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OMEGA
The Wise Chi Omega Owl
Presents to You

The ABC's of
Tau Chapter - Ole Miss
DEAR RUSHEE,

In a few weeks you will begin a very new and wonderful phase of your life—that of an Ole Miss student. We think you have chosen your school well, and we welcome you to Ole Miss with the assurance that your years spent here will fulfill your greatest expectations of college life.

When you become a part of the college community you will realize that college life just has no equal. Each of your years at Ole Miss will be filled with many interesting and thrilling experiences—classes, dates, dances, ball games, campus activities and dormitory life. There is one experience that you will treasure above all the others because it will endear all other parts of college life to you. This is the intangible quality and experience of friendship.

Friendship is the basis upon which sorority life was founded, and your closest friends in college will be your sorority sisters. They are the ones with whom you will live, work, plan, and play more than any others. Through real friendship and sisterhood your sorority will help to make college the happiest time of your life.

Chi Omega has done this for me. It has united me with a group of girls who are much more than friends—a group who share common ideals and standards and who seek to enrich each others’ lives and our college community through friendship and service.

In this booklet, by spelling out the name of Chi Omega, we have presented to you many of the tangible attributes of Tau Chapter. I personally want to meet and get to know the greatest girls in the world, my sisters in Chi Omega. We are all looking forward to meeting each of you and want to help make your college years as wonderful as ours have been.

Sincerely yours,

Edwynne Joiner
President
Chi Omega Presents Its Cuties

★ Miss America—1959—Mary Ann Mobley
★ Ole Miss Beauties—Kay Swayze, Lynda Mead, Mary Spencer Carroll
★ Four Favorites—Kay Crosthwait, Edwynne Joiner, Huddy Jones, Joe Ann Noble
★ Colonel's Lady—Lynda Mead
★ ROTC Sponsors
  Air Force ROTC—Huddy Jones, Gail Abernethy
  Naval ROTC—Kay Swayze, Lynn Lloyd
★ Varsity Cheerleader—Huddy Jones
★ Miss Mississippi Alternates—Katherine Cole Taylor, Mary Spencer Carroll
★ Dixie Week Court Representative—Sissy Aust
★ Campus Cuties—Kay Crosthwait, Huddy Jones, Joe Ann Noble

KAY CROSTHWAIT  MARY SPENCER CARROLL  JOE ANN NOBLE
Campus Favorite  Campus Beauty  Campus Favorite
Miss Mississippi Alternate

EDWYNNE JOINER  KATHERINE COLE TAYLOR  HUDDY JONES
Campus Favorite  Miss Mississippi Alternate  Campus Favorite
Varsity Cheerleader
KAY SWAYZE, Number 3 Beauty—As quoted from the Ole Miss Annual, “Some people have to die to be angels,” but all Kay had to do was to be born. This Southern beauty is a charmer from way back. Not only in Oxford, her hometown, but throughout the state are her radiance and loveliness known. Her talent, intelligence, and beauty are a combination that are rarely found. Chi Omega is proud of one of its outstanding sophomores.”

LYNDA MEAD, another soft-spoken Southern beauty, is from Natchez and is the Colonel’s Lady selected by the Army ROTC Cadet Group to be their sponsor for 1959. Lynda was also chosen Miss University to represent Ole Miss in the Miss Mississippi Pageant this summer and to represent Ole Miss in California in the National College Football Queen Contest. With her classic beauty, graceful air, and winning recitation of “The Raggedy Man” Lynda will indeed be a credit to the University and her Chi Omega sisters.
Is For HISTORY AND HOUSE

Chi Omega was founded April 5, 1895 at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, by four girls, Jean Vincenbeller, Jo Belle Holcombe, Alice Simonds Cary, and Ina Mae Boles with the help of Dr. Charles Richardson, a Kappa Sigma.

Chi Omega was established at the University of Mississippi in 1899 as Tau Chapter, Chi Omega’s fifth national chapter. From 1911 until 1926, all Greek letter fraternities were banned from all Mississippi college campuses; thus Chi Omega was absent from the campus for a short while. Tau chapter of Chi Omega was reinstated at “Ole Miss” on April 1, 1926 as the first sorority back on the campus.

Some Facts About Chi Omega

Chi Omega, with Tau Chapter being founded at Ole Miss in 1899, was the first national sorority established at University of Mississippi.

Chi Omega was the first national women’s fraternity organized below the Mason-Dixon line.

Chi Omega installed the first chapter in 39 schools.

Chi Omega, with 121 chapters, has more chapters than any other national sorority.

Chi Omega offers each year a National Achievement Medal to the most outstanding woman in the United States.

Chi Omega’s news publication, the Eleusis, was the first fraternity publication to be written on the college level.

Thus we see Chi Omega throughout her history, a pioneer in many areas. This is the Chi Omega of today and tomorrow—a society of college women, both students and alumnae, devoted to fine friendship, ideals, helpfulness, and progress.

Our House

Our latest addition to the house was built during the summer of 1956. Mrs. John Wolfe, our Oxford alumnae adviser, helped in planning and decorating the new part which consists of a den and chapter room combination, four new bedrooms and a new bath. In the summer of 1957, the living room, dining room, and front part of the house were redecorated. Below are snapshots of the chapter room and the living room.
Chi Omega Symphony

To live constantly above snobbery, of word or deed, to place scholarship above social obligation and character before appearance; to be in the best sense democratic rather than exclusive, and lovable rather than popular; to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand, to be womanly always, to be discouraged never, in a word to be loyal always to our fraternity and her highest teachings; to have her welfare ever at heart that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which there can be no discordant note.

INSPIRATIONS

What actually is a “Chi Omega”? She’s not just “one of the crowd” nor is she a strict individualist, but she is an average American girl who likes the ordinary things of life, has her own ideas about many things, and yet has one main factor in common with a certain group of girls. That factor is sisterhood, endearing sisterhood. She and her sisters have banded together to practice their own high ideals. From these ideals have sprung the honest and sincere actions of a Chi Omega, her need to work and help others, and her desire for the betterment of women and the world.

A Chi Omega has the secure knowledge that wherever she may go she will find a Chi Omega sister, a fact which in itself means help in time of distress, common purposes, and instant friendship. A Chi Omega also knows that she is not a sister only as long as she wears her pin; but long after her emblems have been locked away or passed on to another generation, she remains a true sister in thought, word and deed.

Chi Omegas have banded together from the deepest parts of Dixie to the most Northern regions of our country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores. They are together in their fight against dictatorial forces, poverty, and sadness, and with one common purpose strive for freedom, world peace, and high principles. It may be Tau Chapter alone giving a Christmas party for the less fortunate or sending a brilliant little boy to school, or it may be 550 Chi Omegas together at a National Convention; all with the same convictions and goals, and yet each and every one knowing that she can call on any of the others at any time and receive a warm, helping hand. This feeling of oneness is what is known as sisterhood; but the added qualities of sincerity and warmth make it endearing Chi Omega Sisterhood.
Chi Omega Is Proud Of:

- Mortar Board Leadership Honorary—Mary Ann Strong, president, 1958-1959; Celia Carter; Mary Ann Mobley; Carlene Myers; Edwynne Joiner, vice-president; 1959-60; Ann Morris Connell, forum representative; Lynn Lloyd; Rose Marie Noble; Katherine Cole Taylor

- CWENs Sophomore Honorary—Teresa McAlister, president 1958-1959; Judy Lynn, Katherine Brewer, Susan Morehead, Margaret Love Cathright, Lou Schmelzer; 1959-60; Katherine Cole Toylar, Kay Swayze, Martha Lovelace, 1958-1959; Edwynne Joiner, Frances Bell, Lynn Lloyd, Polly Crosthwait, 1957-58; Mary Ann Strong, 1956-57

- Honor Roll—Nan Rutledge, Katherine Cole Taylor, Martha Lovelace, Edwynne Joiner, Carlene Myers, Kathryn Brewer


- Chi Omega’s pledge class placed first in pledge class scholarship first semester and the full sorority placed second in overall sorority scholarship

- YWCA—Mary Ann Strong, president, 1958-59; Celia Carter, president of the State YWCA, 1957-58; Kay Crosthwait, freshman vice president, 1958-59

- Committee of 100—Carlene Myers, secretary, 1958-59; Mary Ann Strong, Celia Carter, Edwynne Joiner, Preston Myers, Rose Marie Noble


- Mississippian Staff—Judy Lynn, Susan Morehead

- The Ole Miss Staff—Lynn Lloyd, feature editor; Mary Semmes Luckett

- Campus Senate—Rose Marie Noble

- Kappa Delta Pi—educational honorary—Carlene Myers

- Theta Sigma Phi, journalism fraternity—Carlene Myers, Melinda Gwin, Mary Semmes Luckett

- ASB Publicity Committee—Katherine Cole Taylor

- Megaphone Club—Kay Swayze

- Claiborne Society, honorary historical society—Mary Ann Strong, Nan Rutledge, Lynn Lloyd, Melinda Gwin, Mary Bet Campbell

- Sigma Alpha Iota, music honorary—Celia Carter, president 1958-59

- Epsilon Gamma Epsilon, commerce honorary—Harriet Clark, Teresa McAlister, Rose Marie Noble

- University Players—Mary Ann Mobley, vice president, 1958-59; Lynn Lloyd


- Junior Pan-Hellenic Council—Margaret Love Cathright, Josephine Lowrance, Susan Morehead

- Women’s Recreation Association—Mary Katie Gillis

- Home Economics Club—Gail Abernethy

- Wesley Foundation Council—Shirley Wood, Lou Schmelzer

- Business Education Club—Rose Marie Noble

- Canterbury Club—Edwynne Joiner, secretary, 1958-59

- Phi Gamma Nu,—commerce honorary—Bobbie Lou Brettell, Ann McLemore, Rose Marie Noble

- Student Education Association—Sissy Aust, Polly Crosthwait, Helen Blanks, Mary Bet Campbell, Lou Owens, Sue Owens, Carlene Myers, Rose Marie Noble, Nan Rutledge

- School Spirit Committee—Lynn Lloyd

- Eta Sigma Phi, classical honorary—Lynn Lloyd

- French Award in First Year French—Susan Morehead
... and OUR MARY ANN'S"

MARY ANN MOBLEY
Miss America 1959

MARY ANN STRONG
Miss Ole Miss
Hall of Fame
Our Emblems

THE BADGE is the pin of Chi Omega. It is standard size with the Greek letter Chi elevated and placed on top of the Greek letter Omega. Across the top of the Omega are the symbols, Rho, Beta, Upsilon, Eta, Sigma. The skull and crossbones are on the lower right of the Omega, and the owl is on the lower left of the Omega. There are 14 pearls or diamonds on the Chi, six on one bar of it and eight on the other bar.

THE PLEDGE PIN is a black enamel oval-shaped pin edged with gold and containing the Greek letters Chi and Omega in the center, also in gold.

THE COAT OF ARMS is the emblem surrounded by the laurel wreath. In the center is the white carnation. At the mid-base point the Greek letters, Rho, Beta, Upsilon, Eta, Sigma, form a cross. At the right and left points are the Greek letters Chi and Omega. In the upper right point lies the skull and crossbones, and in the upper left point lies the owl.

THE COLORS are cardinal and straw.

THE FLOWER is the white carnation.

Essential Elements

"See you at the house" is a familiar line heard from Chi Omegas at Ole Miss, for it is there that we meet our sisters, other friends, dates for bridge or supper, and there's always a crowd watching TV or listening to records in the den.

Chi Omega's pride and joy is our fine and gracious house mother, Mrs. Helen Rhyne of Coahoma. To know her is truly to love her, and in a million ways she has endeared herself not only to her Chi Omega girls, but to the entire Ole Miss student body. With her gracious personality and wonderful outlook on life, she has made our Chi Omega house a wonderful home.
LIFE OF A PLEDGE

My life as a pledge began the Sunday afternoon I received that coveted and anxiously awaited bid to membership into Tau Chapter of Chi Omega. My feet couldn’t carry me to the Chi Omega house fast enough after I received it. What a thrill it was when I reached the “circle” and the door to the Chi Omega house flew open and my sisters rushed out to welcome me. The ribbons of cardinal and straw were placed on each of us, and then all the new pledges and actives sat around in the living-room and sang Chi Omega songs, which we new ones haltingly attempted. As we sang, my eyes wandered around the room, and I observed the members and the new pledges. As I looked, I realized that surely these were the greatest girls in the world. Although I did not know all of them, I felt that within a very short time I would know and come to love each of them very much.

Later that afternoon there was a pledge ceremony, and we received our tiny black pins with the Greek letters of Chi and Omega on them in gold. This pledging began a period of training to become an active.

I soon learned that the three most important words to a pledge are “make your grades,” because a C average is necessary for initiation. Chi Omega stresses the importance of school work, so I spent many hours in the library and dorm striving diligently to make the necessary average, and even better if I could. There is more to college life than studying, and so I joined various campus activities and organizations which during college have come to mean so much to me. Other important features of our sorority life were taking part in social functions, intramural sports, and sorority projects such as homecoming decorations, election campaigns, etc.

We attended pledge class every Wednesday afternoon before supper and informal meetings. At these we learned our pledge lessons and turned in our pledge points for the week. After the lessons we had fun singing around the piano or just talking. Our curiosity during pledge period was immense. Wednesday nights after informal meetings we spent hours trying to figure out what mysterious rites went on during formal meetings. We were very curious to know the Chi Omega handshake, password, motto, etc.; but we were told that all this would be divulged only upon initiation. Our big sisters were a mystery to us for awhile. At first all we knew about them was that they sent us flowers, candy, stuffed animals, and Chi Omega jewelry; later we found out who they were and that they were very eager to help us with schoolwork and any other problems we might have.

After a semester of being a pledge, I finished my Chi O scrapbook, passed the pledge exam, learned all the actives’ names and hometowns, and made my grades. Then the big day of Initiation came. That’s the day I stopped to think over how important my pledge life had been and to think about how wonderful it would be to be an active. All the time and effort were well spent, I knew, in return for the X and horseshoe badge—symbol of a lifelong sisterhood in Chi Omega.

BARBARA HARDIN
Model Pledge

SUSAN MOREHEAD
Model Initiate
Many memories, and such happy one's, too, come to us as we sum up the year's social activities for you. Of course, last year's rush parties come first in the long line of events. This past year's rush was different because it took place before school started and the disrupting presence of boys was not yet evident. This pre-school rush proved quite effective, so it will also occur this year. Right after the bids were delivered, the new pledges joined the actives at the house for doughnuts and coffee. Then we all went to church together, and afterward the actives gave the pledges a banquet at the Mansion. How much fun and how unorthodox when the actives stood up in their chairs and put one foot on the table and sang, along with the clanking of knives against our water glasses, none other than our "Bum Bum Song".

Then Fall came—and with Fall, our Homecoming. Open House was planned, and committees got to work on decorations. After the game, we gladly welcomed families and friends. It was so exciting to see old friends and our alum sisters.

The Christmas spirit was soon upon us at the Chi Omega house. Carols could be heard at all hours, and everyone took part in decorating the tree. The pledges gave the actives a party with a jolly ole Santa presenting gifts to everyone. Not leaving out the true meaning of Christmas, Tau with her big brothers, the Kappa Sigmas, gave a party for underprivileged children.

The highlight of the social year is always the Chi Omega formal. This year our formal was Saturday evening, February 14; and of course, we had a "Valentine Ball". Before the dance, we entertained our guests and dates with a banquet plus entertainment at the cafeteria. After the dance, we had a big spend the night party at the house for all the actives and the guests. Here there was more food, entertainment, and very little sleep.

Gala affairs are not only the times that Chi Omegas get into the party mood, for all during the year, one finds couples cooking supper together, watching TV, or studying on week nights. On Academy Awards nights all the girls invited their favorite boys over and everyone watched TV together and afterwards were treated to some of Mrs. Rhyne's delicious cooking. As each birthday rolls around, Mrs. Rhyne and the honoree's roomie plan a "surprise" party to celebrate after eleven.

Date suppers are given throughout the year. Here the pledges entertain, and you get a chance to invite that certain boy you've been wanting to date all year. Watch out, pinees or engaged couples! You must tell all!

As Spring came we entertained our neighbors the Kappa Delta's with a party. Then Sardis beckoned to us and we had a Bermuda Shorts picnic followed by a Bermuda Bop at the house. Towards the end of school there was an air of sadness. We gave a banquet for the graduating seniors, at which the reading of the will and the prophecy added a surprise twist and a note of laughter to end Tau's perfect year.
Is For ANTICIPATION OF YOUR ARRIVAL

Rush Week

“Frantic, panic!!” “This is the worst week of my life!” “How can I ever make such a momentous decision?”

Comments, exclamations, and worries. A million things run through the mind of a prospective rushee. Take it from me, I was one this time three years ago. I had my fears, doubts, and did my share of crying. Blunders, yes, I had a few; but I assure you, that’s nothing new, and you may have a few yourself. At the end of that hectic week, you, too, will be able to look back on everything and consider it a wonderful experience.

Going through Rush is an experience that will happen to you only once. It all begins right before school starts. The new girls are put in a separate dormitory from the old girls, and in each dormitory there will be a sorority girl who will act as your counselor and will try to help you with your problems. Rush parties will begin immediately. Everyone tells you not to worry or fret and just to be yourself. Acting natural should not be too difficult, and you will find it much simpler than getting in a stew about how to act and what to wear. Pan Hellenic’s blessed book helps you solve the problem of attire and looks. All it took was a suit here, a dark cotton there, and a dressy dress somewhere else. But before long you realize that Chi Omegas are not looking at your clothes, but are looking for something far deeper—the girl herself and what she stands for.

Rush is one of those rare, once in a lifetime experiences; and, if you will only try it, can be a wonderful, long-remembered part of your college life. Your mistakes are soon forgotten, and you soon get everyone’s face and name matched correctly. The parties are fun, the friendships you make are lasting, and the time is suspenseful. Finally, on the day you open the envelope and see your bid to Chi Omega, you begin to look back and laugh. Suddenly it hits you that it was a wonderful experience and worth every second of your worries and anxieties, for now you are a sorority girl! As a Chi Omega you can be spotted not only by the pin you wear or the tiny Greek letters on a chain around your neck, but by the gleam in your eye, the smile on your face, and the feeling of love in your heart for your sisters and all mankind.

That feeling is often envied, sometimes talked about, but never had just for the asking; no place is it sold, you cannot find it by trying, or in a book on a shelf—you’ve just got to be a Chi Omega yourself!

Fun at Sardis and a scene from last year’s Oriental rush party.
DEAR RUSHEE,

Greetings from Tau Chapter of Chi Omega! We are so happy that you have chosen Ole Miss for your college days, and we know that your experience here will in every way measure up to your highest expectations of university life.

In this booklet, we have tried to give you an idea of Chi Omega and Chi Omegas—our ideals, activities, honors, and fellowship. This is because we want you to know us; and we are anticipating your arrival when we can personally know you. This is the exciting and thrilling part of rush week that makes it one of the most satisfying experiences of your college days.

We in Chi Omega have been working and planning to make rush week a truly happy one for you. By this you can see that we are as eager for you to like us as you are eager to be accepted; so don’t be nervous—just be yourself, and accept a hearty Chi Omega welcome to you as a new student.

Because there are so many girls, sororities were formed by girls with common ideas and standards. During rush week, you will meet many girls with varied interests and aspirations, and you will decide within your own heart which group of girls you would like to know better and with whom you would like to be associated. These girls you will choose to be your sorority sisters.

We hope you will appraise each group carefully and wisely, remembering that you are becoming a part of a society based on mutual ideals of friendship. After you have made your decision, be proud of it and work hard to be an asset to your group. Love them, trust them, and be loyal to its bonds of sisterhood, and your sorority will make college one of the happiest phases of your life.

I, along with all my sisters in Chi Omega, am looking forward to meeting you in September. But no matter what your choice, we in Chi Omega will feel that we have benefited from having known you, and we wish for you success and happiness on our campus.

But, as every girl who proudly wears the X and Horseshoe will tell you, “If you can’t be a Chi Omega, the next best thing in the world to be is a Chi Omega pledge!” So we’ll be rushing YOU Chi Omega!

Sincerely,

Kay Swayze
Rush Chairman
CHI OMEGA

Chi Omega — the symbol of sisterhood,
It is much more than just a club.
It's something undefinable, intangible,
Chi Omega — bound by love.

C embodies CITIZENSHIP,
Loyal citizens to the last,
Upstanding, respected, intelligent,
Chi Omega — present and past.

H concurs with HONOR,
Each one's honor — pride.
No conceit in accomplishments,
But by honor Chi Omega abides.

I denotes INTEGRITY,
Honesty by right;
True to one, fair with all,
Choosing good as one might.

O other OMNIPOTENT
God as our guide;
The Lord and Savior is our staff,
In Him Chi Omega confides.

M — a quality of MEEKNESS,
Humility, a source of strength.
Power in silencing the wrong,
A most important link.

E — An ENTHUSIASTIC union
With vim and vigor galore,
Campaigning always for the group,
Love and sisterhood is the core.

G depicts a GENEROUS goal.
Willing to share and share alike,
Obtaining joy through charity,
This too — a Chi Omega insight.

A stands for AMIABLE
Friendship resulting in popularity,
Companionships, associations,
Sum it up in clarity.

Chi Omega characterized by
Citizenship, Honor, Integrity;
Most admirable qualities,
Good traits, these three.

Christian faith, Humility,
Enthusiasm, love, and charity,
A sisterhood of sacred vows,
Chi Omega — that's for me.
From One Sister to Another

Chi Omega is extremely proud of Tau's ambassadors, Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America, and Lynda Mead, Miss University and Miss Mississippi.
MISS ROSE MARIE NOBLE
LORMAN, MISSISSIPPI

IF NECESSARY, PLEASE FORWARD

To: Miss Donna Bailey
Coffeeville
Miss.
Who's Who in Chi Omega