CHAPTER 12

1982 to 1988

Historian: Esther Kauffman Gatseos, BB



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Dear Pearl:

When the last edition of the sorority's history was printed in 1976, I had just attended my second convention in Williamsburg, Va., and I remember how excited I had been to attend the Diamond Jubilee convention. In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined that years later I would be writing a letter for the 15-year history update reflecting on the four years of my presidency.

At the beginning of my first term I chose "Alphas in Pursuit of Excellence" as my personal theme to guide the sorority. I mentioned it in my first letter to the collegiate presidents. They picked up on the idea and began to use it in their programming. The slogan was a guiding ideal throughout the four years I was privileged to serve as president.

During the first biennium we reached one of my major goals — the formation of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation. Numerous councils had discussed the formation of a foundation and on Oct. 23, 1986, ours was incorporated in Missouri. We are all indebted to that first Foundation board of directors: chairman Bonnie Payne Koenemann, ZZ, *Judy DeMasters Winter,* ZZ, *Lois Beers,* BΓ, *S. June Smith,* KK, *and ex-officio member Diane Yencic James,* HH. *Diane took on the Foundation as her special project, and we are indeed grateful for all that she did to bring about its formation. As I reflect on my years as president, without a doubt, I believe this to be the most significant event. Today we are beginning to reap the benefits of what the Foundation has to offer. And every chance I get I encourage support of the* ΑΣΑ *Foundation today for a bright* ΑΣΑ *future tomorrow.*

The Crown of Excellence award to recognize our most outstanding collegiate chapter was established in 1986. It was given for the first time to Beta Epsilon Chapter at the close of convention that year in Denver.

In 1985 Alpha Sigma Alpha assumed the leadership of the National Panhellenic Conference when Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, *was installed as NPC chairman. It truly was an exciting time to be serving as our president. Although I hope I have the opportunity again to see our sorority serve as NPC chair, I can't count on it, since I'll be about 85 years old.*

During the biennium national council adopted a philosophy of identifying chapters that had major problems and then completely reorganizing the group if there appeared to be potential for success. The first major reorganization took place in 1985 at Gamma Omega Chapter at Eastern Illinois University. After some difficult times, the new Gamma Omega was installed in 1986. We learned a great deal from that effort and continue to refine our reorganization philosophies and procedures.

Another exciting event during the biennium was the publication of the Narcissus, the official Alpha Sigma Alpha cookbook. Thanks to Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, *and her committee, members from around the country were able to share their favorite recipes.*

During the second biennium collegiate vice president Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, *developed a national pledge program. It was presented to the convention body for a trial year to be followed by revisions. This program was developed to help all collegiate chapters in their positive pledge program efforts.*

The 1986 convention attendees were greeted with the announcement that Emma Frost Leadership Development Institutes would be held across the country, funded in part by a very generous gift from Em, ΠΠ. *The biennium concluded with the appointment in 1988 of a strategic planning committee called* ΑΣΑ *Second Century: Strategic Planning for 2001, chaired by Linda Bonine Rogers,* ΔΙ.

During the years 1984 to 1988, seven new chapters were installed under the leadership of Mary Ann Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, *vice president of development, and the number of new initiates increased each year for a total of 4,174 new initiates for those our years.*

Now that I've had time to reflect on those four years, at times I wonder how I kept up with everything. During the first year there were many times I thought to myself: "If I had only known this, I never would have accepted this nomination." But by the beginning of the second year, I was much more comfortable. I'm reminded of a letter I received upon my election as president from a special person, Corre Stegall, Kappa Delta past national president. In her letter she wrote, "I know you are feeling overwhelmed right now, but believe me, things will be much better by next year." And, as usual, Corre was right.

Serving as our national president was an honor and a privilege. Special memories stand out in my mind: the formation of the ΑΣΑ *Foundation, the creation of the Crown of Excellence award, being a part of our leadership of NPC and the reorganization of Gamma Omega.*

I have never worked so hard, slept so little or ate so much leftover cheese as I did at Gamma Omega. But the truly special memories are of those wonderful collegians and alumnae I had the opportunity to meet as I traveled for Alpha Sigma Alpha. You made it all worthwhile.

Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ
National president, 1984-1988

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1982 to 1983

Chicago convention

Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president, welcomed members to the 1982 convention at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel June 30-July 3 with these words:

"Welcome to the 32nd Alpha Sigma Alpha convention. We have come together to learn, to share, to listen, to laugh and to renew the bonds of that very special sisterhood that crept into our lives on initiation day."

Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, feature editor, wrote in the fall 1982 Phoenix that "As each collegiate delegate was introduced, her chapter's star was placed on the rainbow mural of Chicago. The mural was a constant reminder of the rainbow of feelings that covered this convention."

Opening night ended with Alpha Antics, which consisted of skits, slide presentations and group singing. Thursday's activities included the Panhellenic friendship garden luncheon and the tour of Chicago.

The luncheon was notable for two reasons. It was the first time in many years that Alpha Sigma Alpha had entertained representatives of other sororities at a convention, and it marked the first convention since Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, had become NPC treasurer.

Helen Marie Snyder, Sigma Sigma Sigma national president, gave the keynote address. She spoke of the close ties between the two groups, which had joined NPC the same year. In addition to the speaker, Delta Zeta alumna Joanne B. Haley sang a medley of sorority songs.

After a quick change, attendees boarded four buses for a tour of Chicago. After shopping and dinner at Water Tower Place, everyone returned to the hotel for the first business meeting.

Friday, after a day of business meetings and workshops, everyone changed into "whites" to attend an initiation ritual, held in the hotel. Four Delta Eta pledges from De Paul University in Chicago were initiated under the direction of Barbara Hankins Brown, BN, former national ritual chairman. Rene Rutherford, BY, and Beth Colwell, BB, provided the music.

The light of hope white dinner followed the ceremony. Guest speaker Dennis Alldridge, Illinois director of Special Olympics, showed slides and discussed the upcoming international games in New Orleans.

The evening's finale was a candlelight serenade held around the hotel's outdoor pool. The singers' spirits weren't dampened by the rain that fell as everyone sang to flute accompaniment by Annette Fellin, niece of Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive.

After Saturday business meetings and workshops, it was time to change clothes again — twice — for the memorial service and installation of officers, followed by the awards banquet. The evening's guest speaker was Congresswoman Lynn Martin of Rockford, Ill., who spoke on the importance of sorority bonds. Individual and chapter awards were then presented.



Award winners at the 1982 convention are, from left: Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, Frances "Dee Dee" Jobson Francis, BE, and Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, BΔ. Rosie received the Helen L. Corey Convention award, Dee Dee received the Evelyn G. Bell award and Elaine received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumna award.

Sorority creates Development Fund

A highlight of the 1982 convention came when the national council announced the formation of a the Development Fund. Contributions would provide additional support to both collegiate and alumnae programs.

As treasurer Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, wrote in the fall 1982 Phoenix, "Gifts made to the development fund will ensure development of continued alumnae and collegiate chapter growth through extension efforts; development of expanded leadership skills through training sessions at convention and leadership conferences; development of a maintenance procedure of excellence for The Phoenix; and development of increased chapter services through field representative and national officer visits."



Past national president Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, standing left, and president Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, standing right, join Development Fund crown donors Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, standing second from left, and Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ, standing second from right and, seated from left: Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ, Helen L. Corey, KK, Lora Sipes, BΓ, and Lois V. Beers, BΓ, at the 1982 convention.

Marilyn also pointed out that in 1975, total expenditures from the general expense fund were $56,282. At the end of the last fiscal year, May 31, 1982, these same expenses totaled $109,711 — an increase of 95 percent in seven years.

Contribution categories were Crown donor: $500 or more; Ruby donor: $250 to $499; Pearl donor: $100 to $249; and Star donor: $1 to $99. Charter Crown donors at convention were Lois V. Beers, BΓ; Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ; Helen L. Corey, KK; Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ; Jacqueline Vito LoRusso, ΠΠ; and Lora Sipes, BΓ.

"To give freely and with love"

Philanthropic projects continued to play a major role in the sorority's collegiate and alumnae chapter activities. The chapter that best exemplified the definition of the word "philanthropy" without question was Gamma Eta at Penn State. In 1982 the chapter — paired with another Penn State fraternity or sorority — raised nearly $5,500 for various charities via rock-a-thons, dance marathons and races.

Eta Eta Chapter at Pittsburg State University made its own mark on campus with its first philanthropic dance Nov. 17, 1982. The group raised $500, earmarked for aid to the mentally handicapped.

Akron alumnae were cited at convention for their work on behalf of Hope Homes, two residences for people with mental handicaps over age 22. Their involvement included donating clothing, mending clothes, putting on parties, arranging for free tickets to area activities, helping residents learn square dancing, teaching a Sunday school class for residents and helping them once a week play various games. Members also donated to Special Olympics.



In 1982 Gamma Eta Chapter at Penn State University – paired with another campus fraternity or sorority – raised nearly $5,500 for various charities via rock-a-thons, dance marathons and races. Jim Lundy and Vicki Napolitano, ΓH, lasted all 48 hours at the 1981 IFC Dance Marathon.

Epsilon Alpha installed

The sorority gained its first new chapter in three years when Epsilon Alpha was installed Sept. 25, 1982, at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia — the first national sorority on campus.

A touch of fall was in the air, and in the cool, quiet setting the collegians welcomed the installation team: Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president; Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, NPC delegate; Judi Biggs, EE, colonies chairman; Nancy Szalwinski, BΔ, province XVI director; and Vicki Hersh, ΦΦ, field representative.

Representatives from Beta Mu and Gamma Zeta chapters served as sponsors for the colony members. Guest speaker Sidney Allen addressed the topic of commitment and accountability. Epsilon Alpha was the first sorority at the University of Arkansas at Magnolia.

Fire!

The Beta Sigmas at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield experienced another side of sisterhood when tragedy struck their house Feb. 10, 1983.

While members were in the new house preparing for initiation, a fire broke out in a bedroom on the third floor of the older house (Beta Sigma was housed in two side-by-side dwellings).

Fortunately two members of Delta Upsilon fraternity were passing by the house and noticed smoke escaping from a window. They ran inside, told the pledges the house was on fire, grabbed fire extinguishers and ran to the third floor while the pledges, who were awaiting initiation, called the fire department.

By the time the fire department arrived, the Delta Upsilons had the fire under control. The fire's exact cause was not determined. Four members who lived on the third floor lost almost all of their belongings, while others' property sustained smoke and water damage.

Donations came in from other campus Greek groups, and immediate, temporary housing was found in the dorms for the 15 members who were without a home. The chapter extended special thanks to alumnae Rosalie Padgham, ZZ, Mary Boyer, BΣ, Sandy Stoll, BΣ, Paula Stufflebam, BΣ, Trudy Crow Silkwood, BΣ, Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, and Patty Bosso, BΣ, who were instrumental in remodeling and redecorating the house after the fire.

The spring 1983 Phoenix featured a two-page checklist for fire prevention as a companion article to the Beta Sigma report.

Other news to come out of Springfield that year was national council's announcement in March that the sorority had purchased the property adjacent to national headquarters. The house, at 320 S. National, has eight large rooms, two baths, a basement, fireplace and large closets. It was to be rented to SMSU Alpha Sigma Alphas or graduate students during the 1983 academic year.

65, 25

Nov. 13, 1982, marked the 65th anniversary of Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at Emporia State University in Kansas. Weekend activities for collegians, alumnae, national officers and guests included campus tours, an open house, the ESU-Fort Hays football game, a dinner and dance at the Memorial Union with music by Glass Apple and a Sunday morning brunch and Founders' Day ceremony.

Two charter members, Nelle Everett of Emporia and Avis Sharp of Council Grove, Kan.,

attended the event, as did Bess Adam of Emporia, who pledged in the chapter's second year. A highlight of the celebration was the presentation of the Elizabeth Bird Small award to DeAnna Koch by Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president. Other national officers present were Helen Hooper Malone, BΓ, and Pat Franklin, EE, province XIII director.

Omaha alumnae celebrated the 25th anniversary of their chapter with a formal tea May 2, 1982, in the faculty dining room of the Brandeis Student Center at Creighton University. The chapter was founded in 1957 to assist the collegiate chapter (Gamma Alpha, 1955-1971) at Creighton.

Epsilon Beta installed at University of Illinois

Alpha Sigma Alpha installed its first chapter on a Big 10 Conference university and its sixth in Illinois with the installation of Epsilon Beta Chapter at the University of Illinois-Urbana April 30, 1983.

The interest group started with six women who had been members of a small local, according to Phoenix feature editor Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, who reported on the event in the summer 1983 issue.

Officiating were Linda Barzano Snyder, ΓB, province XI director and the installing officer; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; Vicki Hersh, ΦΦ, field representative; and Dorothy Williams Pash, AB, adviser and Champaign, Ill., alumna.



President Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, middle, presents gifts to outgoing field representatives Vicki Lynn Hersh, ΦΦ, left, and Lynnann Jimenez, AA, during the 1983 national council meeting in Springfield, Mo.

1983 to 1984

Short nights, hard work

National council met June 24-26, 1983, at national headquarters in Springfield, Mo., to discuss chapter conditions, constitutional changes to be brought before the 1984 convention body, extension and the sorority's NPC responsibilities during Sidney Gremillion Allen's movement through NPC's governing chairs.

Council also voted that summer to change the title of field representative to chapter consultant, believing the new title more closely described the job responsibilities.

Unique attributes

Alpha Sigma Alpha chapters grace campuses from Philadelphia to Greeley, Colo., and each has its unique attributes. Chapter editors described why they believed their chapter was so unique in the summer 1983 Collegiate Corner section of The Phoenix.

Reports ranged from Alpha Gamma's winning, enthusiastic attitude; to Beta Beta's house mom of 11 years, Margret "Mom" Grant; to Kappa Kappa members' "brilliant narratives of activities at indicated times of the day" at the hectic, inner-city school environment; to Nu Nu's co-op program; to Phi Phi's "sorority dorm" Roberta Hall; to Beta Delta's rebuilding efforts; to Beta Epsilon's varied membership; to Beta Theta's campus-wide involvement; to Beta Iota's ability to "pull it all together"; to Beta Lambda's look-a-like dresses; to Beta Nu's

long line of legacies; to Beta Upsilon's reorganization; to Gamma Eta's diversity and pride; to Gamma Psi's ideal location; to Gamma Omega's new approach to rush; to Delta Kappa's fairly young commuter campus; to Delta Nu A and B's "split personality."

Alumnae chapters are equally unique, and several had cause to toot their own horns this year. In March several past and current members of the Chicago Metro Alumnae Chapter celebrated the group's 10th anniversary. The event, organized by charter member Debbie Ames Smith, BP, attracted Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; Beth Zubinski Heidel, ΓΩ, region III director and the group's president; Linda Barzano Snyder, ΓB, province XI director, and Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, Phoenix feature editor.

Tulsa alumnae announced that Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, national treasurer, had been installed as treasurer for the Tulsa Alumnae Panhellenic in June, starting her rotation through the chairs. Other accolades to chapter members included a first place in the highest category for her waltzing at the International Arthur Murray Dance Competition in Acapulco, Mexico, to Lora Patterson Sipes, BΓ. Said Lora, "83-year-olds need to keep moving."

Terre Haute alumna Brenda Meddles Scott, BY, was installed as vice president of the City Panhellenic in May, while Lois Leibel Lechner, ΓA, was chosen as Omaha Alumnae Panhellenic Woman of the Year. Lois was a charter member of Gamma Alpha and the Omaha Alumnae Chapter. In November, Iris Dockter Swedlund, BH, was named North Dakota's Teacher of the Year.

Sidney becomes NPC secretary

Members of the National Panhellenic Conference gathered in Scottsdale, Ariz., Nov. 2-5, 1983, for the group's 48th session. The Alpha Sigma Alpha delegation consisted of Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, alternate delegate; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, Phoenix editor; Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, delegate; and Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive.

Ginger Banks, international president of Alpha Omicron Pi, wrote in the summer 1984 Phoenix that "perhaps the work of three ad hoc committees and the conference's response to them most clearly demonstrated the main focus of the NPC meeting.

"The Ad Hoc Committee on Central Services, chaired by Minnie Mae Prescott, Kappa Delta, recommended the establishment of an office for the conference 'for central and accessible storage of records, and a permanent address for banking, IRS and other legal purposes.' "

NPC adopted the central office establishment resolution, with the provision that it be ratified by member groups. The office was to be funded by a raise in individual sorority dues, but a starting fund was established when Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Tau presidents presented $500 each to the conference.

NPC also adopted a position statement on the relationship between NPC member fraternities and host institutions and a resolution about alcohol. The latter resolution recommended that each NPC member group "include programming that discourages the

abuse of alcohol and promotes the individual choice of moderate and responsible use or abstinence."

The high point of the meeting for Alpha Sigma Alpha, however, was the poolside reception in honor of Sidney Allen given by the sorority prior to the closing awards banquet. Twelve Alpha Sigma Alpha members, delegates and alumnae were present to honor Sidney, who was installed as the new NPC secretary — one step closer to the chairmanship.

That issue of The Phoenix also featured a lengthy interview with president emerita Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, by Judy DeMasters Winter, ZZ. Her piece, "Portrait of a Leader, Portrait of a Lady," was one in a series of "The Heritage of ΑΣΑ" articles to appear in the magazine.

After recounting her 65-year involvement with Alpha Sigma Alpha, Mrs. Sharp explained that, "Reflection upon ΑΣΑ highlights poses problems in selection and evaluation. Surely," she continued, "my very first highlight — and I would hope that of every ΑΣΑ — was the solemnity and beauty of our initiation ceremony."

Another highlight came when she was asked to speak "at our wonderful Diamond Jubilee convention … on my ΑΣΑ highlights. I prefaced my remarks by this general observation:

" 'There must have been at least one highlight every month! Some of them were to be openly shared and some to be held in personal trust and love. Besides, what may be considered a highlight at a given time can dim or increase in brightness as the years come swiftly pressing on.' "

Epsilon Gamma installed

The new year brought a new chapter to Alpha Sigma Alpha as Epsilon Gamma was installed at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond Feb. 24, 1984. Visitors from seven states traveled to share in the event.

The week began as chapter consultants Beth Ann Colwell, BB, and Jan Verfurth, BE, arrived to supervise the final arrangements for the installation. National officers who arrived Friday were Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, chairman of colonies and philanthropies; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, Phoenix editor; Cherrie Fink Shallock, ΔZ, province VI director; and Debra Kay Parr, ΔP, province V director.

Representatives from the Richmond and Washington, D.C., alumnae chapters also attended, as did six collegiate chapters: Alpha, Beta Epsilon, Beta Iota, Beta Pi, Delta Iota and Delta Rho.

During the installation banquet, the Richmond Alumnae Chapter unveiled the Frances Jobson Francis award. The group will present a deserving young woman in one of the Virginia chapters with the award each spring, in honor of "Dee Dee" Francis' dedicated work to the sorority. The award's first recipient was Linda Diane Williams, A.

Dimond, Blackstone die

Alpha Sigma Alpha lost two sorority treasures during the year. Martha K. Green Dimond, AA, who established a scholarship in her name in 1977, died Oct. 21, 1983, in Washington,

National council 1984-1986

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NPC delegate
Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ

NPC first alternate delegate
Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ

D.C. Martha, a long-time member of the Washington Alumnae Chapter, served as NPC delegate from 1960 to 1961. A graduate of Miami University of Ohio, she worked for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Railroad Retirement Board. For more on Martha Dimond, see p. 318.

Mary Emerson Blackstone, AΓ, national president from 1961 to 1964, died April 18, 1984, in Pinehurst, N.C. Mary, who also served as paraphernalia chairman, national vice president and NPC alternate delegate, was awarded the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumna award at the Diamond Jubilee convention in Williamsburg, Va., in 1976. She received her 50-year membership tray at the 1982 convention in Chicago. For more on Mary Blackstone, see p. 315.

1984 to 1985

Kansas City convention

With a theme of "Care enough to be the best," the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo., was the site of the sorority's 33rd national convention June 27-30, 1984. Phoenix feature editor Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, took readers on a first-person tour of the opening and business sessions, receptions, workshops, dinners and even Alpha aerobics led by Marlys Jarrett White, BB, executive vice president.

After Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, president, opened the convention, guest speaker Ed King, Sigma Chi, challenged attendees to recommit themselves to their initiation vows. King, dean of men at Bradley University in Illinois, touched on several areas of Greek life in addition to ritual: leadership, sisterhood and the bottom line — loving, not only others but ourselves. King also spoke at the 1982 convention in Chicago.

Thursday workshop topics were chapter accounting led by Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive; better bylaws with Sandra Phillips Brzezinski, ΓE, constitution chairman; advisory boards with Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, treasurer; membership education with Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, vice president of collegiate program; rush roundup with Debbie Sharp, ZZ, rush chairman; and "Keys to Vogue" with color consultant Bev Stenger.

After the business meeting Friday, guest speaker Kay Waldo, manager of a consulting firm, discussed "Who Am I, Where Am I Going?" A special "lunch with your bunch" at the Women's City Club followed Waldo's talk. There, at the head table, was Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president emerita. Attendees presented her with a giant letter bouquet from members around the country. There was scarcely a dry eye in the room.



President Emerita Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, enthralls collegians at the 1984 convention.

The memorial service and initiation ceremony that evening were beautiful — what a sight to see so many women in white dresses. Barbara Bain, office manager at national headquarters, was initiated. The white dinner followed and featured white balloons lightly anchored on the tables by white ceramic Raggedy Andys arranged in a circle. Four special education students and their teachers spoke on how Special Olympics touches their lives.

The convention body gathered on the sports deck after dinner to release red balloons in honor of Special Olympics. As the balloons drifted silently away, everyone sang the Hymn to Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The final business meeting Saturday had a record number of attendees: 256. All the

better to help raise money — Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, newly installed vice president of collegians, had made a Cabbage Patch look-alike doll to be raffled off that day. Proceeds went to the Development Fund. It was only appropriate that "Abby Sue" found a new home with Rhetta Robinson.

Convention adjourned after Rhetta passed the gavel to Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, new national president. At that point, the Denver Alumnae and Beta Betas extended a rousing invitation to the Mile High City, site of the 1986 national convention.



Past national presidents at the 1984 convention are, from left: MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, 1970-1976; Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, 1976-1980; Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, 1930-1936 and 1941-1952; Evelyn Grace Bell, ΠΠ, 1936-1941; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, 1980-1984; and Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, 1984-1988.

Saturday afternoon workshops were "Your Leadership Style" with Marlys White; ΑΣΑ publications led by The Phoenix staff; and Panhellenic potpourri, with Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, and MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH.

Awards banquet guest speaker Sister Olive Louise, CSJ, president of Avila College in Kansas City, tickled attendees with her humor and inspired people with her message.

"While children throughout the hotel scrambled to get autographs of the New York Yankees," The Phoenix report reads, "Wilma Wilson Sharp was clearly the star among Alpha Sigs that night."

Constitution, bylaws changed

Several changes were approved in the sorority's constitution and bylaws at the 1984 convention, most notably the structure of national council. In keeping with the times and needs of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the council was reduced to seven (rather than 10) voting members: president, secretary, and national vice presidents of development, collegians, alumnae, program (new position) and finance (new position).



Enjoying the white dinner at the 1984 convention are, standing from left: Emma Coleman Frost, ΠΠ; Doris Snodgrass Klein, ZZ; Judy DeMasters Winter, ZZ; Sue Zorichak, BB; and Beth Ann Colwell, BB. Seated, from left: Phon Johnson Gillespie, EE; Helen L. Corey, KK; Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president emerita; and Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ.

The national president would appoint, with council's approval, the former nonvoting members of the council: NPC delegate, Phoenix editor and headquarters executive (now termed special officers, along with the chapter consultants and convention chairmen).

The chairman of program was eliminated as a national office, and chairmen were now those of chapter advisers, alumnae development, colonies, constitution, housing, philanthropic, ritual, rush, scholarship and standards.

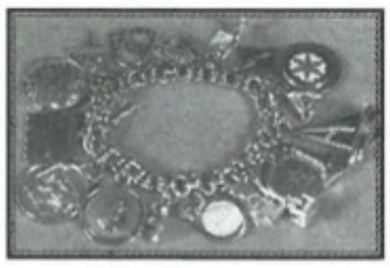
To accommodate the collegiate calendar, the convention also voted to revise the section on election of officers. Rather than in February, the process should begin prior to May. Officers should then take office immediately following installation, except treasurer. She should train as assistant treasurer until the end of the school year, and assume full responsibility of the office after the annual audit May 1.

An advisory board, consisting of chapter, financial and membership advisers, replaced the chapter adviser.

First Minnesota chapter

A cool, crisp Minnesota fall greeted the installation team as it converged at St. Mary's College in Winona Nov. 16-18, 1984, to install Epsilon Delta Chapter. The 33 women and 25 pledges became the first NPC sorority on campus. Chapter consultant Beth Ann Colwell, BB, colonized Epsilon Delta in February 1984.

The chapter installation weekend attracted collegians from Beta Rho and Epsilon Beta; three of the group's alumnae from Chicago; Cindy Fundis, EE, chapter consultant; and the installation team of Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, colonies chairman; and Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, installing officer and Phoenix feature editor. Joining the collegiate sponsors were Twin Cities alumnae Jane Banasik Clements, BΦ, and Anne Marie Hirt, BB.



Helen Corey's bracelet, the focal point of a Phoenix feature in spring 1985, was presented to her in 1972 by national council. The bracelet holds a charm for each convention Helen managed in her 30-year term as convention chairman.

Stars in our crown

While collegiate chapters reaped rewards for their achievements during fall rush, alumnae garnered awards for their professional and sorority achievements.

The spring 1985 Phoenix featured a "Heritage of ΑΣΑ" article by Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, feature editor, on Helen L. Corey, KK. Subtitled "Small Bracelet Symbolizes Large Devotion to Sorority," the feature recounted Helen's 61-year membership in Alpha Sigma Alpha.

In 1974, Helen received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumna award, presented, she recalls, "by dear Wilma herself. That special moment will always be the greatest highlight of my life." In 1982 Helen saw the establishment of an equally special award — one that bears her name and recognizes the efforts of a member involved in planning national conventions. For more on Helen Corey, see p. 316.

The magazine also reported that Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, vice president and technical director for the Chemical Manufacturers Association, received the Society of Women Engineers highest honor, the achievement award, at the society's 1984 convention. The award was for "significant contributions in the field of environmental management — in particular, water pollution." She served as the sorority's executive vice president from 1972 to 1976.

Lana Gee Bunner, ΔK, was named outstanding faculty member for the 1983-1984 school year for her work as department chairman for accounting-small enterprise and office operations programs at the Indiana Vocational-Technical College-Southwest. A charter member of Delta Kappa, she has served as that chapter's adviser for any years.

Marjorie Fredrickson, BH, received the Dickinson State College Alumni Chief Award in 1984. Don Johnston, alumni association president, wrote in The Phoenix that "Your enthusiasm for the world of sports and recreation has continued during the 35 years since you left Dickinson. Because of your commitment and your willingness to serve others, you have made life better for many people who have never even met you."

Tulsa alumna Lora Patterson Sipes, BΓ, received a trophy for 25 years as a student at Arthur Murray Dance Studios. She also was named sweetheart of the studio.

Lee Ann Howard, ΦΦ, a management specialist with Peabody Coal Co., was named one of 1984's Ten Outstanding Young Women of America. Ellen Funk Akers, BΛ, was installed

as president of the Denver Area Panhellenic in spring 1985, while 94-year-old Helen Weiss, ΠΠ, was lauded for her 49-year education career.

Jackie Dole Sherrill, BΔ, was memorialized in the spring 1986 Phoenix. The University of Southern Mississippi's first female graduate of the School of Law Enforcement, and Hattiesburg's first female detective, she was killed in the line of duty Dec. 31, 1984, at age 33.

Epsilon Eta joins chapter roll

Epsilon Eta was installed as the first national sorority on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College April 27, 1985. Situated on the border of resort towns Virginia Beach and Norfolk, VWC is a four-year, 848-student liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Along with the installation team — Debbie Parr, ΔΠ, province V director and installing officer; Cindy Fundis, EE, chapter consultant; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓH, vice president of development; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of program; Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; and Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, colonies chairman — were collegians from Epsilon Gamma; Washington, D.C., alumnae Helen Lortz, HH, Lois V. Beers, BΓ, and Geraldine Vang Cox, NN; Richmond alumna Frances Jobson Francis, BE; and members of the Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter.

A lot of magic

With themes of "Share the Magic," "Feel the Magic" and "Catch the Magic," chapters in provinces II, IV and VII gathered for province days throughout the spring.

Chapters in province II met at Slippery Rock State University in Pennsylvania in April. Present were members of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter, along with Bonnie Oswald, ΓΞ, province II director, and collegians from Gamma Xi and Gamma Psi chapters.

Temple University hosted groups from province IV in April. National officers in attendance were Linda Bonine Rogers, ΔI, vice president of alumnae, and Jane B. Ramsey, ΔI, province IV director. The event was chaired by Kappa Kappas Lori Sherel and Barbara Bisirri, and attracted collegians from Nu Nu and Delta Iota chapters.

Silvana Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, ritual chairman; Cindy Fundis, EE, chapter consultant; and Karla Kamp, ΔK, province VII director, led members in province VII day in March at Indiana State University-Evansville.

The group included members of Delta Kappa, Beta Nu and Gamma Omega chapters, as well as Southwestern Indiana and Jackson Purchase (Ky.) alumnae. Special guest was Sue Reynolds, BY, who helped establish Delta Kappa on the ISUE campus in 1972.

1985 to 1986

Council meets at headquarters

National council met in Springfield, Mo., June 20-23, 1985, to plan for two major events: Sidney Gremillion Allen's ascension to the NPC chairmanship in October 1985, and the

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1985

Coca-Cola changes its 99-year-old cola formula, but protests force the company to bring back the original, dubbed Coke Classic.

sorority's convention the following summer in Denver.

In addition, the council adopted the sorority's policy on alcohol, which was reinforced by an in-depth Phoenix feature on alcohol abuse written by Jean Moore Weaver, BN, standards chairman.

In other action, the council approved an initiation fee increase of $75, to include the collegiate returning dues.

National council also announced the establishment of a $2,500 graduate resident scholarship, intended for an ΑΣΑ graduate student who would study on a campus with an ΑΣΑ chapter. Barbie Gilliam, ΓΖ, was the first recipient. She attended graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi and assisted Beta Delta Chapter.

Initial work began that summer for the new cookbook, to be called the "Narcissus." Alumnae and collegiate members were requested to submit their favorite recipes to Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, ΒΣ, cookbook committee chairman.



Members attending the 49th NPC session are, front from left, Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, newly installed NPC chairman; Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, second alternate; Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, headquarters executive; and Helen Hooper Malone, ΒΓ, secretary. Back from left, Betty Urban Wallick, ΖΖ, alternate delegate; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓΗ, first alternate; Esther Kauffman Gatseos, ΒΒ, historian; and Nancy I. Zander Reese, ΒΥ, Phoenix editor.

Sidney takes NPC helm

Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, was sworn in as the 1985-1987 National Panhellenic Conference chairman at the 49th session of NPC Oct. 23-26, 1985, at the Doral Hotel and Country Club in Miami. That year marked the sorority's 34th year as a member of NPC.

The first Alpha Sigma Alpha to hold the post, Sidney was joined at the conference by Betty Urban Wallick, ΖΖ, NPC alternate delegate; MaryAnn Sidehamer Linton, ΓΗ, first alternate delegate; and Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, second alternate delegate.

Pages were Esther Kauffman Gatseos, ΒΒ, historian, and Helen Hooper Malone, ΒΓ, secretary. Philanthropic chairman Elaine Rahaim Fuerst, ΒΔ, served the session as sergeant-at-arms. Attending the meeting for related sessions were Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, headquarters executive, and Nancy I. Zander Reese, ΒΥ, Phoenix editor.

The conference closed with the new NPC executive committee assuming office: Sidney Allen, chairman; Beth Saul, Alpha Epsilon Phi, secretary; and Veachey Bloom, Phi Sigma Sigma, treasurer. In accepting the gavel, Sidney outlined four goals for the biennium:

- To continue to enlist the observance of ethical behavior as fraternity leaders.
- To continue to work effectively with other agencies whose lives interact with our collegiate chapters and Panhellenics.
- To continue to develop programs that will provide education for our women on how to deal effectively with social problems of our society.
- To seek ways of conducting the business of the conference more efficiently, so as not to infringe upon careers and family dedication of our personnel.

Sidney then reminded the conference of this Chinese proverb: *"Those who look to the future would do well to keep one eye on the past and the other on the present."*

Happy anniversary

Several chapters celebrated anniversaries in 1986. Pi Pi Chapter held its 60th anniversary reunion and luncheon at the Park Country Club of Williamsville, N.Y., in April 1986. Evelyn G. Bell, a charter member and past national president, served as honorary chairman, while Margaret Hammond Nelson and Jacqueline Vito LoRusso co-chaired the event.

Among the 123 women who attended from across the country was charter member Helen Weiss, and past and present national officers Ev Bell, Rosemary LoDestro Lett, Jackie LoRusso, Jean Carmichael Richard, Joan Steinmiller Richmond, Joan Rindfleisch Runckel, Madalene Marshall Smith and Kathleen Thompson Pilecki, ΔT.

The chapter also honored its 50-year (or more) members: Carolyn Weber Heyman, Helen Weiss, Hildegarde Hoffman Kayser, Ev Bell, Doris Palmer Paxson, Marion Goss Clack, Marion Thomas Swenson, Flossy Snow Hamlin, Betty Bernard Case, Melvina Jacobs Holzman, Mildred Gardiner Finley, Dorothy Freund Kraw, Mary Martiny Spencer, Grace Martiny Hanley, Shirley Stowell Scott, Reva Fish Kohn, Ruth Haenzel Seibel, Margaret Houston Collins, Dorothea Elliott Schweitzer, Betty Murray Hamlin, Mary Kroenig Henry, Mary Zerby Herdle and Anna Lou Marks Anderson.

Pittsburgh alumnae and Gamma Xi collegians gathered in April 1986 at Station Square in Pittsburgh to celebrate Gamma Xi's 20th anniversary. Charter members Diane Graham Kastick, Millie Kratz Sass and Ruth Zokvic Voland each received a corsage. Special guest Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of program, provided an entertaining "Look Back at the Sixties." She congratulated the chapter for having survived the anti-Greek decade of the '70s and for persevering in the '80s.

Bonnie Oswald, ΓΞ, province II director, recognized chapter advisers Kathleen Geib Boykin, AA, and Diane Sauro Stevenson, ΓΞ, chairman of advisers, for their many years of service to the chapter. Valerie Grash, chapter president, presented Bonnie with a paddle signed by the collegians in appreciation for her work with the group.

Chi Chi Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., Oct. 11, 1986. Special events included a collegian-sponsored luncheon for alumnae, and a social hour at the suite in Roger's Hall. Ball State's homecoming was also that day and after the luncheon, collegians and alumnae attended the game together.

Committee members were Elizabeth Headley, Marievelyn Stuber and Susan Harris.

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73 seconds after blast off, the space shuttle Challenger explodes and kills all seven on board, including teacher Christa McCauliffe.

Nintendo games are introduced in the United States.



Initial work on the sorority's cookbook, "Narcissus," began in summer 1985 under the direction of Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, BΣ, right. Assisting her are Tulsa Alumnae Chapter members Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, BΓ, colonies chairman, left, and Helen Hooper Malone, BΓ, national secretary.

1986 to 1987

Convention 1986

Feature editor Sue Zorichak Hagen, BB, reported on the sorority's "Rocky Mountain High" in the fall 1986 Phoenix:

"The 34th national convention started July 5, 1986, with a few fireworks of its own: The 191 registered delegates and guests were the most ever for an opening day. That number swelled to 264 by the time convention closed July 8. According to Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive, the attendance was the largest in recent years.

"The Denver alumnae, led by convention chairman Kim Ramsey Meyer, BB, chose a four-

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Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΥΥ

NPC first alternate delegate
Betty Urban Wallick, ΖΖ

seasons theme for the various social functions to highlight Colorado's ideal climate. The Mile High Summer national officer reception, after the opening session, kicked off the four-day event. Denver City Councilwoman Stephanie Foote welcomed the convention body to the city and to the new Westin Hotel.

"Later that evening, after the first of what would be several changes of clothes for attendees, rush chairman Debbie Sharp Craig, ZZ, hosted an informal get-together. Old and young alike were entertained with songs, skits, chants and cheers from collegians and national officers. Convention song chairman Elaine Yates, Beta Delta adviser, led the group singing."

President Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, opened the first business meeting Sunday with her state-of-the-sorority address. Along with statistics on the 1986 initiation rate (86 percent) and number of chapters taking quota and total (up considerably from 1984), she announced several new developments for the sorority:

- Expansion: Epsilon Delta and Epsilon Eta chapters were installed, while colonies were pledged at Pennsylvania State University-Behrend College in Erie March 15, 1986, and at Christian Brothers College, Memphis, Tenn., May 1, 1986. Because of low membership, Gamma Omega was to be reorganized in the fall. As of July 1986, the sorority had 52 chapters and two colonies.
- Foundation: To date, a first draft of the bylaws had been submitted to an attorney, and council was in the process of finalizing the board of trustees. The ΑΣΑ Foundation will be its own separate entity; contributions will be tax deductible.
- Alumnae: A new newsletter, The Palm, had been developed and was to be published for the first time in the fall. In addition, the alumnae handbook was revised, and a new section was added to the leadership procedure notebook on collegiate-alumnae relations.
- Phoenix: A priority goal for the next biennium was to publish The Phoenix on schedule. On a positive note, the collegiate section of The Phoenix received a third place award from the College Fraternity Editors Association for creative use of routine material. This was the magazine's first CFEA award.
- Panhellenic: Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, was installed as NPC chairman in October 1985.
- Collegians: A newsletter called The Star had been developed to keep chapters informed of events and deadlines.
- Awards: The Crown of Excellence award was established in 1985 to recognize the most outstanding collegiate chapter. To be considered for the honor, a chapter must submit an application explaining how it has fulfilled its responsibilities in the areas of quota-total, scholarship, philanthropy, Panhellenic activities, leadership, state-province day participation, fee payment and initiation of pledges. In its first year, more than half of the chapters applied. Of those, 12 were named Four-Star Chapters, meaning they had fulfilled at least 80 percent of the requirements.

The Phoenix continued with the convention report: "Judy Riggenbach of Communi-

cations Dynamics presented an entertaining and revealing look at body language immediately after the first business meeting. 'Alphas Striving for Excellence' workshops were staged next. Denver alumna Marlys Jarrett White, BB, examined the superwoman syndrome and steps to avoid it, while Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, executive vice president, discussed values clarification.

"'To Catch a Dream,' the winter wonderland white luncheon, followed on Sunday's agenda. Mistress of ceremonies Elaine Rahaim Fuerst, BΔ, philanthropies chairman, introduced special guests Carrie Hirshman Nolan, executive director of the Colorado Special Olympics, and Jeff Gregory, a Special Olympian featured in a new video on the games.

"The memorial service was conducted at historic Trinity Church, a short shuttle trip from the hotel, followed by the initiation of Beta Betas Tammy Katherine Romero and Kristen Jean Tscharner.

"Sunday evening, after the second business meeting, attendees could choose a rush workshop by Debbie Craig or 'Reach for a Star' by Elaine Fuerst. Augusta Tabor, wife of a turn-of-the-century Denver millionaire, gave a lighthearted account of her tragic life, while King Asa paid a visit later on.

"Sunday events concluded with a mocktail party given by the national council to illustrate that parties can be fun without the use of alcohol.

"Monday got off to a breathless start after a rigorous session of Alpha Aerobics with Denver alumna Trish Hartnett Lincoln, BB. Crown, ruby and pearl Development Fund contributors were honored at a special breakfast in the national council suite. Workshops that morning were Chapter Advisory Boards with Diane Sauro Stevenson, ΓΞ, chairman of chapter advisers; an alumnae slide show accompanied by a collegian-alumnae relations panel; and province meetings. Attendees had the rest of the day off for a walking tour of Denver that featured stops at the state capitol and the civic center, not to mention the countless shops along the 16th Street Mall.

"After another round of Alpha Aerobics Tuesday, workshops were pledging and beyond, with Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, vice president of collegians; developing leadership skills: sources of power and how to use them, led by Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN; handwriting analysis by Mirie Austin; and 'What's Your Style?' with Mary Jarrett, Marlys White's sister.

"Springtime in the Rockies Panhellenic Tea followed the fourth and final business meeting Tuesday. Representatives from all 26 NPC sororities attended the tea and were greeted by NPC chairman Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ.

"After officer installation, the gold rush awards banquet provided a climactic close to a successful convention. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Kinney, dean of students at West Texas State University, treated attendees to a tailor-made history of Alpha Sigma Alpha, one that parallels that of the United States.

"Delegates, guests, family and friends left the banquet with a special memento of Colorado. Hanging delicately from branches, anchored in an actual gold-mining pan that served as the centerpiece, were aspen leaves dipped in 24K gold. As for 1988? The sorority goes from 5,000 feet high down to sea level: Clearwater Beach, Fla."

Sorority cites Cox's achievements

During the 1986 convention, Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, became only the fourth member to receive the prestigious Recognition of Eminence award since its inception in 1952 to honor alumnae whose professional or community achievements have attracted attention outside the sorority. For more on Gerry Cox, see p. 317.

Other alumnae "Shining Stars" that year included Deborah Fields Dietrich, BN, who was named 1986 Panhellenic Woman of the Year by the Clearwater, Fla., Panhellenic; Gill Temple Hanlon, BE, who received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from James Madison University; and Kimberley Minter Artz, BI, named an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

Collegian Tanya Trumbla, ΔY, also made sorority news that summer. She was among the attendees at Alpha Tau Omega fraternity's first LeaderShape Institute in Champaign, Ill.



Dr. Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, received the sorority's Recognition of Eminence award at the 1986 convention.

Adopt-a-cop

That fall, philanthropic chairman Elaine Rahaim Fuerst, BΔ, announced the national philanthropic event for 1986-1987. The sorority had been asked to coordinate each state's Special Olympics law enforcement torch run Adopt-a-cop campaign.

Each chapter was to work with its state law enforcement representative and coordinate campus-city efforts in the campaign. The police officer each chapter adopted wore the sponsor's name on an official T-shirt and ran the Olympic torch into the state event and then again into the international games July 30, 1987.

Rush, rush, rush

Full of enthusiasm and ideas from convention, the collegians had a busy and successful fall with rush, homecoming, Greek week, fund-raisers and general campus activities.

Rush themes ranged from Alpha Alpha's "Alphalot" to Beta Beta's traditional Hawaiian luau, complete with leis flown in from Hawaii. Epsilon Epsilon presented "Movie Day" and "A Stroll Down Memory Lane," while Eta Eta produced "Anchors Away with ΑΣΑ."

Kappa Kappa staged a mock slumber party for first rounds and Pi Pi's theme was "Go Bananas with Alpha Sigma Alpha." Beta Theta entertained rushees with "ΑΣΑ Goes Commercial," Gamma Pi acted out "Come Journey with the ΑΣΑs to the Land of Oz" and Gamma Psi set sail with a cruise ship theme. Delta Omicron hit pay dirt with its first fall rush theme "Find a Fortune in Alpha Sigma Alpha," while Delta Rho turned its suite into a Mexican fiesta. Delta Chi portrayed four shipwrecked rushees in its skit "S.S. Alpha," Epsilon Alpha rushed for the first time under Panhellenic rules and Epsilon Gamma staged "Carnival Night."

Homecoming and Greek week followed rush, as did many group's annual fund-raisers. Beta Iotas Sally Nell and Susan Ferrell camped out on the roof of the local 7-Eleven for 36 hours to raise money for the chapter's annual "ΑΣΑ Camp-Out for Muscular Dystrophy."

Beta Nu sponsored a teeter-for-tots at its new house (bought in June), and Gamma Iota raised $1,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, also by teeter tottering — from Monday noon until 4 p.m. Friday.

New colonies

Fall also saw the pledging of two colonies: Epsilon Kappa at Millersville University in Millersville, Pa., Nov. 16, 1986, and Epsilon Lambda at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnston in Pennsylvania Nov. 23, 1986.

Laying the foundation

"It is my dream that our legendary Phoenix will flap its wings vigorously and rise to new heights as our foundation gets off the ground."

— Bonnie Payne Koenemann, ZZ
ΑΣΑ Foundation chairman

The winter 1987 Phoenix was a special issue devoted to the sorority's new foundation, to which gifts are tax deductible. The magazine featured a letter from Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president, explaining the history and purpose of the ΑΣΑ Foundation, profiles of the four board of trustee members, answers to questions about the Foundation and donation coupons to encourage giving. For more on the Foundation, see p. 337.



The sorority's "Narcissus" cookbook was published in spring 1987. The 342-page book features recipes ranging from acorn squash to zucchini pie.

"Narcissus" blooms

More than 20 years after "Gourmet's Guide" rolled off the press, the sorority's "Narcissus" cookbook was printed in spring 1987. Committee chairman Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, ΒΣ, enlisted the help of Tulsa alumnae Helen Hooper Malone, ΒΓ, and Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ; Diane Yencic James, ΗΗ, vice president of finance; and Rose Marie Fellin, ΒΣ, headquarters executive.

After categorizing 1,500 recipes received from members across the country, 600 were chosen. The committee typed and then proofread each recipe three times. Tulsa Alumnae Chapter members had the best job of all: sampling dishes made from many of the recipes.

Triple crown

During three hectic weekends in late March and early April 1987, the sorority installed three chapters: Epsilon Iota, Epsilon Kappa and Epsilon Lambda, the sorority's 52nd, 53rd and 54th chapters.

Epsilon Lambda Chapter. A rainy Saturday, March 28, 1987, didn't dampen the spirits of 36 members of Epsilon Lambda Colony. The group joined NPC members Delta Zeta and Alpha Gamma Delta on the campus of 3,200 full- and part-time students.

On hand for the informal campus get-together Friday night were Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Rhetta Nesbitt Robinson, ΒΓ, colonies chairman; and Bonnie Oswald, ΓΞ, installing officer. Vice president of development MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, snowed-in in Boulder, Colo., arrived the next morning, along with four Gamma Xis, seven Gamma Omicrons, Diane Sauro Stevenson, ΓΞ, and Kathleen Geib Boykin, ΑΑ, both Gamma Xi advisers and members of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter.

Epsilon Iota Chapter. Beautiful spring weather graced the April 4, 1987, installation of

Epsilon Iota Chapter at Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn. The former Nu Sigma local sorority had become an ΑΣΑ colony May 1, 1986. It joined Zeta Tau Alpha as the only two NPC sororities at the small, liberal arts college in a residential area of Memphis.

Participating in the ceremonies were MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓΗ, installing officer and vice president of development; Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, Phoenix editor; Lisa Stanley, HH, chapter consultant; Helen Hooper Malone, BΓ, past national secretary; and collegians from Beta Sigma and Beta Nu.

Epsilon Kappa Chapter. Although Epsilon Kappa was installed as a chapter April 11, 1987, the group's roots go back more than 20 years. Gamma Sigma Alpha began as a club at Millersville University in Pennsylvania in 1966. It is the first NPC group to be established at the 200-acre campus, which has an excellent reputation as a teachers college.

Installing officer Jane B. Ramsey, ΔΙ, was assisted by Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of program; and Linda Bonine Rogers, ΔΙ, standards chairman. Special guests included members of Delta Iota, Delta Omicron, Kappa Kappa, Nu Nu, Gamma Epsilon, Delta Chi and Gamma Rho chapters.



Beta Sigma Chapter at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield celebrated its 40th anniversary in April 1987.

An active April

More than 100 collegians and alumnae attended province day April 11, 1987, hosted by Alpha Alpha Chapter at Miami University of Ohio. Shirley S. Wakefield, AA, and Anne Petree Niemeyer, AA, led two of the five workshops. "Golden Girls" honored at the meeting were Ruth Snedaker Kohl, AA, Eleanor Loyd Davis, ΔΔ, Genevieve Snedaker, AA, Lucile Roth Anderson, AA, and Elizabeth Presnall Bliss, XX.

Meanwhile, their sisters farther west gathered that same day on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Beta Sigma Chapter. More than 100 alumnae took part in the April 11, 1987, activities, which included a lunch at the chapter house, a memorial service, anniversary ritual and a slide show of chapter highlights from 1947 to 1987. Headquarters executive Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, compiled a chapter history for the event.

The Beta Sigma Foundation Scholarship Fund was announced that day. The fund was established by Beta Sigma alumnae to award an annual scholarship to the chapter's treasurer and president in honor of three Beta Sigmas who served as chapter treasurer and national treasurer: Rose Marie Fellin, 1964-1976; Juanita Roberts Rowe, 1976-1970; and Marilyn Ramsey Garbee, 1975-1980 and 1982-1984.

1987 to 1988

Foundation, Development Fund merge

After a whirlwind spring, the sorority set its sights on convention '88, now just a year away. National council met in Springfield, Mo., in June 1987 to firm up the program, as well as tend to other sorority business.

One agenda item was the ΑΣΑ Foundation, and what its creation meant to the future of the Development Fund, which was established in 1982 to provide additional support for new or expanded sorority programming.

After weighing the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the Development Fund, council decided to combine it with the Foundation. Council members reasoned that the advantage of soliciting for just one fund — the Foundation — for which a gift is tax deductible, outweighed the advantages of the Development Fund.

The Foundation board of trustees had its annual meeting during the Panhellenic Foundations Conference Sept. 25-26, 1987, in Atlanta. The board voted to use interest income from the past year to buy three tapes on hazing for use by collegiate chapters and to pay the fee for anti-hazing speaker Dave Westol at the 1988 convention.

Phoenix features alumnae

The fall 1987 Phoenix put the spotlight on convention chairman Ingrid Sevigny, AA, and her Tampa Bay alumnae sisters. Other alumnae stars featured in that issue included Angela Ward, EH, who had recorded her first album; Phoenix editor Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, who was elected to the board of directors of the College Fraternity Editors Association; Ethel Guthrie, ΛΛ, who was named the 1987 American Association of University Women's Woman of the Year; Aquina Anderson, ΓΩ, who was selected as a coach for the International Special Olympics; and president Dr. Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, who was named president of the Virginia Home Economics Association.

Also cited for their accomplishments in 1987 were elementary school principal Marlys Jarrett White, BB, chairman of chapter advisers; Dr. Julie Armstrong Anderson, BH, who received Dickinson State University's prestigious Chief Award; free-lance journalist Carolyn Mulford, AB, for her new book "Adventure Vacations in Five Mid-Atlantic States"; Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive, for her efforts as chairman of the Bill Stewart Tournament for Life Charity Golf Classic, which raised more than $27,000 for the American Cancer Society; Janice Hays Schrader, XX, who volunteered for the International Special Olympics at Notre Dame; and Susanna Megill Orzech, BB, who was elected to a four-year term on the Harper College Board of Trustees.



From left, Judy Seel, BY, Ingrid Schreck Sevigny, AA, Emma Coleman Frost, ΠΠ, and Deborah Fields Dietrich, BN, plan the 1988 convention.

Epsilon Theta installed

Shirley Courtney, BΛ, shared a special moment with her daughter, Karen, when mother sponsored daughter at the installation of Epsilon Theta Oct. 24, 1987. Karen was one of 15 charter initiates who took part in the installation at Penn State University–Behrend College. The group colonized in March 1986 with 23 members, five of whom were initiated in October.

The get-acquainted party featured installing officer Kathleen Thompson Pilecki, ΔΤ; Joan Rindfleisch Runckel, ΠΠ, region I director; Buffalo alumna Beth Lucia, ΠΠ; Lisa O'Neill, NN, chapter consultant; two Pi Pis and colony members' parents. They were joined Saturday morning at the initiation service by Rosemary Carucci Goss, ΒΠ, president; MaryAnn Side-

hamer Wenzel, ΓH, vice president of development; and Lori Ann Wilkin, ΓO, province III director. Also participating were Shirley Courtney, four Gamma Xis and two Pi Pis.

Sidney ends NPC reign

"Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, ended their leadership role in the National Panhellenic Conference with the group's 50th biennial session Nov. 4-7, 1987, in New Orleans," wrote Betty Urban Wallick, ZZ, NPC alternate delegate, in the spring 1988 Phoenix.

"Sidney, ΑΣA delegate and outgoing NPC chairman, was responsible for choosing the site and planning the daily program. The Fairmont Hotel, site of the meeting, honored Sidney by giving the opening reception, which is always hosted by the sorority of the chairman. Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, second alternate delegate, joined Sidney in the receiving line."



Sidney Gremillion Allen, ΨΨ, right, ended her term as National Panhellenic Conference chairman during NPC's 50th biennial session in New Orleans Nov. 4-7, 1987. With Sidney is Nina Breaux Bourgeois, BZ, president of the New Orleans Alumnae Panhellenic Association.

Rosemary made two notable presentations during the conference. The first was a donation for Panhellenic educational functions from the ΑΣA Foundation. The second was the gift, to each member of every delegation, of the "Narcissus "cookbook.

Representing the sorority at the meeting, in addition to Sidney and Rosemary, were Mary-Ann Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓH, second alternate delegate; Nancy I. Zander Reese, BY, editor; Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, headquarters executive; and Betty Wallick.

A dozen New Orleans-area members attended the alumnae Panhellenic luncheon, for which Nina Breaux Bourgeois, BZ, president of the New Orleans Alumnae Panhellenic Association, served as toastmistress.

The thrust of the biennium had been education and liaison with other organizations. A major accomplishment was the field consultants seminar July 1987 in Indianapolis. The seminar was made possible through grants from an associate member and the individual sororities.

"Sidney Allen had ably served NPC as a representative of Alpha Sigma Alpha these past six years," Betty wrote. "She made a name for Alpha Sigma Alpha throughout the Greek world, and we salute her for her accomplishments."

Gamma Omega rededicated

Gamma Omega was rededicated as a chapter Nov. 21, 1987, at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. For the 19 charter members and 43 charter pledges, a dream became a reality as Gamma Omega officially became an Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter one again, reported chapter consultant Lisa Stanley, HH, in the summer 1988 Phoenix.

September 1986 sparked a new beginning for the chapter, founded at EIU in 1969. Reorganization was the final option for the struggling group.

A rush team consisting of Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; Marilyn Manion Stratton, BB, vice president of collegians; Lisa Stanley; and chapter alumna Wendy Bell pledged the first phoenix class of 24. Within a week, 12 more women formed the second pledge class. After many rush parties and a successful formal rush, Gamma Omega grew to 62.

With the help of chapter consultant Carol Hrenchir, HH, the group returned to EIU early

to firm up final rush plans. The hard work paid off — Gamma Omega pledged 36 during formal rush and three the following month.

The installation weekend brought together the Gamma Omega pledges, collegians from Beta Upsilon, Delta Kappa, Beta Kappa and Epsilon Beta, and the installation team: Rosemary Goss, Marti Stratton, Karla Kamp, ΔK, province XI director; Lisa Stanley, installing officer; and Carol Hrenchir. Also present were Suzanne Kilgannon, BE, province VII director, and Karen Fullmer, BΘ, chapter consultant.

House tours

The summer and fall 1988 issues of The Phoenix took readers on a cross-country tour of chapters' varied housing arrangements, from Panhellenic dorms and on-campus suites to Greek apartments and sorority houses.

The tour began in Emporia, Kan., where Epsilon Epsilon boasted perhaps the largest ΑΣΑ house in the country. The "Apple House" is a two-story, red-brick building with white trim and a large porch. Zeta Zeta Chapter members lived in Panhellenic Hall, a U-shaped building at Central Missouri State University that housed all eight campus sororities.



The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter house sits just off the Emporia State University campus in Emporia, Kan.

After 32 years of meeting in the student union, Kappa Kappa happily reported in the Phoenix that it had finally secured a permanent home. Seven members lived in a six-bedroom house — built in 1886 — on Temple University's new Greek row.

Roberta Hall at Northwest Missouri State housed all four sororities, including Phi Phi Chapter. Each group had its own floor. Beta Delta members also shared a Panhellenic dorm — with nine other sororities. Each sorority had its own floor, complete with a large chapter room at the end of each hall.

Beta Iotas at Radford University occupied a three-story brick house, while Beta Kappas at Western Illinois lived in a large old Victorian that once was home to the university's first president. Their Beta Rho sisters at Northern Illinois University — 100 strong — lived in a big white house on sorority row and on the same floor of an apartment building just down the street.

Beta Sigma Chapter had two separate houses that sat side-by-side on the campus of Southwest Missouri State, while Delta Iota at the University of Delaware was the only Greek organization invited by the university to occupy an entire floor of a campus apartment building. The arrangement permitted 40 members to live together at the "Alpha Sig penthouse."

The Cape Cod-style Delta Omicron house stood near the entrance of York College, while Delta Chi's house, part of an off-campus college apartment complex, provided housing for 18 members.

A large brown and white Tudor was home to Epsilon Beta at the University of Illinois; a row house near Virginia Commonwealth University housed Epsilon Gamma; 22 Beta Betas and a house mother lived in a campus-owned house on the corner of sorority row at the University of Northern Colorado; and Beta Thetas at Central Michigan University owned their house just down the street from campus.

Nu Nu Chapter at Drexel University had a suite in the Panhellenic House; Beta Epsilons

and other Greeks at James Madison University lived in large brick apartment-type houses owned by the school; Beta Nu members lived in a white house with a large porch near Murray State University; and Gamma Mus shared a dorm floor at Adrian College.

Reunited

Phi Phi Chapter members observed the chapter's 60th anniversary in March 1988 with a reunion at the campus alumni house. Installed May 19, 1928, by national registrar Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, the chapter is Northwest Missouri State's oldest sorority.

Actives and pledges, dressed in red and white, joined alumnae and patroness Lynn Felton to reminisce and renew old ties. Alumnae chapter members who assisted with the reunion plans were chairman Robin Wilmes, Mary Ruth Appleby, Sybil Higginbotham, Marty Poynter, patroness Ann Robinson, president Norma Bram, vice president Millie Loch, secretary Carole O'Riley, treasurer Berniece Wohlford and editor Helen Gregory.

Special recognition for chapter dedication went to Dr. Ann Rowlette, chapter adviser and a former Phi Phi Chapter president. Also recognized was the oldest alumna present — Mary Ethel Pugh, a 1930 graduate — and those who traveled the farthest to the event: Mallerd Maune Frye, from Concord, N.H., and Marion Gann Vail, from Sun City, Ariz.

The Southwestern Indiana Alumnae Chapter held a reunion on the 15-year anniversary of Delta Kappa Chapter, which was installed May 6, 1972. The dinner-dance included a slide show depicting highlights of the past 15 years.

Epsilon Mu installed at Trenton State

After a full week of rain, the sun shone brightly Saturday, April 29, 1988, for the installation of Epsilon Mu Chapter at Trenton State College in New Jersey. Forty-one women were initiated. The new chapter joins three other national sororities on the 6,500-student campus, located on 225 acres in suburban Trenton. The colony began as a local sorority called Independent Sisters Inc. in fall 1986; ISI became Epsilon Mu Colony a year later.

Installation team members were Rosemary Carucci Goss, BΠ, president; Paula Cyrus Foreman, PP, vice president of program; MaryAnn Sidehamer Wenzel, ΓH, vice president of development; and chapter consultants Lisa O'Neill, NN, and Karen Fulmer, BΘ.

Members of Delta Iota, Nu Nu and Epsilon Kappa chapters and Central New Jersey Alumnae Chapter served as sponsors for the new initiates.