

# **ΘI- Theta Iota**

## **The Massachusetts Institute Of Technology Chapter**

### **October 11, 1975**

Theta Iota Chapter was chartered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on October 11, 1975, For the nine Brothers of this Chapter it, was the realization of an idea to bring a black fraternity to their campus, and make it a viable organization within their black community.

With the help of Chi and Boston Alumni Chapters. Theta Iota is functioning and looking forward to much success in the future. At the chartering ceremony A. F. Moultrie. Assistant Executive Secretary, spoke of the many tasks ahead of them, and of the type of men necessary to keep Theta Iota Chapter achieving in the name of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Officers of the chapter are: Stan Washington, Polemarch; Bill Black, Vice-Polemarch: Ted Austell, Keeper of Records; Phil Hampton. Keeper of Exchequer: Glenn Perkins, Dean of Pledges and Lenny Nethersole. Strategus. Other members include Fred Thompson, Sam Nixon, and Bernard Robinson, Northeastern Province Undergraduate Board Member.

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Amherst, Massachusetts

In the spring of 1984 on the morning of May 5th, Genesis 8, consisting of Conrod Boone, Robert Woolridge, Rafael Ortiz, Nady Pierre, Darryl Ruffin, Eric Ringwood, Quinton Wilder, and Pierre Bushel, was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Theta Iota active chapter expansion group was founded. The event marked the beginning of Kappa as a visual force on the undergraduate level in western Massachusetts.

With the guidance of chapter advisors Arthur Jackson and James Wynn, the young neophytes began the construction of a firm foundation for the chapter in the fall semester of 1984. With the loss of three brothers to graduation the task was not easy but the remaining brothers implemented community service projects and organized a pledge program. On October 27, 1984, David L. Walker was accepted into the Scroller's Club and on December 15 was initiated into the fraternity. The stages for future excellence and achievement had been set for next semester. In the spring semester of 1985, through brothers' hard work, Kappa Alpha Psi became the first black fraternity to be accepted into the Inter- Fraternity Council of the University of Massachusetts and therefore attaining official recognition by the University's administration. The vote into the I.F.C. was unanimous. In addition, the chapter began a monthly

sponsorship of a young Haitian child through the United Way and took first place in a big annual step-show competition. Along with these achievements brothers initiated, on May 11, 1985, three young gentlemen from the Omen line into the fraternity: Darrell Burgess, Curtis Samuels, and Tracy Browne.

Kappa Alpha Psi had arrived!

During the next fall semester the achievement still continued. Along with maintaining a heavy academic schedule, brothers have assisted in the construction of a playground for young children in the Fort River Park Project, participated in A Better Chance (ABC) Foliage Walkathon along with the sweethearts to benefit young teenagers, and presented educational films to teach students. The future goals consist of creating a NAACP chapter on the campus and participating in a joint fund raiser with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. with the theme of Umoja or more commonly known as unity.

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