..... The History of the Mathematics Council of the ATA

delta-K

In December 1970, a major change was initiated, and the intent was



the Newsletter. Due to the nature of the articles being printed, the publication had grown to be more than a newsletter; it had developed into a professional journal.

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Suggestions for a name for the new journal were requested from members. The Mathematics Council Newsletter was renamed delta-K in May 1971 (Volume 10, Number 3). The chosen name represents delta (Δ) , the fourth letter in the Greek alphabet used in mathematics to represent an increment or increase. K is for knowledge: knowledge of mathematics, knowledge of teaching mathematics and knowledge of new methods and developments in our discipline. The new publication continued to provide members with news as well as professional articles dealing with current issues in mathematics education. Murray Falk continued as editor of the new journal until December 1973, when Ed Carriger of Bluffton began an eight-year tenure in the position.

delta-K has always been published regularly. The February 1978 edition brought further change. The journal had grown to such an extent that a simple corner-staple format was no longer feasible, so a double-page, saddle-stitched journal with a separate cover was introduced.

In spring 1981, George Cathcart of the University of Alberta became the editor and held this position until fall 1982. Other editors have

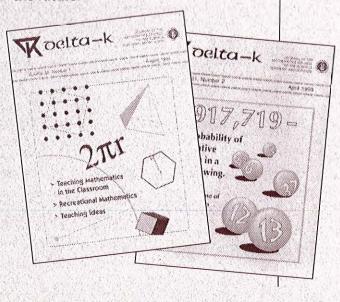
been Gordon Nichol (October 1983 to May 1984); coeditors Art Jorgensen from Edson and John Percevault of the University of Lethbridge (fall 1985); John Percevault (spring 1986 to spring 1988); Linda Brandau of the University of Calgary (fall 1988 to fall 1990). [Sadly, Linda later became ill and died in spring 1991.] From fall 1990 to fall 1992. John Percevault and Craig Loewen, both of the University of Lethbridge, coedited the journal. In fall 1992, Craig became the sole editor. In mid-1994, Art Jorgensen once again became journal editor.

The Volume 26, Number 3, August 1987, issue of *delta-K* was replaced with *Teaching Mathematics in the Early Childhood Classroom*, a joint publication of MCATA and the Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC). John Percevault (MCATA) and Gordon Orlick (ECEC) served as coeditors on the project.

Another special issue of *delta-K* was produced two years later, this time jointly with the Gifted and Talented Education Council: "Mathematics for Gifted Students" (Volume 27, Number 3, 1989; guest editor Andy Liu of the University of Alberta). Another joint venture with this council is planned for the future.



First meeting of the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) (now called the International Mathematical Union)



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