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"OLD MAIN," ELLSWORTH COLLEGE

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HONOR APPRECIATED

THE yellow tea rose—the Mrs. Coolidge rose—is the national flower of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. Being acquainted of the fraternity's selection, Mrs. Coolidge writes from the White House as follows:

*Mr. A. H. Wilson,
163 East One Hundred Eleventh Street,
New York, New York*

MY DEAR MR. WILSON:

I write to thank you for sending me the booklet telling of the founding of Alpha Kappa Pi and I am asking you to convey to the fraternity my best wishes. I hope that the flower which they have chosen may typify to them a prophetic ray of sunshine as they begin their fraternity life.

May the men of Alpha Kappa Pi keep their standard high and be a force for all that is best in student life.

Sincerely,

GRACE COOLIDGE

September 28, 1926.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

IT IS a pleasure to extend welcome to our two new chapters, the Delta at the Polytechnic Institute of Technology, Brooklyn, New York, and the Epsilon at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa. The Delta chapter was formed from the petitioning local, Phi Psi, that had made a very definite place for itself at the Brooklyn Polytechnic. The Epsilon chapter was formed by chartering the Chi Pi Theta society, the oldest fraternity organization on that campus. Ellsworth just recently opened her doors to the national organizations and Alpha Kappa Pi will stand as the pioneer there. At Brooklyn Polytechnic Alpha Kappa Pi will meet Alpha Chi Rho, Theta Kappa Nu and the Phi Sigma local fraternity. Welcome and good fortune to these fine groups of excellent gentlemen. Delta becomes our second chapter within the state of New York while Epsilon is the first in Iowa and also brings the third state into our brotherhood—New Jersey, New York and Iowa.

It is not too early to begin thinking about the second national convention to be held in New York City, at the call of the Executive Council, presumably some time during the month of May. There are many problems to be considered and now is the time for the active chapter members, and the alumni brothers, to begin mapping out those subjects that may be considered necessary for the betterment, and future progress, of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity. It is pertinent to remark that the active chapters should make it a point to send to this convention the delegates best endowed to enter into the discussions of the points at issue, and also able to carry back to the home members a true and living report of what takes place at such gatherings. Watch for the announcement of time and place and may the chapters attend in as great numbers as possible. Last year Beta chapter was there 100 per cent. How many expect to do so in 1927?

We take pride in calling attention to the Mrs. Coolidge letter, reproduced in this issue of THE ALPHA. This letter is in response to the notification that the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity had chosen the Mrs. Coolidge rose, the yellow tea rose, as the flower of the fraternity. May the members of Alpha Kappa Pi strive valiantly to live up to the high expectations of the First Lady of The Nation. Indeed to the noblest teachings of our own ritual.

ALPHA KAPPA PI ENTERS BROOKLYN

THE AIM of the Phi Psi fraternity, founded at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, New York, in 1922, has been to become a worthy chapter of a national brotherhood. This aim was most truly fulfilled on the evening of November 19, 1926, when the members of the Phi Psi were formally installed as the Delta chapter, Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

The members of the Executive Council made up the installing team, while a great many brothers, from Alpha, Beta and Gamma chapters, witnessed the ceremony. The initiation work was conducted in the lounge room of the chapter house, 255 Hicks Street. The ritual work was impressively recited and the new initiates were deeply inspired to become the best possible kind of Alpha Kappa Pi members.

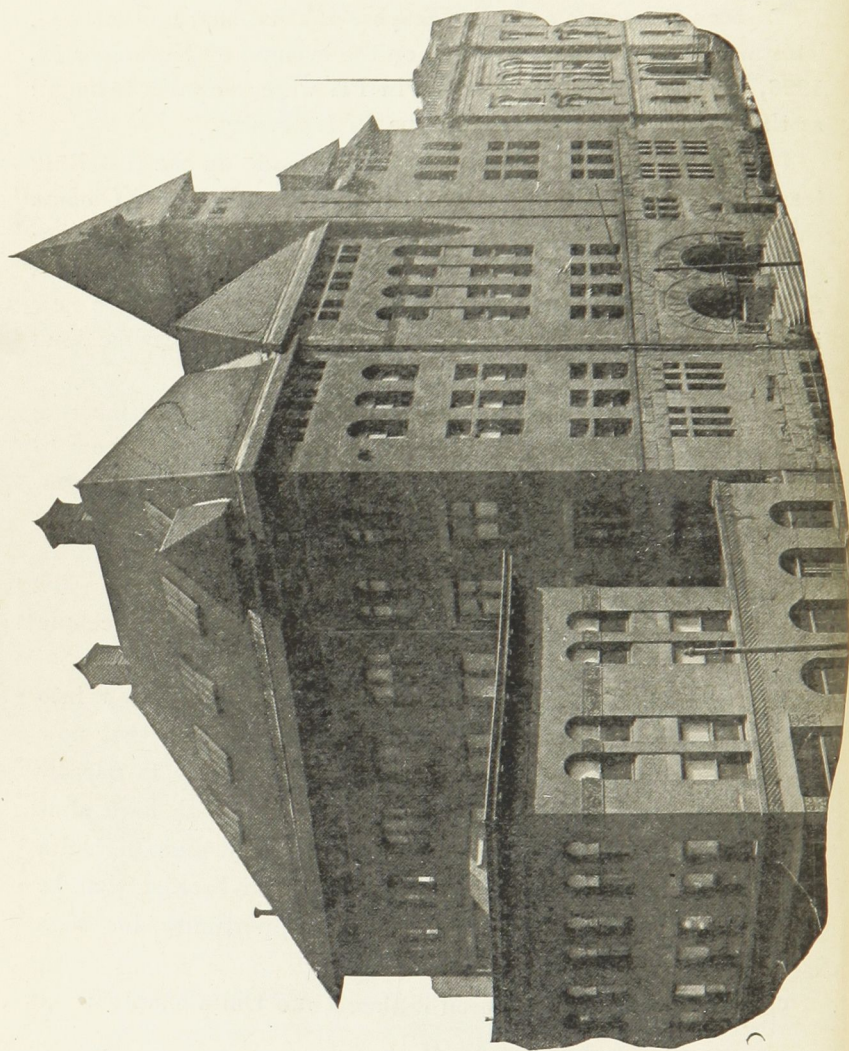
Immediately following the ritual service a chapter meeting was held and the Delta chapter instructed, more fully, how to open and close a business session in the true and accepted form. Then the evening became more informal and the outside caterers served a most tempting buffet supper. This form of service permitted the visiting brothers to become more thoroughly acquainted with their newly made brothers from the Polytechnic Institute.

The men of Delta chapter look upon their induction into Alpha Kappa Pi as a complete success. We realize that now we are no longer a local group, with ideals directed in narrow channels, but a part of a national brotherhood, with high aims and purposes. It is the earnest hope of every man in Delta chapter that never shall it be said of a Delta brother that he failed to serve his fraternity when the opportunity for such service was given him.

The following men have been initiated into Delta chapter:

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Leo Abramoski, Clinton P. Ammerman, Harry L. Denzler, H. Vincent Dorn, John Everetts, Jr., Melville K. Gill, Carl V. Johnson, Paul S. Lester, Arthur Martin, Watson V. Mason, Charles A. McLoughlin, and Herman P. Schubert.



ALUMNI MEMBERS

Walter E. Adams, George T. Becker, Austin S. Brunjes, Wm. C. Crager, George W. Corrie, Francis A. Dugan, Vincent T. Fraser, Frank K. Graf, Elbert L. Jung, John E. Kelly, Arthur S. Kohler, Robert Maynes, James F. Malone, Alexander C. Vogt, and John W. White.

We are pleased to state that we have been heartily welcomed on the campus and will share the field, in friendly rivalry, with chapters of the Alpha Chi Rho and Theta Kappa Nu fraternities, as well as with the local organizations, the most prominent and oldest of these being the Phi Sigma fraternity. The men of Delta realize the responsibility, as well as the honor bestowed upon them, and will strive at all times to prove themselves worthy of their trust in Alpha Kappa Pi. To all the brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi we send cordial greetings.

CHARLES A. McLoughlin,

President Delta Chapter

November 22, 1926.

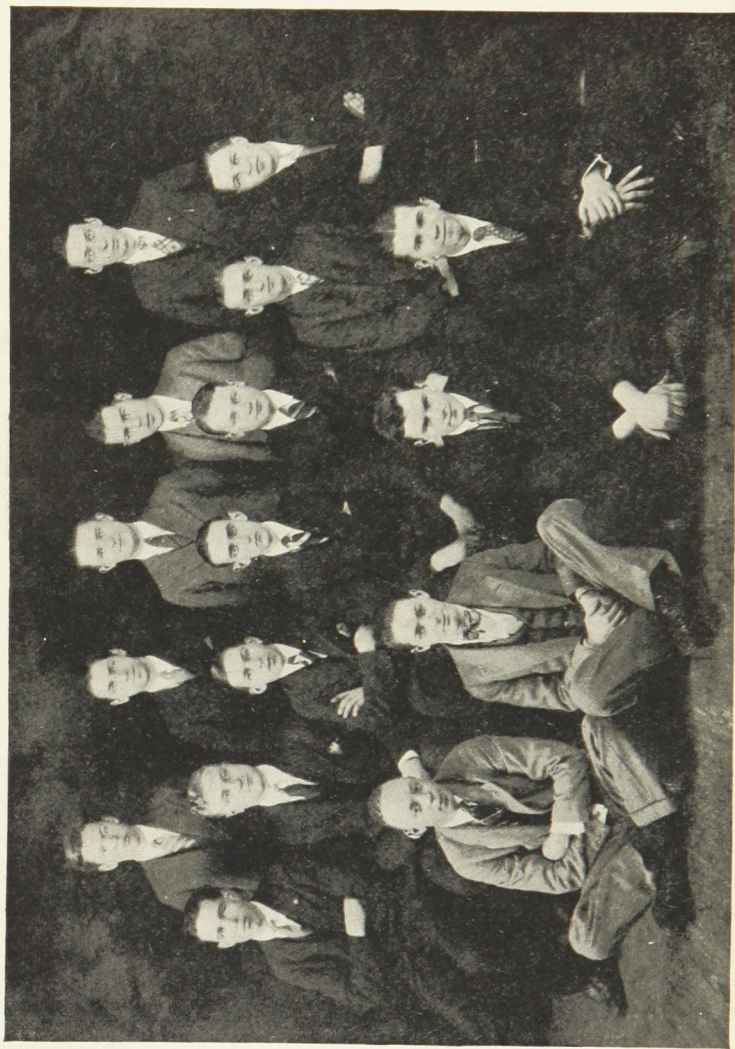
DELTA WELCOMED

The Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi was made the recipient of the honor extended by her sister national fraternities at Poly, Alpha Chi Rho and Theta Kappa Nu, to a smoker at the Alpha Chi Rho House, 138 Clinton Street, Brooklyn.

A large turn-out from both Alpha Chi Rho and Theta Kappa Nu was on hand to give us a hearty welcome, and thus begun, the spirit of sincere cordiality continued throughout the evening.

The affair was an informal one with much get-together individual conversation topped off by talks given by Al Stem, president of Alpha Chi Rho and Ed Hofeldt, president of Theta Kappa Nu. They both formally extended the congratulations of their fraternities to Delta and predicted that fraternity work on Poly's campus would be very materially extended in scope and results since the advent of a new national. Brother McLoughlin, Delta's president, voiced our reply by stating that we appreciated the broadness and good fellowship of our hosts and that we desired to co-operate in any movement for the betterment of Poly.

At this point the room was cleared and the announcement made



DELTA CHAPTER
Brooklyn Polytech

that an exhibition fencing match would take place between two Alpha Chi Rho pledges. The announcer warned us that the exhibition would be one of much action and little technique. The announcer was right as to the action but he underestimated the skill shown—at least to one unvoiced in the sport, the contestants displayed considerable dexterity.

Professor Berry of the Poly faculty gave us a short talk: "Poly, Then and Now," in which he described life at Poly twenty-five years ago, when he was a student.

After refreshments were served, the fellows all gathered around the piano and sang until the party gradually broke up.

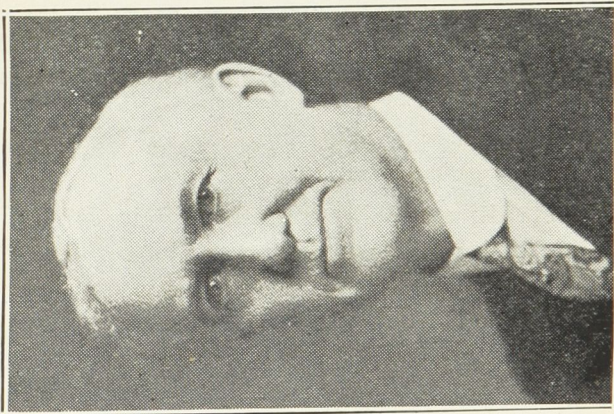
ALEXANDER VOGT

EPSILON INSTALLED AT ELLSWORTH COLLEGE, IOWA FALLS, IOWA

On Saturday, January 1, 1927, the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, was installed at Ellsworth College. On the preceding day seven of the charter members of Chi Pi Theta fraternity were initiated into the national in order that they could make up the installation team for the chapter on the next day. Ceremonies were presided over by Wilson R. Hull, of Alpha chapter, Newark College of Engineering, Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Hull is the National President of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

The seven men who were initiated on Friday are James Burt, past president of Chi Pi Theta; Harold C. Gardner, past secretary of Chi Pi Theta; Edward Allen, president of Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi; Adelbert Heinmiller, vice-president; Mahlon Speers, secretary; Harold Gilbert, treasurer, and Robert C. Hay.

On Saturday afternoon at two-thirty the following members of Chi Pi Theta were initiated into Alpha Kappa Pi: President I. F. Meyer, Dr. D. B. Harmon, Dr. J. E. Magee, Frank B. Hay, C. Harold Gilbert Sr., Orville J. Anderson, David F. Conrady, Harold P. Breckenridge, Donald C. Crouse, Marion C. Howard, Lester Ladd, Kermit N. Mendell, Ralph Rankin, Harlan Faris, and Richard Welden.



IDO FRANKLIN MEYER, LL.D.
President of Ellsworth College
Member Epsilon Chapter of Alpha
Kappa Pi



PROFESSOR HERMAN J. KLOEFFER
Registrar, Professor of Education,
Ellsworth College; Faculty
Adviser, Epsilon Chapter, Alpha
Kappa Pi; Western Representative
of Alpha Kappa Pi.

The Epsilon chapter is the first chapter to be installed west of the Allegheny mountains. That means that the Ellsworth group will have much to do with the western expansion of the fraternity. There are many good local fraternities in the west who are anxious to petition young nationals and without doubt the Ellsworth chapter will be instrumental in installing any of these locals who may petition Alpha Kappa Pi. The fact that Professor Herman J. Kleopfer has been appointed Western Representative of Alpha Kappa Pi adds much to the important standing of the local chapter. Professor Kleopfer will also act as the faculty adviser of the Ellsworth chapter as long as he may remain at this school.

With the installation of Alpha Kappa Pi into Ellsworth the number of Iowa schools that have national fraternities is raised to seven. The schools now having nationals in this state are Iowa University, Iowa State College, Simpson College, Iowa Wesleyan College, Coe College, Drake University, and Ellsworth. The eastern states have many national organizations in their schools but as yet the middle and far western parts of the United States are fertile fields for such fraternities.

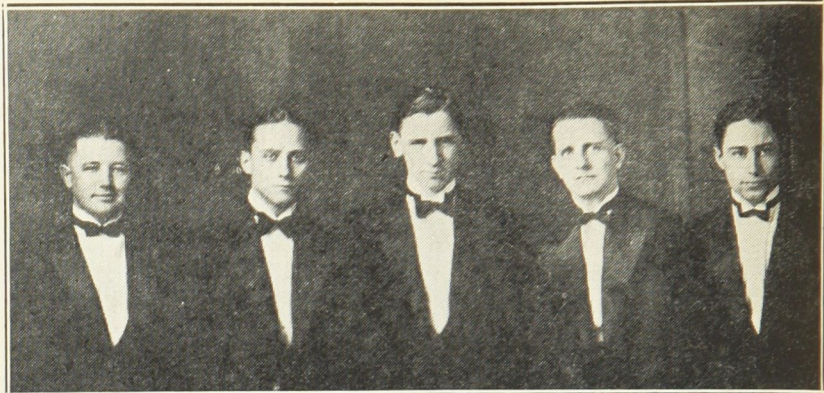
There were several interesting and unusual situations which arose at Epsilon installation. Three men became fraternity members while serving as officials and faculty members of the college. Two alumni members were taken in who have sons who are at present active members of the fraternity. These two boys had the privilege of pinning the badge of the fraternity on their fathers, F. B. Hay, and C. H. Gilbert, Sr.

INDIVIDUAL WRITEUPS OF MEMBERS

Edward E. Allen, Owosso, Michigan, graduate of Iowa Falls high school, junior in college, president of Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi, editor of 1927 *Panther*, vice-president of Junior class.

Adelbert Heinmiller, Riceville, Iowa, graduate of Riceville high school, junior in college, vice-president of Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, sports editor of Ellsworth *Student*.

Mahlon Speers, Iowa Falls, Iowa, graduate of Iowa Falls high school, secretary of the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, senior in college.



OFFICERS OF THE EPSILON CHAPTER

Left to right: C. Harold Gilbert, Jr., treasurer; Adelbert Heinmiller, vice president; Edward Allen, president; Prof Herman J. Kloepper, faculty adviser; Mahlon Speers, secretary.



ALPHA KAPPA PI HOUSE, ELLSWORTH COLLEGE
Iowa Falls, Iowa

Harold C. Gilbert, Iowa Falls, graduate of Iowa Falls high school, senior in college, treasurer of Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, managing editor of the *Ellsworth Student*.

Harlan Faris, Rhodes, Iowa, graduate of Rhodes high school, sophomore in college, chaplain of the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, member of basketball squad, treasurer of the Dramatic Club.

Donald C. Crouse, Dundee, Iowa, graduate of Williams high school, senior in college, sentinel of the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity, circulation manager of the *Ellsworth Student*, president of the Student Council.

Harold P. Breckenridge, Clarion, Iowa, senior in college, assistant football coach, member of Gamma Phi Sigma, local honorary scholastic fraternity.

Robert C. Hay, Iowa Falls, Iowa, graduate of Iowa Falls high school, senior in college, business manager of student publications.

Marion Howard, Hampton, Iowa, graduate of Hampton high school, senior in college, chemistry laboratory assistant.

Lester Ladd, Iowa Falls, Iowa, graduate of Iowa Falls high school, junior in college, member of Student Council.

Ralph R. Rankin, Dows, Iowa, graduate of Dows high school, a junior in college.

Richard Welden, Iowa Falls, a graduate of Iowa Falls high school, sophomore in college, president of the Sophomore class, president of Dramatic Club.

ALUMNI

Frank Burton Hay, Iowa Falls, Iowa, Ellsworth college, class of '90. In retail hardware business in Iowa Falls.

Charles H. Gilbert, Sr., Iowa Falls, Ellsworth college, class of '93. Agricultural research near Iowa Falls, weather man for Iowa Falls.

Ido F. Meyer, President of Ellsworth college, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Darral B. Harmon, Ph. D., business manager of Ellsworth college, Iowa Falls.

James E. Magee, D.C.L., dean of Ellsworth College School of Commerce, Iowa Falls.

Orville J. Anderson, Iowa Falls, Ellsworth College, class of '24. Railroad telegrapher.

David F. Conrady, Iowa Falls, Ellsworth college, class of '26. Railroad telegrapher.

James A. Burt, Tower City, North Dakota, Ellsworth college, class of '26. Bursar of Ellsworth college, past president of Chi Pi Theta local.

Harold C. Gardner, Jewell, Iowa, Ellsworth college, class of '26. Coach at Jewell high school. Past secretary of Chi Pi Theta local.

Kermit N. Mendell, Dows, Iowa, class of '28. Past vice-president of Chi Pi Theta local. Present occupation, agricultural research near Dows.

THE BANQUET

Saturday evening about 7:15 the newly created Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity were hosts at a banquet at the Hotel Woods. The management served a delicious three-course dinner, following which a short toast program on the subject of "The Fraternity" was presided over by Mr. H. J. Kloefer in his usual competent and agreeable manner. James Burt, the first speaker, in his talk on the "Initiation," told how Chi Pi Theta local was started. Dick Welden set forth the place of the active and what "Nationalization" means to him. Harold Gardner gave his appreciation of the fraternity from the alumnus point of view. C. H. Gilbert, Sr., gave one of his interesting talks. Following him came Wilson Hull, national president of the Alpha Kappa Pi, who gave a short history of the National and outlined the future of it and the leading place that the Epsilon chapter holds in the development. Edward Allen finished the program in which he told of the dreams of Chi Pi Theta going national, coming true.

Present at the banquet were Dr. and Mrs. I. F. Meyer, Wilson P. Hull and Miss Marjorie Gilbert, Herman Kloefer and Miss May Moeller, Dr. D. B. Harmon, James A. Burt, David F. Conrady, Edward Allen and Miss Alice Anderson, Adelbert Heinmiller and Miss Arlene Hartman, Richard Welden and Miss Kathleen McClure, Kermit Mendell and Miss Anedra Fall, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gardner, Harold Gilbert and Miss Grace Enlow, Mahlon Speers and Miss Lillian Hamilton; John Jack-

son and Miss Bernice Furman, Lester Ladd and Miss Lula Hall, Robert Hay and Miss Betty Dryden, Harlan Faris and Miss Minnie Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breckenridge, Andrew Hamilton and Miss Thelma Mendell, Donald Crouse and Miss Iva Crook, Marian Howard and Miss Beulah Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hay.

Following the festivities at the hotel the party adjourned to the fraternity house at 1104 Main Street where they enjoyed a dance put on by the pledges. The house was beautifully decorated in green and white, the fraternity colors, all leading to a large green and white banner bearing the words Alpha Kappa Pi. The music was furnished by the orthophonic with George Marsh and Kenneth Frisbie at the wheel.

The pledges were unable to attend the banquet; but at the dance Clifford Gullette and Miss Minnie Rohwer, Paul Nissen and Miss Veta Stillson, as well as Raymond Wood and Miss Ruth Cavana and Harold Gilbert and Miss Geraldine Gilbert were present.

Those who attended the celebration thought it was a fitting close for a day which spelled much for the members of the Epsilon chapter of the Alpha Kappa Pi fraternity.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA

The year 1926-7 is proving a great success for the Alpha chapter of the fraternity, and the members in Alpha are determined there shall be no lagging in the matter of giving our best effort for the furtherance of the brotherhood.

Twenty-eight active members returned at the opening of college. With an excellent corps of officers, the chapter is certain to end the year with a fine record in achievement.

Alpha chapter is always careful in the matter of pledging and has been giving a very careful scrutiny of the freshmen. On November 27 we initiated two of our pledges carried over from last year. Edmund Redmerski and Barney Diebold were the fortunate ones to receive the badge. These men are prominent at Newark Tech. Brother Diebold is a member of the track team, and Brother Redmerski is circulating manager of the college annual and chairman of the program committee of the local student branch of the A.S.M.E.

The college basketball team, under the management of one of our men, is getting away to a fine start. Weinstein, Bush and Townsend are the Alpha Kaps interested in this sport.

Brother John Roche presented a paper before the A.S.M.E., on the "Keamy Power Plant," and it was most favorably received.

One of the big events at this college is the annual senior ball. This social feature takes place in the spring and Alpha has two men, Brothers Hull and Redmerski, directing the work of the committee.

Alpha is experiencing a fine year and sends the best of greetings to all the other chapters in the fraternity. Alpha is always happy to receive visiting brothers.

W. J. OPDYKE, *Reporter*

January 5, 1927.

BETA

It is with great pride that Beta extends fraternal greetings to all the brothers in Alpha Kappa Pi. On the Wagner campus the men in Beta have been very busy and our members exercise a lively, energizing influence in all the activities of the college. In every department of the campus life Beta is represented.

Our college annual, *The Kallista*, has as art editor, Wm. Zundel; circulation manager, Wm. Heil; business manager, Paul Clemen; athletic editor, Frank Herr. The weekly publication *The Hen De* has Brother Heil as an editor. In all athletics excepting basketball, student council, dramatic and musical clubs Beta men are found doing their full part to represent their college and fraternity.

At the opening of college in September the chapter was happy to welcome back to the active ranks Brothers Edwin Grubb and Scriver Kloth, both fine men and good workers. In the matter of freshmen Beta has seen fit to take into the chapter four excellent brothers in Theodore Hoffmeister, Frank Gollnick, Richard Kern and Elmer Hoppe. Dick Kern is the brother of John Kern and hails from far away Texas.

Socially the chapter has been awake and several house parties, smokers, and little trips to New York City have kept us interested. At some of these social affairs we were pleased to welcome several brothers from the Alpha and the Gamma chapters. We are now looking forward to having our new brothers at the Delta pay us some visits.

Off the campus the chapter has enjoyed calling on the chapters at Newark and Stevens, and in attending the installation of Delta chapter and the big rally and dinner at the Fraternity Clubs building, New York City.

Right now the big work at Beta is to win the college consent to the building of a chapter house or lodge on the campus. If we succeed in this effort then Beta's existence would be well near the ideal of fraternity endeavor. We have missed Brothers Harry McKnight and Frank Nickel this year, but have enjoyed their short visits to Wagner since their going to Mt. Airey seminary, Philadelphia. We feel that this chapter has been faithful to the teachings of our fraternity, and that from this desire to serve there is a strong healthy spirit pervading the chapter life.

Beta welcomes and appreciates communications from our fellow chapters as well as personal visits from the members in the brotherhood. To the new Epsilon brothers we extend felicitations and a warm welcome, and shall look forward to meeting some of these western brothers when our next national convention falls due.

R. FRANK HERR, *Reporter*

January 3, 1927.

GAMMA

Gamma chapter began the new college year, the first as Alpha Kappa Pi, by welcoming back a fine list of active members. Eight of these brothers are residing at the chapter house. Brother Lawrence is doing excellent work as our enthusiastic president. All the officers are business-like in the performance of their duties and the entire chapter is out to make Gamma an outstanding chapter in our fraternity.

The fall rushing yielded Gamma three splendid brothers. They are, John Cyriacks, East Orange, New Jersey; Raymond Zwack, Ampere, New Jersey; and Gustav T. Koven, New York City. The latter is the brother of Theodore Koven, '26. The new members are doing their full duty toward Gamma and Alpha Kappa Pi and we are expecting great things from them before leaving Stevens.

The social activities of the chapter began October 31, with a Hallowe'en Dance. This dance was well attended by both active and alumni brothers. We were pleased to welcome several brothers from Alpha chapter also. Brother Al Fish and his Club Ramblers furnished excellent music for the evening.

December 4, after the Stevens victory over Brooklyn Poly in basketball, Gamma entertained several of the Delta chapter brothers, and their fair friends, at the house. Impromptu dancing and refreshments made a very pleasant evening. We were very happy to be thus privileged to become more fully acquainted with our brothers in the Delta chapter. The Brooklyn Poly Alpha Kaps are indeed worthy to wear the pointed star and we expect to keep in fraternal relationship with these brothers right along.

Just at this time much attention is being given to the text books since the midyears are looming before us. Gamma is de-

terminated to stress good scholarship at all times. After these examinations there will be open rushing at Stevens, and Gamma expects to add materially to her membership. There are some good men roaming about our campus and we intend to choose those most pleasing to our chapter. It is with sincere regards that Gamma extends a cordial welcome to all Alpha Kappa brothers to pay us a visit when in this part of the country. Also we welcome most fraternally our Delta and Epsilon chapters into the brotherhood. Long may they live and be the means of extending the precepts of our beloved fraternity.

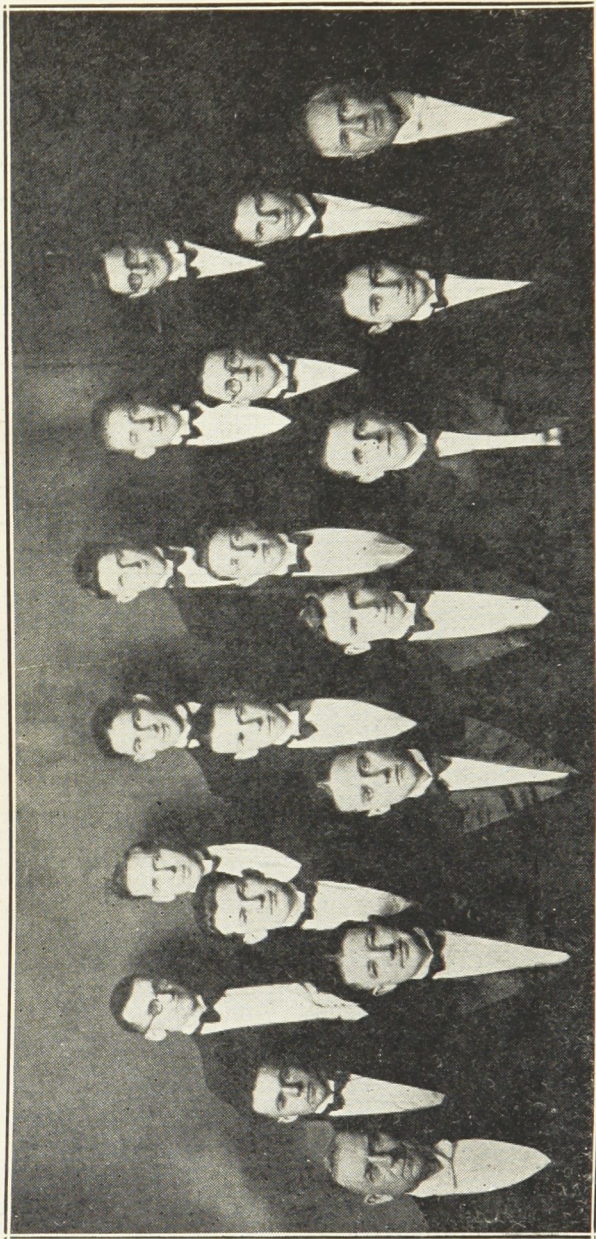
E. E. EBERLE, *Reporter*

January 18, 1927.

DELTA

It is with feelings of mingled pride and joy that we make our initial bow as a contributor to the fraternity magazine, *THE ALPHA*. The members of the Delta chapter are proud in the knowledge that their names have been added to the rolls of the Alpha Kappa Pi family.

Immediately the word reached us that our petition had been granted we began preparations for the installation and this event is related elsewhere in this issue of *THE ALPHA*. Our brothers have been hard at work. Not only holding an enviable place in the class room, but in the affairs of the college as well. Among the principle honors held by the Alpha Kaps I can state that Brother Abramoski is captain of the cross country team as well as a member of the track and president of the local American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Ammerman is treasurer of the Chemical Engineers and on the Junior Prom Committee. Denzler represents us in the handball tournaments and is in many other of the activities of his class and college. Dorn is on the lacrosse squad and will make somebody hustle to keep him off the team when spring comes. Everetts is technical manager and a member of the A.S.M.E. Gill is a member of the Radio Club and reporter on the *Poly* staff; Lester is on the wrestling squad and also a reporter on the *Poly*; Martin is editor-in-chief of the *Poly Reporter*. McLoughlin is president Newman Club and also president of Delta chapter and of the A.M.C.E. Schubert is president-elect A.S.M.E., and assistant editor *Poly Reporter*. The members of this chapter are well and favorably



EPSILON CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY

Left to right, back row: Dr. D. B. Harmon, business manager of Ellsworth College; Harold Breckenridge, Marion Howard, Richard Welden, James Burt, Donald Crouse.

Middle row: Harlan Faris, Harold Gardner, Robert Hay, John Jackson, Ralph Rankin, Lester Ladd.
 Front row: Dr. James Magee, Professor of Commerce; C. Harold Gilbert, Jr., treasurer, Adelbert Hein-
 miller, vice president; Edward Allen, president; Prof. Herman J. Kloepper, faculty adviser; Mahlon Speers,
 secretary; Dr. Ido F. Meyer, president of Ellsworth College.

known about the campus and intend to keep the name of Alpha Kappa Pi in that favorable light at all times.

Since the installation of the chapter we have been fortunate to pledge some very good men to our fraternity. We are certain that Alpha Kappa Pi will be pleased to know these excellent fellows: Arthur K. Robbins, Leon K. Danner, John Watson and Joseph Rintelen. The chapter house of the Delta stands at 255 Hicks Street, and we will be happy to receive visits from any of our Alpha Kappa Pi brothers. Our meetings are held every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Come and help us make our plans for a finer and greater Alpha Kappa Pi. Delta did not long remain the baby chapter in the fraternity and takes this opportunity to extend warmest greetings, and a sincere welcome, to Epsilon chapter and to Ellsworth College.

CLINTON P. AMMERMAN, *Reporter*

January 11, 1927.

EPSILON

Epsilon chapter was installed January 1, 1927, on the anniversary of Alpha Kappa Pi. The original local, Chi Pi Theta, organized with a group of ideals as their constant goal; they were: to further scholarship, to promote brotherhood, to work towards the betterment of the College, and to develop one another socially. In assuming the further responsibilities as a national chapter we have endeavored also to continue our original aims.

Perhaps a brief résumé of our activities would best show how we have followed up these ideals. In the first place our members have a good share of responsibility in the college organizations. Four are on the editing staff of our college paper, *The Ellsworth Student*. They are: Harold Gilbert, managing editor; Robert Hay, business manager; Donald Crouse, circulation manager; and Adelbert Heinmiller, sports editor. Other men of activities are: Edward Allen, editor of the *Panther*, the college annual; Richard Welden, president of the college dramatic club and also of the Sophomore class; and Donald Crouse, president of the student council. In the field of scholarship our chapter has taken honors, having taken the Registrar's scholarship cup for the last two consecutive quarters, and thus acquiring permanent ownership. In this contest we competed with six other organizations.

At the present time we are preparing for the "biggest dance we ever staged," (why the quotes?—because that has been our slogan in preparing for it.) It is to celebrate the end of the last day of the first semester's examinations. We have a dance on the average of one every two weeks, with a stag social interspersed every now and then. We are planning to celebrate Founders Day, March 23, with appropriate ceremonies.

Since we have been a national chapter but a short time and are so far from the other chapters we would scarcely be aware of our change but for the correspondence that our officers receive from our distant brothers. Of course, long distance brotherhood by way of literature can hardly take the place of next door neighborliness, so we will be very much pleased to receive any of our brothers at Iowa Falls whenever they are in the vicinity. We wish success to all our brothers and at all times we will endeavor to make Epsilon a worthy chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi.

D. MAHLON SPEERS, *Reporter*

INTER-CHAPTER BANQUET

SATURDAY evening, December 11, 1926, the Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Avenue and Thirty-eighth Street, New York City, thronged with the men of the Alpha Kappa Pi. It was the occasion of the first interchapter rally and banquet of the fraternity, and proved a splendid success in that ninety per cent of the active and alumni membership of the fraternity were in attendance. Brother mingled with brother, and men who otherwise would never have known each other, met on terms of fraternal friendship.

Shortly after seven-thirty o'clock the east dining room of the club was filled with a happy group of banqueters. The service was high class and well nigh faultless. Brother Simpson Ludwig, Gamma, as toastmaster, led the post-prandial eloquence. The speakers for the evening were Brother Chas. A. Fausel, Alpha, who dwelt on the kind of man that the fraternity should select for membership, and stressed the ideal of character as covering the greatest asset; Brother Vincent Tobin, Gamma, called attention of the brothers to need of personality; a pleasing

manner and approach as necessary to make right contacts in all the walks of life. Brother John W. Kern, Beta, and Brother Alexander Vogt, Delta, gave most pleasing and helping remarks. Brother Vogt bringing the first greetings from his newly installed chapter at Brooklyn Poly. President Wilson Hull, on behalf of the entire fraternity, presented Brother Albert H. Wilson with a traveling bag in appreciation of his unlimited services in building up the fraternity from a name to its present status. In his response to the gift the speaker urged a careful attention to the real spirit of fraternalism and never to lose sight of the fact that the big thing in any fraternity is the gift of brotherhood, and friendship, to be found in fraternal efforts. The impromptu speakers were, Brothers Chas. Beyer, Alpha; Willard B. Constantides, Gamma; and C. A. McLoughlin, Delta.

So successful was this first gathering of the eastern chapters of the fraternity that it is the consensus of opinion that such an eastern gathering should be made an annual affair. The fraternity is grateful to those brothers who gave of their time and energy to make this get together such a signal triumph, and also to the management of the Fraternity Clubs Building for their splendid provisions for the evening. The night was fine, the occasion was tempting, and the result was edifying. December 11, 1927, will long live in the hearts and memories of the brothers of the Alpha Kappa Pi.

W. J. OPDYKE, *Alpha*

ALUMNI MENTION

Brother Scott Cameron, Gamma, has accepted a position as instructor in the mathematical department, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He ought to be of much assistance to our Delta brothers.

Brother Art Kugler, Gamma, has returned to New York City, after a year's residence in Vermont, and is a frequent caller at the Gamma house.

Brother F. Repetto, Gamma, is now with the Smoot Boiler Control Company, and doing very well indeed.

Brother "Count" Ludwig, Gamma, is studying law at the New York University.

Brother Karl Kleiber, Gamma, is now an assistant research engineer with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Brother Harry McKnight, Beta, attending the Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Brooklyn. While there, he attended a meeting of the Executive Council and visited his old campus at Wagner College.

INTERFRATERNITY

Alpha Kappa Pi was represented at the eighteenth annual session of the Interfraternity Conference held at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, November 26 and 27, by the Grand President, Wilson Hull, and the Grand Treasurer, Ralph Brader. Mr. Wm. R. Bayes, an outstanding attorney-at-law, 40 Wall Street, New York City, and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was made chairman for the ensuing year. Alpha Kappa Pi is now eligible for junior membership in the conference since we carry the required number of collegiate chapters, and in the proper degree conferring institutions. While on this subject it is well to advise the chapters, and individual members, in our fraternity, that a new edition of *Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities*, is being issued and every chapter surely and every member in Alpha Kappa Pi, if possible, should possess a copy of this Manual. Send your order to *Banta's Greek Exchange*, Menasha, Wisconsin.

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