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Kappa Alpha Theta will dedicate state historical marker at DePauw University, Greencastle

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for October 7, 2006. The state historical marker honoring the Alpha Chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity will be dedicated at 12:00 pm EDT, at the Kappa Alpha Theta house, 904 S. College Ave., Greencastle, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Kappa Alpha Theta":

On January 27, 1870, Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Hannah Fitch, and Bettie Tipton established first female Greek-letter college fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta, at Indiana Asbury University. Fraternity fostered unity, promoted scholastic achievement, and provided social outlet. House built after 1940, when prior chapter house on site demolished. Indiana Asbury University founded 1837. Locke and Allen were two of first women enrolled on limited basis 1867. Women were opposed and ostracized by many male students, faculty, citizens of town, and students at local female seminary. Based on success of these early women, university allowed women to take classes "on the same terms as" men 1871.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing the significant contributions of these women to coeducation and to the establishment of Greek-letter fraternities for women.

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