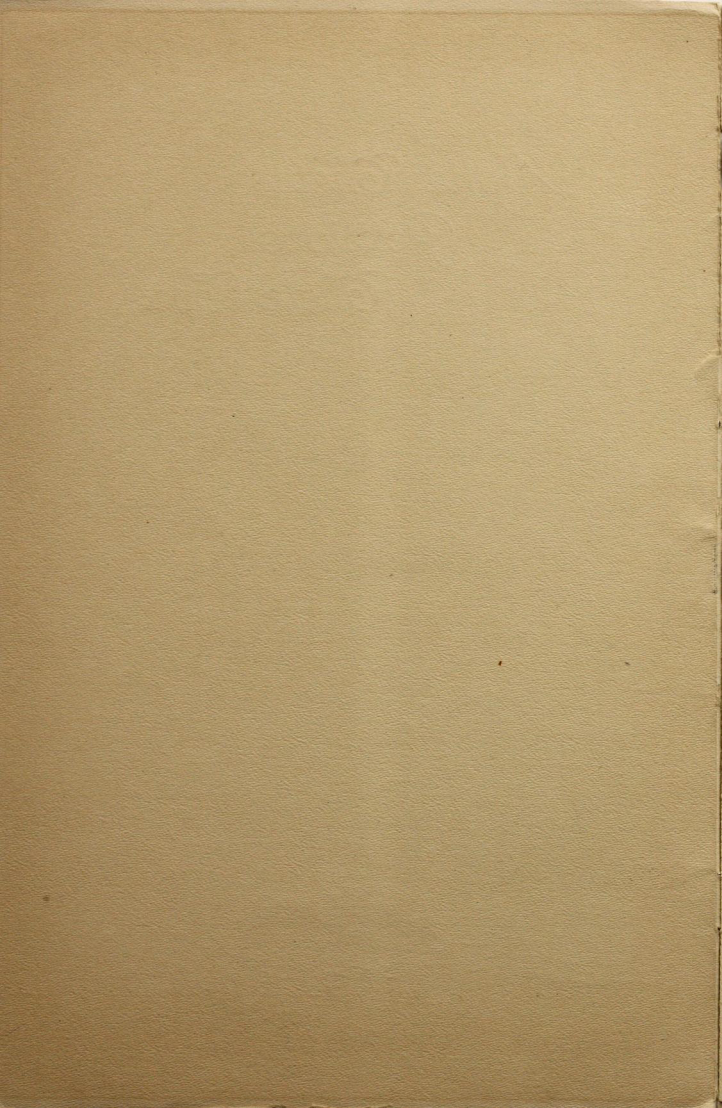


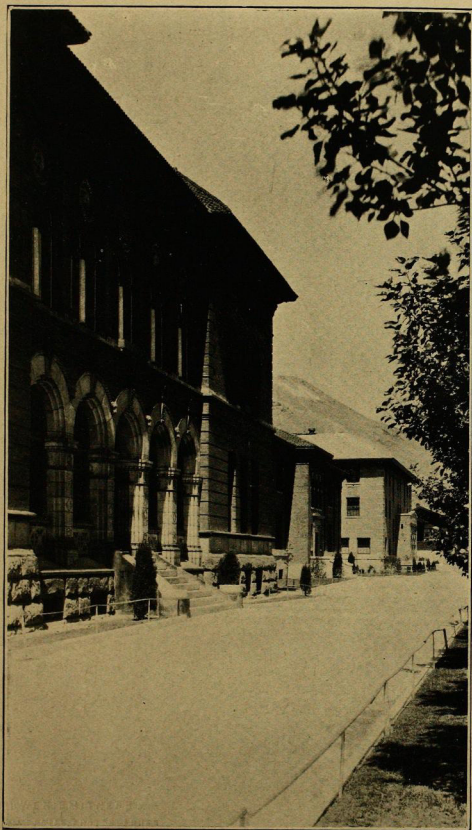
Alpha Theta
Petitions
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PETITION
TO THE
THETA TAU FRATERNITY
FROM
ALPHA THETA FRATERNITY
OF
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
BUTTE, MONTANA



MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES—FRONT DRIVE

BUTTE

MONTANA

ALPHA THETA

BUTTE, MONTANA

Nov. 18, 1931

Executive Council, Theta Tau Fraternity,

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, active members of Alpha Theta, do hereby formally petition the executive council of Theta Tau Fraternity for a charter.

Harold T. Johns	John McAuliffe
E. S. Perry	John Mullaney
John E. Blixt	Richard Matthew
Ralph Bernard Utt	Anthony Craig
Arthur O. Wilson	William P. Given
Charles R. Trueworthy	John Conrow
Merrill F. Sprunger	William C. Finch
John F. Sullivan	G. Allen Davison
Jack Rabbitt	Arthur J. Bovee, Jr.
Ralph Seideman	Richard Casey
Walter Hamilton	Edward Owen Bonner, Jr.
John Munzenrider	Kenneth O. Sweeney
Dave Jones	Alfred J. Bloom
John Matter	John Frederick Steadman
Rayworth F. Howe	Edward Trueworthy



MEMBERS OF ALPHA THETA

TRUEWORTHY, HOWE, CASEY, MCAULIFFE, CONROW, SPRUNGER, MUNZENRIDER, MULLANEY, FINCH, SEIDEMAN,
 BONNER, UTT, SULLIVAN, BOVEE, CRAIG, HAMILTON, JONES, MATTER, BLOOM, GIVEN,
 DAVISON, WILSON, STEADMAN, JOHNS, TRUEWORTHY, SWEENEY, RABBITT.

Personnel of Alpha Theta Fraternity

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HONORARY MEMBER

DR. E. S. PERRY

Professor of Geology

State Geologist, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

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ACTIVE MEMBERS

HAROLD T. JOHNS, President
Class '31

B. S. Metallurgy '31

Graduate Student in Metallurgy

Asst. Student Mgr. 2

Student Mgr. 3

President Dancing Club 2

M. Club, Chairman 3

Senior Trip Committee 4

Debate, 4 years

Representative to Butte Chamber of Commerce, 3 and 4

Government Committee

KENNETH O. SWEENEY

Class '32

Metallurgy

Student Associate A. I. M. E.

Junior Prom Committee 3

JOHN E. BLIXT

Class '31

Research Fellow in Geology

Vice-President A. S. S. M. 4

Secretary A. S. S. M. 3

Editor Acropolis (Student Paper) 3

Business Mgr. Annual 2

Student Associate A. I. M. E.

JOHN FREDERICK STEADMAN

Class '32

Mining

Acting Student Mgr. 3

President of Glee Club 4

Dramatics 2, 3

Advertising Mgr. Magma 3

Boxing Team 2

Student Associate A. I. M. E.

M. Club

ALFRED BLOOM

Class '34

Geology

Football 1

Boxing 1

Honor Roll 1

EDWARD TRUEWORTHY

Class '32

Geology

Football 1

Basket Ball 1, 2

Boxing 1, 2, 3

Class Vice-President 1

Class President 2, 3, 4

M. Club

Student Associate A. I. M. E.

EDWARD O. BONNER, JR.

Class '34

Geology

Football 1, 2

Glee Club 2

M. Club

ARTHUR J. BOVEE, JR.

Class '34

Mining

Honor Roll 1

Glee Club 2

Class Secretary 2

Personnel of Alpha Theta Fraternity--Continued

J. RICHARD CASEY

Class '32
Mining
Asst. Editor Magma 4
Vice-President, Dancing
Club 4
Student Associate, A. I. M. E.

JOHN CONROW

Class '33
Geology
Honor Roll 2
Student Asst., State Bureau of
Mines and Geology 2, 3

ANTHONY CRAIG

Class '34
Geology

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Class '32
Junior Prom Committee 3
Student Mgr. 4
Student Associate A. I. M. E.

WILLIAM C. FINCH

Class '34
Geology
Class President 2
Glee Club Secretary 2
Member of Dancing Club

WILLIAM P. GIVEN

Class '34
Metallurgy
Glee Club Treasurer 2
Intercollegiate Knights 1

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Class '34
Metallurgy
Glee Club 2
Honor Roll 1
Dancing Committee 2

DAVE JONES

Class '34
Geology
Athletic Trainer 2

JOHN MATTER

Class '33
Geology
Cheer Leader 1
Football 3
President of Dancing Club 3
Vice-President Dancing Club 2

RICHARD MATTHEW

Class '32
Geology
Class Secy. and Treas. 2, 3
Football 4
Student Associate A. I. M. E.

WALTER HAMILTON

Class '34
Metallurgy
Yell King 2

JOHN McAULIFFE

Class '32
Metallurgy
Basket Ball 1
M. Club

JOHN MULLANEY

Class '33
Metallurgy
Football 1, 2

JOHN MUNZENRIDER

Class '32
Metallurgy
Advertising Mgr. Acropoli-
tan 1
Asst. in Surveying 3, 4
Honor Roll 3
Business Mgr. Magma 3
Junior Member A. I. M. E.

JACK RABBITT

Class '34
Geology
Glee Club 2

Personnel of Alpha Theta Fraternity--Continued

RALPH J. SEIDEMAN

Class '34
Geology
Basket Ball 1
Secy. A. S. S. M. 2
Secy. Executive Committee 2
Track 1
M. Club

MERRILL F. SPRUNGER

Class '34
Metallurgy
Contributing Cartoonist
Magma 2

JOHN F. SULLIVAN

Class '33
Geology
Basket Ball 1, 2
M. Club

CHARLES R. TRUE- WORTHY

Class '33
Geology
Class President 1, 3
Basket Ball 1, 2
Basket Ball Capt. 2
Secy. A. S. S. M. Executive
Committee 2
Vice-President A. S. S. M. 3
M. Club

ARTHUR O. WILSON

B. S. Mining Engineering '31
Graduate Student in Geology
President A. S. S. M. 4
Student Mgr. 3
Executive Committee 2
Student Government Com-
mittee 1, 2, 3, 4
M. Club 2, 3, 4

RALPH BERNARD UTT

Class '34
Metallurgy
Football 1, 2
Basket Ball 1
Chairman Smoker Committee 1
Dramatics 2
M. Club

The History of Alpha Theta Fraternity

THE ORGANIZATION now known as Alpha Theta Fraternity had its inception in 1919 as the Anderson Carlisle Technical Society, it being so named in honor of two former students who lost their lives in the World War. At that time it was a technical society which filled a much needed place at the Montana School of Mines. With the advent of a fraternity on the campus in 1926 its influence declined somewhat, and in 1927 A. C. T. S., was reorganized as a professional fraternity. Although little of its organization was known on the campus for political reasons, still the membership included the leading students. The calibre of the men and their influence on school activities can be understood when it is known that the majority of officers in the Student Association and members of the Executive Committee were and are members of the fraternity.

A. C. T. S. changed its name to Alpha Theta fraternity in 1930, and is now as always the strongest organization of students scholastically and politically at the Montana School of Mines.

Purpose of Alpha Theta

IT IS THE PURPOSE of Alpha Theta Fraternity to promote a spirit of comradeship and brotherly love among its members and to bring together those students who have a common professional interest in order that they may work as a unit to the benefit of themselves and the school.

Policy of Alpha Theta

IT IS THE POLICY of Alpha Theta to consider as applicants for membership in the fraternity only those students who have, during their first year at this institution, proven themselves to be mentally and socially the leaders of their class.

Qualifications Required of an Applicant for Membership

- I. He must be of high standing in the school.
- II. He must be of white birth.
- III. He must not belong to any other professional fraternity.
- IV. He must possess those personal qualities which make him a man whom his fellowmen respect and approve.

At the end of the first six-weeks period of each academic year, those students of the sophomore class who measure up to the standards of Alpha Theta Fraternity are pledged. If they continue to live up to those standards during their period as pledges, they are initiated into the fraternity as active members of Alpha Theta.

Object of the Petition

*A*LPHA THETA Fraternity has set, definite purposes which it seeks to accomplish. To justify its existence then, it must attain these purposes in the greatest degree possible.

The members of Alpha Theta realize that it will be strengthened and will function better as an organization by joining itself with a strong national fraternity whose purposes and policies are essentially the same as its own.

In keeping with the steady growth of the West, Western schools have advanced both in their attendance and in the quality of their work. That Montana Mines has fully kept the pace is evident when one investigates the place her graduates have taken in the engineering field.

While Alpha Theta is too young an organization to boast of the great successes of her Alumni, comprising as she does a select group from the school, it is reasonable to assume that men from Alpha Theta will make a fair contribution toward the successes of the future.

The few years that fraternities have existed on the campus, they have proven their worth and made for themselves a permanent place. It is in keeping with the steady progress of the past that we endeavor to have established on our campus the most desirable of the national engineering fraternities. Therefore, we petition Theta Tau.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
AND
STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
BUTTE, MONTANA

November 12, 1931.

To Theta Tau Fraternity:
Urbana, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I was glad to know that our local fraternity, Alpha Theta, is petitioning for a charter in Theta Tau. I have been in rather close touch with this group ever since coming to the School of Mines three years ago, and have had an excellent opportunity for observing the attitude, ideals, scholarship, and behavior of its members.

As a fraternity man myself, and as one thoroughly familiar with college fraternities in general, I can conservatively say that Alpha Theta is far above the average of western college fraternities in all of these particulars.

I need scarcely add that the administration of this institution would welcome a chapter of Theta Tau on the School of Mines campus.

Faithfully yours,

FRANCIS A. THOMSON,
President.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
AND
STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
BUTTE, MONTANA

November 12, 1931.

To the Executive Council
Theta Tau Fraternity.

Gentlemen:

Members of the Alpha Theta local fraternity at the Montana School of Mines have informed me that they are petitioning Theta Tau for a charter.

I am well acquainted with each member of the local organization, and I am sure each one is numbered among the outstanding members of our student body, in character, integrity, and leadership, as well as scholastic ability.

The Montana School of Mines is proud to have a local organization such as the Alpha Theta, and I am therefore glad to recommend it to you, as one worthy of your greatest consideration, and one of which you will be justly proud if their petition is granted.

Yours very truly,

A. E. ADAMI,
Vice Pres. & Prof.
Mining Engineering.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
AND
STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
BUTTE, MONTANA

November 8, 1931.

The Executive Committee of Theta Tau.
To the Members of the Committee:

My attention has been drawn to an application which Alpha Theta Fraternity is making for admission to your national organization.

I know most of the members of the local group, and am pleased to say that they are a particularly worthy association of serious and progressive young men. I take therefore especial pleasure in recommending your most earnest consideration of their application.

Very truly yours,

A. M. GAUDIN,
Research Professor of
Ore Dressing.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
AND
STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
BUTTE, MONTANA

November 12, 1931.

To Executive Committee of Theta Tau,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

It has been my pleasure to be associated with that group of students who have banded themselves together and organized a local fraternity known as Alpha Theta. Naturally my acquaintance with some of the members is more thorough than with others, but I can whole heartedly say that each one of this group appeals to me as a clean, wholesome youth intent on making the best of his opportunities at Montana School of Mines. I have enjoyed an association with several of these boys in the classroom, and in no case have I had occasion to criticize their behavior as students and as gentlemen.

The Montana School of Mines is a fertile field for a national technical fraternity because of the important positions being occupied by the graduates, and I conscientiously believe that this group is representative of the best student material in this school.

Very truly,

EUGENE S. PERRY,
Head, Dept. of Geology.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES
AND
STATE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
BUTTE, MONTANA

Executive Council,
Theta Tau Fraternity.
Gentlemen:

November 9, 1931.

With the ever increasing enrollment at the Montana School of Mines and the growing prestige of the institution in educational, scientific, and industrial circles, a definite need has arisen on the campus for another fraternity.

This need has been recognized for some time by a group of progressive students, and these gentlemen have organized a local fraternity with good by-laws and commendable objectives. I understand that this local organization is applying to your council for a charter.

Inasmuch as the membership in the local fraternity comprises many of our best students, all imbued with the worthy purpose of making their fraternity life contribute definitely to their own development, to the good of the Montana School of Mines, and to the credit of the national organization, I unhesitatingly recommend the local group to your council as being capable of maintaining the high standards inculcated by Theta Tau.

Faithfully yours,
CURTIS L. WILSON,
Professor of Metallurgy.

ANACONDA COPPER MINING COMPANY
OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Theta Tau Fraternity.
Gentlemen:

Butte, Montana.
November 10, 1931.

My attention has been directed to the petition from a local fraternity at the Montana School of Mines, known as Alpha Theta, for a charter from your national organization.

In connection with such petition, you may be interested to know that the executives of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company consider the Montana School of Mines one of the finest mining schools in America. Many of their graduates occupy positions of high responsibility on our metallurgical and mining staffs, and many more of the younger graduates are employed upon such staffs with credit to themselves and the satisfaction of this company.

The Research Department of the Montana School of Mines, in co-operation and collaboration with the Research Departments of this company at Butte and Anaconda, has been of great value.

We have the highest regard for the faculty at the School and consider it of such calibre that, in conjunction with the location of the School at Butte, where the complex geological structure and the problems of deep-hoist mining afford an opportunity for practical experience and first-hand study, we believe that there is afforded an opportunity for education to students of mining and metallurgy that is second to none in the United States.

The standards and morale of the School are of the highest, and the student body is of a fine type.

We trust that the petition of Alpha Theta will receive favorable consideration from your organization.

Yours very truly,
J. R. HOBBS,
Vice President,

Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

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History of Montana School of Mines

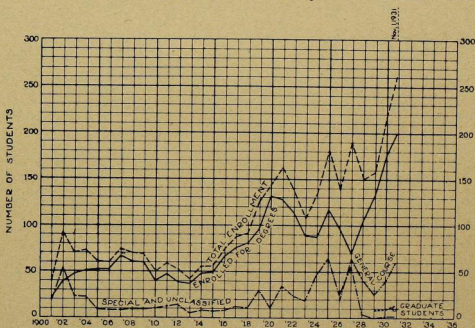
A COMMISSION was appointed in 1895 to supervise the establishment of Montana School of Mines at Butte. The college opened September 11, 1900, and the first class was graduated in June, 1903.

In 1907 an appropriation was made for a new heating plant and a mill building. A chemistry and metallurgy building, an engineering hall, and a new gymnasium were made possible by the bond issue of 1920.

Nathan P. Leonard, the first president, was succeeded in 1906 by Charles H. Bowman. President Bowman was succeeded in 1919 by Professor Charles H. Clapp. President Clapp was transferred to Montana State University in 1921, and Professor George W. Craven became president of the School of Mines. Dr. Francis A. Thomson came to the School of Mines as its head in 1928.

Since the organization of the Montana School of Mines, the teaching staff has been enlarged and new departments have been created. The staff is well known for its high rating, and the curriculum of the school stands equal with that of any mining college of America.

Equipment has been increased which greatly facilitates the training of the students. Experience has shown that



THE ABOVE GRAPH SHOWS THE HISTORY OF ENROLLMENT AT MONTANA SCHOOL OF MINES SINCE THE FIRST CLASS WAS ENROLLED IN 1901. ESPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL AND UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS AND TO THE GROWTH IN GRADUATE ENROLLMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE GROWTH IN TOTAL ENROLLMENT, IN RECENT YEARS.

History of Montana School of Mines--Continued

certain branches of study are more essential than others. Changes in industry have brought new fields of engineering and made it necessary to include new studies in the engineering curriculum. At Montana School of Mines, able educators have steadily made the education of the young engineer more complete.

Looking back, one marvels that they were able to do as well as they did. The graduates of each succeeding year must have been better qualified than were the class going out the year before.

Mining will always be a leading industry in Montana, the Treasure State. As long as this is true, Montana will continue to train engineers in this field.

Even as science advances, it opens new fields and makes the rate of advance more rapid. So as Montana School of Mines adds to its staff of instructors, its equipment and its able alumni, it is steadily better qualified as an institution of engineering education.

Soundness of the Institution

THE ENABLING ACT of Congress, which admitted Montana as a state to the Union in 1889, provided one hundred thousand acres of land for a School of Mines. Under the terms of this act the land granted could not be sold for less than ten dollars an acre, which gave the Montana School of Mines a potential endowment of one million dollars. From the sale of land the Institution now has an actual invested endowment of \$605,000.00, which constitutes a permanent and irreducible endowment, and from which the income only may be used. Income from this investment plus rentals from land leased provides the Montana School of Mines with an annual revenue of forty to forty-five thousand dollars, this amount being independent of any legislative appropriations. Legislative appropriations at the present time bring the total income of the school to above \$120,000.00 annually. When it is known that the School only grants three degrees, namely in Mining, Geology, and Metallurgy, this annual expenditure becomes a large figure.

The State of Montana has nearly one million dollars invested at the present time in its School of Mines. This includes five major buildings and all necessary equipment. Plans are now being formulated for the erection of another major building on the campus.

The support which the institution receives locally can be better understood when it is known that at the present time \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 of an unemployment relief fund subscribed in Butte is being expended for labor to further improve and beautify the campus.

