CHAPTER 10

1976 to 1980

Historian: Hiwana Cupp Crompton, BE



Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ

Dear Pearl:

One of the high points in my life was during the 75th anniversary convention, June 1976, when I was installed as national president of Alpha Sigma Alpha by our beloved President Emerita Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ. One of her Zeta Zeta Chapter sisters was being given the awesome responsibility of leading the entire sorority. What a challenge it was!

During the late 1970s sororities were still trying to make a comeback on college campuses. The media emphasis was on many of the wrong aspects of Greek life, and if sororities did not change to meet the needs of the modern woman, they would cease to exist.

Times may change but our values and aims in the sorority do not, so the national council over which I presided from 1976 to 1980 began to implement some of the programs that led to the growth of Alpha Sigma Alpha during the 1980s.

Since a good public image is vital, members were encouraged to wear their ΑΣΑ *pins with any appropriate apparel, and alumnae were advised that they could now have charms or rings made from their badges.*

Officer handbooks were revised and in some instances written, and all officers were encouraged to use procedure notebooks. The Chapter Enrichment Program, designed by Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, ΒΔ*, was implemented in the fall of 1977. Special Olympics was adopted at the 1976 convention as the national philanthropic program, and emphasis was placed upon personal involvement by collegians and alumnae.*

The province program was strengthened and expanded with collegians and alumnae being separated. Programs were designed for use at province days, and the first province director workshop was held at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo., in October 1977.

The 1978 convention was geared to sorority education. Chapter goals for the fall of 1978 were pledging total, using a chapter enrichment program and using an approved pledge program. Later, minimum standards were adopted as a guide for each chapter. Much emphasis was placed on the importance of advisers.

Changes were made in The Phoenix format to make the magazine more functional.

Editor Dr. Helenmarie Hofman, ΑΓ, was the first Alpha Sigma Alpha — and one of the first women — elected to serve on the executive board of the College Fraternity Editors Association.

I mention these few changes because they helped pave the way into the 1980s, during which there was a revitalization not only of Alpha Sigma Alpha, but also of the other 25 national sororities.

I tried to live the Alpha Sigma Alpha Creed during my tenure as president and during these past years as I have served in other positions. I shall always treasure the love, support and yes, guidance from those women with whom I served. It was my privilege, and I thank you for the opportunity.

Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ
National president, 1976-1980

And in the world ...

1976

Apple Computer introduces the Apple II, the first serious home personal computer.

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Special Olympics

The United States was in the midst of its bicentennial celebration when the sorority concluded its Diamond Jubilee convention in Williamsburg, Va., June 27-July 1, 1976. That summer found Alpha Sigma Alpha moving forward with gratitude for its heritage, enthusiasm for the future and a renewed conviction in the meaning of its sisterhood.

As the result of efforts by Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, when she was philanthropic chairman (1974-1976), the convention body accepted Special Olympics as the national philanthropic project in 1976. Collegiate and alumnae chapters nationwide became involved in a variety of ways.

That first year, for example, the Central Pennsylvania Alumnae Chapter donated funds to the state's Special Olympic program, while the Murray, Ky., alumnae co-sponsored a read-a-thon with a local association to raise money.

Delta Eta Chapter and the DePaul University Program Council combined forces to sponsor a dance marathon, the proceeds of which went to handicapped children.

Chi Chi celebrates 40 years

Early fall saw the formation of two alumnae chapters: Roanoke Valley, Va., and Princeton, W.Va. While members celebrated those chapters' beginnings, Chi Chi Chapter celebrated the 40th anniversary of its charter at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., Oct. 16, 1976. A total of 132 collegians and alumnae joined for the reunion.

75th anniversary

Alpha Sigma Alpha celebrated its 75th anniversary at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo., Nov. 13, 1976. Hostesses for the day were Springfield Alumnae Chapter members Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, Juanita Roberts Rowe, ΒΣ, Rebul Brewer Kiely, ΒΣ, Charleen

And in the world ...

July 4, 1976

The United States celebrates its bicentennial.

Boyd Miller, BΣ, Barbara Kessinger Riebold, BΣ, Sherry McAdams Ball, HH, Trudy Crow Silkwood, BΣ, Lesley Fleenor Brown, BΣ, Deborah Austin, BΣ, Jane McMurtrey Green, BΣ, and Sharon Eddlemon, BΣ.

A midmorning coffee was held for the Beta Sigmas, their parents who were in town for parents' day and all area Alpha Sigma Alphas.

The Founders' Day ceremony written by Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, to be presented as an annual service, was given for the first time under the direction of Judy DeMasters Winter, ZZ, archives chairman. Assisting her were Rose Marie Fellin, headquarters executive, and Hiwana Cupp Crompton, BE, secretary.

History supplement published



From left, Ball State chapter members Betty Huston Miller, Helen Selvage Noblitt and Martha Stuckey Glentzer join Lisa Hayne, Chi Chi president, at the chapter's 40th anniversary celebration.

A highlight of the celebration came when the first copy of "The Years Behind Us — A History Supplement (1951-1976)" was presented and dedicated to Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president emerita. Hiwana Crompton, historian and editor of the supplement, made the surprise presentation.

In dedicating the supplement to Mrs. Sharp, Hiwana remarked: "Mrs. Sharp, you remind us always in our creed of beauty, and I think we all agree that life is full of beauty. We have just had a lovely morning with the beauty of friendship. We have a meaningful sisterhood with the beauty of devotion. We have happy memories with the beauty of experience for another day. And we have you — we have Mrs. Sharp with the beauty of love.

"We also have the beauty of gratitude in presenting to you the first copy of our history supplement, and one of the pages reads:

'Dedicated lovingly and gratefully to Wilma Wilson Sharp who has devoted her very being in loyal and sustaining service to our sorority and whose life is, in itself, an inspirational creed for all who share sisterhood in the bonds of Alpha Sigma Alpha.'

"This copy is for you and with it a token of our love in remembrance of this day."

In addition to the history supplement, Mrs. Sharp was given two white, long-stemmed, bone china roses tied with a white velvet ribbon.

Over the next few weeks "The Years Behind Us" supplement was delivered to all ΑΣΑ magazine subscribers. Along with the input and guidance from Mrs. Sharp, the history represented the work of the headquarters staff and the following historians:

Louise Neely Stewart, YY *(who wrote "The Years Behind Us"), 1938-1958*
Anne Rhodes Hamilton, BN, *1958-1961*
Charlotte Adams Johnson, ΘΘ, *1961-1964*
Shirley Pallatto Bone, AA, *1964-1970*
Nancy Martin Williams, ΞΞ, *1970-1972*
Lillie M. Greer, ΔΔ, *1972-1974*

In addition, the following women wrote the material for the years noted: Shirley Bone, 1952-1970; Paula Keyes, ΓΨ, 1970-1973; and Debra Bukas, ΓΛ, 1973-1976.

Several national officers also prepared special sections in the supplement: "Our Alum-

nae Organization," by Judy DeMasters Winter, ZZ; "The Philanthropic Program," by Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ; "Membership — National Panhellenic Conference," by Helen Hooper Malone, BΓ; and "Look Ahead With Aspiration," by Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ.

Fraternities' influence

The American Fraternity Bicentennial Celebration took place in Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 1-2, 1976. The gala event was attended by men and women of both general and professional fraternities and recognized the valuable influence exerted by the four fraternal conferences in the college community. Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, and MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, NPC delegate, represented the sorority.

National council began a new calendar year by announcing the pledging of Delta Omicron Colony at York College, York, Pa.; Delta Rho Colony at Elon College, Elon, N.C.; and Delta Pi Colony at West Virginia State College, Institute, W.Va. Soon to follow was the reorganization of Pi Pi Chapter at Buffalo State University, Buffalo, N.Y.

Collegiate scholarship was noted with pride as a number of chapters were honored in the spring. Beta Delta pledges had the highest grade-point average of the nine sororities at the University of Southern Mississippi, while the Kansas State College Eta Etas won the scholarship tray sponsored by Alpha Gamma Delta.

Beta Thetas at Central Michigan University received the Alpha Xi Delta Panhellenic scholarship award; Phi Phi was honored at Northwest Missouri State College with the scholarship trophy for the 16th straight year; and Beta Iota had the highest overall scholastic average of any sorority at Radford University.

Nearby, Delta Lambda Chapter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University received the Panhellenic scholastic award for that campus.

That spring, alumnae chapters Akron, Buffalo, Butler County, Ohio, Dayton and Fort Lauderdale reported several money-making projects — old and new — to benefit mentally handicapped children. Other chapters actually participated in Special Olympics, such as Richmond, Va., while Indianapolis sponsored a child in Special Olympics.

Chicago North members constructed texture boards for children at a center, while Chicago West members celebrated a child's birthday at a home for the mentally handicapped. Collegiate chapters were not to be outdone, and added to the growing list of different and worthwhile projects.



Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, left, joins Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, seated, president emerita, and MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, NPC delegate and past national president, at Longwood College. Betty and MaryAnn attended the American Fraternity Bicentennial Celebration in Williamsburg, Va.

1977 to 1978

National council meets

In June 1977, national council met at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Among the agenda items was the educational emphasis planned for the 1978 convention, which was to be held at the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel.

New colonies

Expansion continued, and fall welcomed Delta Sigma Colony, pledged at Saginaw Valley

State College, University Center, Mich., and Delta Tau Colony, pledged at State University of New York at Buffalo-Amherst. The Gulf Coast, Miss., Alumnae Chapter was reorganized Oct. 7, 1977, and the Indianapolis Metro Alumnae Chapter was formed in November.

Martha Dimond establishes scholarship

Among the scholarships and awards announced that year came news of another name scholarship — that of the Martha Green Dimond scholarship for graduate study. While at the Diamond Jubilee convention in Williamsburg, Va., the previous summer, the idea occurred to Martha to sponsor a scholarship in her name.

A member of the Washington, D.C., Alumnae Chapter, she served Alpha Sigma Alpha as NPC delegate in 1960-1961. Her first convention was in 1934 at Old Point Comfort, Va. For more on Martha Dimond, see p. 318.



The first province directors workshop was held in October 1977 at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Workshop leaders included, from left, Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, ΒΣ, treasurer, and Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, executive vice president.

NPC meets in Tulsa

The 45th session of the National Panhellenic Conference was held in Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 16-20, 1977. The sorority was represented by MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓΗ, delegate; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, alternate delegate; Paula Cyrus, PP, second alternate delegate; Helen-marie Herbert Hofman, ΑΓ, editor; and Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, headquarters executive.

Collegiate provinces, alumnae regions

With barely time to catch her breath, Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, headquarters executive, turned right around and assisted Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, executive vice president, as a workshop leader for the national province directors training workshop Oct. 21-23 at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Other workshop leaders were Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, ΒΣ, treasurer, and past field representatives Connie Peyton, ZZ, and Rebecca Wilson, BB.

An intensive, almost "round the clock" schedule allowed for discussions, presentations, open forums and explanations about alumnae programs, extension, handbooks, forms, reports, files, treasurer procedures, tax laws, field representatives, NPC and housing, among other topics.

At that workshop provinces were redistricted and chapters reassigned. Twelve province directors now were responsible for all the collegiate chapters, and the alumnae chapters were divided into six regions, each with a region director.

Pi Pi Chapter reorganized

Buffalo, N.Y., was at its best when Pi Pi Chapter was reorganized March 11, 1978. This re-opening of the State University of New York's campuses to Alpha Sigma Alpha was indeed a happy event. Chartered in 1926 and closed in 1953, Pi Pi's founding members included such well-known alumnae as Elizabeth Bird Small, Evelyn G. Bell and Emma Coleman Frost.

The weekend began with a get-together Friday night. Collegians from Gamma Omicron Chapter, Delta Tau Colony and the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter turned out in full force for the event. They were soon joined by the installation team of Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president;

Paula Cyrus, PP, vice president of development; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; and Leslie Maxwell, ΓH, field representative.

Betty Wallick and her team initiated 20 women into Alpha Sigma Alpha. The memorable day closed with a formal banquet at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker was Evelyn Bell, past national president, who reminisced about her own initiation into Pi Pi 52 years ago.

Sunday morning, 50 Alpha Sigma Alphas gathered in the college Newman Center for an interdenominational service planned by Pam Rack and her committee. Pi Pi members Mary Ellen Kahl, Amy Blair, Ann Marie DeLuca and Kathy Moore shared some of their favorite readings, while Father Jack Keiffer addressed the assembly on sisterhood, friendship and love.

A busy spring

Because the national council in June 1977 elected to emphasize sorority education, it decided to launch several pilot programs during province days beginning in spring 1978. Beta Iota Chapter at Radford College in Radford, Va., hosted one of the pilots for province III March 18.

The day was filled with workshops written and planned specifically for the province day program. Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, former executive vice president, coordinated the event. She was assisted by Barbara Hankins Brown, BN, province III director; Frances Jobson Francis, BE, standards chairman; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BI, collegiate editor and Hiwana Cupp Crompton, BE, secretary and historian.

President Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, delivered the main address and stressed that sisterhood doesn't stop upon graduation from college — it continues for a lifetime.

Delta Omicron installed

Delta Omicron Chapter at York College of Pennsylvania was installed April 8, 1978. Eleven women and the chapter adviser were initiated.

National officers present were Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, BΔ, vice president of collegiate program; Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN; Leslie Maxwell, ΓH, field representative; and Denise Feree, Delta Omicron adviser.

Shortly thereafter, on May 3, 1978, Delta Upsilon Colony was pledged at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Delta Rho installed

The weekend of May 6, 1978, was sunny and bright on the campus of Elon College, Elon, N.C., as Delta Rho Colony became a chapter.

Field representative Marsha Brenner, BE, arrived on campus early that week for final preparations. She was joined Friday at the get-acquainted party by installation team members Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Paula Cyrus, PP, vice president of development; Frances Jobson Francis, BE, standards chairman; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, collegiate editor; Barbara Hankins Brown, BN, province director; and collegians from Beta Iota and Delta Lambda.

National council
1978-1980

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NPC delegate
Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ

Alumnae chapters join roll

And in the world ...

1978

The small pox disease is eradicated from the Earth.

The sorority's expansion plans weren't limited to collegiate chapters, however. Pleasant Ridge, Mich., Alumnae Chapter was formed in late spring, Central Illinois Alumnae Chapter started up in April and the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter reorganized.

1978 to 1979

ΑΣΑ love

The first test tube baby is born.

Another convention time had dawned, and Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, Phoenix feature editor, gave the following account in the magazine:

"The lovely Hyatt Regency Indianapolis provided the setting for the national convention June 18-22. The Indianapolis alumnae, directed by convention chairman Jeanne Van-Winckle McQueen, BY, greeted more than 275 collegians, alumnae and guests throughout registration.

"The theme of the convention was 'ΑΣΑ Love,' as symbolized by Robert Indiana's LOVE sculpture at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

"The opening session was called to order by national president Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ. For this and subsequent business sessions, we were privileged to have Helen Selvage Noblitt, XX, composer of the 'Hymn to Alpha Sigma Alpha,' lead us in this beautiful song. Preceding the national officer dinner, the national council greeted delegates and guests in the Regency Foyer.

"Late evening entertainment was provided by the Chi Chi Washboard Band from Muncie, Ind. They were such a success that the grand opening of the ΑΣΑ store and boutique was delayed for one hour. Late-night Alpha shoppers didn't seem to mind, however — the store sold more than $400 worth of goods in one evening.

"Thursday was filled with sorority education experiences, province roundtables and rush and adviser workshops. Sorority education experiences were a series of workshops emphasizing fundamental sorority education. Topics included ritual, how to write a feature for The Phoenix, Panhellenic, scholarship, secretarial duties and treasurer. Anne Petree Niemeyer, AA, planned a Thursday afternoon reception honoring Panhellenic and interfraternity friends.

"The Alphas did not want to be accused of 'all work and no play,' so after the Friday morning business meeting and sorority education experiences, two bus loads of us descended on the city of Indianapolis. The tour included stops at the Children's Museum, the Eli Lily House, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and the Indy 500 Motor Speedway. The speedway stop included a tour of the museum, a ride around the track and lunch in the grandstands.

"The ritual and memorial services were held at St. John's Catholic Church under the direction of Marlys Jarrett White, BB, ritual chairman. Two hundred seventy-five women dressed all in white walking from the Hyatt Regency to St. John's Church was an impressive sight indeed.

"The white dinner followed. Guest speaker Dennis Schmidt from Indiana Special Olympics showed a film and spoke about Special Olympics. He gave special recognition to Chi

Chi Chapter for its outstanding work in the Indiana Special Olympics.

"After Saturday workshops and meetings, Helen L. Corey, KK, installed the national council for the biennium.

"The Regency Ballroom was the setting for the most memorable of convention meals, the awards banquet. Each of us found a small package at our seat. In the box was a LOVE charm, a souvenir of the 1978 convention. Marlys White presided over the awards presentations.

"A huge friendship circle closed the convention. On Sunday collegians and alumnae departed for home to share the LOVE of Alpha Sigma Alpha with those who were unable to attend. As everyone departed, it was obvious convention 1978 had been a huge success. Delegates and visitors, who had had very little sleep since Wednesday, were still sharing ideas and saying goodbye to old and new-found friends."

One convention highlight that deserves special mention was the donation of an original work of art. Letha Gaskins, XX, had been so inspired by the visit to Alpha Chapter during the Diamond Jubilee convention that she had returned to Indianapolis and recorded the event on canvas. At the 1978 convention, Letha donated the painting to the sorority and then accepted contributions that entitled the donor to an opportunity to win the painting.

More than $200 was collected and donated to the Indiana Special Olympics. The drawing was held at the awards banquet, and the lucky winner was Deborah Campbell, AA delegate. She planned to donate the painting to the Alpha Alpha Chapter room.



The 1978-1980 national council is, from left: Helen Hooper Malone, BΓ, secretary; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, NPC delegate; Marlys Jarrett White, BB, vice president of alumnae; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, executive vice president; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegians; Helenmarie Herbert Hofman, AΓ, Phoenix editor; Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, treasurer; and Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive.

Shining stars

The 1978 summer Phoenix featured Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae. While only a few could be mentioned by name, the magazine, in fact, paid tribute to the thousands of members who strive and excel in various endeavors and who willingly give of themselves the world over.

In addition to individuals, alumnae chapters also made invaluable contributions to society. Many geared their philanthropic work over the past year to Special Olympics and to those with mental handicaps. Included in this group were Akron, Ohio; Buffalo, N.Y.; Calumet Region, Ind.; Charleston, W.Va.; Chicago North Suburban; Columbus, Ohio; Dickinson, N.D.; Flint, Mich.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Indianapolis; Kansas City; Maryville, Mo.; Omaha; Pittsburgh; Richmond, Va.; St. Louis; South Bend-Mishawaka, Ind.; Tri-City, Fla.; and Tulsa, Okla.

Other chapters were interested in providing various scholarships: Central Pennsylvania; Sun City, Ariz.; and Valley of the Sun, Phoenix. Still others devised their own projects that were special and meaningful to them, including Bartlesville, Okla.; Boston; Chicago West Suburban; Dayton, Ohio; Evansville, Ind.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Jackson, Miss.; Lafayette, Ind.; and Terre Haute, Ind.

Collegiate chapters also found challenging and satisfying ways to fulfill their philanthropic commitments. Alpha Chapter sponsored a young woman at the Virginia Home for

the Incurables, while Alpha Beta raised nearly $1,000 for the community fire station in a six-day teeter-totter marathon.

Beta Beta hosted a Halloween party for the residents of Birch Avenue Manor, a home for the elderly or handicapped, and Pi Pi donated money to buy T-shirts and jackets for children participating in Special Olympics.

Beta Delta included in its projects a Christmas party at Ellisville State School; Beta Epsilon celebrated Valentine's Day at Pleasant View Residential Home; and Beta Rho celebrated Easter in the community hospital children's ward. Beta Upsilon and Gamma Eta held money-making projects; Delta Epsilon held a clothing drive; and Delta Kappa took part in its annual candy drive.

Gamma Mu provided gym activities for the mentally handicapped, while Delta Chi Colony volunteered its services at a state hospital. Delta Lambda worked with citizens with mental handicaps in a craft workshop, and Beta Nu "adopted" a 94-year-old man in its community.

Honor past, celebrate future

In her Founders' Day message printed in the fall 1978 Phoenix, Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, encouraged members to adopt as their motto for the year the theme that Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's honorary had selected for its program: "Honor the past; celebrate the future."

"We honor our five founders," she wrote, "and we renew our faith in our sorority as we are inspired to work together for the mutual benefit of all our sisters."

First Southwestern province day

The Valley of the Sun Alumnae Chapter hosted the first province day ever held in the Southwest Oct. 28, 1978, at the Double Tree Inn Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. Region V director Virginia Selle Turney, BΦ, welcomed two Alpha Sigma Alphas from Tucson, 11 from Sun City, Ariz., two from Chula Vista, Calif., and 14 from the Scottsdale-Phoenix area.

Esther Kauffman Gatseos, BB, philanthropic chairman, traveled from Denver to be the main speaker. After a luncheon on the patio, Brenda Sadler, director of the Arizona Special Olympics, showed movies of Maricopa and Pima counties Special Olympic meets. The day closed with three workshops.

Across the country and two weeks later, Beta Epsilon, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., hosted a full day of activities for province V Nov. 11. Collegiate chapters attending were Alpha, Beta Iota, Delta Lambda and Delta Rho. National officers present were Frances Jobson Francis, BE, standards chairman; Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, advisers chairman; Barbara Hankins Brown, BN, ritual chairman; and Lori Sue Tiller, BE, province IV director.

Workshops were held in the Warren University Union, and lunch was served at the Train Station Restaurant. The day's speaker was Olivia Conley, chapter director of Virginia Special Olympics.

NPC interim meeting

Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, NPC delegate, and Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, attended the interim session of the National Panhellenic Conference in Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3-6, 1978. The meeting was a work session to revise the Manual of Information and the "How-To for College Panhellenics," which were to be published as one dividable unit.

A highlight of their trip was lunch and a reception with the Kansas City alumnae, including Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president emerita.

New chapters, new colonies

The new school year also brought new chapters and colonies. The Albuquerque, N.M., Alumnae Chapter was chartered in November, while the Southern Illinois Alumnae Chapter reorganized in March 1979.

Delta Phi Colony was pledged Nov. 5, 1978, at Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, Va., and Delta Chi Colony was pledged Jan. 26, 1979, at Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Delta Upsilon Chapter was installed April 7, 1979, at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Special guests at the get-acquainted party Friday night included Delta Xi Chapter members from Dallas Baptist College and national officers Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, executive vice president; Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, treasurer; Paula Halfast, BΓ, scholarship chairman; and Denise Lewis McGuire, BΔ, province XIII director.

Women of the Year

The highlight of 1979 for the Denver Alumnae Chapter was the 72nd awards luncheon for Denver Area Panhellenic (DAP) May 5. Esther Kauffman Gatseos, BB, was honored as the 1979 DAP "Woman of the Year." Twenty-five ΑΣΑ alumnae witnessed the presentation at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Esther was chosen from a field of 16 candidates on the basis of her participation in local and national Panhellenic endeavors, involvement in her own sorority and volunteer work in her church and community. Esther, national philanthropic chairman, had held all offices in the DAP, served NPC for six years and Alpha Sigma Alpha nationally for 13 years.

Montpelier, Vt., named Katherine Brown Kynoch, AB, its senior citizen of the year June 2, 1979. She has been known to say she has nothing to do with natural foods "because I need all the preservatives I can get." An artist by hobby and teacher by trade, she taught school for more than 20 years and worked 10 years for a life insurance firm.

She also has been active in the community, belonging to 16 or more church and civic groups over the years. In addition to Alpha Sigma Alpha, her other affiliations include the Interchurch Council, the American Association of University Women and Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs.

1979 to 1980

Council plans for future

National council met at national headquarters July 13-16, 1979, to plan not only for the

And in the world ...

March 31, 1979

A nuclear accident occurs at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility near Harrisburg, Pa. In its aftermath, the building of almost all nuclear power plants in the U.S. comes to a halt.

coming school year, but for the sorority's future as well.

One of the first events that summer was the reorganization of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter in July, followed by the formation of the Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter in September.

Delta Chi installed

A new collegiate chapter was also added to the sorority roll that month: Delta Chi was installed Sept. 8, 1979, at Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania.

Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, conducted the beautiful fall Saturday initiation service. She was assisted by Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Leslie Maxwell, ΓΗ, province I director; Renee Ackerson, HH, field representative; Central Pennsylvania alumnae; and collegians from Delta Epsilon, Gamma Rho and Delta Omicron.



Alpha Sigma Alpha delegates to the 46th NPC session are, from left: Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive; Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, delegate; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; and Helenmarie Herbert Hofman, AΓ, Phoenix editor.

A "conference of contrasts"

The 46th session of the National Panhellenic Conference met Oct. 21-25, 1979, at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Alpha Sigma Alpha's delegation consisted of delegate Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP; Phoenix editor Helenmarie Herbert Hofman, AΓ; and Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive.

It was reported in the winter 1980 Phoenix as a conference of contrasts — one well-suited to the Greenbrier. The quiet elegance, the white-columned edifice and the nearly perfect grounds served as reminders of campus sorority life for more than 128 years. Surfacing above the atmosphere of days gone by was a fresh injection of ideas and a friendly exchange of solutions to common concerns.

These common concerns — changing membership, campus values, the changing role of women, inflation, housing — were issues that faced each of the 26 NPC groups, and were discussed again and again.

New sorority award

An exciting news item appeared in the winter 1980 Phoenix: The national council announced the establishment of the Evelyn G. Bell award, which would be presented for the first time in Niagara Falls at the national convention. It honors Ev, as she is affectionately known, who represents a lifetime of service to the sorority.

Ev, a Pi Pi Chapter charter member, was installed as chapter president in 1926 and served as the delegate to the Chicago convention that August. In 1936 she became national president, serving a five-year term. She began her second term as national president in 1952 and served until 1958. In 1963 Ev received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumna award. For more on Evelyn Bell, see p. 314.

To honor this gracious woman and others who have given much of their lives to Alpha Sigma Alpha, the Evelyn G. Bell award is given biennially to a member who has shown outstanding leadership and loyalty to the sorority by having served as an officer on the collegiate, alumnae and national level.

Delta Tau installed

Delta Tau Chapter became the first chapter of the new decade when it was installed Feb. 2, 1980, at the State University of New York at Buffalo-Amherst.

The installation team consisted of Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of development; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, past national president; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; and Donna Bochicchio, ΓP, field representative. Members of Pi Pi Chapter and the Buffalo Alumnae Chapter assisted with the services. Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, past national president, spoke briefly at the luncheon.

Province, state days

Two weeks later, Alpha Chapter hosted Province V Day Feb. 16, 1980, at Longwood College. Other chapters attending were Beta Epsilon, Beta Iota and Beta Pi, as well as the Richmond Alumnae Chapter. Lunch was held in the Commonwealth Room, after which Charlene Fink Shallock, ΔZ, province IV-B director, addressed the group on the rewards of alumnae involvement. The afternoon ended with the groups sharing favorite sorority songs.

Arkansas State Day March 7-9 was held at the University of Arkansas, Conway, with Beta Lambda as the hostess chapter. State Day Chairman Karen Armstrong, BΛ, orchestrated a perfect weekend that was spent in learning, fellowship and dedication. More than 75 members from Beta Lambda, Beta Mu, Gamma Zeta and alumnae chapters attended the event.



Evelyn Grace Bell, ΠΠ

Delta Sigma installed

Michigan members welcomed a new chapter to the fold March 14-16 when Delta Sigma Chapter was installed at Saginaw Valley State College near Bay City. Collegians from Gamma Mu, Beta Theta and Delta Nu-A were among those who attended the party Friday evening to honor the charter members.

Initiation and installation services were held Saturday morning, with Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, acting as presiding officer. Other members of the installation team were Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, colonies chairman; Carmine Cree Alvey, XX, region III director; Joyce Lescelius Abler, BΘ, province VII director; Carol Tozer, Delta Nu chapter adviser; Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, Phoenix alumnae editor; and field representatives Donna Bochicchio, ΓΠ, and Karla Kamp, ΔK.

One month later, the national council announced the pledging of Delta Psi Colony at State University of New York at Brockport April 15, 1980.



"Golden Girls" and others at the 1980 Indiana state day are, back row from left: Rachel Mathieu Davis, BY, Helen Selvage Nobliltt, XX, Carmen Cree Alvey, XX, Paula Highbaugh, BY, and Beverley Mooney Hasenbalg, BΠ. Front row from left: Nellie Lemmons Morris, BY, Frances Pointer Crews, BY, Terri Miller, BY, and Ruby East, BY.

Alphas meet in April

Several state days were held in April prior to the national convention. April 12, 1980, Pennsylvania and Delaware members gathered at State College, Pa., while the Ohio members held forth in Columbus.

"The Many Shades of ΑΣΑ" was the theme at Penn State University, where workshops were conducted by Cynthia Rhoades Christfield, ΔΙ, Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, Leslie Maxwell, ΓΗ, and Donna Bochicchio, ΓΠ. Paula Foreman spoke at the luncheon on "Building a Living Sorority in the Changing World."

Dave Lindsey with the Franklin County, Ohio, Program for the Mentally Handicapped was the luncheon speaker for the Ohio State Day. Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, president, was the featured speaker at the Texas State Day in Houston April 19. A highlight of the day was the initiation of Gloria Menefee, a former Alpha Beta pledge.

Beverly Mooney Hasenbalg, BΠ, province VI director, and Paula Highbaugh, BY, spoke to attendees at Indiana State Day in Terre Haute April 19. Workshops were led by Carmine Cree Alvey, XX, region III director, Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, Phoenix alumnae editor, and Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program.

On a Panhellenic note, other names in the news during the year included Virginia Selle Turney, BΘ, Valley of the Sun Alumnae, who was Phoenix Panhellenic president; Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, BΔ, who co-chaired the Fort Lauderdale Panhellenic style show; Anne Petree Niemeyer, AA, who chaired the Indianapolis Panhellenic salad-tasting party that raised $900 for scholarships; Penny Jo Steele, BΨ, who was president of the Twin Cities, Minn., Alumnae Panhellenic Association (TCAPA); and Dr. Joy Mahachek, AΓ, who was recognized at a TCAPA function as the outstanding ΑΣΑ alumna for 1980.