

51 Chambers St., New York,
March 12th, 1913.

To the Chapters of A. E. φ. Fraternity,
GREETING:-

Herewith I transmit to you the result of several years correspondence and several months negotiation in securing a petition from THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. Owing to the very high personal endorsement they receive from so many local sources, and because the Secretary to the Chancellor of the University was instrumental in picking the man who picked these men for us, I am going to ask the different Chapters of the Fraternity to vote "Yes" on this application conditionally.

The conditions are these, that in the event I find from a personal investigation they are all right to go ahead and initiate them, if not, then to refuse the petition.

The reason I am asking this method is that we are operating over a long distance and it is my intention to go to Lincoln a week from Friday of this week and inspect the men. If I find them all right I shall immediately initiate and install them, calling to my aid the few men I can find in Nebraska and western Iowa. I shall also press into service the first few through to swell the ranks of and aid the work of the installation team.

Let California and Washington Chapters telegraph me their permission by night letter, collect. All others have time enough to act promptly between this time and the date I expect to start away, March 21st, from here. Please transmit your votes promptly.

Please do not lose track of the importance of prompt action if I am to accomplish the desired results in this tour. I aim to visit Zeta, Eta, Theta, Chicago Council, and Iota Chapters in this trip but my stay with each will be necessarily short. I shall also inspect at the same time the bunch that is being prepared for us at the University of Chicago if possible. They have not yet sent me their petition.

Petitions are being prepared at the Universities of Alabama, Chicago, and Tennessee, and it behooves us to act promptly now to the end that these new chapters may get a good start before the academic year closes. I ask your united and hearty support in my work to carry the ideals of A. E. φ. farther and farther afield.

Hoping to receive prompt and favorable replies from all, I remain,

Fraternally yours, in A. E. φ.,
WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE.

I have the originals of all these letters of commendation here in my office.
W. M. M.

PETITION

We, the under signed students in good standing in the University of Nebraska having hereunto attached our individual and class records, do hereby petition Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to grant to us and our successors a Charter for a Chapter of said Fraternity at this institution and to assign to us a Chapter Letter,

Should this Chapter be granted we agree to support the Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Customs, Laws, and Traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, to perform its rituals, and to perform our part in the government and support of the Fraternity as such, and under its laws govern ourselves as a Chapter in harmony and good fellowship, and that we and our successors shall work for the best interests and advancement of the Fraternity wherever and whenever we may, it being understood that nothing in this pledge shall in any way conflict with our religious or political scruples, or our duties and obligations to our college, our family, ourselves, our country or our God.

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the 4th day of March 1913.

Raymond Smith
Arthur E. Allyn
Ivan J. Kinaman
Fred L. Babcock
Alvin C. Smith
Leon G. Wickman
Wana Hole
Ray Shirey
John P. Babcock
Hoyt W. Harmon

W. C. Reynolds
Red Allison
~~C. H. Munaway~~
Ray Evans

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of student. Ivan James Kinsman

Home Address. Columbus, Nebraska.

College Address. 1536 P St.

Name of Father. J. W. Kinsman.

Date of birth of Petitioner. April 26, 1893.

Height. 5' 11", 185#, Dark Complexion, Brown Hair, Brown eyes.

Where prepared for college. Columbus High School.

Honors. Cap't. Foot-ball team, Cap't. Basket-ball team,

Member Base-ball team, Champion Heavy-weight,

Wrestler Y.M.C.A., Sole singer State Contest

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University petitioner attends. College of

Agriculture. Class---Junior.

Honors Taken. Heavy Weight Wrestler Freshman Class.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with name of such.

Freshman Foot-ball team; College Chorus.

Nationality.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of student. Emmett Horrison Dunaway.

Home address. Overton, Nebraska.

College Address. 1624 So. 145h St.

Name of Father. J. W. Dunaway. Mother's Maiden Name. Evangelene Porter.

Date of birth of Petitioner. 1889 Overton, Nebr.

Height. 5' -10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Weight 143# Fair Complexion. Dark brown hair.

Blue eyes.

Where prepared for college. Overton High School.

Honors. in Preparatory school. Captain baseball team. Captain of
basket ball team. Senior Class president. Valedictorian. Senior
Class Play.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University petitioner attends. College of Arts and
science. Class. ---Junior.

Honors taken.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Dramatic Club, Glee Club, Bushnell guild, University Band.

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of student. Raymond Shirey.

Home Address. Lincoln, Nebr. 1446 P St.

College Address. Same.

Name of father. M.C. Shirey. Mother's Maiden Name. Nettie prandon

Date of birth of Petitioner 1889, Colby, Kas.

Height 5'-11" Weight 165# Light Complexion, Dark Hair, Blue Eyes.

Where prepared for College. Franklin Academy.

Honors in Preparatory School. Captain of Basket Ball. Asst.

Mgr. of School Paper; Class Play; Glee Club; vice pres. Tennis
in

Association. Third Declamatory Content. Football and track team

Other Colleges attended and location. Nebraska State Normal.

Honors taken there. Captain Basket Ball team. Treas. Y.M.C.A.

Dramatic Club. Debating Society; Tennis Team; Foot ball Team.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University Petitioner attends. College of Arts
and Science. Class Junior.

Honors taken. Class Football team.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Bushnell Guild; Chautauqua Club; Kearney Club.

Nationality. German.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of student. Fred Laurence Babcock.

Home Address. Columbus, Nebraska.

College Address. 1536 P Street.

Name of Father. H. E. Babcock.

Date of birth of Petitioner. October 31, 1892.

Height. 5'-9", 130#, Light Complexion, Brown Hair, Blue Eyes.

Where prepared for College. Columbus High School.

Honors. Editor-in-chief, monthly paper; manager and leading man senior class play; winner first prize East Central Nebraska Oratorical Contest; Class prophet.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University Petitioner attends. College of Arts and Science. Class. Sophomore.

Honors taken.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such. Glee Club, Dramatic Club, Debating Club and staff of Daily Nebraskan.

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of Student. Ned Allison.

Home Address. Sterling, Nebr.

College Address. 2012 A St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Name of Father. J. H. Allison. Mother's Maiden Name. Linda Ostrander

Date of birth of Petitioner. 1889. Sterling, Nebr.

Height. 5'-10" Weight 150#; Light Complexion; Light Hair; Black Eyes.

Where prepared for College. Sterling, High School.

Honors in Preparatory School. Senior Play, Glee Club, Baseball.

Other Colleges Attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University Petitioner attends. Law 4th yr. of
6 yr law.

Honors taken. Freshman Law President. Senior Play Committee.

Junior Play Caste.

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of Student. Alvin Cordon Smith.

Home address. Lyons, Nebraska.

College address. 1310 R St. Lincoln, Nebr.

Name of Father. Orin Cordon Smith. Mothers Maiden Name. Huckelberry.

Date of birth of petitioner. Jan. 20th, 1890. Where. --

Height. 5' -10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Weight. 135# Light complexion. Dark hair, Hazel eyes.

Where prepared for college. Lyons High school.

Honors in Preparatory school. class Play. ⁴/_Dres. of class two yrs.

Other colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University petitioner attends. Engineering. Class.
Junior.

Honors taken.

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

English society.

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of Student. John Powell Babcock.

Home Address. Columbus, Nebraska.

College Address. 1536 P Street.

Name of Father. H. E. Babcock.

Date of birth of Petitioner. August 19, 1890.

Height. 5'-6", #133, Dark Complexion, Brown Hair, Brown Eyes.

Where prepared for College. Columbus High School.

Honors. Foot-ball team, mile runner in State Contest;

Leading man in German play; male quartette.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University Petitioner attends. College of
Engineering. Class. Sophomore.

Honors taken.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with name of such.

Member of Engineering Society; Secretary 'Buahnell Guild'

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of student. Dana Finley Cole.

Home address. Neligh, Nebr.

College address. 302 So. 28th St.

Name of father. W W Cole; mother's maiden name Charlotte Shonefelt

Date of birth of Petitioner, March 8, 1894.

Height 5'8"; 135#; Light complexion; light hair; blue eyes.

Where prepared for college. Neligh High School and Gates Academy.

Honors in Preparatory School. Dist. Local State contest--first

Pres. of Senior Class. Leading Man in Class Play.

Other colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this university Petitioner attends. A&S Class 1915.

Honors taken

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Chorus; Band.

Nationality. American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of student. William Albert Luke.

Home address. 1259 So. 27th St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Office address. CITY Y. M. C. A.

Name of Father. John Wister Luke. Mother's maiden Name
Anna Elizabeth Emery.

Date of birth of petitioner. April 11, 1885, Swan, ~~Wabash~~ Iowa.

Height 5'10"; 194#; Dark Complexion; Black Hair; Black Eyes.

Other colleges attended and location. Chadron Academy, Chadron, Nebr.

honors taken there and when. Capt. Football Team 1903; Sec. of
Student Y.M.C.A.; Vice Pres. Class 1904; 1st place in Humorous
Section of Northwestern Nebr. Oratorical Ass'n. 1903;

Doane College, Crete, Nebr. A. B. Degree, 1910

Sec. of Student Y.M.C.A. and Field Sec. for College 08,09,10

Capt. of Football Team 1910 and all Nebr. Center and Capt.

Department in this University petitioner attends. Class. A.M. '13

Honors taken.

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such. Business

Manager of Glee Club; Debating Squad which won Stephens Cup;

Alpha Omega Fraternity; Athletic Letter Society; Gen. Secretary
of City Y. M. C. A., Lincoln/

Nationality. English and German/

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of student. Leon Archibald Hickman

Home address. Seward, Nebr.

College address. 1536 P St.

Name of Father. Barclay M Hickman Mother's Maiden Name Susie M Sampson

Date of birth of petitioner. July 5, 1892, Seward, Nebr.

Height. 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 145#; Light Complexion; Auburn Hair; Brown Eyes

Where prepared for college. Seward High School

Honors in preparatory school. Class Orator; Senior Class Pres.

Treas. of Athletic Association, third year.

Other colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when

Department in this University petitioner attends. College of Law 1 yr.

Honors taken.

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such

Bushnell Guild; officers club; Y.M.C.A. Pershings Rifles.

Second Lieut. and Quarter Master Second Batt.

Uni. Cadets. Chairman Freshman Law.

Nationality. English descent.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of Student. Clarence Clarke Reynolds

Home Address. Chicago, Ill.

College Address. 1325 R St.

Name of Father. David Russell Reynolds. Mother's Maiden Name,
Mary Elizabeth Clark.

Date of birth of Petitioner. Febr. 28, 1886

Height, 5'-8" Weight 145#; Medium Complexion; Dark Brown Hair; Grey Eyes

Where Prepared for College. Washburn Academy; Topeka, Kas.

Honors in Preparatory School. Public Speaking; Athletic Board
Y.M.C.A. Council.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University petitioner attends. Arts & Science.

Prep. Medicine . Class Sophomore.

Honors taken.

Member of any Clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Member of Uni. Fraternity N.E.W. and B. G.

Nationality. English, Irish.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of Student. Ray Evans Fee.

Home address. 4120 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Nebraska.

College Address. 1536 P. St. Lincoln, Nebr.

Name of Father. Samuel Fee. Mother's Maiden name. Nancy E. Brown.

Date of birth of petitioner. Dec. 1, 1890. Irvington, Nebr.

Height. 5' -10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Weight, 147 $\frac{1}{2}$ complexion--Dark Hair, Eyes.----- Blue.

Where prepared for college. Omaha High School.

Honors in Preparatory School. Webster Debating Society

Other colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University petitioner attends. Electrical Engineering.

Class. 2.

Honors taken.

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Bushnell Guild, Cheataqua Club. Perching Rifles.

Nationality. Scotch-Canadian.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of student. Ralph John Scoville.

Home address. Huntington, Nebr.

College address. 516 No. 16th.

Name of Father. Geo. F. Scoville. Mother's Maiden Name Helen V Mead.

Date of birth of petitioner. July 12, 1891 Huntington, Nebr.

Height 5'-10" 150# Dark Hair, Dark Complexion, Gray Eyes.

Where prepared for College. Huntington High School.

Honors in Preparatory School. Dramatic Club H.H.Q part in School Play.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when.

Department in this University Petitioner attends. College of Law Class. 1915.

Honors taken. Freshman Law Hop Committee.

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Nationality. English American.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

Full name of student. Arthur Ernest Allyn, Jr.
Home Address. Hastings, Nebr.

College Address. 1535 P St.

Name of Father. A.E.Allyn. Mother's Maiden Name, Ida M Moore.

Date of birth of Petitioner. 1893

Height 6'2" 175#, Medium Complexion; Dark Brown Hair; Blue Gray Eyes

Where prepared for College. Hastings High School.

Honors taken in Preparatory School. Class Play Class Representative Freshman.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when

Department in this University Petitioner attends. A & S Class Junior

Honors taken. First Sergeant Pershing Rifles; First Sergeant Co. A

Member of any clubs, fraternities, etc. with names of such.

Y.M.C.A. Bushnell Guild, Alpha Chi Sigma, Assistant in Chem.

Junior Hop Tennis Squad.

Nationality. English (?)

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Full name of student. Hoyt Henry Harmon

Home address. Nebraska City, Nebr.

College address. 424 No. 17th. Lincoln, Nebr.

Name of father. Albert Lucian Harmon. Mother's Maiden Name. Carrie
Esther Fraker.

Date of birth of Petitioner. October 11, 1891 Nebraska City, Nebr.

Height 6'1"; 165# Fair Complexion, Brown Hair; Brown Eyes.

Where prepared for college. Nebraska City High School

Honors in Preparatory School Member of class play.

Other Colleges attended and location.

Honors taken there.

Degrees taken there and when

Department in this University petitioner attends. Engineering
Class 1913.

Honors taken. Military Ball Committee. Captain Co. C.

member of any clubs, fraternities etc. with names of such. Yates

Rifle Club. Officers Club. Engineering Society. Pershing Rifles

Nationality. English.

HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION.

This Chapter will be located in the University of Nebraska. The school was founded February 15, 1869 at Lincoln, the capital city. There are at present 328 members of the faculty. The school is not endowed but is supported by: (1) A one mill tax upon the grand assessment roll of the state. (2) ~~E~~comes from land leases and sales of land granted by Congress and by the enabling act reserving seventy-two sections of land for the University, (3) Interest on permanent fund investments, (4) Fees of Students.

There are seven colleges in the University. The Graduate College confers degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, Master of Forestry, Agricultural, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineer, The College of Arts and Sciences grants degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. The Teachers' College grants the degree of Master of Arts in Education. The College of Engineering grants the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. The College of Agriculture grants the degree of Bachelor of Science. The College of Law grants the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The College of Medicine Grants the degree of the Doctor of Medicine.

Last year there 2225 male and 1432 female students enrolled in all the courses of the University, a grand total of 3657.

The grounds and buildings of the University are distributed among three groups: (1) the original campus, situated in Lincoln, with its main entrance at Eleventh and R. streets, and containing sixteen buildings devoted to academic, law, medicine and engineering instruction: (2) the University Farm, of Three hundred and twenty acres, two and a half miles northeast of the original campus, containing ten buildings devoted to instruction in agriculture, home economics and forestry, (3) the Medical College building in Omaha, at the corner of Twelfth and Pacific streets. For the latter, a new site has recently been secured in the city of Omaha, and lies between Howard and Jackson and Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets.

The following fraternities and clubs are now represented in the University: Acacia, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Theta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Bushnell Guild, Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Rho Sigma, Sigma Alpha, Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Psi Epsilon, Silver Lynx, Paladian, Union, and four other professional fraternities which do not maintain houses.

Prospects are very bright for the formation of a new chapter. Many other strong national fraternities are represented in the school. But only 14% of the students are connected with fraternities so there is plenty of room for another. There is much good material from which to draw and the petitioners feel that they can build up a strong, influential chapter of representative men.

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., March 3rd, 1913

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL, ALPHA SIGMA PHI:

Messrs. Shirey, Dunaway, Smith, Cole, Allison, Harmon, Hickman, Scoville, Fee, Kinsman, John Babcock, Fred Babcock, Reynolds, and Allyn, desire a charter authorizing the formation of a local chapter of your fraternity.

I have investigated the matter and find that they are young men of high character and studious disposition, and believe that they would do credit to your organization. I am, therefore, pleased to endorse their application.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) S. Avery,

Chancellor

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 25, 1913

The Grand Council,
Alpha Sigma Phi,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

A select company of students in the University of Nebraska are ambitious to establish a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, and think that a letter from me will aid their cause. I hope this may be so, for I have known the more prominent in this company for a long time, and wish them well.

Allow me to call your attention to the fact that this University has high attainments, has a Faculty of about two hundred and seventy-five members, and a student body which has passed the five thousand mark. My own training was done in the East, my college being Yale, and it seems to me that I am able to judge with reasonable fairness between the Eastern and Western student, and am disposed to put a high estimate on the quality of our students. At this juncture, it is unnecessary to enter into discussions, but the writer holds himself at the command of any of your body who may see fit to write him relative to these young men.

Very respectfully submitted,

Edwin H. Barbour,

Psi Upsilon, Yale '82

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., March 3rd, 1913

To the Grand Council of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

Dear Sirs:

I am informed that the following named gentlemen, vis: E. H. Dunaway, H. H. Harmon, Ray Shirey, L. A. Hickman, Ray E. Lee, John Babcock, Fred Babcock, Ned Allison, Dana F. Cole, Arthur E. Allyn, C. Reynolds, G. Smith, Ivan Kinsman, Ralph Scoville, and Mr. Luke, are seeking to obtain from your body, authority to institute a chapter of the fraternity at this institution. I am personally acquainted with a considerable number of the applicants, and with the rest somewhat, by information and inquiry. So far as my knowledge and information extends, they are gentlemen of high character, and would form a nucleus of a good strong chapter.

With best wishes for their success and yours,
I remain

Yours very truly,

W.G.S.Hastings,

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW.

Delta Kappa Epsilon

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 28, 1913

Grand Council,

Alpha Sigma Phi.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,-

I know most of the men who seek to form a Chapter of your Fraternity at Nebraska. You will permit me to say that they are strong men, standing high in scholarship. Some of them are leaders in the University.

You will make no mistake in granting their request.

Yours very respectfully,

G. E. Condra,

Sigma Chi

Alpha Zeta

Sigma Xi

Masonic, K. C. C. H.

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 28, 1913

The Grand Council,

Alpha Sigma Phi,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I understand that a group of students in the University of Nebraska are applying for a charter in your organization. While I am not acquainted with all of these men I know a few of them very well and I am sure that they are men of whom any fraternity might well feel proud. While we have thirteen regular Greek Letter Fraternities in the University already, (one being really a local organization), yet the total registration here on our City campus is about 2700, and among these we are now getting a large number of men from the best families throughout the state. It seems to me this indicates clearly that there are still a large number of desirable candidates for fraternity membership above the number that would go to the various fraternities now established. The above states conservatively the general situation here and if you think conditions suitable for the establishment of a Chapter, I am certain you will make no mistake in entrusting it to this group of students who are applying.

Very truly yours,

RG/C

R. G. Clapp,

Theta Delta Xi

(C O P Y)

Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 26, 1913

The Grand Council of,
The Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Allyn has told me of the effort to obtain a charter for a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi in the University and has asked me to tell you what I know of the men in the movement. It gives me pleasure to make the statement that Messrs. Luke, Reynolds and Allyn are personally well known to me and that I have the highest regard for them. Messrs. Reynolds and Allyn are assistants, the first in physical training, the second in chemistry. These facts speak for their ability as students. They are gentlemen also and men of influence among the students. Mr. Luke is a gentleman of wide influence and a power for good by reason of his personality as well as because of his position of secretary of the city Y. M. C. A.

Some of the rest of the petitioners I know by reputation and am very sure that they constitute a representative group of young men who can be trusted to maintain a fraternity standard at its proper level. The petition of these young men has my sympathetic interest because of my friendship for these three. I wish them success in their effort to become a Chapter of your Fraternity. I thoroly believe you will never have occasion to be other than proud of them.

There are thirteen social fraternity chapters located at the University, but the student body is of such size and character that in my opinion there is room for several more good chapters.

Very sincerely yours,
Benton Dales,
Alpha Theta Chi,
Alpha Chi Sigma,
Nu Sigma Nu,
Professor of Chemistry.