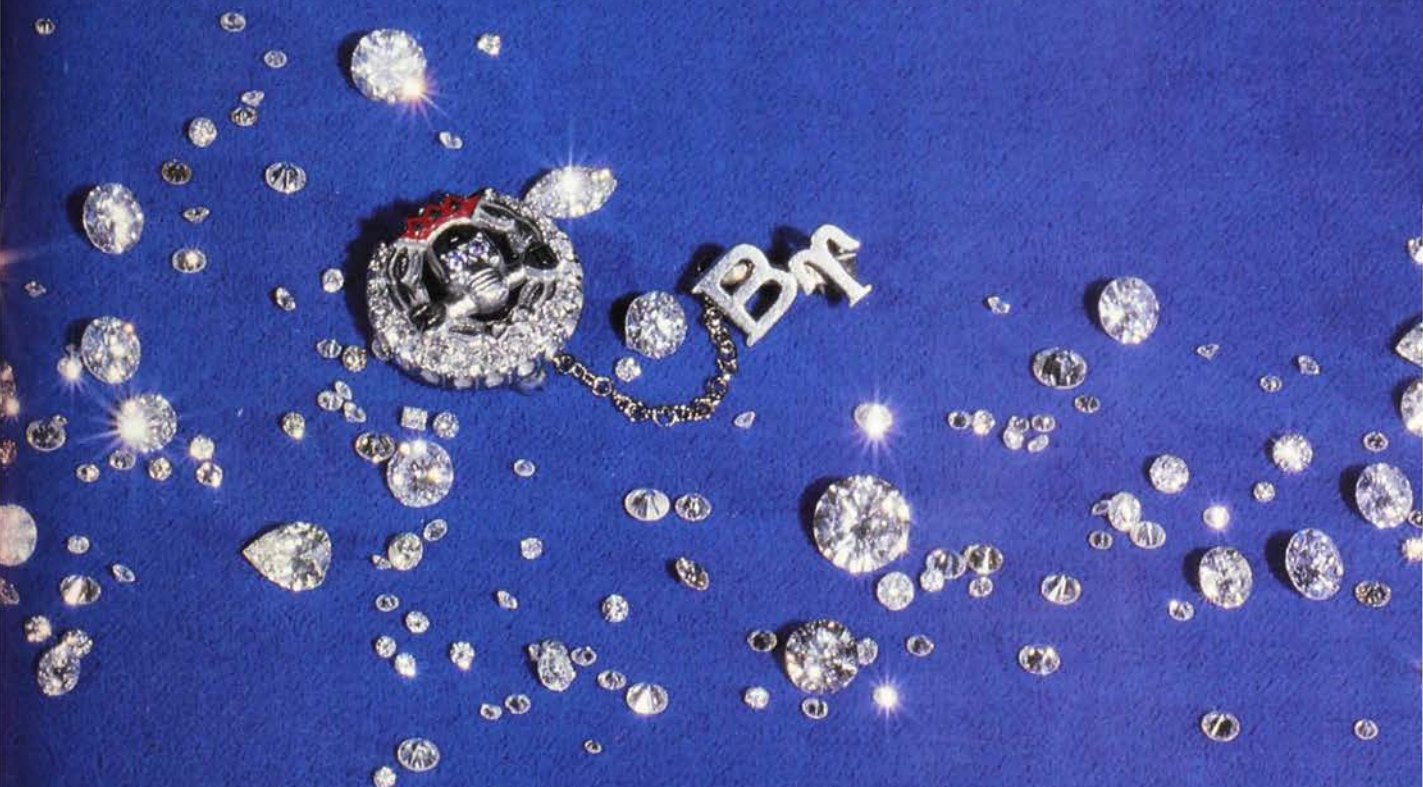


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DELTA SIGMA PI HISTORY

1907—1913

The Founding Years

It was in the autumn of 1906 that the history of Delta Sigma Pi began. Life was much different then as there were only 46 states and the major method of transportation was by train. The airplane was flown for the first time only a few years earlier, but it would be some time before commercial flights would be flown. Life wasn't as pleasant as we know it today. There was no air conditioning; the automobile was still a "toy" for the well-to-do; there were no talking movies; radio was very new and most homes were without a telephone. It was a time after what is termed the Industrial Revolution and before the times of World Wars, the Great Depression, the Age of Consumerism and the miniaturization of the world as we know it today by means of the vast array of electronic media and business systems.

In the academic world at that time, the formation of Schools of Business was relatively new. There were only a handful of such schools in the United States in 1906 and one such school, known as the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, existed at New York University. This school offered a three-year evening program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. Classes met from 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., five nights a week, with most students working during the day. There were approximately 300 students in attendance at this School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance at that time, including 70 freshmen representing the class of 1909. Four members of that class of 1909, previously unknown to each other, soon were to start an association that would become what is known today as the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

These four young men met in their classes and were drawn closer together as they shared the same subway route on their way home every evening. When the weather was pleasant they would walk from their classes South to the Brooklyn Bridge which was a distance of about two miles. Occasionally, other classmates came along, but the four were regularly together and it was these walks that gave them the opportunity to get to know one another, to become friends and to discuss topics of mutual interest.

One such topic was school affairs and the domination of an organization on campus. In the opinion of these four men, the overwhelming majority of the students at New York University were ignored by this organization and, as a result, restricted from membership. These four men, Alexander F. Makay, Alfred Moysello, H. Albert Tienken and Harold V. Jacobs, decided that they should do something for the benefit of the student body at large. They decided to form a club that would be open to all business students and the primary purpose of this club would be social.

When they approached their fellow students with their idea of forming a club they were met with very little enthusiasm. They were not deterred from their desire to form some type of organization for their fellow students and, in the spring of 1907, they again approached their classmates with the idea of forming a club, but were once again met with little enthusiasm.

During that first year in school these four young men were occasionally accompanied by a fifth student who, in the spring of 1907, dropped from the group to accept the pledge of the only fraternity in the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. It was around that time, and perhaps because of this incident, that



Early members of Alpha Chapter at New York University enjoyed their free time at the resort of Sea Cliff on Long Island. Shown are (back row, left to right) Brothers Jappe, Bruenner, Makay, Dean and two guests: (front row, left to right) Brothers Hertel, Sinnott, Ficket, Moysello and Waldron.

they began to discuss the possibility of forming a fraternity instead of a club. They felt that there was a need for two fraternities in the school and once again approached their fellow students this time with the idea of joining a fraternity. The response to their idea was very positive but, somewhat to their dismay, they found students who wanted to be initiated immediately into the proposed fraternity which was not yet organized.

The first year of school for the Four Founders-to-be ended shortly after Memorial Day in 1907, but they continued to meet on evenings and weekends during the summer to develop their plans to form a fraternity. In addition, there were many specific organizational tasks which had to be accomplished.

Makay and Jacobs had been members of high school fraternities so they were assigned the duty of drafting a Constitution, Bylaws and a Ritual. The first Constitution was finished at the Casino in Central Park, a restaurant managed by Jacob's father.

The Constitution was finally drafted and adopted by the fall of 1907 yet the selection of a name for the fraternity was not completed. Nevertheless, these four men proceeded with the next major order of business which was the election of officers. Alex Makay was elected the first president and Albert Tienken was elected the first vice president. Jacobs and Moysello were elected treasurer and secretary, respectively. The expansion of the membership of the fraternity and recognition by the school administration were two major priorities established by the newly-elected officers. They first approached their class of 1909 classmates and, in short order, initiated several new members. They immediately began to recruit the class of 1910 from which they initiated several more members.

While the recruiting of new members proved to be little problem, the attainment of recognition from the administration of New York University was a much more difficult situation. The Dean of the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance denied their request

for recognition as he felt there was not room in the school for two fraternities. The Founders and members of the still nameless fraternity did not give up and during their first year of operation conducted business without administration recognition.

By 1908 the new fraternity was being supported by a member of the faculty who was to be one of their best friends and, later, one of their best Brothers. It was this man, Professor Galloway, who eventually convinced the Dean to reconsider their request for recognition and such recognition was granted to the fledgling fraternity.

Although having administration recognition was important, the members considered the recruiting of new members to be more crucial. Makay played varsity football and Jacobs played varsity baseball and their involvement in these activities provided some important exposure for the fraternity. They were both very well known on campus and promoted their fraternity at every opportunity.

While no initiation fees or dues were charged in 1907 that was quickly changed in October of 1908 when a \$1.00 per member initiation fee was approved, as well as dues of \$.25 per week. The year of 1908 was notable for the establishment of many aspects of the fraternity which are still in existence today. While the Constitution and Ritual had already been approved there still was no badge or "pin" as it was called at that time. In addition, the fraternity still lacked a name.

The name of the fraternity had a high priority and the Four Founders agreed upon the three words that best expressed the meaning of their fraternity and had a friend of Moysello translate them into Greek with the resulting designation: DELTA SIGMA PI. On April 2, 1908, the name Delta Sigma Pi was adopted by the membership and the bylaws were also approved at this meeting. The design of the badge was approved shortly thereafter.



An early Chicago Alumni Chapter function at the beach was well attended and included "Gig" Wright (standing, right).

The Founding Years . . .

On April 29, 1908, at the third official meeting of the fraternity the report of the committee appointed to suggest fraternity colors was heard. Following the report, a motion to adopt the colors violet and gold was made; however, the motion died for lack of a second. A subsequent motion was made to adopt the colors purple and gold as the official colors of Delta Sigma Pi and at that third meeting of the fraternity, the colors which we know today were adopted.

In these early days of organization and growth, the social program of Delta Sigma Pi began to expand. The fraternity, at this time, was simply a social fraternity within the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. The members were renting a room in the Washington Square area of New York City near the campus from which they carried on the activities during the school year. The fraternity became very active and the association of the members was so enjoyable that they desired to have their close contact continue during the summer months. By 1909 they began to rent a summer home at Sea Cliff, Long Island. Many enjoyable activities were conducted at this summer retreat and the tradition of gathering at Sea Cliff during the summer months continued for many years.

In 1909 the Founders graduated, but the fraternity was being guided and nurtured by other dedicated officers and members. As the membership continued to expand, so did the activities. A fraternity publication made its first appearance in 1911, but was mainly an internal newsletter. The name of that publication was simply *DELTASIG*, and boasted being published "every other week by Delta Sigma Pi fraternity." By 1912, the name had been changed to *THE DELTYSIG* and was being published in a much more professional manner. Later the name of the official publication of the fraternity was established as *The DELTASIG*.

Also established in 1912 was the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key. This award was developed to recognize the outstanding male senior in the business school and, eventually, was allowed to be presented in every business school where a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi was active. Many of the early keys presented nationwide were won by members of Delta Sigma Pi; however, the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key was at that time and continues today to be awarded to the most outstanding male or female senior in the School of Business where a chapter of the fraternity is active.

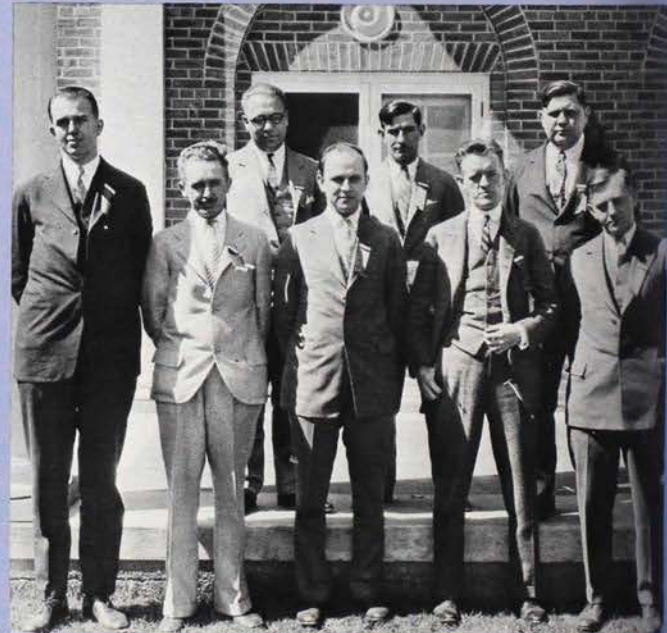
In these early years, the Founders and their fellow Brothers realized significant progress and set the foundation for an organization that has touched the lives of tens of thousands of students of business. Despite many accomplishments from 1907 to 1913, perhaps the greatest accomplishment was yet to be realized, but it occurred within a few short years after the establishment of Delta Sigma Pi and brought the aims, purposes and dreams of four men at New York University to the nation.



Attendees of Grand Chapter Congresses over the years will always remember our "Grand Brother of the South" Monroe Landreth, Jr., and his ever-present Yellow Dog!



Founder Harold Jacobs points to the plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Delta Sigma Pi which hangs in the foyer of the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance at New York University. Also shown to the right are Past Grand Presidents Francis J. McGoldrick (1916-17) and Philip J. Warner (1914-15), as well as New York University officials on the left.



The Board of Directors elected at the 1924 Congress of Chapters held in New York included Founder Alexander F. Makay (back row, far right), newly elected Secretary-Treasurer Gig Wright (lower row, second front left), President C. W. Fackler and Past President F. J. McGoldrick and Past Secretary-Treasurer Charles Cobeen.

1914-1923

The Years of Early Growth

About the time that the Founders of Delta Sigma Pi were graduating, another fraternity on another campus halfway across the United States was being organized. This fraternity was at the Northwestern School of Commerce in Chicago, a Business School which was founded in 1908. Like the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance of New York University, the Northwestern School of Commerce had only a few hundred students at the time. A group of these students desired to form their own fraternity, and did so in 1910. The members of this Chicago organization researched the history of the earliest commercial enterprises and learned about the Hyksos Kings of Ancient Egypt. They decided to call themselves the Hyksos Club and elected officers, approved a Ritual and immediately discussed plans to expand across the nation.

With expansion in mind, the members of the Hyksos Club contacted the few existing business schools in the country in order to determine if there were any local fraternities that wished to join with them toward the formation of a national organization. They were soon in contact with George Strong of Delta Sigma Pi at New York University and learned

that his fraternity had similar desires. Correspondence between the two fraternities continued for some time discussing the various differences between the two fraternities and the changes that would have to be made by one or the other should they join together to form a national organization.

The discussions of the Northwestern Fraternity centered around whether they should retain and perpetuate their own identity or adopt the now traditional Greek nomenclature and join the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity which was founded before the Hyksos Club. A meeting was called by the Hyksos at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago in 1914 with the purpose of determining once and for all whether they were to affiliate as the second chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. A secret ballot was taken and the vote was affirmative. Delta Sigma Pi at New York University was immediately notified of the vote and the following month two Deltasigs traveled to Chicago to install the Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi on February 7, 1914.

The choice of the Northwestern group for the second chapter of Delta Sigma Pi marked the beginning of the nationalization of the fraternity. The establishment of the Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi resulted

GRAND PRESIDENTS OF DELTA SIGMA PI



Walter N. Dean
Alpha
1914



Philip J. Warner
Alpha
1914-1915



Henry J. Cox
Alpha
1915-1916



Francis J. McGoldrick
Alpha
1916-1917



Charles J. Ege
Alpha
1917-1920



Henry G. Wright
Beta
1920-1924

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF DELTA SIGMA PI



Henry C. Cox
Alpha
1914-1915



Francis J. McGoldrick
Alpha
1915-1916



Robert E. Pearce
Alpha
1916-1917



Frank H. Miller
Alpha
1917-1920

in even greater significance for the fraternity in subsequent years. Throughout the history of Delta Sigma Pi, members of Beta Chapter have served the fraternity in numerous national officer positions and often were the "movers" that provided the direction the fraternity would take. Many of the early policies, programs and traditions that exist today were developed by members of Beta Chapter and one member of Beta Chapter, in particular, Henry Gilbert "Gig" Wright, was to give his lifetime to Delta Sigma Pi and his contributions to the development of the fraternity are legendary.

Existing as a national fraternity was completely new to both Alpha and Beta Chapter members and communications were compounded by the fact that the two chapters were hundreds of miles apart. The extreme desire for success on the part of these early members was important. One of the first decisions made was in the numbering system used to identify initiates of the fraternity. Alpha Chapter had initiated 145 members by February of 1914 and they had been assigned the initiation numbers of 1 through 145. It was decided that with the installation of Beta Chapter, the two chapters would use a national numbering system with each chapter alternating in groups of 20. The charter members of Beta Chapter were assigned numbers beginning with Number 146; however, with the installation of the third chapter in 1916, Gamma Chapter at Boston University, it became readily apparent that this numbering system would be cumbersome. After that time, the membership identification system consisting of the Greek designation of the chapter and the assignment of consecutive initiation numbers within each chapter was established, but the early national numbers were never changed.

Prior to the chartering of Beta Chapter, a meeting was held by the New York members of Delta Sigma Pi in January of 1914 to form the national organization. This meeting was referred to as the Organizational Meeting and pertained to national administrative matters. In addition, the first national officers were elected and Walter N. Dean was elected president and Henry C. Cox was elected secretary-treasurer. Also

the first Executive Committee of the fraternity was elected and consisted of three members.

The first formal meeting held between the two chapters of Delta Sigma Pi occurred on July 31, 1914, at the Alpha Chapter House located at 132 W. Fourth Street in New York City. This meeting was called the Congress of Chapters, an event which is known today as the Grand Chapter Congress. At this meeting, national officers were elected for a period of three years; however, a policy that the officers would all resign at the end of each year at which time new elections would be held was adopted. The national numbering system used to identify each member was officially approved at this meeting and it was further decided that this number would be engraved on the reverse of the member's badge for easy identification if lost.

At this first Congress of Chapters, two undergraduate chapters were represented; however, a group of alumni was also present. At this early date, Delta Sigma Pi had an alumni organization which was called a "graduate chapter," but by 1917 this name was changed to an alumni chapter, a term which the fraternity used until about 1920 when the alumni chapters were called "alumni clubs." The designation "alumni chapter" was reinstated in 1982.

In the earliest years of the history of Delta Sigma Pi, most of the decisions were made either at a Board of Directors meeting or at a Congress of Chapters. Much of the history of the fraternity centers around such meetings.

On January 29, 1915, the Executive Committee of Delta Sigma Pi met in New York to hear a report on numerous expansion possibilities. It was decided at that meeting to pursue the installation of a chapter at Boston University and to establish initial contact with many other business schools across the country. Of even greater significance at this meeting was the approval of a statement of purpose for the fraternity which was added to the Constitution of the fraternity as a Preamble. It was the desire of the individuals at this meeting to clearly state that Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



J. Buford Edgar
Alpha
1920-1922



Charles Cobeen
Delta
1922-1924

The Preamble, adopted at that meeting in 1915, read as follows:

A fraternity organized to foster the study of business in universities; to encourage scholarship and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce and to further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community.

It was not until the 1947 Grand Chapter Congress in Minneapolis that this wording was changed to include the words "social activity" within the Preamble.

The second Congress of Chapters was held at the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago from August 3-4, 1915. At this meeting, the national president was given authority to appoint a committee to develop and adopt a shield or coat of arms for the fraternity. The committee consisted of three Deltasigs, one from each of the undergraduate chapters and one from the alumni chapter. At this meeting, the awarding of the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key at all schools where chapters would be started was approved. In addition, the classification of honorary members was initiated and several individuals were approved for initiation within this new category.

Representatives from the newly installed Gamma Chapter at Boston University participated in the third Congress of Chapters held in New York on August 28, 1916. Henry C. Cox presided over the meeting at which uniform report forms for use by chapter treasurers and secretaries were adopted; an official jeweler was appointed; various Ritualistic matters were discussed and chapter reports were presented.

Francis J. McGoldrick presided over the fourth Congress of Chapters held on September 10, 1917, in Boston Massachusetts. As was the general practice at previous Congresses, much of the agenda was devoted to chapter reports, to expansion prospects and to uniformity in chapter operations. It was at this meeting that H. G. "Gig" Wright made his first impact on the national fraternity as the delegate from Beta Chapter.

His influence on the national level began at this meeting and was very strong and was to continue for many years into the future.

The war that was being waged in Europe for some time eventually involved the United States and became known as World War I. As the United States went to war, many college campuses were drained of students and, as a result, most national and chapter activities came to a standstill. Further growth of the fraternity both in the number of chapters and in the number of members became dormant.

The post war convention was held on February 10, 1920, at New York City and the national officers were anxious to resume the many projects, especially expansion of the fraternity, that had been deferred due to the war. At this fifth Congress of Chapters which was referred to as the "Founders' Meeting", because all Four Founders of the fraternity were present, the three undergraduate chapters were now fully active and the New York Alumni Chapter had been reactivated during the previous month.

The primary areas of concern of the delegates to this meeting were the renewed expansion of the fraternity, the regular release of The DELTASIG, the official publication of the fraternity, and additional progress in the uniformity of chapter operations and use of the Ritual of the fraternity.

Also at this meeting, discussion concerning the creation of an alumni chapter in the Chicago area was held. As a result of this discussion and the strong support of Chicago area Deltasigs, the Chicago Alumni Association was officially registered on September 12, 1921, becoming the second alumni chapter of the fraternity. At the elections held during this meeting, H. G. Wright was elected president, becoming the first president who was not a member of the Alpha Chapter at New York University.

At this time, Delta Sigma Pi was approaching its 13th year of existence and consisted of only three collegiate chapters and two alumni chapters. An informal meeting of the Committee on Extension was held in late 1920 and many of the chartering requirements now in effect were determined at that time. By the end of 1920 four chapters were added to the official roll including Delta Chapter at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Epsilon Chapter at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Zeta Chapter at Northwestern University in Evanston and Eta Chapter at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. The installation of Zeta Chapter at the Evanston, Illinois, campus of Northwestern University presented a new situation to the early members of the fraternity. Zeta Chapter was the first chapter installed as an autonomous unit on a satellite campus of an institution where a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi was already established.

Nineteen-Twenty-One (1921) was indeed an outstanding year for the fraternity. Although a Congress of Chapters was not held during this year, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in New York on May 14, 1921. It was at this meeting that the

red rose was adopted as the official flower of the fraternity and the official pledge button, later called pledge pin, which was approved in principle at the 1917 Congress of Chapters was finally designed and approved at this meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, there was some question concerning the date of the founding of the fraternity and Founder Alexander Makay, who was present at this meeting, informed the group that "Bert Tienken, Al Moysello, Harold Jacobs and I founded the fraternity at New York University in 1907, the exact date being November 7 of that year."

In these early years of growth, many traditions of Delta Sigma Pi were established. At a party held during the sixth Congress of Chapters in 1922 in Chicago, the song "Yours Fraternally in Delta Sigma Pi" was first introduced. It was written by Brother William F. Gregory of Theta Chapter at the University of Detroit and it was referred to the Board of Directors for possible adoption as the official fraternity song. This particular song was not adopted as the official song of the fraternity, as "Rose of Delta Sigma Pi" was later adopted and carries the distinction of being the official song of the fraternity through today. The fraternity at that time was growing and the chapters were divided into provinces and districts for easier administration

and shortly thereafter provincial conventions now known as Regional Leadership Conferences were begun. Also in the early 1920's, discussion concerning the establishment of a National Administrative Headquarters and staff for the fraternity commenced.

It was also during the early years of the 1920's that the fraternity began an unprecedented level of expansion. Seven chapters were installed during 1921 and, in 1922, eight new chapters were established. It was during this period of rapid expansion that the fraternity truly became a nationwide organization with chapters as far South as Kappa Chapter at what is now known as Georgia State University in Atlanta, and as far West as Rho Chapter at the University of California in Berkeley. In addition, Delta Sigma Pi became an International Fraternity during 1922 with the installation of Tau Chapter at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

By the mid 1920's, over 3,000 students of business had been initiated by Delta Sigma Pi and the roll of chapters was approaching 40. The club founded at New York University in 1907 was growing; it had become national and international in scope; and further growth necessitated further organization and centralization.

1924-1945

The Years of Challenges to Survival

With the election at the 1924 Congress of Chapters, Gig Wright left the office of national president after serving an unprecedented two terms. He was immediately appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the fraternity and during that year established The Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi as the administrative headquarters of the fraternity. The original permanent Central Office was established at 222 West Adams Street in the loop area of Chicago, a building which is still a center of commercial activity today.

The eighth Congress of Chapters was held at the Psi Chapter House in Madison, Wisconsin, from September 9-12, 1926. Psi Chapter had just completed building their house, a beautiful three-story colonial structure with white columns gracing the front of the building. It was a house built to last and Psi Chapter still maintains the same beautiful structure today. It is one of the very few houses remaining in Delta Sigma Pi today.

With the greatly expanded chapter rolls, the Eighth Congress of Chapters again set a record as having the largest attendance of any congress held up to that time. The official registration totaled 167 and at this meeting the establishment of the terminology "Grand", to be used in the titles of the national officers, came into being. The national president was now

called the Grand President and the secretary-treasurer was now to be called the Grand Secretary-Treasurer. The delegates assembled at the Congress were referred to as the Grand Chapter and the Congress of Chapters became the Grand Chapter Congress. It was during this event that the Grand Chapter authorized the incorporation of the fraternity under the laws of the State of Illinois. Shortly thereafter, the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi was established as an Illinois Corporation.

It was also during the year of 1926 that the first *Biennial Survey of Universities Offering an Organized Curriculum in Commerce and Business Administration* was published. This survey, prepared by the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, is used by various departments of the United States Government, major corporations across the United States, high school guidance counselors and individual students. It was also during this year that the "Rose of Deltasig," which was named for Rose Jacobs, the wife of Founder Harold V. Jacobs, was adopted as the official song of the fraternity.

In 1928, the Professional Interfraternity Conference was organized with Delta Sigma Pi as one of the charter members. This organization brought together the administrators of the professional fraternities repre-

GRAND PRESIDENTS OF DELTA SIGMA PI



Clarence W. Fackler
Epsilon
1924-1926



Herman O. Walther
Psi
1926-1928



Rudolph C. Schmidt
Theta
1928-1930



Edwin L. Schujahn
Psi
1930-1936



Eugene D. Milener
Chi
1936-1939



John L. McKewen
Chi
1939-1945

senting a wide variety of professions and the organization flourishes today as the Professional Fraternity Association of which Delta Sigma Pi is a charter member.

It was also during 1928 that the fraternity was about to enter another period of upheaval. Herbert Hoover and his administration were having a difficult time controlling the economy; another depression was quickly approaching. Before the depression was felt nationwide, the Board of Directors met and approved the Scholarship Key Scroll for use by the chapters on which would be listed the winners of the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key from each school.

There was also considerable discussion regarding the establishment of an Endowment Fund for the fraternity and, as a result, the beginnings of the Life Membership Program of the fraternity were at hand. At the Tenth Grand Chapter Congress held in Detroit in 1930, the Life Membership Program began with the issuance of Life Membership #1 to the current Grand President Edwin L. Schujahn and Life Membership #2 was issued to Gig Wright.

In 1931, the Great Depression was being felt nationwide. For the next few years, the individual chapters and the international organization as a whole were struggling to survive. Eight new chapters were installed during the depression years, but many of the older, established chapters were experiencing great difficulty. The depression brought the rapid expansion of the fraternity during the 1920's to a virtual halt. The plans for the financial independence of the frater-

nity via the establishment of the National Endowment Fund were significantly altered.

The year of 1931 did see the introduction of a new national program, the Chapter Efficiency Contest. This program was introduced as a contest among chapters and was also designed to serve as a gauge of the effectiveness of individual chapter administration. The Chapter Efficiency Contest is still in existence today in the form of the Chapter Efficiency Index and is no longer considered to be a contest, but is designed to serve as a chapter reporting and measurement system.

Nineteen-Thirty-Two (1932) was known as the Silver Anniversary year of the fraternity in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of its founding. Founded during a depression, Delta Sigma Pi would celebrate its Silver Anniversary during another depression year. Despite the state of the economy, the spirit of the celebration was not dampened as 37 banquets celebrating the 25th Anniversary were held across the country, attended by some 25 per cent of the total of membership initiated since 1907. By that time, the fraternity had grown to some 55 chapters, 20 alumni chapters and a total membership of over 8,700.

At the Alpha Chapter celebration of the Silver Anniversary, Harold Jacobs, Alfred Moysello and Alexander Makay were present, and it was at this celebration that the Founders were presented with Life Memberships as a gift. Founder H. Albert Tienken was not in attendance as he was at that time residing in South America where he was employed.

The Eleventh Grand Chapter Congress was held in Chicago in September of 1933, and despite the serious economic situation of the preceding years, over 300 members registered for that event.

By 1937, 60 chapters had been installed, but economic conditions were such that a number of chapters were forced to become inactive and many others were just barely staying alive. Although the depression was to end soon, this did not signal an end to the difficult times that had been confronting the fraternity for most of the 1930's. World War II began in 1939 and the United States watched from the sidelines while arming itself. It was not long before the United States was involved in this world wide conflict and the fraternity, like most other organizations, came to a virtual standstill. Every project within the country was geared toward the war effort and during the period between 1937 and 1946, only four chapters were installed by Delta Sigma Pi.

During the war years, chapters were active in many cases in name only as many chapter members found themselves in the Armed Forces. The DELTASIG magazine became little more than a roster of Deltasigs who were serving the war effort both at home and overseas. Deltasigs were scattered throughout the world and the memories of Delta Sigma Pi and the receipt of The DELTASIG, wherever possible, provided comfort to these Brothers as they proudly served their country.

The Grand Council of the fraternity did everything it could to preserve the assets of the fraternity so that



After a round of golf during the 1930 Grand Chapter Congress these members pause. Note that knickers were in style as evidenced by Brothers Wright (center) and Schujahn (second from right).

when the war was over, the fraternity could resume activities as quickly as possible. Chapters and clubs that were active across the country were encouraged to engage in entertainment projects for the numerous military camps around the country and, shortly after the war ended in 1945, the fraternity installed its next chapter in 1946 at St. Louis University. Work to get all of the chapters active once again was a priority and once the troops began to come home, the spirit, pride and enthusiasm of Deltasigs were again at a peak.

Also in 1945, at the end of World War II, the Silver Anniversary of the service of Gig Wright as Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the fraternity was celebrated. He had envisioned the fraternity resuming activities at the end of the war and with the support of the Grand Council, he engaged in other work, preserving the resources of the fraternity and planning for the post-war rebuilding of Delta Sigma Pi. Due to the proposed growth of the fraternity, an Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer was authorized and James D. Thomson was hired for this position.

It was during this time in its history that Delta Sigma Pi perhaps experienced the greatest challenges. The combination of the Great Depression followed by World War II had drained many chapters of members and financial stability. Having experienced a history of challenges which were turned into opportunities, the leaders of the fraternity were now faced with the biggest challenges that had been faced in nearly 40 years.



Deltasigs at Tennessee sponsored a Commerce Exposition displaying "modern" business equipment in 1937.



Founders Jacobs, Moysello and Makay together in a rare photo taken at the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Delta Sigma Pi in 1932.

1946-1956

Post War Years

This period in the history of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi could indeed be viewed as the time of the second founding of the fraternity. A renewed spirit of Brotherhood and fraternalism was evident, but it was not until the Seventeenth Grand Chapter Congress, which was held in Baltimore in 1949, that all international and chapter activities had been fully resumed. The fraternity had endured almost 10 years of depression followed by five years of war and much time had been lost. Once again, the leadership, now that operations had been stabilized at most of the previously established chapters, again felt a need to further expand the fraternity.

Now with nearly 80 chapters and over 22,000 members, it was felt that if the fraternity was to continue expanding and to provide the administrative services

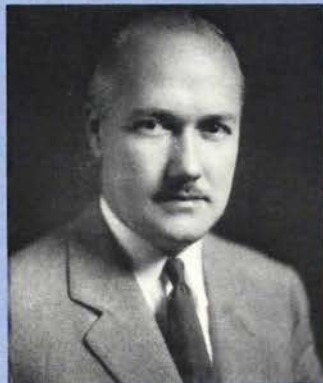
necessary to serve the organization that a permanent national headquarters would have to be established in the not too distant future. It was at the 1949 Grand Chapter Congress that a fund was approved for the acquisition of a permanent national headquarters and members were solicited for contributions. It was also during this time that the Deltasig of the Year Award was approved, recognizing a member of the fraternity who has distinguished himself and is acknowledged as a prominent member of the business community, the academic community or government.

As things appeared to be returning to normalcy a new war broke out, this time in Korea. This "police action" would be of relatively short duration and, as a result, its impact on the fraternity was minimal in comparison to World War II.

GRAND PRESIDENTS OF DELTA SIGMA PI



Kenneth B. White
Gamma
1945-1947



Allen L. Fowler
Beta Nu
1947-1949



Walter C. Sehm
Alpha Epsilon
1949-1951

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Howard B. Johnson
Kappa
1951-1953



Henry G. Wright
Beta
1924-1955



Robert G. Busse
Beta Omicron
1953-1955

It was during this period that the provinces of the fraternity were renamed with the title of "region," and the newly established "Rose of Deltasig Contest" was being judged by Hollywood celebrities.

In the early 1950's, the first *Delta Sigma Pi Directory of Graduating Seniors* was published and, in 1953, the Delta Sigma Pi Educational Foundation was created. This separate corporation was established for exclusively charitable and educational purposes and immediate Past Grand President Howard B. Johnson served as its first president. The Educational Foundation continues to grow and flourish today and provides numerous benefits to members including funding for scholarships, the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key and the *Biennial Survey of Colleges and Universities Offering an Organized Curriculum in Commerce and Business Administration*.

By 1955, plans were just about complete for the building of a national headquarters building adjacent to the Miami University campus in Oxford, Ohio. It was also announced at the Twentieth Grand Chapter Congress held in Detroit in 1955, that Henry Gilbert "Gig" Wright, who had served the fraternity as its chief administrator in the form of Grand Secretary-Treasurer, now Executive Director, for 31 years was retiring.

Also during the early 1950's, the fraternity was once again rapidly expanding and by the middle of

that decade had reached a level of over 90 chapters, and total membership initiated since 1907 had surpassed the 30,000 mark. There were alumni chapters established in most of the major cities in the United States and this was a relatively calm period for the fraternity. The many programs of the fraternity were supportable as the financial condition of the fraternity was viable. Also during this period, the fraternity moved to drop the selective membership requirements that were common in fraternities at that time.

Upon the retirement of H. G. Wright in 1955, Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer James D. Thomson was promoted to the position of Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Jim Thomson, in conjunction with Past Grand Presidents Allen Fowler and Robert Busse and Grand President J. Harry Feltham, was heavily involved in the development of the plans for the establishment of The Central Office in Oxford. Construction began in late 1955, and by the fall of 1956, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Thomson had moved The Central Office operation from Chicago to the permanent headquarters building in Oxford. On May 18, 1957, with Grand President J. Harry Feltham presiding, the permanent Central Office of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi was formally dedicated at 330 South Campus Avenue in Oxford, Ohio, to Gig Wright for his many decades of service to the fraternity.



At the 20th Grand Chapter Congress at Detroit in 1955, Henry Gilbert "Gig" Wright retired after 31 years of service as Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Shown listening to Gig's remarks are, left to right, Dorothy Busse, Past Grand President Robert G. Busse, Past Grand President Edwin L. Schujahn, Past Grand President Howard B. Johnson and Alice Wright.



Participation in campus events including homecoming is an important activity of Delta Sigma Pi Chapters. This float was built by Beta Iota Chapter at Baylor in the 50's.



Regional Conferences, which were first established in the 1920's, are still very popular today.



Top Left: Leading the fraternity during the early post World War II years was Grand President Ken White shown here with Grand Secretary-Treasurer Gig Wright at the 15th Grand Chapter Congress held in 1945 in Chicago; Middle: A history of Delta Sigma Pi would not be complete without mentioning the Royal Order of the Pink Poodles, an organization formed in 1949 for spouses of male members of the fraternity. The first leader of the Pink Poodles was Alice Wright who was presented with an award for her service by Mrs. Robert O. (Dorothy) Lewis at the 20th Grand Chapter Congress in 1955; Bottom Left: "Denver for Me in '53" was the slogan of the 19th Grand Chapter Congress. Pausing for a moment at the "Stag Party" at Red Rocks Amphitheater are, left to right, Past Grand President Harry Feltham, Golden Council Member Harry Hickey, Past Grand Presidents Allen Fowler and Howard B. Johnson and Gig Wright; Bottom Right: A tour of the Cadillac plant was on the agenda of the 1955 Grand Chapter Congress in Detroit.

1957-1982

Modern Days

Delta Sigma Pi had been founded during a depression; it had celebrated its 25th Anniversary during another depression; and now, in 1957, it would celebrate its 50th Anniversary during a recession. Since 1957 was also the year of a Grand Chapter Congress, the fraternity celebrated the anniversary in conjunction with the Twenty-First Grand Chapter Congress in New York City. Grand President Homer T. Brewer presided over this event and the only living Founder at that time, Harold V. Jacobs, was present to join in the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Delta Sigma Pi.

The rapid expansion of the fraternity continued during the late 1950's, and the need to have a permanent staff position devoted to the advisement of chapters by a traveling Central Office staff member was recognized. In 1959, Charles L. Farrar was hired as the first Field Secretary (now Chapter Consultant) of the fraternity.

By 1964, Delta Sigma Pi had grown to a fraternity with more than 130 chapters and the membership had grown beyond the 50,000 member level. In 1964, Executive Director James D. Thomson announced his

retirement and Charles L. Farrar who had been serving as Executive Secretary (formerly Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer) was promoted to the position of Executive Director.

By the mid-1960's, the indebtedness on the original Central Office Building had been paid. The fraternity was continuing its growth and the building was no longer large enough to house the staff needed to run the ever expanding Delta Sigma Pi. Under the guidance of Executive Director Farrar and Grand President M. John Marko, designs were developed for extensive additions to the original building and by the late 1960's, two wings were added which virtually doubled the size of the original building. Formal dedication of the newly expanded Central Office was conducted by Grand President Warren E. Armstrong in 1970.

In 1965, the Grand Council, today known as the Board of Directors, approved a special certificate to be awarded to members of the fraternity with 50 or more years of service to Delta Sigma Pi. It was called the Order of the Golden Helmet and Founder Harold V. Jacobs received the first such award at that time. This

GRAND PRESIDENTS OF DELTA SIGMA PI



J. Harry Feltham
Chi
1955-1957



Homer T. Brewer
Kappa
1957-1961



Franklin A. Tober
Alpha Kappa
1961-1963



Joe M. Hefner
Beta Upsilon
1963-1965



M. John Marko
Beta Rho
1965-1969



Warren E. Armstrong
Gamma Iota
1969-1971



Thomas M. Mocella
Beta
1971-1973



Howard L. Cannon
Epsilon Theta
1973-1975

GRAND PRESIDENTS



William W. Tatum, Jr.
Gamma Tau
1975-1979



Michael R. Mallonee
Beta Epsilon
1979-1983

award has since been presented to over 200 Deltasigs across the country and, some 14 years later, a similar award for 25 years of service, dubbed The Silver Helmet Award, was first awarded to Past Grand President Howard B. Johnson.

In the late 1960's, and the first few years of the 1970's, growth continued for Delta Sigma Pi. By the end of 1970, membership had exceeded the 70,000 level and 172 chapters had been established. It was during this time that the Undergraduate of the Year Program was established to recognize the outstanding undergraduate member of the fraternity. Subsequent to its establishment, the National Undergraduate of the Year winners received representation on both the Board of Directors and the National Executive Committee of the fraternity. It was also during this time that the position of Director-at-Large became the Director of Alumni Activities, a nationally elected position specifically designed to promote the alumni program of the fraternity. In addition, the concept of Area Conferences was established, resulting in one-day leadership educational meetings.

While most of the 1950's and 1960's were considered relatively calm years for the fraternity, the 1970's were very different. There were three major problems which confronted Delta Sigma Pi in the decade of 1970's. First was the Vietnam War and as the war intensified during the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon years, college campuses were thrown into turmoil with demonstration after demonstration. Fraternities were often viewed as the "establishment" and this, combined with the social upheaval in campus life brought on by the war, caused a noticeable decline in undergraduate membership.

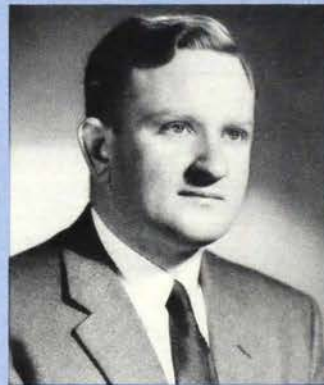
With social change came the implementation of Title IX of the Higher Education Act and with it a ruling that college fraternities and sororities were discriminating by having single-sex membership requirements. This ruling was modified to apply only to professional organizations including professional fraternities and sororities and did not affect general Greek organizations. Also facing the fraternity as a challenge during the 1970's was the rampant inflation and the faltering economy. Inflation took a very high

toll on the finances of the fraternity during this period of time despite increases in fees and dues. During this period of turmoil, expansion of Delta Sigma Pi was such that only nine chapters were installed between 1971 and 1979.

Perhaps the most significant issue within Delta Sigma Pi during the early 1970's was the question of co-educational membership. At the Twenty-Ninth Grand Chapter Congress in 1973, which was presided over by Grand President Thomas M. Mocella, a constitutional amendment to open the membership of the fraternity to women was defeated. At the next Grand Chapter Congress in 1975, over which Grand President Harold L. Cannon presided, the Grand Chapter directed the Board of Directors to evoke emergency powers as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the fraternity to act on the co-educational question as required. Significant governmental pressure and the potential for exorbitant legal proceedings convinced the Board of directors, led by Grand President William W. Tatum, Jr., to authorize the chapters to immediately initiate qualified female business students. This decision was made on November 7, 1975 and was a temporary, emergency powers procedure. It was not until the 1977 Grand Chapter Congress in Toronto that the ratification of co-educational membership in the fraternity was passed by the Grand Chapter Congress. Since the admission of women by

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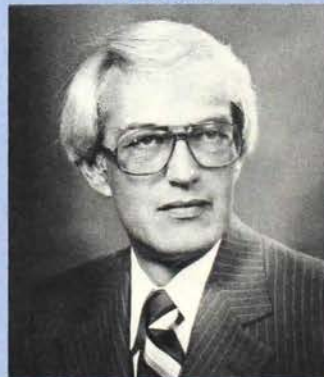
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



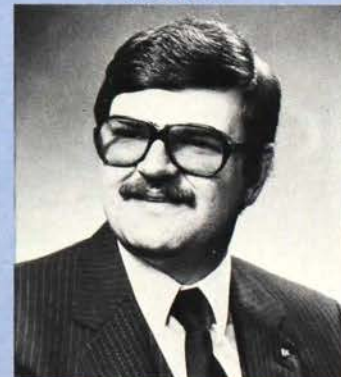
James D. Thomson
Beta
1955-1964



Charles L. Farrar
Beta Psi
1964-1974



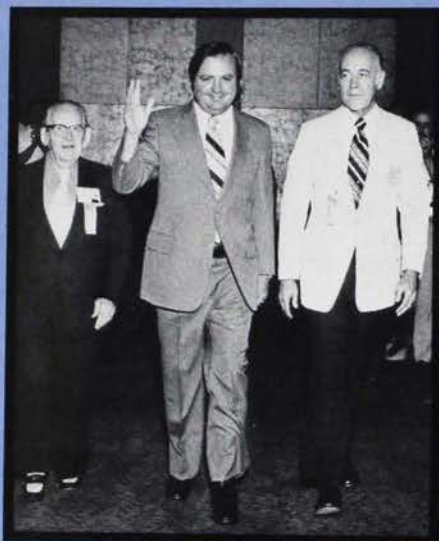
Ben H. Wolfenberger
Beta Upsilon
1974-1981



Michael J. Mazur, Jr.
Kappa
1981-



Delegates at the 29th Grand Chapter Congress at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1973 were the first Grand Chapter to consider the question of coeducational membership. Shown in this photo are writer of the history of Delta Sigma Pi Jim Prescott (above Illinois sign) and current Executive Director Mike Mazur (above Georgia sign).



The origin of the tradition of the Past Grand Presidents escorting the newly elected Grand President to the podium at the Grand Chapter Congress is unknown, but has been repeated for many years. Past Grand Presidents Ken White (left) and M. John Marko (right) repeated that tradition in the 1977 at Toronto upon the election of Bill Tatum to his second term of office.



Founder Harold V. Jacobs pauses in the Founders' Room of the Central Office in Oxford during his first and only visit there in 1965. Also pictured are Ben H. Wolfenberger and Charles L. Farrar.



Bus tours at The Central Office in Oxford were the highlight of the 22nd Grand Chapter congress in 1959.



The Rose of Deltasig competition was a popular event during the 40's, 50's and 60's.



Over two hundred Deltasigs have been elevated to the Order of the Golden Helmet which was established in 1965 to recognize fifty or more years of continuous service to the fraternity. Past Grand President Ken White received this designation in 1977 from then Grand President Bill Tatum and witnessed by Past Grand Presidents Busse, Marko, Cannon and Mocella.



First Field Secretary (now called Chapter Consultant) Charles L. Farrar counsels a group of chapter officers.

the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, the overwhelming majority of the chapters of the fraternity are now co-educational and many women have held leadership roles within the fraternity on the national, regional and local levels.

In 1974, Charles L. Farrar resigned as Executive Director of the fraternity and Ben H. Wolfenberger, who had served on The Central Office staff since 1965 in the roles of Field Secretary, Executive Secretary and Assistant Executive Director, was named Executive Director. Michael J. Tillar who had served as a Chapter Consultant was named Assistant Executive Director at that time.

During the late 1970's and the early 1980's, inflation was being brought under control and growth of the fraternity membership and the number of chapters

once again was rivaling that of the post-war years. In 1979, a milestone of significance was reached with the initiation of Connie Jo Pietzmeier of Eta Pi Chapter at Wayne State College in Nebraska who was the 100,000th member initiated by the fraternity.

In May of 1981, Ben H. Wolfenberger resigned as Executive Director and Michael J. Tillar resigned as Assistant Executive Director. During their combined 24 years of service to the fraternity, nearly 70 chapters had been added by the fraternity and some 50,000 members had been initiated.

Succeeding as Executive Director was Michael J. Mazur, Jr., who had served the fraternity as a member of the Board of Directors for several years. Michael T. Walsh, who had served as a Chapter Consultant, was named Assistant Executive Director and the third

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Community Service was as important to these Brothers of Beta Upsilon Chapter at Texas-Tech in 1959 as it is to Delta Sigma Pi today.



Pausing before the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Delta Sigma Pi in New York in 1957 are founder Harold Jacobs and his wife, Rose, who served as the inspiration for the official song of the fraternity, "Rose of Deltasig."

Biographies of our founders



Moysello



Tienken

ALFRED MOYSELLO

Alfred Moysello was born in Italy in 1884 and he came to the United States, specifically New York City, at an early age. He attended City College of New York and enrolled in New York University in 1906. With tremendous personality, he was one of the most popular students at the university and participated wholeheartedly in all of the activities of the class.

He joined with the other Founders in establishing Delta Sigma Pi at NYU and, as a fraternity Brother, exemplified the purposes of the fraternity. His friendliness and personality were distinct chapter assets.

In his career he was connected with the Board of Education of Brooklyn for many years and gave much of his time to the study of juvenile delinquency and child psychology.

He was in attendance at the Thirteenth Grand Chapter Congress in Philadelphia in 1939 and is well remembered for the active interest in Delta Sigma Pi he displayed throughout his life. He was married and had one son, and died in 1941.

HENRY ALBERT TIENKEN

Henry Albert Tienken was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1887, attended New York University in the early 1900's, and graduated in 1909 with a degree of Bachelor of Commercial Studies.

He departed from the United States in 1910 to work as an accountant for an American oil company with operations in the Chaco area of Argentina, and to the best recollections of his son, remained in Argentina until 1918. In 1918, he became a partner in a company, Wise and Tienken, a lumber firm on the Northern part of the river, Tornagaleones, in Chile. In the summer of 1919, he returned for a six month visit to the United States, his only and last trip to his homeland.

In 1920, "HAT", as he was called by his friends, married Emily Lilley Hazelton, daughter of a British Merchant Marine Captain, and out of this marriage were born four sons and a daughter. Two of his sons became members of Delta Sigma Pi; William Henry Tienken was initiated by the Delta Mu Chapter at the University of the Americas in Mexico City and George H. Tienken was initiated as a member of Kappa Chapter at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

"HAT" traveled extensively and served in a variety of positions throughout South America. He became quite ill with a heart condition late in 1943, and in January of 1949, Henry Albert Tienken died and was buried in Oruro, Bolivia.

He enjoyed tremendous love, respect and admiration from all his sons. His philosophy was very basic. He did not believe in violence. He was a believer in talking things out. He enjoyed people. He loved reading, music, sports and his cigars. He was a deep man with a rich inner life which never surfaced for others to see. Receiving many undeserved knocks from Fate, he remained confident and pleasant. To him the great gifts of life were trust in God, and physical, mental, and moral strength and health.

Founding fathers . . .

HAROLD VALENTINE JACOBS

Harold Valentine Jacobs was born in New York City in 1888 and attended schools in New York City. He lived in the borough of Brooklyn and attended PS 32 and recollected that the neighborhood was a great place for everyone to play baseball except for the next door neighbor's kid who kept banging on a piano, a kid named Aaron Copeland.

Upon graduation from high school in the spring of 1906, he developed an interest in accounting and, therefore, entered New York University's School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance in the program which led to the Bachelor of Commercial Science degree. During the day he worked as a Junior Accountant in the Wall Street area for the firm that became Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company.

His skills in accounting were immediately put to use after enlistment for World War I which began for him in October, 1917. He held various positions in the General Accounting Office during his 14 month assignment in Paris.

After discharge, with the rank of Sergeant in May of 1919, he returned to his bride whom he had left after only three months of marriage. Civilian life brought two rewards: a son in 1920 and his CPA Certificate in 1923. He worked for a number of accounting firms including Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, but shortly decided to go into private practice.

He and his wife, Rose, a first grade teacher all her professional life, retired to Florida in 1962. Rose, incidentally, is the "Rose" referred to in "The Rose of Delta Sigma Pi." After she died in 1970, he moved North to join his son, James, and his family, in Monticello, New York. He died there in July of 1972. His son, James, was initiated as a member of Delta Sigma Pi by the Zeta Psi Chapter at the State University of New York at Albany in 1971.

In a letter written to his son in 1966, after attending the installation of Zeta Phi Chapter at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, he wrote, "after fifty-nine years of effort, the ideals of the Founders for a fraternity made of members regardless of race, creed, or color has come to pass. As one of the originators of this fraternity, and the ideals expressed and implied in the original Constitution and Bylaws, I can feel that I have accomplished something in this small world."



Jacobs



Makay

ALEXANDER FRANK MAKAY

Alexander Frank Makay was born in New York City in 1888 and attended public schools there. In 1930, his last name was legally changed to Mackay.

He was a graduate of the class of 1909 of New York University and continued a lifelong association with NYU as an alumnus. As an undergraduate, he was a football and track star and later served on the Athletic Council. To him belongs much of the credit for NYU's days of gridiron greatness.

Despite a busy practice in the accounting firm bearing his name, he was active in several clubs in and around New York. Of his many interests, it is likely that none was closer to him than his fraternity. He was one of the quartet which founded Delta Sigma Pi and maintained fraternal friendships for more than 40 years until his death.

In the early days of the fraternity, he was a member of several national committees and served on the Board of Directors for six years. On the day of his death he was to have hosted a fraternity function at his home at Sea Cliff, Long Island, New York.

He and his wife, Marion, had one daughter. His brother, William J. Mackay, was later a member of Alpha Chapter.



"Be there for fun . . . in fifty-one" was the theme for the Eighteenth Grand Chapter Congress held in Dallas and fun was had by all, especially, left to right, Grand Presidents Milener, McKewen, and Fowler, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Wright and Grand Presidents Sehm and White.

permanent executive staff position of the fraternity, Director of Chapter Operations, was created and filled by Mark A. Roberts, a former Chapter Consultant.

During late 1981, yet another milestone was reached by Delta Sigma Pi with the installation of its 200th undergraduate chapter at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, and by the end of the 1981-82 academic year, 204 chapters had been installed and membership had exceeded the 110,000 level. Also during early 1982, the first complete directory of the fraternity since the days of the 1920's had been compiled and further reorganization of The Central Office resulted in the acquisition of an in-house computer system.

Now, 75 years since the founding of Delta Sigma Pi, the further expansion of professional, community service, and leadership development programs of the fraternity is on the horizon. The quest for further expansion of Delta Sigma Pi is as strong today as it was in 1914 when Delta Sigma Pi became a national organization. It is a dynamic and growing fraternity, steeped in tradition, but not tradition bound. Many challenges face Delta Sigma Pi, but the spirit of transforming challenges into opportunities is as strong as it was when four men, motivated by common goals and the desire to pursue these goals together, founded a fraternity for students of business and with it a dream, and that dream today continues to inspire and motivate men and women of business to pursue common goals and the fraternal experience of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi together.



The Casino Party has enjoyed many years of popularity at Grand Chapter Congresses as shown here at Asheville, North Carolina, in 1961. Shown in this photo are Past Grand Presidents M. John Marko and William W. Tatum, Jr.



In the mid 70's, membership in Delta Sigma Pi was opened to women and their impact, influence and contribution to the fraternity has been significantly positive.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DELTA SIGMA PI!

CHAPTER CAPSULES

Year Founded	Greek Designation	College or University	Location	TOTAL Initiates	TOTAL LIFE Members
1907	ALPHA	New York Univ.	New York, NY	1048	163
1914	†BETA	Northwestern Univ.	Chicago, IL	1045	296
1916	†GAMMA	Boston Univ.	Boston, MA	570	57
1920	DELTA	Marquette Univ.	Milwaukee, WI	1252	120
1920	EPSILON	Univ. of Iowa	Iowa City, IA	1417	125
1920	†ZETA	Northwestern Univ.	Evanston, IL	722	79
1920	†ETA	Univ. of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	494	19
1921	†THETA	Univ. of Detroit	Detroit, MI	867	77
1921	†IOTA	Univ. of Kansas	Lawrence, KS	945	59
1921	KAPPA	Georgia State Univ.	Atlanta, GA	1359	276
1921	LAMBDA	Univ. of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	670	206
1921	MU	Georgetown Univ.	Washington, DC	827	75
1921	NU	Ohio State Univ.	Columbus, OH	912	101
1921	†XI	Univ. of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	817	74
1922	†OMICRON	Vanderbilt Univ.	Nashville, TN	73	2
1922	PI	Univ. of Georgia	Athens, GA	1218	105
1922	†RHO	Univ. of California	Berkeley, CA	501	24
1922	†SIGMA	Univ. of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	602	43
1922	†TAU	McGill Univ.	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	66	0
1922	UPSILON	Univ. of Illinois	Urbana, IL	1141	154
1922	PHI	Univ. of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA	614	35
1922	CHI	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Baltimore, MD	668	204
1923	PSI	Univ. of Wisconsin	Madison, WI	1049	140
1923	†OMEGA	Temple Univ.	Philadelphia, PA	851	86
1923	ALPHA BETA	Univ. of Missouri	Columbia, MO	2143	264
1923	ALPHA GAMMA	Pennsylvania State Univ.	University Park, PA	1388	177
1924	ALPHA DELTA	Univ. of Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	1331	222
1924	ALPHA EPSILON	Univ. of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	1222	177
1924	ALPHA ZETA	Univ. of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	952	40
1924	ALPHA ETA	Univ. of South Dakota	Vermillion, SD	1311	113
1924	ALPHA THETA	Univ. of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	989	163
1924	ALPHA IOTA	Drake Univ.	Des Moines, IA	1099	131
1925	ALPHA KAPPA	State Univ. of New York	Buffalo, NY	737	140
1925	ALPHA LAMBDA	Univ. of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	1324	104
1925	†ALPHA MU	Univ. of North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	578	32
1925	ALPHA NU	Univ. of Denver	Denver, CO	895	84
1925	†ALPHA XI	Univ. of Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	535	23
1925	ALPHA OMICRON	Ohio Univ.	Athens, OH	975	133
1925	ALPHA PI	Indiana Univ.	Bloomington, IN	1650	189
1926	ALPHA RHO	Univ. of Colorado	Boulder, CO	1481	108
1926	ALPHA SIGMA	Univ. of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	1239	76
1927	ALPHA TAU	Mercer Univ.	Macon, GA	95	4
1927	ALPHA UPSILON	Miami Univ.	Oxford, OH	1627	146
1927	ALPHA PHI	Univ. of Mississippi	Oxford, MS	1230	39
1928	†ALPHA CHI	Washington Univ.	St. Louis, MO	212	16
1928	†ALPHA PSI	Univ. of Chicago	Chicago, IL	201	23
1928	ALPHA OMEGA	DePaul Univ.	Chicago, IL	814	112
1929	BETA GAMMA	Univ. of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	1079	116
1929	†BETA DELTA	North Carolina State Univ.	Raleigh, NC	145	4
1929	BETA EPSILON	Univ. of Oklahoma	Norman, OK	1150	169
1929	BETA ZETA	Louisiana State Univ.	Baton Rouge, LA	1147	122
1929	BETA ETA	Univ. of Florida	Gainesville, FL	1258	108
1930	†BETA THETA	Creighton Univ.	Omaha, NE	866	46
1930	BETA IOTA	Baylor Univ.	Waco, TX	812	64
1930	BETA KAPPA	Univ. of Texas	Austin, TX	2098	199
1931	BETA LAMBDA	Auburn Univ.	Auburn, AL	1476	71
1931	†BETA MU	Dalhousie Univ.	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	60	5
1932	†BETA NU	Univ. of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA	578	120
1934	BETA XI	Rider College	Trenton, NJ	1229	154

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1937	†BETA OMICRON	Rutgers Univ.	Newark, NJ	593	86
1942	BETA PI	Kent State Univ.	Kent, OH	1001	132
1942	BETA RHO	Rutgers Univ.	Newark, NJ	576	122
1946	†BETA SIGMA	St. Louis Univ.	St. Louis, MO	922	65
1947	†BETA TAU	Case Western Reserve Univ.	Cleveland, OH	384	43
1947	BETA UPSILON	Texas Tech Univ.	Lubbock, TX	895	110
1948	BETA PHI	Southern Methodist Univ.	Dallas, TX	657	72
1948	BETA CHI	Univ. of Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	536	63
1948	BETA PSI	Louisiana Tech Univ.	Ruston, LA	971	133
1948	BETA OMEGA	Univ. of Miami	Coral Gables, FL	1003	143
1949	GAMMA DELTA	Mississippi State Univ.	State College, MS	695	27
1949	GAMMA EPSILON	Oklahoma State Univ.	Stillwater, OK	835	83
1949	GAMMA ZETA	Memphis State Univ.	Memphis, TN	695	69
1949	†GAMMA ETA	Univ. of Nebraska	Omaha, NE	652	71
1949	GAMMA THETA	Wayne State Univ.	Detroit, MI	539	82
1949	GAMMA IOTA	Univ. of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	725	132
1949	†GAMMA KAPPA	Michigan State Univ.	East Lansing, MI	593	89
1949	GAMMA LAMBDA	Florida State Univ.	Tallahassee, FL	922	106
1949	†GAMMA MU	Tulane Univ.	New Orleans, LA	447	38
1950	†GAMMA NU	Wake Forest Univ.	Winston-Salem, NC	377	11
1950	†GAMMA XI	Univ. of Santa Clara	Santa Clara, CA	438	34
1950	GAMMA OMICRON	Univ. of San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	466	81
1950	GAMMA PI	Loyola Univ.	Chicago, IL	649	127
1950	GAMMA RHO	Univ. of Detroit	Detroit, MI	608	153
1950	GAMMA SIGMA	Univ. of Maryland	College Park, MD	854	132
1950	GAMMA TAU	Univ. of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS	964	164
1951	†GAMMA UPSILON	Babson College	Wellesley, MA	777	31
1951	GAMMA PHI	Univ. of Texas	El Paso, TX	617	95
1951	†GAMMA CHI	St. Bonaventure Univ.	St. Bonaventure, NY	116	5
1951	GAMMA PSI	Univ. of Arizona	Tucson, AZ	849	99
1951	GAMMA OMEGA	Arizona State Univ.	Tempe, AZ	975	264
1954	DELTA EPSILON	North Texas State Univ.	Denton, TX	652	65
1955	†DELTA ZETA	East Carolina Univ.	Greenville, NC	307	17
1956	DELTA ETA	Lamar Univ.	Beaumont, TX	641	89
1956	DELTA THETA	Oklahoma City Univ.	Oklahoma City, OK	430	41
1957	DELTA IOTA	Florida Southern College	Lakeland, FL	585	44
1957	†DELTA KAPPA	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA	467	20
1957	†DELTA LAMBDA	Ithaca College	Ithaca, NY	232	21
1958	†DELTA MU	Univ. of the Americas	Puebla, Puebla, Mexico	267	23
1958	DELTA NU	Loyola Univ.	New Orleans, LA	478	87
1958	DELTA XI	East Tennessee State Univ.	Johnson City, TN	525	50
1959	DELTA OMICRON	San Francisco State Univ.	San Francisco, CA	440	77
1959	DELTA PI	Univ. of Nevada	Reno, NV	434	61
1959	DELTA RHO	Ferris State College	Big Rapids, MI	552	124
1959	DELTA SIGMA	Loyola Marymount Univ.	Los Angeles, CA	277	43
1959	DELTA TAU	Indiana State Univ.	Terre Haute, IN	602	116
1959	DELTA UPSILON	Texas Christian Univ.	Fort Worth, TX	433	53
1960	DELTA PHI	East Texas State Univ.	Commerce, TX	472	37
1960	DELTA CHI	Washburn Univ.	Topeka, KS	542	76
1960	DELTA PSI	Suffolk Univ.	Boston, MA	375	37
1960	DELTA OMEGA	West Liberty State College	West Liberty, WV	404	66
1960	†EPSILON ZETA	Midwestern State Univ.	Wichita Falls, TX	192	15
1960	EPSILON ETA	Eastern New Mexico Univ.	Portales, NM	430	59
1960	EPSILON THETA	California State Univ.	Chico, CA	602	149
1960	EPSILON IOTA	Mankato State Univ.	Mankato, MN	364	48
1961	EPSILON KAPPA	Shepherd College	Shepherdstown, WV	316	85
1961	EPSILON LAMBDA	Rochester Institute of Technology	Rochester, NY	330	57
1962	†EPSILON MU	Sam Houston State Univ.	Huntsville, TX	331	52
1962	EPSILON NU	Univ. of New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	450	65
1962	EPSILON XI	Ball State Univ.	Muncie, IN	592	148

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1962	†EPSILON OMICRON	Western Michigan Univ.	Kalamazoo, MI	223	34
1962	†EPSILON PI	Monmouth College	West Long Branch, NJ	170	22
1963	EPSILON RHO	Univ. of Tampa	Tampa, FL	541	104
1963	EPSILON SIGMA	LaSalle College	Philadelphia, PA	304	43
1963	EPSILON TAU	Univ. of Dayton	Dayton, OH	256	23
1963	EPSILON UPSILON	New Mexico State Univ.	Las Cruces, NM	494	93
1963	EPSILON PHI	California State Univ.	Sacramento, CA	598	193
1963	EPSILON CHI	Georgia Southern College	Statesboro, GA	404	84
1964	EPSILON PSI	Christian Brothers College	Memphis, TN	329	46
1964	EPSILON OMEGA	Eastern Illinois Univ.	Charleston, IL	447	111
1964	ZETA ETA	St. Peter's College	Jersey City, NJ	302	38
1964	ZETA THETA	Western Kentucky Univ.	Bowling Green, KY	360	43
1964	ZETA IOTA	Mississippi College	Clinton, MS	354	29
1965	ZETA KAPPA	Western State College	Gunnison, CO	294	58
1965	†ZETA LAMBDA	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA	178	33
1965	ZETA MU	Univ. of Texas	Arlington, TX	271	38
1965	ZETA NU	Texas A&I Univ.	Kingsville, TX	322	42
1965	ZETA XI	Lewis University	Lockport, IL	326	59
1965	ZETA OMICRON	C.W. Post College	Greenvale, NY	255	40
1965	ZETA PI	St. Joseph's University	Philadelphia, PA	358	18
1966	ZETA RHO	Menlo College	Menlo Park, CA	229	60
1966	ZETA SIGMA	Southeastern Louisiana Univ.	Hammond, LA	304	48
1966	†ZETA TAU	California State Univ.	Hayward, CA	224	36
1966	ZETA UPSILON	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	Blacksburg, VA	271	55
1966	ZETA PHI	Florida Atlantic Univ.	Boca Raton, FL	449	95
1966	†ZETA CHI	Manhattan College	Bronx, NY	73	7
1967	ZETA PSI	State Univ. of New York	Albany, NY	414	97
1967	ZETA OMEGA	Northern Arizona Univ.	Flagstaff, AZ	355	72
1967	ETA THETA	Angelo State Univ.	San Angelo, TX	300	71
1967	ETA IOTA	Nicholls State Univ.	Thibodaux, LA	363	82
1968	ETA KAPPA	Troy State Univ.	Troy, AL	324	37
1968	†ETA LAMBDA	Weber State College	Ogden, UT	217	21
1958	ETA MU	Northern Illinois Univ.	DeKalb, IL	363	70
1968	†ETA NU	Univ. of Missouri	St. Louis, MO	160	15
1968	ETA XI	Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science	Philadelphia, PA	288	56
1968	ETA OMICRON	Northeast Louisiana Univ.	Monroe, LA	337	54
1969	ETA PI	Wayne State College	Wayne, NE	325	51
1969	ETA RHO	Univ. of Wisconsin	LaCrosse, WI	314	49
1969	ETA SIGMA	Southern Illinois Univ.	Edwardsville, IL	246	86
1969	ETA TAU	McNeese State Univ.	Lake Charles, LA	275	71
1969	ETA UPSILON	Univ. of West Florida	Pensacola, FL	316	36
1969	†ETA PHI	Eastern Michigan Univ.	Ypsilanti, MI	192	18
1969	ETA CHI	California State Polytechnic Univ.	Pomona, CA	248	60
1969	ETA PSI	Univ. of Houston	Houston, TX	268	45
1970	ETA OMEGA	Virginia Commonwealth Univ.	Richmond, VA	241	39
1970	THETA IOTA	Univ. of Connecticut	Storrs, CT	312	98
1970	THETA KAPPA	Univ. of Akron	Akron, OH	300	42
1970	THETA LAMBDA	Xavier Univ.	Cincinnati, OH	133	29
1970	THETA MU	Columbus College	Columbus, GA	236	52
1970	†THETA NU	Univ. of Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	86	5
1970	THETA XI	Univ. of Wisconsin	Whitewater, WI	215	36
1970	THETA OMICRON	St. Ambrose College	Davenport, IA	254	34
1970	THETA PI	Bowling Green State Univ.	Bowling Green, OH	451	50
1970	THETA RHO	Duquesne Univ.	Pittsburgh, PA	150	45
1970	THETA SIGMA	Univ. of Central Florida	Orlando, FL	378	69
1970	THETA TAU	St. Cloud State Univ.	St. Cloud, MN	262	76
1971	THETA UPSILON	Siena College	Loudonville, NY	237	44
1971	THETA PHI	Univ. of South Florida	Tampa, FL	423	85
1971	THETA CHI	San Jose State Univ.	San Jose, CA	195	48

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1971	THETA PSI	Indiana Univ. Northwest	Gary, IN	327	84
1972	THETA OMEGA	St. Edward's Univ.	Austin, TX	132	20
1974	IOTA KAPPA	James Madison University	Harrisonburg, VA	220	39
1977	IOTA LAMBDA	Indiana-Purdue Univ.	Ft. Wayne, IN	116	44
1977	IOTA MU	Georgia College	Milledgeville, GA	214	17
1978	IOTA NU	Northeast Missouri State Univ.	Kirksville, MO	194	60
1979	IOTA XI	Winston-Salem State Univ.	Winston-Salem, NC	70	3
1979	IOTA OMICRON	Central Missouri State Univ.	Warrensburg, MO	143	46
1979	IOTA PI	San Diego State Univ.	San Diego, CA	160	28
1980	IOTA RHO	Howard Univ.	Washington DC	127	5
1980	IOTA SIGMA	Univ. of Evansville	Evansville, IN	88	26
1980	IOTA TAU	Robert Morris College	Coraopolis, PA	93	38
1980	IOTA UPSILON	California State Univ.	Northridge, CA	67	33
1980	IOTA PHI	California State Univ.	Fresno, CA	78	14
1980	IOTA CHI	Illinois State Univ.	Normal, IL	109	24
1981	IOTA PSI	Corpus Christi State Univ.	Corpus Christi, TX	50	9
1981	IOTA OMEGA	Univ. of North Carolina	Greensboro, NC	99	11
1981	KAPPA LAMBDA	State Univ. of New York	Binghamton, NY	100	37
1981	KAPPA MU	California Polytechnic State Univ.	San Luis Obispo, CA	71	19
1981	KAPPA NU	Longwood College	Farmville, VA	48	1
1981	KAPPA XI	Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette, LA	73	4
1981	KAPPA OMICRON	Southwest Missouri State Univ.	Springfield, MO	113	27
1981	KAPPA PI	Univ. of North Florida	Jacksonville, FL	37	5
1982	KAPPA RHO	Adelphi Univ.	Garden City, NY	33	1
1982	KAPPA SIGMA	Indiana Univ.—Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	28	2
1982	KAPPA TAU	Clemson Univ.	Clemson, SC	31	2
	NATIONAL HONORARY MEMBERS			19	0
GRAND TOTAL				110,061	14,695

† Chapter Inactive

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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

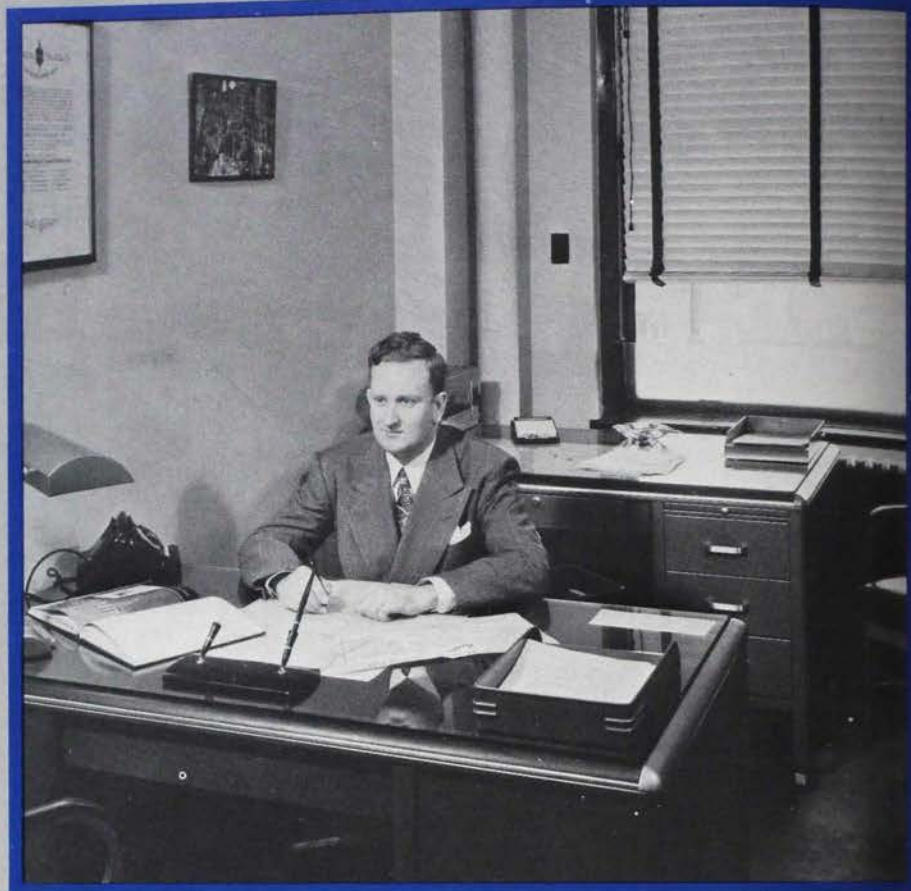


First elected Grand Secretary-Treasurer in 1924, H. G. Wright reviews correspondence in his office at 222 West Adams Street in Chicago, Illinois.

In the 75 years since its founding, Delta Sigma Pi has become one of the premier professional collegiate fraternities in the world, enjoying a rich heritage. Its history includes many great moments and recognizes many great men and women in the commercial and academic world. No review of the fraternity's history would be complete, however, without reviewing the creation and development of its national headquarters, The Central Office.

The Central Office—Past, Present and Future

The Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi was established in 1924 to serve, what was until that time, a rather small national collegiate fraternity. Prior to that time its existence was not necessary because Delta Sigma Pi had only become a national fraternity in 1914 and had not truly embarked upon a concentrated effort to expand until 1920. The development and growth of The Central Office closely parallels that of the fraternity and it is because of this that its history is also important.



Named the first Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer in 1946, James D. Thompson was later named Executive Director and supervised the move of The Central Office to Oxford. He is pictured here at The Central Office in Chicago.

Early Administration

As previously mentioned, Delta Sigma Pi did not become a national fraternity until 1914. Up until that time, Alpha Chapter at New York University had conducted its own meetings and kept its own records. In 1914, however, Delta Sigma Pi adopted a new constitution proclaiming it to be a national fraternity and elected its first national officers, President and Secretary-Treasurer. The office of President was the forerunner to the office of Grand President and the office of Secretary-Treasurer was the forerunner to the offices of Grand Secretary-Treasurer and, now, Executive Director. These officers were elected at

each national meeting of the fraternity with the Secretary-Treasurer charged with keeping the minutes and financial records of the fraternity.

This organization of the fraternity's administration worked well for a number of years until it became apparent in 1924 that Delta Sigma Pi, with its then 32 collegiate chapters, would require some sort of national fraternity headquarters. The previous four years, under the leadership of National President H. G. Wright, had brought about the installation of 29 new chapters, and the time and resources required to administer this fast-growing national fraternity increased dramatically.

The Central Office Is Created

The 1924 Congress of Chapters held in New York City was the meeting at which The Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi was created. The need for an administrative office was apparent, so it was decided that The Central Office of the fraternity be established in Chicago. Past President H. G. Wright was unanimously elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

During the next two years, H. G. Wright served as Secretary-Treasurer on a part-time basis, working out of his own office in Chicago. Publications were standardized, jewelry designed and other services of a national nature were performed during that time. Growth of the fraternity also continued with the addition of nine more chapters bringing the total number of chapters to forty-one.

Permanent Headquarters Established

Reviewing the successful operations of The Central Office following the Eighth Congress of Chapters in 1926, the Board of Directors decided that the Grand Secretary-Treasurer should be employed on a full-time basis and that permanent office space for The Central Office be leased. So the permanent Central Office came into being in a suite of rooms in the just completed Adams-Franklin Building at 222 West Adams Street in Chicago, Illinois. Money was also allocated to fully equip The Central Office as well as to cover stenographic and clerical expenses.

During the years that followed, The Central Office continued to handle the day-to-day operations of the fraternity. It provided chapters with official fraternity jewelry, regalia, manuals and forms and maintained the financial and membership records of the fraternity. It also represented the fraternity at the Professional Interfraternity Conference and edited The DELTA-SIG Magazine.



Even in the earlier days of The Central Office, a full-time clerical staff was employed.

The fraternity continued to install new chapters and by the Thirteenth Grand Chapter Congress in 1939, Delta Sigma Pi had a total of 60 chapters. All seemed to be in good

order for Delta Sigma Pi, but the full Grand Chapter Congress would not reconvene for eight years until 1947.



The membership records and mail room as it appeared at The Central Office on 222 West Adams Street in Chicago.

The War Years

With the onset of World War II, many young men were inducted into the Armed Forces and, as a result, the enrollments at many colleges and universities drastically declined. This caused a decrease in the number of active chapters in Delta Sigma Pi so that only 11 chapters remained active during the war.

Along with the decline in the number of active chapters and initiates was a decline in income. Since there was a drastic decline in the number of chapters, it was seriously considered that The Central Office cease operations until after the war. It was decided, however, that The Central Office remain open and attempt to provide as many services to the chapters, alumni clubs and Deltasigs in the Armed Forces as possible.

The Central Office continued to provide services throughout the war, but Grand Secretary-Treasurer H. G. Wright projected that to continue the services at the same level would cause the fraternity to suffer deficits of eight to ten thousand dollars a year. Funds to cover these projected deficits were allocated out of the National Endowment Fund, but were not necessary. Grand Secretary-Treasurer Wright offered to dispose of some of his employment time by working with other trade associations as well as disposing of some of the employment time of the clerical staff. By doing this, he saved the fraternity thousands of dollars which were available when more chapters resumed operations after the war.

As mentioned before, most of the basic services of The Central Office were continued throughout the war. One of the services continued for much of the war was the publication of The DELTASIG Magazine. Even though funds were curtailed, The DELTASIG continued to be published until January, 1943. At that time, over 4,000 Deltasigs were serving in the Armed Forces and it became impossible to maintain enough correct addresses. The DELTASIG was again published in November, 1946, and has continued to be published in the months of January, March, May and November ever since.



Laying the cornerstone of the "new" Central Office in Oxford in 1956 are Grand President J. Harry Feltham (left) and Past Grand President John L. McKewen.

Post-War Years

With the end of the war, The Central Office began the task of assisting numerous chapters in their reactivation efforts, in addition to increasing the number of services they had once provided. During the war, planning of the fraternity's programs had continued so that they could be implemented after the war.

Also during the war, the fraternity had hired, temporarily, an assistant to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer. This experiment proved beneficial, so the Grand Council created the position of Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer and authorized Grand Secretary-Treasurer Wright to select an individual to fill the position. This position was au-

thorized especially to help chapters with post-war reactivation, and on April 15, 1946, James D. Thomson was hired as Assistant Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

As the fraternity continued to grow after the war, so did the demands on the time and space of The Central Office. By the end of 1951, Delta Sigma Pi had installed 90 chapters and it was apparent that more space was needed for The Central Office. A permanent Central Office Building Fund was established so that when the time came for the fraternity to decide upon a new location, they would have the initial funds to go ahead with the project.

In 1954, at the direction of the Executive Committee, Executive Secretary Thomson made a survey



In 1956, The Central Office was moved from Chicago to Oxford, Ohio. Here it is pictured at its new location at 330 South Campus Avenue in Oxford shortly after its completion.



For many years prior to the use of the computer, The Central Office used addressograph machines for mass mailings.



Gathered outside the front stairway of The Central Office in Oxford prior to its completion and Delta Sigma Pi national officers and business faculty from Miami University.



Pictured here is the membership records room of The Central Office in Oxford shortly after its completion.

of seven college towns within an area of 300 miles from Chicago in an effort to secure comparative data on a suitable site for a permanent Central Office building. The seven college towns considered were: Champaign, Illinois; Bloomington, Indiana; Oxford, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Evanston, Illinois, and Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin. It was then decided that the Grand Council go on record as favoring Oxford, Ohio, as the location for a permanent Central Office building. Shortly thereafter, land for the permanent headquarters was acquired in Oxford.

In December, 1954, the Executive Committee formulated a timetable for completion of the Central Office Building Fund Raising Campaign, and the construction and occupation of the new building. It was decided that the campaign be completed in August, 1955, and that every attempt be made to begin construction of the new building in September, 1955, with the idea of occupying it in May, 1956.

In the meantime, Executive Director Wright had announced at the Nineteenth Grand Chapter Congress in 1953 that he would retire at the end of the Twentieth Grand Chapter Congress in 1955. In honor of H. G. Wright, it was decided by the Grand Council that he be named

Grand Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus and that the new Central Office building be dedicated to him with an appropriate plaque to hang in the building. It was also agreed that upon the retirement of H. G. Wright, James D. Thomson be named Executive Director.

The New Central Office Opens In Oxford

After all the plans were made and the new building was designed, ground breaking ceremonies for the new Central Office took place in September, 1955. A very severe winter handicapped the builders for several months, pushing back the proposed completion date from May, 1956, to September 1, 1956. Finally, though, the cornerstone was laid on August 24, 1956, and the date for occupancy of the new Central Office was set for September 1, 1956. A description of the move of The Central Office from Chicago to Oxford was best recorded in the report of Executive Director James D. Thomson, presented at the Twenty-First Grand Chapter Congress in 1957. Part of that report is reproduced here:

In May of '56 when we were supposed to move in, giving us a whole summer to unpack our gear and

practice a little for the benefit of the entirely new staff, the building was at the stage where it resembled a roofless barn with only the walls standing. It was then that our optimism showed for a second time because we began to pack and boldly announced that come "hell or high water" we intended to move to Oxford on September 1. I'm sure the contractor, architects, and everyone else concerned was laughing at us for being so naive as to think that the building could possibly be ready for us on that date but they humored us by not expressing their thoughts. Instead extra crews of men were employed, and Saturday, Sunday, and holiday schedules were adopted in order to make our wishful thinking a reality if at all possible. What a headache our optimism must have been to them? We may never know.

Came September 1, 1956, we turned the key in the door at 222 West Adams Street for the last time, after overloading a Mayflower van by 15,000 pounds, and gaily set out for Oxford. Our spirit was soon badly bent, for the building was not ready to receive us. Tarpaulins for doors, planks for stairs, extension cords for illumination, and makeshift plumbing greeted us. I don't think I'll ever forget the look on the van driver's face when he pulled up in front and

I assured him that he had the right place. "Got to humor this crazy man," he thought, "he could be dangerous." Four carpenters and a little ingenuity built the best ramp you ever saw, from the van to the first floor permitting all of our desks and other equipment to be placed in the center of the three rooms slated for early completion. About 150 cartons of supplies were dumped on cement blocks in what is now our basement meeting room. All the while the unloading progressed, the painters, carpenters, electricians and plumbers continued to whittle away at the job around them stopping only long enough to dodge a desk or a file coming their way. You have no doubt seen or at least heard of the three ring circus, believe me this had it beat and the pounding lasted for several months, too.

One week after the movers departed the painters collected their buckets from three-fourths of the first floor which permitted us to descend with brooms, mops, rags and vacuums. It took one solid weekend to dent the dirt and dust that had accumulated on our equipment and to shift it around so that it could be put to use. We thought then that we had it licked and that we could begin to provide the service being demanded by the men returning to the campuses Wham, the bubble bust again

when our brand new staff was driven out of the building repeatedly by power failure, cold days and no heat. When I look back I sure admire the spunk of our new staff which moved desks, scrubbed equipment and turned out work under every conceivable hardship.

By November we had thoroughly convinced everyone that we were as stubborn as Missouri mules and that we were determined to stay. Each day, too, made better Greeks out of the staff and they no longer ran for cover when we shouted mail those Form J's to Gamma Delta and tell Alpha Lambda the badges are coming from Burr, Patt. An occasional shout in the direction of the carpenters and painters had its effect, too, and by February they had retreated out the back door leaving a completed building in their wake. And, thus, The Central Office moved from Chicago to Oxford a rugged experience which I don't believe I could face again, but one which had its humorous side and one which certainly produced a great deal of satisfaction.

Was it worth it, you be the judge. Picture if you will a fine substantial Colonial building standing stately on an acre of ground with new lawns neatly manicured and young shrubs and trees straining to play their part in the overall picture. Across the street and up the block stretches the beautiful Georgian campus of Miami University. "Ivy league" all the way! Better yet, a whole town of strictly college and The Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi is an integral part of it, taking its place alongside the national headquarters of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Tau."

Thus, on May 18, 1957, The Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi at 330 South Campus Avenue in Oxford, Ohio, was dedicated to Brother H. G. (Gig) Wright.



Due to tremendous growth in the fraternity, two wings were added onto The Central Office in 1970. Here, Executive Director Charles L. Farrar (left) and Executive Secretary Ben H. Wolfenberger (center) discuss the plans with Grand President M. John Marko.



In 1970, the cornerstone of the new wings of The Central Office was laid. Gathered here for the occasion, left to right, are: former Executive Director James D. Thomson, Past Grand President John L. McKewen, former Executive Director H. G. Wright, Grand President Warren E. Armstrong, Past Grand Presidents M. John Marko, J. Harry Feltham and Robert G. Busse and Executive Director Charles L. Farrar.

The Central Office Today

Since The Central Office in Oxford, Ohio, was completed in 1956, Delta Sigma Pi has grown from 94 chapters to 204 chapters. This dramatic increase in the size of the fraternity in the last quarter of a century has led to many changes at The Central Office in an effort to keep pace with the level of service that the membership has come to expect.

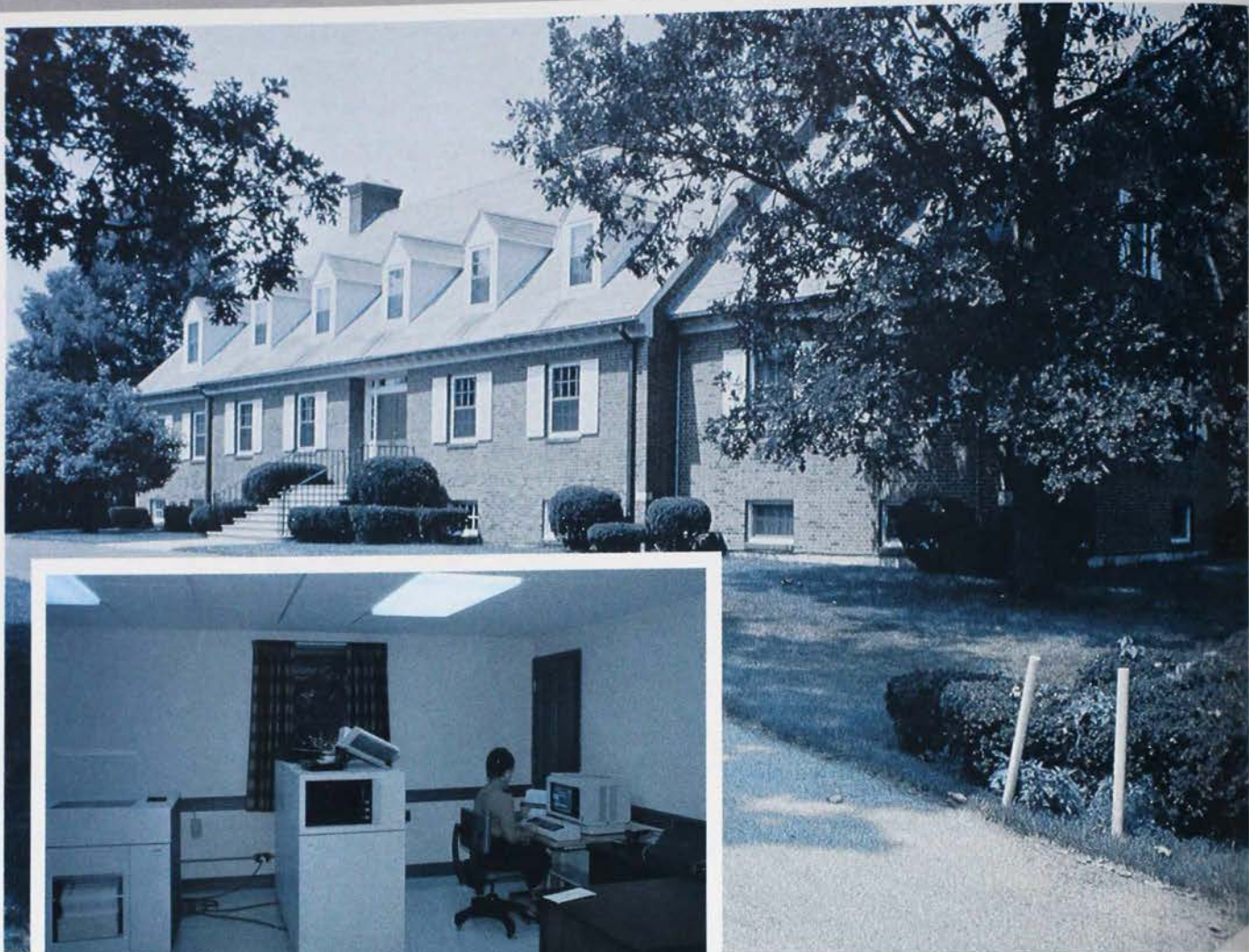
In 1959, the Field Secretary program was inaugurated at The Central Office. This program, which continues today as the Chapter Consultant program, allows The Central Office to visit almost every chapter in the fraternity each year. Chapter Consultants are recent graduates,

trained in all areas of chapter operations, who offer suggestions to chapters concerning their programming.

The Central Office doubled its physical size in 1970 when two wings were added onto the building. These additions provided office space for the Chapter Consultants, a separate membership records room, a separate financial records room, and a mail room. It also provided for more storage space, a Board of Directors Room and the recently furnished Archives Room. These changes have not only made The Central Office a more attractive building, but also one of the most efficient in the fraternity world.

Throughout the years, The Central Office has maintained the latest in office machines and products. It utilizes the latest in correctable and memory typewriters and, in 1980, added a word processing capability.

Undoubtedly, the most important addition to the building, however, occurred in 1982 when the fraternity purchased its own computer system. Many areas of office operations are, or soon will be, computerized, including the membership records area, the Chapter Efficiency Index and the financial records. The additional capabilities of the system will soon be able to provide other new services for all members of Delta Sigma Pi.



In 1982, The Central Office became fully computerized and joined the ranks of the most modern business offices in the world today.

The Central Office, the national headquarters of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, as it appears today.

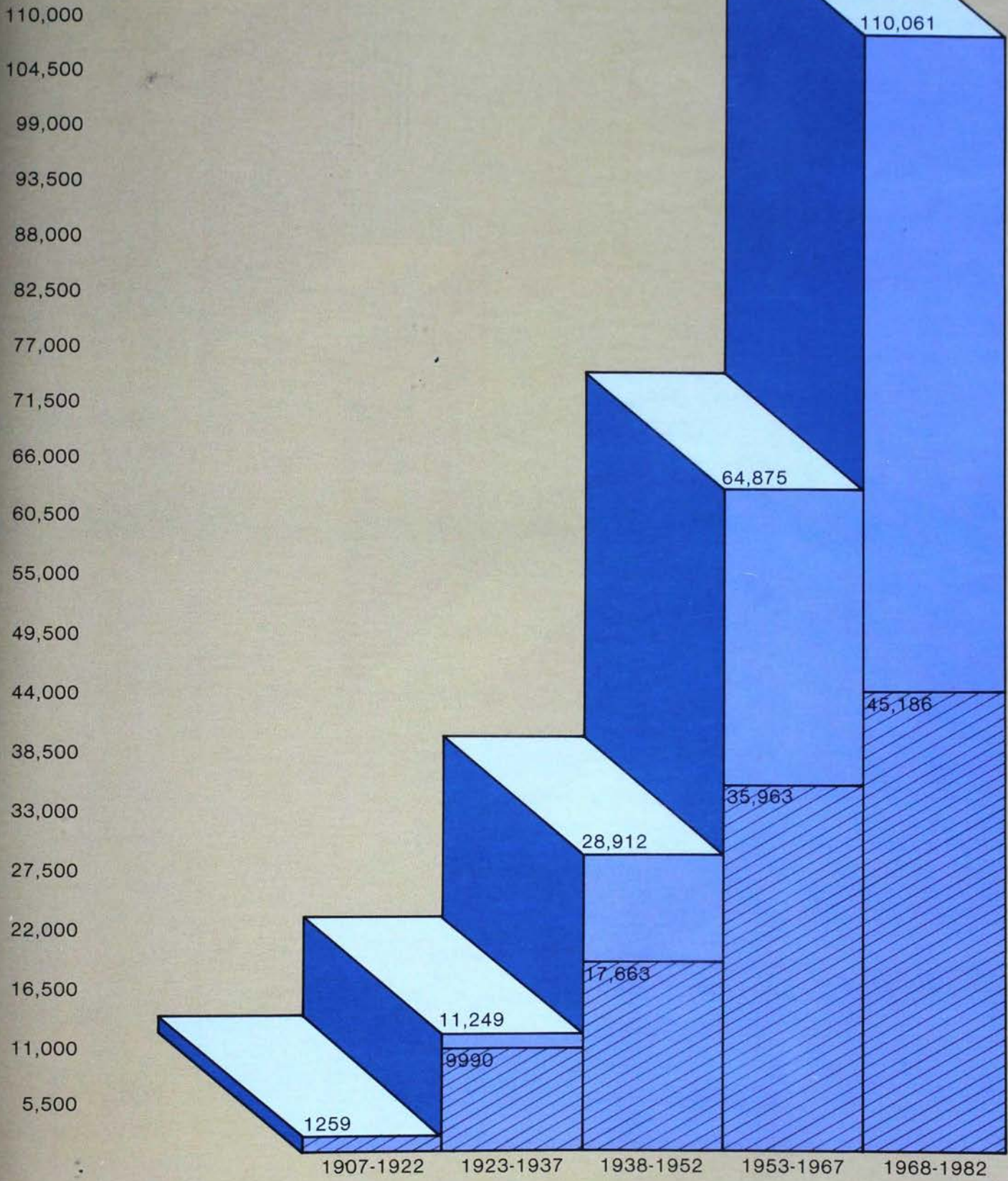
Delta Sigma Pi has dedicated itself to offering the best Central Office operation in the fraternity world. Its hiring of a full time Director of Chapter Operations, in addition to an Assistant Executive Director, Executive Director, two Chapter Consultants and seven full-time administrative staff persons back up that commitment.

The Central Office has come a long way since its establishment in 1924. From a suite of rooms in Chicago, Illinois, and one full-time employee, The Central Office has grown to include 12 full-time employees and one of the most attractive national fraternity headquarters buildings in the world. Delta Sigma Pi remains a progressive and dynamic fraternity and its attributes are reflected in its national headquarters, The Central Office.



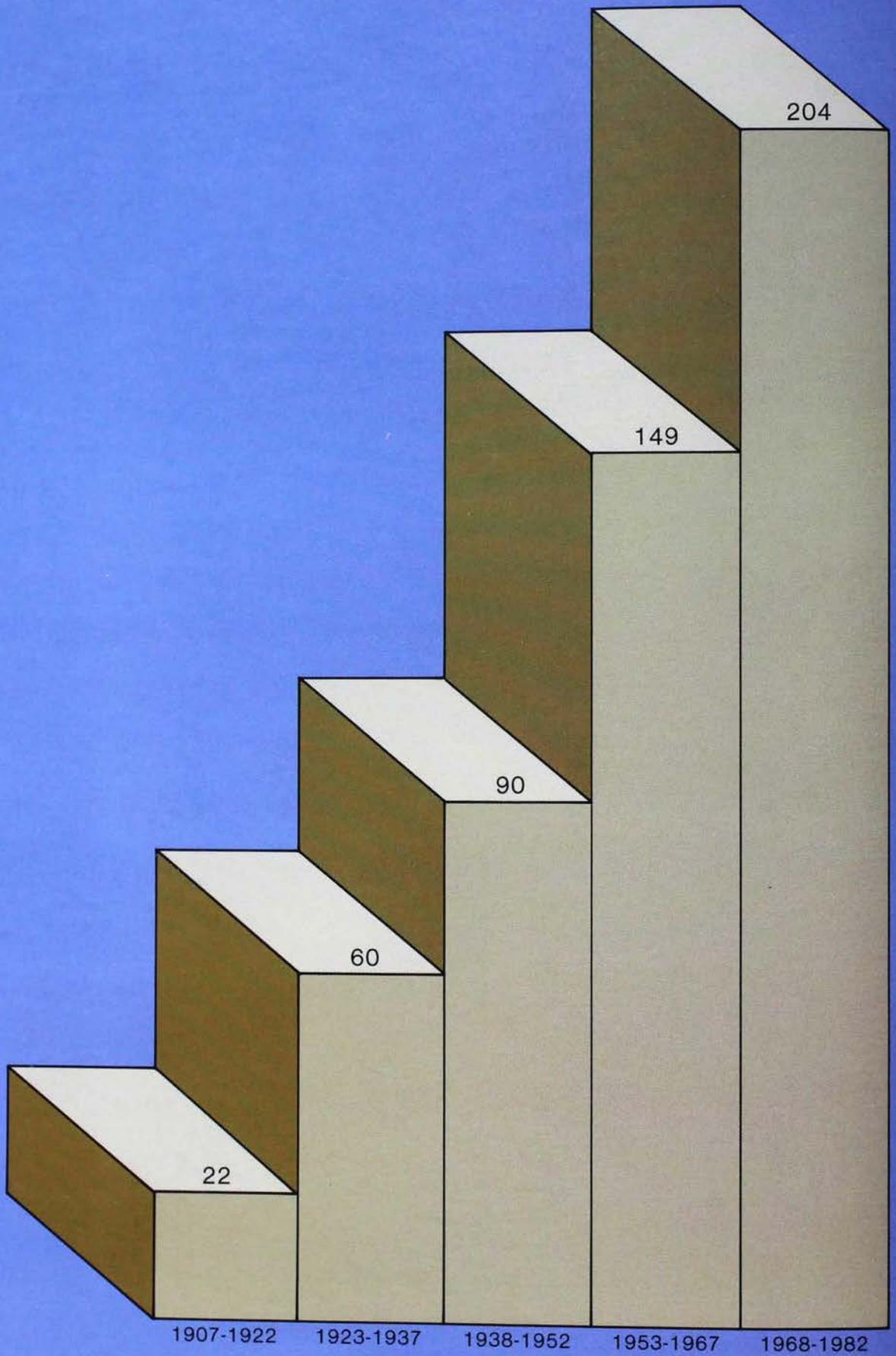
The Founders' Room at The Central Office, commemorating the four young men who founded Delta Sigma Pi.

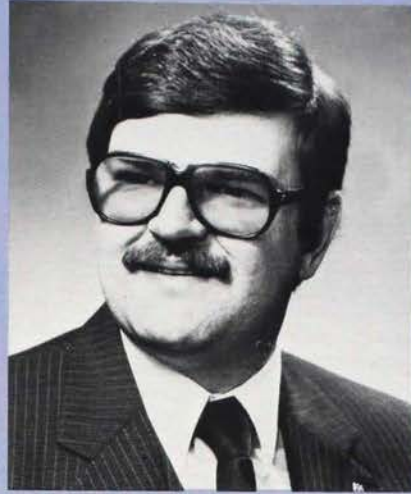
Growth of Initiates



Plain Area for Total Initiates since founding. Screened Area for Initiates for 15 year period.

Growth of Chapters





We hope that you have enjoyed this special issue of The DELTASIG of Delta Sigma Pi. It is never a simple task to perform the research necessary to chronicle events of the past. Much of this history was prepared by James L. Prescott, Chairman of the History of the Fraternity Committee, and we are all grateful to Jim for his outstanding efforts for Delta Sigma Pi. Many hours, both in Oxford and on the telephone from Chicago, were spent by Jim to help make this issue a reality.

Delta Sigma Pi has indeed been fortunate to have an outstanding history and many challenges have been met over the years. Many members were mentioned in this issue who embellished the dreams of our Founders in a positive manner, but there are thousands of others who, over the years and today have made and continue to make a special contribution to

Delta Sigma Pi. Members who care, who make a lifetime commitment, and who, through their lives, exemplify the ideals of our fraternity, have made Delta Sigma Pi what it is today and, perhaps more importantly, have set the tone for the future.

The future, in general terms, is perhaps best described by Berton Braley in his poem, "A Banjo at Armageddon:"

The best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
The chances have just begun
For the best jobs haven't been started,
The best work hasn't been done.

Seventy-five years after its founding, Delta Sigma Pi perhaps has yet to do its best work. Plans are underway for the development and implementation of new, innovative programs which will serve to provide greater leadership training and a greater understanding of our free enterprize system for men and women of business and the community as a whole.

The world has truly become a better place because members of Delta Sigma Pi have dwelt upon it and our commitment to excellence in the future will serve to enhance the positive impact that our great fraternity has made upon the world over these past seventy-five years.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael J. Mazur, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M'.

Michael J. Mazur, Jr.
Executive Director and Editor
of The DELTASIG of Delta
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