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HOWARD COLLEGE OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

By WILLIAM W. BONDS, B.S., Historian

Howard College of Birmingham, Alabama, comprises the following divisions: 1. Liberal Arts, 2. Home Economics, 3. Education, 4. Religious Education, 5. Industrial Engineering Chemistry, 6. Dietetics, 7. Music, 8. Pre-Law, 9. Pre-Medicine, 10. Pre-Dentistry, 11. Pre-Journalism, 12. Pre-Theology, 13. Secretarial, 14. Summer School, 15. Extension, 16. Clinical Microscopy for Technicians, and 17. Pharmacy.

The Founding of Howard College.—In November 1841, the Baptist State Convention decided to establish and endow a college and in connection with it to maintain a theological department. In December, 1841, a school was chartered and in the following January, 1842, was opened at Marion with Samuel Sterling Sherman, a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont, as president. By the end of the third session the new school had $20,000 endowment, 1,400 volumes in the library, and more than $5,000 worth of apparatus. In 1848 it graduated its first class. By 1853 the endowment fund had reached $50,000. In 1854 a fire swept away buildings, books and apparatus. With a remarkable rapidity the College was restored, and in 1860 the total value of the property and endowment was more than $260,000.

The Civil War.—With the outbreak of the Civil War, both faculty and student body were depleted—the students following their professors into battle, leaving at the College only such boys as were too young to go to war. In 1863 the buildings were turned over to the Confederacy as a reclamation hospital for wounded soldiers. In 1865 the Federal Government used the buildings as a hospital, housing in them a body of freed negroes who seriously damaged the property. Practically none of the endowment fund was recoverable after the war.

Removal to Birmingham.—A physical change more important than either of its fires was the removal of the College from Marion to Birmingham in 1887-1888. In 1889-1890, the enrollment of students reached 170 and the session following rose to 206, the largest number that had matriculated in Howard up to that time. The present Main Building was completed in 1891.

The Seventy-Five Million Campaign.—In the five year period of the seventy-five million campaign which was initiated in 1919 the attendance of students in regular morning classes grew from approximately 200 to

over 600. A department of extension was organized which has reached an enrollment of 525. The attendance in Summer School grew rapidly, and the summer session was extended to two terms of six weeks each. The endowment was increased from $93,000 to $393,000. The faculty was greatly augmented. A science building was erected. The capacity for housing students was doubled. A civic campaign in Birmingham, in March, 1926, increased the endowment approximately $735,000.

Academic Recognition.—In 1920 the College was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges. At its meeting in 1926 the Association of American Universities placed Howard College on its list of fully approved and accredited colleges.

NEW PHARMACY-SCIENCE BUILDING.
Howard College of Birmingham, Ala.
(First unit now occupied by the Departments of Manufacturing and Dispensing Pharmacy and of Pharmacognosy. Remaining units to be completed soon.)

New Buildings.—In 1929 the College built Mamie Mell Smith Hall, a handsome dormitory with suites to accommodate sixty students. 1930 saw the erection of a commodious gymnasium. The years 1933 and 1934 have seen the remodeling of the A. D. Smith Science Hall, the erection of five sorority lodges of colonial type, the building of a central heating plant, and the addition of the first unit of The Pharmacy-Science Building.

The School of Pharmacy.—At the urgent request of members of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and Birmingham Retail Druggists Association, the School of Pharmacy was established in 1932. In the fall of that year first-year students only were admitted. The courses of the advanced years were added successively, and in the fall of 1935 the senior courses of the four-year curriculum were established.

National Standing.—The four-year course in Pharmacy, leading to the degree of B.S. in Phar. or the degree of B.S., offered by the School of Pharmacy, meets in full all of the requirements of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, as well as those of the State Examining Boards.

New Pharmacy-Science Building.—The Departments of Manufacturing Pharmacy, Dispensing Pharmacy, and Pharmacognosy, and the Materia Medica Museum occupy the first unit of the New Pharmacy-Science Building, the completion of which is planned for the very early future.

Laboratories.—The laboratories of Pharmacy (Manufacturing and Dispensing), Chemistry (Inorganic, Organic and Physiological), Physics, Pharmacology, Biology, Botany and Pharmacognosy, Bacteriology, Bioassaying and Toxicology have been designed and equipped for the special work of these departments.

Materia Medica Museum.—A large collection of crude drugs, preparations, chemicals and proprietary medicines on display in the Museum are used in the practical instruction offered by several of the departments.

Botanical Garden.—The Departments of Biology and Pharmacognosy have organized a botanical garden for research in the methods of cultivating medicinal plants and preparing them for the market.

Library.—The library of Howard College contains 21,600 bound volumes, and approximately 24,000 pamphlets. In addition to books and pamphlets there are a number of magazines, scientific and popular journals, and daily papers on the tables of the library. These are selected with a view to covering the different departments with some degree of completeness.

GAMMA-ZETA INSTALLED IN HOWARD COLLEGE OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

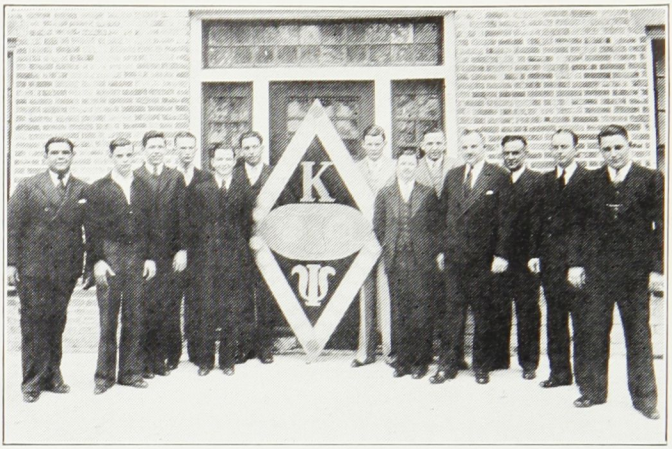
By A. RICHARD BLISS, JR., Grand Secretary and Treasurer

March 20, 1935, witnessed the addition of Gamma-Zeta Chapter to the long chapter roll of the Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, when seventeen members of the faculty and student body of the School of Pharmacy of Howard College of Birmingham, Alabama, were admitted to "The Agora."

The ceremonies took place in the attractive and novel Cave Room of the Bankhead Hotel—a splendid setting for the impressive installation form of Kappa Psi.

Immediately following the formal induction of the charter group, the installing officer reviewed the major provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, and then conducted the election and installation of the charter officers as follows:

Regent—Claude W. Lavender, Jr.
Vice-Regent—M. C. Snow.
Secretary-Treasurer—George T. Gammill.
Historian—William W. Bonds, B.S.
Chaplain—Oscar E. Nichols.
Grand Council Deputy—Woodson C. Burchfiel, B.S.
First Ph.—J. Paul Finocchio.



CHARTER MEMBERS OF GAMMA-ZETA
Howard College of Birmingham, Alabama

Front row, left to right: Paul J. Finocchio, Harold M. Carter, George T. Gammill, Claude W. Lavender, Jr., Prof. W. C. Burchfiel, Dr. J. L. Brakefield, W. W. Bonds.

Second row: D. Otis McClusky, Jr., Oscar E. Nichols, M. C. Snow, R. G. Waldrop, Dr. A. R. Bliss, Jr., Dr. R. J. Taylor.

Second Ph.—Robert G. Waldrop.
Od.—D. Otis McClusky, Jr.
Di.—Harold M. Carter.
P.A.—Louis W. Fadely.

The installation completed, a delicious dinner was served, and the newly-made Brothers of Psi refreshed after their long climb to the heights of "The Agora."

Kappa Psi is not new to Birmingham, Alabama, for back in 1906 Kappa Chapter was installed by our beloved, departed Brother, Doctor William C. Gewin, in the Birmingham Medical College and College of Pharmacy, an institution which was merged with the University of Alabama in 1912. Session 1915-16, however, saw the discontinuation of instruction in pharmacy by the University of Alabama, and the passage of old Kappa to the dormant roll. Many graduates of Kappa Chapter are found among the leading pharmacists and physicians of Birmingham, including E. W. Gibbs, president of the Birmingham Retail Druggists Association—an organization which has attracted nation-wide attention; Roy T. Smith, treasurer of that Association; Hal C. Duncan, past president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and of the State Board of Pharmacy and Birmingham Drug Club; Clarence Porter, E. D. Bright; M. L. Davis; W. C. Farrar, Jr.; W. B. Forbes; A. L. Glenn; J. I. Goodwin; Dr. A. H. Olive, formerly professor of chemistry in Howard College; C. C. Reeves; W. H. Timmons; W. R. Snow; also the following who graduated in pharmacy and later in medicine: Drs. J. H. Hays, H. J. Lewis, R. G. McGahey, J. D. Sherrill; J. A. DeGaris

of Pell City; T. R. D. Drisdale; W. T. Griffin of Tuscaloosa; S. A. Williams of Troy, L. C. Lewis of Tuskegee, both of the State Board of Pharmacy; W. H. Ward of Tuscaloosa, treasurer of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association; all of the foregoing being members of old Kappa Chapter; also C. B. Dozier of Upsilon; C. L. Gammill of Psi; Horace Moore of Psi; and F. H. Stover of Eta.

Consequently, Gamma-Zeta has started with an enviable, impressive and strong "backing," for the foregoing members of the Birmingham Graduate Chapter of Kappa Psi are "one hundred per cent" behind the new chapter at Howard, and there is absolutely no doubt about the successful future of Kappa Psi's newest and youngest chapter. The graduate support which Gamma-Zeta has fallen heir to is particularly fortunate in that the School of Pharmacy of Howard College of Birmingham (an institution in its 93rd year) is just completing its third year of existence. Session 1935-36 will see the addition of the fourth year of the course leading to the B.S. in Phar. degree. Howard established its School of Pharmacy in 1932 in response to the urging of many influential members of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and the Birmingham Retail Druggists Association who recognized the need for a School of Pharmacy of the calibre and type presented by Howard's School, as well as Birmingham's numerous and unsurpassed advantages. Thus, Gamma-Zeta Chapter will grow along with the School of Pharmacy which has shown such rapid development during the three sessions of its existence as to surpass even the expectations of Howard's most enthusiastic and optimistic supporters.

We take great pleasure in presenting Gamma-Zeta's charter members: Dr. James L. Brakefield, professor of biology; Dr. John Xan, professor of chemistry; Dr. Robert J. Taylor, associate professor of chemistry; Mr. Woodson C. Burchfiel, instructor in pharmacy; Dr. A. Richard Bliss, Jr., dean and professor of pharmacology; Mr. Charles H. Blanton, formerly instructor in pharmacy; and Messrs. Robert G. Waldrop, M. C. Snow, Harold M. Carter, Oscar E. Nichols, George T. Gammill, J. Paul Finocchio, Billie H. Fennell, Louis W. Fadely, Jr., D. Otis McClusky, Jr., Lee C. Sims, William W. Bonds, B.S., Claude W. Lavender, Jr. We are confident that the future holds nothing but success in greatest measure for Gamma-Zeta and its members.

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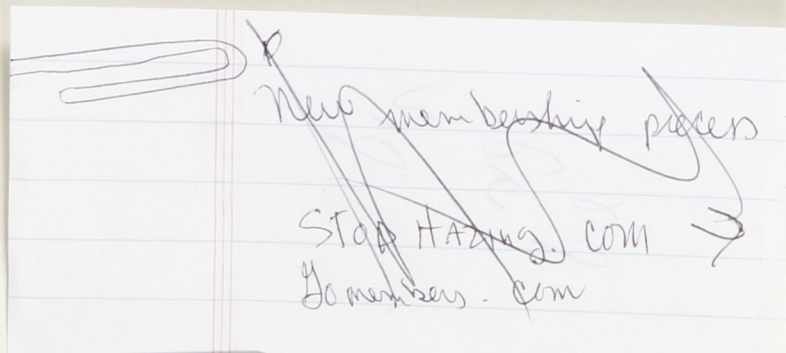

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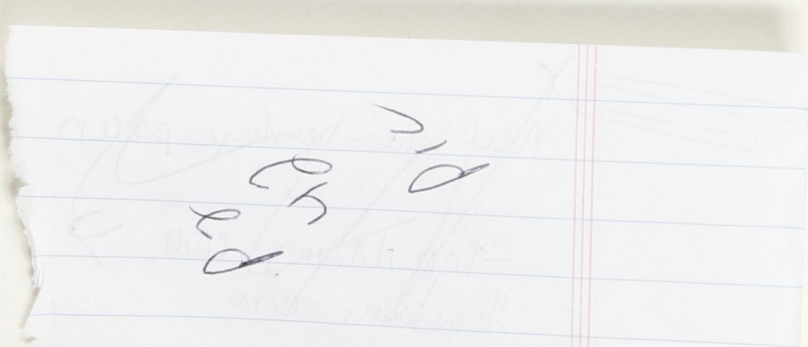

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