

- A PETITION -

to the

ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY

from

EPSILON

of

SIGMA DELTA RHO FRATERNITY

for the establishment

of a

CHAPTER

at

THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

March, 1937
Cincinnati, Ohio

PETITION

We the undersigned members of Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity, recognizing the high purposes and ideals of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity, believing that in it are to be found the principles and qualities which are symbolic of true fraternal spirit, and being mindful of its strength and splendid national organization, do hereby respectfully petition for the establishment of a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity at the University of Cincinnati.

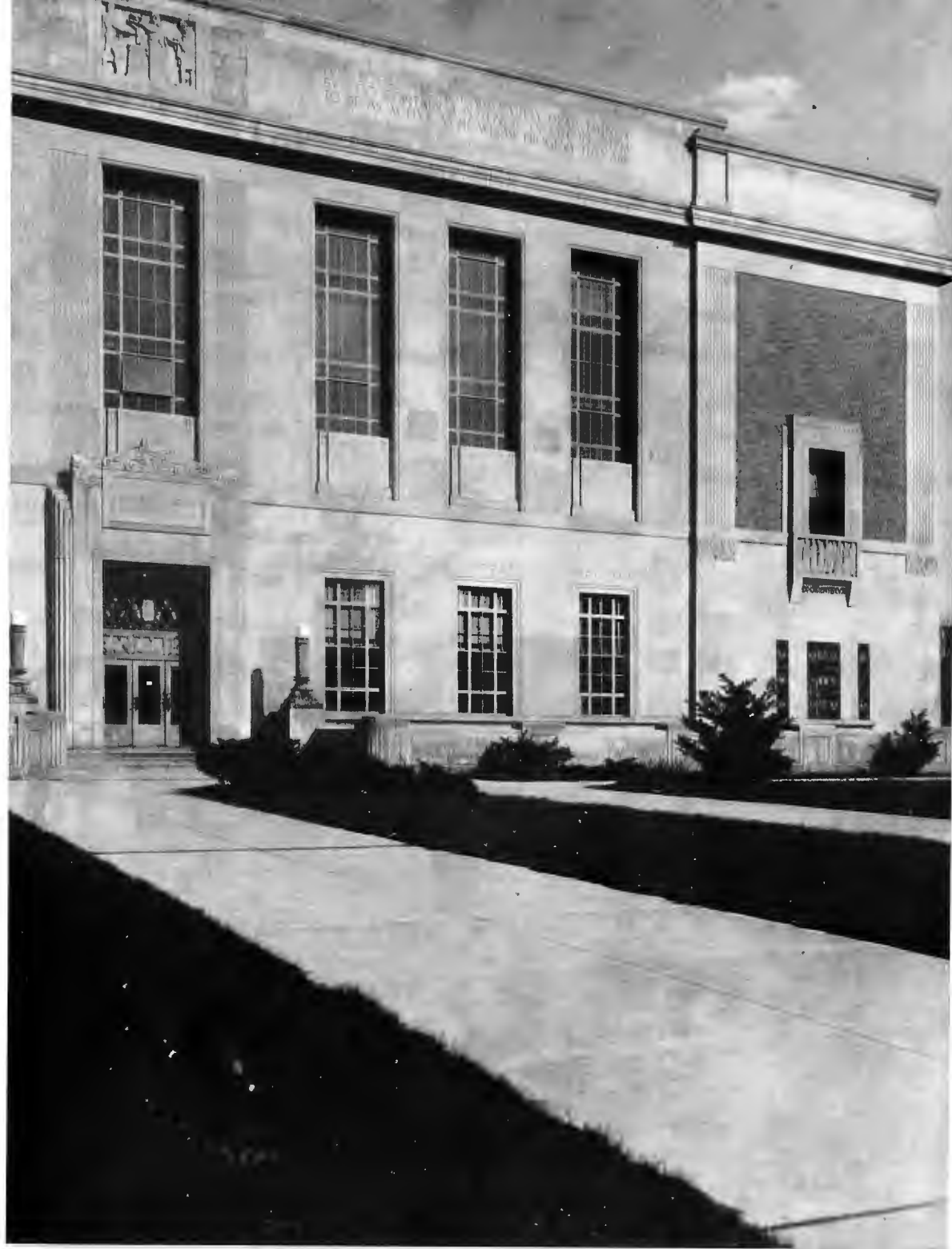
(Signed)

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ZOOLOGY AND BOTANY BUILDING

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ENGINEERING AND APPLIED ARTS

A Foreword by DEAN HERMAN SCHNEIDER

SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING

THE engineering and commercial professions depend largely on scientific research for their development. A research man, Faraday, made the discoveries which led to our huge power plants. Another research man, Alexander Graham Bell, made the telephone possible. Three research workers, Maxwell, Hertz, and Marconi, gave us the radio. And a great host of research men have made our bridges, dams, skyscrapers, automobiles, locomotives, machinery, and so on. The research men discover new scientific actions which the engineers then translate into things useful to the world. It has always been true that, in the long run, the activities of the engineering and commercial men have been in proportion to scientific discovery.

RESEARCH
ARMY

It is safe to say that at no time in the history of the world has there been such an army of research men at work in our universities and laboratories as at the present time. A short while ago they were numbered by the hundreds; now they are counted by thousands. All of this means new devices, new inventions, new opportunities. When the writer was graduated from college, the telephone had little commercial development; now it employs one per cent of our total working population. There were no automobiles, no airplanes, no moving pictures, and hardly any automatic machinery. Agricultural implements were of the simplest type. The electric light was a feeble unpromising gadget; electric power, a crazy dream.

A DIRE
PROPHECY
1886

And yet, in 1886, a major government official in his annual report stated that:

"The rapid development and adaptation of machinery in all the activities of production and transportation have brought what is commonly known as over-production so that machinery and over-production are two causes so closely connected that it is quite difficult to discuss the one without taking the other into consideration. . . . On all sides one sees the accomplished results of the labor of half a century. From a financial point of view, these accomplished results should always be regarded as a success. In many cases it is apparent that undertakings have proved deceptive and have become needy and some . . . insolvent. Whatever may have been the final result, the industry has been enormously developed, cities have been transformed, the world covered, and a new set of economic tools has been given in profusion to rich and in a more reasonable amount to poorer ones. What is strictly necessary has been done oftentimes to superfluity. This full supply of economic tools to meet the needs of nearly all branches of commerce and industry is the most important fact of the present time. It is true that the future is uncertain, but the present is a fact."

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

The foundation of the University of Cincinnati can be traced to the Cincinnati Lancaster Seminary founded in 1814. In 1819, under state law, the Cincinnati College was incorporated and the seminary merged with it.

The Cincinnati College consisted mainly of an academic department, but in 1834-35 the departments of Law and Medicine were added. The Cincinnati Law School founded earlier in 1833 became a part of the Department of Law. However, within a few years all of the departments except the Law Department passed out of existence.

The actual University owes its beginning to Charles McMicken who, in 1858, left his estate of \$1,000,000 to the City of Cincinnati for the purpose of establishing and maintaining two colleges for the education of white boys and girls. Much of the estate was lost in a court decision in 1860.

By 1870, the city was proceeding toward the incorporation of the University. Legislation passed in 1872 enabled the city to issue bonds for the erection of a building on the McMicken Homestead. The building was ready for use in 1875. Previous to the opening, the College of Liberal Arts gave courses through teachers in Woodward High School.

Shortly after the formal incorporation of the University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Astronomical Society gave its 11 inch equatorial telescope on Mt. Adams to the new institution. The



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society was noteworthy for its promotion of daily weather reports and meteorological observations.

In 1887, the Clinical and Pathological School of the Cincinnati City Hospital was established and became affiliated with the University as the Medical Department. Nine years later the Medical College of Ohio, the oldest of its kind west of the Alleghenies, became the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati since which time the Clinical and Pathological School has been known as the Department of Clinical Medicine.

The McMicken Homestead proved to be an unsuitable location for the growing institution, so in 1895, the city set aside forty-three acres in the southern part of Burnet Woods Park for the new University site. The College of Liberal Arts was the first to move to the new location.

The College of Engineering developed from the chair of civil engineering in the College of Liberal Arts and became a distinct department with a dean as its head in 1904. Two years later, 1906, it inaugurated the unique plan of the cooperative system.

The Teachers College was organized in 1905 through the cooperation of the Board of Education. In 1906, the Graduate School became a distinct part of the school. In 1909, the Miami College of Medicine became an integral part of the University establishing the new College of Medicine. In 1916, under a new city charter, the Medical College and the General Hospital were fused into a single organ-



WILSON AUDITORIUM



MEN'S DORMITORY

COLLEGE OF LAW





ization administered by one board of directors. In 1912, night classes were started in the Liberal Arts College. The same year saw the beginning of the College of Commerce which in 1919, became with the Engineering College, the College of Engineering and Commerce. In 1914, the School of Household Arts was established and became in 1919, the Department of Home Economics in the Teachers College. The Department of Hygiene and Physical Education was established in 1916. In 1922, the School of Applied Arts was established, and in 1924, the School of Household Administration was organized.

Thus the University today consists of nine colleges with a campus of forty-three acres upon which there are nineteen buildings, and has a total student enrollment of approximately 11,000 with a faculty of 625.





TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

STUDENT

ORGANIZATIONS

and

ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

Sigma Chi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Beta Theta Pi
Phi Delta Theta
Delta Tau Delta
Pi Kappa Alpha
Lamda Chi Alpha
Sigma Alpha Mu
Iota Chi Epsilon
Phi Beta Delta
Sigma Tau Phi
Triangle Fraternity
Alpha Tau Omega
Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa
Sigma Delta Rho
American Commons Club
Acacia
Alpha Phi Alpha

SOCIAL SORORITIES

Alpha Omicron Pi
Delta Delta Delta
Kappa Delta
Kappa Alpha Theta
Chi Omega
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Delta Zeta
Theta Phi Alpha
Alpha Chi Omega
Zeta Tau Alpha
Alpha Delta Theta
Alpha Gamma Delta
Sigma Delta Tau
Pi Alpha Tau
Trianon
Phi Mu
Pi Lamda Sigma
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Kappa Alpha

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THE FRATERNITY PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

The Fraternity Presidents' Council is an organization composed of the presidents of the social fraternities on the campus and is the governing body concerning rushing and activities. Regulations regarding rushing may be secured from the council upon request. George E. Smith, Jr. is the president.

MEMBERS

Acacia
Beta Kappa
Iota Chi Epsilon
Phi Delta Theta
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Delta Rho
Alpha Tau Omega
Beta Theta Pi
Lambda Chi Alpha

Phi Kappa
Sigma Alpha Mu
Sigma Tau Phi
American Commons Club
Delta Tau Delta
Phi Beta Delta
Pi Kappa Alpha
Sigma Chi
Triangle

HONORARY FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Omicron Delta Kappa
Scabbard and Blade
Pi Tau Sigma
Phi Beta Kappa
Tau Beta Pi
Beta Gamma Sigma

Kappa Delta Pi
Alpha Lambda Delta
Phi Eta Sigma
Guidon
Chi Delta Phi
Mortar Board

Local Honorary Fraternities and Sororities
24 Chapters

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Professional Fraternities and Sororities
24 Chapters

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PUBLICATIONS

The Cincinnati News Record The Students' Handbook
The Cincinnati The Applied Arts Journal
The Co-operative Engineer

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ORGANIZATIONS

Y.M.C.A.	Women's Senate
Y.W.C.A.	Tribunals
Orchestras	The Mummers Guild
Newman Club	The Fresh Painters
Debate Council	The University Oratorio Society
University Band	The Men's Glee Club
Co-Ep Club	Pershing Rifles
Co-Op Club	The R.O.T.C.
Student Council	The Girls' Glee Club
Men's Senate	The Student Orchestra

25 Minor Organizations



REPRESENTED ATHLETICS





ATHLETICS

The main purpose for any University existing is to educate those who are members of its student body. Likewise the true purpose of the Athletic program at the University of Cincinnati is to be educational. The athletic standards are high and the program aims to benefit the individual competitor in an educational way and not to confine the benefits to physical strength or skill.

The intercollegiate program consists of representative teams in the following sports: Football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, boxing, tennis, golf, fencing, and rifle. Each sport has a full schedule of activity and the university teams have been exceptionally successful in the past few years.

The football team was twice champions, in the past three years, of the Buckeye Conference which includes teams like Ohio University, Marshall, Miami, Ohio Wesleyan and Dayton. Outside of the conference such outstanding teams as Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Indiana, Wisconsin, Toledo, and South Dakota State have been played.

The baseball team has been conference champions four times since 1925. They have played such teams, outside of the conference, as Georgia, Vanderbilt, and Georgia Tech.

The tennis team has won the conference championship the past five years and in addition has played such teams as Michigan, Ohio State, Tulane, Kentucky, Indiana, and Butler.

The Intramural division of the University of Cincinnati has one of the best programs of activities in the country. The men's program has some twenty different team and individual activities. This program in Intramural athletics reaches over three-fourths of the men in College.

An idea of the range of activities is given by the following list: Touch football, water basketball, horseshoes, indoor track, fowl shooting, bowling, cross country, baseball, and boxing.

We, of Sigma Delta Rho, have always been represented in one or both phases of the athletic program. Although we have not made an outstanding record in any of the past few years, we have tried to organize a team for each event and have co-operated, to the best of our ability, with the intramural program.

The following is a list of our men and the activities in which they have been prominent:

Allison . . .	Presidents' Interfraternity Council, Co-Op Club, A.S.M.E.
Abel.	R.O.T.C., Scabbard and Blade, Band, Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A.
Ayers . . .	Pershing Rifles, Baseball, Co-Op Club.
Baffa . . .	Oratorio, Co-Op Club, Boxing, Y.M.C.A.
Braunberns.	Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A.
Critz . .	Oratorio, Glee Club, Fencing, Co-Op Club.
Gessendorf.	Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A., A.I.C.E.
Karably . . .	Football, Boxing, Track, Co-Op Club, A.I.C.E.
LeFeber	Pershing Rifles, Co-Op Club.
Pfeiffer.	Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A.
Shrive.	Co-Op Club, A.S.M.E.
Tilton.	Co-Op Club, A.I.C.E.
Tschudy	Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A.
Weaver.	Co-Op Club, A.S.M.E.
Werle	Baseball, Co-Op Club, A.S.M.E.
Ulrich. . .	Pershing Rifles, Co-Op Club, Y.M.C.A.



CINCINNATI SKY LINE FROM

DOME OF UNION TERMINAL





WHAT WE OFFER ALPHA KAPPA PI

1. Representation at a University of rapid growth having an "A" rating with the Association of American Colleges, and one of the oldest educational institutions in the United States.
2. Advantages to be derived by establishing a chapter in the State of Ohio close to the midwest section.
3. A Home for all Alpha Kappa Pi members visiting Cincinnati.
4. A local fraternity, formerly a National, financially sound, established for over ten years, maintaining during that period a high ranking in scholastic average among the competing fraternities on the campus, represented in every branch of extra-curricular activities, and having an alumni association numbering one hundred.
5. Representation in a University strongly favoring social fraternities, with excessive fraternity material, and not over-crowded with national organizations.

SIGMA DELTA RHO

and its

HOUSE

HISTORY OF EPSILON OF SIGMA DELTA RHO

In 1925 a group of nine students at the University of Cincinnati banded together to form a new local fraternity on the campus, calling it Kappa Alpha Chi.

The financial status of so small a group was necessarily low. This required that the first "house" be unpretentious, and so it was. The rooms occupied were on the second floor of a four family house, but the boys were proud of it and worked hard first to round up furniture from relatives, friends, and sales, and then, when the rooms were furnished, to build up an active membership in every sense of the word.

The organization grew rapidly and in a short time was forced to move to new quarters in order to accomodate the growing membership.

In 1927 Kappa Alpha Chi successfully petitioned Sigma Delta Rho, a national fraternity, for a charter, and in the spring of that year was installed as Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho.

As a chapter of a national fraternity the group expanded more rapidly than ever, so that in 1930 the chapter house had seventeen rooms and was rented at a cost of \$150.00 per month.

The members of the fraternity were active in campus affairs, holding in 1930-31 and 1931-32 two of six places in the Engineering Tribunal, three of six places in the Applied Arts Tribunal, two offices in the Student Council, two in the University Band, and four out of five offices in the Men's Glee Club. The chapter roll at that time was forty-four, and twenty-six new members were initiated in one school year.

Then came the depression. Members were forced to drop from school for financial reasons. Freshmen coming in did not have the means to pledge a fraternity, and other active members were being lost annually by graduation.

In 1933 the chapter moved to a smaller house of 10 rooms (which it still occupies).

At one time the active chapter consisted of only three men, but that was the bottom. Since then there has been a slow rebuilding and, at present, the active roll consists of sixteen men. All of these are really active, interested workers. The total membership of initiates of Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho is one hundred and twelve men.

In the meantime, the National of Sigma Delta Rho had been slowly weakening due to the loss of chapter after chapter which had not been able to weather the depression. And at the same time the National and Epsilon chapter grew farther and farther apart due to internal conflict.

In the fall of 1935 at a Senate meeting of all the chapters, each chapter was given permission to withdraw from the National if it so desired; and in the spring of 1936 the National became officially non-existent. The Epsilon chapter, however, elected to continue as a local under the name of Sigma Delta Rho, and to rebuild it to such a point that it could again successfully petition a National organization.

At the present time, the chapter consists of twelve actives and four pledges. They maintain an active and commendable standing on the campus and at this time are financially solvent.



SIGMA DELTA RHO'S HOUSE

THE HOUSE

The house is located at 541 Howell Ave., about one mile from the University. This is about the average distance from the school of the various social fraternities. It is a fairly large brick structure consisting of a full basement and three floors.

The basement is divided into three rooms, one of which is the recreation room. This room contains a regulation pool table. Having been recently redecorated, it is the scene of many pleasurable pastimes.

The first floor is made up of a large reception hall, a sitting room, dining room, and a kitchen. Three of these rooms have full inlaid floors which are excellent for dancing purposes. Two stairways lead to the second floor, one from the kitchen and one from the reception room.

On the second floor are four study rooms, each of which can comfortably accommodate four men. Besides these are the House Mother's room, bath room, and toilet. The bath room has four lavatories and an oversize bathtub. The toilet is separated from the bath room.

The third floor is used as a dormitory with the exception of one small room which will easily house two men. There are ten double bunks and one double bed now used by our "six foot-four" man.

In the rear of the house is a double garage besides a cindered parking lot which will accommodate six automobiles. An ample yard borders three sides of the house, with four beautiful trees decorating the front yard.

Mrs. Tyson, our House Mother, is held in high esteem by the fellows and we feel we cannot get along without her. She has a very pleasing personality and treats each of us as her own son. This coming September marks the end of her fourth year with us and we hope she will remain with us for years to come.

The fraternity maintains a boarding club the year 'round with the exception of six weeks during the summer.



ENTRANCE FROM COURT OF
CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM



TAFT MUSEUM

PETITIONERS

and

ENDORSEMENTS

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John J. Abel

L. S. Karably

Ray D. Allison

F. B. Pfeifer

J. J. Baffa

G. G. Shrive

R. R. Braunberns

Ray D. Tilton

W. E. Critz

D. B. Tschudy

G. G. Gessendorf

D. E. Weaver

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PLEDGES

Marvin Ayers

Fred Ulrich

W. A. Coburn LeFeber

Howard Werle, Jr.

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ALUMNI

Norman J. Durst

Thomas E. Leroy

W. B. Elam

John F. Locke

J. Walter Greife

R. D. Nieman

Harry A. Hines

Ray A. Nolting

R. B. Howard

Warren R. Oder, Jr.

Wm. H. Kemp

H. R. Rice

Frank H. Kiesewetter

Gilbert H. Smith

Chester Lancaster

Stanley W. Trosset, Jr.

ENDORSEMENTS

University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

I take pleasure in commending the application of Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity of the University of Cincinnati for membership in the National Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Raymond Walters, President.

University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Gentlemen:

The University of Cincinnati chapter of Sigma Delta Rho is, I understand, petitioning you for a charter. I should like to say a word in their behalf.

Since the dissolution of Sigma Delta Rho as a national, the chapter here has faced a good many obstacles, such as the difficulty of getting pledges, lack of stimulation from national officers, and so on. Through all of it the fraternity has managed to retain the loyalty of its membership, and has maintained its status on the campus. The membership is small but well-knit; the officers are capable and enterprising; the finances have been satisfactorily managed.

I should recommend your giving consideration to the application for a charter.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur S. Postle,
Dean of Men.

University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio.

To the Members of Alpha Kappa Pi:

It is a pleasure for me to endorse the petition of the University of Cincinnati group for a charter from your fraternity. The continued existence of the petitioning body on this campus as the chapter of a strong national fraternity will be of distinct benefit to the student body here. This campus chapter has been organized for over ten years, and thus has a tradition that few petitioning groups enjoy. They also have the support of about one hundred alumni members, which assures an adequate interest in the fortunes of this chapter from the older men. I know that they will receive the cooperation of other fraternal organizations at this University. We would look forward to welcoming Alpha Kappa Pi on this campus.

Very truly yours,
J. E. Holliday,
Assistant Dean
Fraternity Advisor

The Young Men's Christian Association
Of the University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Grand Council and Chapters
Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity
Gentlemen:

I am glad to give my support to the petition of the local social fraternity, Sigma Delta Rho, for a charter of Alpha Kappa Pi. This group of young men has been, and is active in student affairs and have shown fine qualities of leadership. I have had the pleasure of working with many of them in the University Y. M. C. A. and in other campus enterprises and have found them to be a fine group of college men. Many alumni of this group have already achieved recognition in their fields and are a credit, not only to their Alma Mater, but to the community in which they live.

In commending this group as being worthy of recognition by Alpha Kappa Pi, I am confident that they will measure up to the high standards of your fraternity and make a definite contribution to the social and academic life of our University.

Very sincerely yours,
Robert W. Bishop
Executive Secretary.

University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

To Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I learned that Sigma Delta Rho Fraternity of this Campus is petitioning your national Fraternity.

In my years of experience in coaching and directing Intramural athletics I have had the pleasure of working with a fine group of fellows from Sigma Delta Rho, who have co-operated as far as possible in our whole athletic program, and have been well represented in athletics as a whole.

I sincerely hope you will find it desirable to grant Sigma Delta Rho a charter as I am certain it will be to your advantage and theirs alike.

Very truly yours,
M. Charles Mileham,
Director of Intramural Athletics,
Track Coach.

Ohio Epsilon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Cincinnati, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Sigma Delta Rho has held in proportion to its size a commendable position on the campus of the University of Cincinnati in athletics and campus activities. Its inclusion in a national fraternity would permit it to occupy a stronger place on the campus and to realize to a fuller extent its possibilities.

Ohio Epsilon of Sigma Alpha Epsilon therefore recommends the petition of Sigma Delta Rho to Alpha Kappa Pi.

Sincerely yours,
William R. Schott
Eminent Archon

Cincinnati, Ohio

Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Brothers,

Was gratified to learn you had chosen to petition the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity for membership as a unit chapter.

Having closely observed Epsilon's activities since 1927, I can unqualifiedly recommend the present active chapter and those alumni you have gathered about you, to the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity.

After conferring with Alpha Kappa Pi's ambassador of good will, I have no doubt of the high ideals of his fraternity, and their spirit.

Should your petition be granted I am confident that every Epsilon man would bend his every effort to bring honor to Alpha Kappa Pi. The prestige Alpha Kappa Pi may be gracious enough to bring you would assist greatly in building a chapter of real value and achievements.

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recommend the men of Epsilon of Sigma Delta Rho, and I sincerely trust that you may have the privilege of following the men of Eta and Gamma into a fine new bond of brotherhood under the banner of Alpha Kappa Pi.

With best wishes,
Fraternally,
W. B. Hopper, Exec. Secy.

New York City

To the Chapters of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity:-
Dear Brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi,

Having attended Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, for four years, and being a member of the Iota chapter of the fraternity, I desire to add my heartiest personal recommendation to the endeavors of the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity, at

the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, to become a chapter in the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. The Ohio colleges and Universities have a very remarkable set up in all intercollegiate relations and in this way, and others, become well known to the students on the respective campuses. I have only fine things to say about the University of Cincinnati. We would do ourselves proud to enter there.

Fraternally,
Rufus D. McDonald, Iota.
Past Grand Secretary,
Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity

Mt. Carmel, Penn.

Dear Brothers,

The entrance of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity upon the University of Cincinnati campus would mark a step forward not only for the local group but for the fraternity as well. The University of Cincinnati had become one of the most progressive schools of higher education in Ohio, and by having a chapter there, Alpha Kappa Pi shows a similar progressive trend. It is not as a dream, that we will expect big things from that campus; but because of her past history we know they will be forth-coming. So once more Alpha Kappa Pi would move forward, by establishing herself on the campus of a growing University.

Leroy C. Brumbaugh
Alpha Gamma

University of Toledo
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Brothers;

For the many years during which we were united under the common banner of Sigma Delta Rho, the chapter at the University of Cincinnati worked in harmony and concord for the best interests of Sigma Delta Rho. Our contacts with the men from that chapter resulted in mutual fraternal love and respect, and it is with much pleasure that we, the chapter last added to Alpha Kappa Pi, learn of the petition of the Cincinnati chapter of Sigma Delta Rho. We hasten to endorse it without any reservations whatever. In our own brief experience with Alpha Kappa Pi, we realize the benefits of our affiliation, and wish to pass along these benefits to our former brothers at the University of Cincinnati, with the full confidence and belief that our former fraternal bonds will be renewed and strengthened, and that the entire fraternity of Alpha Kappa Pi will be helped by placing a chapter at that University.

Fraternally,
J. B. Brandeberry, Faculty Advisor
Alpha Delta Chapter.

Alliance, Ohio

To the Chapters, Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity,
Dear Brothers,

It is genuine pleasure for the Iota chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, to endorse the petition of the Sigma Delta Rho local fraternity, University of Cincinnati, Ohio. We, of the Iota chapter, are certain that a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi at this university will add to the growing prestige of our fraternity. Iota anticipates with much eagerness the installing of the third Ohio chapter, and at the University of Cincinnati.

Fraternally,
Hamill Hartman, Pres.
James A. West, Historian.

New York City

To the Chapters and Brothers of
The Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity,
Greetings:

The Sigma Delta Rho fraternity at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been under my personal observation for the past several months. The university itself I have known for years as one of the high ranking educational institutions not only within the State of Ohio, but within the borders of the Nation. There is no question as to its full rating among fraternity and university circles.

During the month of April, 1937, I made a special visit to the university, while in Ohio, and met the members of the Sigma Delta Rho and spent some time in their very finely maintained chapter house, and in gaining a close-up of the aims and desires of these men now petitioning the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. This Sigma Delta Rho has been at the University of Cincinnati since 1926, and more than one hundred men have been enrolled within its membership. Many of them having played leading parts in the life of the university's activities. To my mind there is no question but these petitioners are worthy of a place within the chartered groups of this fraternity. Therefore it is a pleasure to be able to give this knowing endorsement to the efforts of these young men, of the Sigma Delta Rho fraternity of the University of Cincinnati, to become a chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. There is no question to my mind but that a chapter at this university will be a credit to the Alpha Kappa Pi, and I hereby unqualifiedly recommend them to the chapters at large for a favorable action. It is the proper kind of extension and the only kind that we seek for our fraternity.

Fraternally,
Albert Hughes Wilson,
Advisor.