

A PETITION  
TO THE  
ALPHA KAPPA PI FRATERNITY  
FROM  
HOWARD HALL  
OF  
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 15, 1929

### The Petition

In order to better develop and perpetuate the ideals of fellowship and brotherhood upon which Howard Hall was organized, realizing that these ideals can find deeper expression and greater fruition by our affiliation with Alpha Kappa Pi and being fully cognizant of the responsibilities and benefits which may become ours as a result of this action, we, the under signed officers of Howard Hall of Lehigh University, upon unanimous vote of our active members, respectfully petition that Howard Hall be granted a chapter of membership in Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity .

*Charles A. Austin* <sup>2d</sup>

President

*Edward P. Gordon*

Secretary



Howard Hall.



Tennis Court.

## HISTORY OF HOWARD HALL

During the fall of 1926, an unorganized group of nine men, living together, eating together and otherwise enjoying the solidity of these relationships, realized that although they were being benefitted to some extent they still lacked cohesion, force and recognition that symbolizes the living groups and fraternities at Lehigh.

In order to alter these conditions for the better and to enable others of similar interests to share the benefits with them they helped to secure a larger and more suitable home anticipating petitioning the University for recognition. And so in February 1927, these nine men, together with nine others associated themselves into a living group located in the house they now occupy--and called their home Howard Hall.

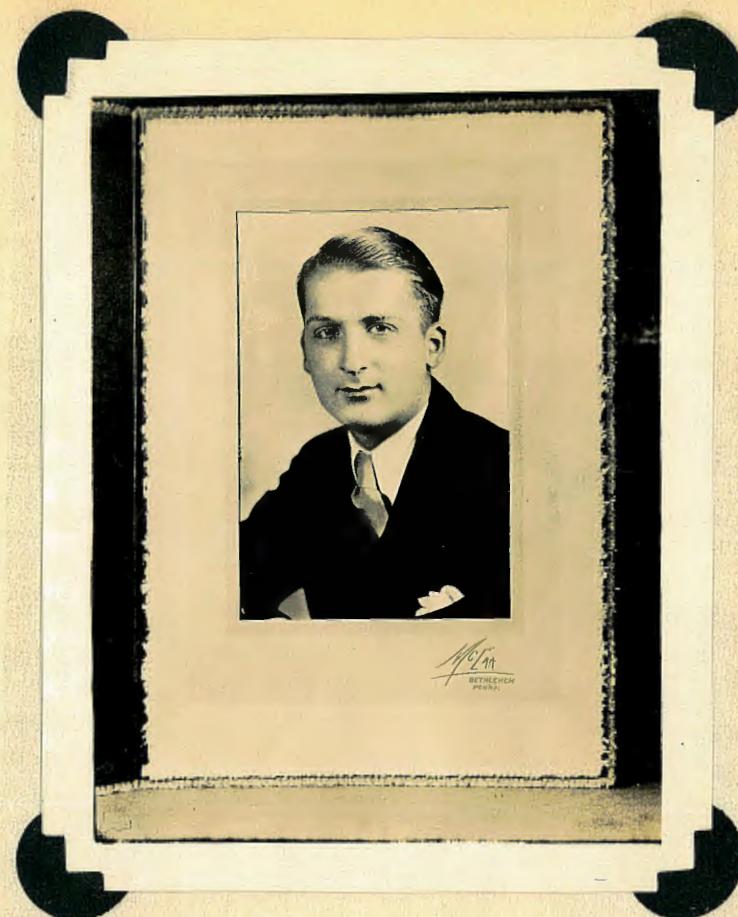
The petition for recognition was quickly passed and Howard Hall became a recognized living group at Lehigh University with a seat in the Arcadia, student governing body.

The new home not only enabled the membership to be doubled but augmented the facilities for the social function in which a living usually participates-and with adequate facilities Howard Hall inaugurated its first house party in the spring of 1927, participating in all that followed-and with no reprimands from the dean upon

conduct but with modest commendation.

Living groups can only be known by their actions, scholarships, and the personnel. Howard Hall has been very fortunate in interesting the scholastic type of men, and the dean's office records demonstrate the fact, for in the past four semesters Howard Hall has manifested a scholastic average that has never fallen below that for all fraternities. In all but one semester it was above the average of the entire University. Its first recognized average placed it thirteenth among the living groups. The next semester it was fourth; the first semester of 1928-29 it was seventh; and last semester it was second.

Since its organization, Howard Hall has not been without a member of some honorary fraternity. It has among its alumni three members who are Tau Beta Pi alone, one man a member of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu, and another who was among the highest three in his curriculum, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, and Eta Kappa Nu.



Charles Augustus Austin 2nd.

Elmira, N. Y.

Senior

Business Administration

22 years of age

President of Howard Hall

Ass. Mgr. Varsity Baseball

Arcadia, student government



Clayton S. Boies Jr.

Seymore, Conn.

Senior

Business Administration

21 years of age

Vice-President of Howard Hall

Track Squad (142)

Cross Country Squad (142)

Wrestling Squad (2,384)



Edward Preston Gorden  
Riverton, N. J.  
Junior  
Electrical Engineering  
Secretary of Howard Hall  
Eta Kappa Nu  
Pi Mu Epsilon  
Freshman and Sophomore Honors  
Ass. Mgr. Varsity Basketball  
Newtonian Society



Henry E. Michael

Baltimore, Md.

Senior

Civil Engineer

22 years of age

Pi Mu Epsilon

Assistant News Editor of B. M. W.

Sophomore Honors

V. P. St. Paul Society

C. E. Society

Treasurer of Howard Hall



Robert C. Hoag  
Newark, N. J.  
Senior  
Arts and Science  
22 years of age  
Glee Club (2)  
Robert W. Blacke Society



Joseph B. Homsher  
Strasburg, Pa.  
Senior  
Industrial Engineer  
21 years of age  
Freshman Basketball Team  
Track Squad (2)  
House Basketball Team  
Industrial Engineering Society



Wilson G. Klein  
Irvington, N. J.  
Senior  
Civil Engineer  
Wrestling Squad (2,384)  
Lacrosse Squad (142)  
Freshman Football  
House Basketball  
Mustard and Cheese Show (2)  
C. E. Society  
22 years of age



Edwin R. Roberts  
Mahanoy City, Pa.  
Senior  
Electrical Engineer  
24 Years of age  
Treasurer of Howard Hall (3)  
Track (2&3)  
E. E. society  
House Basketball Team



William F. Tillinghast

Baltimore, Md.

Senior

Civil Engineer

25 years of age

Band (2)

Student Member of A.S.C.E.

Chairmen of House Committee



George Shimer Mahtisen  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.  
Junior  
Electrical Engineering  
23 years of age  
Member of A.I.E.E.



Robert Tilton Sheen

Philadelphia, Pa.

Junior

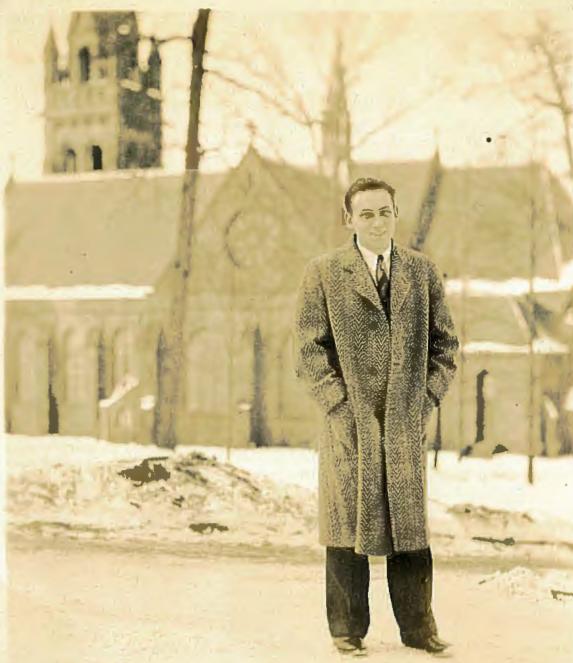
Chemical Engineer

20 years of age

Freshman Football

Chemical Society

Varsity Rifle Team



Edward St. Clair Jr.

Baltimore Md.

Sophomore,

Met. Engineering,

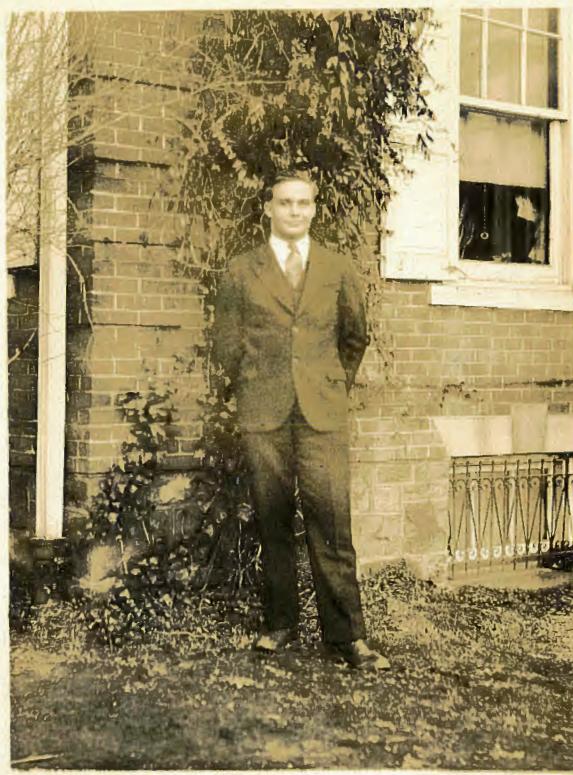
19 years of age,

Freshman football

House basketball,

Wrestling,

Freshman honors



Edwin Merritt Coe

Suffern N.Y.

Sophomore

Mechanical Engineer

20 years of age

Frosh & Varsity Football

Wrestling



William J. Stephenson Jr,  
Tarentum Pa,  
Sophomore,  
Civil Engineering,  
19 years of age,  
Freshman football & basketball,  
House basketball,



Robert Dengier  
Shenandoan, Penna.  
18 years of age  
Freshman Engineer  
Band  
Brown & White  
Orchestra  
House Basket Ball



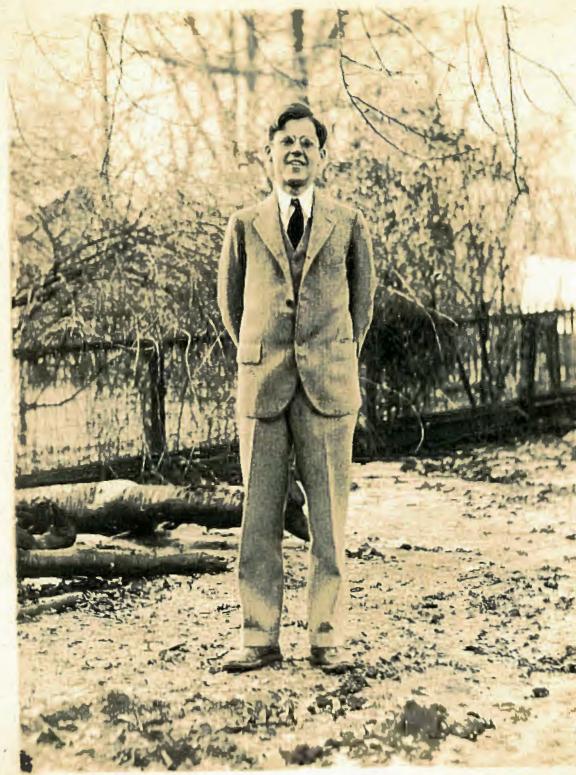
Woodrow W. Horn  
Bangor Pa,  
Freshman,  
Electrical Engineer,  
18 years of age,  
Brown and White Staff



Robert K. Knipe  
Oak Lane, Phila., Penna.  
Freshman Engineer  
18 years of age  
Rifle Team  
House Basket Ball



Eugene William Laschober  
Rivertown Pa.,  
Freshman,  
Engineer,  
18 years of age,  
Frosh wrestling, House basketball



Edmund Howe Foggi Jr.,  
Wilkes - Barre, Pa.,  
Engineering  
18 years of age,  
Brown and White Staff,  
Freshmén.



Robert Shelly Porter  
East Northfield, Mass.  
Engineering  
Freshman  
20 years of age



Mead Schenck Jr.  
Pittston Pa.,  
Freshman,  
Industrial Engineer,  
19 years of age,  
Band, Glee Club,  
Brown and White Staff



Mr. Howard J. Oppelt

"Jake"

House Advisor

Alumni of Howard Hall

Name	Class	Home
Ralph W. Baker	'27	Roanoke, Vir.
Harry A. Brown	'27	Lebanon, Pa.
Charles S. Thaeler	'28	Philadelphia, Pa.
W. D. Goodale Jr.	'28	East Orange, N. J.
Edward Barnitz	'28	Salem, Vir.
Lester D. Grady	'28	Caldwell, N. J.
Robert T. Mc Clarin	'28	Bethlehem, Pa.
Albert A. Hang	'28	New York City
Johnson B. Shimer	'28	Richmond, Va.
Treverton Odgers	'29	Newark, N. J.
Ralph A. Visco.	'29	Niagara, Falls, N.Y.
James C. Whitaker	J29	Branchville, N. J.



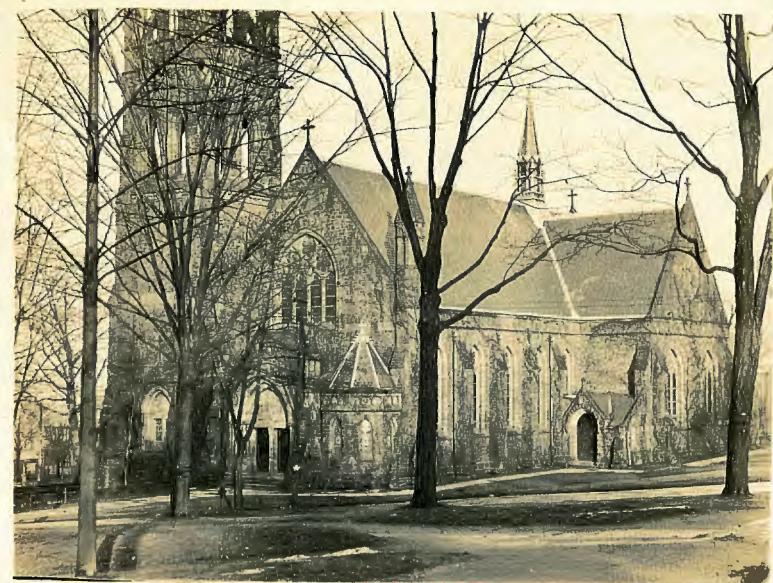
PACKER HALL TOWER



MEMORIAL AVENUE APPROACH TO TAYLOR GYMNASIUM AND FIELD HOUSE



CHEMICAL AND METALLURGICAL LABORATORY



Packer Chapel.



Alumni Memorial Building.



Coppee Hall, Armory in Background.



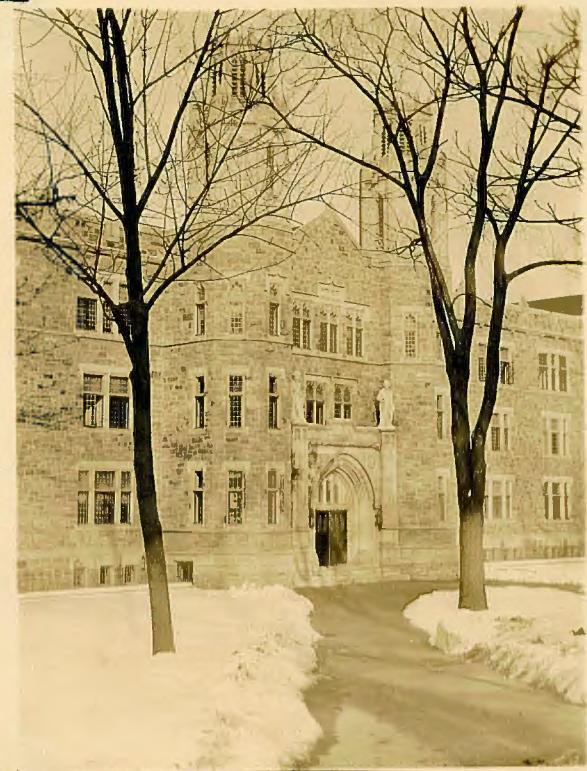
Christmas-Saucon Hall.



Memorial Drive to Taylor Gymnasium.



The Band and Stadium.



Packard Laboratory.

## HISTORY OF LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Lehigh University was chartered by the legislature of Pennsylvania by an act dated February 9, 1865. In 1865, the Hon. Asa Packer, of Mauch Chunk, inaugurated a movement to provide an institution that would afford training and education in the learned professions as then recognized, and in technical branches, the importance of which was just then becoming apparent in the development of industrial and transportation interests of the country. He made an additional donation of a large tract of land for this purpose and the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to which he added largely during his lifetime and by his will.

Since its foundation, the equipment and resources of the University have steadily increased through the continued interest of the University's trustees, Alumni, and friends,. The present endowment totals \$5,136,999.27. The first important addition to the University's original plant was the Sayre Observatory donated in 1869 by Robert H. Sayre of Bethlehem. Later donations include Packer Memorial Church, 1887; Williams Hall, 1902; Drown Memorial Hall, 1907; The Armory, 1907; The Wilbur Heating and Engineering Laboratory, 1907; Taylor Hall, 1907; Sayre Park, 1909; The Coxe Mining Laboratory, 1910; The Fritz Engineering Laboratory , 1910; Taylor Gymnasium and Taylor Field, 1913; The Alumni Memorial Building, 1924; The James Ward Packard Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, 1926; The Library Extension, 1928.

## GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

The University occupies eighteen buildings and its grounds cover one hundred and eighty acres on the north side of South Mountain, overlooking the valley of the Lehigh River and the city of Bethlehem.

Packer Hall, completed in 1869, is built of sandstone in the English Gothic style of architecture. The department of Civil Engineering occupies the greater part of the first and second floors. The offices and recitation rooms of the department of mathematics and astronomy are located on the third and fourth floors. The offices, classrooms, and laboratory of the department of philosophy psychology and education are on the first and second floors.

The William H. Chandler Chemistry Laboratory is a fire proof building which contains the chemistry recitation rooms and laboratories. An extension of the Chemistry building is in architectural conformity with the main building. The trustees of the University named this building in recognition of thirty five years service as professor of chemistry (1871-1906) by Dr. Chandler.

The Physics building is stone building four stories high. In it are contained the offices, laboratories, and recitation rooms of the department.

The W. A. Wilbur Engineering and Power House was erected in 1902; in 1907 the original building was doubled in size to provide for the heating and power plant of the University.

the building is of sandstone, one story high and conforming in material to the adjacent chemistry and physics laboratory. In 1928 the heating plant was re-equipped to provide service for the Packard Laboratory Building and for the Library extension.

Williams Hall, the donation of Dr. Edward H. Williams Jr., the class of '75, was so named by the trustees of the University not only in recognition of this gift but also of Dr. Williams long continued, and important service to the University as an alumnus and as professor of Mining and Geology. The building is occupied by the department of Metallurgical Engineering and the departments of geology and biology.

The Fritz Engineering Laboratory was the gift of the late John Fritz of Bethlehem, known as the father of the steel industry in the United States, a member of the board of trustees dating from the founding of the University. The building was designed and erected in 1910 under the personal supervision of Mr. Fritz. The building is equipped with a general testing section for testing iron and steel, a cement and concrete section and hydraulic section. The equipment is used by the Civil Engineering in the connection with courses in mechanics of materials, hydraulics, and cement and concrete.

The Eckley B. Coxe Mining Laboratory is of dressed sandstone and is occupied exclusively by the department of mining engineering.

Christmas-Saucon Hall contains the office of the College of Business Administration, the offices, lecture rooms, and recitation rooms of the departments of English, and of Economics

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iology, and Business Administration, and offices and dispensary of the Students Health Service.

Sayre Observatory, an astronomical observatory, was erected on the university grounds and placed under the charge of the professor of mathematics and astronomy, by the liberality of the late Robert H. Sayre, one of the trustees of the trustees of the University.

Packard Memorial Church, in which daily chapel are held, is the gift of the late Mrs. Mary Packer Cummings, daughter of the founder of the University. It was built in 1887 and is one of the largest churches in the state.

Taylor Hall, gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie is a commodious concrete dormitory situated in the University Park South of Packer Hall. It accommodates 137 students. Price Hall furnishes dormitory accommodation for 34 students. It was named in honor of Dr. Harry R. Price, an alumnus of the University of the class of '70, late president of the board of trustees.

Drown Memorial Hall is a memorial to the late Thomas Messenger Drown, president of the University from 18895 to 1904. The building was erected by his friends and the alumni of the University and it devoted to the social interests of the university students. It contains the study, reading, conversation and chess rooms, and assembly hall, and the offices of the Lehigh University Union, the bureau of student employment and housing, the board of control of athletics, the college publications, and the dramatic and musical organizations. A cafeteria is located in the basement.

The Lehigh Memorial Alumni building, completed and occupied in the fall of 1924, stands as a memorial to more than 1900 Lehigh men who served in the World War, and especially of the 46 who gave their lives. The cost of erection was raised by subscription from about 1700 alumni. It is used as the administration building of the University. The Memorial Hall beneath the great tower contains the records in bronze of the Lehigh men who served and those who died, together mementoes of the war.

In 1913, Mr. Charles L. Taylor, a graduate of the University, class of '76, and a member of the board of trustees, donated to the University the funds required for the erection of Taylor University

James Ward Packard, who was graduated from Lehigh University in 1884 with the degree of mechanical engineer, the first designer of the Packard motor car, the founder of the Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit Michigan, and of the Packard Electric Company of Warren Ohio, donated one million dollars for the erection of the James Ward Packard Electrical and Mechanical laboratory.

During the summer of 1926, the building originally erected as the University Commons was thoroughly renovated to adapt it to the needs of the department of Military Science and Tactics. The building contains the offices, class rooms, storage rooms, indoor rifle, and pistol ranges of the department.

The original Library building was erected by the founder of the University in 1887 as a memorial to his daughter.

Mrs. Lucy Park Linderman. The addition constructed on the sides of the present building is in the collegiate Gothic style of architecture.

Financial Statement

August 31, 1928

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Permanent Fund	\$5,136,999.27	Permanent Endow.	\$5,136,999.27
Plant	4,957,599.56	Plant Capital	4,957,599.56
Current Assets	184,500.07	Current Liab.	184,500.07
Suspended Debit	<u>263,391.67</u>	Suspended Credit	<u>263,391.67</u>
Total	10,542,400.57		10,542,400.57

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
From Students	\$578,471.14	For Instruction	\$495,858.88
From other sources	<u>\$91,576.94</u>	Other purposes	<u>684,180.29</u>
Total	\$1,070,039.08		\$1,070,039.08

Rating of Lehigh University

Lehigh University is approved by the Association of American Universities; the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland; the State Department Of Public Instructions of Penna.; and the N. Y. Regents. Because of the rating of these bodies Lehigh is nationally recognized as a Class A College.

Lehigh University has a total enrollment of 1517 of which  
246 are Seniors, 298 Juniors, 397 Sophomores, 570 Freshmen  
and 2 Special Students.

The following Greek letter National Fraternities have  
chapters at Lehigh University:

Alpha Chi Rho	Phi Sigma Delta
Alpha Tau Omega	Phi Sigma Kappa
Beta Theta Pi	Pi Lambda Phi
Chi Phi	Psi Upsilon
Chi Psi	Sigma Alpha Mu
Delta Phi	Sigma Chi
Delta Tau Delta	Sigma Nu
Delta Upsilon	Sigma Phi
Kappa Alpha	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Kappa Sigma	Tau Delta Phi
Lambda Chi Alpha	Theta Delta Chi
Phi Delta Theta	Theta Kappa Phi
Phi Beta Delta	Theta Xi
Phi Gamma Delta	Pi Kappa Alpha

National honorary fraternities and societies having  
chapters at Lehigh University are:

Phi Beta Kappa	Pi Mu Epsilon
Tau Beta Pi	Eta Kappa Nu
Alpha Kappa Psi	Scabbard & Blade
Pi Delta Epsilon	Omicron Delta Kappa
National Society of Spiked Shoe	

## Athletics

Lehigh University meets the following teams in Athlet-  
ic events:

John Hopkins  
Penns. Military College  
Gettysburg  
St. Johns of Brooklyn N. Y.  
Penns. University  
Muhlenberg  
Princeton  
Rutgers  
Lafayette  
Syracuse  
Navy  
Yale  
Cornell  
Columbia  
Army  
Villanova  
Washington & Jefferson  
Swathmore  
Penns. State

December 9, 1929

To the Alpha Kappa Pi Fraternity:

At the request of Howard Hall, one of the recognized living groups of Lehigh University, I take pleasure in writing my endorsement of their petition for a charter from your fraternity.

For several years past, Howard Hall has held the status of a recognized living group on this campus. Throughout this period they have maintained a very high average of scholarship and conduct.

The name of Howard Hall has appeared for two years past in my semi-annual tabulation showing the scholastic ranking of living groups at Lehigh. Throughout all four of the semesters involved, the average of Howard Hall has been above the average of all fraternities, and for the three last semesters it has been above the average of the entire University. For the first semester of 1927-28, they ranked thirteenth among the living groups; in the second semester of 1927-28, their rank was fourth in number; in the first semester of 1928-29, it was seventh; and for the second semester of last year, 1928-29, it was second.

In matter of conduct they have uniformly born a good name. In fact, I happen to have had testimony from citizens of Bethlehem who are neighbors of Howard Hall to their general good conduct and ord<sup>er</sup>liness. Such testimony from the neighbors is as you will realize, high praise on this score.

Howard Hall has done well also in the matter of social activities and in the participation of its members in the extra curricular activities of the University.

All in all, I can recommend this group heartily to you as a group which will in my opinion make a highly creditable chapter of any fraternity.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. McConn  
Dean.

December 19, 1929

To the Executive Council &  
Active Chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi

Gentelmen:

I understand that the men, comprising the group in Lehigh University known as Howard Hall, have petitioned your Fraternity for admittance as an active Chapter and I believe that if this petition is favorably acted upon, the undergraduate members here will be a decided credit to the Fraternity at large.

I know rather well nearly all the men of Howard Hall and, in my opinion, they not only compare favorably with Chapters of National Fraternities already existant here, but in some cases, without question, surpass them in excellence of personell.

The Howard Hall organization, I am quite sure, is looked upon with favor by the University authorities and, if granted a Fraternity charter, will continue to conform to the high ideals they have already established in their own group.

Yours very truly,

Fredrick A. Heim, President  
E. P. Wilbur Trust Company  
Bethlehem, Penna.

Bethlehem, Pa.  
December 14, 1929

Executive Council & Active Chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi.

I have been asked by the members of Howard Hall, a local here at Lehigh, to write you as one who knew something about this group.

My first intimate association with any of them occurred in the summer of 1928 when two of the boys went to Europe with Mrs. Beaver and me in an engineering group for the purpose of visiting all kinds of engineering projects. There were about 12 boys in the group and we were thrown together very intimately for about 8 weeks. The two men from Howard Hall unquestionably were the outstanding men in the group, and in such an adventure this would mean outstanding in personality, tact, and good breeding.

Since that time I have been to the house many times and I feel that I know most of the men in a very personal way. It is unquestionably a fine group. Not only do they stand second among all the living groups on the campus ~~scholastically~~ but they are a bunch of clean moral men, normally active in college affairs and of good personality and I am pleased to have this opportunity of writing this letter to you in their behalf.

Very cordially yours,

J. L. Beaver  
Associate Professor of E.E.

# McCANN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

L. C. McCANN, PRESIDENT

301 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

READING, PA.

December 19, 1929.

To The Grand Executive Council and  
Active Chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi,

Dear Brothers:

I wish to take this opportunity to further recommend Howard Hall to you for your favorable consideration. I have spent several weekends with the boys, both before, and while petitioning Alpha Kappa Pi and have found them to be, in every respect, that type of men desired by every good national fraternity.

Lehigh University ranks high scholastically and athletically among the better class of colleges and universities in the East and Alpha Kappa Pi could not find a more strategic entrance in the state of Pennsylvania. It is in addition to that an excellent fraternity centre, having well over thirty of the best nationals on the campus.

Brother Parke B. Fraim, Province Chief of Alpha Province, is a former instructor of Lehigh and is a life long friend of the founder and sponsor of Howard Hall, Mr. Howard Oppelt, and adds his sincere unqualified endorsement of the group.

In addition Brother David Blankenship of Eta Chapter, now located at Bethlehem, after spending several evenings on the campus also sends his hearty recommendation of Howard Hall.

I sincerely trust that you will give this petition due consideration and will see it only fitting and proper to grant Howard Hall a charter of Alpha Kappa Pi.

Very fraternally yours,

*A.W. Heinmiller*  
Province Chief, Beta Province.

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