

The Story of the Pin

"I remember very well that Kelley, Dr. Bagley, and I were in his office [Bagley's] and we were talking about the emblem that would be used. Some of the men in the Education Club wanted a pin that could be worn. I don't know why they wanted a *pin*, but if it were to be an educational society, certainly they should have an emblem. So I suggested at that time that we should have a *pendant* emblem.



"At first we were not sure what we should have. So many of the different honoraries had already used up the standard types of emblems. Then it came to me that in the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity they had a black diamond and in the midst was a lovely white charter. I said, 'Why can't we have a charter?' It appealed to both Kelley and Dr. Bagley. Then Dr. Bagley said, 'Down through the center we'll put the stylus.' I laughed and said, 'Now listen, the stylus is an instrument used to chisel in stone. The charter we're talking about is nothing that could be used with a stylus. It's a portable material on which writings could be carried from place to place.' He just laughed and replied, 'Yes, but it would make a mighty good-looking pin.'

"Then Kelley asked, 'What are we going to put on the face of it?' Neither Dr. Bagley nor I had an opinion, but Kelley said, 'Why not put a beehive? To be a good teacher one must be like a bee, willing to work tirelessly for the common weal. A bee goes out and it comes back. We certainly would have a hard time getting a better design to put in the middle of the scroll.' So in that way the scroll became our emblem. Dr. Bagley supplied the motto which appears across the front of the gold emblem—Kappa Delta Pi.

"I am very happy to have made this as permanent knowledge. Very few people, although they agree that it is probably the most beautiful of all emblems of the societies, did not know of the meeting that formulated the emblem. Also, there was a drawing that we used to formulate the plans for the first pin. If the sketch was not lost in the fire we had, I believe it is somewhere about our house." Dr. Musselman