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Topic: Greek Life

[Gai Allen answering a question about the founding of Alpha Kappa Alpha at the University of Delaware.]

Gai Allen: I was not a part of the charter line, we called them lines back then. Initially they started as Women Interested in Alpha Kappa Alpha, so they worked with a graduate chapter in Wilmington, and they called it WIAKA — Women Interested in Alpha Kappa Alpha — and then they became the Ivy League Pledge Club, so, so that's when they were pledging into the sorority, so it was the Ivy League Pledge Club. And then on—it was February 18th 1977 there were fifteen young women and they were initiated into the sorority and they became charter members of the Lambda Gamma Chapter at the University of Delaware the following day. So, I was on the campus at that time, when they became sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. I was on the campus when that first group of women were initiated but I did not pledge into the sorority, I was initiated Fall of 1978.