A PETITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGNA PI BY BETA ALPHA

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGNA 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 Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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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HATTIESBURG . . .

THE HUB OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

CITY OF HATTIESBURG

Hattiesburg, known as the "Commercial Hub of South Mississippi" was founded in 1882 by Captain William H. Hardy, pioneer lumberman and engineer. Early settlers of Scotch, Irish and English extraction from Georgia and the Carolinas, attracted by the vast acreage of virgin pine timberlands, came into this rich and promising area at a time when a move was being made to renew development for the South. They saw the great lumber business begin to flourish—they saw Hattiesburg recognized as the timber center of the world, and for some ten years, market quotations for yellow pine were based on Hattiesburg figures.

The City of Hattiesburg was incorporated into a town in 1884. The place had been known as Twin Forks, later as Gordonville. However, Captain Hardy gave the final and third name--Hattiesburg, in honor of his wife whose name was Hattie.

Mrs. Hardy's namesake was in for a turbulent half century. Quick to see the commercial value of the great virgin pine stands, northern capital for a time was able to buy timber-land for only 50¢ an acre. Mills and mill towns sprang up, some of which were to rival Hattiesburg in size, if not in importance as a trading center. Naval stores plants came on the heels of industry, and turpentine stills were as numerous as the sawmills.

But it was the completion of the Gulf and Ship Island
Railroad to Hattiesburg in 1897 which would usher in the real

lumber boom. Though it had taken twenty years in the building (three years after reaching Hattiesburg it would go on to Jackson), Mr. Hardy's railroad more than fulfilled its promise. It gave the state a deepwater harbor, more than doubled the population in the towns along its route, built the city of Gulfport, and stamped Hattiesburg once and for all as a rail-road center.

New comers were pouring in and, from a village in 1884
Hattiesburg was to have a population of 8,000 by 1900. This
year saw the worst flood known to the section; and disaster
was to strike again in 1906 when a tropical storm from the
Gulf, reaching far into the interior, destroyed approximately
10 per cent of South Mississippi's yellow pine timber. As
though only momentarily deterred, though the banks and other
investors were financially shaken, the region proceeded to
ship 360,000,000 feet of lumber from Gulfport harbor in 1907;
by 1911 this figure rose to more than 386,565,000 feet.

By 1915 large areas were cut out. A number of the large mills began to dismantle their plants, though some left the buildings standing. The companies which remained found the logs were increasingly distant from the mill site. Taxes were on the increase, also, but the 1914-1919 war period with its growing demands and higher prices presented the industry with an artificial stimulus. The year 1932 saw lumber at its lowest ebb, but 1935 with the peak cut of 3,127,578,000 feet for the state, foresaw the end of large scale operations as the Piney Woods had known it.

Taking a realistic look at herself, Hattiesburg found the situation was not too bad. True, lumbering had been her heart and the source of wealth for the local hierarchy, but other businesses had come. For some 16 years she had been the county seat for the newly formed Forrest County; the railroads were there; and the small farmer, who had become a mill hand and was a farmer once more, relied on Hattiesburg as his trading center and shipping point. There was much talk of reforestation in which the Government would take a hand, and there were plants for new uses of pine stumps and slash pine.

The people of the region were to adjust themselves with characteristic aplomb. Never static, the Piney Woodsman proved willing to experiment in new ways of making a living. Some of the experiments were as new to the world as to Mississippi; some, like the tung oil industry, were brought from the Orient; many were related to the once great lumber and sawmill business.

Schooled by Federal Agencies, the Piney Woods farmer today considers reforestation not as a long-term investment, but as the basis for a cash crop. And among the new plants for producing paper, turpentine, explosives, paint oils, and naval stores, the lumber business itself employs some 30,000 people working second-growth pine. With this combination of the new and old, Hattiesburg finds itself the center of a region which bids fair to inherit the state economically as well as politically.

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE "STRENGTHENING AMERICA THROUGH EDUCATION"

The obvious need for better-educated teachers for all public schools of Mississippi and the organized efforts of the State Teachers Association culminated during the legislative session of 1910 in an enabling act establishing the Mississippi Normal College. No appropriation was made for the erection of the buildings, but counties were authorized to issue bonds to offer as a bonus for the location of the college. Three southern counties vied for the location, but Forrest county and the city of Hattiesburg received the location by offering \$260,000 in cash and 840 acres of land.

Two years later in the spring of 1912, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of President Joe Cook, elected the first faculty of eight men and ten women.

The purpose of founding Mississippi Normal College was to train teachers for service in the public schools of Mississippi. Since no authorization had been granted to confer degrees, Mississippi Normal College offered diploma and certificate courses to students. Consequently, hundreds of rural teachers entered the college and took professional courses and then went back into active service.

In 1922, the legislature authorized the college to grant a degree. Pre-college work was dropped and a curriculum was set up leading to a Bachelor of Science. Later in 1924, the name was changed to State Teachers College.

The improvement in general standards of the college led to greater development in certain divisions. In 1928, the Home Economics Department was certified for the training of

vocational home economics teachers. In 1934, the Board of Trustees authorized the degree of Bachelor of Music. In 1938, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was authorized, and in 1940, the name was changed to Mississippi Southern College. In 1946 the school was authorized to grant the Master of Arts degree.

Mississippi Southern College offers general education and phases of work other than the education of teachers. At the present time, only a small percentage of the enrollment are preparing for the teaching profession. In addition to the courses leading to degrees, Mississippi Southern College offers work of high quality in Pre-medical, Pre-engineering, Pre-law, and Pre-dental.

While the college is primarily concerned with resident teaching, it reaches citizens in all parts of the United States, Central America, and South America through various extension and resident centers, workshops, and correspondence courses.

One of the departments at Mississippi Southern College
that attracts students from many foreign countries is the
Latin American Institute. It is a school set up especially
for the Latin American students, separate from the rest of
the college. It attracts a large number of students from
many of the South and Central American countries.

Mississippi Southern's campus consists of 840 acres, 200 of which lie within the city limits of Hattiesburg. Included on the main campus are the principal buildings of the college, the College Farm, and a nine-hole golf course. The campus buildings are conveniently located and the grounds are

beautifully landscaped. In addition to the permanent buildings, there is a Veterans' Village including 67 apartments, and two temporary buildings used for instructional purposes.

The college is located in Hattiesburg, near the center of South Mississippi. Excellent rail and bus transportation services and a splendid highway system make it easily accessible to all parts of the state.

Since the fall quarter of 1945, the enrollment of Mississippi Southern College has practically tripled. At the present, large numbers of students are being turned away due to lack of living quarters on the campus. This condition is being remedied by recent legislation which provides for two new dormitories. This will enable Mississippi Southern College to continue to grow as it has for the past five years.

The permanent structures on the campus are:

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
A beautiful structure housing the offices of the administration and the post office.

THE AUDITORIUM

Has a seating capacity of 1536 and stage facilities
for the largest dramatic productions.

COLLEGE HALL
A three-story, fire-proof building containing recitation rooms and offices.

A four-story fire-proof building containing classrooms and laboratories especially designed for
science and commerce. The lower floor houses the
Veterans' Advisement Center, the Bookstore, and
"Wimpy's". A new brick two-story fire-proof building now adjoins Science Hall. On the lower floor
is the Social Center, with well appointed recreation rooms for both men and women. Beautiful
French doors open onto a porch which connects with
the sunken garden. On the second floor is a small

auditorium or lecture room seating 200, with one side divided into offices for various religious groups on the campus.

JOE COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A two-story brick building containing four large reading rooms, reference and periodical rooms, offices, and stack rooms for 75,000 volumes.

THE HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING

A two-story structure in which are housed the nursery school (the first in the state) class-rooms, and laboratories of the Home Economics Department.

HOME MANAGEMENT COTTAGES

Are frame dwellings on the campus used by the Department of Home Economics for training of students in the management of household affairs.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

A brick structure, enlarged and renovated during 1934 with the aid of funds from the Federal Government. Besides an ample playing floor and facilities for an audience of seven hundred people at games and exhibitions, it contains offices, storage rooms, lockers, showers, dressing rooms, and a lecture room. A recent addition has been a two-story frame annex available for class work and offices.

HATTIESBURG HALL AND MISSISSIPPI HALL

Are dormitories for women. Both are three-story, fire-proof buildings of modern construction. They contain comfortable bedrooms and reception halls, and well appointed bathrooms on each floor.

FORREST COUNTY HALL

A three-story, fire-proof building of modern construction with a spacious reception hall. Each floor has comfortable bedrooms and well appointed bathrooms. It is a men's dormitory.

WEATHERSBY HALL

A two-story, fire-proof building of modern construction with a spacious reception hall. Each floor has comfortable bedrooms and well appointed bathrooms. It is a men's dormitory.

STADIUM DORMITORY

A dormitory for men. It is a fire-proof building constructed on modern lines, housing one hundred and sixty men. The stadium will seat six thousand people at Faulkner Field and furnishes the facilities of an athletic clubhouse. Temporary stands on the ends and the opposite side accommodate around 400 people.

THE BAND HALL

A two-story brick structure, is used by the Band and by the Industrial Arts Department.

THE HOSPITAL

A two-story structure adequate for taking care of the minor ailments of students. A trained nurse is in charge and on hand at all times, and the regular college physician is subject to call to give medical attention to students needing emergency treatment.

THE CAFETERIA

A modern structure with seating capacity of one thousand. It has all modern conveniences for reducing labor to a minimum, for storing and preserving foods, and for serving well-planned, attractive meals.

THE POWER HOUSE

A sixty thousand dollar fire-proof structure erected in 1934. It houses the central heating plant and work shops for the college engineers.

SWIMMING POOL

Is 45 by 105 feet. It was recently constructed with showers and locker rooms adjoining and lighted for night use. It is of modern design with machinery for filtering and purifying the water every eight hours.

THE MEMORIAL STATION

At the campus entrance, is a small, beautiful structure given by students, faculty, officers, and friends of the college, and erected in honor of the students, officers, and faculty members who participated actively in the World War of 1914-1918.

McMILLIN HALL

Is a twenty-four-apartment house for veterans of World War II. Each apartment consists of livingroom, bedroom, a bathroom and kitchen.

McCLESKEY HALL

A fourteen apartment building for faculty members. There are four three-bedroom apartments, six two-bedroom apartments, two one-bedroom apartments, and two efficiency apartments.

THE PANHELENIC BUILDING

A new frame two-story building housing sorority rooms upstairs, and one sorority room, hostess apartment, general kitchen, and spacious lobby downstairs.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Is housed in a new temporary Music Hall. It is a large modern frame building devoted entirely to musical purposes, housing fifteen teaching studios, twenty-four practice rooms, each equipped with one or more pianos, a small auditorium seating 150, and an instrumental room used for the Little Symphony and Symphonic Band rehearsals. There is also a choral room for the Vesper Choir and Choral Union rehearsals, two classrooms and listening room with large record library.

THE FIELD HOUSE

Is an up-to-date, brick-veneered building with 20,000 square feet of floor space. Fold-away bleachers make the total floor space usable. The building is used for major sports activities and by men's physical education classes.

THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

Is a new, modern, two-story brick building especially planned for departmental offices, classrooms, and women's physical education activities.

The following national social fraternities have chapters on the campus:

Kappa Alpha

Kappa Sigma

Phi Kappa Tau

Alpha Tau Omega

Pi Kappa Alpha

Alpha Delta Mu

The national social sororities on the campus are:

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Delta Sigma Epsilon

Sigma Sigma Sigma

Chi Omega

Kappa Delta

The following national honorary organizations are found on the campus

Pi Kappa Pi Scholarship Fraternity

Pi Tau Leadership Fraternity

Pi Omega Pi Honorary Commerce Fraternity

Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity

Pi Kappa Delta Music Fraternity

Pi Kappa Lamba Forensic Society

Alpha Epsilon Alpha Accounting Fraternity

Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Fraternity

Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Fraternity

Kappa Pi Art Fraternity

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE CAMPUS SCENES

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CAFETERIA

HATTIESBURG HALL

JOE COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

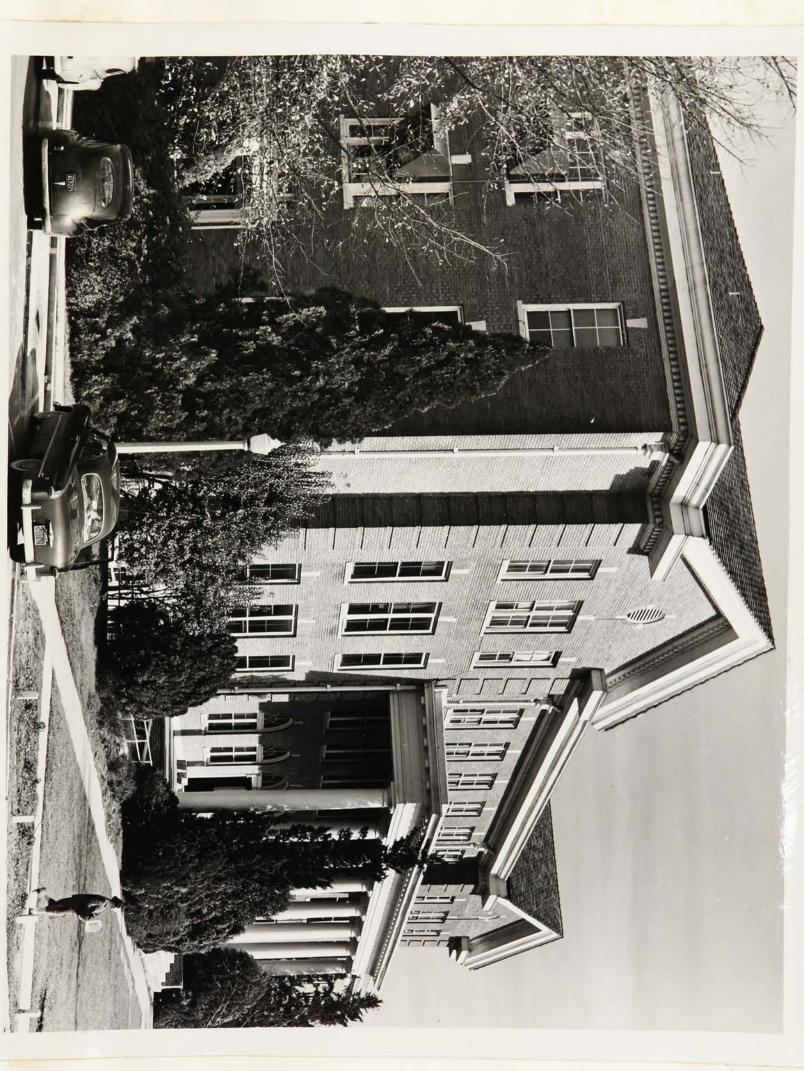
SCIENCE HALL











DIVISION OF COMMERCE

The commerce department of Mississippi Southern College has experienced a period of phenominal postwar growth. The division dates back to the 1919-20 session when courses in the commercial field were first offered at what was then known as Mississippi Normal College. The conditions brought on by World War I created such a demand for men and women who were proficient in shorthand and typewriting that the college deemed it wise to offer these courses of instruction. One small room in Science Hall, which now houses the entire Commerce Division, was used in the teaching of these courses and Miss Nettie Herrington was the first instructor of commerce.

The years to follow saw a slow but gradual development of our present commerce division, as new commercial courses were introduced to the Normal curricula. In 1924 the college initiated the practice of issuing certificates to students upon the successful completion of a course designed for the future secretary and stenographer. As the name of the college at that time implied, the primary aim of the college was to prepare competent teachers for their profession. And so it was with the commerce department, for all the courses offered at this time were designed primarily for students who wished to prepare for commercial teaching. Consequently, the Division of Commerce experienced few growing pains during the next decade. True, new courses were added to the curricula from year to year, but as previously stated these courses correlated with the profession of commercial teaching.

It was in 1924 that a major in commerce was first awarded

at Mississippi Southern, this being in the field of business education.

Following the close of World War II the commerce department began to undergo the period of aforesaid phenominal
growth. As students who desired training in commerce began to
pour into Mississippi Southern College, the need for many
additional courses became readily apparent. In terms of an
economist, "the supply increased to meet the demand."

The "supply" now permits the Division of Commerce to offer majors in eight fields of specialization. These majors and their specific purposes are as follows:

Business Education

Designed to qualify students to become teachers of business in high school.

Business Administration

Designed to qualify young men and women for positions of leadership in the business and commercial world.

Marketing and Merchandising
Intended to qualify individuals for positions in
distributive education, for managing their own
businesses, or for securing positions leading to
a managership of chain or departmental stores.

Office Management
Designed to train young men and women in the principles of office management and enable them to manage their own offices or to accept employment in large offices leading to positions as office managers.

Personnel Management

Designed to train young men and women in the techniques of selecting personnel and in solving personnel problems.

Secretarial Studies
Intended to train capable and qualified men and women to take positions of responsibility and leadership as stenographers and secretaries.

Accounting
Intended to qualify students to do business and public accounting.

Designed to give students a basic foundation in economic theory and qualify them to enter business and governmental pursuits or to enter a graduate school of economics and Business Administration.

Beside these fields of major interest, special courses are offered for students desiring short courses in managing small businesses, secretarial work, pre-law and specialized work in other fields.

Today the Division of Commerce is well prepared and equipped to provide classroom instruction and work experience essential for the education and training of qualified personnel for teaching and business positions. Science Hall, the home of the Commerce Division, provides ample classroom space for the sixty odd courses in the commercial field which are presently offered for study under the supervision of twenty instructors. The division is fortunate in being located in Hattiesburg, the Hub City of the South. This centralized location provides the division with many distinct advantages. The close proximity of Hattiesburg to New Orleans, Mobile, the Gulf Coast, and Jackson provides excellent opportunities in field research and study of the large department stores, factories, and other places of interest to the student of commerce. Our location also facilitates the problem of securing competent speakers for lectures of special interest to the varied commercial groups.

The present head of the division, Dr. Green, came to Mississippi Southern at the opening of the school year of 1949.

His amiable character and intimate knowledge of economics have enhanced the quality of the division immensely. Another mainstay of the division, Mr. W. B. Harlan, came to Southern in 1942. In his eight years of instruction at Mississippi Southern College Mr. Harlan has established a record of which he may duly be proud. These two gentlemen are possibly the largest single asset of the division. Their thorough instruction in the classroom and their pleasing attitude outside of class have made these gentlemen two of the most respected and well-liked men on the entire campus of Mississippi Southern. For them no student problem is too small for individual attention and consideration.

As the state of Mississippi continues to expand with new industry Mississippi Southern continues to furnish the "supply" necessary to meet the "demand" of our complex business world.





BETA ALPHA



Beta Alpha, a professional commerce fraternity was founded October 10, 1949, by a group of thirty-five undergraduate students who were brought together by Mr. W. B. Harlan, a faculty member of the Commerce Department of Mississippi Southern College. This group was organized for the purpose of seeking affiliation with the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

The fraternity was immediately recognized by the school and help and assistance was offered by the administration.

The Alpha Phi chapter of the University of Mississippi and Gamma Delta chapter of Mississippi State College were very helpful and cooperative. They both sent delegations to advise and help set up a program for Beta Alpha to follow. On February 19, 1950, Mr. H. G. Wright, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, visited the fraternity. His advice to us was to become organized and to operate on a professional fraternity basis.

Our schedule calls for a meeting for the fraternity every Tuesday night. At every other meeting a speaker is presented, and on intervening meeting nights a business meeting is held. We believe these weekly meetings tend to draw the members closer together and to make the fraternity stronger. Our fraternity has taken a part in various activities on the campus such as, Career Day Program, Intramural Athletics. Beta Alpha is becoming a well-known fraternity around the campus of Mississippi Southern College.

Beta Alpha has been fortunate in having some very excellent speakers on various phases of the field of commerce. The fact that Mississippi Southern College is located in the city of Hattiesburg gives us an unlimited supply of successful businessmen to draw upon for interesting talks on many different phases of the business world.

The outstanding event of the past year was the field trip that thirty Beta Alpha members made to the D. H. Holmes Department Store and the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, Louisiana. Another field trip was taken by ten members to Mississippi State College, at the invitation of the Gamma Delta chapter, to observe their Career Day program.

Plans are in the making for Beta Alpha to obtain a private office and meeting hall on the campus.

This summer's social functions of the fraternity was brought to a close on Friday night, August 4, 1950, by celebrating with a picnic and watermelon cutting.

The meeting of Tuesday night, August 8, 1950, will bring to a close the functions of the fraternity for the Summer Quarter of 1950. The election of new officers to replace the ones graduating will climax the activities of the meeting.



Name: Floyd D. Bailey, Jr.

Home Address: Raymond, Mississippi

Date of Birth: June 7, 1928

Color of Hair: Brown

Place of Birth: Lexington, Mississippi

Weight: 160

Nationality: American Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: Kosciusko High School, Kosciusko, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Name of Parents: F. D. and Keety H. Bailey

Mississippi Southern Status: Freshman

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club

Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 21

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 5' 7"



Name: Jehu Welton Brabham

Home Address: Peoria, Mississippi

Date of Birth: August 11, 1921

Place of Birth: Peoria, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

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Weight: 195

Nationality: American

Age: 28

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 6'

Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: Magnolia High School, Magnolia, Mississippi

Class of: 1941

Name of Parents: Jehu and Hattie Brabham

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Commerce Club Masonic Order



Name: Jake William Cantwell

Home Address: Tylertown, Mississippi

Date of Birth: September 8, 1927

Place of Birth: Tylertown, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Blond

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Nationality: American

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 5' 6"

Age: 22

Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: Tylertown High School, Tylertown, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Weight: 160

Name of Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin B. Cantwell

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club



Name: William R. (Corky) Capps

Age: 20

Home Address: Box 192, Tylertown, Mississippi

Date of Birth: July 23, 1929

Place of Birth: Hickman, Kentucky

Color of Hair: Brown

Color of Eyes: Blue

Weight: 160

Height: 5' 8"

Nationality: American

Religion: Methodist

Graduate of: Central High School, Jackson, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Name of Parents: Mr. D. Ross Capps and Mrs. B. M. Capps

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore

Extra Curricular Activities: Kappa Alpha

Kappa Alpha Cheerleader

V. F. W.



Name: William Daniel Chapman Age: 23

Home Address: 209 Third Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi

Date of Birth: October 5, 1926

Place of Birth: Meridian, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Blond Color of Eyes: Blue

Weight: 132 Height: 5' 9"

Nationality: American Religion: Presbyterian

Graduate of: Meridian High School, Meridian, Mississippi

Class of: 1944

Name of Parents: William B. and Lillian S. Chapman

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club

Name: Herman G. Chattin

Age: 28

Home Address: St. Clair, Pennsylvania

Date of Birth: October 9, 1921

Place of Birth: St. Clair, Pennsylvania

Color of Hair: Blond

Color of Eyes: Grey

Weight: 155

Height: 5' 10"

Nationality: American

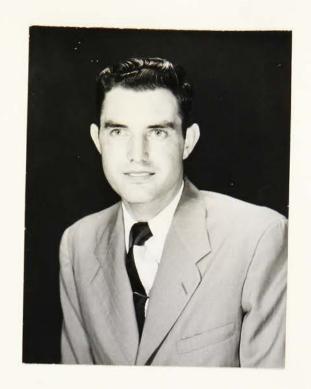
Religion: Episcopal

Graduate of: St. Clair High School, St. Clair, Pennsylvania

Class of: 1940

Name of Parents: Charles(Deceased) and Helen Chattin

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: Billy H. Davidson

Home Address: Kosciusko, Mississippi

Date of Birth: January 12, 1927

Place of Birth: French Camp, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Black

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Weight: 170

Nationality: American

Age 23

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 61 2"

Religion: Methodist

Graduate of: French Camp High School, French Camp, Mississippi

Class of: 1945

Name of Parents: Walter B. and Zilla Davidson

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior



Name: Vern Edward Easterling

Home Address: Petal, Mississippi

Date of Birth: June 21, 1928

Place of Birth: Prentiss, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 200

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Petal High School, Petal, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Name of Parents: D. J. and Nancy Easterling

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 22

Color of Eyes: Grey

Height: 6'

Religion: Baptist

Name: Rallie C. Edwins

Color of Hair: Brown

Age: 20

Color of Eyes: Brown

Home Address: 652 East Beach, Gulfport, Mississippi

Date of Birth: May 23, 1930

Place of Birth: Gulfport, Mississippi

Weight: 200 Height: 6' 1"

Nationality: American Religion: Methodist

Graduate of: Gulfport High School, Gulfport, Mississippi

Class of: 1947

Name of Parents: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Edwins

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore

Name: Don Callis Francis

Age: 20

Color of Eyes: Blue

Home Address: 1303 Cherry Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Date of Birth: September 18, 1929

Place of Birth: Wichita Falls, Texas

Color of Hair: Blond

Weight: 160 Height: 6

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Nationality: American Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: Hattiesburg High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Name of Parents: Jack Francis

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: Howard Elson Hamrick, Jr.

Home Address: Collinsville, Mississippi

Date of Birth: May 22, 1929

Place of Birth: Collinsville, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 175 Height: 6' 3"

Nationality: American Religion: Methodist

Age: 20

Color of Eyes: Blue

Graduate of: Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Mississippi

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: Alfred Eugene Harkins

Home Address: Box 80, Petal, Mississippi

Date of Birth: November 29, 1928

Place of Birth: New Augusta, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Blond

Weight: 175

Nationality: American

Nationality: American

Class of: 1947

Name of Parents: Thomas Patrick and Gladys Margaret Harkins

Graduate of: Hattiesburg High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 21

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 6' 1"

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Religion: Catholic



Name: Cecil Joseph Harper

Home Address: Route 4, Meridian, Mississippi

Date of Birth: October 24, 1927

Place of Birth: Russel, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 151

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Hickory High School, Hickory, Mississippi

Class of: 1945

Name of Parents: Eloise and Quinton Harper

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Pi Omega Pi

Pi Kappa Pi Beta Alpha Fraternity

Commerce Club

Age: 22

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 8"

Religion: Baptist



Name: Dan Gore Hitt

Home Address: State Spring, Mississippi

Date of Birth: October 19, 1924

Place of Birth: Mantee, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 150 Height: 5' 9"

Nationality: American Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: State Spring High School, State Spring, Mississippi

Class of: 1943

Name of Parents: Catherine and Reuben W. Hitt

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Alpha Delta Mu

Masonic Order American Legion

Beta Alpha Fraternity

International Relations Club

Age: 25

Color of Eyes: Blue



Name: James B. Holland, Jr.

Home Address: Philadelphia, Mississippi

Date of Birth: March 15, 1926

Place of Birth: Philadelphia, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Black

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Nationality: American

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 6' 1"

Age: 23

Religion: Catholic

Craduate of: Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia, Mississippi

Class of: 1944

Weight: 220

Name Of Parents: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holland, Sr.

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Junior

Name: Horace O. Hughes

Age: 21

Color of Eyes: Brown

Home Address: Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Date of Birth: September 25, 1928

Place of Birth: Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 145 Height: 5' 11"

Nationality: American Religion: Methodist

Graduate of: Hattiesburg High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Class of: 1946

Name of Parents: H. O. Hughes

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: George William Israel

Age: 23

Home Address: P. O. Box 407, Bogalusa, Louisiana

Date of Birth: January 10, 1927

Place of Birth: Kansas City, Missouri

Color of Hair: Blond

Color of Eyes: Green

Weight: 160

Height: 6' 2"

Nationality: American

Religion: Protestant

Graduate of: Bogalusa High School, Bogalusa, Louisiana

Class of: 1944

Name of Parents: Will and Jennette Israel

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Westminister Fellowship
Beta Alpha Fraternity



Name: Wilton Johnson

Home Address: Gloster, Mississippi

Date of Birth: Gloster, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Auburn

Weight: 160

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Beechstand High School

Class of: 1939

Name of Parents: R. G. Johnson

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 29

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 11"

Religion: Baptist

Name: Ralph E. Kalusche

Age: 21

Home Address: McComb, Mississippi

Date of Birth: October 8, 1928

Place of Birth: McComb, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Color of Eyes: Brown

Weight: 168

Height: 6' 3"

Nationality: American

Religion: Catholic

Graduate of: McComb High School, McComb, Mississippi



Name: Ernest Kitchens, Jr.

Home Address: Meridian, Mississippi

Date of Birth: August 26, 1928

Place of Birth: Meridian, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 152

Nationality: American

Age: 21

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 10"

Religion: Protestant

Graduate of: Meridian Senior High, Meridian, Mississippi

Name of Parents: Ernest (Deceased) and Myrtle Kitchens

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club

Beta Alpha Fraternity Intramural Athletics



Name: Albert A. Lamas

Age: 25

Home Address: 834 Crawford Street, Biloxi, Mississippi

Date of Birth: July 10, 1924

Color of Hair: Brown

Color of Eyes: Green

Weight: 250

Height: 6' 5"

Nationality: American

Religion: Catholic

Graduate of: Biloxi High School

Class of: 1942

Name of Parents: Anthony Richard (Deceased) and Edna M. Lamas

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club



Name: Roy Howard Lott

Home Address: Lumberton, Mississippi

Date of Birth: December 19, 1921

Place of Birth: Sumrall, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 160

Nationality: American

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 7"

Age: 28

Religion: Protestant

Graduate of: Purvis High School, Purvis, Mississippi

Class of: 1941

Name of Parents: Johnnie H. (Deceased) and Kate C. Jones

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

American Legion

V. F. W.



Name: Edward Vernon McCaleb

Home Address: Gulfport, Mississippi

Date of Birth: August 26, 1927

Place of Birth: Gulfport, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 205

Nationality: American

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 6

Age: 23

Religion: Episcopal

Graduate of: Gulfport High School, Gulfport, Mississippi

Class of: 1945

Name of Parents: Louis (Deceased) and Isabelle McCaleb

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: J. B. Moffett

Home Address: Stonewall, Mississippi

Date of Birth: November 7, 1927

Place of Birth: Stonewall, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

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Weight: 160

Nationality: American

Height: 5' 11"

Religion: Methodist

Color of Eyes: Green

Age: 22

Graduate of: Enterprise High School, Enterprise, Mississippi

Class of: 1945

Name of Parents: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moffett

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore



Name: John Robert Murphy

Home Address: Hinton, West Virginia

Date of Birth: September 20, 1925

Place of Birth: Covington, Virginia

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 225

Nationality: American

Class of: 1942

Name of Parents: John and Pauline Murphy

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Graduate of: Dunlap High School, Hematite, Virginia

V. F. W.

Age: 25

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 6' 1"

Religion: Presbyterian



Name: Fred Netterville

Home Address: Wilkinson, Mississippi

Date of Birth: October 25, 1930

Place of Birth: Centerville, Mississippi

Weight: 190

Nationality: American

Color of Hair: Brown

Graduate of: Beechstand High School, Woodville, Mississippi

Class of: 1948

Name of Parents: C. T. Netterville

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 19

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 6' 2"

Religion: Church of Christ



Name: Alton Burt Phillips

Home Address: Mississippi City, Mississippi

Date of Birth: August 31, 1927

Place of Birth: New Orleans, Louisiana

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 210

Nationality: American

Age: 22

Color of Eyes: Green

Height: 6' 3"

Religion: Episcopal

Graduate of: Gulfport High School, Gulfport, Mississippi

Class of: 1945

Name of Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ercilen Verdel Phillips

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Name: Charles R. Read

Age: 27

Home Address: Bay Springs, Mississippi

Date of Birth: June 4, 1923

Place of Birth: Louin, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown Color of Eyes: Green

Weight: 195 Height: 6' 1"

Nationality: American Religion: Methodist

Graduate of: Rose Hill High School, Rose Hill, Mississippi

Class of: 1941

Name of Parents: William M. (Deceased) and Susan Read

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior



Name: Carl B. Smith

Age: 23

Home Address: 1708 West Beach, Biloxi, Mississippi

Date of Birth: July 16, 1927

Place of Birth: New Orleans

Color of Hair: Brown

Color of Eyes: Blue

Weight: 145

Height: 5' 11"

Nationality: American

Religion: Catholic

Graduate of: Fortier High School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Class of: 1944

Name of Parents: Herbert Smith

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Commerce Club



Name: Henry R. Sumrall

Home Address: Sumrall, Mississippi

Date of Birth: February 15, 1925

Place of Birth: Sumrall, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Blond

Weight: 170

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Sumrall High School, Sumrall, Mississippi

Class of: 46

Name of Parents: Roland and Minnie Sumrall

Mississippi Southern Status: Senior

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 25

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 6' 2"



Name: Murphy Joseph Trahan

Home Address: Biloxi, Mississippi

Date of Birth: November 21, 1926

Place of Birth: Biloxi, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 185

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Biloxi High School, Biloxi, Mississippi

Class of: 1947

Name of Parents: Honora and Viola Trahan

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore

Extra Curricular Activities: Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 23

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 6'

Religion: Catholic



Name: Wyndell Alvie Varner

Home Address: Laurel, Mississippi

Date of Birth: May 19, 1932

Place of Birth: Laurel, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Brown

Weight: 132

Nationality: American

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 10"

Religion: Baptist

Graduate of: George S. Gardiner High School, Laurel, Mississippi

Class of: 1949

Name of Parents: Alvie and Miriam Varner

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore



Name: Alvin G. Welch

Home Address: Mendenhall, Mississippi

Date of Birth: April 7, 1923

Place of Birth: Mendenhall, Mississippi

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 140

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Mendenhall High School, Mendenhall, Mississippi

Class of: 1948

Name of Parents: Wilson Henry (Deceased) and Mary Jane Welch

Mississippi Southern Status: Junior

Extra Curricular Activities: Honorary Commercial Society

Beta Alpha Fraternity

Age: 26

Color of Eyes: Blue

Height: 5' 9"

Religion: Protestant



Name: Sidney W. Welch

Age: 24

Home Address: Mendenhall, Mississippi

Date of Birth: February 2, 1926

Place of Birth: Mendenhall, Mississippi

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Color of Hair: Black

Color of Eyes: Grey

Weight: 155 Height: 5: 8"

Nationality: American Religion: Protestant

Graduate of: Mendenhall High School, Mendenhall, Mississippi

Class of: 1948

Name of Parents: Wilson H. (Deceased) and Mary J. Welch

Mississippi Southern Status: Sophomore



Name: Joseph A. Greene, Jr.

Home Address: Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Date of Birth: October 19, 1920

Place of Birth: Johnson City, Tennessee

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 230

Nationality: American

Graduate of: Berea College, Berea, Kentucky University of Virginia

Class of: 1941 1943

Name of Parents: J. A. Greene, Sr.

Mississippi Southern Status: Acting Head, Commerce Division

Degrees: B. A. in Economics, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, 1941

M. A. in Economics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1943

Graduate Work on Ph. D., 1947-1949

Age: 29

Color of Eyes: Green

Height: 6' 5"

Religion: Methodist



Name: W. B. Harlan

Home Address: Tompkinsville, Kentucky

Date of Birth: February 7, 1909

Place of Birth: Tompkinsville, Kentucky

Color of Hair: Black

Weight: 170

Nationality: American

Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5' 8"

Religion: Protestant

Graduate of: Tompkinsville, High School, Tompkinsville, Kentucky

Name of Parents: Susan B. and James T. Harlan

Degrees: B. S. In Administration and Supervision 1935 Western Kentucky State Teachers College,

Bowling Green, Kentucky

A. C. A. Bowling Green College of Commerce, 1937

M. A. George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Station A Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 2, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is my understanding that the Beta Alpha Fraternity of Mississippi Southern College is petitioning you for affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi. I wish to extend to your organization a most cordial invitation to our campus and at the same time to give your organization the authority to install a chapter here if the petition of our organization is accepted. In inviting you to our campus I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of the students, faculty, and administration of this institution.

Mississippi Southern College at the present time has over five hundred students enrolled in the field of Commerce and Business Administration. We have an excellent faculty and are doing everything possible to increase the prestige of our division of Commerce in this area. Mississippi Southern College had a total enrollment of 2400 students last session and is recognized by every accrediting association in the United States to which it is eligible for membership. We have twelve national honorary academic fraternities on our campus at the present time. Mississippi Southern College is state—owned and is the only accredited four year college serving South Mississippi. Our buildings and other facilities are valued at over four million dollars, and we have a campus of 240 acres.

Tam personally acquainted with almost all of the thirty-five members of Beta Alpha, and I can state with every feeling of confidence that both the members and their faculty sponsors will give the very best of their time and attention to Delta Sigma Pi.

It is my sincere hope that this petition will receive your careful attention and that we may look forward during the next session to an affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi.

R. C. Cook President

Cordially yours,

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE Station A Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 10, 1950

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, Mississippi Southern College, is easer 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:

Mississippi Southern College has enrolled this year 2,465 students, and our Division of Commerce is the largest division here. Current enrollment in the Division of Commerce at the present time is approximately 600 students.

This fraternity has been working for a number of years. I am confident that the support of a national organization would strengthen their work. I am particularly interested in the constructive effect the connection would have on improving scholarship.

We have been honored at Mississippi Southern College in having several national organizations establish local chapters. I sincerely hope that Delta Sigma Pi will find it possible to establish a chapter here.

Sincerely,

R. A. McLemore

Dean

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

It gives me pleasure to be able to recommend to you our Beta Alpha group in our Division of Commerce to affiliate with Delta Sigma Pi.

For the September to June session, 1949-50, the members of Beta Alpha had an over-all average of 1.52. This is somewhat better than the average scholastic record. The over-all student average for the same period was 1.38. The average for all men students was 1.34.

Looking over the roll of Beta Alpha I recognize a number of student leaders. Among the members of the frateralty are the business manager of our student newspaper, a member of the Student Council, one of the cheerleaders, one of the intra-mural managers, one of the organizers of our freshman honor society, and the student who ranks second in over-all academic average for the 1949-50 session.

I believe you will make no mistake in giving these young men affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi.

Sincerely yours, the same that a Sincerely yours,

and observed their organization and growth. Many of them have been in my Eusinese Law R. G. Lowrey base of their shillties, their Dean of Student Welfare RGL:wje ______ delta delta delta I recommend then individually

and collectively to you and argo your favorable consideration

Best wishes to you.

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HATTIESBURG, MISS.

TELEPHONE 3626 119½ WEST FRONT STREET

August 17, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Several months ago a group of Mississippi Southern students interested in and studying Commerce indicated that they desired to enjoy the benefits that naturally result from a fraternity organized for that professional purpose. Their local group adopted the name Beta Alpha and it was established with a view of affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi.

The local fraternity inaugurated activities which demonstrate a purpose similar to Delta Sigma Pi. For example, Beta Alpha sponsored a field trip to New Orleans where one of the city's largest stores and business establishments was inspected, and various outstanding speakers, such as the First Vice President of a local bank, the merchandising manager of Hattiesburg largest store, the assistant manager of one of our large chain stores, the FBI Agent in Charge of the Regional Office at New Orleans, and two attorneys, have addressed this group.

It was my privilege to be initiated into Delta Sigma Pi in January 1947 by Alpha Phi Chapter, University of Mississippi. Also it was my opportunity to observe fraternal activities and purposes as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, ODK and Phi Delta Phi.

Since December 1949 I have been associated with Mississippi Southern's students and have observed campus life in the capacity of an instructor of Business Law. As this college has grown the need for a fraternity such as our Delta Sigma Pi to recognize and emphasize the field of commerce has become increasingly apparent.

I have discussed Delta Sigma Pi with members of Beta Alpha and observed their organization and growth. Many of them have been in my Business Law classes. I know of their abilities, their aspirations and their general character. It is my opinion that they deserve to have the recognition and additional encouragement of affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi. I recommend them individually and collectively to you and urge your favorable consideration of their petition.

Best wishes to you.

Fraternally Yours in Delta Sigma Pi,

Instructor of Business Law, Mississippi Southern College

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Mississippi Southern College

Station A

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Division of Commerce

August 16, 1950

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

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. These young men have proven themselves worthy of this honor and I feel sure that they would serve with honor and credit to your national organization.

There is a great advantage to the college and to the interested members in having this student organization become identified with a national order. There is a definite need here for such organizations as Beta Alpha to promote high scholarship and reward achievement.

I have had many of the members of Beta Alpha in my classes. I know their abilities and their general character. I am of the opinion that they deserve to have the encouragement of affiliation with your fraternity. I recommend them to you and urge your favorable consideration of their petition.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. Harlan

Assistant Professor of Commerce

W. B. Harlan

Mississippi Southern College

Station A

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Division of Commerce

August 11, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is my understanding that Beta Alpha, a local business fraternity at Mississippi Southern College, is in the process of petitioning Delta Sigma Pi for recognition as a chapter of that splendid fraternity.

Since my coming here from the University of Oklahoma, I have had the opportunity to teach and to become acquainted with a goodly number of the members of Beta Alpha. They have impressed me with their great interest in broadening their knowledge of business subjects outside the academic classroom.

This group is fortunate in having as a sponsor a man who is deeply interested in giving the members of Beta Alpha every opportunity to hear business men from the surrounding area discuss the day-to-day mechanics of their respective occupations and professions. He has demonstrated a natural ability in the organizing of young college men and the retention of their interests.

I most highly recommend Beta Alpha to your fraternity, and I feel that it is ready to take its place among the many chapters of Delta Sigma Pi.

Very truly yours,

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Carl R. Crites

Assistant Professor of Economics and Marketing

Mississippi Southern College

Station A

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Division of Commerce

August 12, 1950

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

Dear Sir:

A group of students in the Division of Commerce at Mississippi Southern are, I understand, petitioning Delta Sigma Pi for a local chapter.

I have been privileged to know each of the young men in the group, and consider that their addition to any organization should be a definite asset. I take great pleasure in recommending them.

Yours sincerely,

Murray W. Kenna

Instructor in Commerce

Mississippi Southern College

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

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that a group of students in the school of commerce at Mississippi Southern college, here in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, are interested in forming a local chapter of your organization.

This group of young men is well known in this community, as well as on the Mississippi Southern campus, and it is with great pleasure that the Hattiesburg Junior Chamber of Commerce recommends them to you as desirable members of your organization.

During the past year this group held a number of open forums, in which members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce participated, and the group seemed to have the vitality and high standards which I feel would meet the requirements of your organization.

If the Hattiesburg Junior Chamber of Commerce can furnish you further information about these young men, we will, of course, be delighted to do so.

Yours very truly,

WALTER DREYFUS, JR., President Hattiesburg Junior Chamber of Commerce