

BΣ - Beta Sigma

The Delaware State University Chapter

March 8, 1947

In the spring of 1946, Dr. Idell W. Taylor, a native Delawarean and a professor at Delaware State College, encouraged seven young men at Delaware State College to journey to Lincoln University and become initiated in the Epsilon Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi**. Fraternally, Dr. Taylor was an initiate of Epsilon Chapter, the editor of the *Scroller Manual* and a Diggs Awardee.

In the fall of 1946, an additional seventeen brothers were initiated into the Epsilon Chapter. The initiation was held on Delaware State College campus. Under the expert guidance and direction of Dr. Idell W. Taylor, the Grand Chapter was petitioned and Beta Sigma received its charter on March 8, 1947, becoming the first active chapter chartered in the Northeastern Province. (Four active chapters preceded the establishment of the Northeastern Province). The charter members were William Bayne, Charles Bessellieu, Clifton Browne, Julius Boaz, Fred Bullard, Carl Collick, William Days, Bennie George, Howard Gregg, Jr., Maynard Collick, Allen Hill, Gilbert Jackson, Kermit Jackson, Walter Johnson, Nehemiah Kelson, Richard Maull, Wilmer Mills, Denver Parker, Shilver Spriggs, Donald Spence, William Stephens, Mitchell Thomas and Wellington Walters.



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The first Scroller Club was started in October 1946 with twenty-four young men: Harlan Bolden, Emory Boggs, John Brown, Ernest Bundy, Oscar Bullock, Martin Evans,



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Ronald Garlic, Douglas Gibson, Daniel Hanks, William Hearne, William Holiday, William Holmes, Rudean Lumpkin, Monroe McConnell, Oscar Neal, William Rich, Joseph Sims, Harrison Short, Grant Stephens, Oscar Thomas and Raymond Woodward.

After approximately fifteen months in the Scroller Club, these students were bonded together for life and on December 12, 1947 the twenty-four Scrollers were initiated into the Beta Sigma Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**. The brothers who were in the Scroller Club were motivated to keep up their grades and to remain in college until graduation.

After graduation, the alumni of Beta Sigma Chapter would gather at a tailgate at the annual homecoming football game at Delaware State College and reminisce about the days at the college. This tradition has existed for the past fifty years. The alumni of Beta Sigma were instrumental in the establishment and the development of many new chapters in the Eastern and Northeastern Provinces.