, Manette Swett, ΨΨ, Cecil Mae Caillouet, ΨΨ, and Sidney Gremillion, ΨΨ, pledged the local group to Alpha Sigma Alpha. Pledging took place at the home of Mrs. George B. Claycomb, a patroness. Three girls were also initiated. The program included an informal party at the home of Mrs. Kenneth B. Hait, patroness, a luncheon at Oak Grove and a reception for the faculty at Harris Hall on the campus.

The girls were delighted to find three ΑΣΑ alumnae as members of the campus staff — Lelia Holt Wilson, MM, and Edna Bowles Roberts, BB, faculty wives, and Mildred Jones, ΨΨ, secretary to the president.

The installation of Beta Zeta Chapter was unique in the history of Alpha Sigma Alpha because it was an off-campus installation, held during the New Orleans regional meeting Nov. 2-3, 1940. Surely there could have been no lovelier setting for Alpha Sigma Alpha ceremonials than the spacious University Room of

the Roosevelt Hotel — transformed into a sanctuary by palms, flowers and candlelight.

Wilma Wilson Sharp acted as installing officer. Other principal participants were Genevieve S. Leib, XX, national editor; Clio Allen; Manette Swett, region IV director; Clarice Ice, BΔ; and Mary Allen Caraway. Installation followed the beautiful formal banquet Saturday night. The chapter charter was received by Emma Dell Mendoza, chapter president. Jessie Keep, chapter adviser, presented the individual membership certificates.

Beta Zeta was welcomed into Alpha Sigma Alpha with 39 fully initiated members and a fine freshman pledge class. Of the girls initiated at the time of Beta Zeta pledging, two, Merrell Tucker and Beryl Dutsch, were present for installation. It was a matter of keen regret that Christine Dyer could not be present.

Charter initiates of Beta Zeta are Jessie Keep, adviser; Bolivar Lee Hait, patroness; Mrs. George B. Claycomb, patroness; Ethel Bergeron, Gladys Mary Buller, Mae Daigle, Beryl Dutsch, Christine Dyer, Thelma Marie Girior, Erin Marie Le Blanc, Yvonne Toups and Merrell Tucker, alumnae; Sydney Beauxis, Barbara Anne Darnall, Phyllis Louella Dixon, Fabiola Mae Dupuy, Caroline Travis Elliott, Virginia O. Fields, Evelyn Frost, Sibyl Blake Glaser, Margarite Louise Hail, Oliver Mae Hitter, Mary Catherine Hudson, Josephine Joseph, Alice Mae Judice, Daphne Mary Kerrison, Ouida Mae Le Maire, Emma Dell Mendoza, Noella Marie Ogeron, Lillian Evelyn Paine, Hazel Rita Rebstock, Geneva F. Richard, Lois Richey, Evelyn A. Songe, Mildred M. Songe, Hazel Louise Theriot, Evelyn A. Toups, Lolita Watkins, Barbara E. Wild and Dorothy J. Wild, collegians.

The ceremonials for Beta Zeta were given the place of prominence on the regional convention program. At the formal banquet, crested red foil banquet programs reflected the gleam from candelabra that held miniatures of the Phoenix and red candles. Favors were presented to each Beta Zeta member.

In addition to the president, Emma Dell Mendoza, other officers were Mildred Songe, vice president; Barbara Wild, secretary; Margarite Hail, treasurer; Geneva Richard, registrar; Catherine Hudson, chaplain; Lolita Watkins, collegiate representative; and Evelyn Toups, editor. High grades, high honors and high activity formed the pattern for Beta Zeta. Presidencies, editorships and other honors came to the girls. When World War II came, Beta Zetas immediately volunteered for defense activities; the first five girls on the Southwestern campus to take auto mechanics were Beta Zetas.

Janet Armstrong Delhommer, 1950-1951 chapter president, is credited with having defeated the "Princeton boys" in an exhibition debate on the campus. She was also undefeated in debate at the national Pi Kappa Delta convention and there received a "good" rating in oratory. In intercollegiate debating she won 34 of 44 debates. Because of their versatile leadership, it was not unusual for Beta Zeta girls to be listed in the collegiate Who's Who.

The chapter annually sponsored the March of Dimes on the campus. In 1952 the girls placed booths in the Student Center and other places frequented by students, carried small boxes to classes and asked for contributions from students and teachers and stood at the door to collect from people attending off-campus events. As a result their drive was unusually successful.

Dressing dolls for orphaned children and entertaining patients at the local tuberculosis hospital were other philanthropies. The 1951-1952 chapter also collected money at a silver tea for the Korean Student Fund so that a Korean might have a chance to attend S.L.I. in the coming year.

Members were unusually active in religious organizations, and during 1950-1951 Beta Zeta had the president of the Westminster Fellowship, the vice president of the Newman Club and the state secretary of the Methodist Student Movement. The mother-daughter banquet and the year-end sunrise breakfast were cherished social traditions. Stunt night, when each sorority on the campus participated, was an important event for which girls worked overtime. The Beta Zetas needed to win it only one more time to gain permanent possession of the trophy.

From the 1940s through the 1960s, all sororities were housed in rooms in the basement of Harris Hall. In the mid 1960s, a new off-campus dormitory, Agnes Edwards House, was built. Eight NPC sororities moved into spacious suites. The chapter was responsible for decorating the new sorority room, which involved working with an interior designer and purchasing a suite of furniture.

President Mary Goeke, AA, joined Beta Zeta for rush week in 1966 in the new sorority room. Her support was outstanding and Beta Zeta pledged three times the number of active members, reaching total. Members recall everyone having more than one little sister. Nunie Roque was the national Frost Fidelity award winner in 1966.

From the 1960s into the 1970s, the chapter annually participated in traditional campus competitions, often winning a prize or recognition. These included USL's Greek week and song fest, homecoming parade and homecoming campus spirit decorations. Beta Zeta was state day hostess in 1968. Alpha Sigma Alphas from chapters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas traveled to Lafayette for the event.

Chapter traditions each year included the Founders' Day banquet, parent/daughter banquet and the spring formal called the Phoenix Ball. Lafayette alumnae honored the chapter each fall with an after-pledging party. Once Special Olympics was adopted as the national philanthropy, the chapter participated in the Special Olympics games in the Lafayette area.

Into the 1970s, chapter members were paired with Lafayette alumnae in the S-O-S (Slightly Older Sister) program. This provided an unusual way to become acquainted with a sorority member of a different age group.

Late in the 1970s, participation in Lagniappe Day was an annual springtime event. In French, lagniappe (pronounced lan-yap) means a little something extra. Lagniappe Day was a day in the spring when there was an extra day off after the Mardi Gras celebration. Beta Zetas participated in the games between sororities and fraternities.

Beta Zeta Chapter closed in 1983. Even though the chapter became inactive, Beta Zetas continued their sorority involvement. Two of the five Alpha Sigma Alpha Endowed Founders' Memorial Scholarships are named for Beta Zetas. In 1994, Suzanne Hebert endowed the first in her name. In 1996, the second was endowed in honor of Hilda Giraud by her daughters, Yvette Hebert Laird and Suzanne Hebert, and her granddaughter Anna Laird.

In 1997 several Beta Zetas from four cities met at Anne Ferguson's funeral. Later that fall, more than 50 members spanning five decades gathered at Don's in Lafayette for a chapter reunion. In 1999 Beta Zetas held another large reunion. Attendees included charter member Bolivar Lee Sutherland Hait, a 60-year member. In honor of the university's centennial in 2000 and the sorority's centennial in 2001, Beta Zeta held a centennial reunion, Cajun style, during homecoming 2001.

Beta Zeta also participated in the parade of chapter flags during the 2000 convention in Richmond, Va. The parade featured 140 flags, one for each active and inactive chapter. Jackie Miller Ballard and Claire Fuselier Guillory designed and created the chapter flag. Jackie traveled from Beaumont, Texas, to Claire's in New Iberia, La., for the final flag assembly. Angela Dantzler Bauldree was the chapter's flag bearer at the convention, where she was installed as vice president of alumnae — the first Beta Zeta to serve as a national councilor. *Contributors: Suzanne Hebert,* BZ, *Angela Dantzler Bauldree,* BZ

Beta Eta

State University of North Dakota–Dickinson
Installed May 18, 1941; closed April 1988

May 18, 1941, Alpha Sigma Alpha became the first national sorority to enter the campus of State Teachers College in Dickinson. Reporting this event to the Phoenix, Mary German wrote, "A year ago in October that very grand person, Mrs. Sharp, came to our campus through the invitation of our Dean of Women, Leila G. Woods, to tell interested girls about educational sororities.

"Interest grew and grew and grew, and finally on Dec. 2, 16 girls met at South Hall, organizing a local sorority with the aim of petitioning for membership in Alpha Sigma Alpha. Our first officers were Mary Meulemans, president; Betty Bruvold, vice president; Gwendolyn Bell, secretary; and Marian Carlson, treasurer. Miss Woods was unanimously chosen our adviser." The local group had taken the name "ΑΣΑ."

"Then followed weeks of planning and working as we aspired to become Alpha Sigmas. Through hops, sponsoring a show, a candy sale and a silver tea, our fund grew. Work on our scrapbook absorbed our attention and spare time. Then, we sought membership, and after a little while of anxious waiting and great suspense, our petition was accepted by the National Council.

"By this time, we had gained five new girls, and an outstanding alumna member, Mrs. Hattie Gaines Parker. We all studied our pledge manuals more ambitiously and more eagerly than any texts, with Miss Woods serving as our very wise and helpful instructor.

"At last came the wonderful weekend of May 16-18 [1941] when we attained our goal, the sisterhood of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Oh, yes, at our very first business meeting as Alpha Sigmas, we elected these officers: Mary Jane Alguire, president; Betty Bruvold, vice president; Marjorie Sadler, secretary; Muriel Marklund, treasurer; Evelyn Morland, registrar; Mary German, editor; and Clara Pierce, chaplain; and of course our adviser, Miss Woods."

Installing officers of Beta Eta Chapter were Wilma Wilson

Sharp, ZZ, education director; Polly Smelser Schlosser, BB, treasurer; and Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, national editor. They were assisted by Mary Whitcraft, Chi Chi adviser; Marie Kingdon, XX; Mary Ethel Earl, TT; Ruth Eddy Voetsch, BB, and Gertrude Crane, BB.

Charter members of Beta Eta are Leila G. Woods, adviser; Mary Jane Alguire, Julia E. Armstrong, Gwendolyn A. Bell, Marjorie V. Berdahl, Elizabeth M. Bruvold, Marian H. Carlson, Mary E. German, Helen R. Hoeger, Muriel E. Marklund, Mary A. Meulemans, Evelyn M. Morland, Frances M. Morrell, Betty Page, Alice Peterson, Clara M. Pierce, Lucile E. Pintler, Marjorie I. Sadler, Helen T. Sloan, Mavis A. Thompson, Hattie A. Tiegs, F. Ardyce Zempel, Grace A. Williams and Hattie Parker. Patronesses of the charter group are Hazel Scott and Ethel Bowen.

Sponsoring activities for other students on campus was important in Beta Eta's life. Among these were a school party for all college girls in the fall of 1945 and during that winter a carnival, an annual Valentine formal and serving at the reception held at commencement for graduates and their parents. During World War II each Beta Eta signed up to do a minimum of two hours weekly at the Red Cross. In 1949-1950, the girls collected Swan Soap wrappers for CARE. They also helped needy families at Christmas.

Queens and presidents were usual in Beta Eta. Four successive homecoming queens were Alpha Sigma Alphas. Of homecoming 1951 the editor wrote, "Joan Reilly, our president, was chosen to be homecoming queen and she asked all her sorority sisters to be her attendants."

Professionally, the group was honored when an article written by Mary Jane Alguire, "I Look Forward to Teaching," was published in the Peabody Journal of Education.

Beta Etas also anticipated the annual chapter picnic. In 1952 it was held with Phi Sigma Pi fraternity. Chapter meetings also had their social aspect with a social hour and refreshments following the business of the day.

Beta Eta closed in 1988 because of low membership.

Beta Theta

Central Michigan State University, Mount Pleasant, Mi.
Installed Nov. 15, 1941

Beta Theta traces its origins to the organization of the Rachel Tate Literary Society in 1924. The name was taken in honor of Miss Rachel Tate of the English Department, who acted as adviser to the group. In May 1940, as part of the general campus movement in the direction of Greek-letter organizations, Rachel Tate Literary Society became a local sorority known as Sigma Pi Delta.

June 15, 1941, Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, education director, pledged the 19 women to Alpha Sigma Alpha in the League Lounge of the Union Building. A tea in honor of Mrs. Sharp and visiting Alpha Sigma Alphas followed the service.

Beta Theta is Alpha Sigma Alpha's 40th birthday chapter. Its first member was initiated at the 40th anniversary convention in Chicago in August 1941. Nora Sheehy, chapter president, represented her pledge chapter at the convention and became a full member at the traditional model initiation conducted by the national council. As the newest Alpha Sigma Alpha, she was chosen for a recorded interview with founder Louise Cox Carper, A, on the history of the sorority. Her questions about Alpha Sigma Alpha formed the basis for Mrs. Carper's story of the organization's early days.

On the day the sorority turned 40 — Nov. 15, 1941 — Beta Theta was installed. Evelyn Grace Bell, ΠΠ, national alumnae director, and Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, national editor, were installing officers. They were assisted by Sarah Jane Bumgardner and Hazel Patterson, Detroit alumnae chapter (collegiate chapters not known); Anne Frankenberry, MM, Loretta Woodruff, MM, Carol Frazee, ΠΠ, Eleanor Thom, ΠΠ, and June Fernaays, ΠΠ. Reba Anderson Ruster, HH, and Elizabeth Uhe Fuller, AB, were also present for the services.

That afternoon, the new chapters of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Theta Sigma Upsilon, installed the same weekend, held a joint open house tea in the League Lounge. Later a formal banquet was held in the ballroom of the Union Building. Dean Sharp and Jenna V. Lang, patroness, were guests. At the close of the banquet, Mrs. Leib officially installed Beta Theta Chapter. Charter members are Mary Kenny, Sally Consaul, Leonora Lehman, Rosemary McGuire, alumnae, Nora Mary Sheehy, president, Virginia Hosley, vice president, Nan McNamara, secretary, Henrietta A. Breitzke, treasurer, Jane Francis, chaplain, Mary Ellen Hileman, editor, Donna Martineau, Betty Megarah, Jane Yarnell Orr, Betty Jane Read, and Barbara J. Stout, collegians. Helen Marie Achenbah was initiated as adviser.

During World War II Beta Theta served in the Victory Loan and other war work projects. Although the chapter has received its share of honors in the form of queens, officeholders and dramatic roles, has placed its members' names in the collegiate Who's Who and made its contribution to the

intramural athletic program, its social side has by no means been neglected.

Perhaps 1949 might be taken as a typical year: Its agenda listed the Founders' Day banquet, a Christmas party and caroling, a Valentine party, the annual rushing party (an occasion when Tillie's Blind Pig usually helped), two bridge parties, a theater and bowling party, two splash parties, the pledge picnic, a house party, the spring dance and the senior breakfast. The presence on the campus of a brother fraternity, Tau Alpha Upsilon, was important in the aforementioned social program. Yet there was also accent on scholarship; a Beta Theta received the Panhellenic Scholarship award for 1950-1951.

During vacations, Beta Thetas sometimes dropped in on other Alpha Sigma Alphas. One of the interesting stops of the car that went west in the summer of 1951 was the "talking sorority" visit with the Beta Betas in their sorority house in Greeley, Colo.

The 1951-1952 chapter followed the pattern set by its predecessors in activities on the campus. First came election to the presidency of Sloan Hall for Marilyn Garthe. Membership in Kappa Delta Pi and listing in Who's Who were other honors given the chapter. Despite a busy spring rush season, the women found time to aid the Red Cross Blood Bank at the community hospital.

In 1969 Beta Theta bought its house. Although only a few members live in the house, the entire chapter uses it for sisterhood events. An annual event is the repainting of the large, bright red front porch. In 1973 the chapter played a major part in the first International Special Olympic Games held at CMU. In 1977 Jane McDonald was named homecoming queen and went on to represent conference schools at the Orange Bowl parade and game. For philanthropic projects, members volunteered at the state home and Masonic home every year.

Membership recruitment, scholastic events, campus activities and philanthropic endeavors fill Beta Theta's calendar. The chapter won the 1997 highest new-member GPA award and initiated adviser Darby Gwisdala that November. Retreats at Mystic Lake helped to build sisterhood and improve chapter operations.

The chapter participated in the 1998 Relay for Life on campus, in which students walked for 24 hours to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Members also saved soup labels for the local library to raise money for children's media equipment. Beta Theta also supported one of the sorority's new colonies by spending a day at Grand Valley State University. *Contributors: Kyley Erard,* BΘ*, Stephanie Wirtz,* BΘ*, Jaymie Haney,* BΘ*, Marianne Busch Bullock,* BΘ

Beta Iota

Radford University, Radford, Va.
Installed May 9, 1942

Gamma Zeta was organized at Radford in November 1941, with the aspiration of someday becoming a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. This purpose was achieved on the weekend of May 8-10, 1942, when the group was formally installed as Beta Iota Chapter.

National officers present were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president, Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, national editor, and Eleanor Smith Thomas, KK, fellowship chairman. Also present were Polly Keller, A, Ella Marsh Pilkington, A, Nancye Allen, A, Mary McKay, BE, Dorothy White, BE, and Frances Waddell, BE.

The installation banquet was held on May 9 at the Hotel Governor Tyler, Radford's beautiful new hotel. After the banquet, the women met in a suite at Norwood Hall, the junior-senior dormitory, for a social time with national officers. On Sunday, the entire group attended the Grove Avenue Methodist Church. A tea that afternoon in the Cove included as guests parents of the town members, presidents of the other sororities and faculty members.

Charter members of Beta Iota are Joella Akin, adviser, Lois Akers, Virginia Boatwright, Alice Brown, secretary, Louise Clement, Mickey Clement, Lucille M. Cox, registrar, Ruth Dudley, Mary Margaret East, Clara Jane Hines, Kitty Karnes, chaplain, Rebecca Lowman, Sarah McDonald, Maxine Miller, treasurer, Ella Monday, Jane Mullen, editor, Nancy Lee Scott, Sylvia K. Sublett, president, Ruth Williams, vice president, Elise Wright and Georgie Zebedee.

Like its sister chapters, Beta Iota has maintained a position of leadership on its campus. It was a matter of pride that of the eight 1943-1944 seniors designated as outstanding by their classmates, four were Alpha Sigma Alphas. As in other chapters and on other campuses, certain events and themes become traditional. For Beta Iota should be mentioned the Cover Girl rush party and the cabin party on the river each spring. Entertainment of one social group by another is popular on the Radford campus and provides many pleasant events.

In 1946 books were collected by the chapter to be sent to Luzon to help re-establish schools that were destroyed by the

Japanese in the Philippines. However, various gifts to veterans' hospitals and participation in the Red Cross drives have been the chapter's main philanthropic interests. In March 1952 the chapter staged a volleyball game with the faculty to raise money for the Red Cross; posters for the drive were made by chapter pledges. One of the religious customs of the Beta Iota girls is group attendance at church each month.

Today, Beta Iota women are known for involvement in Special Olympics as well as the S. June Smith Center. Members enjoy helping participants of all ages in games and events. Other philanthropies include the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association camp-out in front of a local convenience store and taking donations from pedestrians, the adopt-a-street clean-up and helping new students find their way around the first day of school. During Good Neighbor Day the chapter and Radford City Florist distribute roses to brighten someone's day.

In 1999 members participated in a Halloween festival held at a local elementary school. Beta Iotas gave out treats and prizes to students. In 2000 members assisted local children with trick or treating and participated in the Christmas Angel Tree project. In 2001 Beta Iota sponsored a Special Olympics basketball tournament held at Virginia Tech and participated in Operation Smile as well as several other Greek groups' philanthropic projects. *Contributors: Molly Nieman,* BI, *Sarah Pike,* BI

Beta Kappa

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.
Installed Oct. 23, 1943

Beta Kappa Chapter, Alpha Sigma Alpha's first chapter in Illinois and the first women's Greek-letter group on the campus of Western Illinois State College (now University), has enriched the lives of more than 1,500 women and continues to contribute to the development of its members, the campus and the community.

Beta Kappa was formed during World War II. In November 1942, 20 women organized Phi Tau Phi. However, because of campus conditions, Greek-letter groups were not recognized until January 1943. On March 10, Phi Tau Phi was officially recognized as the first women's Greek-letter group on the campus. After faculty recognition had been received, the group petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha. Notice of the acceptance of the petition was received April 7, 1943. Installation was under the direction of Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, national president, on the weekend of Oct. 23-24, 1943. Assisting Mrs. Sharp were five collegiate chapter presidents: Patsy Magee, ZZ; Irene Heideman, ΦΦ; Marie Hembree, HH; Mariana White, EE; Judith La Frenz, AB, and Sue Covey, an alumna of Zeta Zeta.

Charter members are Mary Weinberg, president; Alice Jones, Norma Brown, registrar; Earline Lanterman, recording secretary; Velma Duvendack, treasurer; Dorothy Binder, editor; Betty Jo Lawless, Joyce Lee Staples, Marion Hazalleaf, Margie Jean Miner, Stella Pletkovich, corresponding secretary; Ruth Pletkovich, vice president; Florence Robinson, Erva Mae Montgomery, Phyllis Young, Louise Shinkevich, chaplain; Helen Sowder, Jean McManus, Margie Ann Irish, Marge Yarde, Mary Elaine Lyons, Betty Lee Lyon, Mary Elizabeth Nelson, Frieda Sowers, Gladys Norstrum, Merna Painter, Carolyn Morrison, Betty Wheeler, Margaret Sloan and Helen Thomas. Chapter advisers were Miss Elna Scott and Jennette Terrill.

From its beginning, Beta Kappa was active with the war effort and philanthropic projects. Members sold defense stamps and bonds on the campus, cut war bandages, organized fund-raisers for the local orphanage and even coordinated social events for the students who remained on campus. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, Alpha Sigma Alpha welcomed returning GIs to campus by hosting a back-to-school dance, which ultimately became an annual tradition and anticipated event.

Among the "annual" events of the chapter are the Cotton Ball and the Red Slipper Ball. According to one member, receiving an invitation to attend an Alpha Sigma Alpha dance was considered the hottest ticket in town. The annual dinner dances soon became known as the premier social events on campus. The Red Slipper Ball still continues as a cherished Beta Kappa tradition. In 1946, Beta Kappa rented a house at 717 West Adams St. and moved into the first Alpha Sigma Alpha house on Western's campus.

Beta Kappa accumulated many campus honors during the 1940s and 1950s, beginning with election of six members to Kappa Delta Pi. During homecoming 1947, the leading lady and five members of the play cast were members of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Queens and various officers also appear in the records of the various years. Two successive W.A.A. presidents were Beta Kappas. In 1949, Analu Painter served as Western's 50th anniversary homecoming queen, and several other members were crowned homecoming queen during subsequent years.

In 1952 the chapter purchased a house at 719 West Adams St. and made its residence there until 1994. Over the years a series of house parents, housemothers, advisers and housing corporation members assisted the women with its operations. The lovely white Victorian home was filled with beautiful woodwork and stained glass windows. The house was alleged to be a home to a previous president of Western Illinois University. Conveniently located across the street from campus, residents could easily walk to class or to nearby residence halls to visit friends. House decorations for the homecoming parade on West Adams Street added to the festivities each year.

Fran Chevy was crowned homecoming queen in 1960, followed by Virginia Uhe in 1961. Diane Stiska was chosen 1960 Miss Macomb and represented Macomb in the Miss Illinois pageant. In 1962 Fran Janovetz followed the same path. In 1963 Elna Scott Nail retired as chapter adviser, a post she had held since the chapter's installation. Fall 1966 brought the chapter the scholarship trophy and the initiation of its new adviser, Jo Ann Venable, a professor of French at WIU. Joining Miss Venable was Miss Hippensteel and in 1967, Miss Cohen and Miss Callison. In 1968 the chapter won the award for most donations to the Red Cross Blood Drive. The close of the 1960s saw Beta Kappa graduate 31 members at one time.

In 1970 Tut McLester, past president, was named Panhellenic woman of the year. During 1972 the chapter was chosen to run the torch from Monmouth to Macomb for the winter frolics week. This was the first time a sorority was chosen to run the torch. In 1974 Shirley Knowles, mother of Nancy Knowles, became the chapter's adviser. Judy Neilson was named 1977 Panhellenic woman of the year.

In 1980 Terri Meyer was named as the October Student Leader of the Month. This decade included homecoming events, sisterhood activities and national sorority events. Thirty Beta Rhos visited Western in 1987.

Chapter adviser Tara Knudson was named 1990 adviser of the year, Nora Ten Broeck was named 1990 outstanding sorority president and Laura Eggert was named 1990 Greek woman of the year. Karen Daley won the 1990 Dr. Josephine L. Johnson award. Karen served as the Panhellenic council president for 1990 and Becky Belzer served in the same office in 1992. The chapter created the adopt West Adams Street program in 1990 for trash pickup and soon after the Panhellenic association adopted the program, inviting all sororities to participate. During the 1990s, the housing corporation was reorganized with the focus of raising funds to build a new house.

A 50th anniversary celebration was held April 9, 1994. Although past the official anniversary of the chapter, the event was attended by more than 200 members and included a groundbreaking ceremony for the new house. Later that year Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president, participated in opening the new house at 800 Westbrook Circle. The house has 15 bedrooms, five bathrooms, a chapter room, computer room, kitchen, recreation room and resident director's suite. It would not have been possible without the assistance of advisers and housing corporation members Ned and Sandra Scott Shearer, BB. The library of the house is named in their honor.

Several members have received various awards and Alpha Sigma Alpha scholarships. The outstanding new member award was won in 1973 by Nancy Schnake and in 1976 by Sue Johnson. The Elizabeth Bird Small award was won in 1959 by Mardelle Bruning, in 1977 by Judy Nielson and in 1992 by Karen Daley. The Frost Fidelity award was won by Sally Armstrong in 1975 and by Karey Nicole Pieczkowski in 1995. Jane Ellen Giloso received the 1969 national philanthropic scholarship, Mary Sara McDonald won the 1976 Mary Turner Gallagher scholarship, Michelle Wilkinson won the 1992 Grace Fultz Haworth music scholarship, and Nora Ten Broeck won the 1995 Martha Green Dimond scholarship. The 1998 non-member special education scholarship was awarded to Leigh Ann Nachtigall, and the 2000 non-member special education scholarship was awarded to Lynette DiLuzio. Nora Ten Broeck sponsored both women.

Beta Kappa has been named a four-star chapter four times: in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and received the Rose Marie Fellin Financial Excellence award in 1998 and 2000.

At the close of the 1990s, the chapter graduated large groups of women and the chapter had difficulty recruiting new members. By 2000 the chapter fell to its lowest membership in years. Several alumnae worked with the national organization to revitalize the chapter, and after several months of efforts, saw success through an increase in membership recruitment. Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, president, requested alumnae to donate to a fund established to defray the cost of the chapter's expenses during this period.

Throughout the years, Beta Kappa has contributed to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation and fostered the development of many women. *Contributors: Heather Wier,* BK, *Nora Ten Broeck,* BK

Beta Lambda

University of Central Arkansas, Conway
Installed March 4, 1944

In fall 1936, there were four sororities and five fraternities at the State Teachers College in Conway and the student interest committee saw a need for another social sorority. Hence Dr. D.D. McBrien, dean of men, called Melissa and Victoria Fiser to his office to discuss the matter. The Fisers searched out 10 other interested girls and, choosing Miss Marie Schichtl as sponsor, wrote a constitution.

The object of the group was to form a sisterhood that would promote the social life of its members and aid in the encouragement of and promotion of scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective influence of a college woman. The name Zeta Sigma was chosen. Zeta was the initial of Zelotai and Sigma of Sophias, the name meaning "Followers of Wisdom." Colors were scarlet and cream to signify valor and purity. The flower, at first the talisman rose, was later changed to the red rose. The badge of Zeta Sigma was a shield bearing a torch through which ran a sword. The symbol was a red and white dog with the Greek letters Zeta and Sigma, which the pledge carried for a period of six weeks.

By the end of its second year, the new group had added 14 names to the original 12 and also had four pledges. It continued to prosper and made an enviable place for itself on the Conway campus.

In fall 1943, Zeta Sigma petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha and on March 4, 1944, installation services were held. Installing officers were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president and Esther Bucher, HH, treasurer. They were assisted by Miss Clio Allen, ΨΨ, Psi Psi adviser, Clare Alexander, ΨΨ, Viola Caraway, ΨΨ, Evelyn Horn, ΨΨ, Gloria Bayard, ΨΨ, Miss Fern Pascoe, Beta Gamma adviser, Olie May Bittle, BΓ, Penny Stolper, BΓ, Jenny Mosier, BΓ, Dorothy Bartlett, BΓ, Billy Ray Hogue, BΓ, Robbie Farris, BΓ, Marjorie Ray, BΓ, Marie Hembree, HH, Betty Lance, HH, Janet Malcolm, HH, and Annette Pausewang Gruber, ΠΠ. In fact, since the war had made regional conventions impossible, the Conway installation was used as the next best way to provide contacts between national officers and members of several chapters. Delta Sigma Epsilon, which was installing at the same time, shared Bernard Hall, which had recently been vacated by a WAC contingent, with the Alpha Sigma Alpha guests.

After initiation services, a formal banquet was held Saturday evening in the lounge of the Commons building. On Sunday morning, Miss Schichtl entertained the alumnae and visiting Alpha Sigma Alphas with a breakfast at her home, after which everyone attended the Presbyterian Church. That afternoon, Delta Sigma Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha were honored by a semi-formal tea in the Mirror Room of McAlister Hall, with the other national groups on campus, both men and women, as hosts and hostesses. Reports of the weekend indicate that songs, conversations and "get acquainted" sessions of an unofficial nature filled the day and night hours and that it took only 48 hours to achieve that state wherein everyone knows everyone else and feels that the condition has existed for years rather than days. Pajama parties, cookies, soft drinks and scrapbooks all served their purpose.

Charter members of Beta Lambda are Florence Morris Lull, Christine Calvert, Mary Frances Gist, Wanda Green, Emmadell High, Ernestine Peters, Ruby Shambarger, Barbara Shufield, Harriet Umsted, Georgiana White, Polly White, alumnae; Marie Schichtl, adviser; and Doris Powell, president; Faydene Carroll, vice president; Vivienne Clifton, secretary; LaNelle Siegel, corresponding secretary; Ida Mae Parker, treasurer; Elizabeth Mills, historian; Frances Burkett, editor; Peggy Hime, photographer; Virginia Sue Brooks, sergeant-at-arms; Jean Lile Baker, Marjorie Brown, Marian Wilkerson Cooper, Hilda Eidson, Jean Frazier, Martha Goode, Dorothy Hall, Norma Ruth Henderson, Betty Ruth Joyce, Joyce Lively, Frances McGinnis, Glenna Joe Phillips, Jean Frances Trice, Glennie Trimble, Dorothy Wilkerson, Ruth Worm, collegians.

It should be acknowledged that Marie Schichtl remained adviser to Beta Lambda until her retirement in August 1969. She was memorialized during the chapter's 50th anniversary as an inspiration to all members because she exemplified the sorority's aims and creed. A scholarship fund was created in her memory.

In its first year as an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter, Beta Lambda listed its members in the following activities: Scroll queen, president of the senior class, president of Sigma Beta Lambda, chairman of the student interest committee, president and vice president of the Spanish Club, president of Bernard Hall house council, accompanist of the Choral Club, Sweetheart of Phi Sigma Epsilon, as well as the various memberships held in campus organizations. That year the Beta Lambdas were also champions in volleyball and had three members listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

It is also a matter of pride that each year brought election honors to the chapter. In 1945-1946, members held the presidencies of seven college organizations. In 1946-1947, the third vice president of the State Baptist Student Union Council was a Beta Lambda. In 1947-1948, the chapter received the scholarship cup for the highest sorority average on the campus. The 1952 chapter listed seven members tapped for Royal Rooters (a leadership group), president of the music club, president of the college choir, secretary of the French club, editor of the Scroll (yearbook) and membership in Alpha Chi and the student council.

Among the chapter's service projects are benefit dances for the veterans at Fort Roots Hospital in Little Rock and a canasta party. Christmas 1949 found the girls in the role of early risers to sing carols at 5:30 a.m. in front of the different dormitories. That the Beta Lambdas have good voices is indicated by their winning second place in the song contest in May 1952. For this event the girls wore white dresses of the same pattern and red carnations.

Celebration of the chapter's birthday has become traditional. When it attained the mature age of 6, Beta Lambda held a weekend-long birthday party with Mrs. Sharp as honored guest. Summer convention was also an event for this chapter.

Members contributed time with special needs children before it became the sorority's national philanthropy. Beginning in the early 1960s the chapter began volunteering at the Arkansas Children's Colony, known now as the Conway Human Development Center. The center aids the entire state with such needs as physical, occupational and speech therapy and domestic and personal skills training. Respite and outreach services are also provided. Beta Lambdas bring smiles to resident's faces with annual Halloween treats, Christmas caroling, Valentine cards and Easter egg hunts.

During the 1960s and 1970s several members were chosen for campus honors, including homecoming queen, most beautiful Greek woman, the first female student body president, cheerleaders, student senate, AWS president and Royal Rooters. In honor of the first female student body president and outstanding demonstration of the sorority's aims, an annual award for the Gretchen Adams Ideal member was established.

Rush consisted of an invitational tea, parties and skits. Popular themes were "Alphatraz" and "Alphalot." Proper attire for the invitational tea included white gloves and a hat, if available. In order to be prepared for the school year, retreats were held in the summer to plan the calendar and to begin the theme for rush skits even though rush was deferred until second semester.

In 1968 a second women's dormitory, Carmichael, was built to include housing for the five sororities on campus. A suite at the end of the hall was dedicated to each sorority to decorate and furnish. A chapter member had painted the door from the original suite in Bernard Hall with the crest, and the panel was removed and hung among the composites in the new hall. The furniture, carpeting and drapes were an outstanding feature.

During this period dress etiquette on campus still did not allow pants of any kind to be worn at anytime. When walking to gym class wearing the required shorts, an overcoat was required until a student arrived in class. The rules were "relaxed" in 1969 when after a student's last class on Friday afternoon, slacks or jeans could be worn on campus without the need of a knee-length overcoat until Sunday evening.

Through the years, many things on campus have changed — from the name of the college to the basic changes of the times. Beta Lambda has a strong sisterhood that has made an impact on campus and in the community. One measurement of this is the chapter's trophy room. Honors ranging from winning spirit competitions, intramural events and Panhellenic's all-sorority award grace the walls.

In the 1990s, Beta Lambda became the official sponsor of the Miss UCA pageant. Through a great deal of planning and advertisement sales, the chapter crowns one woman Miss UCA every March and sends her to the Miss Arkansas competition in June. *Contributors: Lora Hatchett,* BΛ, *Ellen Funk Morris,* BΛ

Beta Mu

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark.
Installed May 4, 1946

Until 1929 the college at Arkadelphia was known as Henderson-Brown and supported by the Methodists of Arkansas. After becoming a state teachers college, the institution received many new buildings so that it became one of the finest in the state. With enrollment steadily rising, the two local sororities were insufficient, and Dr. D.D. McBrien announced that the campus was open for the organization of national sororities. Beta Lambdas from Conway, Ark., talked to a group of Henderson girls. With the aid of Miss Marie Schichtl, Beta Lambda faculty adviser, the would-be local became Zeta Sigma

and petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha. The acceptance telegram was received March 4. From then until the installation date, May 4, 1946, the girls were busy with plans and pledge study.

Installing officer was Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president, assisted by Esther Bucher, HH, treasurer, Miss Schichtl and several collegians: Freda Elmore, HH, Marinell Clark, HH, Robbie Farris, BΓ, Joan Whitenberg, BΓ; Betty Ruth Joyce, BΛ, Bessie Ross, BΛ, Dorothy Hall, BΛ, Betty Freeman, BΛ, Winkie Roberts, BΛ, Almeda Cox, BΛ, Mary Jo Larson, BΛ, Ruth Worm, BΛ, and Ida Mae Parker, BΛ, Little Rock Alumnae Chapter.

A party on Friday night proved an excellent method of teaching the new girls the Alpha Sigma Alpha songs and the customs of the visiting chapters. On Saturday afternoon, the initiation service was held in Key Hall. A banquet at the Caddo Hotel and a dance in the Haygood Gymnasium followed. On Sunday, there was corporate attendance at the First Methodist Church, and in the afternoon, the Alpha Sigma Taus (installed the same weekend) were honored guests of the Beta Mus at a tea in the Blue Room of Mooney Hall.

Charter initiates are Beulah Hall Thompson, adviser, Frances Caldwell McLean, Lea Etta Seymour Sweatt, Zeta Sigma president, Joy Jean Wilson, chapter president, Mary Lou Steed, Betty Lou Huddleston, Lorraine Larsen, Ola Dale Barbaree, Elizabeth Ann Black, Hazel Louise Chambers, Charley Chloe Dickey, Dorothy Phena Hildebrand, Jackie Hill, Lula Sue Silliman, Sarah Margaret Bissell, Corrine A. Cox, Phena Daniel, Helen Beth Downs, Lenelle Goza, Dorothy A. Rich, Saralou Ross, Martha Sue Westbrook, Jo Ann Mills and Daisilee H. Berry.

The baby chapter proved very capable of taking its first active steps. In the next year it won intramural trophies for both basketball and softball, had the beauty queen of the college annual and the beauty queen of Reddie Day (one of the highest honors on the campus), participated in the sale of Christmas seals and in the Red Cross drive, held two formal dances and took an all-day picnic trip to Hot Springs. Evidently encouraged by its initial success, the next year the group boasted of the assistant editor of the annual, the Halloween, Valentine, and Reddie Day queens, the presidents of Women's Council, Business Education Club, Home Ec Club, Phi Alpha Theta and Masquers, the Phi Lambda Chi sweetheart, one election to Kappa Delta Pi and one to the collegiate Who's Who, and four of the eight members tapped for Heart and Key. With all of this activity, it is understandable that the social and philanthropic program did not increase but remained approximately the same.

By 1948-1949 the group became the sorority with the highest scholastic average and had five of the 10 outstanding freshmen. The history of the past few years is similar, each year bringing its share of honors and fun. In 1950-1951, Emily Hobbs was honored with a cash award from Delta Kappa Gamma, showing that Beta Mu excellence was recognized beyond the campus. The scholarship plaque awarded by the dean of women on 1951 Reddie Day also went to Beta Mu.

During the summer of 1951 there were the big weekend party on the campus and cruises to the Caddo River. Among the other events of this year were an Alpha Sigma Alpha castle for rushees, the pledge Christmas party for the actives, a "sok hop" and the usual participation in campus activities. Beta Mus had a campus cheerleader, the vice president and two other members of Heart and Key, the secretary of the Student Senate, a member in Kappa Delta Pi, a charter member of the first chapter in Arkansas of Theta Alpha Phi, two members in Who's Who, the "cutest people on campus," the leading lady in a campus play, the student director of "Medea" and three members of the campus square dance team that went to Peabody Institute in Nashville for an exhibition.

Perhaps the event of greatest importance in 1952 was the acquisition in February of a chapter room, the first for Beta Mu.

Over the years several more members won awards. Jacqueline Joyner was named Miss Centennial HSU in spring 1990 and Angela Bratton Cox was Henderson's centennial homecoming queen in 1991. Beta Mu celebrated its 50th anniversary April 27, 1996. *Contributor: Gina Hasley,* BM

Gamma Clio

New York State College, Cortland
Installed May 4, 1946; closed 1953

For 54 years the group that became Gamma Clio Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha was affiliated with the Clionian Society, a New York state group (see Pi Pi Chapter's history for more on the Clionian Society). However, on May 4, 1946, while installation services were being held for Beta Mu in Arkadelphia, Ark., this chapter was added to the Alpha Sigma Alpha roll.

Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, alumnae director and a former Clionian, and Helen Corey, KK, secretary, were installing officers. Members of Kappa Kappa, Nu Nu and Pi Pi chapters assisted them. The formal banquet was held at the Hotel Cortland. Religious

services and a tea on Sunday preceded the installation of chapter officers.

Charter members are Nadine Helen Teter, president; Winifred Helen Fuller, vice president; Betty Ann Clancy, secretary; Grace Louise Kleinsang, registrar; Helen Pearl Hunter, chaplain; Helen Katherine Pierce, editor; Carol Ann Whittaker, treasurer; Jean Marie Cross, Dorothy Ruth Glover, Ruth Marie Hallas, Eleanor Jane Hewitt, Alma Louise Houghton, Mary Ellen Lane, Antoinette L. Michaud, Helen Ann Pallotta, Patricia Ann Powers, Jo Anne Root, Dorothy Todd, Doris M. Donaldson, Margaret Kathryn Ferree, Catherine B. Ryan, Antoinette Rose Mary Sposito, Mildred Helen Sudman, Shirley Elizabeth Young, I. Dolores Behul, Anna M. Carro, Lorraine G. Cook, Rita Frances Cronin, T. Clara D'Agnostino, Helen Isaf, Janet Huntemann Leonard, Mary O'Connor, Esther A. Palumbo, Sonia J. Portchmouth, Jill Vira Priester, Carole Joyce Wilsey, Helen Anne Johnston, Margaret Jeanne Laver, Katherine O'Brien, Evelyn Ridick, Ann Marie Roesch, Sarah Jane Shipton and Jean Alma Tuthill.

"Moving Up Day" each May was an important event for Gamma Clio. Among the features was the fraternity-sorority sing in which the Alpha Sigma Alphas participated. The senior picnic of 1949 will be remembered as the day on which the fraternities also went to Enfield Glen and by mistake ate the girls' food.

The chapter house figured importantly in Gamma Clio life: Every September there was the trunk-moving party, when all the trunks were put in the attic; there were opportunities for knowing one another better when painting and decorating were on the agenda; and once, in February 1950, the house became a luxury liner with 36 portholes, one for each ΑΣΑ chapter, when rushees were entertained with an "Around the World" party. Thirty-five new members were pledged after this party and a formal tea.

In the fall of 1951 all freshmen were welcome at the "By the Sea" party staged to help with freshmen orientation. A few weeks later at homecoming the house's yard indicated Gamma Clio's desire to put the opposing Brockport team "on the rocks," a large boat filled with decrepit Brockport players having been literally put on the rocks.

Mothers, fathers and other visitors were entertained at the house in November, which also was the month of the faculty tea. In fact, except for that warm evening in April when a wagon and tractor with hay were hired and took the girls and their dates out for a ride, the house was the center of most 1951-1952 activity.

Work with the Children's Home, including an annual Halloween party for the children there, field trips, gardening projects and lessons in square dancing kept the girls busy in serving others. In scholarship, the chapter was in the top three of the six sororities and three fraternities. In fact, the girls with red jackets bearing the ΑΣΑ coat-of-arms were very much a part of Cortland.

That their interests often extended much further, however, was shown by the eagerness with which they gave blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the campus in May 1952, and the zeal with which they helped at the Red Cross center whenever possible.

Gamma Clio Chapter closed in 1953 because of the anti-Greek sentiment that swept the New York State University system that year.

Beta Nu

Murray State University, Murray, Ky.

Installed May 18, 1946

Because of increased enrollment and the presence at Murray State of only one sorority, on Feb. 21, 1946, 39 women met to discuss the formation of a new group and write a constitution. The following Monday, the women, calling themselves Alpha Zeta, decided to petition Alpha Sigma Alpha. Miss Evelyn Linn was elected adviser and Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. A.F. Wolfson, Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Fred Schultz as patronesses. Alpha Zeta officers were Sarah Ruth Rhodes, president; Vivian Bell, vice president; Dorothy Nell Smith, secretary; Gene Frances Grant, treasurer; Mary Nutter, editor; Betty Jane Jones, chaplain; and Barbara Bigham, registrar.

While the group was learning the steps of good organization, it also enjoyed social events: a party at the "Snack Bar," a chili supper at Mrs. Ryan's where the first group picture was taken and a formal debut on campus in the form of the Spring Swirl with a real orchestra and floor show.

May 18, 1946, was the important day of pledging, initiation and installation as a chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Present for the event were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president, Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, editor, and Phon Johnson, EE, alumnae organizer, as well as a delegation from Chi Chi and Zeta Zetas Betty Urban, Mary Fran Wells and Judy DeMasters. The Women's Club House was the scene of the services and the banquet.

Charter initiates are Evelyn Linn, adviser, Sarah Ruth

Rhodes, Vivian Sue Bell, Dorothy N. Smith, Gene Frances Grant, Barbara Ann Bigham, registrar, Betty Jane Jones, chaplain, Mary Elizabeth Nutter, Mable Elrod Allen, Cordelia Jane Burkeen, Martha Annette Byassee, Mildred Miriam Chapman, Eris Adele Lichtenberger, Levonne Smith, Ruth Elnora Vannerson, treasurer, Linda Sue Callis, secretary, Sue Cunningham, vice president, Aleda Farmer, editor, Anna Mildred Ford, Mary Anna Huie, Mary Helen Munal, Mary Carolyn Utterback, Helen Carol Adams, Betty Breckenridge, Reba Jo Cathey, Peggy Joyce Cox, Patty C. Glover, Elizabeth Carolyn Grimes, Anna Lou Heater, Donna Jean Hubbs, Lettie Caroline Jones, Bonnie Lee Kingins, Carolyn E. Nelson, Marian Sue Phillips, president, Euleen Ramage, Mary Lou Simons, M. Sunshine Wilfred and Jane Doris Wood.

A Halloween party and a 35th birthday tea for the Murray Girl Scouts were two events of the following year, which was climaxed with Beta Nu's first birthday party, the theme being a record of the chapter's growth as it would appear in a baby book. In fact, the chapter has a birthday party each year. Murray students chose the Mistletoe Ball of December 1948 as the best dance of the year. This, too, has become a repeat performance.

In 1949-1950 the chapter was proud to be asked to sponsor the Red Cross drive on campus, as it has done in subsequent years. The chapter also organized talent shows that were given on Sunday afternoons at Outwood Veterans Hospital. Baskets of food and gifts of clothing were given to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The same philanthropic program was carried out during the following years.

Beta Nus are listed in the collegiate Who's Who and are the recipients of many college honors such as membership in Kappa Delta Pi, editor of the College News, outstanding journalist, ideal freshman, outstanding senior girl, outstanding dramatics student, junior-senior prom queen, Miss Wells Hall of the Month, campus favorites, outstanding student in home economics scholarship, Miss Murray State, secretary of the Student Organization and officers of Wells Hall, the girls' dormitory.

During 1950-1951 Beta Nu was fortunate to obtain a chapter room. Since it had to be furnished, members sold Christmas cards and food at night on alternate months in the girls' dormitory; they even gave up a formal banquet to deposit the money in the room fund. In addition to the numerous "reasonable request" parties by the pledges and rush parties, each semester the group gave at least one "dress up" affair. One of the nicest was the annual homecoming brunch. In 1951 it was held in the sorority room to show the alumnae the progress made there.

In April 1952 the Alpha Sigma Alphas and the Sigma Sigma Sigma went for a weekend to Kentucky Dam State Park at Gilbertsville for the annual Panhellenic workshop.

Beta Nu has been presented with numerous awards throughout the years. In 1966 the national Ideal Pledge award went to Peggy Lee Dwyer. More recently, the group received the four-star chapter award for excellence in 1988, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. Beta Nu also received the campus Greek award of excellence and outstanding achievement award for numerous years. The chapter received the 1999 officer efficiency award and the 1999 Rose Marie Fellin Financial Excellence award. In 2000 Beta Nu earned the Sidney Gremillion Allen Panhellenic award.

Many members make the dean's list every semester and almost every member is involved in at least one other activity on campus. Beta Nu also participates in the annual Teeter for Tots and Toys for Tots programs and Special Olympics. The chapter prepares Christmas dinner for underprivileged children and their families, and a surprise visit from Santa is guaranteed. The annual spring Special Olympics gives Beta Nus the opportunity to volunteer by giving out awards, ribbons and hugs to all participants.

Beta Nu celebrated its 55th year in 2001 and planned to continue its strong commitment of service to the sorority, campus and community. *Contributors: Jona Hedges,* BN, *Heather Marie Marten,* BN, *Jamie Bamwell,* BN, *Keara Wallace,* BN

Beta Xi

New York State University–Oneonta
Installed May 18, 1946; closed 1953

In 1901 a literary society that had been formed soon after the opening of Oneonta Normal School in 1889 petitioned the Clionian Society, a New York state group, and became that organization's Beta Chapter. (For more on the Clionian Society, see the Pi Pi Chapter history.)

Early in 1945 this chapter petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha and was installed as Beta Xi May 18, 1946. Installing officers were Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, alumnae director, Marion Powell, NN, rushing chairman, Edith Gaupp Wolf, ΠΠ, art chairman and Joan Steinmiller, ΠΠ, publicity chairman.

Also participating were New York City alumnae Emma Cole-

man Frost, ΠΠ, Ethel Barrett, KK, Dr. Gertrude Yorke, TT, and Mrs. John Waldron, chapter not known; Marie Katz, KK, Naomi Hartman, , and Ruth Shellhamer, NN, from Philadelphia; Mary Ellen Seibert, ΠΠ, and Marilyn Berry, ΠΠ, from Buffalo; and Nadine Teter, ΓClio, and Ruth Hallas, ΓClio, from the new chapter at Cortland.

Pledging followed the pledge tests on Friday. The formal installation banquet was held at Majors Inn in Gilbertsville on Saturday evening. The unofficial record also indicates that the hand trunk and packages carried with good-natured grumbling by the two New York alumnae who accompanied Mrs. Frost contained mountains of food for a midnight snack in the Park School of Cookery manner.

Charter members are Helen O. Bundy, Gladys M. Gilbert, Shirley R. Armstrong, Jean Elizabeth Arkins, Ruth Walsh Bresee, Juanita Dale Cole, Jean E. DeGolyer, Helen Joan Dinnel, Florence E. Gerrish, Evelyn M. Dox, Marion E. Hulse, Rosamond M. Hall, Gloria B. Lloyd, Emily Mae Loudon, Geraldine Beverly M. Barlow, Claire H. Conover, Doris Ann Green, Mary C. Kearns, Mary Helen C. McBride, Valborg Helen Nickel, Evelyn Theby Sher, Louise M. Waldron, Dalene E. Bush, Constance C. Cooper, Maxine L. Fieg, Mary Jane Hendee, Mary Anne Pendleton, Jeanie R. Hughes, Betty M. Larkin, Lorelei L. Miller, Margaret E. Myer, Mary M. Parker, Barbara Joy Shaffer, Alice L. Siegwart, Ina Evans Clark, Virginia E. Duffy, Kathleen C. Duncan, Elizabeth Anne Fagan, Lillian Ferguson, Marjorie Ann Hart, Eva Mary Mahoney, Mildred Margaret Mahoney, Clara Louise Ross, Mary Terese Schmidt, Phyllis Christine Traudt, Madeline Mary Varrichio and Olive Rice Watkinson. Louise Waldron was president.

During the school year of 1948-1949 Beta Xi assumed the role of a petitioning ΑΣΑ group because its college had not yet been accredited by the regional accrediting association, a status demanded by Alpha Sigma Alpha's affiliation with the National Panhellenic Conference. However, accrediting and subsequent reinstatement came in the spring of 1949.

Working at the local hospital as receptionists was one of the girls' community activities. On the campus they participated in work for the World Student Service Funds, the Red Cross, the Cancer Drives and many other projects, including waitress work for various church groups.

In 1951-1952 the Beta Xis were the first Greek organization on campus to make an organized effort to meet the blood quota. Those who could donated blood, while others worked at the blood bank. The chapter also enrolled in the Civil Defense program.

Rushing meant more than entertaining freshmen; it meant coffee hours, overnights, punch parties, "come as you are" parties and, finally, Conflict Night and the traditional banquet. Oneonta had big college weekends made exciting with buffet suppers at houses, banquets, picnics and hayrides. Alumni Weekend was also a tradition. Bake sales and sales of red and white collegiate dogs were all Beta Xi money-making projects. Intrafraternity activities such as the all-Greek dance, sorority sing, basketball games, floats in the Halloween parade and sculptures for the Winter Carnival provided competition and fun.

Beta Xi claimed its share of snow queens, May queens and ball queens in addition to campus leaders. Alpha Sigma Alpha names were prominent in Kappa Delta Pi, the student body organization, the College Book Fair, the "State Times," college committees, Home Economics Club, Orchesis, Dennison Hall and class officers.

On Feb. 14, 1952, Beta Xi sent out its first alumnae newsletter. The chapter was very proud of its house. Its first work project of 1951-1952 was redecorating the large living room. Members made new draperies and slipcovers and refinished furniture in anticipation of the open house for freshmen on Oct. 7.

Another project that year was the sponsorship of the Union College Glee Club Concert. Although it proved financially profitable for the chapter, the girls felt it equally worthwhile to have given the community the opportunity to hear this organization. The school year ended with Beta Xi planning a weekend at a lake, the event to be a combination good time, mixer, senior farewell and workshop.

Beta Xi Chapter closed in 1953 because of the anti-Greek sentiment that swept the New York State University system that year.

Rho Chi

Wayne State University

Installed Sept. 14, 1947; closed 1958

Wayne University was created in 1933 when the Detroit Medical College, founded in 1868, the Detroit Teachers College and the City College of Detroit were joined under one authority.

When the charter group was pledged to Alpha Sigma Alpha, the ceremony marked the fourth time the organization had

changed its name. Beginning in 1922, it was known as the Rural Club, whose main purpose was to sponsor outdoor activities and sportsmanship among rural teachers, both men and women. It was one of the most active and the largest at the old Teachers College.

When the college was joined to the City College of Detroit, the club admitted members from that college, but since the interests of the newcomers differed from those of the original members, the name was changed to the Rho Chi Club in 1932. As a professional group, the club received a small financial grant from the college activity fund, a procedure that occurred until the group began to operate under sorority rules.

At the time of Wayne's incorporation, the Rho Chi Club was dissolved and a charter drawn for Sigma Rho Chi Sorority, the first sorority to be chartered under Wayne University. The alumnae organization was founded in 1935. Because it wished to maintain its identity, it became a separate alumnae chapter at the time of the Alpha Sigma Alpha installation.

Pledging at the Whittier Hotel in Detroit June 8, 1947, was conducted by Frances Vredenburg, , who had interested the Rho Chi girls in Alpha Sigma Alpha, Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, alumnae director, and Virginia Carpenter, OO, vice president. On the same day the last Founders' Day banquet of Sigma Rho Chi was held. At the ceremony these officers were installed: president, Jacqueline Joly; vice president, June Fisk; secretary, Kay Helliar; treasurer, Marilyn Conley; registrar, Phyllis Inwood; chaplain, Lyla Mathiak; and editor, Mary E. Busck.

Chapter initiation and installation were held Sept. 14, 1947, at the Dearborn Inn. Miss Bell and Miss Carpenter were joined by Joan Steinmiller, ΠΠ, collegiate editor; Sue Marvin, ΠΠ, Ann Stark, ΠΠ, Frances Huszarik, BΘ, Verna Gilbert, BΘ, and Detroit alumnae. Charter members are jacqueline Joly, June Fisk, Kay Helliar, Marilyn Conley, Phyllis Inwood, Lyla Mathiak and Mary E. Busck.

Social service projects included collecting cigarettes and comfort items, books, cards and magazines for Billings and Cold Springs veterans' hospitals, a sweater drive and money-making projects to send boys to camp. Social affairs often included alumnae, especially when the event was a rush party. Wayne's Wintermart always found the Alpha Sigma Alphas taking part in this carnival, whether it was sponsoring a magician show or pushing ice cream carts. At Wayne it was even possible to precede an intersorority ball with a formal dinner in Canada.

Rho Chi also had its queens and its campus officers. In 1950 an Alpha Sigma Alpha was elected president of the intersorority council. The highlights of 1951-1952 were an all-college tea celebrating the golden anniversary of Alpha Sigma Alpha and receiving the scholarship cup for the highest academic average of the campus sororities.

Rho Chi was closed in 1958.

Beta Pi

Concord College, Athens, W. Va.
Installed Sept. 27, 1947

Beta Pi Chapter was installed at Concord College Sept. 27, 1947. Installing officers were Marion S. Powell, NN, registrar, and Frances Waddell Camden, BE, fellowship chairman. Anne Bloss, PP, Helen Gallagher, PP, and Mrs. Julian Williams, Beta Pi adviser, assisted them.

The West Virginia Hotel in Bluefield was the scene of the installation banquet. Local guests included college President and Mrs. Virgil H. Stewart and Dean and Mrs. David Kirby. Members of Panhellenic council were hostesses at a tea on Sunday honoring the new chapter.

Charter members are Carmel Aucellio, president; Betty Lou Lilly, vice president; Doris Witten, secretary; Nellie Ellison, treasurer; Jean Luck, registrar; Jewell Wright, chaplain; Barbara Guy, Mary Louise Dollinger and Catherine Mathews. Patronesses were Mrs. A.A. Hadden and Mrs. C.J. Gerald.

Hamburger fries, teas, spaghetti dinners, breakfasts and hot dog roasts fill the record of Beta Pi's social activities. A brother fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma, was important to certain of these events. An annual affair was the "twin twirl," at which couples tried to dress as twins.

Service to campus and community is included in Beta Pi's projects for others. When the girls' dormitory needed a punch bowl, it was the Beta Pi women who gave it, while the courtesies extended to the chapter by the Athens Baptist Church have been remembered with flowers on Palm Sunday. Campus offices also had a way of falling to Beta Pi members.

On Oct. 15, 1950, Beta Pi had the privilege of having a visit from Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president. She was picked up from the train station and taken on a tour. She then went to Concord's campus to spend three days with Beta Pi. The 1950s were a decade of scholastic achievement. In 1953, 1955, 1957 and 1958, Beta Pi won Concord's scholarship award for having the highest overall GPA of all campus sororities. Another high-

light of that decade was when Helen Deihl received the Frost Fidelity award in 1957.

From this early history Beta Pi continued to be an active chapter. In the late 1960s it joined Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sigma in moving to a new Panhellenic residence hall. The early 1970s brought significantly larger pledge classes and Beta Pi became one of the two largest groups on campus. Money was used from the chapter's house savings account to decorate the lounges on each end of "fourth floor" — the home of Beta Pi.

After several years of growth, the chapter suddenly found itself diminished in size and soon there were only three remaining members. Those three women, with the help of alumnae and their adviser, Roger Sheppard, renewed the chapter and it began to thrive again in the 1980s. Sharon Manzo, BΣ, became the chapter adviser in 1994 after assisting the group for several years. She had a significant impact on the chapter and for the first time, in 1998, Beta Pi was named a four-star chapter.

Beta Pi member Freida Riley was featured in the 1998 movie "October Sky" for her inspiration that helped motivate six young high school students known as "the rocket boys" to launch their homemade missiles. Freida, who served as treasurer of Beta Pi, was valedictorian of her class before she began teaching. Before she died at the age of 32 from Hodgkin's disease she inspired another young student who went on to become a Beta Pi — Rosemary Carucci Goss, past national president.

The 1990s were a winning decade for Beta Pi. The chapter had the honor of six consecutive homecoming queens: Cindy Kelly in 1992, Judean St. Clair in 1993, Tiffany L. Goodwin in 1994, Connie M. Hagerman in 1995, Tara Leigh Branham in 1996 and Trina Lynn Branham in 1997. Beta Pi celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1997. *Contributors: Brandy Rinehart,* BΠ, *Pam Phelps,* BΠ, *Elizabeth Jernigan,* BΠ, *Chandra Toney,* BΠ, *Rosemary Carucci Goss,* BΠ

Beta Rho

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb

Installed Feb. 7, 1948

Jan. 30, 1947, is the birth date of Beta Rho, a local group of 14 women organized at DeKalb for the purpose of forming lasting friendships. They were pledged to Alpha Sigma Alpha June 5 and installed as a chapter Feb. 7, 1948 — a very cold day, according to the four Chicago alumnae who journeyed westward to participate once more in an Alpha Sigma Alpha initiation.

Installing officers were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president, and Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, editor. At installation from the Chicago Alumnae Chapter were Jean Willett Ramsey, AB, Martha Green Dimond, AA, Eleanor Smith Thomas, KK, and Dorothy Masters, ΦΦ; and from Beta Kappa: Marjorie Galloway, Jo Lewis, Jean Hemphill, Betty Jean Pogue, Mary Lou Johnson and Carolyn Stewart. The banquet was held at the Rice Hotel, DeKalb.

Charter members are Dorothy Johnson, Rose Marie Huber, Joyce Street, Mary Lou Spickerman, Constance Perino, treasurer; Audrey McGarry, vice president; Wallace Wesley, adviser; Jean Lewis, secretary; Audrey Mighell, registrar; Lupe Ponce, editor; Mylrae Lane, Charlene Valkers, Marilyn Miller, Madeline Maynard, Darlene Ray, Delores Ganshirt, Rose Johnston, Antoinette DeBartolo, president; and Leila Mariotti, chaplain.

Rushing, sponsorship of school dances, the cancer drive and homecoming parades are a few of the events that confronted the young chapter in its growing process. The red and white sleigh from which paper snowballs were thrown made 1951 homecoming a pleasant memory, for it won third prize for floats for Beta Rho. Shakespeare probably would not have recognized "McBessie" had he attended the college stunt night of 1952, but it provided much amusement for the Beta Rho producers. The hero was well-supported by Lady McBessie, the Three Twitches, Banquet, McDuffy, the Forest and the Model.

Among the campus honors won by the chapter in 1951-1952 were two memberships in Pleiades (senior women's honorary scholastic), and editor-in-chief, assistant editor and art editor of the yearbook.

Like its sister chapter at Macomb [Beta Kappa], Beta Rho often sends its graduates to the "big city" where they are welcomed most heartily by the ever-growing Chicago Alumnae Chapter.

In the 1950s there were no houses on campus; chapter members all lived in dorms or in town. The chapter sponsored "baby daze," an all-school mixer. The stunt night production, "path of passion" won a second-place rating from the audience. For philanthropic work, members donated items to an Indian mission in South Dakota and various veterans hospitals and made animals and scrapbooks for children's hospitals.

At the close of the 1950s, Beta Rho sponsored an

All-Greek Christmas party and crowned the king and queen of NIU Greek world. The chapter entered homecoming with Phi Sigma Epsilon, won first place with the stunt night entry "intellectual endeavors" with Alpha Phi Omega and won second place for its homecoming float. Beta Rho later entered the May fete with Gilbert Hall and bought the use of the Tau Kappa Epsilon house for a night at the all-school auction. Members honored their fathers at a banquet and later participated in a cancer drive.

The 1960s included similar social activities including a Hawaiian luau, the now traditional All-Greek Christmas party and formal and informal dances. The chapter placed fifth in homecoming floats and held an alumnae tea. On campus, members read to a blind student.

In 1993 the chapter completed a long-term goal of building a new house. For more than 40 years, Beta Rho rented sorority housing. A housewarming was held Sept. 23, 1993. *Contributor: Joan Kolar Grabarek,* BP

Beta Sigma

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield
Installed Nov. 1, 1947

Beta Sigma was organized in 1925 as the Merry-Go-Round Club, the oldest club on Southwest Missouri campus. There are 12 charter members: Virginia Appleby, Wilma Botts, Aileen Carter, Dorothy Elting, Olive Galloway, Eleanor Jones, Katherine Jones, Anna McLaughlin, Olga Ritterhouse, Faye Shields, Goldie Jean Shields, and Jane Lemple. Faye Shields was the first president.

During the first year meetings were held in members' homes. Picnics, house parties and a Valentine Dance were the main events. The summer house party at Rockaway Beach with dates as guests was the climax of the year. Colors were green and white, and the badge was a plain or jeweled square with "M" superimposed in a circle. Each year the club boasted a beauty queen or May queen and was active in social work and charities. For several years it sponsored the campus cancer drive.

In spring 1947 the group petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha and was pledged Sept. 14. Ceremonies were held in the student lounge with Esther Bucher, HH, treasurer, and Phon Johnson, EE, alumnae organizer, in charge. Nov. 1, 1947, was installation day. Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president, conducted the service. Miss Johnson, Miss Bucher and members of Eta Eta and Zeta Zeta chapters assisted her.

Charter initiates of Beta Sigma are Lena Arndt, Jackie Barton, Patricia Baugher, president; Jeannette Bell, Harriet Blain, Irene Coonrod, Frances Davis, Mary Ann Donnell, Ruby Findley, Edwina Lee, Peggy Little, Sally Potter, Mary J. Shaffner, Mary Alice Thomas and Frances Van Wagn. Earlier in the day 25 women were pledged. At the time of installation, the Merry-Go-Round alumnae chapter averaged 60 members.

Surveying the activities of Beta Sigma, one notes attendants for the Miss Merry Christmas contest, a homecoming tea, visits to Zeta Zeta Chapter at Warrensburg, a "night and day" formal, chapter weddings, an egg and bacon party, a Mexican fiesta, coffees, buffet suppers, homecoming queen candidates, benefit bridges, Miss Snowflake of the Pi Kappa Sigma Ball, women in Who's Who, Kappa Alpha Sweetheart, the March of Dimes campaign, a Valentine dance with a sweetheart couple, picnics, a tea honoring graduating high school seniors, graduation with high distinction for a chapter member, a Panhellenic tea, a rush party when rushees were "caught in the draft," Founders' Day banquets, Christmas gift exchanges, a rummage sale, Script dances, special recognition for 100 percent Red Cross contributions, a Greek paradise formal and weekly shows at O'Reilly General Hospital for veterans. In 1951 the chapter purchased a new neon sign for the sorority house.

That 1951-1952 was but another chapter in the book for this enterprising group is shown by the report of the editor of that year. A watermelon party and informal events in the summer, parties, banquets and quarter suppers were among the social events. A scholarship banquet was also mentioned, as were the dances. The chapter boasted four queens: homecoming, Ozarko, Dream Girl of the SMS 1951 Folio Follies and Sigma Pi. The Beta Sigma float won first place in the homecoming parade, and the chapter also won first place in the SMS Song Festival. Two members were listed in Who's Who.

To make money, the group had rummage and candy sales, a card party, a sock hop and an ice cream social. Members collected funds for the March of Dimes at downtown theaters, entertained the children of the Burge Hospital Polio Ward and sent clothing to an area in Arkansas that had flooded. Beta Sigma celebrated its 10th anniversary Oct. 26, 1957, at the SMS homecoming luncheon at the Kentwood Arms Hotel.

During the 1960s Beta Sigmas wore uniforms: red long-sleeved sweaters with a white wool skirt and red sweaters with red pleated skirts. Each year members staged a Christmas

party for the children at the school for those with mental handicaps. Lesley Fleenor was named 1965 Miss Missouri and brought much excitement to the chapter and alumnae. In 1966 the house was the location for a pilot national leadership school for the national sorority. Eleven Midwestern chapters attended the event. In 1969 Alpha Sigma Alpha dedicated its first national headquarters at 1201 East Walnut St. in Springfield. The headquarters was housed there until 1998, when it moved to Indianapolis.

In 1973 Beta Sigma alumnae purchased a new sign for the chapter's front yard. Aliza Munze was named the 1973 Springfield City Panhellenic's Greek Woman and in 1977 the tradition of inviting Beta Sigma seniors to a salad supper with the Springfield alumnae began. The chapter celebrated its 30th anniversary Oct. 23, 1977, with a tea at the sorority house.

Feb. 10, 1983, is a day Beta Sigmas will never forget. That day a fire broke out in one of the two chapter houses. No one was injured but members lost personal belongings and the chapter lost many archives. The chapter's 40th anniversary was held April 11, 1987, at the chapter house with a luncheon and at the sweetheart dinner dance at the Ramada Hotel Hawthorne Park. At this time, a scholarship fund was set up for annual awards to the chapter president and treasurer.

Beta Sigma has lived in a variety of housing over the years. In June 1949 the chapter leased its first home at 927 E. Belmont, which housed 12 members. In 1952 the chapter moved to 928 East Grand St., in 1954 moved to 845 S. Kings and in 1958 moved to 704 S. Florence. At this time, a nonprofit housing corporation was formed. A new house was built directly behind the 704 S. Florence house in 1977, giving the chapter two buildings. In 1995, construction was finished on a $4 million home for Beta Sigma at 1145 East Cherry St. The chapter's former houses were sold to the university.

Beta Sigma celebrated its 50th anniversary in November 1997. The chapter continued with its philanthropy work by participating in the following events and programs: adopt-a-street, the Junior League, the Salvation Army and Ozark Greenways. The chapter supported a variety of Greek-letter organizations and their respective philanthropies. The 1990s saw Beta Sigma win the campus "striving for excellence" award and many Greek week championships.

In 2000 Beta Sigma participated in 37 philanthropic projects. Natalie Caine won the outstanding freshman award during the campus Greek awards, Janel Denton won the outstanding recruitment award and Crystal Sullentrup was named Greek athlete of the year. In 2001 Beta Sigma members reaped several more Greek awards: Natalie Caine was named outstanding sophomore, Katie Witham was named outstanding junior, Jennifer Baker was named outstanding president and Jessica Sturman was named outstanding recruitment chair.

The chapter also placed second in Greek week, received an award for the highest new-member GPA in spring 2000, and won the membership development, risk management and "striving for excellence" awards. Chapter adviser Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, won the 2001 outstanding Greek adviser award.
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Beta Tau

State University of New York at Oswego
Installed Oct. 13, 1951; closed 1953

Beta Tau Chapter began in January 1923 as a literary group called the Sheldonian Society. This name was taken in honor of the founder of the college, Edward Austin Sheldon, the superintendent of Oswego schools who secured local approval and assistance for organizing teacher-training classes in 1861.

Later the group petitioned the Grand Chapter of Clio for membership and was installed as Iota Chapter of that organization on June 12, 1925 (for more on the Clionian Society, see Pi Pi Chapter's history). When the group was installed as Beta Tau Chapter on Oct. 13, 1951, it became the fourth Clionian chapter to affiliate with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Members of the former Clionian chapters assisted in the ceremonies: Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, alumnae director; Jean Murphy, Barbara Bartley, Mary Ann Smullens, Beverly Little and Shirley Tyndall of Beta Xi; Arlowene Shoemaker, Dorothy Kull, Helen Seislove, Mary Chmura and Marjorie McDowell of Gamma Clio; Carol Small, Mary Lou Murty, Margery Grotzka, Ruth Buell, Carol Gallisdorfer and Patricia O'Connell of Pi Pi; Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ, Ruth Christman Swenson, ΠΠ, Donna Cunningham, ΠΠ, and Jean Carmichael Vedder, ΠΠ, from the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter; and Mary Mentesana, ΠΠ, and Ruth N. Puls, ΠΠ, from the Rochester Alumnae Chapter.

At the services held in the Student Union, these women became charter members of Beta Tau: Mrs. Barton Siebers, adviser; Mary Condon, Gloria DeJohn, Alfreda DiBella, Margaret French, Mary Garde, Bessie Savas Hansen, Nina Livaccari Hastings, Roberta Horowitz, Louise M. Johnson, Jane Kahn, Anna

Lee, Pauline Neville and Elizabeth Shaeffer, alumnae; Janet Miller, Eileen Cowley, Jacqueline Meyer, Ann Skelly, Mary Ann Hansen, Harriet J. Griswold, Joan Galvin, Ruth Alton, Mary Jane Breitenberg, Carol Canale, June Carlson, Joan Marie Coe, Bernadine Cordean, Margie Lauber, Mary Ann Luebert, Margaret Martin, Elizabeth McCloskey, Margaret McDermott, Claire Morehouse, Viola Norman, Rosemary O'Leary, Marilyn Olsen, Marie St. Phillips, Elizabeth Rath, Joan Reilly, Georgia Roseman, Maureen Doyle, Edith Dube, Karen Enterline, Sally Evans, Josephine Finlay, Joan Gesele, Mary Hayden, Marion Johnson, Nancy Kelly, Susanne Knopfke, Susan Simmonds Smith, Wilma Spinks, Barbara Stern, Mary Thomson, Martha Wilbur, Nancy Wilson and Jean Wise, collegians. Nine patronesses also transferred their allegiance, receiving the Mother Patroness Degree.

Not long after installation came the annual Campus Chest Drive and the ΑΣΑ football game with another sorority. Founders' Day was celebrated at the home of the chapter adviser. The chapter's new house was displayed to students and faculty early in October at an open house.

"Memory Lane," a rushing party, resulted in 25 new girls. Santa's workshop and the annual Cinderella Ball were also highlights of the year. To raise money, the chapter had a sticker sale. The philanthropic project was work with the Oswego Orphanage, which a group of girls visited weekly. One group read to the younger children while another taught the older girls and boys folk dances.

Beta Tau was closed in 1953 because of the anti-Greek sentiment that swept the New York State University system that year.

Beta Upsilon

Indiana State University, Terre Haute
Installed Oct. 6, 1951; closed 1991
Reinstalled Oct. 10, 1992

Known prior to 1906 as the Zeit Geist Society, whose purpose was to study German, Psi Theta was the oldest social group on the Terre Haute campus. It was installed Oct. 6, 1951, as Beta Upsilon Chapter. Although installed one week before the Oswego chapter, it was christened Beta Upsilon instead of Beta Tau because the Oswego petition had been received first, although campus events made it impossible to install earlier.

All events were held in the student union building with Jane Foltz McDavitt, XX, Indiana extension officer, in charge of arrangements. Installing officers were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president; Esther Bucher, HH, treasurer; Genevieve Steele Leib, XX, editor; and Marie Winn Rice, XX, philanthropic chairman. They were assisted by Margaret Frevent Bumb, XX, Chi Chi adviser, June Beehler, Chi Chi Chapter president, and 19 other members of Chi Chi; Elna Scott, Beta Kappa adviser, Donna Hay, Beta Kappa president, and three other members of Beta Kappa; and Billie Thompson, Beta Nu president, and Betty King, BN. Eight Indianapolis and two Muncie alumnae were also present.

Charter initiates are Verna Foos, Beverly Fuson, Carol Summerlot, Carol Marshall, Mary Anne Polenik, Barbara Kirkham, Louise Devereoux, Mary Jo Smith, Paula Sierp, Esther McCarty, registrar, Deloris Barnes, Paulita Martin, Virginia Barrett, editor, Gayle Comoford, Janice Stelle, treasurer, Bonnie Jo Qualkinbush, Ruby J. East, adviser, Virginia Workman, Joan Toeppe, Mary Schwab, Dorothy Henry, president, Myrna Wild, Janet Raines, secretary, Verla Flick, Murlea Webb, vice president, Carolyn Eder, Margaret Best and Mary Doyle, chaplain. In addition, 44 alumnae were initiated.

For philanthropic project its first year, the new chapter aided the veterans' hospitals. Among the honors received by members were the title of "Ideal Sorority Girl," awarded to two girls at the Crystal Ball, the highlight dance of the year, and election of one member to Kappa Delta Pi. One of its first campus efforts as an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter was the float in the homecoming parade, "Watch us purr-form with DePaws."

By the early 1990s Beta Upsilon was struggling and was placed on inactive status in spring 1991 because of low numbers and inability to compete in fall rush. Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, secretary, was appointed to lead a 1992 rush team to recolonize the chapter.

Fifty-two women were pledged as members of Beta Upsilon Colony Feb. 2, 1992. Rush team members were Marti Stratton; Lisa Tait, ΓH, headquarters executive; Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Sharon M. Sterner, ΓI, province I director; Maria Malayter, XX; Rebecca Bright, BI, chapter consultant; and Ruth Sanders, BN, province XI director.

Beta Upsilon Chapter was reinstalled Oct. 10, 1992. Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president, led the installation team. She was assisted by Cindy Fundis, EE, vice president of programs; Marti Stratton, NPC delegate; Mary Pittman, EB, province XII director; and Tracey Lowery, A, chapter consultant and installing officer. The initiation ceremony, chapter installation and officer installation were all held in the Heritage Lounge and Ballroom. Tracy Neff, BΘ, past chapter consultant and Epsilon Phi Chap-

ter adviser, assisted. Sponsors were Beta Upsilon alumnae and Epsilon Phi Chapter members.

The white luncheon was held at Generations Restaurant in the Hulman Student Union. Cindy Fundis served as toastmistress. Sue Totman, Beta Upsilon Chapter president, opened gifts from national council, the installation team, collegians and alumnae. The Holiday Inn in Terre Haute served as the site for the installation banquet that evening. Toastmistress Tracey Lowery introduced guest speaker Dr. Charles Durant, dean of student life, and Al Perone, assistant dean of students and Greek adviser.

Tricia Hammett, BY, president of the Terre Haute Alumnae Chapter, gave the Aspire toast; Mary Pittman delivered the Seek toast; and Marti Stratton gave the Attain toast. Kim Meyer then presented the chapter with the original 1951 charter, as well as a certificate with the names off the 39 new initiates.

Aug. 24, 1996, Beta Upsilon dedicated its chapter house — the first sorority house in many years to open at ISU. The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in fall 2001.

Beta Phi

University of Wisconsin–Stout

Installed April 26, 1952; closed 1979

The Stout Institute, founded under private patronage, has been training teachers for vocational, industrial and home economics education since 1893. It is now a state university, granting both bachelor's and master's degrees.

The S.M.A. Sorority, founded in 1923, maintained a long record of creditable scholarship and campus honors. However, because of the enthusiasm of Hickman Salyer, AB, the group petitioned Alpha Sigma Alpha, and on April 26, 1952, was installed as Beta Phi Chapter. It thus became the second national sorority on the campus, Sigma Sigma Sigma having installed a group on April 15.

Present for the installation weekend were Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president; Virginia Carpenter, OO, vice president; Mary K. Reiff, HH, collegiate editor; and four Beta Rhos from DeKalb: Harriet Eadie, Mary Moeck, Nyema Lindblade and Pat Parker.

Indispensable to the arrangements and activities was Mrs. Salyer, who accumulated many miles in taxi service for the visitors between Menomonie and the stations and airports. Last to arrive were the Beta Rho girls who, having missed connections in Chicago, came in on the "milk train" at 4 a.m. Saturday.

Services were held in the Harvey Memorial Room of the college. The formal banquet, held at the Marion Hotel, included as guests President Fryklund; the dean of women, Miss Ankrim (who wrote an original poem of welcome); and Dr. and Mrs. Iverson.

Charter members are Winifred A. Hinkley, adviser, Karen Joan Anderson, 1951-1952 president, Nancy Ceaglske, Joan Lee Christensen, registrar, Jane Davies, Joyce DeVries, treasurer, Marilyn Eckstein, secretary, Edna Gaffron, editor, Marjorie E. Hedberg, Jacquelyn Kling, Ruby Larson, Ruth Larson, Grace Elaine Laudon, Ann M. Ritzinger, Frances Soulek, chaplain, Ardith A. Weber, president, Betty J. Worthington, vice president, Clarice Eveline Zarling and Louise Ann Zirbel.

Beta Phi Chapter closed in 1979.

Beta Chi

Arizona State University

Installed May 17, 1952; closed 1964

Arizona State College, founded in 1885 as a normal school, became a general college in 1945. In 1951 it was an institution of 4,666 students, granting associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma, all of which installed groups that had been local organizations, were on the campus at the time of Beta Chi's pledging. Alpha Sigma Alpha was the only national women's group to colonize.

Twenty-five college girls and Dr. Katharine C. Turner, adviser, were pledged on May 17, 1952, by Emma Coleman Frost, ΠΠ, alumnae organizer. Assisting Beta Chi colonizer Patricia Doyle, XX, were Lois Tuttle Jester, BB, state extension officer for Arizona, and members of the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter.

Charter members are Laura Thomas, Carolyn Cayia, Patricia Darling, Nancy McGill, Edith Rugenstein, Janet Moore, Donna Hoyt, Patricia Talla, Patricia Doyle, Jean Gregan, Maxine Stocks, Marilyn J. Larson, Yvonne Kirkham, Jean Moore, Jean McMasters, Temple Pound, Charlene Lynn and Rose Licosati.

Beta Chi Chapter was closed in 1964.

Beta Psi

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo

Installed April 18, 1953; closed 1976

Charter members: Barbara Wilkinson, Pat Friedly, Ann Hen-

derson, Pat Doppel, Lou Schepers, Jean Lucas, Joanne Haslam, Pat Weidenbeck, Mary Woodard, Janice Gregerson, Marilyn Maier, Doris Keith, Donna Curtiss, Peggy Brabb, Wanda Jubb, Ann Williamson, Catherine Reid, Jeanne Strand, Marilyn DeVries, Barbara Place, Phyllis Alspach, Claudine Pier, Janice Rivard, Charlene Nielson, Jane Lesnic, Agnes Stevens, Patricia Bodie, Janet Soper, Mary Gilding and Dorothy Wright

Beta Omega

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Installed Oct. 24, 1953; closed 1965

Charter members: Ann Sutton, Dail Miller, Bette Kinzie, Louise Kinzie, Eleanor Bonom, Lois Cullen, Barbara Hodgkins, Saundra Wanderman, Martha Burd, Ruthmary Ragsdale, Mary Boessneck, Susanne Hall, Anna Peterson, Nancy Schatz, Celia Johnson, Barbara North, Joan Ayers and Grace Schlegel

Gamma Alpha

Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
Installed May 7, 1955; closed 1971

Charter members: Janice Wurth, Rose Greco, Rosemarie Saitta, Angela Pettinger, Rita Brennan, Pat Potthoff, Carleen Hess, Erma Pettinger, Elly Peter, Janet Sheridan, Mary Head, Lois Leibel, Pat Graham, Mary Clear and Mary Bremenkamp

Gamma Beta

University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point
Installed March 10, 1957
Inactive 1979-1993
Reinstated March 19, 1994; closed 1996

The original Gamma Beta Chapter was installed in 1957 and closed in 1979. Charter members (1957) are June Martens, Mary Puwalowski, Joyce Hannemann, Marge Kiefer, Lenore Gaylord, Geri Beyerstedt, Dorothy Omernik, Mary Bloczynski, Suzanne Muck, Judy Heintz, Rosemary Axtell, Nancy Coon, Rosemary Kreidler, Joyce Scheelk, Susan Maynard, Marlene LeMere, Daphne Porter, Mary Lucas, Lily Sturkol, Janice Scheidegger, Phyllis Schwab, Janus Schellin, Janet Madison, Treive Mac Anderson, Carole Fabich, Margaret Bloom, Elaine Nelson and Virginia Jensen.

Gamma Beta was recolonized Oct. 30, 1993. Julie Wiley, A, chapter consultant, and Sandra Phillips Brzezinksi, ΓE, constitution chairman, pledged 28 women from a local sorority. The group began as the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Little Sisters. When the TKE national organization disbanded little sister groups, the women formed Zeta Epsilon Nu. Local alumna Maggie Gliniecki Hilgart, BΘ, served as the colony's membership adviser. Kathleen Wirtz Hager, ΓB, the mother of the colony's vice president, was the alumnae installation coordinator.

Gamma Beta was reinstalled March 19, 1994. The installation banquet was held at Sentry Insurance national headquarters. The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Sandra Brzezinski, installing officer and constitution chairman; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, standards chairman; and Julie Wiley. Members of Zeta Beta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls served as sponsors.

Charter members (1994) are Christine Runte, Brooke Bittner, Sarah Bonno, Sarah Ellenbecker, Connie Fredrick, Darcy Germain, Katy Hager, Amy Halvorson, Carrie Hernandez, Tara Hilliard, Kris Hinderscheid, Tanya Krejchik, Jessica Lahti, Deborah Marx, Missy Molski, Carrie Pillath, Barb Purmort, Susan Sponagle, Angie Stallman, Tammy Striemer, Missy Weinfurter and Lori Wilson.

National council closed Gamma Beta in the fall of 1996 at the request of the chapter, because of low numbers and a declining interest in Greek life on the campus.

Gamma Delta

Queens College, Flushing, N.Y.
Installed Oct. 19, 1957; closed 1971

Charter members: Carol Kopsay, Phyllis Perretta, Bette Seifried, June Petry, Elizabeth Linnekin, Christine Peet, Marie Rosetto, Mary O'Brien, Dorothy Bracco, Helen Williams, Monica Rompf, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Miller, Katherine Frank, Barbara Banakus, Marie Patti, Aline Euler, Virginia Piccolo, Geraldine Jordan, Margaret McGoldrick, Eleanor Monaco, Florence D'Asaro, Helene Pascual, Marilyn Macchia, Beatrice Brodrick, Betty Klepac, Norma Cella, Gloria Catalano, Maureen O'Connor, Ann Pietrafesa and Marie Law

Gamma Epsilon

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Installed Oct. 25, 1958; closed 1973

Gamma Epsilon Chapter began in 1924 as the Dionysia Literary Society. The aim of Dionysia was to study modern drama and gain a knowledge of its growth and development. In 1926

the members attended several productions of the Wisconsin Players. The meetings of the Dionysia Literary Society were a combination of business and fun.

In 1928 Dionysia Literary Society became a Greek-letter society or local sorority, Alpha Delta Sigma. The aim of Alpha Delta Sigma was the promotion of true and lasting friendships and encouragement in college affairs. Drama was still the sorority's special study. Alpha Delta Sigma sponsored an annual spring formal that was held at the Elks Club. Members also attended a number of barn dances.

Alpha Delta Sigma incorporated as a nonprofit society in 1931. There were two alumnae chapters, Alpha Beta and Gamma, and the collegiate chapter that made up the Alpha Delta Sigma Corp. In honor of the chapter's 25th jubilee year in 1950, a new alumnae chapter, Delta, was established.

Change was in the air on the UW-M campus in 1956. Many of the local sororities were becoming chapters of national sororities. A large-scale rush was held in which representatives from several national sororities interviewed, entertained and investigated the local groups and vice versa. In the spring of 1958 the match-ups were announced and the group once known as Alpha Delta Sigma became a colony of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

That summer the national convention was held in Wernersville, Pa., and Kathleen Ann Zajicek was chosen to attend as the new chapter's representative. She was initiated into the sorority at that convention.

Alpha Delta Sigma was installed as Gamma Epsilon Chapter Oct. 25, 1958. The installation team consisted of Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ, vice president; Jean Carmichael Vedder Richard, ΠΠ, treasurer; and Marie Scanlan Brown, BΔ, fellowship chairman. The collegiate members of the team were Shirley Smith and June Zielinski of Gamma Beta; Sarah Albrecht, Rita Anderson and Sandra John of Beta Phi; and Joan Guyon, Barbara Manzke, Terse Norgarrd and Marilee Perrin of Beta Rho. Alumnae chapter representatives were Freida Phillips, BP, and Diane Darcy, BΦ, Waukegan, Ill.; Velva Bere Gay, XX, South Bend, Ind.; and Betty Phillips Hall, AB, and Eleanor Smith Thomas, KK, Chicago.

The collegiate charter members are Joan Derse, Lynne Good, Judith Zahn, Anita Nelson, Helen Daubl, Ellen Bulin, Nancy Wackowski, Sally Matthews Rezny, adviser, Constance Bjorklund, Rose Ann Conte, Barbara Huntington, Ursula Worzer, Nancy Stefanovic, Carole Bashoam, Janet Nielson, Sharon Gibbons, Karen Clark, Hilda Schaeffer, Kathleen Zajicek, Barbara Goniu, Judith Maronek, Elaine Olm and Dorothy Bussey.

The Alpha Delta Sigma alumnae who became members of Alpha Sigma Alpha are Ernestine Freismuth Anderson, Hazel Gochenaur, Lois Wallschlaeger Bartelt, Agatha Krieg Bauer, Jean Southcott Bierderman, Frieda Bartz Burmeister, Grace Metzler Christiansen, Mabel Flaherty Daleiden, Joy Edith Dittmer, Illa-Louise Kranstover Dobbs, Dorothy Borchert Donohue, Patricia Martha Foldvary, Loraine Nienow Hentschel, Elaine Schubring Hercher, Erva Richter Horn, Ruth Jaeger, Carolyn Engel Jaworski, Charlotte Campbell Jelenchick, Alice Finley Kaschel, Florence Milbrath Lemke, Margaret Enters Ludtke, Florence Devlin Ludwig, Helen Hansen Martin, Mercedes Welch Martin, Marion Metzow, Nancy E. Reinke, Shirley Ruth Sikorski, Gertrude Melius Sladky, Geraldine Rae Spencer, Jane Henricks Stadler, Louanne M. Strobusch, Donna Dauer Sullivan, Marie Beye Terwilliger, Loraine Melster Thompson, Florence Dopke Treutelaar, Meriel Goulet Treutelaar, Florence Smith Trotts, Irene Frechette Witt and Dorothy Zoeller.

The festivities of the weekend included a get-acquainted party at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Hall, a luncheon at the Union Cafeteria and an installation banquet at Michael Angelo's Restaurant. Three toasts were proposed: Aspire by Rita Anderson, BΦ, Seek by Patricia Summers, BΣ, president of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter; and Attain by Marie Brown, fellowship chairman.

Guests at the installation banquet included Dr. William R. Butler, dean of men, Dr. Laura M. Carrithers, elementary education; Pierce Kramer, counseling department; Miss Marie Merkel, counseling department; Dr. Arthur A. Rezny, secondary education and husband of the adviser; and Dr. Marvin R. Summers, political science and husband of the president of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter.

On Sunday morning the members of Gamma Epsilon and their out-of-town guests attended church services in a body at Gesu Catholic Church and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Kenwood Hall was the scene of the installation tea on Sunday afternoon. Guests included Miss Charlotte Wollaeger, dean of women, national officers and visitors from other collegiate and alumnae chapters, representatives of campus organizations and university department heads. *Contributor: Nancy Andrus Cerwin,* ΓE

Gamma Zeta

University of Arkansas, Monticello

Installed Oct. 10, 1961

Charter members: Martha Chambless, Barbara Bonnette, Jo Ann Dew, Carol Wilbanks, Jamie Buswell, Carol Alvis, Mary Brooks, Jerrilyn Brown, Diane Davis, Carol Hankins, Linda Harrod, Carolyn Hibbs, Connie Quimby, Mary Ryburn and Nancy Smith

Gamma Eta

Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Installed May 5, 1962

Gamma Eta was installed at Pennsylvania State University May 5, 1962. Charter members are Mary Meluskey (adviser), Judith Saleme, Carol Rupp, Sandra Cummins, Cynthia Menza, Dona Carpenter, Joyce Owen, Sara Biever, Ronna Bean, Nancy Goebel, Dianne Lamb, Patricia Osborne, Katherine Horner, Carol Silcox, Gertrude Barth, Lois Berry, Pamela Enander, Nancy Gorman, Pauline Knowles, Linda Morgan, Phyllis Vignevic, Louanne Hopkins, Marilyn Bishop, Martha Albl, Jane Allardice, Helen Baily, Marian Abowitz, Joan Wright, Gwen McCahan, Patricia MacKinney, Joan Erdman, Susan Brown, Mary Gallagher, Diane Gething, Barbara Kist, Elena Koch, Roberta Lennox, Betsy O'Hara, MaryAnn Sidehamer, Elaine Spreckelsen, Mary Taylor, Sally Taylor, Katherine Ward, Joan Weisbein, Dorothy DeBolt, Ann DiFelice, Lois Yeakel, Barbara Fortunes, Ester McLaughlin, Susan Thurber, Karen Wagner, Barbara Edmunds and Barbara Hall.

The 1960s were full of campus activities and awards to Gamma Eta and its members. Several members were elected to college councils and crowned fraternity sweethearts, including Joan Coburn as the 1963 rose queen of Pi Kappa Phi. Homecoming events, charity work and sorority events filled the calendar. In spring 1967 state day was held at Penn State for the first time and Gamma Eta won Sigma Chi Derby Days.

The chapter entered the 1970s by participating in the Dairy Exposition Milking Contest. Dede Nelson and Judi Nixon won the coveted third prize. In fall 1971 the chapter moved to a new suite in Cooper Hall and in 1974 participated in the Alpha Kappa Lambda bike-a-thon for the first time. This event raised more than $2,000 for the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. Spring 1977 had Gamma Eta hosting the 20th annual state day April 2. That year the chapter and its partner, Alpha Sigma Phi, raised $15,000 for the IFC Dance Marathon, earning a second-place finish.

The 1980s continued with dances, parties, philanthropic events and awards. Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, visited the chapter in 1981. Gamma Eta and Alpha Sigma Phi won the 1984 dance marathon and raised $58,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund. In 1985 the team raised $80,000, in 1986, $73,000, in 1987, $87,000, in 1988, $92,000 and in 1989, $112,000.

The winning streak for the dance-a-thon continued into the 1990s, with funds totaling $146,200 for 1990. In 1991 the total was $147,931. That year marked the eighth consecutive year that the Alpha Sigma Alpha/Alpha Sigma Phi team won the dance marathon. Gamma Eta introduced a new campus philanthropic event in 1991, the Special Olympics skating competition. One day was dedicated to teaching children to skate at a local ice rink. In 1992 Alpha Sigma Alpha/Alpha Sigma Phi raised a remarkable $196,192 in the dance-a-thon. Over the years, the team had raised more than $1 million for the Four Diamonds Fund. The chapter won the 1992 Hyperchos Award for overall sorority achievement.

Moving forward, the chapter was the top money raiser in the 1997-1998 Derby Days benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. Chapter members traveled to Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware to collect money for the 1997 dance marathon. The Alpha Sigma Alpha/Alpha Sigma Phi team raised more than $200,000 and finished in third place. *Contributors: Laura Blumenthal,* ΓΗ, *Becky Bailey,* ΓΗ

Gamma Theta

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Installed March 14, 1964; closed 1970

Charter members: Sandra Hines, Joanne Condraski, Ellen MacDonald, Jane Sterback, Margot Flaherty, Lana Badertscher, Susan Low, Kathleen Gonsiorowski, Carol Young, Sue Slater, Judith Porte, Gloria DeSisto, Patricia Brown, Marjorie Crannell, Jane Holleran, Harriette Peters, Elizabeth Preston, Mitzi Sturgeon, Carol Jantz and Carol Thorp

Gamma Iota

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester. N.Y.

Installed May 23, 1964

Charter members: Mary Archer, Susan Gray, Jonna Gane, Suzanne Drost, Donna Hurd, Dorothy Peek, Diane Mercomes, Dorothy Lewis, Wynn Weaver, Carla Carson, Nancy Caves, Elaine

Grabowski, Angelica Pilato, Mary Latosi, Judith Rogers, Barbara Goodman, Bronwyn Jones, Susan Bland, Joanne England, Jeanne Kentner, Marilyn Oftendahl, Barbara Popp, Jolene Sankowski, Carmen Spofford, Patricia Cheney, Sandra Donatucci, Marilyn Gershen, Charleen Graupman, Kathleen McCann, Jeannine Packer, Linda Salvati, Marlene Sieczek, Noel Anderson, Shirley Baker, Regina Crowe, Helen Hickman, Harriet Pearson, and Elizabeth Poyzer

Gamma Kappa

Glenville State College, Glenville, W.Va.
Installed Dec. 5, 1964; closed 1975

Charter members: Martha Hornor, Victoria Reale, Betty Ward, Sandra Salyers, Patricia Brown, Lois Stukey, Ruth Conrad, Diana Camp, Johanna Coleman, Judith Cottrill, Marilyn Ward, Sandra LeGrande, Martha Deel, Mary Barry, Marjorie Burke, Christine Bush, Louise Byrd, Lou Rhodes and Sally White

Gamma Lambda

Loyola University, Chicago
Installed Sept. 26, 1964

Charter members: Virginia Meares, Joan Steinbrecher, Mary Corr, Karen Torme, Gail Grodoski, Mary Kiedrowski, Frances Subaitis, Alice Pirelli, Joan Mills, Mary Bigongiari, Marilyn Faford, Mary Hinderscheid, Mary Michiels, Barbara Judkiewicz, Kathleen Walsh, Virginia Bagnuolo, Mary Brooks, Georgiann Butvilas, Lila Canning, Kathleen Cleary, Anne Donahue, Marion Durkan, Dawn Engle, Elaine Gonsior, Marlene Giusti, Sharee Hannah, Christine Hosek, Judith Ivins, Rosemary Kenny, Kathleen Koranda, Jeanne Lawlor, Sheila Lynch, Noreen Mysyk, Bonnie O'Shea, Sharon Panfil, Nancy Piechnik, Margaret Schneider, Rosemarie Sochor, Elizabeth Sundberg, Cynthia Tiechner, Mary Waldron, Pauline Ziemba, Adeline Lambros, Margaret Hippler, Kathleen Swieton, Natalie Ruffolo, Naomi Sidell, Valentine Valient and Sandra Van Goethem

Gamma Mu

Adrian College, Adrian, Mich.
Installed March 6, 1964

Beta Psi Zeta at Adrian College was colonized Oct. 8, 1963. The women were active in campus affairs and participated in nearly all the Greek activities. The group secured a meeting room in Cargo Hall, where members planned a number of social, academic and sisterhood events.

On March 6, 1965, Adrian College celebrated the installation of Gamma Mu Chapter. Charter members are Mary Anderson, Carol Barnes, Jane Bowles, Jane Brasiola, Kathryn DeLong, Isabelle Forrest, Nancy Glasgo, Donna Hoffman, Margaret Hummel, Linda Nation, Kathryn Neumann and Martha Schroer.

During their first year the women received the 1964-1965 scholarship trophy. In 1966 the women celebrated the construction of the Panhellenic dorm. Herrick Hall opened for the start of fall classes housing Alpha Sigma Alpha and Chi Omega.

Today, Gamma Mu maintains a strong tradition of academic pride and excellence by consistently achieving the highest sorority grade point at Adrian College. Members remain an active force in the Adrian community with activities such as the rake and run, a philanthropic activity for the elderly, the crop walk, a teeter totter-a-thon for Special Olympics, a campout for the homeless and friendship visits to local nursing homes. Gamma Mu is also a driving force at the college; a member can be found in nearly every campus organization.

Gamma Mu realized the culmination of its efforts at the 1996 national convention, when it received the four-star chapter award. *Contributors: Stephanie B. Berry,* ΓM, *Jennifer Harris,* ΓM, *Anne Robinson,* ΓM

Gamma Xi

Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.
Installed April 30, 1966; closed Oct. 1, 1997

Charter members: Carrie Dankowsky, Antonia LaRosa, Lorraine Wilson, Rebecca Mellor, Ruth Zokvic, Carol Shiner, Kathleen Anderson, Diane Graham, Cheryl Kornrumpf, Donna Ripple, Beverly Koraido, Mildred Kratz, Geraldine Krupa, Eva Macesich and Carol Penney

Gamma Omicron

Clarion University, Clarion, Pa.
Installed May 6, 1967; closed 1998

Charter members: Barbara Greso, Karen Radaker, Ellen Vaile, Christine Dorn, Sharone Walsh, Alana Gazetski, Joyce Hawk, Laurel King, Patricia Derikart, Kathleen Trella, Theresa Rohal, Marcia Stamm, Lynn Arnold, Karen Beck, Joyce Boch, Jane Hodge, Linda McKiernan, Carol Reigard, Linda Bracco, Karen Fitzsimmons and Dorothy Cornes

Gamma Pi

Missouri Valley College, Marshall

Installed Sept. 30, 1967

Charter members: Deborah Doyle, Nanese Arnold, Jan Evans, Patricia German, Barbara Grosshart, Marilyn Johnston, Deanna Keller, Salle Scott, Phyliss Shipp, Lynn Stamper, Kathy Vance, Nancy Young and Elizabeth Allen

Gamma Rho

East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Installed May 18, 1968

Charter members: Jeanne Meyer, Jacqueline Palma, Pamela Andronici, Charlene Attinello, Susan Belt, Linda Blake, Linda Chambers, Ellen Cressmall, Stephanie Dean, Jane Fink, Nancy Fisher, Janet Froehner, Jane Funk, Carol Gilhert, Linda Gruver, Ann Hart, Barbara Hibbs, Marie Jordan, Susan Kressler, Gerri Loeffler, Constance Logan, Kathryn Mackow, Dianne Miller, Danette Neal, Christine Petermann, Sandra Possinger, Sharon Purvis, June Repyneck, Karen Roberts, Nancy Shaffer, Kenee Updegrove, Jane Vuksta, Kay Wagner, Sharon Weber, Kathleen Whitley, Marlene Yutz and Grace Cuprys

Gamma Sigma

Nicholls State College, Thibodaux, La.

Installed Oct. 19, 1968

Closed 1974

Charter members: Theresa Howard, Joan Barrios, Kathleen Champagne, Janelee Guidry, Linda Hughes, Clara Hutchinson, Laurette LaBarre, Nancy Oden, Linda Olivier, Nancy Redden, Jill Rogers, Barbara Schneller and Drucilla Schifani

Gamma Tau

C.W. Post College

Long Island University, Greenvale, N.Y.

Installed Nov. 9, 1968; closed 1974

Charter members: Ginger Barbara, Sherry Anderson, Sophie Aneson, Pamela Calvert, Linda DeBiasio, Christine Dindy, Susan Freedland, Marissa Gans, Kathie Gyore, Carolyn Jones, Celeste Kaplan, Candi Kessler, Mary Bruno, Diana Klein, Peggy Migneco, Consuelo Nin, Barbara Stein, Judith Wilcox and Barbara Young

Gamma Upsilon

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas

Installed Nov. 9, 1968; closed 1974

Charter members: Mary Campbell, Valerie Ah Sing, Joy Danelowicz, Sandy Daws, Alice Dominguez, Rita Gomez, Lina Gonzales, Barbara Haggerty, Kathleen Kimbrell, Renata Kramer, Wendy Kuenchenmeister, Sidney Lamkin, Stella Montoya, Judy Rominger, Linda Rekart, Carol Terry, Diana Valdez and Martha Williams

Gamma Phi

St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y.

Installed Feb. 8, 1969; closed 1972

Charter members: Barbara Morris, Marguerite Bagarozzi, Bonnie Baklini, Barbara Baranowski, Jane Bienkowski, Denise Bourgeois, Maureen Bruckner, Ginny Camlek, Mary Cavanagh, Constance Cockerham, Cheryl Crusco, Helen DeWald, Joan Gallagher, Roselynn Venovese, Mary Hauck, Margaret LaRosa, Jeanne Liteplo, Maureen Miller, Mary Palmieri, Linda Petersen, Louise Proce, Karla Renzulli, Ellen Russell, Anita Sancetta, Aurelia Santolla, Nancy Sohl, Eileen Stapleton, Kathi Vogal, Gloria Garger and Theresa Oropallo

Gamma Psi

Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pa.

Installed Feb. 22, 1969

Charter members: Suzanne Williams, Emma Aiken, Donna Baker, Candace Bates, Kaye Bennett, Patricia Carney, Carol Cole, Barbara Craig, Joyce Fendya, Mary Ferrara, Jeanne Fittante, Ann Harvey, Ann Houk, Sharon Illig, Mary Kubera, Lane Min, Linda Mockel, Kathleen Muir, Julie Murphy, Jane Newton, Lucile O'Donnell, Francine Pych, Pamela Ramsey, Carol Reichart, Donna Romano, Mary Trageser, Terry Trageser, Patricia Viola, Deborah Vogt, Shirley Gombert, Geneva Jones and Ada Kuhns

Gamma Omega

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Installed May 10, 1969

Reorganized 1986; reinstalled Nov. 21, 1987

Gamma Omega was installed at Eastern Illinois University May 10, 1969. Charter members are Jacqueline Jaques, Lauren Babcock, Elaine Barry, Patricia Bohling, Earlene Colussi, Kathleen Dembski, Cheryl Fundel, Bonnie Hoffman, Lynn Kleber, Judy Longtin, Karen Oneal, Rose Pilipowski, Patricia Roberts,

Linda Shryock, Paula Smith, Kathleen Toman, Mary Williams, Robin Young, Judith Ciraves, Louise Larson, Inez Livingston and Mary Stillions.

September 1986 sparked a new beginning for the chapter. Reorganization was the final option for the struggling group. The reorganization's central theme was the story of the phoenix, the mythical bird of great beauty that possessed the ability to be reborn more beautiful than before.

The rush team consisted of Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, vice president of collegians; Lisa Stanley, HH, and chapter alumna Wendy Bell, ΓΩ. They pledged 24 women. Within a week, 12 more women formed the second group. After many rush parties and a successful formal rush, Gamma Omega grew to 62 members.

With the help of chapter consultant Carol Hrenchir, HH, the group returned to EIU early to firm up final rush plans. The hard work paid off — Gamma Omega pledged 36 during formal rush and three the following month. The next few months were busy as the colony worked with the national organization to plan its rededication weekend. Gamma Omega was rededicated as a chapter Nov. 21, 1987, with 19 charter members and 43 charter pledges.

The weekend began with a get-acquainted party at the chapter's newly remodeled house, bringing together the Gamma Omega pledges, collegians from Beta Upsilon, Delta Kappa, Beta Kappa and Epsilon Beta, and the installation team: Rosemary Goss, Marti Stratton, Karla Kamp, ΔK, province XI director; Lisa Stanley, installing officer; and Carol Hrenchir. Also present were Suzanne Kilgannon, BI, province VII director, and Karen Fullmer, BΘ, chapter consultant.

The grand finale of the day was the banquet. Eli Sidwell, Sigma Pi chapter adviser and past president, spoke on his fraternity experience, noting the significant role it played in his life.

Aspire, Seek and Attain toasts were given by Beth Martin, Delta Kappa president; Judy Smith, Gamma Omega adviser; and Marti Stratton. Noting the special meaning the story of the phoenix played in the history of Gamma Omega, Marti presented phoenix recognition pins to the members of the first phoenix class and the charter members.

The charter initiates of the reinstalled Gamma Omega are Kelly Smith, Amy Billiter, Laurie Boyle, Amy Brinkman, Lucia Dinicola, Kelly Eversman, Renea Gallup, Melissa Harlan, Deborah Hubbell, Marianne Kronberg, Christine Leakey, Marybeth LoSurdo, Jennifer Moscinski, Stacy Pratt, Denise Sabol, Ann Tosovsky, Martha Weaver, Lisa Wingerter and Sherry Whitling, and alumnae Lisa Dewitt and Christi Hipple. *Contributor: Lisa Stanley,* HH

Delta Alpha

University of Tampa, Fla.
Installed April 20, 1969; closed 1971

Charter members: Dorothy Miller, Eugenia Brown, Ernestine Fernandez, Era Henderson, Barbara Kanaszka, Mary Kelley, Margaret McLane, Laura Pullara, Kathleen Roy, Jean Saylor, Marian Simmons and Joy Williams

Delta Beta

Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville
Installed Oct. 11, 1969; closed 1971

Charter members: Judith Cruise, Patricia Eggleston, Carol Ford, Linda Gunther, Helen Hayes, Roseland Melton, Kaye Randolph, Judy Taylor, Brenda White and Chrissa Wendt

Delta Gamma

West Chester State College, West Chester, Pa.
Installed Nov. 15, 1969; closed 1973

Charter members: Patricia Christy, Susan Graham, Lucy Jones, Marjorie Madiera and Vicki Miller

Delta Epsilon

Mansfield University, Mansfield, Pa. Installed
May 16, 1970

Mansfield State College, now Mansfield University, added Delta Epsilon Chapter May 16, 1970. The founding members were members of Chi Psi Omega, a local sorority.

Charter members are Patricia Adams, Theresa Adams, Nancy Applin, Deborah Bauman, Denise Camoni, Carla Capone, Linda Chemelli, Deborah Harry, Denise Hitz, Mary Hufnagle, Marlene Jones, Susan Klinger, Kathleen Kraponick, Susan Lessick, Joan McKittrick, Elizabeth Miller, Jeanne Rentschler, Donna Ronchi, Beverly Sadavage, Rebecca Tonjes, Joanne Trufant, and Susan Yartymyk. Donna Baier and Dianne Dimeo were the pledges at the time. Alumnae charter members are Paula Black, Mary Cozad, Sharon Dunlap Congdon, Ellen Crowl, Celia Ivenz, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Linda Kleppinger, Joan Klock, Judith Mellinger, Janet Molzhan, Linda Mullian, Linda Nagy, Deborah Reger, Holly Reppert, Susan Richardson, Patricia

Rorick, Jean Rovinsky, Elaine Talada, Patricia Updegrave and Maryanne Zierowicz.

Delta Epsilon occupies its own floor in Laurel Manor, an all-female dormitory. As of spring 1998, there were 571 initiated members. The chapter consistently has the highest GPA on campus and the most members. In 1990 Delta Epsilon received the four-star chapter award.

Raggedy Ann is its primary mascot, but it also uses the ladybug. Members are known on campus for their contributions to the school and the community. Every October Delta Epsilon helps the children who live downtown with trick-or-treating. In the fall and spring semesters members help the American Red Cross with the campus blood drive.

It also participates in Special Olympics and donates to the S. June Smith Center. The group adopted a piece of Route 15 for the adopt-a-highway program and participates in adopt-a-friend every year. Members help the Mountaineer baseball team by chaperoning a monthly event for community children to go out and enjoy themselves without their parents. The chapter's most recent philanthropy is the 30-hour famine, designed to save the lives of children through World Vision. *Contributors: Kimberly A. Linder,* ΔE, *Jani M. Burke,* ΔE

Delta Zeta

University of Wisconsin–Whitewater

Installed Feb. 6, 1971; closed 1976

Charter members: Patricia Blunt, Rose Bakos, Darnell Bradford, Elaine Dirwelis, Claudia Jutrzonka, Donna Kjin, Rita Maconia, Veronica Scaife, Linda Suchorski, Carol Whiting and Pattylynn Yanulis

Delta Eta

DePaul University, Chicago

Installed May 15, 1971

Delta Eta has a long history at DePaul University. Local sorority Alpha Omega was formed in 1926 and became Delta Eta in 1971.

Delta Eta Chapter was installed May 15, 1971. Charter members are Anita Mahoney, Patricia Marciniak, Alice Kearnes, Marilyn Natiello, Mary Grescheck, Peggy Kudla, Karen Krupa, Ellen O'Brien, Gail Arrigoni, Carol Blaschke, Patricia Derrig, Mary Dolan, Michele Gualdoni, Claudia Jaworski, Ruth Kraman, Marlene Krupa, Mary Marc, Elaine Modelski, Barbara Pedtke, Pamela Pedtke, Joan Rave, Nancy Schmalz and Susan Schwartz.

The chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary May 18, 1996, at Chicago's Midland Hotel. Delta Eta's best-known event is the open-house dance held each fall. *Contributors: Angie Barfuss,* ΔH, *JoAnn Pecoraro,* ΔH

Delta Theta

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Installed May 13, 1972; closed 1980

Charter members: Jane Corzine, Barbara Cushing, Susan DeMeo, Cynthia Fowley, Lucinda Harms, Mary Komaniecki, Cynthia Koscher, Patricia Leimgruber, Susan Schwartz, Sharon Stanko, Nancy Hansen, Sandra Miller, Mary Jacus, Joan McDonald, Barbara Pinaire, Adriane Schultz, Evelyn Zimmermann and Donna Capron

Delta Iota

University of Delaware, Newark

Installed April 22, 1972

Delta Iota was installed April 22, 1972. Charter members are Susan Melson, Marilyn Grafton, Sally Chardavoyne, Kathleen Dugan, Frances Fonner, Donna Fucci, Janet Hauser, Debra McNeal, Deborah Noland, Linda Bonine, Sharon Clark, Sally Hauser, Donna Lovett and Marian Machman. The chapter's first adviser was Catherine V. Bieber.

Delta Iota was formed at the same time as three other national sororities: Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Omicron Pi. The number of Panhellenic groups remained at four for about 10 years before new groups were invited to colonize.

In the mid 1990s, the University of Delaware dictated many changes in how Greek organizations operate. Formal Panhellenic rush takes place at the beginning of the spring semester in early to mid-February. First semester freshmen are not permitted to rush — they must wait for formal recruitment. Recruitment events are held at Clayton Hall.

Delta Iota has lived in a variety of housing over the years: a small house on Wyoming Avenue, a small house at 134 Courtney St., the entire 17th floor in Christina Towers and an apartment building in Town Court on Elkton Road. In 2001 the chapter was in the middle of a 10-year lease with the university for housing in a building constructed for a sorority on Pencader Drive. A housing corporation oversees operations of that house.

In 1997 Delta Iota celebrated its 25th anniversary with a

Crimson Ball gala. Regular chapter activities include a teeter-totter-a-thon to raise funds for Special Olympics and Newark's annual clean and green project.

At the conclusion of the 1990s Delta Iota was struggling with membership recruitment. With revitalization efforts from alumnae and the national organization, the chapter began to rebuild its membership base. In 2000 it was awarded a certificate of merit for its revitalization efforts. In 2001 Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension, named Delta Iota the first centennial chapter of excellence. *Contributors: Janine Johnson,* ΔI, *Sharon White,* ΔI, *Lisa Karsh,* ΔI, *Nicole Telage,* ΔI, *Julia Cooke Hofer,* ΔI

Delta Kappa

University of Southern Indiana, Evansville
Installed May 6, 1972

Delta Kappa traces its origins to Alpha Theta Chi, a local sorority established in December 1968 at then-Indiana State University-Evansville with eight members. It was pledged as a colony of Alpha Sigma Alpha Oct. 31, 1971. May 6, 1972, when Alpha Theta Chi became Delta Kappa, Alpha Sigma Alpha was the second national sorority on campus, joining Sigma Sigma Sigma (now closed). Delta Zeta, Alpha Gamma Delta (now closed), Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Phi Epsilon all followed Alpha Sigma Alpha on the campus now known as the University of Southern Indiana.

The installation team consisted of MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, president; Esther Kauffman Gatseos, BB, vice president of development; Judy Hartman, BY, province IX director; Mary Jedrzejewski, BΘ, field representative; and Jeanne Van-Winkle McQueen, BY, province VI director. Also attending were members of the Evansville and Indianapolis alumnae chapters and collegiate members from Beta Upsilon, Chi Chi and Gamma Omega. The president of the university, David Rice, was the guest speaker for the installation weekend.

Charter members are Jeanne Becker, Chris Bippus, Bonnie Bush, Diana Fedrick, Barbara Fisher, Lana Gee, Karen Gill, Linda Hatfield, Rita Johnson, Mary Ann Kaster, Susan Meador, Jane Merkley, Louanna Rupp, Mary Schapker, Carolyn Schmitz, Sharon Schmitz, Linda Schnautz, Diane Schroeder, Kathy Schutte, Linda Sloat, Cathy Williams, Connie Wilson, Diana Young and Norma Goodge. They chose Raggedy Anne and the ladybug as the chapter's mascots.

The chapter's philanthropic projects in the 1970s included working with children with mental handicaps, campaigning for the Heart Fund, walking in the Mothers March on Birth Defects, selling candy for the Kidney Foundation, co-sponsoring a Halloween candy drive for underprivileged children, dyeing eggs for the West Side Nut Club Easter egg hunt, crusading for the American Cancer Society and working with the Special Olympics. Delta Kappa has won several service awards from the university for its philanthropic endeavors.

The 1970s also brought the annual tradition of hosting a booth at the West Side Nut Club fall festival. The chapter also started its annual Pearl and Ruby Ball, a formal dance and awards banquet.

In the 1980s the chapter held a reception for its 10th anniversary and staged the first Parent's Dinner, which became an annual event. The decade also brought ISUE independence and the school was renamed the University of Southern Indiana.

In 1990 the chapter formed an advisory board to work with alumnae members. As in years past, the collegians joined the alumnae for the annual Founders' Day celebration. The chapter continued its tradition of participating in philanthropic projects and started an annual "Big Man on Campus" program, the proceeds of which benefit Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center. April 26, 1997, Delta Kappa celebrated its 25-year reunion. Speakers were Sherrianne Standley, university vice president of development, Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension, and Karla Kamp Cook, ΔK.

Two alumnae chapters support Delta Kappa: Evansville and Indy City. The Evansville Alumnae Chapter has helped the women since 1972, serving as advisers and mentors and assisting with recruitment and philanthropic endeavors. The Indy City Alumnae Chapter was formed in June 2000 and assists with recruitment and support as needed.

Over the years Delta Kappa members have won numerous scholarships, including the National Special Education Scholarship in 1972 by Sharon Schnitz, the National Philanthropic Scholarship in 1979 by Susan Stippler, the Mary Turner Gallagher Scholarship in 1982 by Tamara Wheaton and the 1999 Founders' Memorial Scholarship by Danielle Hargins.

Laura Zabel received the 1997 Outstanding New Member award, and the chapter received the 1999 Sidney Gremillion Allen Panhellenic award. It has also received the Four-Star Chapter award, national philanthropic award, all-campus philanthropic award, all-campus service award, all-campus highest

GPA award, campus Greek woman of the year, campus sisterhood award, campus sorority of the year and campus contribution award. *Contributors: Lesa Hedinger Hamm,* ΔK, *Lana Gee Bunner,* ΔK, *Karla Kamp Cook,* ΔK, *Cindy Harty Braker,* ΔK, *Sarah Hutchison Warren,* ΔK, *Kara Sensmeier,* ΔK, *Cindy Voyles,* ΔK, *Pam Tompson,* ΔK, *Diana Oates Young,* ΔK

Delta Lambda

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg
Installed April 27, 1974; closed 1979

Charter members: Sandra Blosser, Patricia Burke, Rhonda Coor, Sandra Crowell, Donna Dilalla, Donna Gilmore, Mary Hege, Carmen Valdivieso, Susan Walker, Margaret Wingo, Carol Bertolki, Lisa Cain, Lynne Dobler, Dorothy Lukens, Catherine Merrell, Lisa O'Rear, Cindy Richardson and Patricia Curren

Delta Nu-A

Kettering University, Flint, Mich.
Installed May 19, 1975

In April 1974 local sorority Alpha Sigma became a colony of Alpha Sigma Alpha at then-General Motors Institute. The colony was installed as Delta Nu-A May 10, 1975. Charter members are Sharon L. Friend, Patricia Clawson, Mary Ellen Keil, Julia Knight, Robin D. Lyon, Shirley A. Smith, Carol L. Tozer and Joellyn K. Weaver. Delta Nu became the second sorority on campus, with Theta Phi Alpha being the first. Delta Nu was founded as one chapter with two sections: A and B. Section A is in school while section B is at work and vice versa. The 1980 convention in Niagara Falls was the first convention that both Delta Nu-A and Delta Nu-B were recognized as separate chapters.

Within the first three years the group increased its membership from eight to 37. Aug. 25, 1977, Delta Nu acquired its first chapter house at 775 Dupont St. in Flint. Members lived in that house for the next few years. Because of chapter growth in the early 1980s, some members lived in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house. The chapter eventually found a new house at 4315 Elms Road. It was large enough for 18 members and only 12 minutes from campus.

In 1981 the chapter raised $300 in a doughnut-a-thon and participated in an ugly legs contest for Easter Seals. That year and the next Delta Nu-A received the outstanding chapter scholastic achievement award from the national sorority.

From 1985 to 1990, Delta Nu-A was involved in campus activities, studies and Alpha Sigma Alpha. On March 9, 1985, members attended province day events hosted by Gamma Mu Chapter at Adrian College. On May 18, 1985, Delta Nu celebrated its 10-year anniversary by having a dinner at Walli's Supper Club. In 1987 the chapter received the Crown of Excellence award and achieved the highest grade point average of all chapters during the 1987-1988 school year. In June 1988 members attended the national convention in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Members also attended state day on April 1, 1989, at Adrian College. During the 1987-1988 school year the chapter raised $800 for the Joan Ford Memorial Fund.

Stacy Roberts was named sister of the year and Susan Nolan was named the chapter's ideal pledge for the 1990-1991 school year. In the fall of 1991, Delta Nu-A helped B-section members recolonize after a large group of seniors left. Local Delta Nu-A members organized rush and recruited new members to keep the chapter going. After two terms of intermingled offices, rushes and family trees, Delta Nu-B was strong enough to continue on its own. Also that year, Patricia Sanok and Jennifer Goodman were nominated for the Order of Omega.

Delta Nu-A was recognized as a Four-Star Chapter in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000, and in 1998 received recognition for its involvement in the community and for academics. Campus awards it has received include those for the new member education program, alumnae programming, highest chapter WGA (among all Greeks), campus involvement, scholastic, philanthropic and risk management programming. It also received the Crown of Excellence award in 1999 and 2000. Delta Nu-A received outstanding chapter of the year and chapter excellence award from the university. In 1998 the chapter raised more than $800 for the S. June Smith Center. Members also participated in annual fundraising events for Special Olympics and Easter Seals.

In July 1999 Delta Nu moved into newly built student housing located across the street from Kettering's Academic Building and Campus Center. This finally put members within walking distance of the campus.

Members are involved in intramurals, boxing club and kickboxing, as well as honor societies such as Delta Epsilon Chi, Pi Tau Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Robot Honor Society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Order of Omega and Woman of the Year. Delta Nu-A is also represented in the Society of Women Engineers, Student Senate, Hall Council, Finance Council, S.O.C., the Black Unity Congress, the International Club, Women's

Resource Center, Panhellenic Council, Travelship, Management Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Alpha, the Reflector (the school's yearbook) and Student Alumni Council.

Around campus, Alpha Sigma Alphas are known for their involvement in campus activities and the community. They enjoy making Raggedy Ann dolls for their little sisters and collecting ladybug paraphernalia. *Contributors: Jennifer Wilcox,* ΔN-A, *Nicole Oreskovic,* ΔN-A, *Sheri Houston,* ΔN-A, *Erin Welsh,* ΔN-A, *Kim Wolfgang,* ΔN-A, *Rachel A. Krueger,* ΔN–A

Delta Nu-B

Kettering University, Flint, Mich.

Installed May 10, 1975

Delta Nu-B was colonized in April 1974 and installed May 10, 1975, at then-General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. The B-section women started the colony with Deborah Rough spearheading the colonization effort. Marsha C. Brown, BP, region IV director from 1978 to 1979 and president of the Flint Alumnae Chapter, was a member of the GMI administration and Debbie's initial contact with Alpha Sigma Alpha. Delta Nu was founded as one chapter with two sections: A and B. Section A is in school while section B is at work and vice versa. The 1980 convention in Niagara Falls was the first convention that both Delta Nu-A and Delta Nu-B were recognized as separate chapters.

Delta Nu-B charter members are Kathryn Ann Deane, Patricia M. Hughey, Melanie Ann Lanyi, Rebecca Susan Mitchell, Michele Loraine Pawlowski, Pamela Marie Petta, Suzanne Kaye Peters, Cynthia A. Peterson and Deborah Ann Rough. The charter alumna member is Joan Elaine Nelson. Charter pledges are Deborah Cecelia Rindfuss, Cynthia Cecelia Chamiok, Carol Ann Van De Vort, Sandra K. Huelsman, Julie Ann Beauchamp and Jayne Marie Fleming.

The chapter moved into its first house on Dupont Street in Flint on Aug. 25, 1977. It moved into its second house on Elms Road in Swartz Creek on Oct. 1, 1981. Twenty women lived in the house and it was chosen because the chapter was growing in size. The chapter was at 50 (chapter total) during A section and 40 during B section.

In the fall of 1990 a large group of members graduated, leaving only a few women. After an ineffective rush, the remaining members were given alumnae status and, with the help of Delta Nu-A, the group was recolonized in fall 1991. Delta Nu-B was the second largest sorority on campus in 2001. *Contributor: Holly Nestle,* ΔN–B

Delta Xi

Dallas Baptist College

Installed Sept. 20, 1975; closed 1983

Charter members: LuAnn Carter, Carla Clerihew, Claudia Deck, Kathy Elmer, Charyse Gabehart, Linda Goforth, Nicky Gonder, Tana Kreiter, Pam McClellan, Jeanette McGoldrick, Tampa McRae, Martha McVay, Cathy Nobis, Linda Robertson, Robin Robertson, Elaine Vaughan, Sheila Winslett, Kathy Burden, Susan Carter, June Easley, Cynthia Morris, Debbie McCoy, Donna Popejoy, Carla Russell, Suzette Taylor, Anna Vargas and Marilyn Watson

Delta Omicron

York College of Pennsylvania, York

Installed April 8, 1978; closed 1995

Delta Omicron was installed April 8, 1978. The weekend kicked off with a get-acquainted party Friday in the 1770s room at the Student Center. Eleven women and the chapter adviser were initiated the next morning in the Cora Miller Art Gallery. Installing officers were Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, BΔ, vice president of collegiate program; Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN; Leslie Maxwell, ΓH, field representative; and Denise Ferree, ΔE, Delta Omicron adviser.

Delta Omicron Chapter President Terry Wood served as toastmistress at the white luncheon, and Cathleen Velez, representing the director of student activities, was the luncheon speaker. Dr. Robert Iosue, York College president, gave the keynote address at the formal banquet Saturday night.

Sunday morning members and guests attended Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The Rev. Paul L. Herring, father of a new initiate, welcomed the Alpha Sigma Alphas and included the creed and motto as the theme for his sermon titled "We Have This Goal — Love One Another."

Charter members are Terry Lynn Wood, Vickie Sue Anderson, Cindy Anne DeLeon, Tracey Gayman, Natalie C. Grayson, Ruth Ann Herring, Beth Diane King, Jenni Sue Spangler, Lee Ann Stradling, Julie Thompson, Karen Lee Wagner, Joan Michelle Weaver and Cathleen Eliette Velez, adviser.

Delta Rho

Elon College, Elon, N.C.

Installed May 6, 1978; closed December 2000

The weekend of May 6, 1978, was sunny and bright on the campus of Elon College as Delta Rho Colony became a chapter. Field representative Marsha Brenner, BE, arrived on campus early that week for final preparations. She was joined Friday at the get-acquainted party by installation team members Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Paula Cyrus, PP, vice president of development; Frances "Dee Dee" Jobson Francis, BE, standards chairman; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, collegiate editor; Barbara Hankins Brown, BN, province director; and collegians from Beta Iota and Delta Lambda.

Charter members are Virginia Anderson, Ruth Burnett, Eva Clifton, Janet Combs, Sara Conroy, Susan Crompton, Cynthia Harrington, Jennifer Hunter, Robin Huntley, Carol Irwin, Martha Isaacs, Mary Knight, Jean Knox, Patricia McCarn, Jane Nelson, Robin Shoemaker, Joyce Spencer, Susan Walker, Wendy Walker, Cherry Walton, Susan Wood, Carol Woodlief, Debra Young and Bonnie Younts.

Initiation, chapter installation and installation of new officers were held in the student union's formal lounge Saturday morning. After the services, the traditional white luncheon was held on campus. President-elect Terry Walton presided as toastmistress. Dr. David Crowe, history professor and chapter adviser, gave a brief word of congratulations and challenge to the new members.

The chapter participated in Special Olympics events sponsored by the college and during the 1980s, adopted a highway. Delta Rho regarded academic excellence as one of its highest values. The chapter developed "Reach for the Stars," an incentive program for members to strive for improved academic performance. For its efforts, Delta Rho received both school and campus Panhellenic academic honors.

Delta Rho occupied several chapter facilities over the years. In 1997, chapter members lived in Elon's Greek Courts. The lovely sorority house, decorated with style and comfort, was visibly the heart of chapter life. Up to 12 members lived in the house each year.

Delta Sigma

Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, Mich.

Installed March 15, 1980; closed 1981; reinstalled April 5, 1997

Michigan members welcomed a new chapter to the fold March 14-16, 1980, when Delta Sigma was installed at Saginaw Valley State College near Bay City. Collegians from Gamma Mu, Beta Theta and Delta Nu-A were among those who attended the party Friday evening.

Initiation and installation services were held Saturday morning, with Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, as presiding officer. Other members of the installation team were Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Carmine Cree Alvey, XX, region III director; Joyce Lescelius Abler, BΘ, province VII director; Carol Tozer, ΔN, Delta Nu chapter adviser; Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, Phoenix alumnae editor; and field representatives Donna Bochicchio, ΓP, and Karla Kamp, ΔK.

A banquet was held that night at Sullivan's North in Saginaw, at which Dr. Everson Gilbert, vice president of administrative affairs and student services, spoke on "Career Opportunities for Women Today." The weekend closed with a worship service conducted by Sister Grace Janowski, director of campus ministry.

Charter members are Margaret Ann Baranyai, Kathy Marie Bertschinger, Sonya Kaye Besko, Ann Bosenbark, Therese Marie Dunn, Donna Hrivnak, Christina Marie Krepps, Patricia Anne Leavy, Mary Jo Lee, Pamela Sue Mills, Margaret M. Murphy, Rhonda Lynn Nielson, Cindi Mills Place, Katherine Victoria Sokol, Lynn Marie Squanda, Lori Ann Survant and Christine Anne Sysol.

The chapter was closed shortly after its installation in November 1981. All national sororities on campus disbanded at this time. Delta Sigma was reinstalled with the initiation of 32 collegians and one alumna on April 5, 1997. Alpha Sigma Alpha was the first of the national sororities that disbanded to return to the school.

Nineteen women received the Phoenix degree in April 1996 through the efforts of Alicia Rowe, daughter of Josephine Rowe, BΘ. The installation team consisted of Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, vice president of communications; Barbara Pennington Struble, ΔN, vice president of collegians; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Joanne Burroughs Zabaldo, BΘ, region III director; Tricia C. Sanok, ΔN, province XIV director; and Marna L. Ridenour, AA, leadership consultant. More than 35 collegians from Beta Theta, Delta Nu-A and B and Gamma Mu attended the installation.

Eleanor Williams served as toastmistress at the white luncheon. Alicia Rowe, colony president, and Trisha Stantz, instal-

lation chairman and new Delta Sigma president, opened gifts from the national organization and alumnae.

An installation banquet and formal dance were held that evening. Marna Ridenour served as toastmistress and Merry Jo Brandimore, assistant director of student affairs at the university, was the guest speaker. Amy Thompson, Beta Theta Chapter president, gave the Aspire toast; Josephine Rose, BΘ, Delta Sigma financial adviser, gave the Seek toast; and Tricia Sanok gave the Attain toast.

Charter members of the reinstalled chapter are Trisha Louise Stantz, Alicia Marie Rowe, Jennifer Kay Bartels, Kristen Noel Beck, Darlene Frances Bradley, Sara Catheryn Bradley, Kimberly Anne Brandimore, Carolyn Jean Brody, Deanna L. Bull, Tammy K. Cates, Heather Marie DuBey, Diana Rachel Hinojosa, Andrea Evelyn Kieser, Melanie Jane Knott, Georgena Marie Kubiak, Krystyn Agnes Kurka, Olivia Ann Lake, Mari Lisa Landin, Kristi Lynn MacKenzie, Erin K. McCracken, April Melnik, Shawnette Marie Moll, Lindsay Anne Nolan, Mandi M. Peters, Joy Marie Petiprin, Jennifer Elaine Rang, Valori Ann Robinson, Karrie Ann Sels, Mary Beth Siemen, Traci J. Sierras, Jill Susanne Stahl and Allyson Louise Weavil and alumna Kathy Lynn Lopez.

Chapter activities include summer retreats, Special Olympics events, homecoming games and the new chapter's first homecoming queen, Olivia Lake. In 1997 the chapter held its first Special Olympics basketball camp. Surrounding Special Olympics districts were invited to attend the three-hour clinic and participate in a day of games and fun. Local businesses supported the event with prizes, coupons, awards and T-shirts.

In 1998 Melodie Caine was voted most outstanding freshman, the chapter won the campus organization of the year award and hosted the first big man on campus competition. Its second annual Special Olympics basketball camp was held with the assistance of the Bay City Western boy's basketball team. The chapter also attended state day at Kettering University in Flint, Mich.

When the group at Grand Valley State University was colonized in 1999, Delta Sigma members made ladybugs for gifts. During that winter, the chapter participated in Special Olympics and hosted its third annual Special Olympics basketball camp with the assistance of the Valley Lutheran boy's basketball team and the Saginaw Valley State University men's team.

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Delta Tau

State University of New York at Buffalo
Installed Feb. 2, 1980; closed 1983

Delta Tau became the first chapter of the new decade when it was installed Feb. 2, 1980, at the State University of New York at Buffalo-Amherst.

The installation team consisted of Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, past national president; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; and Donna Bochicchio, ΓP, field representative.

Members of Pi Pi Chapter and the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter assisted with the services and attended the luncheon in honor of Delta Tau. Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, past national president, spoke briefly at the luncheon, which was followed by the banquet that night at the Cavalier Restaurant. MaryAnn Linton presented the chapter charter to Mary Bracken, chapter president, to close the evening's program.

Charter members are Mary Claire Archer, Dawn Marie Barr, Erin Ann Bracken, Mary Regina Bracken, Catherine Ann Campbell, Ellen Theresa Carroll, Joan Elly, Alison Feirman, Elizabeth Anna Feier, Marcia Helen Kinbar, Joanne Sue Schoenberg, Robin Mary Shaw and Kathleen Ann Thompson.

Delta Upsilon

University of Texas at San Antonio
Installed April 7, 1979

Delta Upsilon was installed April 7, 1979, at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Charter members are Debora Lynn Baker, Melissa Ann Chapman, Laurel Susan Dodge, Kathleen Doyle, Margaret Rachaelle Drews, Farnaz Farmanesh, Volusia Jo Finney, Sylvia Garcia, Alice Marie Gonzales, Kerri Gooden, Clarissa Guajardo, Denise Eileen Huron, Grace Carol Huron, Mindy Renee Mann, Tracy Ann Netting, Elizabeth Jean Pearce, Nancy Proctor, Mary Anne Sprague, Karen Ruth Ward, Diane Mary Wehrle, Donna Williams and Roni Waltersdorf.

The chapter got its start when Marilyn "Marti" Manion Stratton, BB, moved to San Antonio and heard that national Greek organizations were heading for the University of Texas at San Antonio. For many months she was instrumental in bringing college women through open rush. Mindy Mann and Elizabeth Pearce also played major roles in starting the chapter.

In the early years, Alpha Sigma Alpha was not the top soror-

ity on campus, and the main challenge was meeting quota. It is now highly regarded and has been for many years.

At first, the University of Texas at San Antonio was known as a commuter school, which made it difficult to have a large membership and dedication to a sorority. Over the years the university offered more opportunities for student life, such as on-campus housing and more student organizations. As a result, there was a major increase in membership of Greek organizations.

As Delta Upsilon grew, members became more involved in other campus activities such as student government, Panhellenic executive board and campus activities board.

Local philanthropies are sorority traditions, as is Special Olympics. In addition, every Halloween the chapter hosts a party at the Unicorn Center, which helps mentally challenged adults. The goal of Delta Upsilon is to fulfill the four aims of Alpha Sigma Alpha and to strive for more progress each year. The chapter owes thanks to Marti Stratton, chapter members and alumnae for giving it the support and sisterhood members enjoy today. *Contributor: Michele Baumann,* ΔΥ

Delta Chi

Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Installed Sept. 8, 1979

Delta Chi was installed Sept. 8, 1979, at Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania. Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, conducted the initiation service. She was assisted by Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Leslie Maxwell, ΓΗ, province I director; Renee Ackerson, HH, field representative; Central Pennsylvania alumnae; and collegians from Delta Epsilon, Gamma Rho and Delta Omicron. The banquet featured Dr. James H. McCormick, president of the college. A worship service Sunday ended the long-awaited weekend for the 45 new initiates.

Charter members are Theresa J. Antellocy, Judith M. Brlansky, Linda M. Brown, Pamela S. Brown, Jacqueline M. Campbell, Kimberly Ann Case, Angela Lisa Cirulli, Constance A. DeLessio, Olwyn DeMarco, Dana Ann DeVito, Angela Susan Dotoli, Radune Lynn Enger, Tamara Fetchina, Elizabeth M. Ganis, Sandra L. Gettler, Suellen F. Gluckow, Gail E. Goldschmidt, Peggy Ann Homcheck, Debbie Houseknecht, Carey Lynne Huels, Annette J. Lettiere, Bambi Lynn Lutte, Judy L. Lutz, Vicky Lysek, Kristen F. Mendler, Gisele Nikop, Tracy Lynn Oswald, Jeanne M. Pavelko, MaryAnn E. Perugino, Karen Marie Pierog, Susan E. Poust, Sonia L. Ressler, Toni F. Roccograndi, Elizabeth Rosati, Cheryl Marie Roulin, Donna Marie Smith, Nancy Ann Smith, Sherry Lou Smith, Linda Ann Sobotka, Barbara G. Steckel, Sandra S. Takach, Joanne Mary Westwood, Karen G. Wizorek, Cynthia Anne Woody and Jane Elizabeth Yoder.

The chapter annually participates in homecoming activities and various philanthropies. It supports the Ronald McDonald House, the American Heart Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Special Olympics.

In the early 1980s the chapter purchased a house at 239 East St. In 2001 the chapter was selected as a pilot group for the ΑΣΑ Advantage program. *Contributor: Emily Huegel,* ΔΧ

Epsilon Alpha

University of Southern Arkansas, Magnolia
Installed Sept. 25, 1982

Alpha Sigma Alpha gained its first new chapter in three years when Epsilon Alpha was installed Sept. 25, 1982. Epsilon Alpha became the first sorority at the University of Arkansas at Magnolia.

A get-acquainted party was held Friday night at the Dow Lodge, nestled in a pine forest near campus. A touch of fall was in the air, and in the cool, quiet setting the collegians welcomed the installation team: Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president; Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, NPC delegate; Judi Biggs, EE, colonies chairman; Nancy Szalwinski, BΔ, province XVI director; and Vicki Hersh, ΦΦ, field representative.

Formal initiation and installation services were held Saturday morning in the Wesley Student Union. Representatives from Beta Mu and Gamma Zeta chapters served as sponsors for the colony members. After a lunch prepared by the chapter at the student union, Lisa Cline, chapter president, opened gifts from the national council.

Nancy Szalwinski, who had made the initial presentation on the campus for Alpha Sigma Alpha, gave the invocation at the banquet. Judi Biggs presented Phoenix pins to the charter members. The following toasts were made: Aspire, Vicki Hersh; Seek, Rebecca Sanderson, AB, student affairs adviser; and Attain, Rhetta Robinson. Guest speaker Sidney Allen addressed the topic of commitment and accountability. The evening concluded with Rhetta presenting the group its charter.

Charter members are Karen Bailey, Beverly Beardon, Gloria Benton, Gaye Bradshaw, Lisa Cline, Valinda Collins, Louanne

Crank, Cheryl Cunningham, Stacee Dumas, Beth Elliott, Karen England, Kristi Ham, Michele Hardin, Carla Jackson, Laura Johnson, Tamara McCollough, Lisa Pratt, Glenda Rice, Pam Shipman, Andrea Stecker and Jan Turner. Alumnae charter members are Donna Foyil and Pam Givens.

In its early years Epsilon Alpha was known for participating in the March of Dimes walk-a-thon, Special Olympics, a see-saw-a-thon fundraiser for the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation and the Polar bear plunge.

In the late 1990s membership recruitment was a success with a hamburger cookout at the city park. Everyone played games and enjoyed good food grilled by members. Shortly afterward, the chapter held a big sis/ little sis night in which new members were introduced to their big sisters.

Epsilon Alpha participates in many community and campus activities, including helping the Magnolia emergency services with a mock disaster drill. In 2001 it helped CCAPS, the local animal shelter, to raise money for a new facility by helping with a hamburger cookout.

Chapter members participate in intramural sports and tied for first place during the football season. Members also attend pep rallies for the school football team and won the spirit stick several times throughout the season. The group entered a float in the homecoming parade and took part in the campus family day activities by sponsoring a barbecue and entering the canoe race. Before the Christmas holidays, members gathered gifts with other organizations to provide presents for children without families.

Epsilon Alpha still holds its chapter meetings each Monday at 8:30 p.m. *Contributors: Lori Winchester,* EA*, Mary Kate Hogue,* EA*, Amy Cary,* EA

Epsilon Beta

University of Illinois–Urbana/Champaign
Installed April 30, 1983; closed Feb. 4, 1991

Alpha Sigma Alpha installed its first chapter on a Big 10 Conference university and its sixth in Illinois with the installation of Epsilon Beta Chapter at the University of Illinois-Urbana April 30, 1983. The interest group started with six women who had been members of a small local. Under the leadership of Elaine Carroll, president, and with the assistance of field representatives Vicki Hersh, ΦΦ, and Lynnann Jimenez, AA, the women rushed throughout January.

The group was colonized Feb. 6 with 29 women, and 34 were initiated when the chapter was installed April 30. The chapter hoped to double its size during fall rush, for which 2,000 freshmen women were expected to register.

Typical warm, humid central Illinois weather greeted the alumnae, collegians and national officers who came to assist with the installation. Events began with the initiation of members and installation of the chapter in the nearby faculty center. Officiating were Linda Barzano Snyder, ΓΒ, province XI director and the installing officer; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓΗ, vice president of development; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; Vicki Hersh; and Dorothy Williams Pash, AB, adviser and Champaign, Ill., alumna.

Sponsors for the group were representatives of Illinois chapters Delta Eta, Beta Rho and Beta Kappa; and Chicago, Chicago Metro and Chicago North Suburban alumnae chapters. Other national officers present were Beth Zubinski Heidel, ΓΩ, region III director, and Phoenix editor Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY.

The banquet that evening featured Aspire, Seek and Attain toasts given by Annamarie Falbo, ΔΗ, Dorothy Pash and Silvana Richardson. After U of I Vice Chancellor Stanley Levy welcomed the group to campus, Rhetta Robinson presented the chapter's charter to Elaine Carroll.

Charter members are Elaine Carroll, Nancy Caminer, Tammy Craig, Gaile Damijonaitis, Catherine Dinkelkamp, Jill Farrell, Caryn Feder, Amy Flessner, Darcy Frank, Lynn Freiman, Michele Hess, Catherine Higgins, Carrie Jones, Joanne Kralj, Susan Lampert, Cathy Marszalek, Jane McWard, Sheri Moeckler, Stacia Ozier, Sharon Perlman, Margaret Pollowy, Lynette Rasmusson, Shelia Rozell, Pamela Ruby, Juliana Sbertoli, Inge-Marie Schindler, Jennifer Shalla, Mary Sidhu, Sharon Smith, Sharon Teeling, Diane Tennant, Carol Tobin, Christine Wegerer and Carolyn Wu.

National council closed the chapter Feb. 4, 1991, because of low membership.

Epsilon Gamma

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond
Installed Feb. 25, 1984

Epsilon Gamma was colonized in May 1983 and by September had 38 members. Activities such as fire prevention and alcohol awareness weeks and distributing turkeys to the needy for Thanksgiving filled the young chapter's calendar.

The group was installed Feb. 25, 1984, thanks to the efforts of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter and Debbie Parr, ΔP, province V director.

Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president, was the installing officer. Special guests included members of Alpha, Beta Epsilon, Beta Iota, Beta Pi, Delta Iota and Delta Rho chapters. The chapter's first adviser was Frances "Dee Dee" Francis, BE. It is the oldest continuous Panhellenic group on the campus.

Charter members are Jamie Louise Barnicle, president, Polly Jennifer Adams, Robin Renee Almond, Alice Elaine Anzalone, Mia Maria Badalati, Robin Sandra Bendar, Martha Bissell, Nancy Ann Buzby, Jean Anne Cheek, Susan Irene Dunn, Emily Blackwell Ford, Kimberly Ann Frank, Deborah Renee Friend, Elizabeth Ann Gariti, Kimberly Ann Garland, Jayme Ann Gewet, Elizabeth A. Gimbert, Jill Ann Ginnetti, Karen Marie Golbek, Jan Elizabeth Haas, Lisa Ann Hall, Heidi Elizabeth Holmes, Teresa Lynn Hyde, Sarah Edgeworth Kamstra, Tammy Elizabeth Kiley, Elaine May Komar, Deborah Ann Lison, Linda Jean Malik, Diane Marie Marsh, Allene Frances Mosher, Mary Beth Mott, Debra Lynn Pributsky, Mary Eileen Richardson, Gerry Louise Strickland and Natalie Jane Warner.

Diane Marsh led the way in establishing the Panhellenic association and Laura Burke followed through in the early years. The chapter continued to produce leaders, not only in Panhellenic, but also in Greek council with the first female president in 1997 and another president in 2000-2001. In 1985 the chapter held its first Crimson Ball and named the first chapter sister of the month. Early fund-raising efforts focused on being able to rent a house. Philanthropic activities in 1985 included Jump for Heart, Special Olympics soccer and the IFC Easter egg hunt. Tri-state day at VCU and state day at Radford also filled the calendar.

In 1986 members attended their first national convention in Denver. That fall the chapter participated in what would become one of its biggest fund-raisers: a phone-a-thon to solicit donations to the school from VCU alumnae. The university rewarded organizations with the highest participation with prize money. Fund-raising played a crucial role in obtaining the chapter's landmark house in 1987. The chapter also joined forces that year with the Richmond alumnae when it planned a sweetheart dance in honor of St. Valentine.

In 1988 April Fleming was crowned Miss Richmond. She went on to become Miss Virginia in July and represented the state in the Miss America Pageant. In 1989 the chapter received awards for outstanding service, outstanding Greek woman and most participation during Greek week.

In 1990 Lynne Rachal Chambers, A, joined advisory board members Dee Dee Francis and Lydia Brumfield, A. Lynne became adviser when Dee Dee retired in the fall of 1991. To support America's troops in the Persian Gulf War, the chapter sent care packages in the name of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Workshops with the Girl Scouts were also a rewarding way to give to the community.

During the fall of 1992, the chapter was asked to team with Theta Delta Chi in its annual philanthropic event, which became a regular partnership between the two groups for years. In 1993 Alpha Kappa Lambda asked Epsilon Gamma to help with "Halloween watch" to provide a safe Halloween for local children. The chapter also organized an intramural sports program for sororities and placed first in the phone-a-thon, raising $650 for the chapter.

In the fall of 1994 the chapter was allowed to rent its entire house, which made room for 14 members. Epsilon Gamma also celebrated its 10th anniversary with a semi-formal reception for collegians and alumnae in the University Student Commons. In 1994 the chapter produced the first Mr. Greek VCU pageant, a philanthropic event to raise funds for Special Olympics.

In 1996 Stacey Lambert was chosen as the first Miss VCU, based on scholarship and service to the university. Rachel Stafford became Panhellenic president and Shannon Steel became a chapter consultant. In fall 1996 Allison Faust became Greek council president, the first woman to hold the position. The chapter hosted state day with guests from Radford, Longwood and Virginia Wesleyan — and Zeta Rho Chapter, all the way from Western Alabama. Kris Anderson was selected as Miss VCU, the second member in a row to win the title. Greek awards followed, with Epsilon Gamma winning outstanding Greek chapter for the second time in three years. Other awards were outstanding Greek adviser for Lynne Chambers, the university involvement award and Greek woman of the year for the second time in three years for Stacey Bellemy.

In 1997 Epsilon Gamma received the Sidney Gremillion Allen Panhellenic award. Stacey Bellemy was chosen Miss Capital Region and went on to compete for Miss Virginia. In 1997-1998 Jennifer Buckler was named outstanding Greek senior, while Debbie Harris Early, recruitment adviser, was chosen Greek adviser of the year. That summer, Epsilon

Gamma received an honorable mention for chapter efficiency and won a Phoenix award for outstanding contributions to the magazine.

The chapter celebrated its 15th anniversary Feb. 27, 1999, with a dinner and dancing in the University Commons. Deborah Fields Dietrich, BN, region II director, was the keynote speaker. In April, Clai Marchant, ΔP, scholarship adviser, received the outstanding Greek adviser award. In the summer of 1999 members learned of the murder of alumna Lori Fogleman. Lori was a much-loved teacher at Woolridge Elementary School in nearby Chesterfield County. Members flew in from around the country to attend her memorial service, and the chapter honored her by naming the sister of the year award the Lori Fogleman Sister of the Year award.

In the fall members returned to a newly renovated house and announced a new membership adviser, former president Stacey Bellamy. In February 2000 Cassie Beaver became president of the Panhellenic Association and in the spring the chapter planted a tree in Lori Fogleman's memory at Woolridge Elementary School. Stacey Bellemy captured the adviser of the year award and Cassie Beaver was named the outstanding Greek junior. Epsilon Gamma also won the outstanding Greek chapter that year.

At the centennial convention in Richmond in June 2000, Epsilon Gamma received honorable mentions in officer efficiency, philanthropy and Panhellenic involvement. Mary Beth Thomsen, president, received the national Frost Fidelity award. During the fall of 2000 Epsilon Gamma proposed that the Panhellenic association adopt an alcohol-free social policy. It was passed unanimously. The chapter also encouraged all Greek organizations to help a struggling chapter that was in danger of closing. Each chapter not only hosted at least one event for the small group, but also agreed not to recruit for three weeks. The struggling chapter doubled in size.

Epsilon Gamma's newest philanthropic project, a 12-hour rock-a-thon with Delta Chi fraternity, benefited The Daily Planet, a center for the homeless. The chapter held its famous Mr. Greek VCU pageant, with the $1,000 proceeds benefiting Special Olympics.

In April 2001 the chapter received the outstanding new member education award for its transition to and implementation of ΑΣΑ Advantage. Mary Beth Thomsen received the distinguished service award and adviser Lynne Rachal Chambers received the special service award. In addition, the Panhellenic association will annually award the Lynne Chambers scholarship to a deserving Greek woman. Two weeks later, the VCU Student Commons and Activities board awarded Mary Beth a special service award, and Lynne received the student organization adviser of the year award. Epsilon Gamma also won the officer efficiency award.

Epsilon Gamma won the Four-Star Chapter award in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 (five-year recognition) and 2001, and the Crown of Excellence in 1998. *Contributors: Lynn Rachal Chambers,* A, *Frances "Dee Dee" Jobson Francis,* BE, *Stacey Bellemy,* ΕΓ, *Kris Anderson,* ΕΓ, *Mary Beth Thomsen,* ΕΓ

Epsilon Delta

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona

Installed Nov. 17, 1984; closed Oct. 15, 1993

A cool, crisp Minnesota fall greeted the installation team as it converged at St. Mary's College in Winona Nov. 16-18, 1984, to install Epsilon Delta Chapter. The 33 women and 25 pledges became the first NPC sorority on campus.

The group first had contact with the sorority when Mary-Ann Sidehamer Linton, ΓΗ, vice president of development, visited the campus in December 1983 at the members' request. They were the Little Sisters of Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity, first organized in 1982. They broke away from the fraternity hoping to establish a sorority on the private, Catholic college campus. Chapter consultant Beth Ann Colwell, BB, colonized Epsilon Delta in February 1984.

The chapter installation weekend began with a get-acquainted party Nov. 16, which brought together colony members and pledges; collegians from Beta Rho and Epsilon Beta; three of the group's alumnae from Chicago; Cindy Fundis, EE, chapter consultant; and the installation team of Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; MaryAnn Linton; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; and Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, installing officer and Phoenix feature editor.

Charter members are Brenda Vucinovich, president, Theresa Anderson, Loretta Clarke, Laura Connor, Maureen Coskran, Kathleen Cullen, Jeanne Doran, Terri Edel, Elizabeth Enderle, Rita Fitzgerald, Kelly Foss, Margaret Gallagher, Kelly Gleason, Mary Gran, Barbara Griebel, Monica Hennessey, Tracy Jagodzinski, Lisa Johnson, Colleen Kelly, Laura Kieltyka, Diane Lind, Kimberly Martinson, Lynn Meyer, Colette O'Brien, Mary Ann Rausch, Karen Reynolds, Marnie Reynolds, Susan Rudigier, Maureen Smyth, Janet Sushinksi, Krista Tracy, Sandra Windt and

Julie Zost. Charter alumnae initiates are Michele Bernier and Phyllis Solon.

Three ceremonies were held Saturday morning at the college center: initiation of the charter members, and installation of the chapter and officers. Joining the collegiate sponsors were Twin Cities alumnae Jane Banasik Clements, BΦ, and Anne Marie Hirt, BB. More than 100 people, including members, pledges, friends, relatives and national officers attended the banquet that evening. After the meal, the pledges surprised the charter members with a satin banner that boasted the sorority's four symbols.

Presenting the Aspire, Seek and Attain toasts were Loretta Clarke, Epsilon Delta rush chairman, Sue Hagen and Rhetta Robinson. Keynote speaker was Brother Louis, St. Mary's new president. Brenda Vucinovich, who served as toastmistress, closed the evening with an emotional thank-you to her fellow charter members and pledges. The weekend ended with Mass Sunday morning at the campus chapel and a brunch.

National council closed the chapter Oct. 15, 1993, because of declining membership.

Epsilon Eta

Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, Va.
Installed April 27, 1985

Epsilon Eta was installed April 27, 1985, as the first national sorority at Virginia Wesleyan College. Situated on the border of resort towns Virginia Beach and Norfolk, VWC is a four-year, 848-student liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The installation team consisted of Debbie Parr, ΔP, province V director and installing officer; Cindy Fundis, EE, chapter consultant; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of program; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; and Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, colonies chairman. Collegians from Epsilon Gamma, Washington, D.C., alumnae Helen Lortz, HH, Lois V. Beers, BΓ, and Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, Richmond alumna Frances "Dee Dee" Jobson Francis, BE, and members of the Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter attended the events and served as sponsors.

Saturday, in addition to installing 23 charter members, the chapter and new officers, 12 women were pledged. Melissa Burroughs, EH, served as the toastmistress for the banquet. Reciting the toasts to the chapter were Diane Marsh, Epsilon Gamma president, Aspire; Dee Dee Francis, Seek; and Paula Foreman, Attain. Guest speaker Wendy L. Seligmann, VWC career planning and placement counselor, discussed the importance and advantages of networking. After introducing the charter members and pledges, Rosemary Goss presented the group its charter.

Charter members are Kathleen W. Bell, Cheryl L. Buchanan, Melissa L. Burroughs, Cheryl L. Chatfield, Karen R. Conner, Marshalene Currie, Deborah L. Dougherty, Lauri L. Felton, Katrina A. Gilbert, Page M. Larson, Michelle S. Leary, Amy P. Lowe, Lisa A. Manix, Glenie L. Minga, Kathryn M. Owens, Jennifer L. Pittman, Michele Sabasko, Sharon K. Self, Ruth A. Small, Donna A. Steppe, Martha J. Sykes, Joan R. Weede and Victoria B. Zaremba.

Each fall Epsilon Eta sponsors a campus-wide Pictionary tournament and throughout the year participates in fund-raising and weekly Special Olympics events. It also conducts a sisterhood retreat and a safe-ride program for designated driving, along with many other campus-related events. During the spring semester the chapter stages an "air band" contest, in which students get to act like musicians. Each year ends with a "star" formal. *Contributor: Desiree J. Griffith,* EH

Epsilon Theta

Pennsylvania State University, Behrend College, Erie
Installed Oct. 24, 1987

Shirley Courtney, BΛ, shared a special moment with her daughter Karen when mother sponsored daughter at the installation of Epsilon Theta Oct. 24, 1987. Karen was one of 15 charter initiates who took part in the installation at Penn State University, Behrend College. Located on the outskirts of Erie, the four-year school is an extension campus of Penn State. Epsilon Theta was the first NPC sorority on the 2,700-student campus, which has several men's groups and one local sorority. The group colonized in March 1986 with 23 members, five of whom were initiated in October.

The get-acquainted party at the campus Wintergarden Cafe featured a fall theme. Partygoers included installing officer Kathleen Thompson Pilecki, ΔT; Joan Rindfleisch Runckel, ΠΠ, region I director; Buffalo alumna Beth Lucia, ΠΠ; Lisa O'Neill, NN, chapter consultant; two Pi Pis and colony members' parents. They were joined Saturday morning at the initiation service on campus by Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓH, vice president of development; and Lori Ann Wilkin, ΓO, province III director.

Also participating were Shirley Courtney, four Gamma Xis and two Pi Pis.

Karen Courtney and Wendy Noble opened the new chapter's gifts, which included a silver tea set from national council, a glass punch set from the installation team and glass serving trays from Gamma Iota. The evening's featured speaker was Dr. K. Lilley, dean of the college. Janet Pangrazio, Pi Pi chapter vice president, presented the Aspire message; Shirley Courtney recited the Seek; and Kathleen Pilecki provided the Attain. Rosemary Goss presented the new chapter with its charter.

Epsilon Theta charter members are Karen Marie Courtney, Lisa Rene Minnetti, Karen Jean Musser, Wendy Lara Nobel and Lorie Jean Starcher (original colony members), Julia Garing, Kimberley Ann Lewis, Jennifer Marie Perriello, Rene Marie Prelog, Ellen Marie Rohan, Erin Kay Rositer, Carol Ann Schlosser, Juanita Maguire Tryon, Stacy Ann Wieczorek and Colleen Marie Zurawski.

Epsilon Theta holds an annual date auction fund-raiser for Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center. The chapter's community service projects include adopt-a-highway, blood drive assistance, a clothing drive and Special Olympics. Members decorated water bottles for Special Olympics athletes, painted T-shirts for children at local hospitals and decorated cookies for community children. Some of these events were at recruitment events to show potential new members what the chapter does for the community.

In 1998 the chapter held a yearlong clothing drive. Clothing was collected by campus police and safety officers from drop sites all around Erie and stored in empty campus offices. Chapter members sorted clothes for four hours each week and put in many more hours to get the job done. They then distributed the clothing to local churches. More items were collected than could be given away so additional churches were contacted to accept donations.

The chapter takes pride in the success of this event and in its partnership with the Erie community. *Contributors: Erin Randall McKlveen,* ΕΘ, *Angelo Barco,* ΕΘ, *Jessica L. Manno,* ΕΘ, *Hillary Hawranko,* ΕΘ

Epsilon Iota

Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tenn.
Installed April 4, 1987; closed January 1993

Beautiful spring weather graced the April 4, 1987, installation of Epsilon Iota Chapter at Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn. The former Nu Sigma local sorority had become an ΑΣΑ colony May 1, 1986. It joined Zeta Tau Alpha as the only two NPC sororities at the small, liberal arts college in a residential area of Memphis.

The installation weekend kicked off with an informal get-acquainted party Friday night. Members met with national officers and collegians from Beta Sigma and Beta Nu chapters. Initiation and chapter and officer installation occurred Saturday morning in the school's Barry Hall Chapel.

Participating in the ceremonies were MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, installing officer and vice president of development; Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Nancy I. Zander Reese, ΒΥ, Phoenix editor; Lisa Stanley, ΗΗ, chapter consultant; and Helen Hooper Malone, ΒΓ, past national officer.

The installation banquet that evening featured Father Thomas Hoar, Christian Brothers vice president of student affairs. A sweetheart dance followed the dinner. Charter members are Becky Bobeck, Karen Cherry, Amy Forsythe, Staci Granger, Bernadette Gruca, Mary Henry, Sharon Heizer, Michelle Holden, Jennifer Hooker, Leslie Huey, Jenny Jarratt, Sally Klein, Rhonda Manning, Karen Marr, Amanda Moore, Monica Reed, Margaret Russell, Debra Schumacher, Robin Thrasher, Elizabeth Wallace, Lana Yoshii and Katherine Zanone.

National council closed the chapter in January 1993 because of its small size and campus atmosphere, which was not conducive to national sororities.

Epsilon Kappa

Millersville University, Millersville, Pa.
Installed April 11, 1987

Although Epsilon Kappa was installed as a chapter April 11, 1987, the group's roots go back more than 20 years. Gamma Sigma Alpha began as a club at Millersville University in 1966. Gamma Sigma Alpha became interested in going national when two members had sisters who were Alpha Sigma Alphas at other schools. Kristen Elder, ΔΕ, transferred from Mansfield University to Millersville and also sparked the group's interest in Alpha Sigma Alpha. Epsilon Kappa was colonized in October 1986 and took 16 pledges after its first rush as a colony.

It is the first NPC group to be established at the 200-acre campus, which has an excellent reputation as a teachers college. Installing officer Jane B. Ramsey, ΔΙ, was assisted by Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Paula Cyrus Foreman, ΡΡ, vice president of program; and Linda Bonine Rogers, ΔΙ, stan-

dards chairman. Special guests included members of Delta Iota, Delta Omicron, Kappa Kappa, Nu Nu, Gamma Epsilon, Delta Chi and Gamma Rho chapters. The reception was held that afternoon at Biemesderfer Executive Center, and the banquet followed at the Holiday Inn North in Lancaster.

Charter initiates are Shareen Barnett, Brenda Bauknecht, Jessica Bergey, Mary Bond, Denisa Bronokoski, Christine Churgai, Melissa Compton, Deborah Dean, Michelle Eaton, Mary Fekete, Catherine French, Lisa Frymoyer, Roseann Gambino, Anissa Gappa, Linda Hamlen, Lisa Hoenstine, Amy Iobst, Lisa Loud, Kim Lineaweaver, Lori Marsh, Christine McCulloch, Elizabeth Polansky, Heidi Reinbold, Dawn Riddell, Carol Ries, Laura Sacco, Holly Shiflett, Amy Therrien, Sherri Weiss, Margaret Whelan and Allison Williams.

Epsilon Kappa is fortunate to be just a few miles from the S. June Smith Center. Even before the center became the sorority's national philanthropy, members were involved with its activities. One Epsilon Kappa fund-raiser for the center involves rolling a barrel from campus to the center. From the sorority's involvement, the center now has a classroom named the "Alpha Sigma Alpha Classroom."

Chapter philanthropies include the adopt-a-highway program and the S. June Smith Center. Epsilon Kappa was the first sorority to participate in a township and state adopt-a-highway program.

The chapter has earned numerous accolades. In 1990 it won the philanthropic award; in 1992 the AGC chapter excellence award; in 1994 a Four-Star Chapter award; in 1994 the Crown of Excellence award and the S. June Smith Center organization award; in 1997 the S. June Smith Center organization award; in 1998 the community service award; in 1999 the highest grade point average award; and in 1998-1999 the best use of technology award.

Epsilon Kappa also recognizes three women who won the national outstanding new member award: 1989, Jill Getz; 1992, Jennifer Reams; and 1996, Dana Breitenbach. Paula Foreman, chapter adviser, won the 1990 Helen Corey Convention award.
Contributors: Jacy M. Putt, EK, *Melody Kramer,* EK

Epsilon Lambda

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, Pa.
Installed March 28, 1987

The rainy Saturday on March 28, 1987, didn't dampen the spirits of Epsilon Lambda colony. As the day progressed, the clouds cleared and by the afternoon reception, the bright sky matched the mood of 36 new members of Alpha Sigma Alpha. After waiting nearly two years for permission from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnston, the women of Hearts local sorority pledged Alpha Sigma Alpha in November 1986. The group joined NPC members Delta Zeta and Alpha Gamma Delta on the campus of 3,200 full- and part-time students.

On hand for the informal campus get-together Friday night were Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; and Bonnie Oswald, ΓΞ, installing officer.

Vice president of development MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, snowed-in in Boulder, Colo., arrived the next morning, along with four Gamma Xis, seven Gamma Omicrons, Diane Sauro Stevenson, ΓΞ, and Kathleen Geib Boykin, ΑΑ, both Gamma Xi advisers and members of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter. Special guests at the banquet were university president Dr. Frank Blackington and his wife; dean of students Dean Shaffer and his wife; assistant dean of students Linda Daniels; and other guests of Epsilon Lambda.

Charter members are Cindy Blair, Tammy Bloom, Beth Bubans, Megan Casey, Suzie Columbus, Erin Cunningham, Nancy Dunn, Suzy El-Attar, Kelly Enders, Jill Ewell, Toni Ficco, Annette Gibbons, Lori Girod, Kristine Hoffer, Marcie Hornig, Lisa Iozzi, Beth Jacobelli, Susan Keebaugh, Lottie Kizowski, Jodilynn Korpar, Donna Krohe, Laura Lathom, Lori Mento, Vicki Mills, Tina Moore, Ellen Nee, Lisa Nicastro, Heather Nicely, Cindy Nixon, Cheryl Olson, Kim Schaefer, Lisa Sculco, Maggie Wasicek, Chris Weaver, Judy Whitlam and Amy Zoltun.

On bid day Sept. 25, 1987, Epsilon Lambda grew by 17 members. The chapter participated in various events that year, including a mud volleyball tournament, chocolate chip cookie fund-raiser and a dinner for the visually impaired. During the school's 17th annual homecoming weekend Oct. 16-18, 1987, member Cindy Blair was crowned homecoming queen.

March 31, 1988, Epsilon Lambda received notice for housing in Sunset IV, which remains the Alpha Sigma Alpha house to this day. When the fall term began, so did the painting and decorating of the new house. Activities that fall included a parents' and alumnae picnic, brownie fund-raiser and campus trick or treating on Halloween with children.

Epsilon Lambda placed first overall during Greek week 1989. The chapter celebrated Christmas Dec. 10, 1989, when every member drew another member's name out of a hat and

brought a present for her, setting a precedent for years to come. In 1990 members put their handprints on the wall going up the front stairs. In October the chapter held a bowl-a-thon to raise money for philanthropies and held a parents' day event at a log cabin. Lori Morrison won homecoming queen and the chapter took first place in mud volleyball.

Lock-ins, fund-raisers, philanthropic projects and picnics were held throughout the spring 1991 term. Jen Rossi was crowned homecoming queen Oct. 12, 1991. Spring 1992 was filled with activities such as lock-ins and the Valentine's Day date party, also known as Heartthrob, an annual tradition. Rush themes in the fall of 1992 were Mickey Mouse and Camp ΑΣΑ. In 1996 the chapter hosted province day on campus and Megan Olszewski was crowned homecoming queen. Also that year the chapter tried a new fund-raiser: handing out credit card applications. Members raised hundreds of dollars.

During spring 1997 programming was at an all-time high, with events such as an eating disorders program, lock-ins, risk management programs, alcohol programs and an alumnae weekend. Thirteen seniors graduated that term, dropping the membership roster lower than usual. A summer fund-raiser selling raffle tickets brought in more than $2,000. Member Shelly Grove was married and it aired on The Learning Channel in an episode of "Wedding Stories." Sonya Thompson was crowned 1997 homecoming queen.

In 1998 the chapter attended an addictions program that encouraged members with problems to admit them and seek help in dealing with eating disorders. Fund-raising efforts soared, and the chapter raised thousands of dollars through ticket sales, carnation sales and multiple candy sales. *Contributors: Nicole Vuckovich,* ΕΛ, *Leona Kozuch,* ΕΛ

Epsilon Mu

The College of New Jersey, Trenton
Installed April 29, 1988

After a full week of rain, the sun shone brightly Saturday, April 29, 1988, for the installation of Epsilon Mu Chapter at Trenton State College in New Jersey. Forty-one women were initiated. The new chapter joined three other national sororities on the 6,500-student campus, located on 225 acres in suburban Trenton. The colony began as a local sorority called Independent Sisters Inc. in fall 1986; ISI became Epsilon Mu Colony a year later.

Installation team members were Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Paula Cyrus Foreman, ΡΡ, vice president of program; MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, vice president of development; and chapter consultants Lisa O'Neill, ΝΝ, and Karen Fulmer, ΒΘ. Members of Delta Iota, Nu Nu and Epsilon Kappa chapters and the Central New Jersey Alumnae Chapter served as sponsors for the new initiates.

The white luncheon followed installation, with Michael Maconi, ISI adviser, as guest speaker. Nu Nu adviser Monique Singlar also attended the lunch. Guest speaker at that night's banquet was William Klepper, Trenton State dean of students and father of initiate Caroline Klepper.

Charter members are Evelyn Alvarez, Patricia Anderson, Kimberly Buckley, Michelle Buczek, Mary Elizabeth Bufala, Jodie Cabo, Lisa Carraciolo, Michelle DeJess, Michele Dlugos, Eileen Ferralasco, Michele Fiedler, Mary Finckenor, Michele Gawronski, Diana Hannoch, Justina Harris, Sally Hofman, Michelle Jaslar, Karen Jaslar, Margaret Kinney, Caroline Klepper, Branwyn Knight, Michele LaSala, Katina Lehner, Robin Mayo, Ann McDonnell, Ana Melendez-Mujica, Kelly O'Keefe, Sherri Pearson, Elizabeth Pranzatelli, Beth Psota, Cathy Rugarber, Beth Russo, Michelle St. Laurent, Michelle Schooley, Kelly Schuster, Sandra Seder, Deborah Smith, Bonnie-Jean Speed, Michelle Weber, Chayna Wilson and Teresa Zapotochny. Lauren Keller was a pledge at the time of installation.

Annual events of the chapter include Special Olympics, sending cards to the S. June Smith Center, homecoming events and sisterhood dinners. *Contributor: Joy DeSario,* ΕΜ

Epsilon Nu

State University of New York at Brockport
Installed March 4, 1989; closed December 2000

In fall 1986, seven members of a women's auxiliary for a campus fraternity decided to organize a new national sorority on campus. These women selected Alpha Sigma Alpha to be the third NPC sorority at SUNY Brockport. In order to fulfill the standards necessary to colonize, Pi Theta Psi local sorority was established. On March 5, 1988, 28 women were pledged as a colony under the direction of Kathleen Thompson Pilecki, ΔΤ, province I director.

Epsilon Nu was installed on the eve of its colonization anniversary date. Ceremonies were held in the Seymour College Union Coffee House under the direction of Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, vice president of development; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; Sharon M. Sterner, ΓΙ, province I

director and installing officer; Kathleen Pilecki, region I director; Karen Parsons, ΕΓ, chapter consultant; and Karen Fulmer, ΒΘ, former chapter consultant. Representatives from Pi Pi, Gamma Iota, Gamma Rho and the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter attended all events despite the intermittent ice storms that occurred throughout the weekend. Chapter adviser Denise "Denny" Sinclaire, Alpha Sigma Tau, received the mother patroness degree.

The white luncheon was held at the Harvester Park Inn, where Dawn Adler and Elizabeth Lawton opened the new chapter's gifts. At the banquet, the Aspire, Seek and Attain toasts were delivered by Lisa Watkins, Pi Pi Chapter president, Karen Fulmer and Kathleen Pilecki.

Charter members are Dawn Adler, Karen Andreotta, Kathy Anstey, Lisa Argento, Paula Bobeck, Donna Casanova, Dorothy Clarkson, Laurie Cohen, Diana DeMarino, Nancy Estabrook, Tammy Fichter, Gilda Gross, Sally Hendershot, Mary Ann Kamman, Elizabeth Lawton, Debbie Lysenko, Stephanie McNinch, Kim Murray, Sandy Plunkett, Susan Rettig, Janel Ryan, Jacquelyn Rae Shaw, Ami Sherman, Mary Beth VanDusen, Christine Verdone, Lynn Vujakovich and Kathy Yager.

Epsilon Nu annually organized a 24-hour teeter-totter-a-thon for Special Olympics. Its first local philanthropic project was the Jamie Fund. In the mid-1990s the chapter adopted Route 19 (Main Street) in Brockport, removing roadside debris each fall and spring.

The spring formal was held annually during the first weekend in March to commemorate the chapter's installation anniversary. During the fifth anniversary celebration, Epsilon Nu announced the establishment of its first chapter awards: Sister of the Year and Alumnae Eminence. The Highest GPA award and the Scholarship Pearl award, presented to members with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, were introduced the following year. The Intellectual Achievement award, a distinction given to previous Scholarship Pearl recipients who continued to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, made its debut in March 1996.

Only two alumnae, Jacquelyn Rae Shaw and Lisa Argento Stevens, received the Alumnae Eminence award. Sharon Sterner, ΓΙ, a nine-year advisory board member, twice received the chapter's ideal alumna award. Charles Argento, father of Lisa Argento Stevens, became the chapter's second patron degree recipient in the fall of 1996.

Epsilon Nu was closed in November 2000 because of low membership and an unsupportive campus environment.
Contributor: Sharon Sterner, ΓΙ

Epsilon Xi

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown
Installed April 8, 1989; closed Dec. 1, 1998

Epsilon Xi Chapter was installed April 8, 1989, at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. The group was the second NPC sorority on campus, joining Delta Zeta, one national fraternity and several local Greek groups.

Ceremonies were conducted by Diane Yencic James, ΗΗ, president; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; Lisa O'Neill, ΝΝ, province V director and installing officer; MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, past national officer; and Karen Parsons, ΕΓ, chapter consultant.

At the banquet, Epsilon Kappa Chapter gave the Aspire toast, Rhetta Robinson gave the Seek toast and Paula Cyrus Foreman, ΡΡ, past national officer, gave the Attain toast. Diane James presented the chapter's charter to Elisabeth Schmidt, president.

Charter members are Dawn M. Alick, Laurie E. Anderson, Lisa A. Bartasius, April L. Benninger, Lisa D. Buckwalter, Cynthia L. Daniel, MaryAnn P. DeMilia, Christine A. Deren, Jodie A. Fronheiser, Megan E. Hughes, Tiffany L. Hughes, Linda C. Kolb, Kirsten L. Krieble, Jennifer K. Long, Elizabeth A. Modresky, Mary-Ann F. Moran, Kimberly A. Nicholson, Suzanne E. Reed, Andrea L. Reiss, Nancy L. Rochrock, Elisabeth A. Schmidt, Christine A. Schunke, Julie M. Smith, Jennifer E. Sokolowski, Erin P. Stanton, Jennifer S. Steinberg, Wendy K. Thomas and Kelli R. Welker.

Epsilon Pi

Tarleton State University, Stevensville, Texas
Installed Oct. 26, 1991; closed 1993

Charter members: Catherine Suzanne Randolph, president, Leighanne H. Brown, Alisa Gay Carpenter, Tracey M. Clowdus, Tamar De L'Evangelestia-Dionne, Tracy Lynn Edwards, Karissa Lavonne Forbes, Kelly Lynn Greene, Andrea Lee Johnston, Patty Mae Justice, Leslie Marie Lowey, Alisha D'Onn McCown, Michelle McGee, Kelly Jo Nial, Tonya Jayne Rock, Heidi Shannon Schorer, Marilyn Ann Sparks and Terri Irene Sparks. Charter alumnae initiates: Linda Land, Gina Marie Matranga Bracken, Tiffany P. Hall, Anne Cox Harmon, Jari Kimberlyn Land Meadows, Lyn Suzanne Moore and Lee Ann Swank

Epsilon Rho

William Paterson University, Wayne, N.J.

Installed Oct. 21, 1989

Forty women were initiated when Epsilon Rho was installed Oct. 21, 1989, at William Paterson College in Wayne, N.J. The group joined Phi Sigma Sigma and Delta Phi Epsilon on the 7,500-student commuter campus. Epsilon Rho was colonized in February by chapter consultant Karen Parsons, ΕΓ.

The installation team consisted of Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, vice president of development; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; Maria Malayter, XX, chapter consultant; and installing officer Karen Parsons, province V director. Assisting were collegians from Epsilon Mu and Delta Iota.

The white luncheon was in the Junior Tara Ballroom. Suzanne Elman, chapter president, and Cynthia Read, vice president, opened the gifts given by the national organization, the installation team and the visiting collegians. An afternoon reception featured Dr. Arnold Steert, president of the college, and the banquet that night at the Grand Tara Ballroom included Patty O'Connor, assistant director for freshman life; Henry Morris, assistant dean of students; and guest speaker Michelle Collins, assistant director for student development.

Charter initiates are Suzanne Elman, Anne Baccaglini, Ronna Beam, Celia Broussard, Cindy Bruno, Anne Caldiero, Julianne Conroy, Julie Crisalli, Bobbie Delvecchio, Dana Depalma, Casey DeStefano, Suzanne Doll, Jane Dunsky, Janine Facher, Cathy Jo Ferrara, Kathleen Flynn, Therese Gorman, Michelle Grassi, Brooke Henessy, Kim Holohan, Tracy Holohan, Theresa Kenny, Janice Kluxen, Michele Kojundzija, Debra Lieberman, Veronica LoDrago, Debi Loffredo, Janet Mastin, Donna Molnar, Marlaina Musto, Patricia Parcells, Nicole Pezzullo, Sheila Phair, Sharon Prill, Cynthia Read, Tracy Ruhren, Lisa Russo, Kim Schubert, Gina Sparta and Marie Wostry.

Epsilon Tau

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Installed May 12, 1990

Epsilon Tau Chapter was installed May 12, 1990, at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, becoming Alpha Sigma Alpha's first Maryland chapter. Delta Alpha Delta local sorority was founded in 1986 with the purpose of affiliating with a national organization. The group was colonized as Alpha Sigma Alpha Nov. 27, 1989.

The weekend began with a get-acquainted party in the Patapsco Dorm Recreation Room. Initiation of the 49 women was held at St. John Church of Christ in Catonsville, Md., the next day. The white luncheon was held in the faculty and staff dining hall and the banquet and dance were at the Stouffer Harbor Place at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Collegians from Delta Iota, Epsilon Nu, Epsilon Mu and Epsilon Rho and members of the Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Del., and D.C. Metro alumnae chapters attended.

The installation team featured Diane Yencic James, HH, president; installing officer Suzanne Kilgannon, BI, province X director; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, vice president of development; Cynthia Rhoades Christfield, ΔI, province VI director; Karen Parsons, ΕΓ, province V director; and Nancy Clohisy, EH, chapter consultant. Mary Beth Schoch UMBC Greek coordinator, spoke at the white luncheon. Dr. Geraldine Cox, NN, was the guest speaker at the banquet.

Charter initiates are Rachel E. Sochol, Amy M. Anderson, Rachel L. Bryant, Michelle D. Dashiell, Kimberly D. Dean, Stephanie A. Flamino, Lynnette C. Freidhoff, Cynthia A. Frosch, Cynthia L. Goehring, Lori L. Hildebrandt, Shannon L. Hoag, Susan E. Horner, Melinda L. Klug, Sandra F. Linz, Page K. McCarthy, Rhonda S. Martin, Susan M. Mills, Lara J. Mordenti, Darlene M. Mosko, Anoopa V. Munavalli, Patricia L. Nugent, Kimberly A. O'Hara, Sharon L. Patacca, Wendy L. Petrousky, Jennifer L. Randall, Lauri A. Rhinehart, Cristina F. Rouiller, Andrea L. Schumacher, Stacy R. Segal, Amy B. Staab, Nicole S. Stallknecht, Glenda K. Stewart, Susan P. Tidler, Kimberly C. Utyro, Patricia D. Wiles, Tanya M. Wince, Donna C. Wood, Chris H. Yu and Susan R. Zaczynski. Charter pledges are Michelle L. Barker, Joann C. Breslin, Lisa Himmel, Heather C. Hoffman, Holly Hunsicker, Krystel J. Kling, Kara A. Mahoney, Myra E. Ortiz, Diane Y. Schaub, Amy Scott, Kerri A. Strohmeyer, Karla Tsirigotis and Aimee A. Vicencio. Charter alumnae initiates are Barbara B. Bernhardt, Deborah E. Bonnell, Kelly E. Dean, Roxann Koch, Erin E. Mahoney, Kathleen R. Mulroe, Karen Pugliese, Amy E. Pulliam, Lisa J. Schlegal, Camela R. Weathersbee and Deborah L. Wetzel.

The chapter began an early record of achievement with members receiving numerous awards. Rachel Sochol was named the 1991 Panhellenic woman of the year and was selected as a chapter consultant for 1992-1993. Cindy Frosch received the 1991 Elizabeth Bird Small award.

In 1998 Ann Oxenham received the Wilma Wilson Sharp scholarship and the Baltimore Panhellenic scholarship, while

the chapter received the national scholastic improvement award. On campus Sherry Hosseini was honored as 1995-1996 Greek woman of the year. Epsilon Tau was recognized as the 1996-1997 chapter of the year by UMBC and Christine Strapac Thomas, AΓ, was honored as adviser of the year. Also in 1998 the chapter was awarded for outstanding scholarship and new member education. Lauren Harpool became the chapter's second Greek woman of the year in 1998-1999.

In 2000 Alexis Hillock won the Baltimore Panhellenic scholarship and the chapter was recognized with a gold award for scholarship and as chapter of the year. Joan Rosania was named Greek woman of the year, the chapter's third member to receive the honor since 1995.

In May 2000 the chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary with a banquet at Martin's West for alumnae, collegians and guests. Suzanne Kilgannon, national president and the chapter's installing officer, attended the event and offered congratulatory remarks. First chapter president Rachel Sochol Solomon offered an overview of the local sorority's affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha and its early achievements. The chapter recognized members and advisers and honored Christine Strapac Thomas for 10 years of service as adviser and province director.

Since its existence as a local sorority, the group has volunteered at Good Shepard, a home for teen-age girls in Arbutus, Md. Chapter members have participated in numerous projects with the home including painting, picnics, donating supplies and providing companionship to the residents. The chapter also hosts annual fund-raising events for its philanthropies. Mr. UMBC is an annual event begun in 1988 to raise funds for Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center, and the Halloween Bash annually raises funds for a local cause.

Epsilon Tau is known for its outstanding leaders, high scholarship and commitment to community service. UMBC is mainly a commuter campus and the chapter does not have a house or chapter room. Meetings, rituals and other events are held in campus buildings. Despite these challenges, members believe they represent the organization well and give full measure. *Contributors: Rachel Sochol Solomon,* ET, *Lauren Harpool,* ET, *Christine Strapac Thomas,* AΓ

Epsilon Upsilon

California University of Pennsylvania, California
Installed Nov. 10, 1990

Epsilon Upsilon Chapter was installed with 50 members Nov. 10, 1990, at California University of Pennsylvania. Originally a little sister group, the women formed a sorority and became Phi Lambda Delta local March 12, 1989. They were pledged as a colony of Alpha Sigma Alpha April 29, 1990.

The installation team featured Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, vice president of development; Cindy Fundis, EE, colonies chairman; Leslie Maxwell Ziringer, ΓH, province III director; Bonnie Oswald, ΓΞ, installing officer; and Andrea Tunia, EI, chapter consultant. Gamma Psi Chapter members, area alumnae and Pittsburgh alumnae (including Kathy Staving, ΓO, mother of one of the initiates) served as sponsors.

Even rain couldn't dampen spirits as the women arrived at the student union Saturday for the initiation and installation services. The white luncheon followed, held in a private dining room on campus, with Cindy Fundis as toastmistress. Charter president Missi Bondi opened gifts from the national organization, Gamma Psi and the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter.

That night's installation banquet was held at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort, where Missi Bondi served as toastmistress. Guest speaker was Joy Helsel, assistant program director and Panhellenic adviser. Andrea Tunia gave the Aspire toast; Leslie Ziringer, the Seek toast; and Rosemary Goss, the Attain toast.

Charter members are Melissa Bondi, Randi Adler, Michelle Baron, Camille Bauer, Debbie Brownell, Patty Campolongo, Tanya Dancho, Stacy Derr, Theresa DiBasilio Debbie Dodds, Gwen Dubler, Brooke Dunn, Shelley Gubanich, Lynn Hill, Billy Jo Holland, Shelly Illig, Heidi Johnson, Joan Kaliszewski, Tara Keller, Kristen Kline, Marci Kubin, Melanie LaWall, Candy Lemley, Kim Mammarella, Vicki Martin, Lisa Mauro, Kelley McVay, Missy Patterson, Donielle Perri, Michelle Petrasun, Carrie Pisani, Jennifer Raynal, Robin Remenyi, Carleen Riggio, Lisa Schuchert, Amy Scuilli, Sandy Sepesky, Leslie Smith, Sandra Staving, Nicole Stoicovy, Denice Stonfer, Michelle Szepesi, Tammy Todd, Dana Vannucci, Deborah Vargo, Shelly Wahl, Holly Watroba, Renee West, Amy Wiezen and Lorraine Woods.

Epsilon Phi

Indiana University, Bloomington
Installed April 13, 1991; closed 1994

Indiana University was founded in 1820 as a liberal arts college. Alpha Sigma Alpha was the 22nd NPC sorority on campus. Epsilon Phi was colonized Jan. 13, 1991, when the

national rush team pledged 57 women. The Bloomington Country Club was the site of member initiation, chapter installation and installation of officers.

Officiating at the ceremonies were Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, vice president of development; Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, vice president of program; Tracy Neff, BΘ, installing officer; Ruth Sanders, BN, province XI director; and Cindy Fundis, EE, colonies chairman. Sponsors were members of Alpha Alpha and Chi Chi chapters and the Indianapolis and Columbia, Ind., alumnae chapters.

The following fall, Epsilon Phi secured housing in Ashton dormitory. Three other national sororities were housed in Ashton. Sorority housing was an essential component of the Greek life experience at Indiana University.

In the fall of 1992 the chapter began to experience a decline in membership. No new members were taken during formal rush. With Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma the only sororities in 1993 residing in dormitory housing, Epsilon Phi decided to leave Ashton dormitory and move into neighboring off-campus apartments. The women believed the stigma of dormitory living had put the chapter at a recruitment disadvantage.

In 1994 Epsilon Phi opted to close the chapter. Although every local and national effort was given to sustain its survival, the declining number of women participating in formal rush and the appeal of traditional Greek housing presented unsurpassable barriers during member recruitment.

During Epsilon Phi's three years on campus it won sixth place in the Little 500, participated in the Dance Marathon, received numerous Panhellenic awards, participated in two Indiana University Sing competitions and worked closely with Special Olympics.

Charter members are Amy Arnold, Michelle Baker, Lisa Bayne, Michelle Berniker, Tricia Bracik, Erica Blair, Christine Buckley, Heather Burns, Christie Buroker, Julie Cavanaugh, Jennifer Chojnacki, Libby Chronister, Dawn Dembroski, Janice Driskell, Mindy Ekberg, Beth Feigley, Kathleen Flaherty, Michelle Frankovich, Leanne Garbers, Lydia Hanks, Laura Hazelwood, Andrea Jackson, Jodi Jefferies, Megan Johnson, Mari Kaiser, Robin LeFief, Debbie Lang, Heather Leifer, Kim Lewandowski, Patsy Manker, Deana Martin, Evelyn Maultsby, Dawn McAdams, Michelle McCart, Dawn McElvain, Sheila McGlone, Karen Mittlestadt, Jane Moore, Adrienne Morgan, Stephanie Myers, Laura Naatz, Heather Paege, Michelle Ponicki, Amy Price, Angie Poulakidas, Jennifer Richard, Jennifer Roberts, Beth Robertson, Kim Roehler, Kristen Rose, Nicole Scane, Alysse Seligman, Kim Smith, Beth Shaekel, Amy Sichter, Idy Siegel, Denise Smith, Allison Tatlock, Jennifer Vaccaro, Carol Vivoni, Linda Waskiewicz, Christa Wellman, Jennifer Whaley, Kara White and Melissa Zimmerman. *Contributor: Jennifer Richard,* EΦ

Epsilon Chi

Goldey Beacom College, Wilmington, Del.
Installed May 11, 1991

Epsilon Chi Chapter was installed May 11, 1991, at Goldey Beacom College in Wilmington, Del. The group is the first national sorority on campus and the second chapter in Delaware. Formerly Zeta Nu Upsilon, the sorority was on campus for more than 25 years. In an unusual move, the college showed its support for the group's efforts to seek national affiliation by offering to help defray expenses.

The installation team consisted of Diane Yencic James, HH, president; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, vice president of development; Julia Cooke Hofer, ΔI, advisers chairman; Suzanne Kilgannon, BI, vice president of collegians; Jane B. Ramsey, ΔI, installing officer; and chapter consultants Christine Leakey, ΓΩ, and Andrea Tunia, EI. Members of Delta Iota, Nu Nu, Kappa Kappa, Epsilon Mu and the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter were sponsors.

The Brandywine Terrace was the site of the installation banquet that evening, for which Jane Ramsey was toastmistress. Eleven faculty members were present, three who were newly installed alumnae to serve as chapter advisers: Paula Finnefrock, Isabelle King and Dr. Pamela Morrison. Speaker Dr. William Baldt, president of the college, emphasized the support the school has for the chapter, while Suzanne Kilgannon discussed the future of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Katherine Desales Nordhoff, ΔI, gave the Aspire toast; Sally Chardavoyne Coonin, ΔI, the Seek toast; and Julia Hofer, the Attain toast.

Charter members are Wanda Schreck, Dawn Asbury, Jill Barnett, Julie Betts, Tracy Burton, Ann Conrad, Marcia Dulin, Debra Duhadaway, Sherry Ferguson, Renee Ferrese, Jill Frazer, Patricia Gaitens, Carol Hamelin, Darlene Henderson, Janice Justison, Margaret Kane, Susan Kauffman, Kristin Kelly, Michelle Kidd, Bonnie Lesh, Andrea Loveland, Kimberley Mehling, Michelle Onuffer, Nicole Rorabaugh, Grace Russo, Michele Shiles, Amy Simpson, Deborah Steeley, Alison Stewart, Sherri Stoner, Kara Sturmfels, Jennifer Thamsen, Kelley Tindall, Joan Verbonitz, Kim-

berly Walker and Jessica Webb and alumnae Kelly Boyce, Christine Bozochovic, Kathleen Curry, Lynne DiOrio and Lynn Ernst.

Epsilon Psi

Plymouth State College, Plymouth, N.H.
Installed Oct. 31, 1992

Epsilon Psi was installed at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H., Oct. 31, 1992. Alpha Sigma Alpha joined Delta Zeta as the second national sorority on campus. The women had formed Sisters in Progress in spring 1991. In March 1992, Nora Ten Broeck, BK, chapter consultant, colonized the group and members spent the remainder of the semester working on the contract for chartering. That spring the colony was recognized for outstanding work and dedication for volunteer services at GlenCliff, a nursing home for the elderly and mentally ill.

On a campus composed mainly of local Greek organizations, the colony was noted for its membership recruitment, membership education and no-hazing policy. While its Greek peers did not understand or accept the colony's different way of thinking, the women remained steadfast in their goal of receiving a charter from Alpha Sigma Alpha. Colony adviser Mary Frances O'Connell provided much support and direction to the new group. "MF" was instrumental in ensuring the women's success. The chapter honored her during installation with the Crown Degree recognition pin, making her the first patroness of Epsilon Psi.

The installation weekend started Friday with a party in the college union building. The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Cindy Fundis, EE, vice president of programs; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Nora Ten Broeck, membership education chairman; Mary McGuire, NN, province I director and installing officer; and Rachel Sochol, ET, chapter consultant.

The white luncheon was held in the campus dining hall with Cindy Fundis as toastmistress. Lynne DeLaricheliere, Epsilon Psi president, opened gifts from the national council and installation team. The installation banquet was held at the Steele Hill Resort in nearby Laconia. Rachel Sochol served as toastmistress. Bev Hart, director of the Center for Women's Services, was the guest speaker. Also attending was Bryan Woeful, the new chapter's financial adviser. Crystal Kallstrom, North Adams Colony president, gave the Aspire toast; Nora Ten Broeck gave the Seek toast and Mary McGuire delivered the Attain toast. A dance closed the evening.

Charter members are Melissa Abbott, Leigh Astheimer, Katherine Auger, Susan Austin, Fawn Buckly, Beth Buxton, Christine Cappello, Ashlee Carter, Kerry Cebula, Heather Cochrane, Sarah Cook, Traci Costa, Lynne DeLaricheliere, Tammy Estes, Christine Gilmour, Maureen Howe, Tanya Jamerson, Andrea Kaplan, Sabra Knapp, Pamela Maher, Rebecca Masi, Tami Mason, Kristen McGee, Lori Miaskiewicz, Danielle Millette, M. Pauline Murphy, Tara Newell, Cheryl Newton, Allison Nichols, Beth O'Keefe, Margaret O'Meara, Ann Pink, Keri Rothermel, Elaine St. Cyr, Melanie Schiller, Kathryn Snowdon, Mellissa Stoakes, Margaret Sullivan, Melanie Tsonas, Kathy Vertefeuille, Katrina Walker and Pamela Wells. Alumnae initiates are Stephanie Correard and Mary Frances O'Connell.

The years following the chapter's installation have been filled with hard work, dedication and sisterhood. In 1994 Epsilon Psi lost charter member Ann I. Pink to cancer. The chapter honors her memory with an award to a member who embodies Ann's spirit, dignity and hope. Recipients include Rebecca Masi, Suzanne Lasssode, Jennifer Rosen and Tanya Bigl. The chapter also rededicated its chapter room as the Ann I. Pink Room. Nicole Gardner has been a driving force in ensuring that the American Cancer Society receives a memorial donation from Epsilon Psi in Ann's honor every year.

In 1995 and 1996 membership grew and the chapter continued to be the largest group on campus. Academics and service were its hallmarks. The chapter received numerous service awards and logged the most service hours of any Greek organization during this time. In 1995 Christine Cappello, former chapter president and membership director, became a chapter consultant.

In 1997 and 1998 membership fell to an all-time low, and the chapter was in danger of closing. Christine Cappello and Nora Ten Broeck worked with the chapter throughout the summer on goal setting, financial planning and morale boosting. By 1999 the chapter had built membership back up and was again on stable ground. At the Greek awards ceremony that year, the chapter won five of the most prestigious awards: outstanding chapter community service, outstanding campus involvement, outstanding individual community service (Angela Wadsworth), outstanding new member (Lisa-Marie Knowlton) and outstanding adviser (Pamela C. Wells).

In 2000 the chapter was honored again during the Greek awards ceremony for outstanding campus involvement and outstanding campus programming. Jennifer S. Rosen was

named outstanding Greek woman of the year and Kevin M. Kay was named outstanding adviser.

Most recently the chapter worked diligently with the local sororities to educate them on the benefits of having a Panhellenic council. In spring 2001 the chapter's hard work paid off when the Panhellenic council was formed. Martha Dennerly and Kimberly Everett served as delegates, and Tristin Sabol served as Panhellenic's first secretary/treasurer. Chapter adviser Pamela C. Wells also served as Panhellenic adviser.
Contributor: Pamela Wells, ΕΨ

Epsilon Omega

Bentley College, Waltham, Mass.
Installed Nov. 7, 1992; closed Nov. 4, 1998

Epsilon Omega at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., was installed Nov. 7, 1992. The group was created from two separate organizations: Delta Omega, a local sorority that had been at the school since 1944 and The Interest Group, formed in the fall of 1990. In 1991 the two were colonized as Bentley College Colony.

Friday's get-acquainted party in the student union kicked off the installation weekend. Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president, led her third installation team in two months. Rounding out the team were Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, vice president of extension; Cindy Fundis, EE, vice president of programs; Mary McGuire, NN, province I director and installing officer; and Rachel Sochol, ET, chapter consultant. Joining the installation team as sponsors were members of Epsilon Psi, Boston alumnae, Ruth Harper, ΒΔ, membership adviser, and Marna Stroh Rundgren, BK, rush adviser.

Saturday started early at the Newton Marriott. After breakfast the installation team conducted the initiation ceremony for the 44 women, chapter installation and officer installation. Cindy Fundis served as toastmistress at the white luncheon in the faculty dining room, which followed the three ceremonies. After lunch, chapter president Sarah McLarney opened gifts from the national council, the installation team and the Boston Alumnae Chapter.

Rachel Sochol served as toastmistress for the installation banquet. Julia A. Oberweis, ΓΛ, past president of the Boston Alumnae Chapter, was guest speaker. Marna Rundgren gave the Aspire toast, Mary McGuire delivered the Seek toast and Rosemary Goss gave the Attain toast. Kim Meyer presented the charter to Sarah McLarney.

Charter members are Jen Ainsworth, Lori Aspinall, Shelby Athanas, Kim Becker, Jennifer Bonomo, Katrin Buller, Amie Burton, Kristin Chase, Tracey Connon, Jennifer Cunniff, Stacy Desmarais, Estee Dorfman, Jennifer Dumas, Lisa Freeman, Sandra Foss, Christine Getty, Jennifer Gibson, Michelle Hallett, Jennifer Iacobucci, AnnMarie Kavey, Jennifer Keegan, Karla Kertenian, Julie Kerzner, Sandy Kontos, Jennifer Lynch, Sarah McLarney, Judy Mingo, Chris Morrissette, Kim Murdolo, Erin Murphy, Jackie Murphy, Heather Nelson, Kim Nygren, Gina Perry, Kristina Reitz, Jennifer Scharper, Tara Smolinsky, Nicole Strader, Lori Strashnick, Laureen Sullivan, Marci Tanzer, Kelly Weiss, Marianne Wool and Melissa Hechavarria.

Epsilon Omega members walked many miles to support and promote charities in the community. Women's Walk for Life, Walk America and multiple sclerosis organizations were all beneficiaries of the chapter's efforts. Other philanthropic initiatives included the Women's Health Fair, the Waltham Battered Women's Shelter and Green Meadow Nursing Home. The also chapter routinely hosted children's holiday parties.

Epsilon Omega was closed in 1998 because of low membership and an unsupportive campus environment.

Zeta Alpha

Missouri Southern State College, Joplin
Installed Feb. 6, 1993

The colony at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin was established Sept. 20, 1992. Prior to this time, the group was known as Lambda Beta Phi, which was founded Nov. 23, 1973, by five women who drew up a constitution, established a motto and created a coat of arms.

Zeta Alpha was installed Feb. 6, 1993. Diane Yencic James, HH, vice president of finance, was the colony's financial and membership adviser. Diane also served as installing officer on the installation team, along with Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Barbara Lombrano Williamson, HH, province XVI director; Lisa Tait, ΓH, headquarters executive; and Kendy Clark, BB, chapter consultant. Members of Beta Sigma and Eta Eta chapters served as sponsors.

Charter members are Angela Moss, Pam Edens, Kelli McCormick, Wendy Rich, Amy Berry, Carley Elmborg, Nyla McElwain, Andrea Ryon, Seva Campbell, Whither Goodman, Kathy Miklos, Marlo Spry, Pam Carter, Stephanie Inman, Dawn Netzer, Tonya Westcott, Cassie Doty, Libby Lambert, Kimberly Nichols,

Allison Whitehead, Kimberlee Dymond, Brooke Lansford, Laurie Owens and Carla Williams.

Zeta Alpha participates in many campus activities and various community-sponsored activities and events. Its main philanthropic projects are Special Olympics, the S. June Smith Center and Halloween Kid's Day. In 1998 and 1999 the sorority was involved in the adopt-a-highway program, Bowl for Kids, Salvation Army Christmas Family Adoption, Walk for Multiple Sclerosis and Teddy Bears on Patrol for local firefighters.

The chapter also supports campus athletic groups by attending basketball, football, baseball and soccer games. Members work in the concession stand at football games to raise money for the S. June Smith Center. In October 1998 Zeta Alpha won first place for its float entry and third place for its campus display during homecoming week. The chapter is also involved in the Greek council and Panhellenic council.

Zeta Alpha was named a Four-Star Chapter in 1998 and 1999 and hosted state day in April 1999. *Contributors: Jennifer Johnson,* ZA, *Miranda Price,* ZA

Zeta Beta

The University of Wisconsin–River Falls
Installed April 13, 1993

Zeta Beta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls was installed April 13, 1993. The group existed for 11 years on campus as local sorority Lambda Delta Phi. Angie Hamm, AB, province XIV director, and Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, standards chairman, colonized the group in fall 1992.

The installation team, led by Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president, consisted of Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, historian; Silvana Richardson, installing officer; and Sharese Swanson, HH, chapter consultant. Members of Epsilon Delta Chapter from Saint Mary's College in nearby Winona, Minn., served as sponsors. Tiffany Morton Schroeder, AB, membership adviser, helped perform the initiation service.

The white luncheon was held on campus in Rodli Commons. Lori Scott served as toastmistress and recapped the history of the school and the chapter. After lunch Julie Heil, chapter president, opened gifts from the national council and Epsilon Delta. Sharese Swanson served as toastmistress for the installation banquet. Guest speaker Sally Kaehn, ZB, chapter adviser, discussed the history of the chapter and how the members made their dream of becoming a national sorority a reality.

Becky Kissner, president of Epsilon Delta, gave the Aspire toast; Tiffany Schroeder gave the Seek toast; and Sue Hagen gave the Attain toast. Kim Meyer presented the group's charter to Julie Heil. Twenty-eight collegians and eight alumnae were initiated, and 12 women were pledged. Zeta Beta joined Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Omicron Pi on campus.

Charter initiates are Julie Heil, Linda Burton, Jill Ditlefsen, Malissa Gammel, Rae Anne Guderian, Angie Guptill, Danielle Hartman, Jennifer Holm, Jena Jarecki, Amy Jastrow, Susie Kolstad, Michelle Lammers, Ann Lieser, Christy Luft, Jennifer Meyer, Laurel Moseman, Susan Nagel, Shelli Nelson, Nicole Newmann, Sheena O'Brien, Michele Paipal, Cristy Parranto, Brenda Schwebach, Becky Seggelke, Gretchen Syndock, Mary Jo Sylwester, Shantelle Taylor and Shannon Wentlandt. Charter alumnae initiates are Jaci Gruber, Rae Hawn, Diane Head, Sally Kaehn, Pam Keller, Margaret Radle, Julie Swanson and Starla Whitehead.

Zeta Beta participates in homecoming events, the Greek bloodmobile, parents' weekend, all-Greek campus clean-up, an annual Thanksgiving dinner, Special Olympics, annual alumnae events at Glenn Park, Founders' Day celebrations, adopt-a-grandma and clothing drives. *Contributors: Katie Wormer,* ZB, *Audra Whitehead,* ZB, *Kim Navarre,* ZB

Zeta Gamma

Gannon University, Erie, Pa.
Installed April 24, 1993

Zeta Gamma Chapter was installed April 24, 1993, at Gannon University in Erie, Pa. Members were part of Zeta Tau local sorority, which was chosen as the school's outstanding Greek chapter four times during its six-year history.

The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Leslie Maxwell Ziringer, ΓH, secretary; Janice Christofano, ΓH, province II director; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Kim Teconchuk, ΓH, colony development director and Zeta Gamma membership adviser; and Kendy Clark, BB, chapter consultant. Members of Pi Pi, Gamma Psi, Epsilon Theta and the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter served as sponsors.

The white luncheon, held at the Elephant Bar, featured Lori Scott as toastmistress. She read excerpts from a history of Gannon University and Zeta Gamma Chapter. After lunch, chapter president Kim O'Key opened gifts from all in attendance. Kendy Clark was toastmistress at the banquet, and Marianne Bock, assistant to the vice president of student development, was guest speaker. The Aspire, Seek and Attain toasts

were given by Karen Major, ΕΘ; Sharon Sterner, ΓΙ, housing chairman; and Janice Christofano, respectively. Kim Meyer presented the charter to Kim O'Key.

Charter initiates are Kimberly O'Key, Alexis Andre, Sharon Angelo, Rebecca Benson, Leann Berkey, Susan Bidzovska, Kimberlee Butterfield, Carrie Cacchione, Mary Ellen Cheswick, Richelle DiVito, Lisa Eberhardt, Christine Ellis, Michelle Friess, Angela Gellings, Sharon Greer, Marlene Halupa, Emily Hartway, Rhonda Hartzel, Melissa Henry, Michelle Hock, Jessica Johnson, Christine Laughner, Deanna Leins, Christine Long, Kristen Marino, Rebecca McGivern, Michelle McNeish, Lori Merlin, Terri Moon, Heather Morrison, Erin Rowan, Jessica Rubeck, Amy Sceusa, Trisha Schneider, Carrie Smith, Tricia Szoszorek, Teresa Treasure and Sheryl Wright. The charter alumna initiate is Terri Koprivia Elliff.

A carryover from Zeta Tau to Zeta Gamma is the use of the bunny as a local mascot and the continuance of the Muscular Dystrophy Association dance-a-thon annually held at Gannon University. Thousands of dollars for MDA are raised each year.

Traditional events of the chapter include the Golden Harvest food drive, the annual university phone-a-thon for student scholarships, donations to the S. June Smith Center and assisting with Special Olympics. Zeta Gamma was named a Four-Star Chapter in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. *Contributor: Nicole Sarno,* ΖΓ

Zeta Delta

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams
Installed May 8, 1993; closed December 2000

Zeta Delta was installed May 8, 1993, at North Adams State College in North Adams, Mass. The group came together as Beta Chi Gamma little sisters in 1986. Five years later members formed Beta Chi Theta local sorority. On May 4, 1992, chapter consultant Vicki Chase, ΦΦ, colonized the group.

The installation weekend began with a get-acquainted party Friday night in the student union. Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president, led the installation team. She was assisted by Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Mary McGuire, NN, province I director and installing officer; Marna Stroh Rundgren, BK, Epsilon Omega rush adviser; and chapter consultants Kendy Clark, BB, and Rachel Sochol, ET. Members from Epsilon Omega were sponsors.

The white luncheon was held at Le Jardin restaurant, with Lori Scott as toastmistress. Special guest was Judith Craig, who had advised the group for several years. After lunch Crystal Kallstrom, the colony president, and Jillian Quattrucci, the chapter president, opened gifts from the national council and the installation team.

Rachel Sochol was toastmistress at the banquet and introduced special guest Cheryl Retos, chapter adviser. Guest speaker was Wayne Soares, assistant director of alumni relations and the inter-Greek council adviser. Kendy Clark delivered the Aspire toast, Marna Rundgren gave the Seek toast and Mary McGuire gave the Attain toast. Kim Meyer presented the charter to Crystal Kallstrom and Jillian Quattrucci. In all, 29 women were initiated (including two as alumnae) and nine were pledged.

Charter members are Krystal Kallstrom, Jenna Anderson-Lee, Beth Bajor, Nicole Bouvier, Jaimi-Lynn Brigham, Toni Cromwell, Sharon Dion, Lisa Emmanuelli, Angela Fabiani, Linda Fogerty, Holly Grant, Laurel Krajewski, Sarah Liberator, Julie Lord, Erin Madden, Kristen Maier, Keri Meyer, Amy Mosca, Carrie O'Connor, Sandra Mullan-Olivia, Rosemary O'Sullivan, Patricia Parvey, Stephanie Pietrosanto, Amy Pijar, Jessica Pineault, Nancy Pingelski, Jillian Quattrucci, Katherine Rhodes, Jacqueline Rosner, Dena Scott, Kerri Stocks, Tanya Wolf, Annette Wall, Michelle Weston and Kimberly Wilson.

National council closed the chapter in December 2000 because of low membership and an unsupportive campus environment.

Zeta Epsilon

Averett College, Danville, Va.
Installed April 9, 1994; closed Oct. 15, 1998

Zeta Epsilon was installed April 9, 1994, at Averett College in Danville, Va. The women began as an interest group to form a second sorority on campus and were colonized in November 1993. Leslie Conway, chapter adviser, and Rachel Gatewood, scholarship adviser, were also initiated during the installation weekend.

The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, vice president of extension; Cherie Fink Shallock, ΔΖ, colony development director and installing officer; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, rush chairman; and Julie Wiley, A, chapter consultant. Members of Alpha and Delta Rho chapters served as sponsors for the women.

The installation banquet Saturday night was held at the Tus-

carora Country Club with Julie Wiley serving as toastmistress. The Aspire toast was given by Heather Rushforth, president of Delta Rho Chapter; the Seek toast by Stacey Custer, A; and the Attain toast by Nancy Clohisy, EH, province VIII director.

Charter members are Mary Convery, Shelley Blane, Jennifer Bozell, Jennifer Buchanan, Haven Chandler, Heather Davis, Stephanie Elliott, Dana Evarts, Shannon Flowers, Joey Gray, Melissa Hill, Robin Ivey, Danielle LaMountain, Christal Lewis, Shelley Lloyd, Ruth Miller, Shannon Pitts, Angela Reese, Annette Reese, Janelle Roberts, Christine Rowland, Robin Sale, Laine Seefelt, Trish Spell, Jama Terry, Kelly Toombs, Leslie Conway and Rachel Gatewood.

Zeta Eta

Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo.
Installed April 23, 1994

Zeta Eta at Rockhurst University was installed April 23, 1994. The colony was pledged in January through a formal rush process held simultaneously with Zeta Tau Alpha. The two became the first sororities on campus.

President Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, led the installation team. Team members were Cindy Fundis Smith, EE, colony development director and vice president of programs; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Rose Blahut, EE, province XV director; Nora Ten Broeck, BK, membership education chairman; Andrea Tunia, EI, director of chapter services and province XVIII director; and Chrissie Schmidt, BΣ, chapter consultant. Members of the Alpha Beta, Epsilon Epsilon, Phi Phi, Beta Sigma and Greater Kansas City Alumnae chapters served as sponsors.

Charter members are Lori Morgan, Tara Albright, Angela Ashby, Michele Bartkoski, Leigh Behrmann, Christine Bischof, Amy Dixon, Tracy George, Shelley Hundley, Alice Hurley, Krystal Knobbe, Jennifer Kraengle, Jennifer Kroerke, Barbara Ladd, Laura Layda, Catherine Lee, Marcy Lucas, Amy McLean, Mary McManees, Jessica Meader, Elizabeth Meiners, Michelle Meyers, Jo Maire Merno, Marianne Mulcaley, Jane Newman, Kimberly O'Donnell, Jill Oliopeblaegh, Sherri Paulus, Mary Perkins, Elizabeth Pfieffer, Shanna Poole, Jacqueline Prospere, Daphne Reit, Susan Sarcone, Amy Schmieder, Maddie Sorensen, Karen Starks, Heidi Stubbendeck, Meghan Turner, Stephanie Wearer, Karen Winterer, Becky Green, Elizabeth Hill, M. Davidson, Kristen Bergner, Andrea Caniglia, Elizabeth DeFalco, Elizabeth Lee and Sharon McGuire.

Chapter members volunteer and contribute to Special Olympics, Sunday of Service and fund-raising for the S. June Smith Center. Zeta Eta was named a Four-Star Chapter in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2000, and Keri Sampson received the 1999 national outstanding new member award. *Contributors: Virginia Meiners,* ZH, *Erika Wirken,* ZH, *Devin Hallahan,* ZH

Zeta Theta

Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y.
Installed May 7, 1994

Zeta Theta Chapter was installed May 7, 1994, at Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y. Thirty-eight women were initiated as charter members. Before becoming a colony the group was known as SIG (Sorority Special Interest Group), which formed when members of two locals, Epsilon Delta Omicron and Alpha Sigma Omega, separated from their respective organizations. The colony was pledged on Dec. 11, 1993, by Mary McGuire, NN, colony development director and province I director. The group joined Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Delta Pi as part of Wagner's Panhellenic council.

On Friday evening the installation team arrived just in time for the get-acquainted party, which was held in the chapter's lounge on its newly decorated sorority floor. The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Susanne Withsosky Alfonso, NN, ritual chairman; Mary McGuire, installing officer; Rachel Sochol, ET, province VII director; and Cindy L. Kelley, BΠ, chapter consultant. Members of Epsilon Psi Chapter, Janet Crook Conroy, BΠ, and Karen Goldman, ΓΙ, chapter financial adviser, served as sponsors.

After the services, the white luncheon was held at Club Morocco. Lori Scott served as toastmistress. Carey Taylor, chapter president, opened gifts from guests and the national organization. That afternoon a reception was held in the Gate House at Wagner College.

The Victorian Edgewater Hall was the scene for the installation banquet where Cindy Kelley served as toastmistress. Deidre Shaffer, dean of students, was guest speaker. Rebecca Phelan, president of Stony Brook Colony, gave the Aspire toast; Karen Goldman, financial adviser, gave the Seek toast; and Rachel Sochol gave the Attain toast.

Charter initiates are Carey Taylor, Tonya Addy, Danielle Apicello, Gina Battista, Terry Chang, Michele Chicola, Michele Crinigan, Nancy DePinto, Michele DiSalvo, Jenna Esposito, Donna Fontano, Cheryl Fromberg, Veronica Haven, Dawn Hugo, Debra

Kessler, Kerri Killea, Gila Lipetz, Deena Maimone, Vicki Neuls, Jennifer Palladino, Lisa Pallotta, Michele Pasqualetto, Anne Marie Petrizzo, Leslie Posten, Stephanie Prendergast, Teresa Ruscitti, Stephanie Sellers, Francine Spinowitz, Natalie Stanton, Jennifer Strype, Katerina Theodoracopoulos, Jessica Thompson, MaryEllen Warchol, Jennifer Wilton and Laura Graham. Alumna initiates are Debra Azzarello, Jennifer Cody, Mary Fitzpatrick and Evelyn Vazquez and the charter pledge is Irene Tournas.

During homecoming 1998 Zeta Theta won second prize for its banner representing the "games" theme for homecoming. Raggedy Ann posed as Vanna White in a "Wheel of Fortune" spoof. Family day made its debut in November 1998 with family members traveling to Wagner College to meet their daughter's "second family." A holiday party at the home of a local alumna ended the year. *Contributors: Cindy L. Kelley,* ΒΠ, *Adriana Busch,* ΖΘ

Zeta Iota

State University of New York at Stony Brook
Installed Nov. 19, 1994

Forty-four women were initiated into Zeta Iota Chapter Nov. 19, 1994, at the State University of New York at Stony Brook on Long Island. Before becoming a colony the group was known as ATHENA, which was formed as a sorority interest group when several women could not find an established sorority to represent their personal beliefs and aims.

The colony was pledged Feb. 6, 1994, by Mary McGuire, NN, colony development director and province I director, and Cindy Kelley, ΒΠ, chapter consultant. The group joined Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Delta Tau and Theta Phi Alpha as part of Stony Brook's Panhellenic council.

The installation team consisted of Cindy Fundis Smith, EE, vice president of programs; Lori White Scott, EE, colonies chairman; Mary McGuire; Rachel Sochol, ET, province VII director; Cindy Kelley, ΒΠ, province V director; and Jennifer Russom, AB, chapter consultant.

Members from Zeta Theta, Epsilon Psi and Zeta Delta chapters and area alumnae served as sponsors. After the initiation service the white luncheon was held at the Danford Inn looking out over Jefferson Port harbor. Lori Scott was toastmistress. Rebecca Phelan, chapter president, opened gifts from the national organization and guests.

The installation banquet was held at the Middle Island Country Club with Jennifer Russom as the toastmistress Jen Shea, Zeta Iota chapter adviser and residence hall director at Stony Brook, was the guest speaker. Christine Cappello, president of Epsilon Psi Chapter, gave the Aspire toast; Jennifer Comforto, ΔΙ, chapter rush adviser, gave the Seek toast; and Cindy Kelley gave the Attain toast. Cindy Smith then presented the charter to Rebecca Phelan. The original colony president, Julie Knowles, and installation chairman Heidi Becker both received special recognition from the chapter.

Charter initiates are Rebecca Phelan, Debra Abbruzzese, Sheila Afzali, Heidi Becker, Basilia Bonvita, Paula Calabrese, Sandra Castro, Alyson Crispi, Omayra Cruz, Loarraine Defelice, Beth Griffin, Julie Indelicato, Lucinda Jiminez, Cathy Jordon, Heather Kain, Lena Kaliash, Julie Knowles, Katie Lee, Lauri Licerio, Meena Madiwar, Shirley Mellak, Amie Merlino, Allison Minuto, Laurie Moffat, Alison Mozias, Stacy Ochs, Andrea Peters, Maricar Rances, Melissa Randazzo, Dawn Robertson, Tania Rodriguez, Vanessa Sitaca, Lisa Songco, Brigitte Strombouli, Pouneh Tobrizchi, Tracy Tuohy, Amanda Venetsky, Joan Walsh, Darlene Weisman, Stephanie Wyer and Lisa Zito.

First-year activities for the chapter included a blood drive, Toys for Tots collection, Special Olympics and fund-raisers for the S. June Smith Center. During Women's History Month members created a weeklong event to make others more aware of women's issues. Zeta Iota paired with Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority for the event and received the 1995 campus service award. In 1996 the chapter received the academic achievement award.

On campus Zeta Iota is involved in Greek life, participating in fraternity football, homecoming, Greek week and social events. *Contributors: Jennifer Russom,* AB, *Jana Jacono,* ΖΙ

Zeta Kappa

University of Minnesota–Mankato
Installed Nov. 4, 1995

Forty-five women were initiated into Zeta Kappa Chapter Nov. 4, 1995, at Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn. Before becoming a colony, the group was known as local sorority Xi Delta Rho. The women were colonized on Sept. 11, 1994, by Sue Zorichak, BB, historian and colony development director, and Carrie Meyer, ΔΡ, leadership consultant.

The colony joined Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Phi Epsilon as part of Mankato's Panhellenic council. Amy Sutton, EE, leadership consultant,

worked throughout the year with the women.

The installation team consisted of Kim Ramsey Meyer, , president; Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Angie Hamm Kellogg, AB, former province XV director; and Christine Cappello, EΨ, leadership consultant. Members from Gamma Beta and Zeta Beta chapters served as sponsors for the initiation service.

The white luncheon was held at the Centennial Student Union on campus. Lori Scott was toastmistress. Molly Hendrickson, president, and Melinda Weck, alumna initiate, opened the gifts from the national organization and guests. The installation banquet was held at the Elks Club. Toastmistress for the evening was Christine Cappello. Michael Sita, Greek adviser at Mankato State, was guest speaker. Kristina Langfield, editor of Zeta Beta Chapter, gave the Aspire toast; MaryJo Sylwester, ZB, Zeta Kappa adviser, gave the Seek toast; and Angie Kellogg gave the Attain toast. A dance followed the banquet.

Charter initiates are Molly Hendrickson, Sandra Allison, Leah Andersen, Emily Anderson, Nicole Blanchard, Rachel Brooks, Heidi Daleske, Kristin Engberg, Traci Erstad, Laurie Fishbein, Rebecca Gagas, Amy Galarneault, Kris Gandrud, Katherine Hareldson, Jenny Houghton, Theresa Johnson, Gwen Koolmo, Sonya Koplin, Tracy Larson, Anita Lee, Emily Lindell, Tanya Lofgren, Karen Luepke, Jessica Manthei, Tracy Maxwell, Renee Nelson, Stephanie Oestreich, Elizabeth Olson, Melinda Paquette, Jill Peirce, Melissa Possehl, Betsy Quilling, Melissa Rogers, SaVon Rudenick, Sarah Sargent, Krista Schleicher, Sarah Schwake, Rhonda Schwoerer, Alissa Stoehr, Maschelle Swenson, Rebecca Walne, Lindsay Weiler, Allie Westphal, Amy Wurdemann and Lori Zimmerman. Charter alumnae initiates are Dar Madigan, Laura Mary Hendel, Stacy Lee Sanborn and Melinda Ann Weck.

Zeta Kappa has donated food for the ECHO food shelf and volunteered for Special Olympics since the chapter was a local. Members also participate in the annual phone-a-thon to students who plan to attend MSU. Alpha Sigma Alpha had the most donated time for this important event for two years.

Other projects include visiting the Humane Society, staging clothing drives, working with the on-campus child care center, gathering items for the local battered women's home and volunteering at local nursing homes. The Greek system scraped and painted the local homeless shelter as the system's philanthropic project. In addition to all the sorority philanthropies, many members volunteer for other agencies. In 1997 the chapter won the campus award for having completed the most community service among the Greek organizations. *Contributors: Christine M. Cappello,* EΨ, *Kristy LaForte,* ZK, *Jessica Horejsi,* ZK, *Emily Mason,* ZK

Zeta Lambda

Rowan College, Glassboro, N.J.
Installed April 27, 1996

On April 27, 1996, 38 collegiate women and six alumnae were initiated into Zeta Lambda Chapter at Rowan College in Glassboro, N.J. The group was previously known as Theta Pi Omicron and was a local sorority for 20 years. The women became an Alpha Sigma Alpha colony in February 1995. Among the colony's accomplishments was obtaining the highest Greek GPA on campus. The chapter joins a campus Panhellenic system that includes Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta, Alpha Delta Epsilon and Alpha Epsilon Phi.

A get-acquainted party for the installation team and sponsors was held Friday night. About 25 members from Nu Nu Chapter at Drexel University, Pa., Epsilon Kappa at Millersville University, Pa., and Epsilon Mu at Trenton State College, Trenton, N.J., attended. The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, vice president of collegians; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Dawn Hugo, ZΘ, colony development director; Rachel Sochol Solomon, ET, province VII director; Chayna Wilson, EM, Epsilon Mu adviser; and Jennifer Griggs, EE, leadership consultant.

The initiation and installation were Saturday morning. Advisers Beth Price and Amy Bogdanoff, along with four other Theta Pi Omicron alumnae, were initiated with the collegiate women. After the ceremonies, a white luncheon was held at O'Henry's restaurant. Eleanor Williams served as toastmistress. Amanda Young, chapter president, and Kim Gamache, installation chairman, shared the honor of opening gifts from guests and the national organization.

Later that afternoon, family and friends attended a campus reception to honor the women. A banquet and formal dance were held that evening. Jennifer Griggs was toastmistress. Family members, friends and special guests attended. Rowan College Panhellenic adviser Betsy McCalla-Wriggins was guest speaker. Toasts to honor Zeta Lambda were given by Erica Altman, Epsilon Kappa philanthropic chairman, to Aspire;

Teresa Zapotochny, Zeta Lambda rush adviser, to Seek; and Rachel Solomon, to Attain.

Charter initiates are Amanda Young, Kimberly Gamache, Melanie Aranguren, Susanne Chabora, Rachel Clayton, Nancy Delano, Cynthia Fair, Stacie Fernandez, Lisa Goldsmith, Cerel Grimaldi, Mindy Handler, Melissa Jones, Michele Kivitt, Stephanie Krajewski, Melanie Laskarides, Victoria Lee, Michelle Lentz, Stacey Lewandowski, Kathleen Linsky, Barbara Ludwig, Kimberly Lund, Tiffany McGlade, Kimberly Miletta, Terri Morhaleck, Jennifer Mueller, Jennifer Murphy, Christine O'Toole, Amy Porter, LisaMarie Reiske, Shannon Riley, Allison Rohner, Kristin Ryan, Maryanne Sementa, Oranuch Senanan, Amy Shellenberger, Amy Sliwinski, Linda Toupet and Catherine Wilczynski. Alumnae initiates are Amy Bogdanoff, Beth Price, Victoria Caso, Valerie Davis, Michel Parillo and Samantha Scholssberg.

Academic excellence was an early achievement for Zeta Lambda. Starting in 1995, annual recognition for high scholarship has been awarded to the chapter. In 1998 Roseann Kerr was crowned homecoming queen, and the chapter received plaques for having the best educational program and for outstanding community service. *Contributors: Jennifer Griggs,* EE; *Elizabeth Kepniss,* ΖΛ, *Amy K. Emann,* ΖΛ, *Judy Liang,* ΖΛ

Zeta Mu

Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
Installed May 4, 1996

Zeta Mu Chapter was installed May 4, 1996. The group's roots began in 1989 as local sorority Alpha Chi Delta. The 26 women were colonized May 6, 1995, by leadership consultants Gina M. Nagy, ΕΞ, and Jennifer L. Richard, ΕΦ, and Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension. The group joined Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Delta on campus. In the spring of 1996, Phi Mu joined the Greek community .

The installation team consisted of Lori Morgan Shank, ZH, installing officer and colony development director; Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, president; Lori White Scott; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Brenda Rua Chappell, HH, advisers chairman; and leadership consultant Sharon D. Mesarick, EM. Others who assisted with the initiation service were collegiate members from Zeta Zeta, Phi Phi and Zeta Eta chapters.

After the ritual services, special recognition and a bouquet of roses were presented to Kim Meyer on behalf of the national organization for her dedication and service to Alpha Sigma Alpha. Zeta Mu Chapter was Kim's final installation as national president.

The Ramada Inn was the location for the white luncheon, for which Eleanor Williams was toastmistress. Heather Sipes, president of the new chapter, opened gifts. The installation banquet was at the Ramada Inn. Toastmistress was Sharon Mesarick and guest speaker was Dr. Jimmy Albright, pastor of Wyatt Park Baptist Church and professor of archaeology at Missouri Western.

Daphne Reitz, ZH, leadership consultant, gave the Aspire toast, Linda Calcote, ZZ, gave the Seek toast and Brenda Chappell gave the Attain toast. Kim Meyer presented Heather Sipes with the charter, and then all members received the Phoenix recognition pin.

Charter initiates are Heather Kristen Sipes, Teresa Gail Phillips, Lee Anne Asbury, Sarah Anne Banko, Cynthia Danielle Blankenship, Melissa Joy Boswell, Stacy Renee Lynn Calcote, Shelby Elise Coxon, Carla Jean Crandall, Laura Sherill Everly, Christina Dawn Flatt, Christy Lynne Howard, Andrea Alice Huber, Dana Renee Hueffmeier, Brandy Michelle Jewett, Dawn Rachelle Kidwell, Carina Lee Miller, Clover Marie Moon, Noelle Lyn Moore, Amy Suzanne Nickerson, Deniece Michelle Patton, Chrystal Dyan Reed, Jennifer Janelle Rogers, Jeannette Jo Schmidt, Kari Lynn Shier, Stacey Katherine Siesser, Rebecca Lee Smith, Tanya Marie Stroud, Erin Michele Teschner, Rayane Nichole Thorburn, Jennifer Ann VanNess, Rebecca Lynn Wilcox, Stephanie Ann Wirth and Tiffany Ann Young. Charter new members are Amanda Sue Cowick, Jennifer Lynn Jahnke, Kathryn Kent and Jessica Alane Watkins.

During the 1996 national convention in Dallas, the young chapter won the officer efficiency award. In spring 1999 the chapter received the Glen Marion Memorial Community Service award as well as the award for the highest sorority grade point average. Important local philanthropies to Zeta Mu include the Noyes Home for children, Green Acres Retirement Home, adopt-a-highway, the American Cancer Society of St. Joseph and the MS Walk. Jennifer Rogers received the 1999 Greek woman of the year award from the inter-Greek council for her excellence in academics, community service and many campus activities.

The chapter held a 48-hour dance-a-thon in February 2001 to benefit the S. June Smith Center. Five members at a time continuously danced for this cause. *Contributors: Sharon D. Mesarick,* EM, *Gina M. Nagy,* ΕΞ, *Shannon Giboney,*

ZM, *Lacey Clements,* ZM, *Audra Marquez,* ZM, *Kristie Calcaterra,* ZM

Zeta Nu

Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa.
Installed March 15, 1997

Zeta Nu Chapter was installed March 15, 1997. Moravian College is a liberal arts school founded in 1742 by settlers from Germany and Moravia. John Amos Comenius was the leader of the settlers and a pioneer of education, whose achievements earned him the title "the father of modern education." Today Moravian is recognized as America's sixth oldest college with many rich traditions.

Zeta Nu joins Alpha Sigma Tau and Zeta Tau Alpha national sororities and Sigma Theta Chi, a local sorority, in the Moravian Panhellenic Council.

The installation weekend attracted national officers, alumnae and numerous collegians from Nu Nu, Zeta Lambda, Gamma Rho and Epsilon Xi chapters. On Saturday, 39 women were initiated and the chapter was installed with advisers Mary Ann Williams, Alpha Xi Delta, and Alana Albas, ΔX. The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Suzanne Withsosky Alfonso, NN, province VII director; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, Epsilon Kappa adviser; and leadership consultants Sharon Buscetta, ΔH, and Jill Whittenburg, BΓ.

Eleanor Williams served as toastmistress for white luncheon, at which Courtney Casciano, chapter president, and Jennifer Kastle, installation chairman, shared the honor of opening gifts from guests and the national organization.

Charter initiates are Courtney Elizabeth Casciano, Angela Louise Bittner, Jessica Marie Blasco, Lara Kristine Burkey, Elizabeth Ann Chamberlain, Katrina Beth Danneberger, Kellianne Theresa Davis, Susan Lynn DeJong, Jennifer Helena Deren, Kelly Ann DeWalt, Jamie Marie Druckenmiller, Emily Jane Evans, Julie Beth Fanella, Amy Beth Green, Daniela Stefania Grillo, Bridget Ann Guilmette, Lynne Marie Kadubec, Jennifer Elizabeth Kastle, Rebecca Grace Kobler, Jenna Marie Lansek, Amy Elizabeth Learn, Casey Lynn Llewellyn, Julianna Colleen Lockney, Kris Ann McGurrin, Robin Lafferty North, Nicole Gisela Oertmann, Theresa Gwendolyn Quinney, Kristy Jean Rashko, Joey Warner Reish, Jeanette Marie Reynolds, Valery Dawn Rhoe, Katherine Anne Rose, BethAnn Marie Schrey, Stephanie Anna Stern, Lori Lynn Stevens, Kerry Elizabeth Tierney and Jena Louise Woods.

In April 1997 the chapter received the organization of the year award from Omicron Delta Kappa. The chapter earned the highest GPA out of all women's organizations and holds that record today. Chapter activities include food and clothing drives, Christmas caroling and assisting with the visit of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Moravian College. *Contributor: Rachel Silfies,* ZN

Zeta Xi

Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Mo.
Installed March 21, 1998

Zeta Xi Chapter was installed March 21, 1998, at Lindenwood University. The group began as a local sorority named Nu Sigma Sigma. The colony went through the Phoenix degree in January 1996. It is the second national sorority on campus.

Early in its existence the colony was recognized as the Lindenwood College organization of the year for 1995-1996 and the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation recognized the group as a Gold-Star Chapter. Members organized the Mr. Lindenwood College contest with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center. The group was recognized in 1997 for the most philanthropic hours and most improved GPA at province day held at Rockhurst College.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Patti Balwanz, BΣ, leadership consultant; Christina Schmidt Reiss, BΣ, province XVIII director; Angela Schaefer Moskal, BΣ, province XV director; and Marna Ridenour, AA, interim director of collegiate chapter services.

Installation day began bright and early with breakfast for visitors and colony members. Following the Sanctuary Degree, Christina Reiss conducted the installation of the new chapter. Angela Moskal, chapter adviser, then installed the chapter officers. The white luncheon was held at Mother-In-Law House, a café on the waterfront in historic St. Charles. After lunch, past colony presidents Marcia Arnel and Leigh Ann Buschjost joined the current chapter president in opening the gifts bestowed upon the new chapter.

The banquet was held at the Airport Embassy Suites. The keynote speaker was Justin Meeks, assistant director of student activities, who spoke about how the women of Zeta Xi followed their open motto: Aspire, Seek, Attain. This provided

the perfect segue to the three toasts. Kelly Christian, BK, gave the Aspire toast. Christina Merriman Breeding, AA, chapter membership adviser and St. Louis alumnae president, gave the Seek toast. Bonnie Payne Koenneman, ZZ, past national officer and St. Louis Alumnae Chapter member, gave the Attain toast.

Charter initiates are Rebecca Ann Naeger, LeighAnn Buschjost, Marcia Rae Arnel, Michelle Lynn Boyer, Melissa Lynn Clayton, Kristine Elizabeth DuBois, Ronda Rae Figge, Marti Alayne Harvey, Jennifer Ellen Helfrich, Gina Michelle Johnson, Pamela Marie Kasten, Karen Ann Kemper, Mandy Ann Kohenskey, Michelle Audra Kohlenhoefer, Jessica Camille Kruse, Regina Emily Lucas, Bridget Ann Madigan, Patricia Ruth Maniaci, Katherine Suzanne Orf, Jaime Hope Paxton, Erin Lea Perkins, Christina Marie Pillow, Lisa Christine Schneider, Laura Marie Schultz, Angela Michelle Simmons, Angela Marie Smith, Jennifer Marie Vanderbeck, Jennifer Catherine Vesper and Emily Julia Vieweg. Initiated as a charter alumna is Amy Christina Fritzler, and the charter new member is Ramona Dieteman.

Since installation, the chapter has participated in many activities such as homecoming, Greek week, Founders' Day, Special Olympics, state day and the Mr. Lindenwood University contest. *Contributors: Catherine Crowell, ΖΞ, Ronda Figge, ΖΞ, Patricia Balwanz,* ΒΣ

Zeta Omicron

Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio
Installed March 28, 1998

Zeta Omicron Chapter was installed March 28, 1998, joining Theta Phi Alpha on campus. The group started as SCAM, an interest group, in fall 1996 at a meeting in the Finney Lobby. SCAM represented sisterhood, community, academics and memories. The group was colonized with the Phoenix degree in April 1997.

A get-acquainted party was held on campus March 27 to start the weekend events. Colony members sang songs and performed a parent's day skit to entertain the visiting national officers and alumnae.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Michelle Dohey Wile, ΕΛ, province V director; Leslie Maxwell Ziringer, ΓΗ, ΑΣΑ Foundation secretary; Laura Gadbau Laclede, A, Alpha Alpha Chapter adviser; and Shannon R. Priddy, AB, leadership consultant.

Visiting collegians were from Alpha Alpha Chapter, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Alumnae came from Columbus, Ohio, and the surrounding area. Among them was Doris Feely Lawson, PP, who attended the 1930 national convention in Boston when Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, was first elected national president.

On Saturday, 50 women were initiated into the sorority and the chapter was installed as Zeta Omicron. At that evening's banquet, the women were challenged with toasts from Nina Barber, AA, to Aspire; from Pam Cheek Free, AA, Columbus alumna, to Seek; and from Michelle Wiley, to Attain.

Charter initiates are Amy R. Stall, Jennie C. Barker, Deanna Marie Brooker, Jennifer Leigh Brown, Meghan C. Budinger, Kristin Elizabeth Buhrman, Jae Bull, Kimberly L. Burzycki, Michele Bywater, Sarah Carr, Margaret A. Delgado, Wendy Sue Fairchild, Kathleen Marie Frank, Denise Elizabeth Gabor, Anna Theresa George, Brenna Ann Giesige, Bridget Colleen Goggin, Carissa N. Griffith, Anjanette E. Hadley, Jessica Heim, Margaret Herold, Amber Lee Hirschfeld, Angela M. Kennedy, Heather Lynn Kubli, Kate Landis, Mindy Sue Lautzenheiser, Tiffany Joy Leach, Jennifer Lynn Lewis, Lora Jane Lindsey, Sarah Lombardo, Sarah Marie Meehan, Melissa Amber Meek, Lisa Marie Mourer, Emily S. Mowry, Amanda Leigh Murray, Holly L. Northcraft, Laura Diane Oliver, Carrin Elaine Pagano, Emily Jean Pajak, Rasheal Parsh, Natasha Belle Piel, Kathleen Marie Ponton, Jamie Lynn Poorman, Kathryn J. Schiro, Bridget Elizabeth Sestina, Wendy Elizabeth Swartz, Angie Lynn Tuckosh, Carrie Marie Turner, Heather Marie Violand, Meredythe Wilkinson, Wray Jean Withers and Gina Yeazel Charter alumnae initiates are Marta Brown, Nancy Frank, Neva Northcraft, Barbara J. Swartz and Sarah L. Tuckosh. The charter pearl member is Sabrina Tyus.

A whirlwind of activities followed the chapter's installation. Greek week, social events, philanthropic projects and other events filled the calendar. Members volunteered at Beckett House, a local retirement community, and planned a Halloween party for Big Brothers and Sisters of Guernsey County at the house. The college's student life staff recognized the Halloween event as an outstanding service project.

Around homecoming, noted alumni John Glenn returned to space on a U.S. Space Shuttle mission. The chapter participated in many activities surrounding this historic event, including holding cards at a football game reading "Godspeed John Glenn" for a media event. In 1999 the chapter hosted an open house for parents during Parent's Weekend. Members were inducted into Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Beta

Beta Beta. A rock-a-thon raised money for the S. June Smith Center and a bowling event assisted Special Olympics. The college also provided the chapter with a house.

In 2000 Zeta Omicron had a new focus for membership recruitment. Alpha Sigma Alpha was the first Greek organization to hold a philanthropic project as a recruitment event. Members and guests painted flowerpots that they took to local retirement communities and hospitals. *Contributors: Shannon Priddy,* AB, *Megan Williams,* ZO, *Meghan Budinger,* ZO, *Bridget C. Goggin,* ZO

Zeta Pi

University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo
Installed April 18, 1998

Zeta Pi Chapter at the University of Southern Colorado was installed April 18, 1998. The group is the sorority's third Colorado chapter; it joins Beta Beta, chartered in 1916, at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Sigma Sigma Chapter at Western State College in Gunnison existed from 1927 to 1971.

The chapter started as an interest group with five women and went through the Phoenix degree in October 1997. Alpha Sigma Alpha is the first sorority on campus. Friday evening the installation team, members of Beta Beta Chapter and colony members gathered for icebreakers and a songfest.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension; Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, vice president of finance; Patti Balwanz, BΣ, leadership consultant; Kendy Clark Blake, BB, province XXIII director; Kathleen Collopy Miller, AΓ, colony development director; and Allison Santos, BB, membership and rush adviser.

A blanket of fresh snow greeted the installation team and participants Saturday morning. Lori Scott served as the toastmistress for the white luncheon. The reception for the new chapter was held in the school's art gallery. The installation banquet was held in the ballroom at Pueblo Community College. Patti Balwanz was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening. After a full day of excitement, the only thing that could top the exhilaration of receiving the charter from Suzanne Preston was watching her dance the macarena. Ellen Funk Morris, BΛ, and Nancy Lucas McFadden, BB, represented the Denver Alumnae Chapter and conducted an alumnae ceremony for graduating seniors.

Charter initiates are Monica Anne Hensen, Duemece Lynn Aragon, Jennifer Diane Austin, Danielle Bartmess, Heather Renae Beckman, Jessica Lee Bridwell, Tammy Lynn Campbell, Abigail Cover, Angela Lea Crockett, Dana Ann Doyle, Bethany Rashelle Eden, Allison Renee Emrich, Stephanie Celeste Espinoza, Tamar Hadassah Fitzgerald, Michelle Ida Gold, Jade Dianne Holt, Sandra Mae Johnson, Traci Kelly, Nicole Marie Latino, Christina Marie Lentell, Vanessa Amber Lucero, Johnnie Marie Meinzer, Tandi Renee Parrish, Janae Passalaqua, Tracie Lynn Renzelman, Jill Terese Stringer, Leeann Turano, Monique Isabelle Volmerstedt, Nadia K. Wazir and Elizabeth Wright. Charter new members are Mandi Isenhart-Paradise, Amy Sharp and Danica Wozniak.

Early activities of the young chapter included membership recruitment, philanthropic projects and sisterhood events. The chapter adopted a cotton-top Tamrin monkey from the local zoo and donated a videocassette recorder to the zoo for educational programs. In 1999, 2000 and 2001 Zeta Pi won the on-campus American Blood Drive and participated in the annual Lambda Chi Alpha food drive.

In 1998 the chapter worked at a Special Olympics benefit in Denver featuring the Denver Broncos. The chapter also filled 100 donation boxes with personal hygiene items during the Christmas holidays and completed 100 service projects to celebrate the sorority's centennial Nov. 15, 2001.

One of Zeta Pi's most memorable moments was doubling its membership in fall 1998 after Lori White Scott gave the sorority's national extension presentation. *Contributors: Patricia Balwanz,* BΣ, *Traci Ayala,* ZΠ, *Meghan McSheehy,* ZΠ, *Carly Smalley,* ZΠ, *Jessica Bridwell,* ZΠ

Zeta Rho

University of West Alabama, Livingston
Installed May 9, 1998

Zeta Rho was installed May 9, 1998. The chapter joins Alpha Sigma Tau and Phi Mu on the West Alabama campus. Started in 1995 as a local sorority with eight members, Gamma Delta's value was to "grow in the bonds of sisterhood with faith and compassion for all we encounter." The group began its affiliation with Alpha Sigma Alpha in May 1996 with the colonization of 23 women. Over the next two years, the colony participated in a variety of campus and community beautification projects and took part in countless philanthropic projects to aid Special Olympics, the S. June Smith Center and various local charities.

The installation weekend kicked off Friday evening with a get-acquainted party for the team: Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colonies chairman; Dolly Purvis Loyd, BΔ, colony development director; Cindy Kelley, BΠ, province XIII director; and leadership consultants Shannon Steele Kirson, EΓ; and Tara Marr, HH.

Saturday morning initiation and the chapter installation were held. Three advisers and three other alumnae were initiated along with the collegiate women. Gamma Zeta Chapter from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and leadership consultant Brenda Findley, HH, assisted with the ceremonies.

Eleanor Williams was the toastmistress at the white luncheon following the ceremonies. Kelli Britt, chapter president, opened gifts from guests and the national organization. Suzanne Preston presented each woman with her membership certificate. The celebration culminated with the installation banquet Saturday evening. To add to the excitement, tornado sirens sounded just as the banquet was ready to begin. Everyone spent an hour in hallways talking and snacking on cheese and crackers until the storm passed. Tara Marr served as toastmistress for the evening, and the guest speaker was Danny Buckalew, assistant vice president for student affairs.

Brenda Findley gave the Aspire toast; Shannon Steele Kirwan, the Seek toast; and Cindy Kelley, the Attain toast. The evening concluded with a dance.

Charter initiates are Kelli Autumn Britt, Dana Renee Blocker, Dinah Hollister Broadhead, Carla Danielle Dial, Shawn Leigh Glassini, Brandi Renee Goodwin, Michelle Antoinette Gothard, Joanna Michele Greene, Sung-Won Han, Sandra Nicole Hansen, Beth Lynn Haydan, Celeste F. Hollister, Amanda Kaye Jaggers, Teresa Angelique Jennings, Lori Ann Jimerson, Faith Jamyle Johnson, Katherine Rose Kirchner, Katrina Kim Kushmer, Christie Delaina Lawrence, Jayme Marie Linebarger, Cheryl Lynn Marson, Bettina Denise McCoy, Carrie Ann McDaniel, Jennifer Lind McDuffie, Karla Renee Miley, Andrea Morgan, Tommie Rachelle Munn, Angela Michelle Norris, Amy Ann Peper, Deborah Renae Scruggs, Lisa Elaine Snow, Tammy Marie Stundon, Amanda Jill Wallace and Allison A. Wood.

Alumnae initiates are Jessica Leah Jones, Alison Anita Kyser, Jodie J. Shumate, Sarah Taylor, Carole B. Welborn and Tammy White. Charter pearl members are Angela Edwina McCool and Jamie Elizabeth Sands.

Activities for the young chapter include membership recruitment, campus homecoming events, philanthropic and sisterhood events. During the Greek games on campus the group won the tug of war championship in 1997, 1998 and 2000. Members attended their first Emma Coleman Frost Leadership Development Institute in 1997 in Springfield, Mo., and visited the national sorority's headquarters. In 1999 Zeta Rhos attended province day at the University of Central Arkansas and the LDI in Chicago.

For its local philanthropy, Zeta Rho adopted Harriet's House, a shelter for domestic violence victims. The chapter helps the shelter through donations and the shelter staff helps the chapter understand the cycle of domestic violence. Zeta Rho's registered project for the sorority's centennial was a fund-raiser for the Children's Hospital of Birmingham, Ala. *Contributors: Tara Marr,* HH, *Christie Delaina Lawrence,* ZP, *Dinah Broadhead,* ZP

Zeta Sigma

University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas
Installed Nov. 21, 1998

Zeta Sigma Chapter was installed Nov. 21, 1998. Before becoming a colony, the women began an interest group to bring the first national sorority on campus. The women were colonized Jan. 11, 1998.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, installing officer; Cindy Kelley, BΠ, colonies chairman; Dana Glover, BΓ, province XXIV director; Krystal Geyer, ΓP, former leadership consultant; and Jen Reisner, ΓM, leadership consultant. Collegians from Delta Upsilon Chapter and alumnae from the Houston, Dallas and San Antonio alumnae chapters served as sponsors for the women.

The white luncheon was held at the International Conference Center on campus. Eleanor Williams served as toastmistress. Chapter president Debra Jean Luna opened gifts from the national organization and guests. The installation banquet was held Saturday night at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Toastmistress for the evening was Jen Reisner. Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, past NPC chairman, was the guest speaker. Delta Upsilon president Rebecca Hollifield gave the Aspire toast, San Antonio Alumnae Chapter president Susan Campbell, ΔY, gave the Seek toast, and Dana Glover gave the Attain toast.

Charter initiates are Debra Jean Luna, Karen Sue Able, Candace Anne Aguirre, Myra Vannessa Alvarez, Andrea Marie Barrios, Erica Barrera, Elizabeth Christina Benitez, Celi Bustos,

Jennifer Marie Cerda, Edna Ada Cortinas, Anna Maria De La Fuente, Erica De La Garza, Jennifer Marie Donathen, Bertha "Byrdie" Franco, Regina K. Garcia, Olga Maria Gonzales, Jennifer M. Hansen, Anna M. Lopez, Veronica A. Lozano, Katherine L. Martinez, Sandra Denise Martinez, Veronica Garcia Montemayor, Catherine Elizabeth Moreno, Kathy Lynn Moreno, Melissa Ann Moreno, Tishanna C. Porter, Tracy Lynett Quinones, Jessica Maria Ramirez, Vanessa Ann Reyes, Sandy Marie Riojas, Melissa Rodarte-Sanchez, Christina Marie Rodriguez, Denise Marie Rodriguez, Veronica Yvette Rodriguez, Tanya M. Saldua, Katherine Elizabeth Schweers, Elizabeth Ann Segura, Ericka V. Stevens and Ramona Villarreal and alumna Stephanie Ann Rangel.

Zeta Tau

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich.
Installed March 27, 1999

Zeta Tau Chapter at Grand Valley State University was installed March 27, 1999. The chapter started as local sorority Alpha Beta Chi in 1993. The seven founding members began the sorority on the basis that one day it would either become its own national organization or affiliate with one. The letters ABX represented the open motto of academic excellence, betterment of society and change for the future. Its colors were purple and teal; its symbols were building blocks and the eternal flame. The mascot was the koala bear, its flower was the Calla lily and its symbolic country was Australia. Alpha Beta Chi's philanthropy was The Children's Law Center in Grand Rapids, Mich., a nonprofit that provides free legal advocacy for needy children.

In November 1997 the group was admitted into the campus Panhellenic council. Alpha Beta Chi members decided in the fall of 1998 that they would affiliate with Alpha Sigma Alpha. The colony went through Phoenix Degree that November.

Winter semester 1998 the colony became the first recipient of the campus Panhellenic award for high academic achievement. The award, a silver platter with the sorority name engraved on it, is presented in the fall and winter semesters to the sorority with the highest cumulative grade point average for that semester. The colony received the award again in fall semester 1998. Its overall grade point average was 3.229, the highest of all the Greek organizations in the school's history.

March 26, 1999, the installation team arrived on campus for a get-acquainted party. The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Barbara Pennington Struble, ΔN, vice president of collegians; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Marianne Wittmer, ΔN, province XIV director; Brenda Findley, HH, chapter development coordinator; Christine Gage, ΔN, colony development director; Marna Ridenour-Ward, AA; and Jennifer Reisner, ΓM, leadership consultant.

On Saturday the women were initiated and the colony was installed at the Grand Harbor Yacht Club in Spring Lake. Members from Beta Theta, Gamma Mu, Delta Nu-A and Delta Sigma chapters joined Zeta Tau. The white luncheon followed the ceremonies, with Cindy Kelley-Deaton as toastmistress. The installation banquet was held that evening at Porto Bello's in Grand Haven. Jennifer Reisner was toastmistress. A dance wrapped up the evening's festivities.

Charter initiates are Lindsay S. Kooiker, Kathleen M. Branigan, Victoria M. Cardenas, Wendy M. Carl, Shanna M. Douglas, Angela M. Engel, Kristina K. Freeman, Andrea B. Freude, Amber L. Frost, Shannon E. Gerlach, Rachelle R. Grimmer, Nicole M. Hartman, Colleen F. Hogan, Melissa S. Idema, Rachel E. Johnson, Megan M. Marlow, Amy D. Meiste, Melanie L. Meshekey, Susan J. Nagy, Laura J. Niemeyer, Jaclyn J. Pierson, Mandy M. Rowe, Erika L. Sherman, Tracey M. Storey, Raeanne M. Thompson, Katie N. VandenBerg, Melissa L. Vandenbroek and Tracy B. Wallace. Charter alumnae initiates are Melissa Anderson, Mary Asadorian, Tricia Drenth, Kelly Ferrell, Heather Hilton, Gail Hogan, Heather Krueger, Tanya Lamer, Sharon Lee Marlow, Jill Niemeyer and Jennifer Segedy.

Zeta Tau received the Lighthouse award for new chapters at GVSU and received the spirit award for Greek week. *Contributors: Jennifer Reisner,* ΓM, *Wendy Carl,* ZT, *Amy Jenema,* ZT

Zeta Upsilon

Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.
Installed April 10, 1999

Zeta Upsilon Chapter was installed April 10, 1999, at Lynchburg College. The colony went through the Phoenix Degree Oct. 25, 1998. The chapter is the third NPC sorority on campus. On Friday, April 9, the installation team, members of Beta Iota, Beta Pi, Beta Epsilon, Alpha and Delta Rho chapters and Lynne Rachal Chambers, A, NPC first alternate delegate and Epsilon Gamma adviser, attended a gathering on campus to

meet the colony members.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon Preston, BI, president; Lori White Scott, EE, vice president of extension; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Kelly McGinnis, EK, leadership consultant; Brenda Findley, HH, chapter development coordinator; Debbie Harris Early, EΓ, province XI director; and Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, colony development director. The women were initiated at the First Presbyterian Church. Immediately following the Sanctuary Degree, the colony was installed as Zeta Upsilon Chapter. Suzanne Preston then performed the installation of officers ceremony.

The white luncheon was held at Boodles Restaurant in Lynchburg. Cindy Kelley-Deaton was toastmistress. The women received their membership certificates and phoenix recognition pins, as well as numerous gifts. A reception was held on campus in the afternoon. The weekend's festivities ended with the installation banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Lynchburg. Kelly McGinnis served as toastmistress. The guest speaker was John Eccles, dean of students. Jody Cohen, Beta Iota president, presented the Aspire toast. Beta Pi adviser Sharon Marlin Manzo, BΣ, presented the Seek toast, and Lynne Chambers presented the Attain toast. A dance followed the banquet.

Charter initiates are Carin Lynn Perretta, Stacey Marie Bauberger, Ashley Meredith Burnette, Amy Marie Butler, Rachel Christine Clapp, Melissa Jaye Corey, Heidi Jean Cox, Courtney Alden Daniels, Kristy M. DiGiacomo, Holly Lorraine Edwards, Heather Marie Faulk, Cara Elizabeth Franklin, Desirae D. Goff, Megan Susanne Harris, Jennifer L. Hazelrigg, Melinda S. Horrocks, Angela Huffer, Rachael Anne Ingraham, Beth Ann Jurczykowski, Nikki Lynn Kawalec, Leigh-Anne Kinne, Julie Marie Kwasniewski, Leah Marie Leavens, Christian Lynn Legner, Julie A. Litchfield, Susan H. Lueke, Natasha Ann Marinoff, Beth Anne McCoy, Karen Kerney McKay, Janice P. McLaughlin, Laura Elizabeth McNear, Christina E. Mettee, Jennifer Lee Monroe, Wypkjen Marie Osinga, Elizabeth Page Pettyjohn, Abbi J. Pfister, Jessica L. Pruitt, Kimberly Suzanne Shaffer, Brooke Taylor, Michele Vitella and Stacy N. Whitmore. Charter alumnae initiates are Jane L. Hope, Doris E. Jurczykowski, Melody Legge and Rebecca Lynn Riopel.

During 2000 Zeta Upsilon participated in intramural activities, sisterhood retreats and province days. Laura Cooper was named the spring Greek goddess for her gymnastic talents and clogging abilities, and the chapter won the title of intramural champion. Zeta Upsilon celebrated its one-year anniversary at its spring formal at Jeannie's restaurant on the outskirts of Lynchburg. Karen McKay, president, and Abbi Pfister, centennial chairman, attended the centennial convention in Richmond that July, where Zeta Upsilon received a Four-Star Chapter award as well as a Phoenix award for articles and reports submitted to the Phoenix under Beth Jurczykowski, editor/historian at the time.

That fall the school year began with a kick-off sisterhood retreat Sept. 2 at Beaver Point Club House. Alumnae Carin Peretta, the chapter's founding president, and Ashley Burnette joined the group. Membership recruitment began with Club Fair Day as a way to introduce freshmen to sororities and other organizations. The Greek boat race on College Lake featured members Laura Cooper and Leah Leavens dressed as Raggedy Anne dolls in a homemade boat decorated with palm trees and ladybugs. Despite the group's Alpha spirit, it was no competition for the fraternities. However, the members' enthusiasm and hard work earned them second place for overall presentation.

The chapter volunteered at a soup kitchen called The Daily Bread, where members cleaned pantries and delivered canned goods from the cellars to the kitchen. Other members took part in a service project at Miriam's House, a home for battered women who are trying to reclaim their lives.
Contributors: Amanda Ellinger, ZY, *Beth Jurczykowski,* ZY, *Kelly McGinnis,* EK

Zeta Phi

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
Installed Oct. 23, 1999

Zeta Phi was installed Oct. 23, 1999, at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. The chapter started as an 11-member interest group in 1998 known as T.W.I.G., The Women's Interest Group, with the intention of affiliating with a national sorority. The colony went through the Phoenix Degree ceremony March 1, 1999, making it the only national sorority on campus. Installation weekend kicked off with a get-acquainted party Friday evening. Festivities continued throughout the weekend, involving numerous campus administrators, representatives from other student organizations, local Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae and national officers.

The installation team consisted of Barbara Pennington Struble, ΔN, vice president of collegians; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ,

colonies chairman; Maria Malayter, XX, membership education chairman; Mary Sidhu Pittman, EB, colony development director; Kelly Gillespie Miller, EH, director of chapter services; and Nina Barber, AA, leadership consultant.

On Saturday 34 collegians and one alumna were initiated and the chapter was installed. Many alumnae, including women from three Chicago area alumnae chapters, participated in the initiation and installation ceremonies. The white luncheon followed in the school's Hermann Union Building. A reception for Zeta Phi was held later that afternoon and attracted many distinguished guests, including the president of the university.

The installation banquet was held in downtown Chicago at the Regal Knickerbacker Hotel. Nina Barber was mistress of ceremonies for the evening, and Barbara Struble was guest speaker. Initiates were toasted by Mary Beth Piacenti, ΓΛ, to Aspire; by Grace Moody, ΔH, Chicago alumna, to Seek; and by Joan Grabarek, BP, region IV director, to Attain. Lisa Marszalek, installing president of Zeta Phi, accepted the charter from Barb Struble.

Charter initiates are Lisa Ann Marszalek, Samantha Coon, Nancianna Derrick, Marissa S. Fallon, Jennifer Anne Fouts, Christine Marie Freisinger, Melissa Grace Haldeman, Janel Hatton-Santiago, Alyssa Yvonne Hockenson, Yugenia K. Hong, Aelgifa T. Hong-Ruddy, Elizabeth Anne Kalin, Nicole Marie Koren, Anne Elizabeth Krings, Miranda Amber Lantz, Christine S. Laub, Yi Leng Lee, Michelle E. Linden, Kimberly Ann Maas, Pamela Christine Marszalek, Samaria L. Martinez, Margaret Joy Mattson, Amanda Ann R. Modjeski, Elizabeth Tram Nguyen, Stavroula Panagiotopoulos, Meghan Rose Pecaut, Jennifer Anne Riddle, Tregei N. Starr, Danielle Tullman, Beth Marie Volberding, Jennifer R. Walden, Jennifer Ann Waller, Leah Beth Woodcoff and Elena S. Yu. Charter alumna initiate is Helen Claire Oloroso.

Since its founding, Zeta Phi has achieved high scholastic rankings on campus and has numerous members with distinguished awards and honors. In 1999 the chapter won the excellence award for campus and Greek participation, the achievement award for associate and member education, the achievement award for community service and philanthropy, the maintenance award for recruitment and retention and the maintenance award for chapter management. In 2000 the group was named a Four-Star Chapter. Furthermore, Zeta Phi was IIT's Organization of the Year for 2000-2001.

Chicago's Michigan Avenue became a little brighter in 2001 with the addition of the city's first official sorority house. IIT and Zeta Phi entered into a yearlong partnership that resulted in a campus home for the chapter, following a $1 million renovation to an unoccupied campus residence. The chapter's first residence was a renovated chapter room in the basement of East Hall at McCormick Student Village.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 24, 2001. Chapter members, campus administrators, alumnae and guests celebrated Zeta Phi's achievement, a chapter less than two years old. Suzanne Kilgannon, past national president, attended the event and congratulated the women for their success.

From the ladybug doormats greeting visitors at each entrance, to the inlaid Greek letters in the foyer floor, the residence is distinctively Alpha Sigma Alpha. Twenty-eight members now call 3340 S. Michigan Ave. home. The 28-room house has a capacity for 54 members. After membership recruitment, new members moved in and became roommates with initiated members *Contributors: Nina Barber,* AA, *Kimberly Maas,* ZΦ, *Pamela Marszalek,* ZΦ

Zeta Chi

Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
Installed Oct. 28, 2000

In the fall of 1999, six women at Niagara University aspired to become a national sorority. After the extension presentation of Alpha Sigma Alpha and three other NPC groups, Angela Harding, Jill Kerschensteiner, Dana Lewandowski, Renee Neward, Stacey Saracene and Lori Valinus voted unanimously that Alpha Sigma Alpha would join Phi Sigma Sigma on campus.

In the months that followed, the women began a membership recruitment drive and attained a 52-woman group to begin the colonization period. The Phoenix degree occurred March 21, 2000. National officers in attendance were Lisa Argento Stevens, EN, province III director, Sharon Sterner, ΓΙ, colony development director, and Jenn Rassett, ZB, leadership consultant. In addition, collegians from Gamma Iota, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y., and Epsilon Nu, State University of New York at Brockport, and alumnae from the Buffalo, N.Y., and Greater Rochester Area, N.Y., chapters attended the event.

Elections held in late April established the group's first executive board: Jennifer Conti, president; Aimee Legendre, vice president of programming and ritual; Jill Kerschensteiner, vice president of public relations and recruitment; Dana Lewandowski, vice president of new member education; Stacy

Saracene, vice president of alumnae and heritage; Lori Valinus, treasurer; Renee Neward, secretary; and Jennifer Curro, installation chairman.

Niagara Colony was installed as Zeta Chi Chapter Oct. 28, 2000. On Oct. 27 the installation team, members of Epsilon Nu Chapter, Buffalo Alumnae Chapter, Greater Rochester Alumnae Chapter, vice president of alumnae Angela Dantzler Bauldree, BZ, and leadership consultant Jessica Bridwell, ZΠ, attended the get-acquainted party.

The installation team consisted of Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, president; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Sharon Sterner; Lisa Argento Stevens; Krystal Geyer, ΓP, assistant director of chapter services; Lesa Hedinger-Hamm, ΔK, director of extension and alumnae services; Jenn Rassett, province XV director; and Melissa Koch, EE, leadership consultant.

Charter initiates are Jennifer Conti, Katie Cammilleri, Kim Costello, Lindsey Costello, Jennifer Curro, Rebecca Douglas, Jaime Eagan, AnnMarie Edwards, Ryanne Fullerton, Angela Harding, Colleen Johnson, Jennifer Joly, Tracy Keller, Jill Kerschensteiner, Erica Kubus, Janelle Lavier, Aimee Legendre, Madonna Leo, Dana Lewandowski, Alissa Magiera, Kelly McBride, Renee Neward, Julie Niemiec, Christy Ottmar, Sara Perkowski, Megan Piccarreto, Racheal Ranaletta, AnneMarie Rotella, Laura Sagar, Stacey Saracene, Cori Schrayshuen, Tara Sklenar, Patty Sweeney, Lori Valinus, Laura Warchol, Shannon Woodruff and Wendy Zehder. The charter alumna member is Dr. Suzanne Wagner and charter new members are Catrina Boudreau, Manj Gill, Kristin Kuckko, Julie Lewinski, Andrea Lewis, Samantha Lynch, Laura McGee, Katie Sorice, Heidi Utter, Kristen Vecchio and Jennifer Walton.

Since its installation Zeta Chi has volunteered for Passages, a local shelter for battered women and children, walked in the Peach Festival Parade in Lewiston, N.Y., through the Buddy Walk program and participated in a "Clean Sweep," cleaning the streets of Niagara Falls with Phi Sigma Sigma. *Contributor: Jenn Rassett,* ZB

Zeta Psi

Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa

Installed Feb. 10, 2001

Zeta Psi Chapter was installed at Loras College Feb. 10, 2001. The women started their search for a national sorority in fall 1999. After researching many different organizations, they chose Alpha Sigma Alpha. They held interest group functions and philanthropy events throughout spring 2001 and began the focus program in fall 2000.

The first Phoenix Degree was conducted Sept. 16, 2000. That semester, the women learned about Alpha Sigma Alpha and what it takes to be a member of the sorority through sisterhood retreats, philanthropic events and other activities. The women enjoyed homecoming by decorating adviser Maggi Sullivan's car like a red ladybug and traveled to Coe College for Founders' Day activities.

The installation weekend started Feb. 9 with a welcome reception for visiting national officers and other guests. The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon, BI, vice president of programs; Cindy Kelly-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Lindsay Reynolds, BK, colony development director; Anita Reichling, ΔN, province XVII director; Krystal Geyer, ΓP, assistant director of chapter services, and Leah Dooley, AB, leadership consultant.

Saturday morning the team performed the Sanctuary Degree, chapter installation, officer installation and Crown Degree ceremonies. Members celebrated with the white luncheon that afternoon, followed by a reception. The festivities concluded that evening with a banquet. Guest speaker was chapter adviser Dr. Maggie Sullivan. Kate Ryan, BK, gave the Aspire toast, Krystal Geyer gave the Seek toast and Anita Reichling gave the Attain toast. Guests stayed to celebrate by dancing the night away.

Charter members are Katherine Carlson, Kristen Anderson, Maureen Carney, Katie Cerniglia, Christina Dacio, Anastasia Edwards, Jane Feltes, Jill Goodrich, Kelly Jordan, Karmen Krebs, Mary Kay McDermott, Ann Molitar, Hillary Pecha, Andrea Roan, Melissa Schisler, Rachel Schroeder, Kimberly Sturm, Amanda Talsma, Catherine Veth, Kathleen Wilson, Jessica Wobeter and Rachael Wubben. The charter alumna initiate is Mary Jordan, mother of Kelly Jordan, and charter new members are Marianne Rockney and Sarah Wiechert. *Contributors: Leah Dooley,* AB, *Jill Goodrich,* ZΨ

Zeta Omega

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

Installed Feb. 24, 2001

Zeta Omega Chapter was installed Feb. 24, 2001. In June of 2000, the Alpha Sigma Alpha extension team was invited to present to the campus and was chosen to be the newest sorority at the school. Oct. 2, 2000, 25 women went through the first

Phoenix Degree. Friday, Feb. 23, the installation team, members of Beta Nu, Delta Kappa, the Central Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Laura Zabel, ΔK, leadership consultant, and June Stratton, BY, attended the get-acquainted party at the armory on campus.

The installation team consisted of Suzanne Kilgannon, BI, vice president of programs; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Carin Perretta, ZY, colony development director; Tricia Richerson, BN, province XIII director; Kelly Miller, EH, director of chapter services, and Mandy Stark, ZA, leadership consultant. Chapter advisers Schanda Doughty, Maribeth Sisk, Debra Ferrell, BΛ, Katie Feyes and Lynne Yarbrough, faculty adviser, were in attendance throughout the weekend.

Saturday at the Hilldale Baptist Church in Clarksville, 35 women were initiated, including one alumna. Members from Beta Lambda, Beta Nu, Delta Kappa and Central Virginia Alumnae chapters joined Zeta Omega. The white luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in Clarksville with Cindy Kelley-Deaton as toastmistress. Later that afternoon, everyone attended the reception on campus.

The banquet that evening was at the Holiday Inn with Mandy Stark as toastmistress. Guest speaker was Andy Kean, director of student life. Christy McWilliams, chapter president, presented the Aspire toast. Cherie Fink Shallock, ΔZ, president of the Central Virginia Alumnae Chapter, presented the Seek toast and Tricia Richerson presented the Attain toast.

Before the banquet ended and the dance could start, the power went out because of severe weather, which prompted thunderstorm warnings and a tornado watch. A few people parked their cars under the awning at the front of the hotel and danced to the music coming from the cars' stereo systems. Before long, the hotel provided a battery-operated radio and the hired DJ played CDs while everyone danced. Although it was slightly hard to hear the music, everyone listened had a great time. A make-up dance was held a month later at the hotel.

Charter initiates are Jennifer Leigh Miller, Amanda Jo Adames, Mary Virginia Ashmore, Ashley Brooke Barger, Amanda Elizabeth Carroll, Jamie Kaye Durrett, Ashley Caroline Ruth Fraley, Jesica Jean Fruchey, Virginia Megan Gay, Sabrina Renee Gentry, Jerri Shae Harris, Stephanie Dawn Highsmith, Katherine Elizabeth Hill, Alicia Marie Holland, Paula Patricia Irwin, Michelle Lynn Johnson, Marie Elizabeth Lavalley, Erin Theresa Layton, Mary Rachael Lee, Robin Dawn Logan, Shonte Donnell Maxey, Tomarrow Leigh Molsberry, Nicole Lee Place, Haley Amanda Ray, Lindsey Megan Reeves, Gina Loraine Shaw, Kara Diane Smith, Naydia Renee Spears, Catherine Elisabeth Stram, Leslea Renae Streetman, Tiffany Renea Traughber, Farrah Sue Vincent, Sharon Marie Wynn and Katherine Marie Young. Charter new members are Alexis Danielle Alexander, Jenny Aide Chavez, Jennifer Renée Jones, Somer Jane Neumann and Lakisha Danyelle Smith. The charter alumna initiate is Zana Kaye Durrett.

Ladybug Love Week was held the week of March 19, 2001, to raise funds to support the S. June Smith Center and Special Olympics. The chapter also planned to host a silent auction, a talent show and an evening of games on the intramural field. *Contributors: Mandy Stark,* ZA, *Sharon Wynn,* ZΩ.

Theta Alpha

Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Installed March 3, 2001

Theta Alpha Chapter was installed March 3, 2001. In March 2000 the Alpha Sigma Alpha extension team was invited to present at Coe College and the university expansion committee voted unanimously to affiliate with the sorority. The colony had the first of several Phoenix degrees in October 2000.

March 2, 2001, the get-acquainted party and tour of Theta Alpha's chapter room was attended by members of Zeta Kappa and Zeta Phi chapters, leadership consultants Jessica Bridwell, ZΠ, Leah Dooley, AB, Melissa Koch, EE, and Mandy Stark, ZA, past leadership consultant Lindsay Reynolds, BK, and Jenn Rassett, ZB, province director.

The installation team consisted of Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, president; Cindy Kelley-Deaton, BΠ, colonies chairman; Jen Reisner, ΓM, colony development director; Anita Reichling, ΔN, province XVII director; Krystal Geyer, ΓP, assistant director of chapter services; and Laura Zabel, ΔK, leadership consultant.

The women were initiated and the chapter was installed March 3 at the Five Seasons Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Members from Epsilon Epsilon, Gamma Omega, Zeta Beta, Zeta Kappa and Zeta Phi chapters attended the event. The white luncheon was also held at the hotel, with Cindy Kelley-Deaton as toastmistress. Later that afternoon, a reception was held in Voorhees Hall on campus.

The banquet that evening at the hotel featured Laura Zabel as toastmistress. Guest speakers were James Phifer, Coe College president, and Lou Stark, vice president of student affairs and dean of students. Meg Matson, ZΦ, presented the Aspire

toast, Kathryn Wolfington, EE, presented the Seek toast and Anita Reichling presented the Attain toast. A dance followed the banquet.

Charter members are Miranda Lyn Cawiezell, Priya Aslam, Kelli Brady, Jennifer Brown, Anita Marie Carruthers, Kimary Lynne Cone, Amy Lee Goodman, Amy Graham, Jana Hallas, Roseann Hammel, Stacie Johnson, Renee Jo Krohne, Melissa Kathryn Kuhne, Amber Renee LaMere, Elizabeth Marie Leaver, Jaime Liljequist, Allison Kay Long, Holly Miller, Sara Alison Miller, Andrea Leigh Milobar, Katie Moon, Amy Michelle Nyert, Candice O'Conner, Alicia Owens, Lisa Palmer, Brenda Pippit, Roxi Rabe, Erin Elizabeth Redmon, Stacy Lynn Schaenzer, Renee Schwarz, Michelle Renee Smothers, Jessica Dawn Stansberry, Tara Lynne Strang, Jamie Tucker and Amanda Marie Watson. *Contributors: Jessica Bridwell,* ΖΠ*, Laura Zabel,* ΔK