



ALPHA MU
Iowa State College

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219 Ash Avenue
Ames, Iowa

Alpha Mu Chapter was the outgrowth of a local society known as Mohawk. The Mohawk Society was organized at Iowa State College in the Fall of 1912 and was itself the outgrowth of an older organization, The Antler Club. The Mohawk Club began with seven members who immediately after organizing leased a house at 218 Welch Avenue. This house was the home of the organization throughout its early life and growth.

In the Spring of 1917 the members were of the opinion that the growth of the organization warranted the leasing of a larger home and steps were immediately taken to lease a new home at 2817 West Street. With the exception of the period during which all fraternity houses were turned over to the government as barracks for the Student Army Training Corp the house on West Street continued to be the home of the Mohawk Club until shortly before its induction into Theta Chi.

On February 7, 1921, a petition of the Mohawk Club, signed by J. Dewey Long, E. Floyd Bell and H. K. Lowry, was tendered to the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi for a charter. The petition was granted and on December 22nd and 23rd, 1922, Alpha Mu Chapter of Theta Chi came into being.

The installation committee consisted of: Maxwell E. McDowell, Iota, Chairman; H. A. Clifford, Alpha; Stuart H. Kelley, Phi; Alfred H. Burton, Psi; and Robert H. Hoge and Robert Nichols, Rho. Other Theta Chis assisting in the work were: A. E. Manville, Upsilon; Donald M. Swarthout, Sigma; LeRoy Edwards and J. E. Joys, Psi; R. M. Schoen, Alpha Delta, and J. B. Walker, Alpha Iota.

The installation ceremonies began promptly at noon on December 22nd and ended with a formal banquet the following evening at a

downtown hotel. Among the first initiates into the new chapter might be mentioned the following prominent members of the Iowa State Faculty: F. E. Foster, Dean of Men; Prof. Tolbert MacRae; Dr. E. J. Fulmer; Prof. L. C. Heckert; Prof. R. L. Howard; Prof. F. C. Stevenson; Prof. C. H. Werkman; Prof. W. W. Decker.

The present home of the chapter, 219 Ash Avenue, was purchased by the alumni corporation shortly before the chapter's induction into the Fraternity. The house is ideally located in the new fraternity section of the town.

Statistics

Number of members initiated to September, 1927: 116.

Average size of the chapter: 30.

Name and frequency of chapter publication: Tomahawk, monthly.

Bth members and pledges may room in the chapter house.

Chapter operates a dining room.

The chapter owns its home. Value \$18,000.

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Iowa State College, located at Ames, was founded in 1858. It is a State supported co-educational institution and had during the collegiate year 1926-27 an enrollment of approximately 2400 men and half as many women. Twenty-seven national social fraternities have chapters at Iowa State College.

Ames, the home of the college, is a town of approximately 5000 people and is located in almost the geographical center of Iowa. It is approximately twenty miles North of Des Moines and may be conveniently reached from that city.