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THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
Amherst, Massachusetts

WE, the undersigned members of DELTA PHI GAMMA Fraternity, do hereby petition ALPHA SIGMA PHI Fraternity to grant this organization the honor of being designated as the GAMMA Chapter of ALPHA SIGMA PHI, this being a re-activation of this Chapter, and agree, if said petition be granted, to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of ALPHA SIGMA PHI:

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The Origins of Ohio's Land Grant Universities

I

On July 2, 1862, President Lincoln signed the Morrill Act (named after Senator Justin Morrill of Vermont) granting a portion of the public land for the support of a college in each state. The signing of this bill marked the origin of such schools as the University of Massachusetts, of Maryland, of Maine, of Wisconsin, of Illinois and many others. Massachusetts received 360,000 acres of the public land, and from the sale of the land earlier our legislature in 1863 founded this publicly-supported school.

On October 2, 1867, Massachusetts Agricultural College opened its doors to its first class. In 1871, the first class of 27 students was graduated from the school. Back in those days there were only four faculty members and four wooden buildings.

In the field of agriculture the University has a distinguished record as a pioneer and a leader. It was the first to organize many departments which now exist throughout the country; for example, the first department of poultry (1907), of floriculture (1908), of landscape gardening (1908), of agricultural education (1907), and of forestry (1907).

In April 1931, the name of the school was officially changed to Massachusetts State College. After the war years and as things were returning to normal the name was again changed to the University of Massachusetts. This was in May 1947.

II

The University offers a wide variety of cultural, professional and technological programs. The center of the University is the College of Arts and Sciences. The College has about half the undergraduate student body enrolled in it as well as half of the instructors. In April 1963 the University had 996 instructors not including 32 instructors in Military and Air Science. There were 3243 undergraduates, 274 graduate students and 224 enrolled in the two-year Stockbridge School of Agriculture. The figures by divisions are as follows:

	Instructors	Students
Arts and Sciences	153	1575
Agriculture	60	378
Engineering	34	475
Physical Education	19	40
Business Administration	12	113
Home Economics	11	292

The departments combined in the College of Arts and Sciences include Anthropology and Public Health, Botany, Chemistry, Economics, Education, English, German, Journalism, Botany and Bacteriology, Zoology and Physiology, Math, History and Government, Romance Languages, Philosophy, Psychology, Physics, Sociology and Zoology.

The School of Engineering has programs in Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Industrial, Agricultural and Chemical Engineering.

The School of Business Administration has programs in Accounting, Finance, Industrial Administration, Marketing and General Business.

The 12 departments of the School of Agriculture include Food Technology, Forestry and Wildlife Management, Landscape Architecture, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Economics, Agronomy, Dairy Industry, Animal Husbandry, Floriculture, Olericulture, Pomology and Poultry Science.

The School of Home Economics has programs in Child Development, Foods and Nutrition, Institutional Management, Merchandising and Retailing.

The Division of Military Science is divided into two departments--Military Science and Tactics (Armor) and Air Science and Tactics. All physically qualified male students must enroll in one of these departments in his freshman and sophomore years. There are approximately 250 juniors and seniors enrolled in the advanced course Armor or Air ROTC.

III

The University offers four-year undergraduate instruction leading to the following degrees: Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Vocational Agriculture.

Graduate courses are offered leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Business Administration.

IV

The University is located on a 700 acre campus one and one-half miles north of the center of the town of Amherst. In addition there is a forest and recreation area of 795 acres on Mt. Toby and the Cadwell Memorial Forest of 1200 acres near Mt. Lincoln. Since 1947, more than $10,000,000 has been invested in buildings on the campus and some than twice this amount has been proposed by the Board of Trustees. Governor Herter and before him Governors Bradford and Dever have been very sympathetic to the University. Plans are now underway to build a Student Union Building by the Alumni Building Corporation and the State has appropriated $1.5 millions for a Public Health Center. This year and next capital outlays for a new $1,000,000 classroom building, extensions to the library and chemistry building, a women's phys ed building and another arts and science building will be sought from the legislature.

The University of Massachusetts now plans to expand to 10,000 by 1969. It is the only college in Massachusetts capable of doing this as Harvard, MIT, Amherst, Williams, WPI, and Clark have indicated that they will remain at there present sizes. Only Boston University has the potential to expand in the foreseeable future, however, it is already a large school in the heart of Boston and it is doubtful if it could match the low tuition rates of the University of Massachusetts.

The University is presently housed in more than 70 buildings arranged in an oval around the College Pond. There are 14 Alumni built dormitories and five built by the Commonwealth. Almost every department is housed in its own building.

V

There is a full range of publications at the University. The Collegian, the first college newspaper in the country by that name, is the official undergraduate newspaper. It is published twice a week throughout the school year and is uncensored by the faculty. The other chief source of news is the student operated radio station WMUA. It is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as an educational FM station. It operates on an assigned frequency of 91.1 m.c. The Index is the yearbook, the Quarterly is the literary magazine published four times a year, and the Handbook is issued in the fall as a guidebook of information for all students.

Dr. Maxwell Goldberg, an alumnus of the University and now one of its English professors, is the national Executive Secretary of the College English Association. He is also the editor of the CEA Critic which is published on the University campus.

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ACCREDITATION

The University of Massachusetts is accredited by the New York State Board of Education and the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The School of Engineering of the University;that is Civil, Electrical,and Mechanical is accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. The Department of Chemistry is accredited by the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society.

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FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES
The Center of Campus Social Life

Fraternities and sororities as they are now organized on the campus of the University are the center of all social activity. With the exception of a few of the freshmen dorms all parties and dances are fraternity or sorority sponsored. One of the major formals of the year, the Greek Ball, which occurs in April is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and the Pan-Hellenic Council. Although under University rulings only 50% of the men on campus may belong to fraternities practically all of the campus leaders at this time are fraternity men.

The University has adopted a new policy of helping not hindering fraternities. This has manifested itself in the new Fraternity-Sorority Council in which the Presidents and Advisers of the Greek organizations meet directly with the Provost. This means that the top Greek officers are meeting with the top administrative officer of the University. So far this year many of the old restrictions on fraternities have been removed and a new enlightened policy by which fraternities may expand as the occasion arises has been developed. Within the past month the Provost has brought forth a new idea for fraternity and sorority building. This is briefly:

1. The University will sell to each fraternity or sorority one acre of land to be used for building purposes.

2. Bonds will be put up by the fraternity corporation for the amount needed and these will be sold either to the Alumni Building Corporation or to private insurance companies.

3. Each group will select its own building plan and only be required to have the outside features generally conform to the general architectural plan of the University which is colonial.

This means that the fraternities on campus may now build true chapter houses and get out of the converted rooming houses that many of them now have. The University will have no control over them once the land has been sold.

Fraternities on Campus	Sororities on Campus
Alpha Epsilon Pi	Chi Omega
Alpha Gamma Rho	Kappa Alpha Theta
Delta Sigma Chi (local)	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Lambda Chi Alpha	Phi Delta Nu (Local)
Phi Mu Delta	Pi Beta Phi
Phi Sigma Kappa	Sigma Delta Tau
QTV (local)	Sigma Kappa
Theta Chi	
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	
Sigma Phi Epsilon	
Tau Epsilon Phi	
Kappa Sigma	

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Honorary Societies

Besides the social fraternities the University also maintains a number of Honor Societies. These include:

Adelphia--This is a senior society made up of the nine seniors who in the opinion of the outgoing members of Adelphia have done or will do the most for the school. Ten graduating seniors are annually elected to lifetime membership in this group. The Adelphians perform many useful services for the University and try to sponsor new activities which they feel will really help the school and its students.

Ibogan--This is the women's counterpart to Adelphia.

Phi Kappa Phi--This is the national honorary scholastic society. Students are elected to this body after the sixth semester if they have maintained an 87 average or the seventh semester if they have attained only an 85 average. Promise and citizenship are also taken into account.

Phi Beta Kappa--At present the University is working towards establishing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on campus.

Maroon Key--This is a Sophomore men's group. The Maroon Key acts as a campus guide service and big brother to the incoming freshmen. It is also the official host to athletic teams from other schools.

Scrolls--More or less the women's counterpart of Maroon Key.

Alpha Phi Omega--This is a chapter of the National Boy Scout service organization.

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Athletics

In addition to the regular Varsity and Freshman teams the University encourages intra-mural athletics. There are leagues in touch football, basketball, bowling, and softball. The several fraternities comprise League A in the intra-mural sports.

HISTORY OF DELTA PHI GAMMA

Late in May of 1952, the idea originated among a group of men living on the fourth floor of Greenough Hall to form a fraternity. The idea was tabled until the fall due to the uncertain draft situation. In September almost everyone came back and the idea was put into action.

A meeting was called in Old Chapel Auditorium for all those interested in forming a new fraternity. Members of the Inter-Fraternity Council met with the group and told them of the problems involved in starting a new fraternity. In addition the usual promises they stated that the IFC could do much to help a new group as they were already having their hands full with Delta Sigma Chi.

Not discouraged in the least the group got together and decided to call themselves Delta Phi Gamma. A committee composed of Dave Seymour and Bill Vogel wrote the Constitution and submitted it to the Student Life Committee for approval in December. Meanwhile, the group entered a basketball team in the intra-mural basketball league and came out at the end of the season in a four way tie for second place with a 3-3 record. In February the Student Life Committee approved the Constitution and as of 23 February 1953, Delta Phi Gamma became the thirteenth fraternity on campus.

The charter members as of this date were:

Robert Bailey '55	Roger Lagore '55
Andrew Bartholomew '55	James Nolan '55
Robert Burbank '55	James Rafferty '55
James Bottomley '55	David Seymour '55
Ames Harrison '55	Francis Salomatta '55
Richard Klingler '55	William Vogel '55
Lloyd Lapham '55	Edward White '55

James Stevens '54 was an inactive status.

The first meeting was called on Monday night at 6:30 in Old Chapel, Room D. The first permanent officers were elected as follows:

President--Tex Klingler
Vice-President--Dave Seymour
Secretary--Roger Lagore
Treasurer--Andrew Bartholomew
Sergeant-at-Arms--Ames Harrison
Interfraternity Council members-- Bob Burbank and Bill Vogel.

At the second meeting the permanent and temporary committee chairmen were elected: The following brothers were elected:

Pushing Chairman--Edward White
Social Chairman--Jim Rafferty
Scholarship Chairman--Lloyd Lapham
Athletic Chairman--Bob Bailey
Publicity Chairman--Jim Bottomley
Library Chairman and Historian--Frank Salomatta
Temporary Housing Chairman--Jim Nolan

The fraternity entered the softball league in the spring but had only a 3-11 record at the end of the season. However, they had played every game which was better than the fraternities that didn't bother to enter the league.

Greek Week came 13-18 April 1953. Here again Delta Phi Gamma was to have a hand. They decided to enter the Inter-fraternity

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In March, a new slate of officers was elected for the coming year to begin on 5 April 1954. They are:

President--Dave Seymour
Vice-President--Stewart Butler
Secretary--Perry White
Treasurer--Frank Szlechetka
Sergeant-at-Arms--Bill Vogel
Interfraternity Council members--Bob Burbank and Tex Klingler
Rushing Chairman--Jim Stevens
Social Chairman--Roger Sawyer
Finance Chairman--Andrew Bartholomew
Athletic Chairman--Ames Harrison
Publicity Chairman--Jim Bottomley
History Chairman and Historian--Lanny Moretto

The fraternity is now engaged in trying to secure housing for next year. With the new University policy on housing the thought has been to rent a house for a year or two until the new program goes into effect and the fraternity becomes stronger and then to build under the program.

Already about eighteen freshmen and sophomres are being considered as pledges for this semester. While most of them will not make the grade it is hoped that a good percentage will.

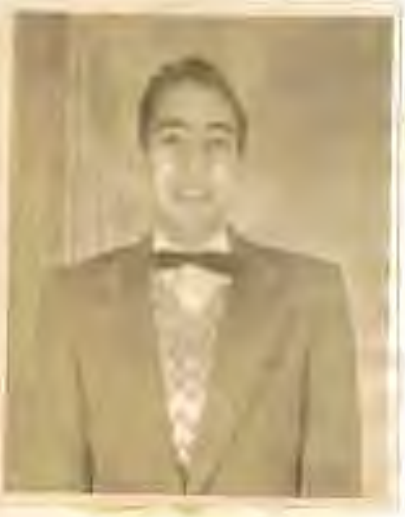
This fraternity was originally formded in order to affiliate with a national fraternity. It was not clear at first which one this would be. However, it was the aim and ideal of the group to affiliate with one which had the same overt aims and ideals as Delta Phi Gamma: One which was interested primarily in a fraternity based upon quality in membership and not quantity; the feeling of a home away from home and not a bedroom or a drinking club on Saturday night. During "hell week" at the University Delta Phi did not "haze" its pledges in the usual way but only asked that they tend to their studies and pass all their exams and quizzes. It is the hope of Delta Phi Gamma to have, perhaps not the highest, but at least one of the highest scholastic averages on campus without any of the brothers just passing but doing rather well.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

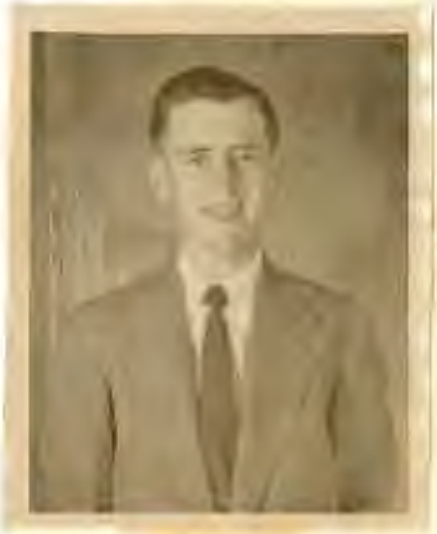
Delta Phi Gamma Fraternity was set up for men of modest means. Therefore our original dues and fees were set at a high rate. At the present time dues are assessed at one dollar per week throughout the school year or a total of $32 dollars per year. This amount assures the fraternity of enough funds to operate on and enough to meet any immediate emergencies. The pledge fee is five dollars and the initiation fee $25. Members must buy their own badges.

As of 1 April 1954, the fraternity had a cash balance of $409.45; $49.71 receivable from the brothers; and a sum of $26.60 payable. At the present time we have no outstanding liabilities or unforeseen expenses.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



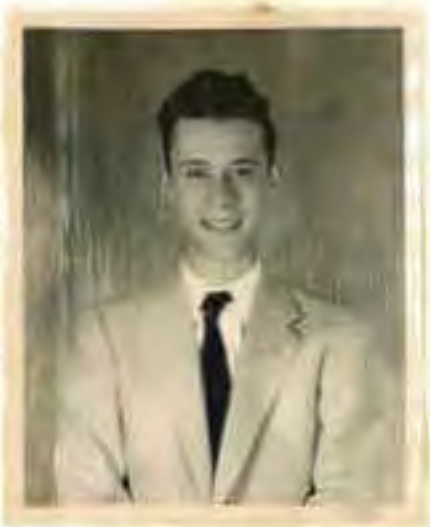
JOHN JOSEPH BARROS: r. 59 Waldo St., New Bedford, Mass.; col. r. Butterfield House; b. Oct. 14, 1935, Boston, Mass.; nat. orig. Portuguese; rel. Roman Catholic; major: Liberal Arts, class of 1957; clubs: Bay State Rifles, U.S. Army Reserves, Armor ROTC; honors: National Honor Society; prepared at New Bedford High School; plans after graduation: Graduate School (Education), Army, teaching.



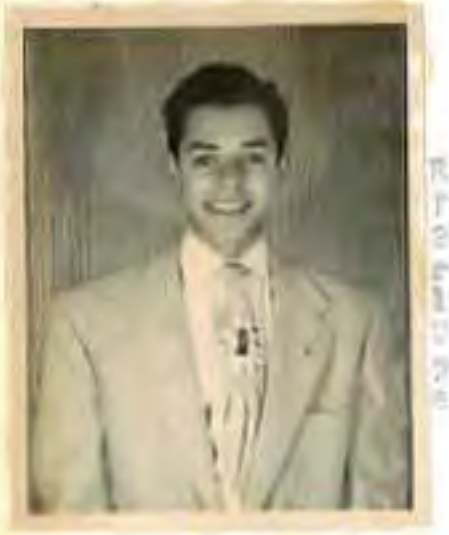
ANDREW RANSLER BARTHOLOMEW: r. Sheffield, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. Sept. 20, 1933, Winsted, Conn.; nat. orig. English; rel. Methodist; major: Accounting, class of 1955; clubs: ROTC (Sgt. First Class), U.S. Army Reserves; prepared at Sheffield High School; plans after graduation: Graduate School.

JAMES BOTTOMLEY: r. 124 Locust St., New Bedford, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. Dec. 22, 1933, New Bedford, Mass.; nat. orig. English; rel. Methodist; major: Chemistry, class of 1955; clubs: Chemistry Club, Demolay; prepared at New Bedford High School; plans after graduation: Graduate School.

ROBERT ARTHUR BURGESS: r. 63 Grove St., North Weymouth, Mass.; sol. r. Dillaway House; b. Dec. 23, 1933, Cohasset, Mass.; nat. orig. English; rel. Congregational; major Dairy Industry, class of 1955; clubs: Interfraternity Council; Dairy Club (Recording Secretary), U.S. Army Reserve, Collegian (Photographer), Groups, Advanced ROTC (Sgt.-Maj. Class); prepared at Weymouth High School; class after graduation: U.S. Army.



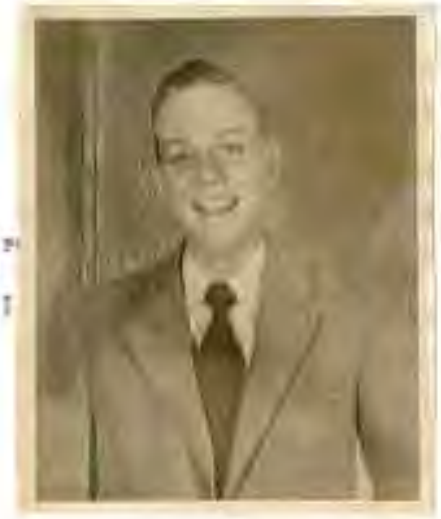
ROBERT T. BUTLER: r. 77 Hemenway St., Holyoke, Mass.; sol. r. Dillaway House; b. July 5, 1934, Holyoke, Mass.; nat. orig. English; rel. Congregational; major Liberal Arts, class of 1955; clubs: Literary Society, Psychology Club, Philosophy Club, Collegian; prepared at Holyoke High School; class after graduation: Graduate School.



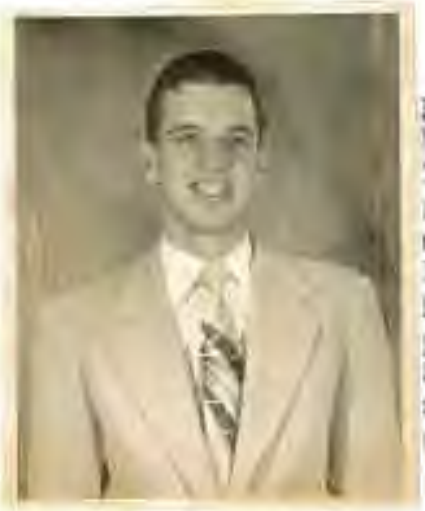
RAYMOND DEVILLE: r. 101 Rockland St., New Bedford, Mass.; sol. r. Butterfield House; b. Sept. 27, 1935, New Bedford, Mass.; nat. orig. Portuguese; rel. Roman Catholic; major Science, class of 1957; Clubs: YMCA, Gun Club, Rifles, Army ROTC, U.S. Army Reserve; honors: Commonwealth Scholarship; prepared at New Bedford High School; class after graduation: Medical School.

Biographical Information (Cont.)

AMES HARNESON: r. 334 Broadway, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; col. r. Brooks House; b. Feb. 18, 1934; Springfield, Mass.; nat. orig. English and Scotch; rel. Congregational; major: Forestry, class of 1955; clubs: Forestry Club (Treasurer); plans after graduation: U.S. Army.



EDWARD K. JOHNSON, JR.: r. 81 Willow St., Westwood, Mass.; col r. Baker House; b. Oct. 2, 1935, Boston, Mass.; nat. orig. Swedish; rel. Baptist; major: History, class of 1957; clubs: Armor ROTC, U.S. Army Reserves; prepared at Westwood Schools; plans after graduation: Government Service.



RICHARD DANIELS KLINGLER: r. Star Route, Brimfield, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. June 19, 1933, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; nat. orig. Penn. Dutch; rel. Methodist; major: Business Administration, class of 1955; clubs: WMUA, Collegian (Chief Photographer), Advanced Armor ROTC, U.S. Army Reserves, University Band; honors: Maroon Key; prepared at: Ware High School and Lamar High School (Houston, Texas); plans after graduation: salesman for Wickwire Spencer Wire and Rope Co, and U.S. Army.

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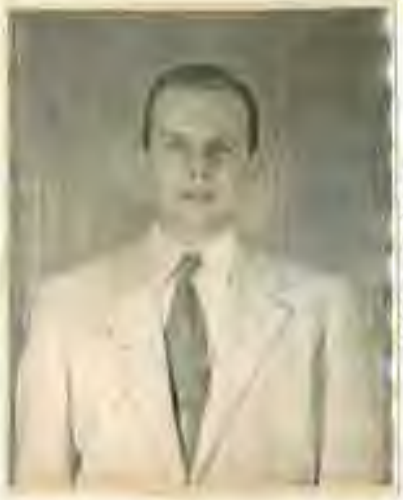
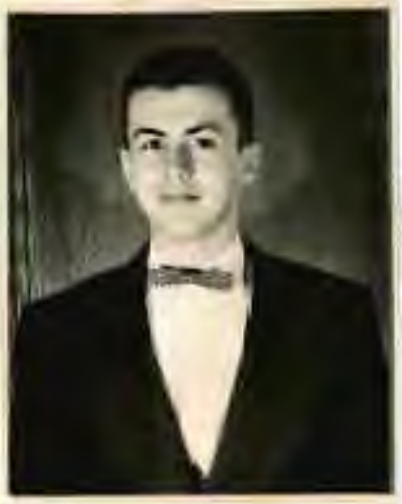


LEONARD MARCOTTE: r. 31 Franklin St., Holyoke, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. April 14, 1934, Chicopee, Mass.; nat. orig. French Canadian; r. Roman Catholic; major: Physics, class of 1955; plans after graduation: Graduate School in Electronic Anatomic Physiology.

JAMES PATRICK NOLAN: r. 18 Morgan St., Holyoke, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. June 9, 1933, Holyoke, Mass.; nat. orig. Irish; rel. Roman Catholic; major: Physics, class of 1955; clubs: Band; honors: University Honors List; plans after graduation: Graduate School.



ROGER E. SAWYER: r. 290 Pleasant St., Leominster, Mass.; col. r. Baker House; b. August 18, 1933, Somerville, Mass.; nat. orig. English; rel. pref. Protestant; major: Business Administration, class of 1955; clubs: DeMolay; plans after graduation: Armed Forces and then Industry.

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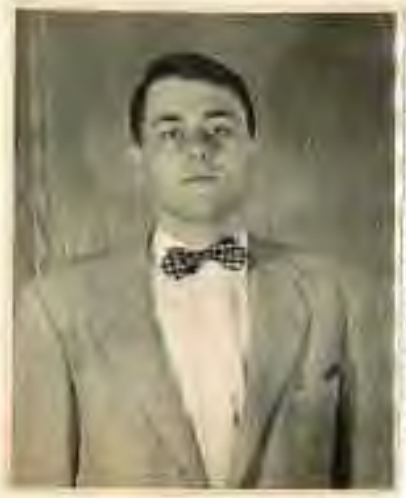
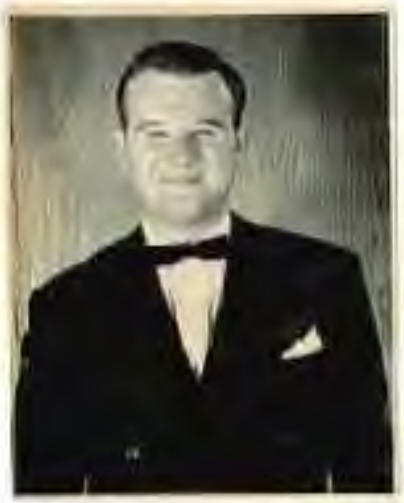


DAVID ELMER SEYMOUR: r. 184 Marion St., Springfield, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. May 28, 1933, Springfield, Mass.; nat. orig. English and German; rel. Protestant Episcopal; major: History, class of 1955; clubs: Collegian (Managing Editor), Rifle Team (Manager), Advanced Armor ROTC, U.S. Army Reserves, Band, Chaplain's Council, Canterbury Club; honors: University Honors List, Varsity "M", Band Pin; prepared at Classical High School, Springfield; plans after graduation: Army Intelligence, Law School and International Law practice.



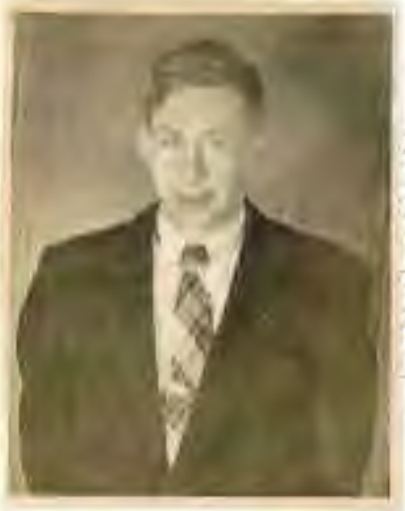
JAMES CEDRIC STEVENS: r. 11 Rockell Av., Leominster, Mass.; col r. Baker House; b. August 27, 1934, Nashua, N.H.; nat. orig. English and Irish; rel. Roman Catholic; major: Pre-Med, class of 1955; clubs: Student Senate, Band, Orchestra, ROTC Band, Operetta Guild, Armor ROTC, Football (Ass't. Manager); plans after graduation: Medical School.

FRANCIS I. SZLACHETKA: r. 27 Ducharme Av., Chicopee, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. March 1, 1933, Holyoke, Mass.; nat. orig. Polish; rel. Roman Catholic; major: Accounting, class of 1955; prepared at Chicopee High School; plans after graduation: Accountant.

Biographical Information (Con't)

WILLIAM VOGEL: r. 22 St. Jerome Av., Holyoke, Mass.; col. r. Middlesex House; b. July 22, 1933, Holyoke, Mass.; nat. orig. German and Scotch; rel. Congregational; major: Philosophy, class of 1955; clubs: Philosophy Club (President), Debating Club (President), Literary Society, Chess Club, DeValey; prepared at Holyoke High School; plans after graduation: Graduate School (Philosophy).

EDGARD VICTOR MEWSTEAD WHITE: r. 68 North Smyfield Rd., North Quincy, Massachusetts; col. r. Middlesex House; b. May 20, 1935, Portsmouth, England; nat. orig. English; rel. Protestant Episcopal; major: Electrical Engineering, class of 1956; clubs: WMUA (Chief, Remote Section and Acting Technical Director), ROTC Band, Armor ROTC, U.S. Army Reserves; prepared at North Quincy High School; plans after graduation: Electrical Engineering.



PEREGRINE BARCLAY WHITE: r. 145 Lincoln Av., Amherst, Mass.; b. May 6, 1934, New York City, New York; nat. orig. English and Scotch; rel. Congregational; major: Electrical Engineering, class of 1956; clubs: WMUA, Air Cadet Squadron, AFROTC Drill Team, Chaplain's Council, AFROTC; honors: University Deans List; prepared at Amherst High School; plans after graduation: Air Force and Graduate School.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY
Gamma Chapter
University of Massachusetts

March 29, 1954

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
National Office
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Brothers:

As a war casualty, Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Massachusetts has been inactive for nearly twelve years. With no active members on campus in the early post war years, pledging efforts of faculty and nearby alumni members were futile. The student body composed largely of returning veterans (and many of them married) introduced a new and different campus atmosphere, in which for a few years, student and administration thoughts were directed away from fraternities and a normal collegiate life.

There are new thoughts and new looks at the University of Massachusetts today including the need of new fraternities and reactivating of the old. It is with pleasure then that I recommend for your consideration the reactivation of Gamma Chapter by inclusion into Alpha Sigma Phi of the local fraternity of Delta Phi Gamma. It is my belief that the alumni brothers of Gamma Chapter will welcome and accept these new brothers as an infusion of new blood and as a foundation for building back on campus at Amherst the former great prestige of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Fraternally yours,
Albert W. Smith
ALBERT W. SMITH

University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
March 22, 1956

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delaware, Ohio

Gentlemen:

The members of Delta Phi Gamma Fraternity, a local group of male students at the University of Massachusetts, have requested me to write a letter of recommendation in support of their petition to Alpha Sigma Phi for reactivation of Gamma Chapter at the University.

I have met this group several times. They appear to be a group of earnest young men who are willing to work. And in my opinion, they will have to work to become a strong organization. It would appear that there has been a lack of direction in their efforts thus far, and it is perhaps to their credit that they have accomplished as much a s they have.

Should their petition be granted, the national organization should be willing to guide this group for a year or two, especially in further developing their meaning of "fraternity," and to give assistance in the selection and education of pledges.

If the national group is willing to work with these boys, I'm sure that with this core a strong Gamma Chapter can result.

Fraternally,

Paul N. Procopio

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts

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Office of Dean and Director

MARCH 15, 1958

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
ALPHA SIGMA PHI
31 W. WINTER STREET
DELAWARE, OHIO

SUBJECT: PETITION OF DELTA PHI GAMMA,
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THE PETITION OF DELTA PHI GAMMA TO THE NATIONAL OFFICERS OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GAMMA CHAPTER OF THAT ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE ALPHA SIGMA PHI RE-ESTABLISHED HERE AS A NATIONAL FRATERNITY BECAUSE IT IS A PART OF THE TRADITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS. THE DETAILS OF ITS DEPARTURE FROM THE CAMPUS ARE NOT KNOWN TO ME, BUT I DO KNOW THAT DURING THE TIME IT WAS PRESENT ON THE CAMPUS IT HAD MANY OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE IMPORTANT CAMPUS ACTIVITIES. SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LEADERS IN THIS SCHOOL WERE MEMBERS OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI; IN FACT, DR. SIDNEY B. HASKELL, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS, AS WAS SUMNER R. PARKER, STATE COUNTY AGENT LEADER FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUALIFICATIONS ABOUT THE PRESENT LOCAL CHAPTER, DELTA PHI GAMMA, THAT IS PETITIONING YOU EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE HAD A GOOD REPUTATION WITH REGARD TO DEPORTMENT AND GENERAL CAMPUS ACTIVITIES. YOUR OWN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

SINCERELY YOURS

Dale H. Sieling

DALE H. SIELING
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

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ALPHA EPSILON PI FRATERNITY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 7, 1913 AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Phi Chapter
University of Massachusetts
136 Sunset Avenue
Amherst, Mass.

March 15, 1954

Ralph Burns
Alpha Sigma Phi

Dear Mr. Burns,

The University of Massachusetts is now in a period of rapid expansion and needs strong national fraternities. The local group Delta Phi Gamma, I understand is requesting admission into your Fraternity.

For over a year this group has been successfully functioning on campus. They are active members in the IFC and compete in all competition. Your Fraternity could aid this group and they could again establish Alpha Sigma Phi on the campus of the University of Massachusetts.

As Treasurer of the IFC, I have seen this group has payed all financial obligations. I believe they are ready to join Alpha Sigma Phi

Yours Truly
Richard Wolf
Master

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts

Amherst

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

March 20, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns, National President
Alpha Sigma Phi
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I have been asked to write a letter in support of the petition of Delta Phi Gamma at the University of Massachusetts to affiliate with your national fraternity. I find this very easy to do, for, as faculty advisor to this group since its founding as a local fraternity here, I feel I have come to know the men individually and collectively, perhaps better than anyone else on campus.

At all times have I found them to be friendly, courteous and cooperative. The fraternal feeling and spirit that exists in the group compares very favorably with what I have observed elsewhere, including my own undergraduate chapter at Amherst College. Though somewhat handicapped by numbers, the fellows have entered into all of the interfraternity competitions and, although I am not familiar with all of the results, I do know that they did a very commendable job on their snow sculpture this winter and that they were well up on the list of fraternities when the academic averages were computed last semester. Mrs. Moser and I have found their dances to be well-organized and conducted in a gentlemanly manner. We have truly enjoyed our associations with Delta Phi Gamma.

As you must know, there is a great need for additional representation of national fraternities on our campus. The existing chapters are already overloaded and still many men complete their college course without the benefit of affiliation with a national fraternity, or any fraternity for that matter.

I think Delta Phi Gamma has very clearly demonstrated its ability to survive on campus and has quite adequately set the pattern for continued growth and success in the coming years. I am confident that if you act favorably on this petition, this group will be a credit to your fine organization.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Moser

Donald E. Moser
Faculty Advisor to Delta Phi Gamma

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts

Amherst

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

April 5, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns,
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Mr. Burns:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the group of young men on the campus who are interested in reactivating the [redacted] Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi here on the campus at the University of Massachusetts.

I believe that these young men are a sincere and capable group, interested in developing a sound fraternity in cooperation with a positive program sponsored now by the Administration of this institution. I intend to give them all the support that I can in terms of advice and counsel.

I hope that you will give the petition for reactivation your careful and favorable consideration in line with the standard practices of your National Chapter in recognizing local chapters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Paul Mather

J. Paul Mather
Provost

JPM-A

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts
Amherst

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 18, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns, Executive Secretary
Alpha Sigma Phi
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Mr. Burns:

Mr. David Seymour, a student at this institution, has asked that I write you a letter of recommendation concerning the local fraternity, Delta Phi Gamma.

This fraternity, although relatively new on our campus, has achieved a unity which I think is deserving of consideration in its attempt to affiliate itself with a reactivation of the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in the near future.

Their present adviser, Mr. Paul Procopio of our staff, is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and certainly would have an understanding of the relation between the local chapter and the one which was in existence until about the middle of the war.

If there is specific information in any detail that you would like, I shall be glad to furnish it to you.

Cordially yours

Robert S. Hopkins, Jr.
Dean of Men

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts
Amherst

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

March 22, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns, National President
Alpha Sigma Phi
Baltimore, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Four students in our School, all of whom are in reasonably good standing, are members of a local fraternity Delta Phi Gamma. They have told me that they are desirous of affiliating through Charter with the National Alpha Sigma Phi. The local organization, I believe, consists of some eighteen or twenty members. There are available houses which such a group could either rent or own in the town of Amherst.

The entire problem of the number of organizations and the housing of them is now under discussion by those of us who are concerned with the administration of the University. It is the expressed intention of the University Administration to tie the organizations and their housing into a closer connection with the University campus than now obtains. By some this is regarded as a "proceed with caution" as respects new organizations. However, with the rapid growth of the University, which promises no abatement, it seems reasonable to consider carefully the need for additional organizations of the type which these young men have under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Milo Kimball

Milo Kimball
Dean

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406 North Pleasant Street,
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
March 18, 1954

Mr. Ralph Byrne
National President
Alpha Sigma Phi
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention here at Nu Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho that Delta Phi Gamma has made application to join as member of Alpha Sigma Phi. We endorsee this move quite heartily and hope that your chapters may feel as strong about these men as we do here at the University.

Their ambition and mutual aid is laudable indeed. Many of these men were in the dormitories in the first two years at school and this friendship has grown ever since. They have been active in many of the events here on campus and yet have done well scholastically.

I hope that you will give these boys due consideration.

Yours truly,

Robert B. Tuttle

Robert B. Tuttle, Treas.
Alpha Gamma Rho

Gamma Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma
University of Massachusetts
Butterfield Terrace
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mr. Burns; March 28,1954

It is with great pleasure that I write you recommending Delta Phi Gamma for membership in your fraternity. We have always found them to be the type of fellows we would like to have introduce another national fraternity on this campus.Several times they have used our house for social events and at all times they have proven themselves well mannered and considerate of our property.As individuals, each is popular and respected by everyone on campus.

We were also more than pleased to learn that Alpha Sigma Phi is their choice of a national fraternity as your reputation is exellent,and we know that an establishment of your organization here would benefit our campus.

I hope that both you and Delta Phi Gamma realize your desires in this matter.

Sincerly yours,

Frederick E. Crory
President, Gamma-
Delta of Kappa Sigma.

Mr. Ralph Burns , Pres.
Alpha Sigma Phi
Delaware,Ohio

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA
GAMMA ZETA
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts

March 18, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns
National President
Alpha Sigma Phi
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It is a distinct honor for me to write this letter of recommendation of Delta Phi Gama to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

It is a well-balanced group and one of the highest-rated fraternities on the campus and has enrolled some of the most respected students. It is always found supporting worth-while efforts and always has been one of the leaders in extra-curricular activities and scholarship on the campus.

I know they have worked hard in the past several years to improve themselves in every respect, and it is with this in mind that I, as President of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, am proud to recommend this fraternity to you.

I feel that the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter on this campus would be a credit to your fraternity and an asset to the school.

Sincerely,

Gordon R. Long

Gordon R. Long
President

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75 Sunset Ave.
Amherst, Mass.
March 17, 1954

Mr. Ralph Burns,
National President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Mr. Burns:

I understand that one of our local fraternities has applied for membership in Alpha Sigma Phi.

Since the University is expanding very rapidly, there is a definite need for national fraternities on this campus. Both the Administration and the students realize this need of more social fraternities.

I believe that I have been asked to write this letter because, just recently, our fraternity became nationally affiliated. This affiliation has greatly helped our fraternity, and has given the men added confidence and incentive.

Now, Delta Phi Gamma has realized their need for national affiliation, and I believe that they would be a definite asset to your organization. The Delta Phis have been very active on campus and have established for themselves a fine reputation among the fraternities on campus.

This proposed affiliation would not only benefit Delta Phi Gamma, but also aid the University expansion program, by acting as an incentive to other local fraternities.

Interfraternally,

Donald F. Phillips

Donald F. Phillips, President

Phi Mu Delta Fraternity

Phi Sigma Kappa

ALPHA CHAPTER

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST

March 14, 1954

Dear Sir,

I have known the local chapter Delta Phi Gamma for more than a year and during this time they have worked and struggled extremely hard to make their fraternity a complete success. It is my thought that they are well on the way to achieving this goal and their acceptance into the Grand National of Alpha ~~Sigma~~ Phi will be a proud step in their history.

The University of Massachusetts is a rapidly expanding University with its policies well calculated in advance. The policies have an effect on the student body to the extent that new organizations on campus are investigated as thoroughly as possible for any possible defects. It is my opinion that if an organization such as Delta Phi Gamma has been able to survive under such conditions that it

Phi Sigma Kappa

ALPHA CHAPTER

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AMHERST

must be founded on sound principles and backed by a group of serious minded Students.

On these facts, briefly stated, I give my whole hearted Recomendation to this fraternity.

Raymond H. Wood
President, Phi Sigma Kappa

Theta Chi Fraternity
University of Massachusetts
496 North Pleasant Street
Amherst, Massachusetts

Mr. Ralph Burns, National President
Alpha Sigma Phi
Deleware, Ohio

Dear Sir;

The University of Massachusetts affords an excellent opportunity for a fraternity to develop on its campus because of the future plans for the colonization of fraternities which are under way.

The enrollment of the university is increasing at such a rate that new fraternities will be needed.

I would like to recommend that any local group on this campus join a national fraternity because of the leadership and guidance which the national will afford.

Sincerely yours,
Allen H. Good
Allen H. Good
President

Massachusetts Kappa Chapter
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
University of Massachusetts
118 Sunset Avenue
Amherst, Massachusetts

3/18/54

Mr. Ralph Burns,
National President
alpha Sigma Phi

Dear Mr. Burns:

I understand that Delta Phi Gamma at the University of Massachusetts is petitioning you to reactivate the Gamma chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

To start with, another national on this campus would definitely be approved by all immediately concerned. Actually, looking at it from your point of view, this chapter might well prove to be a feather in your cap.

It will be well worth your while to give this house due consideration.

Respectfully yours,
John J. O'Donnell,
President

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
9 CHESTNUT STREET AMHERST, MASS.

March 14, 1947

National President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Sir;

Recently I was asked by the President of Delta Phi Gamma Fraternity, a local of the University, to write this note outlining our view of their request for your inactive charter here. It gives us a great pleasure to do this, for it has always been our chapter's aim to assist any group in their progress as a fraternal organization. We strongly urge you to install this group as a chapter of your national.

During the war most of the nationals, including our own, went inactive. Since that time all, with the exception of Alpha Sigma Phi, have been reactivated. What is more logical than recreating a former chapter? Further, it is my understanding that the alumni of the chapter own a building site right on campus. This would be an excellent asset to any young group.

The University has expanded by leaps and bounds since the war, but only enough the fraternity growth has not been as rapid. If the fraternity system is to exist in any real and vital way on this campus, it is necessary to have as many good groups as possible. While Delta Phi Gamma is an excellent group with all the potential necessary for a good fraternity, our own foolish policy prevents their association with any national until after they spend two years on campus. This however would not apply if you were to grant your charter since it would be classed as re-organization rather than a new group. Their own progress depends on securing the assistance of competent advisors which may best be provided by some national fraternity.

The group is now small and struggling, but if you were to grant them your charter and provide them with the necessary technical advise, they soon will be a definate credit to you nationally and a good local representative of your fraternity.

I strongly urge that their request be granted.

Yours truly,

John P. Kleint

John P. Kleint

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST, MASS.

March, 18, 1954

Ralph Burns
National President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Mr. Burns;

Since the initiation of Delta Phi Gamma fraternity on the campus of the University of Massachusetts, their constant work and effort, both fraternal and university, have been of the highest caliber.

The present organization has risen, due to its merits, to a place of contention with fraternities that have been settled on campus for many years,

The determined participation, the attitude of fraternal comradship, and the desire to move ahead make me feel justified in recommending that this organization be accepted into the national fraternity of Alpha Sigma Phi.

It is my fondest wish that this organization be accepted into the national unit, for once this occurs, the fraternity will have the name and reputation behind it that will enable it to take its rightful place among the leaders on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Bass

Marvin Bass
President

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Interfraternity Council
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
March 19, 1951

President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Sir;

As President of the Interfraternity Council, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this note to you. As you know, Alpha Sigma Phi was one of the better chapters on this campus prior to World War II. All of our nationals during the war became inactive, and since that time, all have been reactivated except Alpha Sigma Phi . We of the Council are particularly interested in Delta Phi Gamma's petition. We have a very earnest desire to again count your organization among our chapters.

Since 1940, the size of the university has more than trebled. The growth of our fraternity system has not been commencerate with this enrollement increase. It is necessary for the strength and vitality of all fraternities that we establish new groups soon.

It is my personal belief that any new group may best be aided by the consistent help afforded by a national organization. For these reasons, we hope and encourage you to grant their petition.

Yours truly

Louis H. Marshall

Louis H. Marshall
President, InterfraternityCouncil
University of Massachusetts