

Years of Progress

1964 - 1966

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1966 - 1968

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1968 - 1970

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1970 - 1972

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Sigma members felt a deep loss, as they started the new year of progress. The new Alpha Psi Chapter that meant so much to all was off to a great start. As often as possible, the chapters held joint meetings. This was needed, yet it was soon realized that work could be accomplished through smaller groups, as had earlier been explained.

Sigma now had several members to leave because of moving and retirement, leaving a membership of 40. Of these, 13 were among the 16 who were present at the organizational meeting in 1948. Lost among others, was the recipient of the Eta State Scholarship Award, Mrs. Hazel Stapleton, who now had become affiliated with East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Death had removed two members—retirees Misses Fannie Aldridge and Leonora Watts.

At once, Sigma began including in its initiates successful, worthy teachers from annexed Jones County. These members are adding depth, stimulation, friendship, and inspiration to the Chapter. They are staunch members, who understand the high purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma and who never say “No” when Society work is to be done.

It had been decided that all meetings in the future would be luncheon or dinner meetings rather than afternoon meetings that usually had been held by the Chapter to accommodate the Jones County members.

A handsome, hand-painted, framed coat-of-arms was presented to the Chapter by the artist, Mrs. Leah H. Proctor, who was the Chapter’s First Vice President. This is a highly appreciated gift that will lovingly be displayed at all meetings of the Chapter. All are grateful to Leah for the gift.

Members attended regional meetings, as well as state meetings, bringing needed information and inspiration to the Chapter. Presidents regularly prepared newsletters and sent them to the membership, keeping all abreast of items of Society interest.

Retiring members were always remembered with gifts from the Chapter. This is a beautiful custom that is continuing from the organizational days. There is a closeness felt among members that is kept alive although retirement is a great change that all look forward to with anticipation and regret.

Another beautiful custom of Sigma Chapter is the one of the past president pinning a president’s pin on the outgoing president. This is a gift from the Chapter. Other customs were established by Sigma Chapter including instruction in the history and purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma before initiates are instructed to membership, memorial services of deceased members with closest relatives invited, and presenting brass bowls upon the retirement of a member. The meetings are informal, beautiful occasions that give new and existing members opportunity to learn about each other and enjoy this new association.

Members are becoming more involved in Society business. Publicity has been helpful in providing a deeper understanding of the organization and purposes of the Society. Growth is apparent in membership increase, scholarships given, and educators’ awards presented. Sigma is a part of all this growth and development and proudly carries its part of the work.

Realizing that the day would come when many changes in membership would develop and knowledge and information concerning each one might be forgotten, it was planned that a file of biographical data be kept on each member. This file is being kept up to date, and this information is at hand at all times.

Programs, following International's suggestions, have been most effectively prepared and presented. Members and interested non-members have worked together bringing excellent material and information to share with members.

Members who have traveled have shared travelogues with others. Many have taken part in other educational conventions, workshops, and commissions and have shared the information.

Recently, four members shared a most thrilling experience with the others. While on a trip of several weeks, the four were privileged to visit the Headquarters Building in Austin, Texas. All four travel companions were Sigma Chapter members, so all shared alike in the joy of visiting such a lovely and meaningful place. Especially serene and appropriate was the Annie Webb Blanton Drawing Room. The meaning of Delta Kappa Gamma was made more impressive by having actually visited the place that means so very much to each member and the Society as a whole. One realizes the values and purposes of the Society more realistically by coming in contact with the people who are at work so diligently there at the headquarters building.

All the while the Chapter has been growing and developing in wisdom. Again, the membership has reached more than 70, which means another look at itself toward division and expansion. During the next biennium another expansion study was begun for Sigma Chapter.

In the meanwhile, Sigma Chapter has had another honor. Mrs. Patricia Mumford Stroud, an active member, was offered an Eta State scholarship and an International Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship for study in 1971-1972. She accepted the International award and is now completing her doctoral studies in Education and Chemistry at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Sigma Chapter, Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma is proud of its heritage, its development, expansion, and mostly of its individual members who have contributed their all in making the Society a strong organization, upholding the ideals and purposes for which it was founded.

Now as the Chapter plans, divides, and expands, all will find joy and service in guiding other worthy women educators in the growth patterns of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.