

Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrates national founding anniversary

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An historical event occurred on the campus of Howard University on Jan. 15, 1908. The first chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was born.

Now over eight decades later, 750 chapters, which include both undergraduates and graduates, can be found worldwide, said Theta Gamma (USC) chapter member Diane Lynch.

"In honor of Founder's Day, the Theta Gamma chapter would like for one and all to join in this gala celebration," Lynch said.

"We are proud to have made it possible for all other black greek sisters to follow. The Theta Gamma chapter was honored with a Student Organization Service Award last year. It was a great honor because that is our aim — service," she said.

The Theta Gamma Chapter hopes to accomplish much more. "We're planning a major service project this year. We support Sickle Cell Anemia, Big Brothers and Sisters. We donate to an African village

both locally and nationally and assist service organizations in the community throughout the year," Lynch said.

As an added twist, the Theta Gamma Chapter is trying to invite distinguished black scholars to campus throughout the year rather than just during Black History Month. However, nothing will be confirmed until later in the semester, Lynch said.

Through these services, Lynch said, the Theta Gamma Chapter hopes to accomplish its purpose, which is "to cultivate and encourage high scholastic students to promote friendship and unity, to mature by a progressive interest in college life and to be of service to all mankind, to set standards from which all of fine womanhood can follow."

The AKAs have members such as Phylcia Rashad, Coretta Scott King, Marla Gibbs and Suzette Charles.

USC's Theta Gamma Chapter celebrated its founding on Nov. 3.

To commemorate the event of their national founding, they are having a social in the Russell House Ballroom Saturday night starting at 9:00. Admission is \$2.00.



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Checking In

Desk assistant Nelton Davis, a physics sophomore, helps music education junior Debra Seykora sign in at Preston dorm.

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wrong to think of it as a fortress," he said.

The final completion of the European community will offer tremendous opportunity for U. S. companies, Arpan said, especially for those companies that already have assets in Europe. He also said the degree of opportunity available will depend on how much economic growth occurs in Europe when the EEC makes the changes.

"Most companies are expecting tremendous growth, and smart companies are already positioning themselves," he said.

Another aspect of business and industry in the '90s that emerged right at the end of the decade is the dismantling of the Eastern Bloc nations in Europe.

Arpan said this opens the door for U. S. companies to expand into Eastern Europe.

U. S. business will change in the '90s by trying to assist the emerging countries of Eastern Europe, he said. The opportunity is "down the road" when these nations supply products to U. S. companies. He

said there will be a major effort by the U.S. government and the business community to push these nations towards democracy and capitalism.

Arpan said now there are three major world markets: the United States, Europe and East Asia (mainly Japan).

He also said USC will continue to grow in the '90s by planning to add Italian, Russian and Chinese language courses to the Masters of International Business School with special requirements included.

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punched, people will know something is wrong," added Danny Baker, vice president for law enforcement and safety.

The cost of the new lighting system is still being negotiated with companies, and the USC engineering school is also being consulted about the feasibility of the new system, Conant said.

"We've been working with Gai-Tronics Communications," Ramsdale said. "They were the people who put in the call boxes in. They're the ones that have given

us an estimate, and we definitely need to look into it."

The committee also discussed the possible trimming of branches from trees surrounding the parking lot off Pendleton Street, where a USC student was raped Nov. 30.

The committee was told in a report that removing the foliage would allow more lighting to illuminate the lot at night.

"We're trying to get students, faculty and staff to look out for one another," Conant said.

He added that the committee is trying to get the USC community more educated about such things as the APO escort service and about calling the police for emergency rides.

He said the police system was not a taxi service, but could be used for emergency transportation.

Conant also said the committee was looking into adding dots to I. D. cards for entrance into parking garages to limit access to people who should not be in the parking garages.

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