

# IE- Iota Epsilon

## The Montclair State College Chapter

March 4, 1978

The Iota Epsilon (IE) Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. received its charter on March 4, 1978. This came to fruition through the efforts of a group of determined Brothers who "crossed the sands" while they students at Montclair State College, presently Montclair State University. The Charter Brothers of Iota Epsilon are Kevin Bell, Mark Burr, Larry Hatcher, Henry Henderson, Richard Henderson, George Knowles, Kevin Marshall, Ronald McCredie, Wendell McQuilla and George Williams.

Prior to the existence of IE there were only two undergraduates chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in New Jersey: Eta Delta (HΔ) at Trenton State and Eta Epsilon (HE) at Rutgers University. It was the Eta Epsilon Chapter that extended their reach to the Northern New Jersey campuses. The Brothers of HE started initiating new members at Montclair State College. They also initiated new members at Upsala College and Kean College. In addition, there were Brothers like Arnell Jenkins, Gary McGriff and Roscoe Trotman who were on campus at Montclair State and were instrumental in attracting new Brothers to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

As the number of Brothers at Montclair State grew, it became clear that the Brothers of IE should put the wheels in motion and work to form their own chapter. Richard Henderson was Polemarch at the time and spearheaded the efforts to obtain that charter. The determined Brothers filed the necessary forms, filed the required money orders, and made several drives "down the Turnpike" to National Headquarters in Philadelphia, all while keeping their "eyes on the prize" which was graduating from college. Of course, it was well worth it. The day that IE received its Charter, at Montclair State College, was a great day. That semester, IE inducted a "pledge line into the Scrollers Club" on February 17, 1976. The young men of that "line" were: Pete Motichka, Larry Waddell, Cannie Clark, Grayson Hampton, Tyrone Johnson, Gregory McClain, Glenn Selby, Johnny James and Paul Reid.

Once Iota Epsilon Chapter was chartered, IE also began initiating young men from other colleges. To date, Iota Epsilon has initiated Brothers from Montclair State University, Upsala College, Bloomfield College, William Paterson University, Fairleigh Dickerson University, Ramapo College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Seton Hall University, Kean University, Rutgers Newark and Jersey City State University.

In 1978 the Iota Epsilon Chapter also expanded to include Fordham University and Hofstra University. However, these two Universities received recognition from the International Headquarters to form their own chapters the following year.