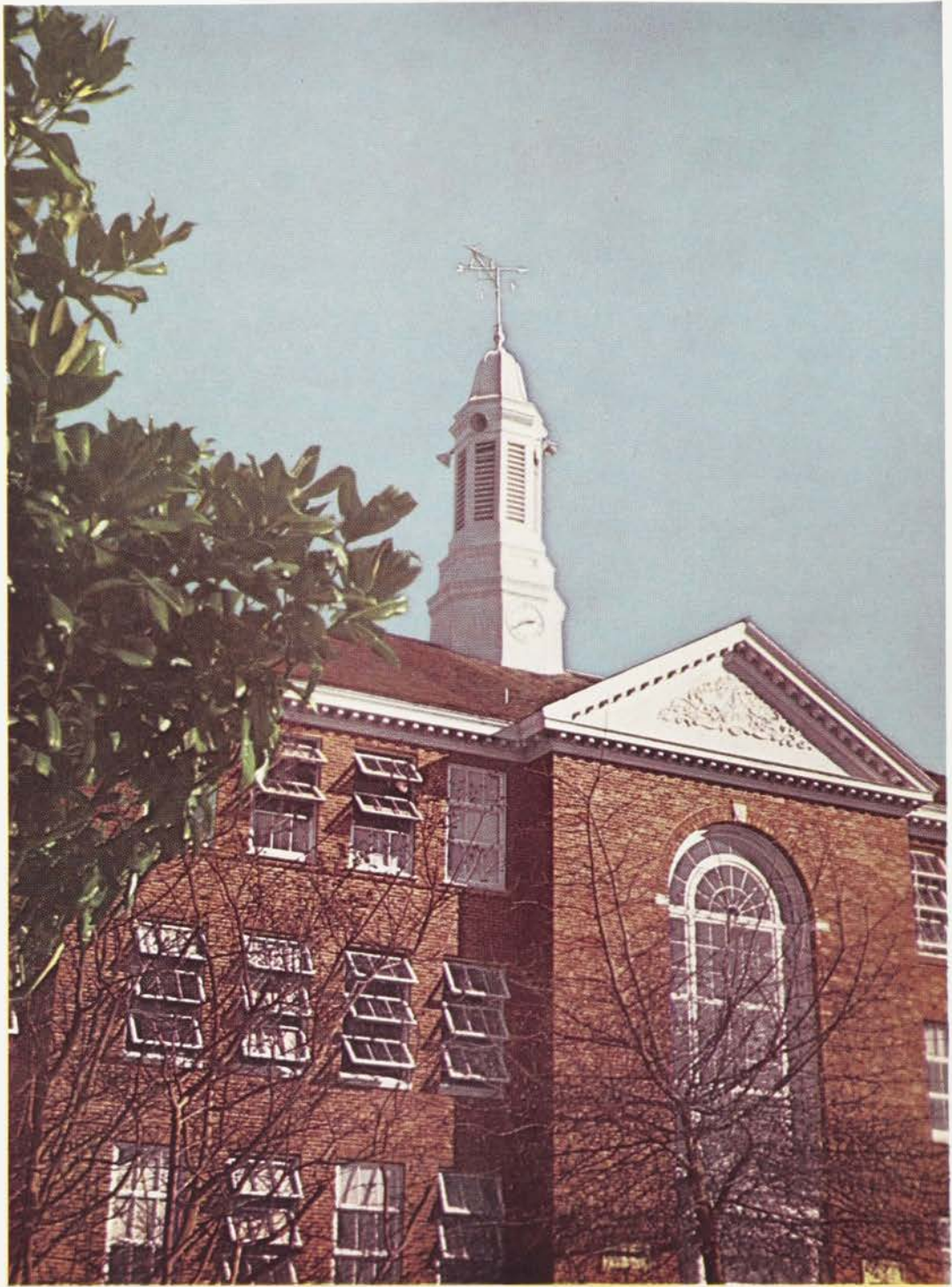


A PETITION
TO
THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF
DELTA SIGMA PI
BY
THE BETA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY
LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
RUSTON, LA.



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OF

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Harry M. Dell

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P E T I T I O N



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Greetings:

We, the undersigned, members of Delta Sigma
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Organized in accordance with the high ideals of
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the membership in group action in regular assembly
unanimously agreed to present this petition for con-
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Wade White
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Wilburn Christian

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Wm S. Wymond, Jr.

L. John Robertson, Jr.

Joseph M. Johnson, Jr.

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John W. Riddle

Robin M. Carpenter

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William C. Trobe, Jr.

Calvin Murphy

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Isaac Williams, Jr.

John E. Pundhomme

Fred A. Lord

Claud G. Robinson

Hugh C. Mix

William J.

Les Ray Casky

Les Herbert,
Faculty Advisor

HISTORICAL



HOWARD AUDITORIUM

RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana



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Ruston High School and Home Economics Building, Ruston, Louisiana



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RUSTON, LOUISIANA
Home of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute

Elevation: 300 feet

Population: 13,000

In 1833 H. R. Russ, owner of a large tract of land whose location was shown, agreed with the railroad to give them two-thirds interest in a section of land with the understanding that a town site could be laid out. The town was surveyed and streets laid out, and the name of "Ruston" was adopted in honor of Mr. Russ.

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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, RUSTON, LA.

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RUSTON HIGH SCHOOL, RUSTON, LA.

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Ruston has a daily newspaper with wire service; banks with assets over \$10,000,000; pure artesian water; modern hospital facilities; municipally owned water and light plant; a modern sewerage disposal system; miles of paved streets; a municipal Natatorium; adequate parks; and is the home of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage.

In the City of Ruston there are 12 churches. The Ruston High School is one of the finest in the South. In addition, the city has two public grammar schools and a model school at Louisiana Tech, as well as a modern grammar and high school for the colored. Grambling College is located a short distance outside of the city. This college is one of the two state colleges for the colored.

For the sportsman, Lincoln Parish offers adequate hunting facilities, especially for small game, including quail, dove and squirrels.

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AIRVIEW OF L. P. I. CAMPUS

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^XThe college is an approved four-year college. It ^Xis a member of the regional association which (here) in the south is called the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. It is also a member of the Association of American Colleges and the American Association of College Registrars.

(The institution confers three degrees--the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science degree, and the Bachelor of Music degree. No honorary degrees are conferred.)

During the war Louisiana Tech contributed all its facilities to the war program. Special courses, including Engineering, Science, and Management War Training, together with Laboratory Technician training were given. The Navy V-12 program was established here and a great many students were trained in Business and Engineering subjects in preparation for work in the armed forces.

The college participates in all forms of athletics common to this ^{sh}area. It is a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference. During this past school year it won the championship of the Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference in football, in baseball, and in basketball.

Louisiana Tech.
Academically one of the principles of the (college) which has meant the most to the faculty and students is the policy of maintaining a high faculty-student ratio. Each semester a special committee consisting of the six deans and the Director of Public Relations makes a study of the faculty needs of each department of the college and makes recommendations to the president concerning the provision of additional faculty members in the departments where needed. The number of students which may be satisfactorily handled in each course in the institution has been determined after careful study by this committee. Thirty students is the highest number set for any class. In some classes, the number is reduced down to as low as twelve. Using the figures adopted for the various

classes, the committee determines whether or not additional faculty members are needed in each department. On this basis, the School of Business Administration, for example, was allotted seven additional faculty members last spring and employed these for the beginning of the fall semester. The committee's report for the current semester shows that this same school should be allotted six additional faculty members, for next year over what it has this spring. This plan of operation is unusual at the present time and it is felt (here) that the maintenance of a high faculty-student ratio is resulting very much to the advantage of the students attending the college.

(The number of students registered at Louisiana Tech during the regular session this year was 2,813. This number does not constitute the very great increase which over pre-war years is found at many of our colleges and universities. The maximum enrollment pre-war was just prior to the outbreak of the war and was 2,295.) (The ^{Louis Tech} college is located in a small town of about 10,000 people, which is experiencing a very severe housing shortage, and for this reason cannot absorb many students. The dormitory facilities of the college were being used to maximum capacity prior to the war and for that reason additional students could not be placed in them. The additional students coming to Tech have been those which we have placed in temporary structures which (we) have placed on the campus for Veterans. Because of these limited housing facilities, the college has had to turn away approximately 1,000 applicants each year since the end of the war. The total number of applicants for space in (our) dormitories for next year has already exhausted all available space and a waiting list has been built up to approximately 800, (even at this early date.) In order to prepare for the demands of students to come to Tech, at least to some extent the state has appropriated money for an additional dormitory, (the contract for which will be let next month,) and money is being requested (of the new Legislature which convenes in May) for two additional dormitories together with some millions of dollars for additional structures.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
AND ECONOMICS



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members have increased by about 300% within the last three years. The course and curriculum offerings have been enlarged in each department until the School now has a very wide range of courses in Accounting, Economics, Secretarial Science, Marketing and Management, and General Business Administration. During the present school year, the student enrollment in the School of Business Administration and Economics has reached the all-time high of 653 students to give it an enrollment just under that of the School of Engineering and above all other Schools in the college. It is a policy of the college to maintain the student-teacher ratio so that the number of students on the average in each class is 30 or less. Under this policy additional teachers are allotted to each School as the students enrolled in it are increased. On this basis, seven additional faculty members were employed last summer, and it is anticipated that six additional faculty members will be employed for next year.

During the academic year 1946-47, Dr. Paul T. Hendershot was made Head of the Department of Economics, and Dr. Leo Herbert was made Head of the Department of Commerce. In order to take care of the student needs for counselling, advising, etc., the Department of Commerce was this year divided into four divisions. The divisions are Accounting, Secretarial Science, Marketing and Management, and General Business Administration.

Dr. Leo Herbert, in addition to serving as Head of the Department of Commerce is serving as chairman of the division of Accounting. Dr. Edward G. Cornelius was made chairman of the division of Marketing and Management, Miss Lucille Campbell was made chairman of the division of Secretarial Science, and Mr. Glenn L. Hodge was made chairman of the division of General Business Administration.

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in Business Administration. Since the creation of the School in 1941, it has awarded 13 Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Economics and 362 Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration. During the current year which will end with graduation in May, we will have graduated exactly 100 students. Of these 100 graduates, 12 are women and 88 are men.

The Department of Economics offers two curricula--the Economics Business Curriculum which combines Economics with a considerable number of Accounting and Business Administration courses, and the Economics Academic Curriculum which combines Economics work with some liberal arts minor. The Department of Commerce offers a choice of curricula in each of its divisions. In connection with the curriculum in Accounting, the student is offered an opportunity to major at the senior year in General Accounting, Industrial Accounting, Governmental Accounting, or C. P. A. Training. In the Secretarial Division there are two curricula--the Secretarial Science Curriculum and the Secretary and Medical Technician Curriculum. In the Marketing and Management Division the following curricula and major groups are offered: Business and Interior Decoration, Light Construction and Marketing Management, Merchandising Women's clothing, and Merchandising and Marketing. In the General Business Administration Division, the following curricula and major groups are offered: Commercial Art, Business Administration of Government, Business Administration and Pre-law, General Business Administration, and Insurance and Real Estate.

BETA ALPHA EPSILON



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At the meeting on December 16, 1947, election of officers was held with the following results:

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Senior Warden - Roy S. Hurley

Junior Warden - T. S. Goodwin

Scribe - Harry M. Bell

Master of
Festivities - C. W. Merle

Master of
Ceremonies - John W. Riddle

Historian - Wade Smith

At last the Beta Alpha Epsilon was beginning to function as a well organized group.

Our first banquet was held on January 8, 1948, at Montgomery's Steak House in Ruston. The principal speaker was the college president, Dr. Claybrook Cottingham, who welcomed us as an organization, to the Louisiana Tech Campus.

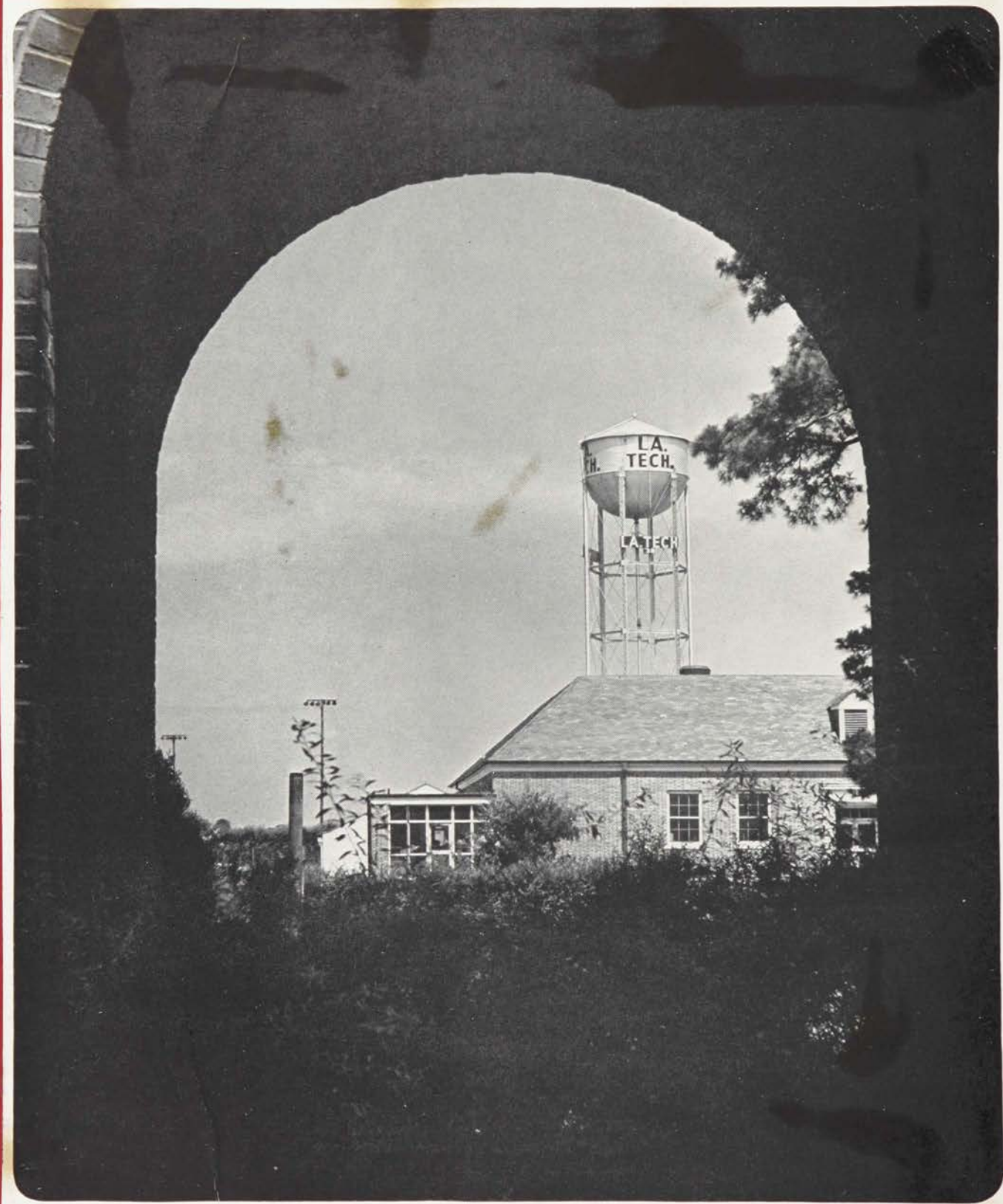
It was on this night that the formal motion was made and passed that the Beta Alpha Epsilon petition Delta Sigma Pi for a charter. The regular time for the meeting of Beta Alpha Epsilon was approved as 3 o'clock on the first Tuesday of every month.

On March 12, 1948, a smoker was held at the American Legion Hut. This event was high lighted with a talk by Dr. E. G. Cornelius, of the School of Business Administration and Economics at Tech.

On April 9, 1948, Mr. Henry O'Neal of Shreveport, former president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and a well known business-man of this area addressed the members of Beta Alpha Epsilon and their faculty guests.

Proposed plans for the remainder of the school year included an all-day trip to the Lion Oil Company in El Dorado, Arkansas, on April 22, and a members and their dates banquet in early May.

MEMBERSHIP



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DETA ALPHA

BETA ALPHA EPSILON MEMBERS



Headmaster

Lee E. Brown

Home Address: P. O. Box 26, Kelly, Louisiana

School Address: Box 159, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in Shreveport, La., on July 26, 1918

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Presbyterian

Standing:

Murphy; Dr. Herbert; Prof. Hodge; Williams, H. J.;
Johnson, J.; Robinson; Norton; Bradley; Davis;
Choate; Prothro; Kendrick; Chrisman; McCain;
Gray; Garrett; Goodwin; Prudhomme; Prof. Brewer;
Burney.

Seated:

Bell; Grobe; Smith; Arthur; Brown; Robinson, C.;
Dean Risinger; Prof. Bryan; Prof. Miller; Wymond;
Dr. Cornelius.

Headmaster

Lee E. Brown

Home Address: P. O. Box 46, Kelly, Louisiana

School Address: Box 359, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 29 Born in Shreveport, La., on July 26, 1918

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. army

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Presbyterian

Senior Warden

Roy S. Hurley

Home Address: 102 N. College Street, Minden, La.

Age 25 Born in Minden, La., on February 5, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army
Field Artillery

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Methodist

Junior Warden

Thurston Sanders Goodwin, Jr.

Home Address: Box 241, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 23 Born in Plain Dealing, La., May 27, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Sophomore in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Religion: Catholic

Scribe

Harry M. Bell

Home Address: 402 Rochelle Avenue, Monroe, La.

School Address: Box 323, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 23 Born in Helena, Arkansas, July 31, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Army

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Catholic

Religion: Protestant

Master of Ceremonies

Treasurer

L. John Robertson, Jr.

Home Address: 823 Stephenson Street, Shreveport, La.

School Address: Box 11, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 26 Born in Shreveport, La. on February 6, 1922

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Protestant

Master of Ceremonies

John W. Riddle

Home Address: 117 Front Street, Hope, Arkansas

School Address: Box 377, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in McNeil, Arkansas on August 11, 1922

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army

Junior in School of Business Administration in Business
of Government Administration

Religion: Baptist

Master of Festivities

Name: Claude William Merlo

Home Address: Rt. 3, Box 9, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

School Address: 510 West Louisiana, Ruston, La.

Age 22 Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, August 10, 1925

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army

Veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Business Administration

Religion: Baptist

Religion: Catholic

Henry J. Williams, Jr.

Home Address: Junction City, Arkansas

School Address: Box 124, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 29 Born in Junction City, Arkansas, February 7,
1919

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Business Administration

Religion: Methodist

Religion: Baptist

Client: Hugh C. Mix

Home Address: 902 Unadilla Street, Shreveport, La.

School Address: 301 South Trenton, Ruston, La.

Age 21 Born in Shreveport, La. on February 12, 1927

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Business Administration

Religion: Methodist

Claude Gilbert Robinson

Home Address: 703 School Avenue, El Dorado, Arkansas

School Address: 825 W. California, Ruston, La.

Age 23 Born in El Dorado, Arkansas, March 6, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Business Administration

Religion: Baptist

Calvin Murphy

Home Address: Rt. 1, Box 169, Choudrant, Louisiana

School Address, Box 74, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 23 Born in Hico, Louisiana, on June 4, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Navy

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Business Administration

Religion: Baptist

William C. Grobe, Jr.

Home Address: 328 W. Hickory Ave., Bastrop, La.

School Address: Box 91, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in Tela, Honduras, on November 28, 1922

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Army Air Force

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Light Construction

Religion: Methodist

John M. Norton

Home Address: 2721 Hazel St., Texarkana, Texas

School Address, Box 431, Tech Sta., Ruston, La.

Age 23 Born in Texarkana, Texas, August 15, 1924

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in General Business

Religion: Baptist

Harold T. Robinson

Home Address: 213 West Louisiana, Ruston, Louisiana

Age 21 Born October 27, 1926 in Homer, Louisiana

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Methodist Business Administration majoring

Religion: Baptist

Robert W. Johnson

Home Address: Route 1, Box 109, Pittsburg, California

School Address: Box 483, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 26 Born in Geneva, New York on July 2, 1921

Veteran of World War II having served in the U. S. Navy

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Welburn Chrisman

Home Address: Box 227, Oak Grove, Louisiana

School Address: Box 477, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 31 Born in Kereus, Texas, January 7, 1917

Veteran of World War II having served in U. S. Army
Ordinance

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Clarence P. Gandy

Home Address: 906 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Jones, Ruston, Louisiana

School Address: 906 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Jones, Ruston, Louisiana

Age 25 Born in Gandy, La., on May 20, 1923

Veteran of World War II

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Methodist

Mode Choate

Home Address: Rt. 1, Simsboro, Louisiana

School Address: Rt. 1, Simsboro, Louisiana

Age 26 Born in Haskell, Texas on August 5, 1922

Veteran of World War II

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring
in Accounting

Religion: Methodist

Billy M. Burney

Home Address: Box 1008, Vivian, Louisiana

School Address: Box 106, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 20 Born in Vivian, Louisiana, on November 27, 1927

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Business Administration

Religion: Protestant

Herbert L. Davis, Jr.

Home Address: Herbert L. Davis, Jr.

Home Address: Box 621, Winnsboro, Louisiana

School Address: Box 124, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in Winnsboro, Louisiana, on January 9, 1923

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army Air Force

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Horace Williams, Jr.

Home Address: Seridan, Arkansas

School Address: General Delivery, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in Bearden, Arkansas, on October 25,
1922

Veteran of World War II serving in the United States Navy

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Joseph M. Johnson, Jr.

Home Address: Emmet, Arkansas

School Address: Box 372, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 27 Born in Emmet, Arkansas, on September
5, 1927

Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Army

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Methodist

William Sawdon Wymond, Jr.

Home Address: Box 374, Delhi, Louisiana

School Address: Box 488, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 22 Born in Delhi, Louisiana, on August 30, 1925

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Navy (Seabees)

Senior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Baptist

Carl B. Kendrick

School Address: Box 421, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 25 Born in Haynesville, Louisiana, on October 22,
1922

Veteran of World War II serving in U. S. Army Air Forces

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Protestant

Religious: Baptist.

Ira Eugene Garrett, Jr.

Home Address: P. O. Box 227, Ruston, Louisiana.

School Address: Box 22, Tech Station, Ruston, Louisiana.

Age 21. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on November 10,
1926.

Veteran of World War II - having served in the U. S. Army
Air Forces.

Senior in School of Business Administration, majoring in
Accounting.

Religion: Baptist.

Fred A. Lord

Home Address: P. O. Box 237, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana.

School Address: General Delivery, Tech Station, Ruston, La.

Age 28. Born in Oxford, Louisiana, on Aug. 22, 1919.

Veteran of World War II - serving in U. S. Army.

Junior in School of Business Administration, majoring in
Accounting.

Religion: Baptist.

Religion: Methodist.

John E. Prudhomme

Home Address: 304 Rutherford St., Shreveport, Louisiana.

School Address: Box 359, Tech Station, Ruston, Louisiana.

Age 24. Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 6,
1924.

Veteran of World War II - serving in the U. S. Army Air
forces.

Senior in School of Business Administration, majoring in
Business Administration.

Religion: Methodist.

James Livingston French

Home Address: Rt. 2, Box 140 Vivian, Louisiana.

School Address: Box 399, Tech Station, Ruston, Louisiana.

Age 20: Born in Vivian, Louisiana, on April 21, 1927.

Veteran of World War II - serving in U. S. Navy.

Junior in School of Business Administration, majoring in
accounting.

Religion: Baptist

Melburn Calvin Carpenter

Home Address: Chatham, Louisiana

Age 20 Born in Chatham, Louisiana, on March 5,
1927

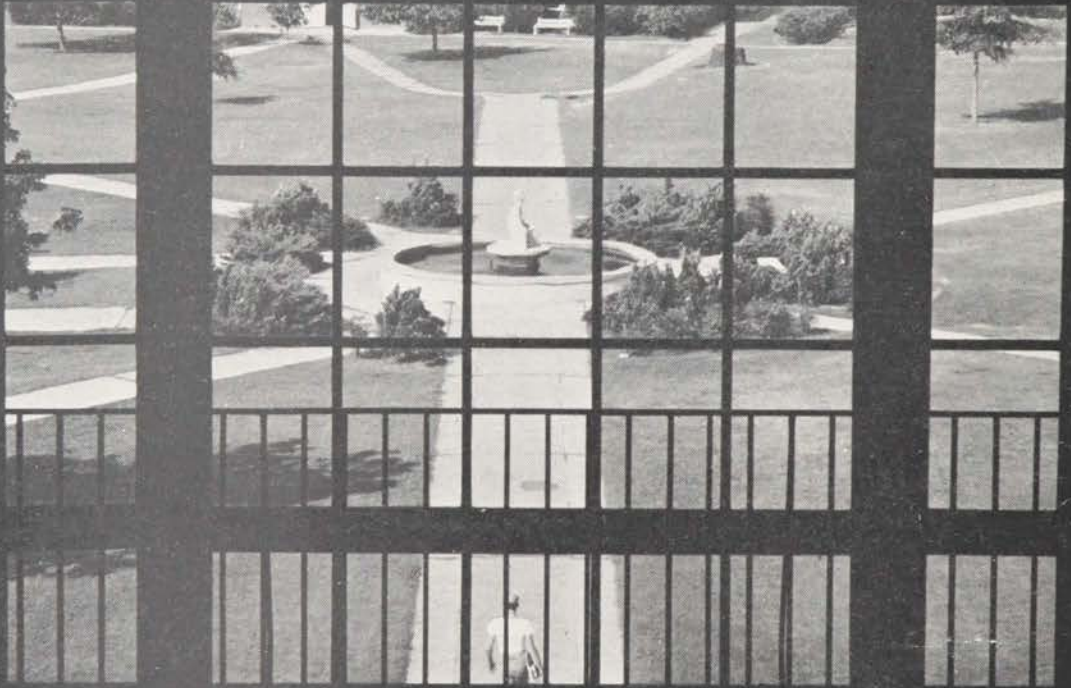
Veteran of World War II serving in the U. S. Navy

Junior in School of Business Administration majoring in
Accounting

Religion: Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints

CORRESPONDENCE

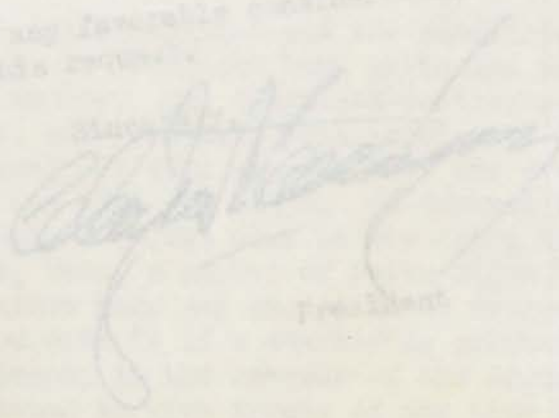
CORRESPONDENCE



I am thoroughly acquainted with the efforts
of the members of the Faculty members of this college,
and I believe the members of Delta Sigma Pi, in securing
recognition for the Institute Polytechnic
College of this group.

Institute Polytechnic Institute also enroll
this year approximately 1,000 students. The work is
organized into six Schools, Agriculture and Forestry,
Arts and Sciences, Business Administration and Economics,
Education, Engineering and Home Economics, and the School
of Business Administration enrolling a larger number
of students than any of the six schools within the school
and I believe the school is doing a rather outstanding
piece of work.

I am sure to appreciate any favorable consideration
you will give to this request.


President

CAMPUS VIEW FROM KEENEY HALL

Mr. H. J. Wright
First Secretary-Treasurer
International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi
122 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

CLAYBROOK COTTINGHAM, PRESIDENT

April 9, 1948

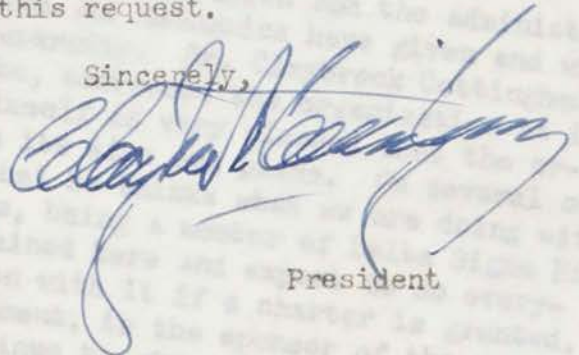
My dear Mr. Wright:

I am thoroughly acquainted with the effort being made by a group of faculty members on this campus, who themselves are members of Delta Sigma Pi, to secure a charter of that fraternity for Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. I take great pleasure in supporting the request of this group.

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute will enroll this year approximately 3,000 students. Its work is organized into six Schools, Agriculture and Forestry, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration and Economics, Education, Engineering and Home Economics, and the School of Business Administration is enrolling a larger number of students than any of the six Schools except the School of Engineering. We have gathered a very strong faculty and I think the School is doing a rather outstanding piece of work.

I would appreciate any favorable consideration you may be able to give to this request.

Sincerely,



President

Mr. H. J. Wright
Grand Secretary-Treasurer
International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi
222 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois



LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
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RUSTON, LOUISIANA

BURTON R. RISINGER, Dean

April 13, 1948

Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
International Fraternity Delta Sigma Pi
222 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Wright:

In keeping with your suggestions to me at the St. Louis meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, and also in keeping with the suggestions of Brother Thompson, a select group of men in the School of Business Administration and Economics has organized itself into the Beta Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. This fraternity was patterned after the plan of organization and ideals of Delta Sigma Pi. It has been functioning very well since its organization. Its members are unusually enthusiastic about the organization and its activities.

This fraternity is now seeking a charter from the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to support their application. As indicated above, these men constitute a select group, and I am sure that the officers and the members will do credit to the fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi if their charter is granted and they become members of that fraternity

I should like to assure you that the college administration and the administration of the School of Business Administration and Economics have given and will give their whole-hearted support to the fraternity. Dr. Claybrook Cottingham, President of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, addressed the organization at its first professional meeting and expressed himself as very pleased that the organization had been formed and pleased with its aims and plans. On several occasions he has indicated to me personally that he thinks what we are doing with the organization is a fine thing. Of course, being a member of Delta Sigma Pi, I am interested in such a chapter being obtained here and expect to do everything I can to be of assistance in connection with it if a charter is granted. Dr. Leo Herbert, Head of our Commerce Department, is the sponsor of the organization which we now have and expects to continue to give freely of his time in connection with it and its program.

Again may I say that I am happy to recommend each individual as well as the fraternity as an organization that will do credit to the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi if the fraternity sees fit to grant a chapter to it.

Sincerely yours,

Burton R. Risinger
Burton R. Risinger

April 8, 1948

Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
222 W. Adams St.
Chicago, Illinois

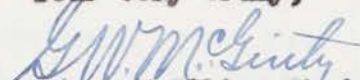
Dear Sir:

I understand that Beta Alpha Epsilon of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute is applying to Delta Sigma Pi for membership. I wish to say a word in behalf of our local group. They are energetic, ambitious, and capable. I believe that you will find them an asset to your organization. We have found them cooperative and dependable.

We are happy to learn that they are applying to you and that you are considering them for membership. We believe that the union would be of mutual benefit and we shall be pleased to have a chapter of your organization on our campus.

Assuring you of our esteem, I remain,

Your very truly,


G. W. McGinty, Chairman
Faculty Committee on
Student Organizations

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Ruston, Louisiana

April 9, 1948

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REV. NORMAN G. PRESTON, JR.
DIRECTOR

Mr. H. G. Wright,
Grand Secretary-Treasurer,
The International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi,
222 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Brother Wright:

I understand that a group of Commerce students that has been organized as a local business fraternity at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute is making application for admission into the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

The School of Business Administration is one of the strongest at L.P.I., and the petitioning group has very strong and capable leadership, both among the student leaders and the faculty advisors.

Although personally my profession has changed since graduation from Commerce to Religion, I am still deeply interested in students of Business Administration and in Delta Sigma Pi.

I highly recommend the inclusion of the local group into the Fraternity, and I am confident that a chapter at Louisiana Tech will prove to be an asset to the entire fraternity as well as to the students and faculty locally.

Fraternally yours,



Norman G. Preston, Jr.
Beta Zeta--95



LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
 SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
 AND ECONOMICS
 BOSTON, LOUISIANA

April 8, 1948

April 12, 1948

Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
 International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
 222 W. 222 West Adams Street
 Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wright:

There are a group of forty-four young men of the School of Business Administration and Economics, who have formed themselves into a local fraternity, Beta Alpha Epsilon. This group has served the probation period imposed on all new organizations or fraternities by the Faculty Committee on Business Organizations. They are capable, enthusiastic, and ambitious. I believe that they would be an asset to this group is fortunate in that it has Dr. Leo Herbert, Head of the Department of Accounting in the School of Business Administration and Economics, as their faculty adviser. I understand Mr. Bisinger, Dean of the School of Business Administration and Economics, is a member of Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity.

I take extreme pleasure in representing this group of young men as a worthy group for your consideration. They are, I consider, a highly representative group of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. It is my personal opinion that they are deeply interested and will prove worthy of any consideration given them by Delta Sigma Pi. As Dean of Men, I assure you that I will be delighted to have a chapter of your fraternity here on our campus, and I assure you of my fullest cooperation with the chapter in every respect, should it become affiliated with Delta Sigma Pi.

Kappa 2
 Professor of Economics

Respectfully yours,

W. L. Mitchell, Dean of Men
 Head of Mechanical Engineering Dept.
 Coordinator of Veterans' Affairs



LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
AND ECONOMICS
RUSTON, LOUISIANA

BURTON R. RISINGER, Dean

April 12, 1948

Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer
International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
222 W. Adams St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Wright:

I understand that Beta Alpha Epsilon of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute is applying to Delta Sigma Pi for membership. I have had a number of these men in my classes and I have met and talked to others at their meetings and on various occasions. In my opinion they are the most representative of the students in the School of Business Administration and Economics. They are capable, enthusiastic, and ambitious. I believe that they would be an asset to Delta Sigma Pi.

This group has been very fortunate in having as their faculty advisor, Dr. Leo Herbert, Head of the Department of Accounting. Dr. Herbert is a hard worker as well as a capable person. The group will continue to make progress under his supervision.

I am therefore glad to have this opportunity to recommend that this local group be given a chapter for I feel certain that they will prove to be an asset to the fraternity as a whole as well as to the student body and faculty here.

Fraternally yours,

Richard W. Bryan
Richard W. Bryan
Kappa 2
Professor of Economics

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