

# HE- Eta Epsilon

## The Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Chapter

### March 9, 1974

On March 9, the Rutgers dream was realized with the formal chartering of Eta Epsilon Chapter the first Kappa Chapter at a major New Jersey University.

After two years of diligent pursuit of the dream, thirteen Kappa men were joined by brothers and well-wishers from five states in a wine and cheese reception celebrating this historic event.

Albert Oliver, Province Polemarch presented the Charter. Addressing the closed ceremony which included brothers from Trenton, Eta Delta, Delta Eta, Burlington-Camden, Asbury-Neptune, Newark, Montclair State College, and Wilmington, Oliver praised the efforts of the brothers of Eta Epsilon.

Eta Epsilon, the only predominately black Fraternity at Rutgers University is headed by Polemarch Charles McRae of Elizabeth. In accepting the charter, McRae served notice that this was a call to labor.

R. Thomas Garrett, (Alpha Tau, '59), chapter advisor, characterized past Kappa efforts at Rutgers as "just a warm-up for the job that remains to be done." He went on to remind the brothers that "We no longer have to concern ourselves about whether we are being taken seriously here on the various campuses of Rutgers-they know we are here and now they know us by name."

A timely event, the chartering came one month after the February 8th initiation of neophytes Bill Cameron, Anthony Bivins, Brian Miller, James McDaniel, and Daryl Perry, all of whom were present.

Also, present were John Cole, Exchequer; Sam DeBerry, Dean of Pledges; Bruce Smallwood, Keeper of Records and Derek Hopson, Marvin T. Braker, Walt Patterson, and Russell Dawkins. The University Black House, decorated by Jim McDaniel, was turned into a Kappa House for the day. Guests, including heads of seven local fraternities, were served by Kappa Sweethearts Elaine Johnson, Maria Soto, Robin Brown, Valerie Throop, and Maeble Hairston.

Bill Cameron presented copies of "The Story of Kappa Alpha Psi" to Dr. Peter McDougall, Dean of Students, and Dr. Francis Johns, Representative of the Alexander Library, Rutgers University.

Activities for the remainder of the semester include a "stepping" contest at Montclair State College, the second Annual Kappa Kabaret, installation of playground equipment for an area of the Head Start Program, Community-Campus clean-up project, and an intramural sports tournament to benefit Africare.