

TO

*Alpha Kappa Pi*

*A Petition*



*Formal Petition*

TO

*Alpha Kappa Pi*

BY

*Phi Kappa Lambda*

AT THE

*University of Connecticut*



STORRS, CONN.

1943

## A P E T I T I O N

Greetings:

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the undergraduate students hereinafter designated as the local Phi Kappa Lambda Society at the University of Connecticut, situated at Storrs, Connecticut, conscious of the advantage as members of a strong national fraternity, do hereby respectfully petition the Grand Officers and the Collegiate Chapters of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity that a charter be granted us as a chapter in the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity. Should our petition be granted we will thereupon recognize the Grand Executive Council of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity as our supreme legislative, executive, and judicial authority. We agree to abide by and obey all laws, ordinances, and ancient customs of the fraternity and obligate ourselves to promote its welfare and best interests as a worthy and acceptable chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity.

Seymour A. Bender  
President

Richard D. Phelps  
Vice-President

P. J. Casanova  
Secretary

Stanley E. Machenberg  
Treasurer

January 20, 1943

## THE UNIVERSITY

The Storrs Agricultural School was established on April 6, 1881, by the Connecticut General Assembly with 170 acres of land. In 1893, the Assembly assigned to it Connecticut's share of funds originating in the Federal Land Grant and Morrill Acts; the name was changed to Storrs Agricultural College and was opened to women. In 1939, the name became the University of Connecticut.

The University owns 1700 acres of land in Mansfield, including the campus of 110 acres. Buildings of instruction and research include Charles L. Beach Building, Engineering Building, Guley Hall, Atwater Laboratory, Home Economics Building, Dramatics Building, and others. The Wilbur L. Cross Library is one of the most attractive buildings on campus. The stacks have a capacity of 200,000 volumes.

Dormitories include Storrs Hall, Koons Hall, William H. Hall Dormitory, and Walter C. Wood Hall for men, and Holcomb Hall, Edwina Whitney Hall, M. Estella Sprague Hall, and Harry G. Manchester Hall for women.

The University offers undergraduate work in Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Home Economics, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Social Work.

R.D.P.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

Seymour Albert Bender of Mount Vernon, New York, was one of the founders and a charter member. He is taking a B.S. in Entomology and is in the class of "43". "Cy" is a representative to the interfraternity governing body and served two years as a cheerleader.

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Stanley Merrill Bockstein of East Haddam, Connecticut, was initiated in May, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Chemistry and is in the class of "44". "Stan" is on the varsity swimming team and played soccer his first two years.

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Pasquale Joseph Casanova of New Haven, Connecticut, was a charter member. He is taking a B.A. in Government and is in the class of "44". "Pat" ran Cross Country his freshman year and is one of the most active members of The International Relations Club.

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Stanley Ellis Machenberg of Stamford, Connecticut, was a charter member. He is taking a B.S. in Chemistry and is in the class of "44". "Stan" is the first student lab instructor in the school's history.

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Richard Duane Phelps of West Hartford, Connecticut, was one of the founders and a charter member. He is taking a B. S. in Mathematics and is in the class of "44".

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

"Dick" is at present business manager of The Husky Network, the campus broadcasting studio.

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Clayton Leeman Balch of Southington, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking his B.S. in Economics and is in the class of "45". "Clayt" is manager of the varsity baseball team.

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James Adolph Foxwell of Windsor, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Engineering and is in the class of "45". "Big Jim" is our guiding light in intramural competition.

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Charles Michael Macri, Jr. of New Haven, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Horticulture and is in the class of "45". "Charlie" was in the Glee Club and takes an active part in the Horticulture Club.

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William Marcuse of Fairfield, Connecticut, was initiated in May, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Engineering and is in the class of "45". "Bill" is at present assistant manager of the varsity basketball team.

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Julius Rizzo of Bloomfield, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Engineering and is in the class of "45". "Riz" is an active member of the Glee Club.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Philip Melvin Rosenberg of The Bronx, New York, was one of the founders and was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Psychology and is in the class of "45". "Phil" is an active member of the Glee Club.

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George Herbert Spencer of Chester, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Physics and is in the class of "45". "George" is found in the cast of most of the University Theatre Association's productions.

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Edwin Louis Yungk of Hartford, Connecticut, was initiated in March, 1942. He is taking a B.S. in Engineering and is in the class of "45". "Ed" keeps the campus supplied with humor via his weekly broadcast.

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## THE LOCAL SOCIETY

Phi Kappa Lambda is a fraternity conceived by three undergraduates, a junior, a sophomore, and a freshman, on October 12, 1941. The organization was founded on the ideals of pure fraternalism to include members of any faith who are eager and able to support these ideals. Its founders felt then, as they do now, that a society composed of men representing many different fields of endeavor is more democratic than one which restricts its membership along a hard and narrow line, and is thereby endowed with greater possibilities for a fruitful existence.

On a campus housing approximately 2000 students where organized rushing is the rule, Phi Kappa Lambda was a well organized body of 20 men in less than six months. To its credit it claimed the Editor-in-Chief of the "Campus", the student bi-weekly, a member of the varsity swimming team, a manager of the basketball team and another similarly affiliated with the baseball squad. We were also represented in many of the important campus organizations, including The American Chemical Society, The Husky Network, The University Theatre Association, The Newman Club, The Hillel Society, The International Relations Club, - to name but a few. When the student senate elections were in force the fraternity succeeded in nominating one of the brothers to represent the sophomore class. These accounts are tokens of the spirit Phi Kappa Lambda typifies.



Shortly after its inception the group was granted exclusive privileges to an adequate assembly room in one of the better dormitories, which it furnished and maintained as a symbol of its unity.

At present Phi Kappa Lambda exists at the University of Connecticut as a fraternity recognized by the Mediator, the interfraternity governing body, and is respected by all who are acquainted with its members. The founders of the fraternity are proud of its achievements and confident that the future will find it equal to its greatest ambitions.

P.M.R.

### OTHER GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES

#### Fraternities

#### Sororities

#### National

Phi Mu Delta	1918	Kappa Alpha Theta	1942
Alpha Gamma Rho	1922	Kappa Kappa Gamma	1942
Kappa Sigma	1942		
Tau Epsilon Phi	1932		
Phi Epsilon Pi	1916		
Phi Sigma Delta	1943		

#### Local

Alpha Phi	1912	Sigma Upsilon Mu	1933
(petitioning Sigma Chi)			
Pi Alpha Pi	1925	Theta Psi	1933
(petitioning Theta Xi)			
Sigma Phi Gamma	1922	Sigma Kappa Delta	1942
(petitioning S.A.E.)			
Eta Lambda Sigma	1893	Phi Delta Upsilon	1942

## E N D O R S E M E N T S

To the Executive Council and Collegiate Chapters:

It is with much pleasure that I recommend to the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity the establishment of an AKPII chapter at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

The University has been handsomely provided for by the State of Connecticut. An immense campus presents a magnificent array of buildings. An ample and ever-increasing plant and a group of outstanding teachers provide every possible advantage to the student seeking knowledge. The location is not only an attractive one in the matter of educational facilities, but it is one beautiful for situation with its long valley, rolling hills and a natural display of primeval trees and attended foliage. Only recently this college was made the State University, and since that time the attendance has been extended until today some 2000 students are in full attendance. There is nothing whatsoever against the university insofar as being able to provide ample numerical strength for the maintaining of a strong and loyal chapter. As to the matter of war times there are recognized facts to show that the university will be able to continue its courses and more so since there are exceptionally forceful schools in engineering, agriculture, and pre-medicine.

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Another assurance is the number of young men attending the university who are still below the age of eighteen years. The college owns everything on the many hundreds of acres forming the campus, and thus there is no problem of chapter house upkeep. Whether house or dormitory resident, the university is in charge of all financial considerations of a housing nature.

Then, as to the petitioning group, there is no slightest question as to the ability of these well-dispositioned young men to make a success of the chaptered life. Harmonious, scholastically well rated, members of the pan-hellenic council, there would be a very strong organization from the start of things. Owning their furnishings and located in one of the better dormitories, the machinery is there to build a chapter that would stand an increasing honor to the entire fraternity. After spending considerable time on the campus and in company with the members of the petitioning group, I have no hesitancy in expressing the wish that Alpha Kappa Pi accept this petition and thus make its initial entrance into the state of Connecticut, and through the offices at the University of Connecticut.

An Endorsement

Albert Hughes Wilson  
Fraternity Adviser

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The University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

Office of the President January 15, 1942

Alpha Kappa Pi National Fraternity

Gentlemen:

I have just been informed that Phi Kappa Lambda (local fraternity) on the campus of the University of Connecticut is interested in becoming a chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Phi Kappa Lambda was established on the campus in 1941 and has stood well scholastically. The members have been active in a worth while way in student activities and in support of the University. I am very happy to recommend Phi Kappa Lambda for consideration by your national organization.

The administration and the University favor a continuance and development of fraternities. The administration believes that affiliation with national organizations will prove beneficial to the organization and members belonging to a national organization.

I will be glad to furnish any other information you may desire.

Sincerely yours,

A.N. Jorgensen  
President

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To the members of Alpha Kappa Pi:

A year ago ~~late~~ October a few boys on this campus banded together for a common purpose, convinced that ideals are workable, ready to try where others had failed before. Nor did they lack in judgment what they had in idealism. They faced the facts wisely and courageously and they took the necessary precautions against pitfalls. Their loyal group today is evidence of the success of their effort.

It was my happy privilege to be invited by these boys to be their faculty advisor and from the first we talked the same language. In this short time I have witnessed their individual and their group growth. Their enthusiasm is unbridled - even at fraternity meetings. And most important, I have watched the growth of an ideal.

It is this enthusiasm and this desire for growth which have caused the boys to reach beyond the confines of this campus and to search the field of national fraternities for a spirit kindred to their own. This they believe they have found in Alpha Kappa Pi and rightly so, I feel, for in common fellowship with the boys of an organization such as yours - which respects the ideals of the individual chapters and, in a true spirit of tolerance, encourages their individual attainments - they will be able to realize more quickly and more fully their desired goal.

In the boys of Phi Kappa Lambda you will find an unusual spirit of cooperation and true loyalty.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Brown, Jr.

Jan. 21 1947

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Gentlemen:

It is a sincere pleasure to lend my unqualified endorsement to the petition of Phi Kappa Lambda for membership in the Alpha Kappa Pi National Fraternity.

As a patron of the fraternity during the past year, I have become aware of the sincerity and integrity of its members as well as their desire to perpetuate the group through national affiliation. If you accept their petition I trust that the ideals of the group will be preserved intact.

Very sincerely,

Jan. 21, 1942

Henry G. Stetler