

DELTA ZETA

History

May 21, 1970

Delta Zeta is the newest sorority at Ball State Teachers College, having been installed February 28, 1953. Previous to this time, we were members of Omega Sigma Chi local sorority. We are striving to uphold the high ideals set by Delta Zeta on other campuses.

The Alpha chapter of Delta Zeta was established on October 24, 1902, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. This was the first sorority on the campus at Miami University and we now have 74 chapters, four of which are in Indiana. They are at Indiana University, Depauw University, Franklin College, and Ball State Teachers College.

The six founders were Julia Bishop, Anna Keen, Alfa Lloyd, Mary Collins, Mabelle Minton, and Anne Simmons. Their patron there was Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of the University.

Delta Zeta is a member in good standing of National Panhellenic Conference and ranks favorably scholastically among other sororities. Scholarship is one of the primary aims of the sorority, and for this, the chapter having the highest average receives the National Scholarship Cup. Another award is given to the chapter maintaining the highest average over a period of years.

The sorority as a whole has two altruistic projects--one of supplying clothing, medical supplies, etc., to a small hospital in Holland, and the other one supplying a thousand layettes to be used by the children of Norway through the personal supervision of Crown Princess Mary.

The Gamma Chi chapter at Ball State takes an active part in all campus activities and has several members holding leading offices in the campus organizations.

Special activities of the Gamma Chi chapter are the annual ice cream social, square dance, and our semi-closed dance.

The charter members of Gamma Chi chapter of Delta Zeta are:

Miriam Acker
Lois Baker
Marilyn Beckett
Katheryn Conelley
Eula Gibbs
Elizabeth Gligor
Rita Heuss
Marjorie Holtsclaw
Morma Jackson

Lois Joslin
Phyllis Laudenschlager
Gail Modlin
Phyllis Neff
Edna Olson
Jeanette Ostrowski
Doris Sampson
Nellie C. Walsh (Katie)
Freda Wilt