

ALPHA MU

P E T I T I O N

to

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

from

DELTA SIGMA

School of Commerce

University of North Dakota

A PETITION

We, the undersigned active members of Delta Sigma and students in the School of Commerce at the University of North Dakota, desiring and earnestly seeking a charter and recognition as a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, respectfully present to the Grand Chapter this petition.

Trygve K. Aageson	David E. Ostby
Clifford W. Anderson	Harlow W. Samuelson
Palmer Bakken	Joe B. Shulze
*C. W. Barker	Dewain L. Simenstad
*Jesse H. Bond	John A. Smith
Leo H. Burnstad	Everett B. Sproul
David C. Cook	Halvor Steenerson
James P. Hawkinson	Harold F. Stevning
Kenneth Holmes	Ronald T. Taillon
Milton T. Houghton	*Jacob B. Taylor
Lester O. Isaacson	*Claude R. Tharp
Harry M. Jacobsen	*E. T. Towne
Geo. O. N. Lodoen	C. A. Windness
Chester Matteson	Albert Yoder
Maurice E. Mills	Frederic G. Yoder

*Honorary

NORTH DAKOTA

The State of North Dakota is in the first stage of its development. Its population has increased 89% during the last twenty years. It leads the Union in the production of wheat and flax. It has huge deposits of the finest pottery clays. It has rich deposits of lignite coal--nearly half the state being underlain with deposits which are estimated at 500 billion tons. Last year we raised 25 million bushels of corn. Our indebtedness is very small and our per capital wealth is high, being over \$3,000.

HISTORY AND GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of North Dakota was founded by an act of the Territorial Legislature passed February 23, 1883. By terms of the Enabling Act, admitting the Territory to Statehood, the University was granted 120,080 acres of land. The University is located in Grand Forks, a city of 17,000, in the fertile valley of the Red River of the North. The nearest accredited Schools of Commerce are: the University of Minnesota, 400 miles to the east; the University of Washington approximately 1,700 miles to the west; and the University of Nebraska situated 750 miles to the south.

The University has from its beginning enjoyed a strong and steady growth. Since 1910 the growth has been rapid. In 1910 the enrollment was 736 as compared with the present enrollment of 1,550. Of this enrollment 962 are men and 588 are women.

ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

The organization of the University now embraces the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Engineering, the School of Medicine, the

School of Law, the School of Education, the School of Commerce and the Graduate Department. Wesley College, a sectarian school, is affiliated with the University and offers courses in religion, music, and expression.

RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Our beautiful campus consists of approximately 120 acres of land. On it are 18 buildings valued at approximately \$1,750,000. Plans are now on foot to erect a new quarter million dollar Administration building. The University land grant which is conservatively appraised at \$2,250,000 nets an annual income of about \$65,000. The last legislature appropriated \$1,200,000 to the University. Fees and other sources furnish \$40,000 annually.

FRATERNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY

North Dakota is fortunate in having strong honorary, professional and academic fraternities on its campus.

Honorary

Phi Beta Kappa (Liberal Arts)	1914	Sigma Tau (Engineering)	1922
Delta Sigma Rho (Forensic)	1911	Scabbard & Blade (Military)	1921
Sigma Xi (Scientific)	1920	Phi Delta Kappa (Education)	1924
Phi Sigma (Biology)	1924	Kappa Sigma Tau (Commerce)	1920
		(Petitioning Beta Gamma Sigma)	

Professional

Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting)	1923	Phi Delta Phi (Law)	1912
Phi Alpha Delta (Law)	1911	Delta Phi Delta (Art)	1922
Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism)	1922	Omega Psi (Commerce)	1923
		(Petitioning Phi Chi Theta)	

National Academic

Alpha Tau Omega	1922	Alpha Phi	1911
Beta Theta Pi	1922	Chi Omega	1923

Phi Delta Theta	1914	Delta Gamma	1916
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1923	Delta Zeta	1919
Sigma Chi	1909	Gamma Phi Beta	1920
Sigma Nu	1923	Kappa Alpha Theta	1911
Alpha Chi Omega	1923	Pi Beta Phi	1921

Local Academic

Alpha Psi Delta	1923	Pi Rho Chi (Petitioning Delta Tau Delta)	1920
Beta Chi (Petitioning Phi Gamma Delta)	1920	Tau Sigma Rho	1923
Kappa Psi Beta (Petitioning Kappa Sigma)	1920	Delta Tau (Petitioning Delta Delta Delta)	1922

THE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

The Course in Commerce was organized in 1917-18 as a four year course within the College of Liberal Arts. The degree given was that of B. A. (Course in Commerce). The School of Commerce was organized as an independent School on a distinctly professional basis in 1924.

Candidates for admission to the School of Commerce must present credits of at least 56 semester hours of work in college grade, either in the University of North Dakota or in some other College or University of recognized standing, in addition to 15 units of high school work required for entrance to the University. The 56 hours should include all the courses listed under Pre-requisites for all groups, namely Accounting (6), Economics (6), Business English (2), College Algebra (3).

The degree B. S. C., Bachelor of Science in Commerce, is conferred upon students who successfully complete the prescribed courses of study in the School of Commerce. The degree M. S. C., Master of Science in Commerce, is conferred upon those who successfully complete a year of prescribed graduate work in the School of Commerce.

To receive a degree in the School of Commerce, a student must have, (1) maintained an average grade for four years of 78%, (2) have credit in all the courses listed as pre-requisite for all groups, (3) the required courses in one of the elective groups, (4) 15 hours credit in work chosen from the suggested electives listed under the chosen group, (5) additional elective courses to make up the 125 semester hours required for graduation.

The following figures will show the growth of the work in Commerce since the organization of the Course in Commerce in 1917-18.

Total enrollment in Department in Course in Commerce	'17-'18	'18-'19	'19-'20	'20-'21	'21-'22	'22-'23	'23-'24	'24-'25
	199	234	666	760	848	1283	1475	1605
		38	130	160	180	225	240	295*

*Estimated, including Pre-Commerce. The enrollment in the School of Commerce, limited to Juniors and Seniors, is 104.

Faculty

Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne, Dean of the School of Commerce, has been head of the Department of Economics and Political Science since coming to the University in 1917. He was Director of the Course in Commerce since its organization in 1917-18 until it was superseded by the School of Commerce in 1924. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he also completed two years of graduate work. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Halle. In 1910-11 he was with the Bureau of the Census in Washington. Dr. Towne is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Beta Alpha Psi. He is chairman of the State Board of Accountancy and is also Editor of the Quarterly Journal of the University of North Dakota. Dr. Towne is author of several works in Economics.

Dr. Jesse H. Bond is Associate Professor of Economics, secretary of Alpha Pi Zeta, member of Phi Beta Kappa, and president of the local chapter

of the American Association of University Professors. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees at the University of Oregon, and his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin. For eight months during the war he was a statistician with the War Department. After the war he was for ten months a special agent of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mr. Claude R. Tharpe is Assistant Professor of Finance and Business Law. He received his B. S. degree from Greer College and his LL. B. from Washington University. He is a member of the Illinois Bar. For some time he was tax counsel for Halsey, Stuart and Company, Chicago, Ill. He is author of "What the Average Man Should Know About the Income Tax."

Mr. Jacob B. Taylor is Assistant Professor of Accounting. He received his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, and his M. A. from the University of North Dakota. Mr. Taylor is a member of a local firm of accountants. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, and since May 1924 has been its Grand Historian. During the war Mr. Taylor served two years with the 19th Engineers in France.

Mr. Claudius O. Johnson is Assistant Professor of Political Science. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Richmond, and his M. A. from the University of Chicago. Mr. Johnson's work in the School of Commerce falls chiefly in the Public Administration, Foreign Trade, and Consular Service groups.

Mr. C. W. Barker is Assistant Professor of Marketing and Merchandising. He received his B. A. from Simpson College and his M. B. A. from the School of Commerce of Northwestern University where he did special

work in Marketing. He is a member of the National Association of Advertising Teachers and was formerly with Butler Brothers in Chicago.

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The graduates of our School of Commerce are in demand in business. We have men with the American Radiator Co., American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Aetna Life Insurance Co., Barker System Bakeries, Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., National Cash Register Co., Jewel Tea Co., J. C. Penny Co., Washburn Crosby Co., Wells Dickey Co., Western Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Co., and many others. In all cases the men are either holding or are in training for executive positions.

HISTORY OF DELTA SIGMA

Delta Sigma fraternity was organized among the Juniors and Seniors in the School of Commerce to promote the advancement of the School by fostering a more active interest in the subjects of its courses and by encouraging a closer cooperation between the School, its students, and the business world. Members are chosen on a basis of scholarship, leadership and those further qualities that make for future success. We venture to believe that the membership and the principles of Delta Sigma are consonant with the requirements and ideals of Delta Sigma Pi, and should a charter be granted we aspire to make our present fraternity a strong and active chapter of the national organization.

PERSONNEL OF THE PRESENT CHAPTER

Name: Trygve K. Aageson Age: 21
Place of birth: Leeds, N. Dak. February 19, 1904.
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Leeds, N. Dak. 1922
University address: Sayre Hall
Organizations and Activities: Beta Chi; Commerce Club; Glee Club '23

Name: Clifford W. Anderson Age: 21
Place of birth: Wolf Creek, Wis. September 6, 1903
Religion: Presbyterian
High School: Stanley, N. Dak.
University address: Sayre Hall
Organizations and Activities: Beta Alpha Psi; Ring and Mat; Commerce Club.

Name: Palmer Bakken Age: 31
Place of birth: Elbow Lake, Minn. July 8, 1893
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Fargo School of Business, Fargo, N. Dak.
University address: 213 N. 7th Street.
Organizations and Activities: Commerce Club; Beta Alpha Psi, Treasurer '24.

Name: Leo Burnstad Age: 24
Place of birth: Burnstad, N. Dak. June 12, 1900.
Religion: Congregational (Preference)
High School: Burnstad, N. Dak.
University address: Beta Chi House.
Organizations and Activities: Band; Commerce Club; Beta Chi; Hesperia
Literary Society; Kappa Sigma Tau.

Name: David C. Cook Age: 23
Place of birth: Sterling, N. Dak. January 15, 1902
Religion: Methodist Episcopal
High School: Bismarck, N. Dak.
University Address: Beta Theta Pi House.
Organizations and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Beta Alpha Psi; Men's Conference;
Spanish Club; Commerce Club.

Name: James P. Hawkinson Age: 30
Place of birth: Parker's Prairie, Minn. February 10, 1895.
Religion: Congregational
High School: Parker's Prairie, Minn. (B. A. Carleton College)
University Address: 1315 Belmont Avenue.
Organization and Activities: Sigma Chi; Square and Compass; Member of Faculty
(Instructor); Special Student, School of Commerce.

Name: Kenneth Holmes Age: 24
Place of birth: Towner, N. Dak. January 25, 1901
Religion: Protestant
High School: Towner High School, N. Dak.
University Address: Alpha Tau Omega House

Kenneth Holmes (continued)

Organizations and Activities: Alpha Tau Omega; Beta Alpha Psi; Kappa Sigma Tau; Commerce Club, Secretary, Vice President; Non Coms Club; Publicity Director 1924 Dacotah; Organizations Editor 1925 Dacotah; Hesperia Literary Society, President; Spanish Club, University Press Club; Cadet Officers Club; Director Northern Interscholastic Press Association; Special Writer Dakota Daily Student; Grey Gown; Men's Conference.

Name: Milton T. Houghton Age: 29

Place of birth: Cooperstown, N. Dak. December 12, 1896

Religion: Protestant

High School: Cooperstown, N. Dak.

University Address: Beta Theta Pi House

Organizations and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Beta Alpha Psi, Vice President; Square and Compass, Treasurer; Commerce Club, Campus League Basketball.

Name: Lester O. Isaacson Age: 22

Place of birth: Perth, N. Dak. November 26, 1903

Religion: Lutheran

High School: Perth, N. Dak.

University Address: 2124 University Avenue

Organizations and Activities: Alpha Psi Delta; Dakota Daily Student, Advertising Manager, Assistant Business Manager, Business Manager; 1925 Dacotah, Department Editor; Men's Conference; A. D. T. Literary Society; Commerce Club; Officers Club; Lieutenant, R. O. T. C.

Name: Harry M. Jacobsen Age: 21

Place of birth: Rolla, N. Dak. August 19, 1903

Religion: Protestant

High School: Rolla, N. Dak.

University address: 2912 University Avenue

Organizations and Activities: Sigma Nu; Beta Alpha Psi; Ad Altoria Literary Society; Men's Conference; Kappa Sigma Tau; Band; Commerce Club; University of Wisconsin 1 year; Inter-fraternity Council; Senior Prom Committee.

Name: George O. N. Lodoen Age: 23

Place of birth: Warren, Minn. April 20, 1901

Religion: Lutheran

High School: Warren, Minn.

University address: Kappa Psi Beta House.

Organizations and Activities: Kappa Psi Beta; Scabbard & Blade; Beta Alpha Psi; Glee Club; R. O. T. C. Rifle Team; Commerce Club.

Name: Chester Matteson Age: 21

Place of birth: Enderlin, N. Dak. August 22, 1903.

Religion: Methodist

High School: Enderlin, N. Dak.

University address: Kappa Psi Beta House.

Organizations and Activities: Kappa Psi Beta; Dakota Daily Student; Press Club; Commerce Club.

Name: Maurice E. Mills Age: 25
Place of birth: Grand Forks, N. Dak. January 30, 1900
Religion: Congregational
High School: Crookston, Minn.
University address: Sigma Alpha Epsilon House
Organizations and Activities: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Square & Compass, Pres.;
Beta Alpha Psi, Secretary; Commerce Club; Band; Vice Pres.; Orchestra;
Glee Club; Junior Choregus; Junior Prom Committee.

Name: David E. Ostby Age: 24
Place of birth: Willow City, N. Dak. December 8, 1900
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Willow City, N. Dak.
University address: Y. M. C. A.
Organizations and Activities: Non-coms Club; Officers Club; Commerce Club;
Scabbard and Blade.

Name: Harlow W. Samuelson Age: 21
Place of birth: Minot, N. Dak. April 27, 1903
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Minot, N. Dak.
University address: Phi Delta Theta House
Organizations and Activities: Phi Delta Theta; Football; Commerce Club;
Dakota Daily Student.

Name: Joe B. Shulze Age: 21
Place of birth: Grand Forks, N. Dak. July 20, 1903.
Religion: Presbyterian
High School: Grand Forks, N. Dak.
University address: Sigma Chi House.
Organizations and Activities: Sigma Chi; Phi Beta Kappa; Kappa Sigma Tau;
Beta Alpha Psi, President; Commerce Club, President; Dakota Playmakers;
Iron Mask; University Press Club; French Club; Men's Conference;
1925 Dacotah, Business Manager; Non--Coms Club; Faculty Marshall,
Commencement 1924.

Name: Dewain L. Simenstad Age: 20
Place of birth: Edmore, N. Dak. November 5, 1904
Religion: Methodist Episcopal
High School: Grand Forks, N. Dak.
University address: Sigma Nu House
Organizations and Activities: Sigma Nu; Dacotah Playmakers; Officers Club;
Dakota Daily Student; 2nd Lieutenant R. O. T. C.; DeMolay Club;
Commerce Club; Carney Song Contest Committee.

Name: John A. Smith Age: 20
Place of birth: Carrington, N. Dak. February 16, 1905
Religion: Congregational
High School: Carrington, N. Dak.
University address: Sigma Chi House.
Organizations and Activities: Sigma Chi; Ad Altiora Literary Society;
Non-Coms Club; Officers Club; Press Club; Commerce Club; Sales Manager,
Dacotah; Dakota Daily Student.

Name: Everett B. Spraul Age: 20
Place of birth: Andale, Iowa November 1, 1904
Religion: Methodist
High School: Buffalo, N. Dak.
University address: Beta Theta Pi House
Organization and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Beta Alpha Psi; Student Board
of Publications; Junior Prom Committee; Spanish Club.

Name: Halvor Steenerson Age: 24
Place of birth: Climax, Minn. September 26, 1900
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Crookston, Minn.
University address: 312 Dakota Avenue.
Organizations and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Football; Dakota Board of
Control; Athletic Board of Control; Dakota Daily Student; Sophomore
Initiation Committee; Spanish Club; Commerce Club.

Name: Harold F. Stevning Age: 22
Place of birth: Independence, Wis. March 3, 1903
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Stephen, Minn.
University address: Sigma Chi House.
Organizations and Activities: Sigma Chi; Football; Lettermen's Club;
Officers Club; Commerce Club.

Name: Ronald T. Taillon Age: 21
Place of birth: Bathgate, N. Dak. September 4, 1903
Religion: Catholic
High School: Cavalier, N. Dak.
University address: Alpha Tau Omega House
Organizations and Activities: Alpha Tau Omega; Scabbard & Blade, President;
Hesperia Literary Society; Oratorio Society; Glee Club, Secretary;
Non-Coms Club, Vice President; C. S. A., Treasurer, President; Rifle
Team; Officers Club; Grey Gown; Dacotah Board of Control; Spanish Club;
Treasurer; Commerce Club; Dakota Daily Student.

Name: C. A. Windness Age: 22
Place of birth: Finley, N. Dak. March 2, 1903
Religion: Lutheran
High School: Finley, N. Dak.
University address: Beta Chi House
Organizations and Activities: Beta Chi; St. Olaf College 2 years; Commerce
Club; Inter fraternity Council.

Name: Albert Yoder Age: 23
Place of birth: Seattle, Wash. February 21, 1902
Religion: Congregational
High School: Grand Forks, N. Dak.
University address: 137 Reeves Avenue
Organizations and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Kappa Sigma Tau; Commerce Club;
Spanish Club; Press Club.

Name: Frederic G. Yoder Age: 21

Place of birth: Seattle, Wash.

Religion: Congregational

High School: Grand Forks, N. Dak.

University address: 137 Reeves Avenue

Organizations and Activities: Beta Theta Pi; Homecoming Assistant Chairman;
Spanish Club, President; Men's Conference; Junior Prom Committee;
Commerce Club; Dacotah 1925; Campus League Athletic Board; Inter
Fraternity Council, Vice President; Grey Gowns.

HONORS HELD BY STUDENTS IN THE COURSE IN COMMERCE (NOW
THE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE) FROM 1919 TO MARCH 1925 INCL.

Phi Beta Kappa 8

Burtchett
Hurd
Paulson
Bye
Field
Gaulke
Wilder
Shulze

Delta Sigma Rho 2

Bye
Mantei

Iron Mask 8

Bye
Paulson
Busdicker
Hunt
Shulze
Fischer
Samuelson
Burkman

Beta Alpha Psi

Total membership
from Commerce

Scabbard and Blade 19

Church
Paulson
Wiseman
Bertelson
Diehl
Ferguson
Bye
Miner
O'Harow
Taillon R.
Taillon Wm.
Hunt
Busdicker
Anderson
Ely
Foss
Jacobson
Lodoen
Ostby

Athletic Letter Men 13

Sinclair
Machart
Robertson
Busdicker
Brodie
Burkman
Steenerson
Currie
Frederickson
Shelver
Stevning
Samuelson
Edwards

Who's Who 13

Samuelson
Robertson
Shelver
Fischer
Burkman
Paulson
Hawley
Rosendahl
Bye
Busdicker
Hunt
Shulze
Sandlie

Grey Gowns 15

Vikan
Machart
Samuelson
Fischer
Hawley
Burkman
Busdicker
Bye
Gaulke
McGinley
Shulze
Taillon
Holmes
Yoder
Sandlie

Captains Football 2

Burman
Currie

Captains Basketball 2

Burkman
Busdicker

Captains Track 1

Shelver

Cadet Colonels ROTC 2

Paulson
Bye

Cadet Lieut. Colonels 3

Bertelson
Taillon R.
Taillon Wm.

Cadet Majors 3

Busdicker
Hunt
Melville

Members Student Court 5

Robertson
Burkman
Hunt
Stein
Plain

Business Mgrs. Dacotah 3

Fischer
Miner
Shulze

Pres. Mens Conference 1

Fischer

Class Presidents 7

Robertson
Burkman
Brodie
Fischer
Hawley
Busdicker
Goldberg

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

March 21, 1925

From: President Thomas F. Kane.
To: Officials of Delta Sigma Pi.
Subject: Petition for Charter.

I am glad to learn that a group of the best men in our School of Commerce is applying for a charter of your professional organization, and I write in the way of endorsing their petition.

Their petition, following the regular procedure at the University, was reported in to the University Council at its last meeting by the Student Affairs Committee, with the endorsement of that committee. When the explanations were made showing the petitioners, and the members of the Council not already familiar with the facts were given to understand the standards of Delta Sigma Pi and its purposes and the things for which it stands, approval of the plan to submit the petition was unanimously given.

This meant on the part of the Council that they want to encourage the interest the men in the School of Commerce are taking in their profession. We all, likewise, see the benefit that will come to them through their relation to the organizations at other universities in the same line of work.

My endorsement expresses my confidence that the men are worthy of a chapter of your organization, as well as the fact that I believe that their horizon would be broadened through their relation with your national organization.

I assume that the officials of the group submitting the application are furnishing you with the facts about the University and the School of Commerce which you wish to have as a part of the basis for considering the petition.

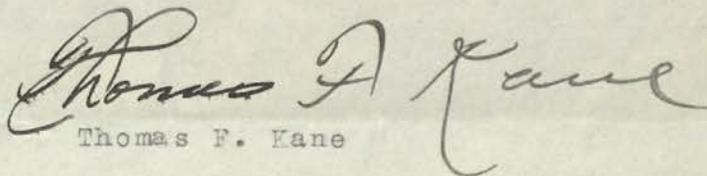
I might mention simply that part of your assurance will be from the fact that this is the State University and that this is the only School of Commerce in the state. By this statement I mean a school of commerce on the college or university basis, as compared with the business colleges in the state.

If you wish to supplement any of the information furnished

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you by the petitioners directly from the administrative offices, feel very free to write for such information.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas F. Kane

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OF NORTH DAKOTA

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 20, 1925

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

To the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

Dear Sirs:

A group of young men, Juniors and Seniors in our School of Commerce, are applying for a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

I am very glad to give their petition my most cordial endorsement. I know everyone of these young men personally and have known of their work. The group includes a number of the outstanding men, not only in Commerce but in the university. They have shown decided qualities of leadership in various activities. I do not believe that you could find a finer or a more alert, vigorous group of young people here at the University. The personnel has been selected with great care. There is not a weak man in the group, not one but what has shown ability, character, and capacity for leadership.

Knowing these young men as well as I do, and because of the confidence that I have in their ability and integrity, I am very glad to give their application my most cordial support.

Very truly yours,

E. T. Towne.

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THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

March 20, 1925

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

To Delta Sigma Pi,

Gentlemen:

For the local fraternity among the men of our School of Commerce, Delta Sigma, I bespeak your kindest and most favorable consideration. It is made up of men who are capable, determined, industrious, honorable, friendly and enthusiastic. They are the kind of men you will enjoy claiming as brother members of your organization.

Yours sincerely,

JHB:W

Jesse H. Bond
Jesse H. Bond
Associate Professor of Economics.