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By 1950, the Northeastern Province had five active chapters and six alumni chapters in five states. In spite of the conscription during the Korean conflict, the Northeastern Province continued to grow. Four active chapters and six alumni chapters were chartered during this decade. The active chapters were Gamma Omega of the Cheyney State University (May 26, 1950), Delta Eta of the University of Pennsylvania (February 11, 1952), Delta Theta of the Pennsylvania State University (May '17, 1952), and Delta Mu of Long Island University (April 22, 1955). The alumni chapters were: Hartford Alumni of CT (April 15, 1950), Boston Alumni of MA (June 3, 1950), Asbury Park-Neptune of NJ (April 8, 1955), Dover Alumni of DE (March 10, 1956), New Haven Alumni of CT (June 15, 1956) and Poughkeepsie Alumni of NY (May 4, 1958).

Northeastern Province Polemarchs during the Fifties

During the 1950s, Northeastern Province Polemarch Enos S. Andrews of Philadelphia completed a second term in 1951. Three Province Polemarchs followed him: William M. Chisholm of Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni (1952-1953), Earnest L. Dimitry of New York Alumni (1954-1957), and Livingston L. Wingate of New York alumni (1958-1959).

Chapters Chartered in the Fifties

April 15, 1950	Hartford Alumni
May 26, 1950	Gamma Omega - Cheyney State University
June 3, 1950	Boston Alumni
February 11, 1952	Delta Eta - University of Pennsylvania
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April 22, 1955	Delta Mu - Long Island University, Brooklyn
March 10, 1956	Dover Alumni

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Northeastern Province Councils in the Fifties

With the rapid expansion of the Northeastern Province in the 1950s, it became apparent that the new chapters were available and willing to bear some of the burden of the Northeastern Province Council Meetings. In 1951, the * Brooklyn Alumni Chapter hosted its first Province Council Meeting and on May 9-11, 1952 the Boston Alumni Chapter hosted its first Province Council Meeting at Hotel Shelton in Boston, Massachusetts with Northeastern Polemarch William M. Chisholm presiding. At this meeting, a "Time And Place Committee" was appointed. Each chapter selected to host the Province Council Meeting was required to submit all plans to the Province at least 60 days prior to the meeting or before any contracts were signed. The Province Board of Directors also voted to draw \$50.00 from the Province's Exchequer to assist the Boston Alumni Chapter with the expenses of the Province Council Meeting. This is the first documentation of the Northeastern Province assisting a host chapter with Province Council Meeting expenses. Other new chapters that hosted Province Council Meetings during this decade were Hartford Alumni in 1955 and Trenton Alumni in 1958.

* Brooklyn Alumni Chapter later became the Brooklyn-Long Island Alumni Chapter



HARTFORD ALUMNI

Hartford, Connecticut

Chartered April 15, 1950

History of Hartford Alumni

As in the beginning of our noble clan, the Hartford Alumni Chapter started with ten charter members.. By April of 1950, ten brothers had gathered to start this chapter of our Fraternity. These brothers had experienced trials and tribulations during their lifetime, but because of their dedication to the virtues of the Fraternity, they became achievers in their own right. They were Kenneth Hickman, Daniel Fletcher, Walter Mitchell, Warren Howard, William Pickens, James Trailer, Walter Burden, Thomas Borders, Boce Barlow, and Robert Moody.

Eight of the original ten brothers, including Barlow, Burden, Fletcher, Hickman, Mitchell, Borders, Moody and Howard met to discuss the starting of the chapter. These men were already established in their professions at this time. These brothers were a congenial group who had known each other over the years. This facilitated their establishing a strong foundation for the newly formed chapter. Many of the wives were also familiar with each other. Realizing that the required constitutional number for starting an alumni chapter was ten (10), the search began for two others. Once the two men, Trailer and Pickens, were identified, they proceeded to file for chapter status. The Northeastern Province Polemarch, Enos Andrews of Philadelphia Alumni, attended the ceremony which was held at D'Pasquales Restaurant in Hartford. Silhouettes and sweethearts were in attendance for the gala affair that took place after the chartering ceremony.

With the chapter newly formed, the brothers of the Hartford Alumni met at the various members' homes. Many of the brothers had to walk to the meetings because of the lack of owning automobiles. Daniel Fletcher presided at the meetings as the first Polemarch of the newly-formed chapter. Hartford, the city of having a very transient population, appealed to brothers to move into the Hartford area, and the chapter started to increase in numbers. Brothers like James Walker, Wallace Curtis, and Harold Cunningham were among the first to join the chapter. The programs of the chapter were in line with the national programs. In the area of Guide Right, they spoke at churches and traveled to schools where they lectured to the students. The brothers planned and held social functions to which the community was invited. Dues were charged, but in order to support many of their social functions, the brothers were assessed. The fraternity meetings were typical. After the business was handled, the brothers strengthened their brotherhood through the socialization of playing their favorite card games. Some of the brothers increased their wealth by the end of the evening, while others developed excuses to tell their spouses.

As the chapter progressed, membership grew. The chapter members continued to meet in the homes of the brothers until the membership grew too large to be handled in the homes. The chapter meetings moved to local establishments where brothers were assigned the duties of being the hosts for the meetings. The responsibility of the hosts was to provide the evening nourishment for their brothers. The chapter continued to develop goals in accordance with the national guidelines. Through its reclamation efforts, the chapter continued to grow, and under the leadership of Polemarch Samuel C. Hamilton, it established undergraduate chapters within Connecticut and the New England area. These goals were accomplished through the chartering of Nu Tau at University of Massachusetts on March 10, 1989, at

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Amherst, MA; Nu Psi at University of Connecticut on June 16, 1990 at Storrs; Connecticut and Nu Gamma at Yale University on March 26, 1987 in New Haven, Connecticut. There is also an Expansion Chapter at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

In 1988, under the administration of Grand Polemarch Ulysses McBride, past chapter Polemarch Samuel C. Hamilton was appointed to the position of Province Polemarch for the Northeastern Province. Brother Hamilton, in turn, appointed Brother A. Bates Lyons, also Past Chapter Polemarch, to the position of Province Keeper of Records. Brother Lyons became elected in his own right at the 59th Provincial Council Meeting. This was the first time provincial offices were held by members of this chapter. Brother Hamilton advanced his position in the fraternity by being elected to the position of Sr. Grand Vice Polemarch at the Grand Chapter meeting held in Atlanta 1999. At the 76th Grand Conclave, held in Charlotte, N.C. in July 2003, Brother Samuel C. Hamilton was elected to the office of Grand Polemarch.



Samuel C. Hamilton
30th Grand Polemarch

The chapter has made major accomplishments during the years. Recently it has undertaken a Guide Right project, "*The Black Male - An Endangered Species*," under the leadership of its present Polemarch, Alvin Hayes. The chapter brought to the forefront the issue of the extinction of the black male. The brothers of the chapter held seminars to which young black males from the Hartford and surrounding areas were invited. In addition, the brothers of the chapter have adopted an elementary school, Annie Fisher, which they visit monthly to discuss with the students various subjects of interest. These subjects could entail career building, the reading of stories to the younger grades, or the discussion of major issues of the time such as "*saying no to drugs*" and peer pressures. The overall purpose is to act as a positive male role model to the students. As with any alumni chapter, it grows through its influx of new brothers moving into the area. Hartford, being a very transient community, is no different. It is a warm feeling to have introduced at a fraternity meeting a new brother who will be joining the clan. The life of **Kappa Alpha Psi** lives on, just as our Founders envisioned



GAMMA OMEGA
Cheney State University
Chartered May 26, 1950

As Reported in the April 1979 issue of the Kappa Journal

Gamma Omega
Cheney State University
Chartered May 26, 1950

Gamma Omega Chapter men presented an all brass plaque to the president of the West Chester State College in honor of Mrs. Ruby Johnson Jones who was the first black teacher on West Chester's predominately white campus. Attended by both community and students, the ceremony was held on the lawn in front of the building which was dedicated to Mrs. Jones.

Just before the Thanksgiving break, the Chapter held a Canned Food Drive with the food going to the Salvation Army located in West Chester, PA.

Vocalist Paul Thome, Jr. was featured in the Benefit Variety Show for two injured football players. One who was paralyzed from head to toe was in high school. The other was a classmate who had to have a full leg cast. He did not have insurance to cover the injury. There was participation from all Greek-lettered organizations and Black organizations on campus.

For Christmas, the Sweethearts and Brothers gave a party for the children in the "Apple Program" at West Chester State.

At the end of January, the Brothers participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program held at the Downingtown High School in Downingtown, PA. The Historian of the Chapter, Charles Gamble gave some history about the Fraternity.

Laurel Wreath designate Leon Sullivan came to the campus for a lecture during Black History Week. The Chapter presented Life Member Sullivan with the General Daniel James, Jr. Achievement Award 1979, which is the highest award in our Chapter. The awarded was presented to the Opportunities Industrialization Center founder at a dinner that was held in his honor.

Using the five Library Display Cases the Chapter filled one case with achievements of Black women of the past and present; another case, for prominent Black women on our campus and our faculty advisor. The fourth case featured books on, and written by Black women, and the last case contained a dedication to the Black women of past, present, and future. Black History

The week ended with Roy Ayers' concert in Phillips Auditorium.

BOSTON ALUMNI

Boston, Massachusetts
Chartered June 3, 1950

Boston Alumni Initiate New Members, Perform Community Service

Five new members were welcomed into the Boston Alumni Chapter. The Fall 2001 initiates, known as “The 5 of Diamonds,” are Sean K. Daughtry, Hassan Williams, Adrian Lawrence, Emanuel Owens, and Dr. James Taylor. Michael Gaskins was Membership Intake Chairman

The Boston Alumni Chapter hosted its annual holiday brunch December 12, 1999. The event was held at Raffael’s Restaurant in Quincy, Massachusetts. More than 100 people attended the event and enjoyed a wonderful meal and good fellowship. The event featured the jazz stylings of Michael Gaskins (Chi ’91) on saxophone and Edward Jones (Boston Alumni ’98) on piano. In addition to celebrating the holiday season, clothing and toiletries were donated to the Pine Street Inn of Boston.

Chapter members held the third annual Jackson W. Campbell Golf Tournament August 22. More than 60 golfers participated to raise money for the chapter’s scholarship fund. The event was coordinated by Boston Alumni Past Polemarch Lawrence Aldrick. More than \$4,000 was raised.

Boston Alumni Chapter completed its fall community service project October 26. Members participated in the City Year Serv-a-Thon Day by cleaning up and helping with construction at Paige Academy in Roxbury. Chapter members were assisted by members of the Boston Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority



Boston Alumni Members Help With Community Cleanup Project – 2001



DELTA ETA
University of Pennsylvania
Chartered February 11, 1952

Delta Eta Makes Community Impact

The Delta Eta Chapter has been active with its Guide Right program, academic and cultural awareness efforts, social activities, and alumni relations since the beginning of the academic year; Chapter members hosted a forum on September 11 to discuss the effects of terrorist attacks.



Delta Eta Members Take A Break During Campus Barbecue

A freshman barbecue was held in conjunction with the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Students from Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania enjoyed the September 13 event.

Delta Eta hosted the Junior Vice Polemarchs' Conference October 10-12 in Philadelphia. Information sessions were held at International Headquarters, and social events were held on campus. Junior Grand Vice Polemarch Larry London joined Delta Eta members on campus for fellowship.

Chapter members participated in the annual Philadelphia AIDS Walk October 19. The chapter partnered with the Minorities in Nursing Organization at the University of Pennsylvania to walk more than eight miles and raised \$852 to help fund research to find a cure for AIDS.

Delta Eta worked with the Drexel University Minority Leadership Council during the annual Halloween night. The chapter also sponsored a community service event October 31st. Children in the University City area of Philadelphia were given the opportunity to trick-or-treat throughout the Drexel campus.

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As Reported in the December 1989 issue of the Kappa Journal

Delta Eta
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

Delta Eta is planning to add a twist to the traditional Crimson and Cream formal ball this spring.

The 24 brothers from University of Pennsylvania, Drexel and Villanova Universities are working towards awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to male high school students from West Philadelphia High School. Hopefully, Delta Eta's spring Kappa Week festivities will be highlighted by the Crimson and Cream Scholarship Ball.

Towards this end, brothers have been raising money by selling Black History Calendars, which list an important event from black history for each day of the year. As Delta Eta is one of the more profitable undergraduate chapters in Kappadom, reaching their monetary goal should pose little problem.

During the fall semester, Delta Eta completed three forums: The African American Women's Struggle, held at Villanova in conjunction with Black Cultural Society; Blacks in Corporate America, featuring Donald Holmes, the Director of Human Resources at Smith Kline Consumer Products; and, Making the Transition from College to the Real World, featuring Brother Michael Robinson, a staff specialist at the Philadelphia Inroads Program.

The Sunshine Club was Delta Eta's innovative name for one of their late September Guide Right projects, where 14 brothers spent a day at Philadelphia's Mercy Douglas Senior Citizen's Home. "Rule number one at these visits is that you have to smile, regardless of your mood," said Delta Eta Polemarch Michael Orr, a senior at University of Pennsylvania and Spring '87 initiate. "The residents there are very receptive; we sang some Kappa songs and had a real nice time. Often these people don't have anyone at all, and when you go out of your way they think it's real special."

In November the brothers helped at a West Philadelphia soup kitchen, preparing and serving food to the homeless, This Christmas Delta Eta will help stage a party at the Pennsylvania Christmas Center, where brothers will dress up in Santa suits, put on elf caps, and otherwise be merry for the benefit of poor children.

Delta Eta had two parties and stepped three times in the fall, and their main effort in this area in the spring will be during the Penn Relays in April. They will also continue to sponsor an African child, and are planning a Black Gospel Choir Forum

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Pennsylvania State University
Chartered May 17, 1952

History of Delta Theta

Barton A. Fields and Bob Hanna arrived on the main campus of the Pennsylvania State College in September 1950. They had met the previous year and become good friends while attending the Harrisburg branch campus of Penn State as freshmen and had agreed to become roommates when they got to University Park.

When they arrived on campus, they moved into the dormitories. In those days the College extended an unusual courtesy: there was a short transition period during which you could get out of the dormitories if during that time you were able to make other living arrangements. Fields and Hanna decided that they couldn't afford the dorms and promptly started looking elsewhere for lodgings. They ended up getting a room at the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity house on Atherton Street along with sophomores Roger Sneed and Allen Haile. When asked why they chose to live at the Que House, Brother Fields explained that with only fifty or so African Americans on campus and with racial prejudice as rampant as it was, there really weren't a whole lot of choices.

While living at the Que house, Fields and Hanna enjoyed the camaraderie of their future rivals and developed associations that lasted for years. Among the Ques, it was generally assumed that they would pledge Omega sometime in the coming year. But Barton had other ideas. For some time, he had been friends with Nupes in the Philadelphia area and he entered Penn State with a strong determination to pledge Kappa.

Allen Haile and Roger Sneed on the other hand decided to give Omega Psi Phi a try. Along with another sophomore, Walter Hutchins, they joined the Ques' Fall 1950 line. But according to Brother Hutchins, something happened that semester which turned all three of them completely off and caused them to depledge.

Since they were thoroughly disillusioned with Omega Psi Phi, when Barton approached the trio about pledging Kappa, they enthusiastically embraced the idea. Roger Sneed had two brothers who were Nupes at Lincoln so, given a choice between Kappa and Que, it was only natural that he would choose Kappa anyway. Barton's good friend and roommate, Bob Hanna, was of course also down with the program. That fall they also met a sixth companion, the late Herbert Winston, a sophomore from Philadelphia, who decided to join their noble quest.

They all were excited by the prospect of starting an organization from scratch and having the opportunity to shape things in their own image. In particular, they were opposed to some of the more stringent physical requirements of pledging. By starting a new chapter, they hoped that they could make the Fraternity a kinder, gentler organization.

During Christmas break of 1950, Barton Fields, Herbert Winston and Walter Hutchins, met with the late John Williams, a Kappa from Lambda Chapter. During their visit, they obtained all of the information they needed to become Scrollers.

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Once they decided to become Kappas, they faced the daunting task of informing the Ques. Barton sat down with the President of the Ques, the late Richard Payton, to break the news. Surprisingly, he learned that Payton had also once heard the siren song of **Kappa Alpha Psi**, but had somehow gotten lost along the way. Payton explained that he had been a Scroller at North Carolina A & T but when he transferred to Penn State he learned that there were no Kappas on campus. Lacking the enthusiasm to change things for the better, he decided to pledge Que instead. Having given their notice, the four prospective Scrollers decided to move out of the Que House and try to find a place of their own.

In 1951, State College was much more of a rural community than it is today. It was difficult for anyone to find housing, much less a group of African Americans in a cold glacier of pristine white faces. Bob Hanna remembers answering the advertisement for a place to stay bright and early one snowy morning. It was the very next day after seeing the ad but upon entering the house, he was told that the apartment had already been rented. He found this particularly curious since there weren't any other footprints in the snow leading up to the house.

The foursome eventually did find lodgings at Mrs. Gifford's boarding house, which was just off West College Avenue. Fields and Hanna have fond memories of dealing with their landlady at this address. They explained that the thermostat was covered with a grate so that they couldn't get to the controls to turn up the heat. But Roger Sneed figured out that if you put towels on the grate and soaked the towels with alcohol, the effect of the alcohol evaporating would cool the thermostat enough to raise the temperature. Fields laughingly explained that "the landlady never did figure that one out!"

Shortly after Christmas break, Louis Ivey, a transfer student from Temple, was introduced to the crew by Herb Winston. Ivey and Winston had met in the Fall of 1950 while they were both living in the Nittany dormitories. Lou had been exposed to **Kappa Alpha Psi** while attending Temple the previous year and had become friends with John Williams. It wasn't long after he met Barton Fields and the others that Lou Ivey decided that he too wanted to become part of the bond that was growing among this very special group of young men.

The addition of Lou Ivey augmented the total number of prospective Scrollers to seven. The pledge period commenced in January 1951. Since there weren't any Kappas on campus, pledging was conducted from afar. The Scrollers were required to come to Philadelphia on certain weekends to visit Lambda Chapter's fraternity house on Belmont Avenue (south of Girard Avenue) where they received instruction and indoctrination from the Brothers of that chapter. Brothers from Lambda and Philadelphia Alumni also came up to State College on the weekends to provide guidance on site.

Lambda tradition dictated that the final week of pledging, Hell Week or Probation, would commence the Monday after Easter when all of the surrounding colleges were out of school for Spring Break. At this point, Delta Theta did not exist so Probation was conducted in Philadelphia by Lambda Chapter. There, Barton Fields, Roger Sneed, Allen Haile, Walter Hutchins, Louis Ivey, and Herbert Winston joined Lambda Chapter Scrollers Charles Bowser, Rollin Washington, and Mark Canty in being initiated into **Kappa Alpha Psi**. Despite the

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protests of his line brothers who offered to loan him the money, Bob Hanna deferred his initiation until the following year because he couldn't afford it at the time.

Most of the initiation activities were conducted at a Masonic Hall in South Philadelphia. Included in Probation was an interesting script about a trip through a desert aboard camels. (Sound familiar?) This script was developed by John Williams and Lambda's 1951 initiates were among the first to experience it. The following year after our chapter was chartered, it became a Delta Theta tradition that lasted for more than thirty years.

After the initiation ceremonies, six new Nupes returned to State College to continue their studies. Now that they were Kappas, they could begin to work in earnest on making their group into an official chapter.

When first approached with the idea, the Pan Hellenic Council and the University administration offered resistance to the idea of establishing another Black fraternity on campus. They seemed to think that with the Alphas and the Ques already on campus, Black males already had an ample selection of organizations to choose from. But with the help of John Williams, Barton Fields was able to persuade the administration that if White students had a choice of fifty or more fraternities, Black students should be able to choose from at least three. Barton remembers John Williams as being a veritable firebrand during the ensuing discussions. Although he went on to become a doctor by profession, Barton claims he presented his arguments with the vigor and enthusiasm of a prosecuting attorney. And it was a good thing too: the negotiations were not without some degree of animosity. At one point Barton threatened to write a letter to the *Pittsburgh Courier* about the situation. Ultimately, the administration yielded and in the persona of Dean Harold W. Perkins approved the formation of the new chapter.

In the fall of 1951, McKinley Wardlaw transferred to Penn State from Tuskegee. At Tuskegee, he had pledged Kappa and become part of the Gamma Epsilon chapter. When he first arrived on campus, he temporarily moved into the Eisenhower Hotel. When he learned that there was a group of Kappas on campus, he quickly made their acquaintance and moved it with them. By this time the Kappas had moved from the Gifford's to an apartment in the 400 block of South Fraser Street.

Later that year, the group found a house not far from the Gifford's which they began to envision as a full-fledged fraternity house. Located at 523 W. College Avenue, it was quite large, consisting of a first floor that included a very large living room, a social room, a dining room, kitchen and bathroom. The second and third floors consisted of five and four bedrooms each with a full bath respectively. They did some quick computations and determined that the cost of renting the entire house would work out better than their current arrangement at the apartment.

Just before Christmas of 1951 and well before they received their charter, the group moved into the first fraternity house. Barton Fields, Roger Sneed, Allen Haile, Walt Hutchins, McKinley Wardlaw and Bob Hanna were the first occupants of the new fraternity house. (Lou Ivey's mother wouldn't let him move into the house because she thought his grades would suffer. Herbert Winston also declined fraternity house living.) Leroy Yates and Malcolm Taylor, two independents, also rented rooms in the House much like Fields, Sneed, Hanna

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and Haile had lived in the Que House. A rent structure of \$25 per month for Brothers and \$20 per month for non-brothers was established. (Lou Ivey continued to contribute to the rental even though he was not living at the House.)



The Kappa Kastle – 523 W. College Avenue - 1952

The monthly rental was cheaper, but initially the group still didn't have enough money to furnish their new Kastle. After scraping together all that they could (including a loan from McKinley Wardlaw who having been in the Air Force was a little more well-heeled than the others) they were ready to buy the basics. Most of the furniture they purchased was used and the final payment was made by check. Before writing the check they all put their heads together and determined whose bank was the furthest from State College. It turned out that Allen Haile who was from Greensburg, South Carolina, was the furthest, so the check was written from his account. The extra few days it took the check to clear were just enough to enable them to squeak by.

Sometimes during the fall of 1951, the group held its first smoker. Jim Brewer, a sophomore and basketball scholarship recipient who had just transferred from the Ogontz campus, was the first Scroller. Before coming to Penn State, Jim attended West Philadelphia High School where he had befriended Hardy Williams. When he arrived at Penn State, he looked up his old friend who by that time had become a Que. Unfortunately, he found that he

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couldn't relate to the Ques. But when he met Barton Fields, Lou Ivey and Walt Hutchins, things just seemed to click. It wasn't long afterward that he decided to pledge Kappa.

Jim recalls that the pledge period consisted of learning material, performing errands for the big brothers, and general psychological harassment. Roger Sneed was designated his sponsor.

In the spring of 1952 after the completion of his pledge period, Brewer was placed on probation along with Bob Hanna. Since the organization still didn't have a charter, Hell Week was once again conducted in Philadelphia at Lambda Chapter. During Hell Week, Brewer claims that he carried a brick, shaved off one-half of his mustache and went on a Jericho. After a week of "Pro", on April 21, 1952 Hanna and Brewer became the newest members of the "almost Delta Theta Chapter."

With the initiation of Brewer and Hanna, the group had now grown to a total of nine brothers. With the entire paperwork already in place, it was just a matter of time before they would become an official chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi**. On May 17, 1952 it happened: Walter Chisholm, Polemarch of the Northeast Province, Enos Andrews, Past Polemarch of the Northeast Province, Hilary Holloway, future Grand Polemarch, Ray Edwards, Delmar Brown and, of course, John Williams came to State College to ceremonially confer the charter upon the fledgling chapter. And in customary Delta Theta fashion, there was a full weekend of activities to celebrate our genesis. A banquet was given at the State College Hotel and later that night a party was held at the Kappa Kastle. Both events were, of course, jellified.

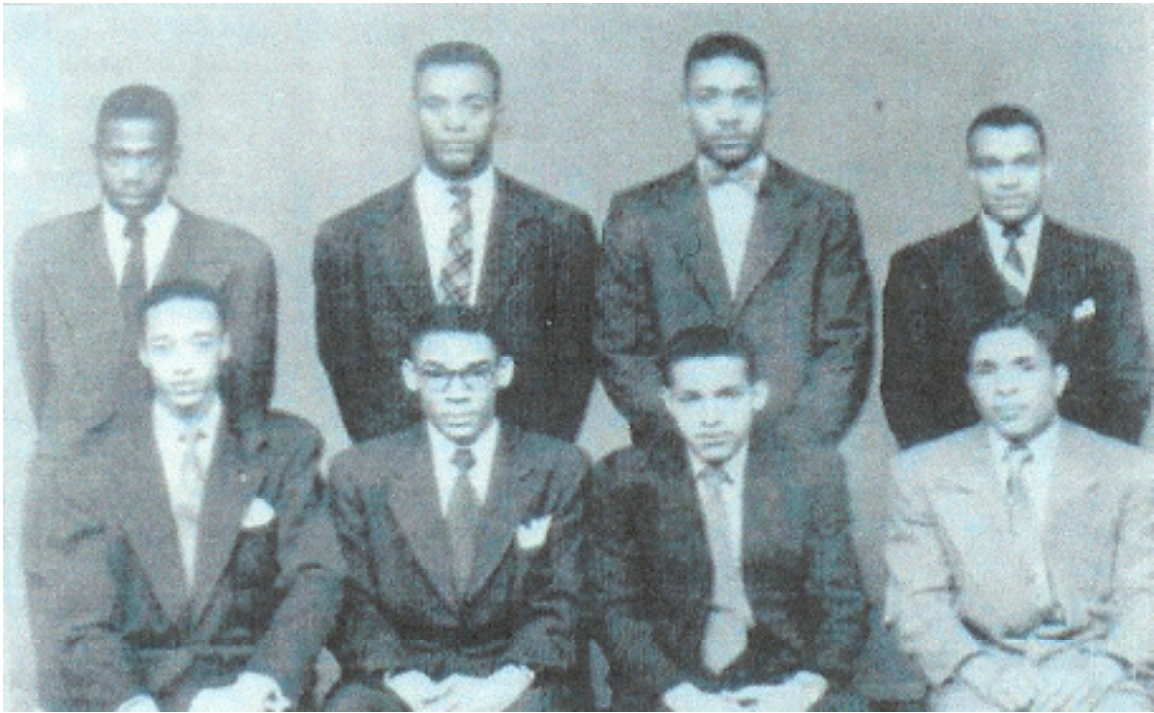
On May 17, 1952 on the campus of the Pennsylvania State College, Delta Theta Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi** made its bid for recognition within the great name of Kappadom. The activities, which marked the chartering of this new chapter, Delta Theta, were many and interesting.

Brothers of the Delta Theta Chapter were: Barton A. Fields, Polemarch, W. Roger Sneed, Vice Polemarch, Walter W. Hutchins, Jr., Keeper of Records, Allen C. Haile, Keeper of Exchequer, Charles T. Stancil, Advisor, James Brewer, Robert J. Hanna, Jr., Louis A. Ivey, Lt. Mckinley Wardlaw, Jr., and Herbert R. Winston

On the first night of the weekend, there was a dinner dance for the brothers and their dates at the chapter house. Saturday afternoon from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. the house was opened for public inspection. During this time many of the members of the college administration visited the house and offered their congratulations on the progress the brothers had made.

Welcomed Into Bond: At 6:00 P.M. the same evening there was a beautiful banquet given in the Beaver Room of the State College Hotel. At this time, amidst the aroma of a delicious meal, Enos S. Andrews, Past Polemarch of the Northeastern Province, William Chisholm, Polemarch of the Northeastern Province, and John N. Williams, Polemarch of Delta Eta Chapter, christened this new chapter Delta Theta and welcomed us into the bond. Later that night there was a party given at the chapter house. Here amidst the strands of "bop" and blues, countless students and friends enjoyed a taste of true Kappa hospitality. Music was provided by a live combo and a good time was had by all.

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Delta Theta Charter Members - 1952

House Before Charter: Delta Theta has the distinction of being the first chapter to have a house before it received its charter.

Having made such an entrance, and realizing the importance of Kappa on such a large and beautiful campus as that of the Pennsylvania State College, Polemarch Elect Barton A. Fields pledged himself to carry out the high ideals of Kappa with unswerving fidelity.



Delta Theta Chapter Celebrates It's 50th Anniversary – October 16-18, 2002

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Since the chartering of the Delta Theta Chapter, there has been much progress. However, there have been many problems. Our number is small, and we are looking forward to a brilliant stay on the campus, and we would like to feel that we have the good wishes of all Kappas behind us. On October 16-18, 2002, the Delta Theta Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary at Pennsylvania State University. Many of the brothers who had been enrolled at the Pennsylvania State University during the past fifty years attended the celebration. Executive Director Richard L. Snow, an alumnus of Delta Theta was the keynote speaker. Four of the charter members were in attendance. They were Barton A. Fields, Allen C. Haile, Walter Hutchins and McKinley Wardlaw, Jr.



ASBURY PARK - NEPTUNE ALUMNI

**Asbury Park - Neptune, New Jersey
Chartered April 8, 1955**

Asbury Park-Neptune Alumni Prepares Students for Computer Careers

The Asbury Park-Neptune Alumni Chapter is working with the Program for Acceleration in Computer Science Careers (PAC), a partnership which started in 1985 with Monmouth University. The program is held at Monmouth University's School of Science, Technology, and Engineering. PAC complements the formal education of minority students by exposing them to minority professionals in science, engineering, and technology. The program annually provides computer, mathematics, heritage, and special subject classes to minority students from the Monmouth and Ocean County areas. To date, more than 1,150 students have participated.

The PAC program consists of two ten-week sessions during the academic year. The sessions are held on Saturdays and generally last for three hours. In addition to academic training in mathematics and computer science, students receive tutoring and counseling. An annual field trip is also a part of the program, according to chapter member Leon Snead.





DELTA MU

Long Island University, Brooklyn
Chartered April 22, 1955

Delta Mu

A very special unique and history making moment occurred for Delta Mu Chapter's Joel and Jonathan Council. They joined their lineage brother Jeffrey, initiated May 28, 1980, thus becoming the Fraternity's first set of triplets in its 70-year history.

Jeffrey, Joel, and Jonathan are the youngest of seven sons born to John and Clara Council of Amityville, NY. An older brother, Kenneth, is a member of Albany Alumni Chapter.

Active socially on and off campus, the Council triplets share some impressive accomplishments. Jeffrey, a telecommunications major, just completed an internship with NBC Television and is also looking toward a career in Cablevision. Award-winning Joe, a

child psychology major, was junior director of the Keep Encouraging Youth program. He received A C. E.'s award for his work with the Summer Day Camp program.

Jonathan served as president of the Black Theatre Majors Caucus at C. W. Post which gave him opportunity to direct black news commentator, Bill McCreary, in a television commercial highlighting the Shomburg Research Center in Harlem. Jonathan also wrote and produced the commercial as a intern with WNEW Television, Channel 5. The triplets served on the board of the Young Black Republican Club of Long Island.



DOVER ALUMNI

Dover, Delaware

Chartered March 10, 1956

History of Dover Alumni

The early beginning of Dover Alumni Chapter was closely interwoven with the Beta Sigma Chapter at Delaware State College. Preceding Dover Alumni by nine years, Beta Sigma Chapter was chartered on March 8, 1947. In 1955, at a Beta Sigma alumni tailgate party at Delaware State College's annual homecoming football game, Brother William Hearne, an initiate of Beta Sigma and a charter member of Salisbury Alumni in the Eastern Province, put forth the idea of establishing an alumni chapter in Dover, Delaware. All of the brothers residing in lower Delaware were contacted for their approval and a pledge of membership. The chartering process bore fruit on March 10, 1956, when the Grand Chapter granted a charter to Dover Alumni Chapter, Northeastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi. The chartering ceremony was held at the old Rodney Hotel in New Castle County, Delaware. Northeastern Province Past Polemarch Enos S. Andrews attended the chartering ceremony. The charter members were Charles H. Bessellieu Jr., Samuel C. Davis, William Davis, Bennie J. George, Douglas A. Gibson, William M. Hearne, Allen T. Hill, Eugene Holmes, Roland Holmes, James Maull, Richard Maull, Robert Maull, Denver B. Parker, James Parker, B. Franklin Ricketts, Leslie Shockley, George H. P. Smith, Harrison H. Short and Jonathan Staggers. All of the brothers resided in Kent and Sussex counties, Delaware except B. Franklin Ricketts who lived in Denton, Maryland.

William M. Hearne was the first Polemarch. He later served as Keeper of Exchequer for twenty-five consecutive years. Another member with a long tenure in office is Brother Harold L. Harmon, who served as Keeper of Records for over twenty-five years.

Being a new chapter, the organization's Sunday monthly meeting was held at various brothers' homes. The agenda of the meetings included Delaware State College, homecoming, Founder's Day, Guide Right, Province Council Meetings, the annual formal, and closed entertainment with the silhouettes. After the meeting, a hardy meal and refreshments were served. The spouses of the brothers who were married did not have the slightest idea when the brothers would get home because the chapter met throughout Lower Delaware and in Denton, Maryland. An annual formal was held each year at no cost to the guests who were invited. Each brother was allowed to invite eight to ten guests, depending on the number of members in the chapter who decided to participate. If a brother did not need all of his invitations, he would give them to another brother. There were always brothers who needed extra invitations. The affair was usually held at the Convention Center in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, because it was one of the facilities that allowed you to bring your own bottle and breakfast could be served. In the evening of the affair, many brothers would rent a motel room for the night, anticipating that they would not be in any condition to drive home when the dance was over. During the intermission, the queen for the coming year was crowned and the brothers would sing the "Sweetheart Song". In 1961, the Dover Alumni Chapter joined forces with Wilmington Alumni and Beta Sigma Chapter to host its first Northeastern Province Council Meeting. The Province Council Meeting was held on March 31 – April 2, 1961 at the DuPont Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware.

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In 1976, under the leadership of Polemarch Mitchell Gordon, an initiate of Alpha Tau at Bluefield State College, Dover Alumni hosted its second Province Council Meeting at the Sheraton Inn in Dover, Delaware. The meeting was well attended by brothers in the Northeastern Province and their silhouettes. Many of the brothers and their spouses who were in attendance were graduates of Delaware State College and they used this opportunity to revisit the campus and renew acquaintances with former college mates.

By 1981, the majority of the members of Dover Alumni were residing in Kent County, Delaware and the brothers expressed a desire to find a permanent meeting place. Polemarch James D. McNair II, an initiate of Alpha Chapter, contracted with Dover Air Force Base Officer's Club for a permanent meeting place. The meeting date was changed to the first Wednesday after the fifteenth of each month at 7:00 PM. No meetings were held during the months of July and August. In the beginning, the club prepared a meat tray for each meeting, and later a buffet was made available to the brothers prior to the meeting. Ten years of successful meetings at the Officers Club led the chapter to suggest that the annual formal be held at the Officer's Club. In 1992, Dr. McKinley Wardlaw, Jr., Polemarch, an initiate of Gamma Epsilon at Tuskegee University, a charter member of Delta Theta, a James M. Kidd Awardee, and Northeastern Province Historian (1999 – 2002) contracted with the Dover Air Force Officer's Club for the use of the club to have a dance in May of each year. The idea of bring your own bottle was replaced by a cash bar. All other facets of the annual formal remained intact.

In 1996, under the leadership of Dover Alumni initiate Polemarch Berlin N. Hollingsworth, the Dover Alumni Chapter hosted its third Province Council Meeting. The response by the brothers of the Northeastern Province and their silhouettes was outstanding. The attendance exceeded that of any previous Province Council Meeting. Many guests used this opportunity to revisit the campus at Delaware State University and take advantage of Delaware's no tax shopping.

Under the guidance of Polemarch Lawrence Hampton, an initiate of Willingboro-Fort Dix-McGuire Air Force Base Alumni, Dover Alumni entered the new millennium with a successful Y2K party. This was followed by a repeat performance in the year 2000. The success of these affairs has led Dover Alumni to adopt the New Year's party as an annual affair.

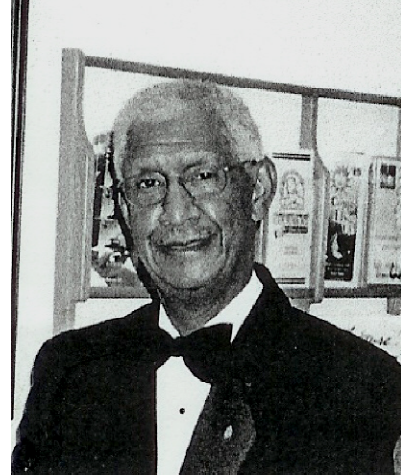


Charter Members of Dover Alumni – 1956

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William M. Hearne
Dover Alumni
First Polemarch



Harold L. Harmon
Dover Alumni
Keeper of Records
1978 – 2003

The Dover Alumni budget has grown from a “no set budget” in 1990 to an over \$11,000 line item budget in the year 2000-2001. Each year, Dover gives \$1500 in scholarships and invests \$1000 in mutual funds. In May 2000, Dover Alumni Chapter became a member of the Million Dollar Club of The Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation

Kappa Alpha Psi had an eight-state meeting for the Northeastern Province on March 26 and March 27, 1993 in Harrisburg, PA. The Dover Alumni Chapter captured three of the top four Province Individual Alumni Awards. Dr. McKinley Wardlaw, Jr. co-shared the James M. Kidd Award, the highest honor given by the Northeastern Province, for his lifelong service to the Fraternity, which includes establishing a new chapter at Wesley College, reactivating the Delaware State College Chapter, and traveling to Hawaii and England to assist alumni chapters with the new intake procedures.

Brothers Berlin Hollingsworth and James McNair II were both given individual Alumni Achievement Awards for civic involvement. Brother McNair received his award for years of service to both State and Central Delaware YMCA Boards and the Salvation Army. Brother Hollingsworth received the Province Alumni Achievement award for instituting the Kappa Alpha Psi Mentoring Program for Young Black Males at Dover High School, and for his involvement with the American Cancer Society, Delaware Prison Arts Advisory Council, the NAACP, the National Youth Sports program and Whatcoat United Methodist Church.

Through the efforts of the Dover Alumni Chapter and Calvin Brooks, a 1992 Beta Sigma initiate, the Guide Right Committee has launched a Kappa League program in south central Delaware. The “New P.S.I.,” or Positive Self-Image,” program is a subdivision of the Guide Right programming of the Dover Alumni and the Xi Mu (Delaware State University and Wesley College) Chapters. Mrs. Tiffany Foster, Program Monitor of the Delaware Department of Justice, presented a federal grant for the project to Brother Brooks on October 18, 2004. The mission of the program is to provide educational and occupational guidance to youth through programming and activities for African-American males.

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*Calvin Brooks
Guide Right Chairman*



*Dover Alumni Chapter captured three top Province Individual Alumni Awards.
(from left) Berlin N. Hollingsworth, McKinley Wardlaw and James D. McNair*



*George H. P. Smith
Mayor Lewes, Delaware
1994 - 2004*