

TO

THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

OF

DELTA SIGMA PI

BY

BETA ALPHA

OKLAHOMA A & M COLLEGE

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF

DELTA SIGMA PI

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, members of Beta Alpha, hereby petition for a charter to establish a chapter of THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The purposes and ideals of Beta Alpha are in harmony with the high standards of Delta Sigma Pi and we respectfully request that this petition be given consideration.

We pledge ourselves to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI and to faithfully observe the rules and regulations enacted.

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OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



CITY OF STILLWATER

When Oklahoma was opened to settlement, April 22, 1889, a colony of men, the majority of whom came from "Cowley County, Kansas," banded themselves together for the purpose of establishing a town on Stillwater creek; and after due deliberation, the present site of Stillwater was selected. The site was made of sections of the claims of Messrs. Lewis, Duck, Husband, Lowry, and Duncan, each of whom relinquished the land required for the purpose of founding the town. (A street has been named for each of these men.)

At the original opening of Oklahoma the founding of a county seat here was not contemplated. This part of the territory was attached to Logan county, with Guthrie as the county seat. The first victory won by the new town was the special legislation by congress creating Payne county and establishing the county seat at Stillwater.

But county seat alone was not enough. The populists won the first election, and James Mathews was elected from this district as representative and George Gardenhire as councilman in the first legislature. By a turn in the business of the legislature, Mr. Mathews was enabled to secure the location of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Government Experiment Station, the two best institutions that it has been within the province of any legislature to locate. Agriculture is the backbone of industry in this area. Small grain farming, cotton farming, livestock raising, poultry and produce marketing all play an important part in Stillwater's agricultural program. Because of this and the location of A. & M., this community is recognized as the agricultural capital of the state.

There are seventy-seven different firms engaged in manufacturing, processing and wholesale distribution. Oil is the only natural resource developed to any extent. There are over fifty producing wells within a ten mile radius of Stillwater.

The recreation facilities include five theatres, three golf courses, four lakes, which include all sporting events, five parks and playground areas. All major sports are held at Lewis Field, Gallagher Hall or Fair Park. Stillwater is also the home of the Lake Carl Blackwell project comprising of 22,000 acres, a large portion of which is devoted to recreation facilities.

Stillwater is the safest city of its size in America. It won first place among cities with 10-25,000 population in 1944, '45, and '46. In addition it was given a special award for having seven years without a traffic death.

In fire prevention, Stillwater has won the national award as Oklahoma's safest city ten out of the last fourteen years, one of which it had the lowest fire loss in the nation.

Stillwater is now in the era of expansion. The city has voted a million dollars for extension and enlargement of its facilities. The population has more than doubled itself during the past fifteen years, and at the present rate of growth will double again within the next ten.

Stillwater is truly Oklahoma's wonder city. It is the bright spot in an area that is filled with opportunity for business men and industrialists. The whole nation is looking to the Great Southwest, and Stillwater is in the very center of it.

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE "STRENGTHENING AMERICA THROUGH EDUCATION"

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, with its Agricultural Experiment Station was established by an Act of the First Territorial Legislature, effective December 25, 1890. A locating board was appointed June 1, 1891 and on July 11, this board reported to the Governor that the Institution had been located on 200 acres of land immediately adjoining the city of Stillwater in Payne County.

A board of regents was appointed by the Governor, and the college was formally opened on December 14, 1891, in the Congregational Church of Stillwater, with an attendance of fortyfive students.

The first college building, now known as Old Central, was completed and dedicated on June 14, 1894. The college gradually developed those lines of work authorized by the Acts of Congress and the Acts of the Oklahoma Legislature until it became the Oklahoma Institution organized under the provisions of the "Land Grant" or Morrill Act.

The Morrill Act is an Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, which gave to each state that accepted its provisions 30,000 acres of government land for each of its representatives in Congress, the proceeds to be applied to the endowment and maintenance of an Agricultural and Mechanical college in each state. The Act provides that the "leading object" of the institution: "...shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanical arts..in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life."

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College derives its support from both state and federal governments as follows:

- 1. Direct appropriation made by the State out of the general revenue fund for the salaries and main-tenance of the institution.
- 2. Funds derived from the rental of public lands appropriated by congress for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, known as "Land-Grant" funds. These are reappropriated by the State Legislature to the Institution.
- 3. The Morrill funds, appropriated by the United States Government for instruction of students in the English language, literature, and the sciences relating to Agriculture, Engineering, Home Economics, and Economics, and for training teachers in these subjects.
- 4. The Bankhead-Jones Act of June 29, 1935, providing additional support for teaching in all divisions of the College. The funds appropriated under this act are distributed among the several states and territories on a basis of the relation which the total population of a given state or territory bears to the total population of the United States.
- 5. The Smith-Hughes Fund, derived from a congressional appropriation to the State. Part of this fund is used in the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College for the training of teachers in Agriculture, Home Economics, and the industries.

Since 1926, the college has been under the capable leadership of Dr. H. G. Bennett, President, and a board of trustees composed of outstanding citizens who are interested in quality education for young men and women of the Southwest.

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College is on the list of approved institutions of the Association of American Universities. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a degree-granting institution. It is also a member of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges, the association of American Colleges, and the American Council on Education. The College is on the approved list of colleges and universities of the American Association of University Women.

It is an institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music, and the Engineering Council for Professional Development. It is a member of the Associated Collegiate School of Architecture, and its School of Agriculture and School of Engineering are registered by the University of the State of New York. Many of its departments and faculty hold membership in leading scientific, literary, and research organizations and societies.

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, in common with all other Land-Grant Colleges, exists primarily to promote the practice application of knowledge to life.

Four fields of service are involved:

- 1. Research, directed toward solving problems.
- 2. Extension Service, directed toward disseminating throughout the state the result of research.

- 3. Public Service, directed toward furnishing technical advice and expert service to all citizens of the State.
- Resident Teaching, directed toward technological and vocational education, due consideration being given to those studies which make for a wellbalanced, cultured personality.

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, together with its experiment stations and extension work, is under the supervision and control of the State Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges composed of nine members, eight of whom are appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Senate. The President of the Board of Agriculture is ex-officio a member of the Board of Regents.

To the formally constituted Student Body, through its constitution, its senate and its other officers, is delegated the management of those campus affairs which come within the constituted rights of students. It is the policy of the Institution to curb student activities, only when it is the mature judgment of the responsible officers of the college, that restriction is necessary.

Matters of general discipline, as they affect the students, are under the direction of a committee on Student Government, composed of representatives from the faculty and from the student body.

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College is divided into eight major divisions or schools as follows: Division of Agriculture School of Arts and Sciences Division of Commerce School of Education Division of Engineering School of Graduate Study Division of Home Economics School of Veterinary Medicine

In these eight schools are some eighty-six separate departments.

The Division of Commerce includes the School of Commerce and the School of Intensive Business Training. The School of Commerce includes the following departments.

> The Department of Accounting The Department of Business Administration The Department of Business Education The Department of Economics The Department of Geography The Department of Secretarial Administration The Department of Sociology and Rural Life (In cooperation with the School of Agriculture)

The college is provided with buildings, lands, laboratories, shops, livestock and other equipment necessary for the activities of an institution of its kind. The campus consists of 146 acres located in the northwest part of the city of Stillwater, while the college farms, totaling 1420 acres, immediately adjoin it on the west and north. The college also owns 240 acres of land at Woodward used in cooperation with the Woodward Experiment Station, 640 acres of land near Perkins, and a Vegetable Improvement Station at Bixby of 105 acres. The lands are well drained and suitable for farming, stock raising, and experimental purposes. The present valuation of the college plant is \$15,000,000. The permanent structures on the campus are: Animal Husbandry, which houses the Animal Husbandry and part of the poultry Husbandry departments College Auditorium Bookstore College Cafeteria, which serves approximately 1500 students daily not living in dormitories Chemistry Building College Hospital Crutchfield Hall, home of the music department and Carnegie Music Room Engineering Building Gallagher Hall, named after the famous wrestling coach. Seating capacity 9,000. Center of 4-H and other student activities and the department of Physical Education. In it are held inter-collegiate indoor sports. Gardiner Hall, occupied by the Extension Division and women's staff of the department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Gundersen Hall, home of the school of Architecture and the department of Physics Gymnasium, where the armory and offices of the Military Department are located. The main floor is used for indoor physical education classes and intramural sports Home Economics building Industrial Building, where all shop and laboratories for school of Technical Training and Industrial Arts are located Library Library Annex, where all research reference is located Life Sciences, home of the School of Arts and Sciences Morrill Hall, named to honor Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont. Home of the Division of Commerce, School of Education, and Department of Foreign Languages and Art Old Central, oldest building on the campus still in use. In it are the Graduate School, the Geology department, and the former students association and placement bureau Poultry Building, where all main laboratories and classrooms of the Poultry Department are held. Power and Heating Plant Student Publications Building, where the College Post Office, the Student Publications Office, and the pressroom of the O'Collegian, college newspaper, is located

Whitehurst Hall, contains the President's office and other administrative offices
Williams Hall, home of the English and Speech departments and the Prairie Playhouse, with a seating capacity of 250, used for student meetings, rehearsals, and minor productions
Murray, North Murray and Willard dormitories for women Cordell, Hanner, and Thatcher dormitories for men

In addition to these, forty-three steel buildings of the Quonset type have been constructed on the campus to supply the immediate demand for additional space for laboratories, classrooms and offices. In addition, there has been supplied through the Federal Works Agency, 100,000 square feet of floor space in the form of temporary wooden structures which are being used for many purposes from shops for earonautical mechanics to six 25-pupil nursery units for the training of students in Home Economics.

On a campus whose valuation is already some \$26,000,000, the new building and construction program on the Oklahoma A. and M. College campus of approximately \$17,000,000, brings its physical assets into a new orbit of valuations and services.

Four construction bond issues aggregating \$11,360,000. negotiated several months ago are regarded as the largest piece of college bond financing ever accomplished in the nation.

Included in this bond issue were the following:

A Student Union Building	\$3,860,000.	
A men's dormitory	3,210,000.	
Woman's residence hall	1,190,000.	
Water and Power plant	3,000,000.	
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These buildings are well on their way at the present.

Other construction that has started here or is near completion: Dairy Center, at \$271,000; a portion of the Veterinary Medicine Center, total cost \$252,000; library, \$2,235,000; with a Home Economics building to be started soon at \$1,100,000.

A temporary home for the world-renowned Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz Diesel Engine Research laboratory has been completed and blue prints for a permanent home for the \$5,000,000 equipment going into this laboratory are being drawn up.

Landscaping, parking lots, walkways and a general beautification program on the campus will follow in the wake of construction completions.

Among the first campuses in the nation to be prepared to absorb returning veterans for education early in 1946, the veteran housing program on the A. and M. College campus has frequently been pointed out as a pattern to follow.

A. and M. sponsored the launching of this state's first Branch College, the Oklahoma A. and M. Branch College at Okmulgee, where business courses are also open to the student body.

In Agriculture, twelve sub-stations operated under the general parent Experiment Station; in Engineering, the Engineering Experiment Station and under the auspices of the Research foundation, original and profound research is being constantly conducted by specialists and experts.

Classroom structures, a memorial chapel, broader and newer poultry facilities, print shop equipment and expanded program, a starlight pavilion and many other construction features are on the agenda in the future. A library of over 1,000,000 volumes, with one of the finest document divisions in the southwest, with special branch libraries in the various schools, is serving the college.

The International Relations Club on the A. and M. Campus has been rated as among the best in the nation by the Carnegie Endowment organization, and the United Nations Model Assembly held here three years ago set the pace for such groups in the southwest.

Building physically and scholastically, the Oklahoma A. and M. College is gauging its success by its graduates and former students whose records are serving both themselves and the school.

The following national social fraternities have chapters on the campus:

> Acadia Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Tau Omega Beta Theta Pi Farm House Kappa Alpha Kappa Sigma Phi Delta Theta Pi Kappa Alpha Lambda Chi Alpha Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chi Sigma Phi Epsilon Sigma Nu Tau Kappa Epsilon Theta Chi Theta Kappa Phi

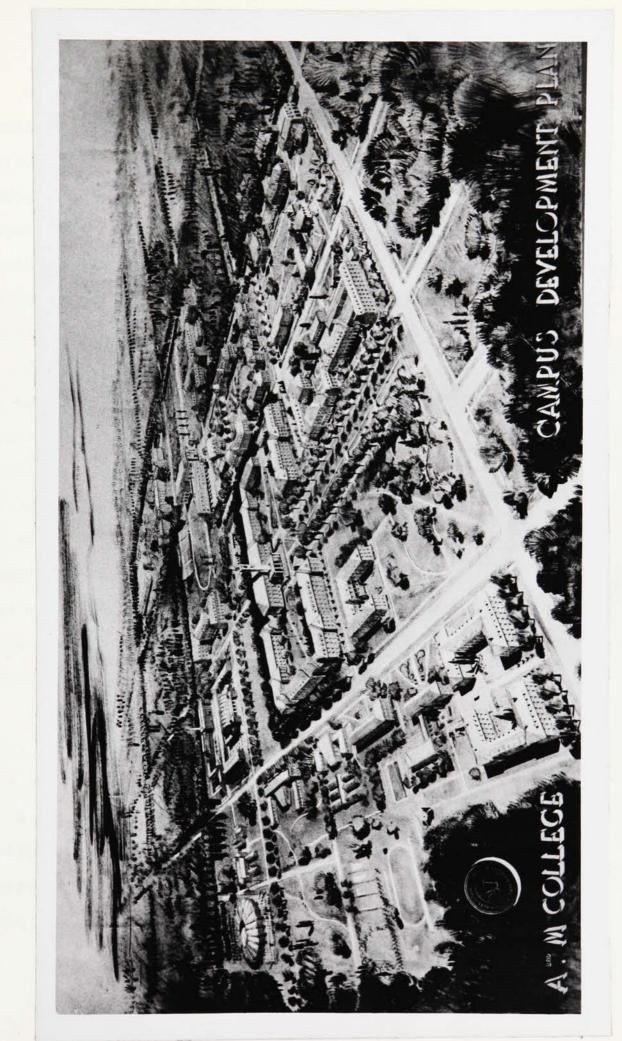
The national social sororities on the campus are:

Alpha Chi Omega Alpha Delta Pi Chi Omega Delta Zeta Kappa Delta Kappa Alpha Theta Kappa Kappa Gamma Pi Beta Phi Zeta Tau Alpha

All of these fraternities and sororities have lovely modern homes near the campus.

The following national honorary organizations are found on the campus:

Alpha Kappa Psi Alpha Pi Mu Alpha Sigma Eta Alpha Zeta Alpha Zeta Pi Beta Alpha Psi Blue Key	Commerce Premedical Eagle Scouts Agriculture Language and literature Accounting qualities Outstanding in character, leader- ship, scholarship, and service
Chi Epsilon	Civil Engineering
Delta Pi Epsilon	Graduate business education
Eta Kappa Nu	Electrical Engineering
Iota Lambda Sigma	Industrial Education
Kappa Delta Pi	Education
Kappa Kappa Psi	Band
Omicron Nu Development Pifler	Home Economics
Pershing Rifles Phi Alpha Theta	Military History
Phi Delta Kappa	Education
Phi Eta Sigma	Freshmen scholarship
Pi Gamma Mu	Social Science
Pi Mu Epsilon	Mathematics
Pi Omega Pi	Business Education
Phi Lambda Upsilon Phi Sigma	Chemical Engineering and Chemistry Biology
Pi Tau Sigma	Mechanical Engineering
Sigma Alpha Iota	Music
Sigma Alpha Sigma	Secretarial Administration
Sigma Delta Chi	Journalism
Sigma Sigma Psi	Physical Education
Sigma Tau	Engineering
Sigma Tau Delta	English
Tau Beta Sigma	Band
Theta Alpha Phi	Dramatics
Theta Sigma Phi	Women's Journalism



With its present facilities and its expansion program, educational opportunities at the Oklahoma A. and M. College are reputedly among the finest in the country. Renowned as a "Campus of Champions," it has turned out fine wrestlers, fine basketball and football teams, world famous livestock in animal husbandry, set the pace in soil conservation in Agriculture and excelled in eighty-six departmental provinces of its eight separate schools.

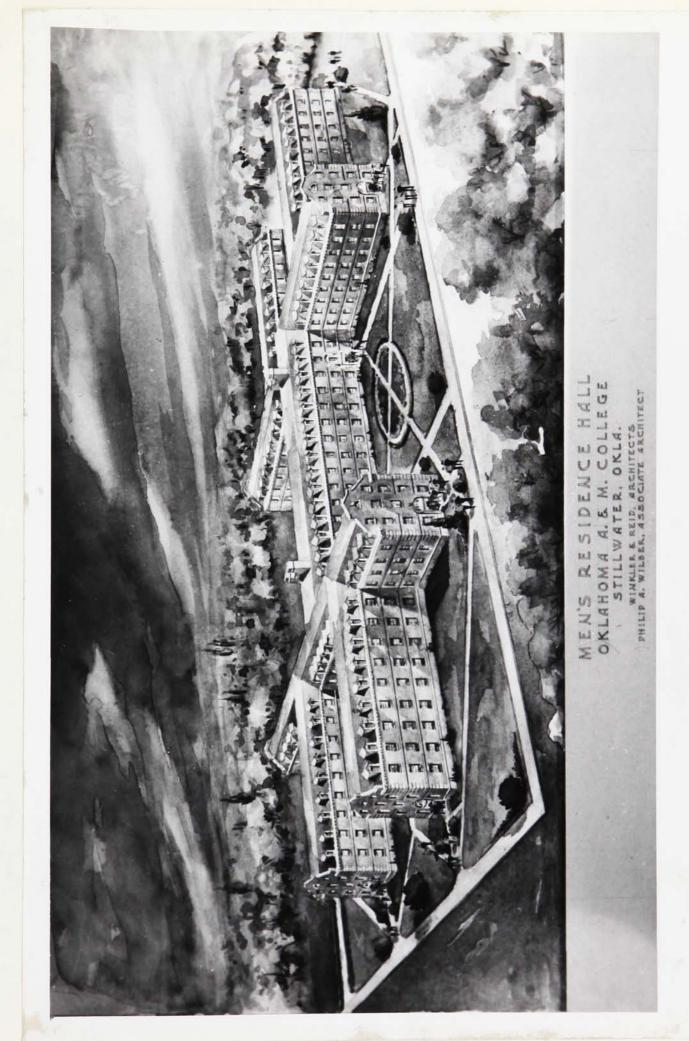
The Division of Commerce at the Oklahoma A. and M. College has taken its place among the most highly recognized training centers of its type in the country. Yet sharing highest national ratings at Oklahoma A. and M. College with Commerce are the schools of Agriculture, Engineering, and Home Economics. The student body here is regional, national and international. Alumni from this college are holding high places in the business world of the country, bolstered by high scholastic standards, a carefully chosen faculty and progressively paced academic programs.

The integration of the Commerce curriculum with other major fields of study on the Oklahoma A. and M. College campus have made it a focal division of training, not only as an educational province for students seeking major and minor courses leading to degrees, but as a division offering vital elective courses for students requiring Commerce to round out their training in other fields. Commerce here has grown as rapidly in numbers, service, and progressive views as any other school on the campus. Its war-time records in national annals assisted in winning the peace...and its instructional program is helping keep it. A.& M. CAMPUS SCENES Murray Hall - Girls Dormitory Morrill Hall - School of Commerce Whitehurst Hall - Administrative Offices Campus Fire Station - West Point of Firemanship Men's Residence Hall - Now under construction Bird's eye view of Northwest part of campus Bird's eye view of Northeast part of campus Graduation exercises in Gallagher Hall Student Union Building - Now under construction



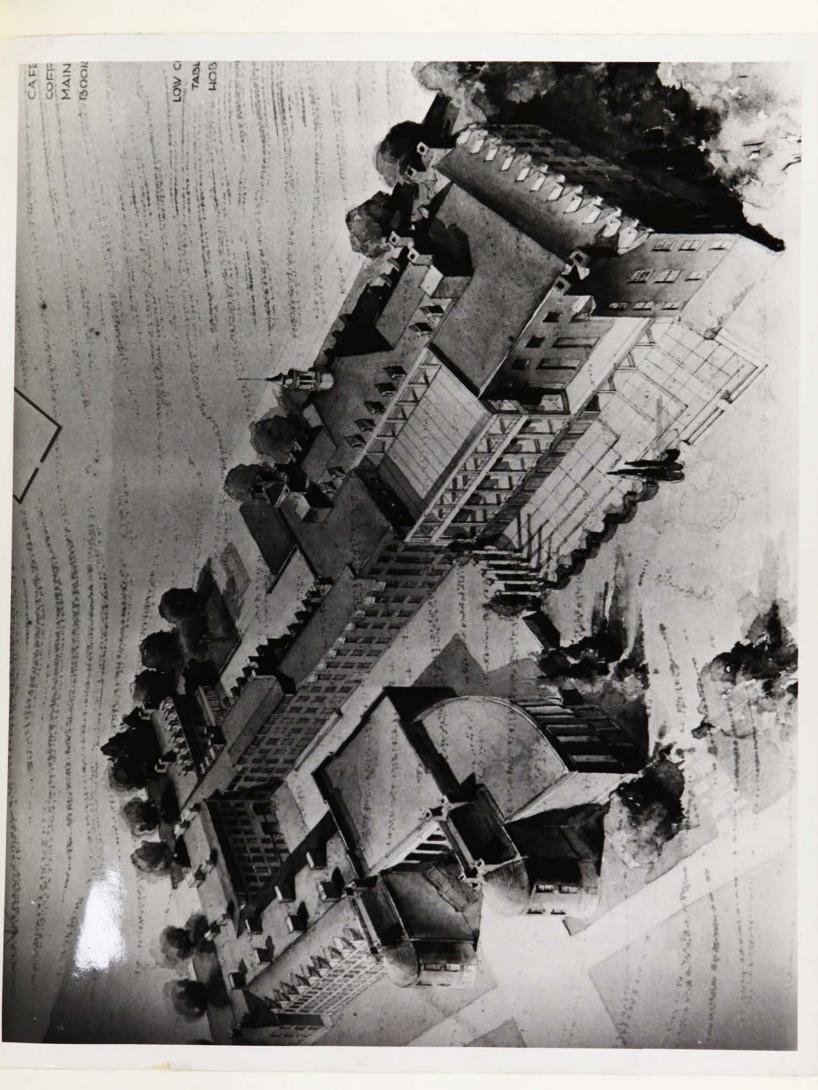












SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA The School of Commerce was organized in 1914 as a separate unit of the College. The first degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce was awarded in 1916. Morrill Hall, facing Old Central in the old quadrangle, has been designated in the campus plan to house the School of Commerce. The offices, classrooms, laboratories, and reading room are now located in this building.

Like a mother hen who has adopted more chicks than she can comfortably hover, Morrill Hall shelters beneath its giant



wings the throngs of students and scores of faculty members who fill the administrative offices, classrooms, and laboratories



of the Division of Commerce. Into its halls and into the corridors of two overflow buildings come the businessmen and businesswomen of a few years hence, many of them the sons and daughters--and a few of the grandchildren--of former students who climbed the steps of Morrill Hall as long ago as 1906. That education connotes activity is quickly evident in the relentless clatter of machines and the ceaseless hum of voices that fill the busy classrooms from dawn until night. Here men and women prepare to answer the call of business for thoroughly trained and alert minds with power to handle competently and breadth of view. Here men and women prepare to handle competently the activities of buying and selling, organizing and managing, working, planning, and forecasting. Through boom and depression, through war and peace students and faculty have worked unceasingly toward a better understanding of the purposes and functions of business, both public and private, believing that understanding of economic needs is one key to national and world stability. No believer in sequestered ivyclad towers is Raymond D. Thomas, affable dean of commerce. An executive of whom private business would be proud, he keeps the administrative wheels whirring softly year after year. Renowned for his "open-door" policy. Dean Thomas is one of the



most accessible of college deans. He prefers an office with many doors through which confused freshmen and the heads of departments may enter with equal ease. Few are the commerce students who have not had their own dean for a teacher, as he keeps a personal iron in the classroom forge by teaching the largest single class of commerce freshmen.

Stillwater is centrally located in relation to the principal business centers of the State. Only a short time is required by automobile or bus for students and faculty of the Division of Commerce to go from the campus to the state's largest banks, manufacturing plants, marketing centers, oil company headquarters, and other principal business locations, and to the state capital.

Instruction is offered in the Division of Commerce in two separate schools, the School of Commerce and the School of Intensive Business Training. These two schools are maintained for the purpose of serving the needs of two groups of students who desire to continue their formal education beyond the secondary school--the School of Commerce for students who desire to pursue a collegiate course of study leading to the backelor's degree; the School of Intensive Business Training for students who are not interested in a degree course, but who desire specific vocational training designed to prepare them for the various types of routine jobs with business concerns and with public agencies. The "leading object" of the College is to offer instruction in fields or branches of learning, including scientific and classical studies, "in order to promote the liberal practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life." Training for the broad field of business pursuits on the higher or professional level is offered in the collegiate School of Commerce, while so-called practical or vocational training for these same pursuits is offered in the School of Intensive Business Training. Since the objectives of the two schools are different, separate faculties are maintained. Both of the faculties, however, are under the general administrative control of the Dean of the Division of Commerce.

The departments which administer the fields of undergraduate instruction in the School of Commerce are:

> The Department of Accounting The Department of Business Administration The Department of Business Education The Department of Economics The Department of Geography The Department of Secretarial Administration The Department of Sociology and Rural Life (in cooperation with the School of Agriculture)

Undergraduate instruction is offered in specific fields of study as follows: accounting, banking and finance, business law, business education (teaching business subjects in high schools and colleges), distributive education, economics, general business, geography, business journalism, life insurance, marketing (merchandising), personnel management, real estate and property insurance, secretarial administration, sociology, and statistics.

The following Commerce student organizations have active chapters or units on the campus: Alpha Kappa Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Pi Epsilon, Epsilon Pi, Gamma Sigma, Geography Club, Order of Gregg Artists, Mu Kappa Tau, Pi Omega Pi, Sigma Alpha Sigma, and the Commerce Student Council.

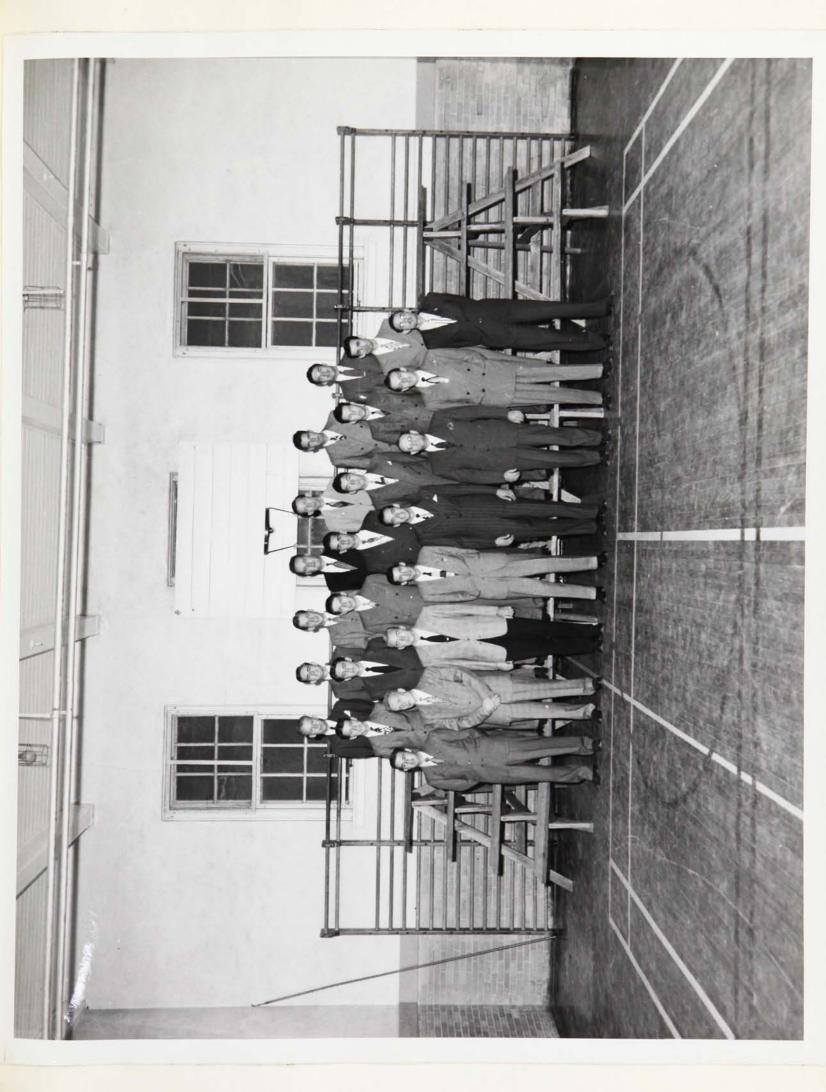
The following loan funds are open to students of all Schools of this Institution: Knights Templar Educational Loan Fund; Murray Foundation; The Educational Loan Fund for Indian Students; Lew Wentz Foundation; The Lahoma Loan Fund; Loan Fund of Federation of Women's Clubs; Student Loan Fund of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and American Bankers Association on Loan Scholarship.

Students who graduate with satisfactory records are assisted in securing desirable permanent employment. A member of the faculty gives a portion of his time to visiting business concerns and public agencies throughout the State for the purpose of assisting students in securing employment. Contact is maintained with the United States Civil Service Commission and with other federal and state employment agencies. Representatives of state and nationally known business concerns visit the campus annually for the purpose of interviewing students and graduates for employment.

The General Library comprising the collections in the Main Library building, Library Annex, two reserve reading rooms, and five branch libraries, contains approximately 189,000 volumes. The Commerce Library, one of the branch libraries, provides students with reference materials and with a large collection of economic and business publications. Especially noteworthy is the collection of periodical publications including most of the important journals on business, economics, finance, and law. In addition to the statistical services, publications of various societies, and reports of public administrative organizations, a good working collection has been established for the Department of Business Education. This collection contains textbooks, professional journals, and the publications of several national, state, and regional business education associations. BETA ALPHA

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA





In March, 1948, Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary Treasurer, of Delta Sigma Pi, was passing through Oklahoma, when he decided to accept a standing invitation from Dean Raymond D. Thomas, with whom he had made acquaintance some years previous.

While on this campus Mr. Wright made acquaintance with one of the members of the Commerce Student Council, who requested information concerning Delta Sigma Pi.

When this information was received, notices were published in the college newspaper inviting all male students who were interested in a new Commerce Fraternity to meet in the Commerce Lounge at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, April 6. At this meeting a large group of men were present who showed interest. Jack Stallcup was appointed to take charge of affairs and to send for more information about Delta Sigma Pi. Another informal meeting was held the following week at the same time and place. At this meeting a group even larger than before was present, each man showing a great deal of interest in organizing a new Commerce Fraternity. A new roll was made and combined with that made at the previous meeting. Delta Sigma Pi pledge manuals were handed to a number of men at this meeting, and Jack Stallcup gave a report on information received from Delta Sigma Pi headquarters. At this meeting, the group voted to have the next meeting on April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in room 305 Morrill Hall. James Woodward and Sam Moore volunteered to be on the refreshment committee.

At the first formal meeting, the name of Beta Alpha was chosen for the group designating Business Administration, and the following officers were elected: Head Master, Andrew J. Stallcup; Senior Warden, James Woodward; Junior Warden, Marvin D. McClure; Scribe, Sam Moore; Treasurer, Wayne Cottrell; Master of Festivities, Gene Speece.

At this meeting the men in the group began to get acquainted with one another. Cokes and cigars were enjoyed, as the fellows discussed the new organization. After refreshments the meeting was again called to order by the new Head Master and reports were given on information received from National Headquarters of Delta Sigma Pi.

After a short discussion a motion was put before the group to petition for a charter to establish a chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously. When the meeting was adjourned, each member of that group seemed well pleased, like a father of a new baby boy because that night Beta Alpha was born.

The next meeting of Beta Alpha was held on May 3. At this meeting, the moving picture "Selling America" was shown and reports on various subjects were given by previously appointed members.

Other meetings were held during the month of May, but the most outstanding and the one which highlighted the semester's activities was held on May 10. On this day Beta Alpha was honored by having the Grand Secretary-Treasurer of Delta Sigma Pi, Mr. H. G. Wright as our guest speaker at a special meeting. Mr. Wright spoke on activities, requirements, chapters and many other phases of Delta Sigma Pi. Mr. Wright answered many questions which were in the minds of some of the members about Delta Sigma Pi. Mr. M. C. Kratz, one of Beta Alpha's faculty advisors, was present at this meeting and discussed the legal aspects of the fraternity. The officers of Beta Alpha gained a great deal of information from Mr. Wright at a luncheon held before the meeting. The meeting with Mr. Wright was very encouraging for the members of this new organization.

Near the end of the semester, plans were made to keep Beta Alpha a going organization throughout the summer months with those members on the campus attending summer school. Work was planned on the petition and a number of other activities were laid out. However, with heavy short session schedules and part time employment, the members were unable to devote sufficient time to fraternal work.

At the beginning of the fall semester, a meeting of Beta Alpha was publicized to a great extent, but at the first meeting the attendance was very discouraging. Many of the men who were interested in the spring were somewhat pessimistic about the new organization and gave many excuses as to why they would be unable to stay with Beta Alpha. There was, however, a group of very persistent members who were of the "never say die" character who carried the ball long enough to get the organization back on an even keel. The membership roll was cut from sixty to forty, then to thirty. The members who were active in Beta Alpha wanted no laggers.

Election of officers was held Monday, October 11, in Morrill Hall at the regular meeting of Beta Alpha. Officers elected were: President, Sam M. Moore; Vice-President, Andrew J. Stallcup; Secretary, Gene Speece; Treasurer, Wayne Cottrell.

At the regular meeting October 25, a number of committees were appointed to work on the petition to Delta Sigma Pi, and plans were discussed on having guest speakers and making tours of certain industrial plants in the surrounding area.

The regular meeting of November 8 was postponed until Wednesday, November 10, due to a victory holiday brought about by Oklahoma A. and M. defeating Tulsa University in the annual football contest. At this meeting, Mr. Claude Bradshaw, a prominent insurance agent, business man, and community worker in the city of Stillwater, was guest speaker. Mr. Bradshaw gave a very enlightening talk on insurance, then gave a number of principles to be followed by business men of any field. A question period followed at which Mr. Bradshaw answered numerous questions concerning insurance and other types of business aspects. After the question period, refreshments were served and the members were given a chance to become acquainted with Mr. Bradshaw.

On Thursday, November 4, the president of Beta Alpha, Sam Moore, was in Tulsa and contacted Mr. T. W. Coover, faculty advisor for Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi at Tulsa University. Mr. Coover suggested that the past president of that chapter, Mr. Kenneth Popejoy, might spare the time to discuss a few matters concerning the Delta Sigma Pi. The two men arranged a meeting and for almost two hours discussed policies of local organizations. The Beta Alpha was aided very much by the information brought back by its president.

Beta Alpha has profited much from the numerous letters from the Grand Secretary-Treasurer of Delta Sigma Pi. Such encouragement has been appreciated by each member. Copies of <u>Deltasig</u> that have been received by the members have been very beneficial. This Delta Sigma Pi magazine has been discussed at numerous meetings and valuable information has been derived from it.

The group of men now bound together under the name of Beta Alpha with mutual interest and objectives have great plans for the future. With an expanding campus and larger enrollment, with an increased number of professional, honorary, and social fraternities on the campus, one might think that it will be just one other organization. It will have a long way to go to be the outstanding organization on such a large campus, but that is the goal of each member of Beta Alpha. RICHARD NEWTON BENNER 208 Lewis, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Clifton Heights, Penn. On June 20, 1922 6' tall, weighing 185 pounds Blue eyes, blonde hair. Single A member of the Episcopal Church Served in the U. S. Army 39 months, 15 months in E. T. O.

Majoring in Marketing at Okla. A. & M.

A member of the A. M. Masonic club.





215 Melrose Drive, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Enid, Oklahoma

On February 28, 1929

6' 1" tall, weighing 155 pounds

Blue eyes, brown hair, Single

- A member of the Methodist Church
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A.& M. Majoring in General Business
- A member of Civil Air Patrol, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Cadet Officers Club, Flight Director A&M Gliders Club, Flying Aggies Flight Club, Scabbard and Blade, Thunderbird Aviation





KENNETH DONALD BUNDY 112 Cordell Hall, Stillwater, Okla. Born in Hayward, Oklahoma On August 12, 1918 5'11" tall, weighing 195 pounds Brown eyes, brown hair, Single A member of the United Brethren Church Served in Army Air Force 3 years A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., majoring in General Business

JOE W. CUNNINGHAM 324 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Goose Creek, Texas On August 25, 1925 5'10" tall, weighing 155 pounds Brown hair. brown eyes, Single A member of the Methodist Church Served with the Army Air Force A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M. majoring in Personnel Management

A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Officer's club, Personnel Management Society and a reporter on the College



WAYNE E. COTTRELL 215 Melrose Drive, Stillwater Born in Oakland, California On June 1, 1924 6' tall, weighing 150 pounds Brown eyes, auburn hair, Single Member of the Presbyterian Church

- Served in U. S. Army 3 years, 2 years in Greenland
- Majoring in Banking and Finance at Oklahoma A. & M.
- A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Mustang pep club.





BERNARD R. GERVAIS 109 South Knoblock, Stillwater, Okla. Born in Southbridge, Mass. On October 16, 1924 5' 9" tall, weighing 160 pounds Hazel eyes. brown hair, Single A member of the Catholic Church Served in U. S. Navy 33 months 20 months in Pacific Majoring in Personnel Management at Oklahoma A. & M.

Member of International Relations Club and Newman Club.



WILEURN K. GILMORE 132 Main Street, Stillwater, Okla. Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas On October 8, 1920 5' 10" tall, weighing 145 pounds Brown hair, brown eyes, Single Of Protestant faith

Military Service 2 years

- A member of the Senior Class At Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in General Business.
- A member of Mu Kappa Tau Marketing Fraternity

JIMMIE HAROLD HENDERSON 913 College Ave., Stillwater, Okla. Born in Helena, Oklahoma On October 25, 1929 6' 1" tall, weighing 195 pounds Brown eyes, brown hair, Single Of Protestant faith A member of the Sophomore Class at Oklahoma A. & M. Majoring in General Business

A member of Signa Nu Fraternity And the Y.M.C.A.



SAM WITEY HUNSAKER 324 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Durant, Oklahoma On April 30, 1927 5'll" tall, weighing 175 pounds Blue eyes, Blonde hair, Single A member of the Christian Church Served in Merchant Marine 2 years

- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M.. Majoring in Accounting
- A member of Signa Phi Epsilon Fraternity.



LUDIE E. KINNEY

240 Knoblock, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Hollywood, California
On November 18, 1928
6' 1" tall, weighing 160 pounds
Brown eyes, brown hair, Single
A member of the Babtist Church
Served in U. S. Marines 2 years
A member of the Sophomore class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Creative Writing

A member of Pi Kappa Fraternity. International Relations Club, Officer's Club, and DeMolay





HARRY H. MAULDIN

4 Custer, Veteran's Village Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Enid, Oklahoma

- A member of the Church of Christ
- Served to U. S. Navy for 6 years
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Advertising
- A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Mustang Pep Club.

MARVIN D. MCCLURE

- 206 Cordell Hall, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Born in Lindsay, Oklahoma
- On February 11, 1927
- A member of the Methodist Church
- Served in the Signal Corps for 2 years
- A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Accounting
- A member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity



MARVIN R. MOORE 518 Ramsey, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Shidler, Oklahoma On September 26, 1926 5' 11" tall, weighing 165 pounds Hazel eyes, brown hair, Single A member of the Methodist Church Served in U. S. Army 17 months A member of the Sophomore Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring

in General Business





SAM M. MOORE

620 Ramsey, Stillwater. Oklahoma

Born in Sulphur, Oklahoma

On August 16, 1924

5' 11" tall, weighing 130 pounds

Brown hair, green eyes, Single

A member of the Baptist Church

Served in U. S. Army 34 months. 8 months in E. T. O.

A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in General Business

A member of Mu Kappa Tau Marketing Fraternity



DALE MURPHY

315 Husband, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Glencoe, Oklahoma

On July 19, 1929

6' tall, weighing 145 pounds

Blue eyes, Brown hair, Single

- A member of the Christian Church
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Accounting

A member of Mustang Pep Club.

PAUL E. NEELY

624 Ramsey. Stillwater, Oklahoma
Born in Cleveland, Oklahoma
On December 18, 1925
6' tall, weighing 185 pounds
Blue eyes, brown hair, Single
A member of the Baptist Church
Served in Army Air Force 29 months 16 months in Mediterranean.

A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Personnel Management.



ROGER NICHOLSON

316 Ramsey, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Wellington, Kansas

On October 6, 1928

5' 10" tall, weighing 130 pounds

Blue eyes, brown hair, Single

- A member of the Methodist Church
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Advertising
- A member of Delta Signa Theta Religious Fraternity and Signa Delta Chi Journalism Fraternity





#4 Pawnee, Veterans Village Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Higginsville, Missouri

On November 25, 1923

5' 11" tall, weighing 175 pounds

Brown hair, blue eyes, Married

Served in U. S. Navy 2 years

A member of the Catholic Church

A member of the Junior class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Office Management

A member of Mustang Pep Club and Newman Club.





ROBERT W. RANSOM 237 Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Yale, Oklahoma On September 20, 1924

- Served in U. S. Marine Corps 40 months, 21 months in Japan and Hawaii
- A member of the Baptist Church
- A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M. Majoring in Marketing
 - A member of Mu Kappa Tau, Masons and Chi Gamma Iota

CHARLES COLDEN SEARLES, JR. 423 Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Evanston. Illinois On October 4, 1926 5' 11" tall weighing 160 pounds Blue eyes, blonde hair, Single A member of the Episcopal Church Served in U. S. Army 18 months, 12 months in E. T. O.

A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Marketing



W. GENE SPEECE 324 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Watonga. Oklahoma On August 21, 1926 6' 1" tall, weighing 175 pounds Brown eyes, brown hair, Single A member of the Methodist Church Served in U. S. Navy 2 years

- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in General Business
- A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, American Legion and International Relations club.





ANDREW J. STALLCUP

13 Alfalfa, Veterans Village Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On May 13, 1925

- A member of the Methodist church
- A member of the Sophomore Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Marketing
- Served in U. S. Marine Corps 51 months, 34 months in Pacific.



DAVE STEADMAN

511 West, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in New York City, New York On August 22, 1929

- A member of the Catholic Church
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in Advertising
- A member of Newman Club and International Relations Club

DONALD R. STUART 221 Ramsey, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma On February 16, 1926 6' 1" tall, weighing 160 pounds Blue eyes, brown hair. Single A member of the Catholic Church Served in U. S. Army 2 years A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M.. Majoring in General Eusiness

A member of the Newman Club



JOHN WILLIAM TURNER 240 Hester, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Chickasha, Oklahoma On April 4, 1926

5' 10" tall, weighing 160 pounds

Blue eyes, blond hair, Single

A member of the Methodist Church

- Served in U. S. Army Air Forces 25 months
- A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A.& M. Majoring in Geography
- A member of Kappa Sigma, Gamma Theta Mu



JOHN K. VAN ESS 206 Cordell Hall, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma On October 23, 1926 6' tall, weighing 165 pounds Blue eyes, blonde hair, Single A member of the Baptist Church Served in U. S. Army 18 months A member of the Senior Class at Oklahoma A. & M.. Majoring in Business Management A member of Sigma Chi Fraternity



DALE HURST WARLICK 324 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Cushing, Oklahoma On July 7. 1928

6' 1" tall, weighing 165 pounds

Brown eyes, brown hair. Single

- A member of the Methodist Church
- A member of the Sophomore Class at Oklahoma A. & M.. Majoring in Marketing
- A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and Ruf-Nex Pep Club

JAMES HARVEY WOODWARD JR. 324 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma On August 9. 1928 6' tall, weighing 170 pounds Frown eyes, brown hair, Single A member of Presbyterian Church A member of the Junior Class at Oklahoma A. & M., Majoring in General Business. A member of Signa Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Mustangs Pep Club,

and College Cheerleading Squad.





FRED E. JEWETT

717 Monroe, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Hallowell, Maine

On September 12, 1896

6' tall, weighing 200 pounds

Blue eyes, brown hair, Married

A member of the Baptist Church

Served with the U.S. Infantry in World War I

- Received a B. S. degree from Middlebury College; M. A. degree from Harvard University; Ph. D. degree from Columbia University
- A member of the Masons, American Legion, and Alpha Sigma Phi



M. C. KRATZ

524 Walnut, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Born in Okeene, Oklahoma

On August 14, 1906

5' 9" tall, weighing 215 pounds

Brown hair, blue eyes, Married

A member of the Protestant Religion

- Received a B. S. degree from Oklahoma A.& M. College; L. L. B. degree from Harvard Law School; Member of Oklahoma and Federal Bars
- A member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Pi Kappa Delta, and Mu Kappa Tau

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College Office of the President

STILLWATER

November 22, 1948

H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your attention is courteously requested relative to the petition of the Commerce and Business Fraternity of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College to become affiliated with Delta Sigma Pi.

I heartily join the students, faculty and administration of our institution in this petition and extend a most cordial invitation to your organization to authorize the installation of a chapter on our campus.

Oklahoma A. and M. College is located in the heart of our State's population at Stillwater, Payne County, north central Oklahoma. Eight schools and divisions of the college are conducted in 50 major buildings on 120 acres, with college farms of 1,120 acres adjoining. Present valuation of the physical plant is about 10 million dollars. Current registration is approximately 12,000.

Detailed information concerning our School of Commerce will be presented elsewhere in this petition.

May I urge your utmost consideration of this application by our Commerce and Business Fraternity.

Henry G. Bennett President

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OKLAHOMA

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

STILLWATER

November 22, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

For many years we have been interested in the possibility that a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi would be established on this campus.

Alpha Kappa Psi has had an active chapter in this School since 1920. It was our view that it would not be advisable to establish a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi until the School had grown to a size which would assure good results from two competing professional fraternities. We are certain now that active chapters of two professional fraternities would be desirable. Competition and emulation between the two chapters in selecting members and in the professional programs offered would, we believe, be quite an advantage to the School of Commerce.

The petition for a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi here has grown spontaneously from interest among our junior and senior students without any special pressure or sponsorship on the part of the faculty. If the chapter is approved and established, it will be the policy of the faculty to encourage the maintenance of strong professional groups in both Alpha Kappa Psi and Delta Sigma Pi.

Sincerely yours,

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Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

> STILLWATER November 23, 1948

Mr. H. G. Wright Grand Secretary and Treasurer Delta Sigma Pi 222 West Adams St. Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wright:

There has been organized on our campus for some months a local chapter of Beta Alpha, a group of young men who have associated themselves together for the purpose of petitioning a national organization later in their career. They are interested in such an organization and I feel will serve with honor and credit to your National, providing that a chapter of your organization can be brought to the A. and M. campus.

Our enrollment is between 11,000 and 12,000 students; nearly twice as many as in pre-war days. I feel there is room on the campus for this and other organizations. I should like to lend my support to this petition and to state that if there is anything additional I could give as to our facilities and possibilities for advanced study especially, I will be glad to do so.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration given Beta Alpha to their application in your organization, I am,

Very respectfully,

C.H. McElro

Dean of Men

CHM:eds

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College Office of The Dean of Students

STILLWATER

November 22, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Beta Alpha, a local organization in the Division of Commerce, Oklahoma A & M College, is eager to become a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. Since I know of the need of such a group to be nationally recognized, and after I have checked the quality of their club programs in the past and the achievement of each of the potential charter members, I am writing this letter to support Beta Alpha's petition.

The following statistics will be significant, I am sure, to those who must consider the necessary factors for approval of the petition:

Oklahoma A & M College has enrolled this year 10,256 students, and our Division of Commerce is one of the three largest schools or divisions here. Current enrollment for the Division of Commerce is not available to me, but our Registrar has reported 2,172 as the student population of that Division alone in 1947-48.

It seems to me that there is a definite need here for such organizations as Beta Alpha to foster fellowship between students and faculty members, to promote high scholarship and to reward achievement.

There is a great advantage to the college and to the interested members of such a group in having this student organization become identified with a national order. We are greatly impressed with the objectives of Delta Sigma Pi and feel that the inclusion of the local organization at A & M College in Delta Sigma Pi will be of mutual benefit; therefore, I am joining with others in urging the acceptance of the petition presented herewith by Beta Alpha.

Sincerely yours,

0. K. Campbell Dean of Students

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STILLWATER CHAMBER of COMMERCE

STILLWATER. OKLAHOMA

November 22, 1948

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

Dear Sir:

A group of students in the School of Commerce at Oklahoma A. & M. College are interested in forming a local chapter of your organization.

These young men are well and favorably known in this community, and we take pleasure in recommending them to you as desirable additions to your organization.

Sincerely yours,

STILLWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Ralph & Archer Secretary-Manager

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ALPH & ARCHER Secretary - Manager

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AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

STILLWATER

November 22, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome another chapter of your fine fraternity--this time here at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

As a member of Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, I well remember the keen but good natured rivalry which did so much to promote both our organizations at the University of Denver. I number many of your members at Denver among my close friends among them Cecil Puckett and Harold Wiedeman.

Here at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College you may be proud of the type of men you count among the initial group of Beta Alpha which is now petitioning for acceptance as a full-fledged chapter. You may be assured of a sound future here for I know that faculty and students alike extend a cordial welcome to Delta Sigma Pi on the campus of Oklahoma A. and M.

Sincerely,

George R. Hill George R. Hill

Georgé R. Hill Associate Frofessor Business Administration

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AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

STILLWATER

November 20, 1948

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

The present enrollment of the School of Commerce of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College is approximately 1,800. The pre-war enrollment was approximately 1,200. I anticipate that future enrollment will not fall below 1,500. Physical facilities, while crowded at present, will be adequate as soon as construction now under way is completed. The attitudes of the Dean of the School and the faculty are favorable to the operation of professional organizations. The group of young men who have associated themselves together for the purpose of making an application for a charter of Delta Sigma Pi are of high type and possess sufficient energy and capacity for leadership to make such an organization successful in this School.

In view of these facts, I recommend that a charter be granted, with firm conviction that a chapter can operate successfully here to the advantage of both the School and the young men who may be members of it.

Very truly yours

F. E. Jewett Head Department of Business Administration

FEJ:mm

MILLARD C. KRATZ ATTORNEY AT LAW STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

November 23, 1948.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Last spring a group of students of the School of Commerce, Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, who were interested in gaining wider experience while in college in the field of business, organized a local fraternity for that professional purpose. The name of their group is Beta Alpha. The fraternity was organized with a view of affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi. The members of Beta Alpha have pointed their activity so as to coincide as nearly as possible with the purposes of your fraternity. They are now petitioning for a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

In my undergraduate days at Oklahoma A. and M. College, I became familiar with another commercial fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. Since returning to the campus in the capacity of a teacher, I have observed the activities of Alpha Kappa Psi. As Oklahoma A. and M. College has grown, I have recognized the need for additional professional fraternities in the field of commerce. sincerely believe that the students in the field of commerce here at Oklahoma A. and M. College need another commercial fraternity.

I have kept in touch with the members of Beta Alpha as they have organized their fraternity and gone about their affairs. I have had many of them in my business law classes. I know of their abilities, their aspirations, and their general character. I am of the opinion that they deserve to have the additional encouragement of affiliation with your fraternity. I recommend them individually and collectively to you and urge your favorable consideration of their petition.

I shall be glad to answer any specific question concerning the group or any member of it. I shall also be happy to assist the group in any way that I can in order that it may meet and maintain the standards of your organization.

Very truly yours,

Kratz,

Professor of Law, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

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