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Early in September the new Xi Sigma Pi officers—Reinee Hildebrandt, Forester; Chris Schnepf, Associate Forester; Steve Rinella, Ranger; and Rita Sonnelitter, Secretary/Fiscal Agent; along with their advisor Sande McNabb had a cabinet meeting. Together they discussed the purposes of Xi Sigma Pi. Over the years the society has evolved from an active, service-oriented organization whose sole purpose is recognition. The cabinet discussed this change and decided that perhaps it was time to go back to our roots, that is, become a service organization once again.

On September 28, a meeting was held for all Xi Sigma Pi members. The idea of having the incoming initiates do a community service project was adopted by the full membership and several suggestions for possible projects were made.

The initiate's decision in early October was to winterize a low-income family's home selected by the local housing agency. Rich Doak was designated as project leader. He coordinated all transportation and equipment needs.

October 25th was selected as the action day. 10 Initiates set out to winterize a home in Huxley. They spent approximately three hours applying weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors. By 6 p.m. the dedicated crew had completed their project and were in the Brown Bottle Restaurant. There they took their initiation oath and became fully fledged members of Xi Sigma Pi.

The Initiation Banquet at the Brown Bottle began with the candle lit initiation oath and ended with a slide presentation by Sande McNabb entitled “the Korean Miracle”. All who came left with a pleasant feeling.

Other Xi Sigma Pi activities during the year included donating $30 to the Hawkeye Science Fair, nominating Jeff Prestemon for a regional scholarship, choosing the Keith Bauer Award recipient and electing next year’s officers.

From July 1, 1982 - July 1, 1984, Iowa State University will become the national headquarters for Xi Sigma Pi. To coordinate and fulfill this responsibility national officers were elected from the faculty. The officers are: Sande McNabb-Forester, Fred Hopkins-Associate Forester, Paul Wray-Secretary/Fiscal Agent.