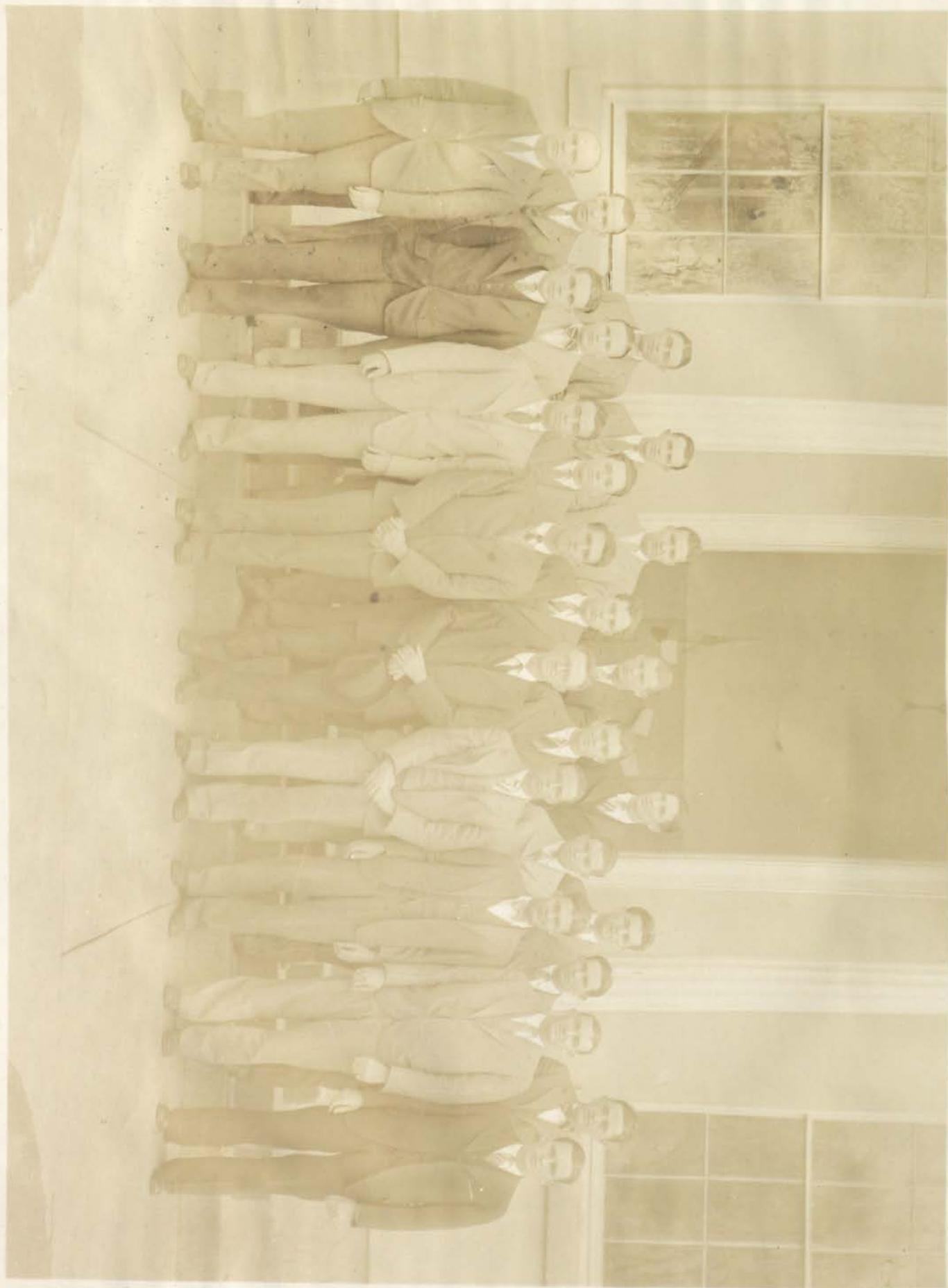


BETA GAMMA

PETITION
of the
Commerce Club
of the
University of South Carolina
to
Delta Sigma Pi
Professional Commerce Fraternity

A PETITION TO DELTA SIGMA PI.





FRONT ROW, seated left to right. — A. S. Merritt,
J. M. Hoague, A. Z. Campbell, W. C. Mealy, J. H. Turner,
A. Z. Brown, A. C. Williamson, C. D. McDaniel.

Middle Row, standing. — A. J. Beattie, Dr. D. M. Douglas,
President Univ. of S. E. (no number), T. E. Derrick, E. F. Starr,
B. H. Edwards, J. S. Starr, B. P. Hoague, Dean T. E. Olson,
S. V. Epper, J. J. Taylor, J. M. Hunt.

Back Row, standing, left to right. — D. S. Wardlaw,
M. B. Dwyer, J. J. Stee, W. G. Taylor, J. S. Starr Jr.,
J. P. Hair, and G. Z. Tomford.

Beta Gamma Chapter Installation, ^{Portland} University
7 South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. April 13,

Jefferson Hotel.

1929.

The name of the local petitioning Delta Sigma Pi - The
Commerce Club of the University of South Carolina.

The object of the Commerce Club is to promote greater interest in
the field of economics, accounting, and other business subjects, and to
encourage the highest standards of scholarship in the School of Commerce
at the University of South Carolina.

The Commerce Club has expressed its desire to affiliate with
Delta Sigma Pi by a unanimous vote.

If this petition is accepted, we would most certainly abide by all
the rules, laws and regulations of Delta Sigma Pi, now in effect or which
shall hereafter be enacted.

Realizing that the rapidly growing School of Commerce demanded a
professional commerce fraternity, on December 10th, 1927, twelve commer-
cial students grouped themselves together, drew up a constitution and
elected officers for what has since been known as the Commerce Club. Since
that time the Club has held meetings twice a week and fourteen men have
been taken in. As this Club is the only club of any kind in the School
of Commerce, only men of exceptionally high character and scholastic
ability have been accepted as members. A man can be pledged only after
a unanimous vote and after careful investigation of his college record,
which must be in the upper third.

After investigating several national commercial fraternities, it
was unanimously decided to petition Delta Sigma Pi, and negotiations were
opened with the central office relative to petitioning.

The Commerce Club has the sanction and aid of the entire faculty
of the School of Commerce.

SHORT HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The University of South Carolina opened its doors as the South Carolina College January 10th, 1805. Dr. Jonathan Mancy, president of Union College, was the first president of the new institution, and he and Professor Enoch Hanford formed the faculty on the opening day. By 1820 the faculty numbered five, with two tutors, and the student body over a hundred.

Dr. Thomas Cooper, an Englishman by birth, became president at the death of Dr. Mancy in 1820. He was not a success as an administrator of the state college of South Carolina, whose young men he did not understand. Dr. Cooper's freethinking, as well as his political activity, brought the institution almost to the brink of ruin. He gave up the presidency in 1833.

This closes the first period in the history of the university. The re-organization that followed introduced a new faculty; Robert W. Barnwell was placed at the head. Among the professors were men like Lieber, Thornwell, Elliot, and Ellet, who set the college in the very front of American classrooms, so that the accomodation for the hundred student founders had to be increased by one half.

The library was built in 1840, the first separate library building for the distinctive purpose at any American College.

President Barnwell was succeeded in 1841 by Dr. Henry, who, three years later, was succeeded by William C. Preston, under whom the college reached its greatest extent in ante-bellum days. Two more dormitories had to be erected.

Because of ill health, President Preston resigned in 1851, and was succeeded by James H. Thornwell, an alumnus and one of the greatest divines the South has ever produced. The present gymnasium was a Chapel built for him and completed in 1855. Dr. Thornwell left at the close of 1855 and was followed in quick succession by Professor Charles McCay and James A. Longstreet.

During the Civil War the college was closed and its buildings used for hospital purposes.

On January 19th, 1866, the South Carolina College opened its doors to students as the University of South Carolina. Schools of law and medicine were added. After the incoming of the radicals, there was the ever present fear of the admission of negroes. This took place in October, 1873, with the entrance into the medical school of the negro secretary of state.

The University of South Carolina was closed^x in 1877 when the whites returned to power.

In 1880 the buildings were turned over to the South Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanics, which existed for only two years.

In the fall of 1882 the South Carolina College was re-organized. In 1888 it was again changed to the University of South Carolina.

The university had several able men at its head who contributed much to its history. Dr. Currell, the present dean of the graduate school, was president from 19 to July 1, 1922, when the presidency was turned over to William Davis Melton, a distinguished lawyer, and successful business man.

President Melton gave the last four years of his life to the University of South Carolin. Under his leadership much progress was made. When he became president in 1922, there was a total of six hundred men and women entolled. At his death in 1926, there were fourteen hundred nineteen students.

The acting president after the death of Dr. Melton was Dean L. T. Baker. In January 1927 Dr. D. M. Douglas became the head of the University.

The departments of instruction which now compose the University are: College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School, School of Education, School of Commerce, School of Engineering, School of Pharmacy, School of Law, Summer School, and Extension Division.

To the University has come national recognition. Her lawschool is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and her academic standards have been recognized by the installation of a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

Provision was made by the General Assembly at the session of 1919, for the School of Commerce. The school was established in response to the growing demand for training along vocational lines. Its aim is to give a broad, scientific training in preparation for a business career. The subjects included in the curriculum have been chosen because of their fitness for this purpose.

The instruction in the School of Commerce is as practicable as it is possible to make it. The problem method is used wherever possible, supplemented by class-room discussion and frequent field trips, the object being to bring the student into actual contact with business problems. Thus, the student is required to investigate actual business conditions. He sorts

materials and analyzes problems just as he will be required to do in later life.

There are at present over two hundred students in the School of Commerce who are being prepared, under direction of able men, for the business world.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

Provision was made by the General Assembly at the session of 1919 for a School of Commerce at the University. The School was established in response to the growing demand for training along vocational lines and its aim is to give a broad scientific training in preparation for a business career. In 1920, the first school year, there were only a few students who entered in this department. In 1921-22, there were sixty three students enrolled and five graduated that year. Since then the department has grown by leaps and bounds. It is now considered one of the best and strongest departments in the University, having this year enrolled upon the books, approximately two hundred and fifty students.

The faculty, upon its organization, were as follows: William Spencer Currell, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., President, Leonard T. Baker, A.M., LL.D., Dean of University, George E. Olsen, B.A., C.P.A., Dean of School of Commerce, George B. McCutchen, A.B., M.A., LL.B., Professor of Economics. Captain W. E. Duvall, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Wilson Gee, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of Rural Economics, and R. L. Merriweather, A.M., Professor of History.

The present faculty consists of Davidson M. Douglass, A.B., A.M., D.D., LL.D., President of University, Leonard T. Baker, A.M., LL.D., George E. Olsen, B.A., C.P.A., Dean of School of Commerce, George McCutchen, A.M., LL.B. Professor of Economics, C. H. Waterfall, B.S., A.M., Associate professor of Economics, A. L. Campbell, A.B., A.M., Associate Professor Business Administration. Henry C. Davis, A.B., A. M., Professor of English Language, Oscar L. Keith, A.B., A.M., Professor of Romance Language, J. Bruce Coleman, B.S., A.M., Professor of Mathematics, Samuel Derrick, A.B., A.M., Professor of Rural Economics, A. Curtis Wilgus, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., Professor of History and Burton Clark, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geography.

The enclosed School of Commerce bulletin contains a full account of the courses offered.

ROSTER OF COMMERCE CLUB.

NAME: Richard Lewis Brown.
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: July 11, 1901, Anderson, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American.
FATHER: John Thomas Brown
MOTHER: Annie Cobb Brown
RELIGION: Methodist.
Preliminary Education: Grammar and Prep. School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Assistant Librarian.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Andrew William Burnet
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: November 7, 1924, Camden, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American.
Father: William S. Burnet.
MOTHER: Caroline Whitaker Burnet.
RELIGION: Episcopalian.
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: High School Diploma.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Member; Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, German Club,
and Secretary of Inter-Fraternity Council.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Cyril Busbee
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: December 27, 1908, Wagener, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: William J. Busbee

MOTHER: Minnie Toole Busbee.

RELIGION: Baptist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Four years high school, Senior year at U. of S.C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Boxing team U.S.C 1926, Tenement foot-ball '26, '27, '28, Tenement basketball '26, '27. Candidate for boxing team 1928. Euphradian Literary Society.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Walter Roy Chandler

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: September 23, 1904, Newry, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Leroy L. Chandler

MOTHER: Beulah Burley Chandler

RELIGION: Baptist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Parker High School

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman baseball and basket-ball
Varsity baseball and basket-ball
Block "C" Club.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Lewis N. Clark.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Union, S. C.

FATHER: D. C. Clark

MOTHER: Essie Jones Clark

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Union High School

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman Basket-ball, Varsity Basket-ball 2 years, Secretary of

Block "C" Club, Historian of Senoir Class, Clariosophic Literary Society,
German Club, Kismet Club (social), (petitioning Phi Delta Theta).

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: James Roland Coggeshall, Jr.
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: April 17, 1907 at Darlington, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American.
FATHER: William D. Coggeshall
MOTHER: Emma Edwards Coggeshall
RELIGION: Baptist
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: St. John's High School of Darlington, S. C.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Manager of Foot Ball Team 1927, Member of A.T.O. fraternity.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Everett Ernest Dent
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: May 14, 1906, College Place, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: W. E. Dent
MOTHER: Myrtie Jumper Dent
RELIGION: Methodist
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Hyatt Park High School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Jr. O.U.A.M.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Henry Merke Epps.
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: December 20, 1906, Lake City, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: Henry P. Epps
MOTHER: Ethel E. Epps
RELIGION: M. E. Church South
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate of Lake City High School, Junior in School of Commerce, U. of S. C.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Member of "Mu" Club.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Edwin Francis Farr
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: February 2, 1908, Augusta, Ga.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: J. S. Farr
MOTHER: Ellen Cotter Farr
RELIGION: Roman Catholic
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate of Columbia High School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman foot-ball, basket-ball and baseball squads, scrub foot ball one year, Varsity foot ball squad two years. Kismet Club (social) petitioning Phi Delta Theta, German Club.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: James Sterling Farr, Jr.
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: July 7, 1906, Augusta, Ga.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: James Sterling Farr.

MOTHER: Ellen Cotter Farr.

RELIGION: Roman Catholic

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate Columbia High School.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman Football, Freshman basketball, Freshman, baseball,
1927

Varsity Football, varsity basketball 1926 and '27, varsity baseball '26 and '27,

Atheletic Advisory Board, Block "C" Club, Inter-Fraternity Council, German Club,

President Kismet Club, petitioning Phi Delta Theta.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Edward Melton Fersner

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: November 14, 1908, Orangeburg, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Tilden Barton Fersner

MOTHER: Buelah Carolina Framling Fersner.

RELIGION: Methodist. PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Grammar School and High School

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Clarosophic Literary Society, Y.M.C.A

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Benjamin Pratt Gasque

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: November 12th, 1908, Marion, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: John O. Gasque

MOTHER: Mathryn Pratt Gasque

RELIGION: Presbyterian

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Marion High School.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman Y Council, Ass't. Mgr. Foot Ball Team 3 years,

Ass't Mgr. and mgr. of Track, Undergraduate History Club, Social Cabinet '27.
Member of Owl Club, German Club, In group petitioning Sigma Nu (social fraternity)
Member of Omicron Delta Kappa Hovar Fraternity, Commerce Club.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Clarence McC. Glenn
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: March 5, 1907, Greenville, S. C.
FATHER: Thomas McCants Glenn
MOTHER: Lucy Gambrell Glenn RELIGION:
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Columbia High School
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Owl's Club, Secretary and Treasurer, German Club,
Sigma Delta Nu - petitioning Sigma Nu - Commerce Club.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Forrest Cyril Godshall
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: February 3, 1905, Union, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: Gordon P. Godshall
MOTHER: Lilly Belle Padgett Godshall RELIGION: Baptist
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Monetta Elementary Schools, Union High School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman baseball, varsity baseball 2 years, Block "C" Club,
President of Union County Club, Holder of Hutchinson Honorary Scholarship in
Economics, Charisophic Literary Society, Blue Key Fraternity.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Warren Carey Gregory
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Sept. 26, 1905, Sumter, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Thomas S. Gregory

MOTHER: Catherine Melton Gregory

RELIGION: Protestant

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Mount Pleasant, N.C.
Cheraw High School, Cheraw, S. C., Robert Fulton Memorial School, McColl, S. C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Vice-President Chesterfield County Club 1924, Y. M. C. A
Senior Council '26 - '27, Bible Discussion Group Leader '26, Secretary of
Kismet Club, petitioning Phi Delta Theta Fraternity '26-'27. Junior School of
Commerce.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Frank Edwin Harrison

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: May 15, 1902, Irvington, N. J.

FATHER: Charles Harrison

MOTHER: Joan Morrell Harrison

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate Irvington High School, Irvington, N. J.

RELIGION: Baptist

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Literary Society, Assistant Instructor in Economics,
Y. M. C. A. promotion force, Religious discussion group leader. President
of Hermes petitioning Phi Sigma Kappa.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Julian Carlisle Harter

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Jan. 1, 1907, Fairfax, S. C.

FATHER: W. E. Harter (deceased)

MOTHER: Julia E. Platts Harter

NATIONALITY: American

RELIGION: Methodist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Y. M. C. A., Track Team '27, Cross-Country Team '27, President of Allendale County Club '24, '25, Intra-Mural sports, K.S.K's.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Charles Daniel Joyner, Jr.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: August 3, 1905, Cowards, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Chas. Daniel Joyner, Sr.

MOTHER: Corrie Matthews Joyner

RELIGION: M. E. Church, South

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate Lake City High School, Junior in School of Commerce at U. of S. C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman foot-ball '25, Varsity foot-ball '26, Vice-President of Sophomore Class, Member of Block "C" Club, President of "M" Club.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Alfred Otto Kafer

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Florence, S. C, November 2, 1902

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Arthur Otto Kafer

MOTHER: Mamie Warren Kafer

RELIGION: Episcopalian

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Florence graded and High Schools and three years at U. of S. C. graduate B. S. 1928 U. S. C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman football and baseball 1924, Member of Y cabinet '27, Treasury Y 1928, Wrestling Team '26. Member of Pyramid Club.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Cecil Douglas McDaniel

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: January 18, 1906, Greenwood, S. C.

FATHER: Simeon P. McDaniel

MOTHER: Mattie Williams McDaniel

RELIGION: Baptist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate Beaufort High School, Beaufort, S. C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman Football and Baseball, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper Third.

NAME: Marvin Brown Mitchum

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: December 10, 1900, Kinstree, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: S. S. Mitchum

MOTHER: Biola Brown Mitchum

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Wofford Fitting School

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Euphradian Literary Society, Law Ass'n, Arrow Club.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper Third.

NAME: Walter Frank Raylor, Jr.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: August 25, 1908, Florence, S. C.

FATHER: W. Frank Taylor, Sr.

MOTHER: Maude Hewitt Taylor

RELIGION: Baptist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate of Florence High School.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Y. M. .C. A. (Promotion force), Freshman Y Council '26, '27

Member of Fencing Team. Karlina Spirit Klub, Cavalier's Club.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: John Ashby Turner
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: May 28, 1907, Denmark, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: George C. Turner
MOTHER: Annie Elizabeth Riley Turner
RELIGION: Methodist
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Denmark High School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Chemistry Science Club '26, and 'Y' Council and Cabinet '27
and '28; Member of "M" Club, petitioning Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: David John Wardlaw
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: July 8, 1905, Troy, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: William Wideman Wardlaw
MOTHER: Annie Bradley Wardlaw
RELIGION: A.R.P.
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Graduate of Columbia High School.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Intr-Mural Football.
COLLEGE RECORD: Upper Third.

NAME: Arthur Carl Williamson
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: August 16, 1907, Lancaster, S. C.
NATIONALITY: American
FATHER: Arthur Carlstadt Williamson
MOTHER: SARA James Williamson
RELIGION: Presbyterian

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: Four Years of High School, Junior at U. of S. C.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

NAME: Edward Heys Zeigler

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: March 1, 1907, Allendale, S. C.

NATIONALITY: American

FATHER: Robert L. Zeigler

MOTHER: Lina Bell Spann Zeigler

RELIGION: Methodist

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION: State High School Diploma, Denmark, S. C.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Freshman 'Y' Council '24, 'Y' Council and Cabinet '27
and '28, Euphradian Literary Society and Boxing Team '27 and '28.

COLLEGE RECORD: Upper third.

Faculty Member--- Prof. George Mc Cutchen L.L.B., M.A.

Geo. M. Cutcher, Prof. of Economics,

Frank Harrison - President
Marvin B. Mitchem - Vice President
Edward H. Zeigler - Treasurer - Sec.

Cecil D. McDaniel

Cyril Busbee

Richard L. Brown

Jack R. Coggeshall, Jr.

W. Carey Gregory

Andrew Burnett

Walter Chandler

Lewis H. Clark

Everett E. Dent

Henry M. Epps

Edwin F. Farr

Charles Daniel Joyner, Jr.

A. O. Kasper

W. F. Taylor, Jr.

John A. Turner

David J. Wardlaw

Forest C. Godshall

Clarence Glenn

A. B. Williamson

James S. Farr Jr.

E. M. Terener

Julian Carlisle Hartin

Benjamin Pratt Gaspere.