

PETITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

SUBMITTED BY
OMEGA ALPHA COLONY

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[Faint signatures and titles of the LaRoche College officials, including Vice President of Student Activities and Director.]

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned brothers of Omega Alpha Colony, present this petition for a charter to establish a chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi on the campus of LaRoche College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Omega Alpha has sought to develop into an organization worthy of representing Delta Sigma Pi Professional Fraternity and the high ideals which are so deeply woven into its purpose. The brothers of Omega Alpha pledge to abide by the rules and regulations expressed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. We will strive to better our campus and community through our actions and activities.

Witness our signatures:

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



La Roche
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Department of Education
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 6, 1990

Board of Directors
International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi
The Central Office
330 South Campus Avenue
P.O. Box 230
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Dear Brothers:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Omega Alpha Colony is currently preparing a petition for installation of a chapter at La Roche College. I would recommend that you favorably consider this petition, for I have seen this colony grow from an idea in the minds of a handful of business students into the most active, most promising organization on campus.

The La Roche Colony has 12 members at this writing, which equates to 1% of the eligible students -- an outstanding statistic. They are intensifying their recruiting efforts to raise the number to 30, but even if they miss that goal, I would strongly urge you to waive that requirement inasmuch you prefer not to be disappointed in what has excellent educational institutional.

The colony has organized, promoted and been very active in community and college service projects such as working in nursing homes, food drives for the homeless, and campus clean-up projects. They have successfully completed fund-raising projects such as Sweater's Shows, Single Sales and Fallies. They are currently heading a campus-wide campaign to help other campus organizations raise funds and to increase the visibility of the college in the community. They have brought speakers to campus for the Administration and Management Division as well as the entire collegiate community.

In doing all these things they have maintained their studies and, indeed, have become very good students and contributed members of their classes. They have also brought a wider recognition to Delta Sigma Pi and its aims and goals.



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The La Roche colony has 22 active members at this writing, which equates to 12% of the eligible students -- an outstanding statistic. They are intensifying their recruiting efforts to raise the number to 30, but even if they miss that goal, I would strongly urge you to waive that requirement (unless you prefer not to be represented in small but excellent educational institutions).

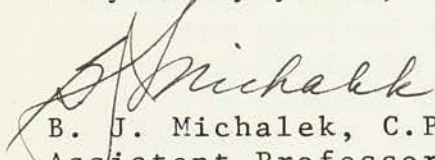
The colony has organized, promoted and been very active in community and college service projects such as parties in nursing homes, food drives for the homeless, and campus clean-up projects. They have successfully mounted fund-raising projects such as Sweetheart Dinners, hoagie sales and raffles. They are spear-heading a campus-wide carnival to help other campus organizations raise funds and to increase the visibility of the college in the community. They have brought speakers to campus for the Administration and Management Division as well as the entire collegiate community.

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I would ask that you permit our students to continue the outstanding work they have done so far under the name of Delta Sigma Pi. As a member of Delta Sigma Pi, I would be proud to have this colony and its potential be a part of the fraternity I love and work for. The students of La Roche College will bring much to the brotherhood and Delta Sigma Pi will bring much to the students of La Roche. That is the fraternity's purpose. Grant their petition and accomplish your mutual purposes.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Michalek, C.P.A.
Assistant Professor, A & M Division
Faculty Advisor, Omega Alpha Colony

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DELTA SIGMA PI

Donna M. Grasso
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Board of Directors
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February 27, 1990

Dear Brothers:

I would like to recommend the members of Omega Alpha Colony at LaRoche College for brotherhood in the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. As District Director of this colony I have been able to closely monitor the progress of the group as they have strived toward their goal of attaining a chapter charter. I believe that the Omega Alpha Colony possesses strong leadership, effective chapter organization, and an overwhelming sense of brotherhood. I believe that the addition of these colony members to our fraternity would greatly benefit our organization by ensuring its continued success and promoting a positive image of professionalism and brotherhood.

The colony demonstrated its leadership ability by organizing and planning a carnival that will be advertised throughout the Pittsburgh area and will have a majority of other campus groups participating in the activities. Omega Alpha Colony proved their proficiency in chapter management by electing several new officers and delegating authority throughout the colony. In doing this, they have been able to complete 42 events including professional speakers, community and campus service events, and social activities. Finally, and possibly the strongest aspect of Omega Alpha Colony, is their outward display of brotherhood for one another. This intangible element is impossible to teach, and is only present in a successful, sincere, and committed group of people. It is obvious to me that the members of Omega Alpha Colony have achieved a level of brotherhood which normally occurs only after an initiation ritual.

I would like to endorse the Omega Alpha Colony of Delta Sigma Pi for installation as a chapter and will gladly welcome them as my brothers in the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

Fraternally Yours,

Donna M. Grasso

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District Director
Omega Alpha Colony
Delta Sigma Pi

105 Parliament Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

March 9, 1990

March 12, 1990

The Central Office of
Delta Sigma Pi
330 South Campus Ave.
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The Central Office
International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
300 South Campus Avenue
Oxford, Ohio 45056-0230

Attention: Board of Directors

Subject: Omega Alpha Colony
LaRoche College, Pittsburgh, PA

Gentlemen:

As president of the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter, International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, it is my pleasure to recommend the brothers of the Omega Alpha Colony to become a chapter.

I have worked with the brothers on numerous occasions and find that they show a great deal of potential, not only as students, but in their future business careers.

Sincerely,



Donald McCormick

cc: B. V. Michalek
S. O'Driscoll ✓

Fraternally,



Barbara M. Shedd
President - Alumni Chapter
Alumni Chapter
LaRoche College

cc: Sean O'Driscoll
Harry Lachanby



INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

March 5, 1990

Board of Directors
The Central Office of
Delta Sigma Pi
330 South Campus Ave.
Oxford, OH 45056-0230

Brothers,

Now is the time for careful choices. Whether it be in our professional lives, our private lives, or our fraternal lives, we must weigh all possible choices and choose only those that will benefit us in the long run.

I believe the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi will make the right choice by extending a charter to the Omega Alpha Colony at La Rouche College. The Omega Alpha Colony has demonstrated their willingness to become a chapter by enthusiastically accepting the challenge put upon them.

The Omega Alpha Colony includes many determined members working toward becoming Brothers of Delta Sigma Pi. As evidenced at the recent East Central Area Conference, they are willing to serve the fraternity and accept all responsibilities endowed upon them. They have worked hard over the last several months in the areas of recruiting, professional activities, and community service. They also have actively participated in events held by other chapters in the region.

It is my pleasure to recommend that the Omega Alpha Colony become a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. These particular individuals can provide another strong link of Brotherhood to our fraternity. The members of Omega Alpha made the right choice in choosing Delta Sigma Pi. I hope the fraternity will consider their qualifications and extend them a charter.

Fraternally,

Barbara M. Skedel

Barbara M. Skedel
President - Akron/Canton
Alumni Chapter
Lambda District Director

cc: Sean O'Driscoll
Harry Leckemby

March 12, 1990

Delta Sigma Pi, Lambda Chapter
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International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi
Board of Directors
330 South Campus Ave.
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Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of the brothers of Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, it is my pleasure to recommend that the Omega Alpha Colony be inducted as a chapter to the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

The thirty-one members of the Omega Alpha Colony have demonstrated their desire and capabilities of becoming outstanding brothers and an outstanding chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

In keeping with the preamble to our constitution, the Omega Alpha Colony has been organized to foster the study of business at La Roche College. They have held several professional events including a resume writing workshop lead by Don McCormick, and a professional speaker, Ken Carlson, from the FBI. In addition to its professional program, the Omega Alpha Colony has served both its school and its local community. On campus they sponsored a clean up day. During Christmas time, they visited a Senior Care Home and sang Christmas Carols. They are currently planning for La Roche's 1st annual carnival to be held on April 7, 1990. The Omega Alpha Colony is directly sponsoring this event for its school.

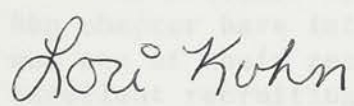
Recruiting members for Omega Alpha Colony has been an ongoing process but was highlighted on January 26 by a get acquainted event held at North Park Skating Rink in Pittsburgh. The brothers and pledges of Lambda Chapter were pleased to attend this event as well

as Theta Rho Chapter and members from the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter. It was another chance for us to interact with Omega Alpha Colony members and our brothers from Theta Rho.


One of the most exciting events of the year was probably the Area Conference held in Pittsburgh February 23-25. This was co-sponsored by Omega Alpha Colony, Lambda Chapter and Theta Rho Chapter. The weekend was a great success bringing together over 200 brothers, pledges, and colony members from 12 chapters and colonies. We were also fortunate to have Bill Kinsella, C. Dean Ferguson, Sam Shaheen, Harry Leckemby as well as many district directors and alumni to share in our weekend of brotherhood.

During this past year the Omega Alpha Colony has become an integral part of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. They have upheld all the standards of the Fraternity and demonstrated their worthiness to become individual brothers and most of all a chapter of this Fraternity. I therefore strongly recommend the Omega Alpha Colony be installed as a chapter into the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

Fraternally Your,



Lori Kuhn
President
Lambda Chapter, Delta Sigma Pi
University of Pittsburgh

Fraternally,
Theta Rho Chapter

Laura J. Newberry
President

International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi

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March 10, 1990

The Central Office
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I recommend that the Omega Alpha colony of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi be given the honor of becoming a chapter.

The Omega Alpha colony has shown their potential to be an outstanding chapter, if given the opportunity. Their enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism has been clearly demonstrated. The Omega Alpha colony assisted in preparing the 1990 Spring Area conference of the East Central Region. By assisting the chapters of Theta Rho and Lambda, they proved their devotion to the fraternity, their ability to work well with others, and their professional qualities.

The brothers of the Omega Alpha colony and the brothers of the Theta Rho chapter have interacted on numerous occasions. One of such interactions was one of their recruiting events. The evening was well planned and their excellent recruiting techniques were demonstrated. I feel as though, if given the chance, they would be able to maintain a strong membership. Not only because of their excellent recruiting techniques, but because of their spirit, devotion, and professionalism.

I feel as though it would be a great asset to the Fraternity to have these outstanding individuals represent Delta Sigma Pi at LaRoche College.

Fraternally,

Theta Rho Chapter

Laura J. Newberry
Laura J. Newberry
President



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March 11, 1990

Board of Directors
The Central Office
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Dear Board of Directors,

As a life member of Delta Sigma Pi (Iota Tau Chapter) and professor at La Roche College, I am honored to be writing this letter of recommendation for the Omega Alpha Colony. Rarely have I seen a group of students so dedicated to a project or as diligent in their efforts to attain a goal. The Omega Alpha Colony has as their goal, becoming a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

The brothers of the Omega Alpha Colony have generated excitement, enthusiasm and a sincere desire to have Delta Sigma Pi as the professional business fraternity on the campus of La Roche College. They have developed student interest, and have already shown that they can be leaders on this campus. Through college wide participatory events, speakers and activities, the brothers of the Omega Alpha Colony are creating an awareness that a professional fraternity will bring an added as well as needed dimension to the La Roche campus environment.

It is with my sincerest regards that I hope you will recognize the Omega Alpha colony as a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. They are truly a deserving group of students.

Sincerely,

Lynn Tucker Archer
Assistant Professor
Computer Information Systems

LA ROCHE COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 5, 1990

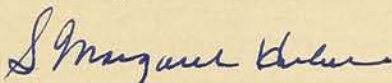
Board of Directors
The Central Office
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Dear Board Members:

I recommend that the Omega Alpha Colony of La Roche College be granted a charter to the International Professional Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

This organization has already demonstrated professionalism and conducted themselves in a very commendable manner. I believe our students will benefit from a charter membership in this organization, both on a professional and personal level.

Sincerely,



Sister Margaret Huber
President

SMH/bmm

LA ROCHE COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

March 12, 1990

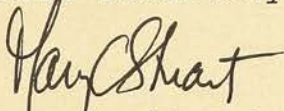
C. Dean Ferguson
Director of Chapter Services
Delta Sigma Pi
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Oxford, Ohio 45056-0230

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am pleased to write in support of La Roche College's Omega Alpha Colony's petition to become a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. The colony has attracted strong, committed students to its leadership. It further has the support of a strong role model in Mr. Bernard Michalek as faculty advisor.

The activities of the colony reflect the kind that La Roche College supports as educational and community building in nature. La Roche College welcomes Delta Sigma Pi's presence on this campus and looks forward to the prospect of Omega Alpha Colony becoming a chapter.

Yours sincerely,



Mary C. Stuart, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President

cc: Sean O'Driscoll, President
Omega Alpha Colony
Mr. Bernard Michalek, Faculty Advisor
Dr. Stephen Sivulich, Vice President for
Student Affairs and Dean of Students



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Student Senate

The Central Office
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February 19, 1990

Dear C. Dean Ferguson,

I am writing this letter on the behave of the students at LaRoche College.

Since the beginning of the Omega Alpha Colony at LaRoche there has been great interest shown by the students. This professional organization gives students the chance to share information scholastically and socially.

The organization has been very active in it's first year in existence. They helped sponsor a campus wide Halloween Dance, they organized a campus clean up day and have sponsored many guest speakers. LaRoche students greatly benefit from this caliber of an organization.

The students involved have spent many hours in organizing and making the Omega Alpha Colony one of the most involved organizations at LaRoche College.

I, as Student Senate President, feel an organization such as, Delta Sigma Pi, would be beneficial to the students at LaRoche College and look forward to having Omega Alpha Colony become a chapter in the near fututre.

Sincerely,

Jacki Carlantonio

Jacki Carlantonio
Student Senate President

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LaROCHE COLLEGE

The coat of arms for La Roche College unites the arms of the three founders who bear historical responsibility of its founding. The upper left-hand compartment contains the family arms of Sixtus-Emile Emmanuel de La Roche, who founded the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The upper right-hand compartment contains the family arms of Mother Marie de La Roche, first Superior of the Society. The entire part of the shield contains the coat of arms from the personal arms of the Most Reverend John J. Walsh, Bishop of Pittsburgh during whose reign the College was founded. The motto, "Ad Lucem per Amorem," translated from Latin as "Light through Love."



The coat of arms for La Roche College unites the arms of the three persons who bear historical responsibility of its founding. The upper left-hand compartment contains the family arms of Bishop William Emmanuel von Ketteler, who founded the Sisters of Divine Providence. The upper right-hand compartment contains the family arms of Mother Marie de La Roche, first Superior of the Sisters. The bottom part of the shield contains the eagle, taken from the personal arms of the Most Reverend John J. Wright, Bishop of Pittsburgh, during whose reign the College was founded. The motto, "Ad Lucem per Amorem," translates from Latin as "To Light through Love."

HISTORY OF LaROCHE COLLEGE

It began as a dream--a mission to fill a critical need. But in the hands of visionary leaders, La Roche College grew into a vital educational institution that has touched people's lives and tapped the potential of Western Pennsylvania.

From the beginning, the mission was clear--to provide sisters information with easily accessible avenues to education. It was a mission that is best described in the college motto, "Ad Lucem per Amorem--To Light through Love."

The task was a formidable one. There were strict regulations to meet, including five rules drawn by a blue ribbon committee of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to govern the establishment of such colleges. Without meeting these rigid requirements, no Catholic college could gain approval by the Diocese. To Sister Mary Kenneth Kearns, provincial superior of the Congregation of Divine Providence and the college's founder, such high standards were not a deterrent--they were a challenge.

Armed with the faith of Abraham and motivated by a desire to expand the intellectual opportunities for her sisters, Mother Mary Kenneth Kearns stunned diocesan administrators when she satisfied their requirements with relative ease. Her hard work was amply rewarded when the diocese gave the congregation approval to proceed with plans to establish Pittsburgh's first

new college in 30 years.

But Divine Providence had other plans for Mother Mary Kenneth. She was not to see the opening of the college for which she worked and dreamed. In 1960, she was elected to the Generalate of the Congregation of Divine Providence and moved to Rome. When she returned 12 years later, she served the college as a financial aid officer and then later as archivist.

The dream envisioned by Mother Mary Kenneth did not dim in her absence. Her successor, Mother Mary Dominic Obringer, moved ahead with the plans and on June 27, 1963, La Roche received its long-sought charter as a four year college. Sister Annuciata Sohl was the first president; Mother Mary Dominic, the first board chair.

Realization of the dream was a cause for celebration. The congregation jubilantly celebrated the opening of the college with a Solemn High Mass on September 12. Five days later 184 sisters from five religious communities, including the Vincentian Sisters of Charity, the Benedictine Sisters, Sisters of Christ the Teacher, Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother and, of course, the Sisters of Divine Providence, began classes.

Students entering La Roche that fall could choose from among three majors: English, History, and Biology. Although classes were also required in philosophy and theology, they were not major areas of study.

The year 1965 was marked by two important events. That summer La Roche admitted its first lay students. By fall, nearly 50 out of the 300 students enrolled were lay women.

But the most noteworthy event was commencement. On August 4, 1965, La Roche awarded degrees to its first graduates: five students received Bachelor of Arts degrees and two received Bachelor of Science degrees. All of the graduates were members of the Congregation of Divine Providence.

The future looked bright. The college that started in the basement of Ketteler Hall had outgrown its facilities. To accommodate the increase, the congregation deeded 52 acres on the east side of Babcock Boulevard to La Roche and soon construction was underway for additional buildings.

The library and classroom building was the first to be constructed by the college. The facility was named for Cardinal John J. Wright, then Bishop of Pittsburgh. Bishop Wright had been one of La Roche's first board members. He was not only instrumental in helping the college secure its charter, but for many years thereafter generously supported the college.

La Roche's physical expansion soon spread to the west side of Babcock Boulevard. As enrollment continued to climb, La Roche leased two additional buildings from the congregation. Known today as Academic Hall and the Design Center, both facilities were originally part of Marycrest Academy, a preparatory high school for girls.

As the 1960s gave way to the 1970s, the Sisters began to feel the effects of Vatican II. The spirit of openness it created meant new opportunities for women in religious communities. Soon the number of women entering religious life began to decline. Years later, Sister De la Salle Mahler would

refer to this period as "the great exodus."

While La Roche continued to experience tremendous growth in the number of lay students, it still depended on the Sisters of Divine Providence for its financial resources. But a diminishing number of nuns and the financial commitments essential to earning accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, make the financial future look bleak.

In an effort to turn the tide, the college turned to an esteemed advisor and friend, Dr. Ralph Klinefelter. Appointed president in 1968, he was the only lay president in the history of the college.

Despite heroic efforts, the congregation could no longer bear the financial burden of maintaining the college. So, in 1969, following weeks of discussion, prayer and consultation, the Sisters of Divine Providence, of necessity, voted to close La Roche College.

Dreams die hard--especially when those who dream are people of great courage and vision.

With the resignation of Dr. Klinefelter, the board appointed Sister De la Salle Mahler president. Responding to the congregation's mandate, she began the work of closing the doors.

The decision was not popular among La Roche students. They wrote letters of protest to President De la Salle and members of the Board of Trustees, urging them to keep the college open. They also erected a "plea tree" in Wright Library and covered the branches with notes, entreating the congregation to reconsider.

However, as the closing process neared completion, it became

evident that there was much to save. Dr. Warren Evans of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, sent to advise Sister De la Salle on the closing, surprised her by recommending she give the college another chance.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm of the students and recommendations of the state reviewers, Sister De la Salle and the Board of Trustees took bold steps to save the college. They amended the charter, establishing the college as an independent, coeducational institution. They established a lay board of prominent business leaders, chaired by local businessman Frank J. Schneider, and finally, a strict austerity budget was adopted.

The decision to independently incorporate La Roche was generously supported by the Sisters of Divine Providence. The congregation committed facilities, staff and much needed resources. Today, their support of the college continues as they remain its major donor and friend.

While the revitalized college faced many new challenges, enthusiasm for the new effort was strong. From the stormy period of near financial collapse, La Roche emerged as a dedicated team of educators committed to broadening the college's original mission to provide access to higher education for people throughout western Pennsylvania.

The hard work and sacrifice of trustees, faculty and staff paid big dividends for La Roche. Within six years, the college had earned Middle States Accreditation, tripled its enrollment and built its first residence facility, Schneider Hall.

President De la Salle had piloted the college through a

difficult period. Now, her congregation called her to new challenges as general superior of the Sisters of Divine Providence in Rome. The board named Sister Mary Joan Coultas, former dean of students, to succeed Sister de la Salle as president in 1975.

Under President Coultas' leadership, La Roche diversified its curriculum to include majors in Business and Allied Health Care. As the number of programs grew, so did enrollment. In five short years, enrollment grew from 400 students to more than 1500.

During this period, La Roche received its first National League of Nursing Accreditation and also started its first graduate program in Human Resources Management.

Of course, new growth is often accompanied by growing pains. La Roche in the mid to late seventies was no exception. The enrollment boom placed a burden on both classroom and residence hall facilities.

The need for more space was growing critical, but the college suffered from an acute visibility problem that made a capital fund-raising campaign risky. But what the young college lacked in visibility, it possessed in courage.

In March 1979, after an intensive year-long effort to build visibility in the corporate community, La Roche launched its first capital campaign. The goal was to finance the construction of the Science Center. Within a year the campaign had exceeded its \$700,000 goal and construction began.

Two years later, in 1981, President Coultas was elected

provincial director of the Pittsburgh Congregation of Divine Providence. Her successor, Sister Margaret Huber, was 31 years old when she became the fifth president of La Roche College. She quickly distinguished herself as a woman of vision and determination.

President Huber began immediately to build a strong faculty and administrative team. She focused attention on institutional planning, strengthening the curriculum and developing programs and facilities. She led the way to establish La Roche as a cultural and educational resource to the North Hills by instituting such programs as the Performing Arts Series, art gallery exhibits, and a graduate colloquium series.

The college soon developed a reputation of excellence that paved the way for new growth. While enrollment continued to climb, it became obvious that without improved facilities and additional space, the college's ability to fulfill its mission would be severely hindered. So, with space at a premium, it was time once again to build for the future.

Working with a long-range committee, President Huber quickly became the driving forces behind an aggressive \$18 million, ten year plan for campus growth. True to the original mission, it was a student centered plan. It called for three important new student facilities--a College Center, an academic building and a fitness and recreation center.

When La Roche dedicated the new College Center on September 27, 1987, it was an exciting day in the history of the college. Besides celebrating the opening of a new building, the event also

marked the beginning of a year-long 25th anniversary celebration. For many people, it was also the day when LaRoche embarked on a new era of growth.

Lafayette College
Lafayette, New Jersey
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Lafayette College is a member of an association of colleges which was organized in 1900 by the National Education Association. The organization with headquarters at Washington, D. C. is known as the National Education Association. The organization was organized in 1900 and has since that time been working to improve the quality of education in the United States. The organization has a membership of over 100,000 members and is the largest organization of its kind in the world. The organization has a long history of service to the education of the people of the United States. The organization has been instrumental in the development of many of the educational reforms of the past century. The organization has been a leading force in the fight for equal educational opportunities for all. The organization has been a leading force in the fight for the improvement of the quality of education in the United States. The organization has been a leading force in the fight for the improvement of the quality of education in the United States.

LAROCHE COLLEGE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Division of Administration and Management is a department of the College which is responsible for the general administration of the College. The Division is headed by the Vice President for Administration and Management. The Division is responsible for the development and implementation of the College's policies and procedures. The Division is also responsible for the coordination of the College's various administrative functions. The Division is a key component of the College's overall administrative structure.

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LaRoche College
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Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237

LaRoche College is the outgrowth of an extension program which was begun in 1924 by the Sisters of Divine Providence in conjunction with Duquesne University of Pittsburgh. The extension center sponsored the first two years of a college program for young members of religious congregations of women who were preparing to teach in parochial schools. By 1958, a complete four year program was planned and in June, 1963, LaRoche College was chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Charter enabled the College to confer the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science Degrees. The first two classes admitted to the College in 1963 and 1964 were comprised solely of members of religious congregations. Lay women were admitted in 1965. In 1970 LaRoche changed its charter and became a coeducational college.

Permanent degree granting status was granted to the College in May of 1972 after the institution had weathered some severe financial difficulties and had questioned its own viability. Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredited the College in 1973 and enrollment began to improve.

The Administration and Management Division began as a concentration within the Social Sciences but in the spring of 1976, it was combined with Art and Design to form a new division called the Division of Administration, Management and Design. In the fall of 1976, an accounting concentration was added.

In 1983 a concentration in Computer Information Systems was added followed in 1985 by concentrations in Finance and International Management.

The College grants the Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration and Management to students completing the course of study in any of the concentrations offered by the Division of Administration and Management and has provided certificate programs in Real Estate. The Division continues to grow in terms of numbers and its importance to the College. In 1982, for example, 28% of the total students enrolled in the College were in the Administration and Management Division, in 1988, 30% of the total student body were Administration and Management students. Approximately 460 students are currently enrolled in the Accounting, Administration and Management, Computer Information Systems, Finance and International Management concentrations of the Division of Administration and Management of LaRoche College.

BUSINESS DEGREES OFFERED AT LaROCHE COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting
Finance
Computer Information System
Administration and Management
International Management

The La Alpha Chapter of Omega Alpha Colony was founded during the fall semester of 1959. Through its efforts, research and development in the field of psychology, education, and professional development have been advanced. The activities of the International Professional Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi at North Carolina State University have been furthered through the efforts of the La Alpha Chapter. The chapter received a charter of recognition from the International Professional Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi during the Omega Alpha Colony of Delta Sigma Pi.

The founding members of Omega Alpha Colony felt that through their La Alpha Chapter's goals could be accomplished. These goals included promoting the educational development of La Alpha Colony members; facilitating these students with an established, organized environment, providing a well-rounded college education, and finally, attaining a high standard of living and professional welfare throughout the community. The Omega Alpha Colony has achieved these goals and, also, has established a sense of pride and loyalty among its members. The La Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi will continue to strive for the highest level of achievement in our field through the International Professional Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

PETITIONING GROUP

PETITIONING EXECUTIVE OF OMEGA ALPHA COLONY

March 30, 1968

- President - Jean O. [unclear]
- Vice President - Marjane Collins
- Secretary - Ted Clark
- Treasurer - Peggy [unclear]

PETITIONING EXECUTIVE OF DELTA SIGMA PI CHAPTER

AT [unclear] COLLEGE

1967 - 1968

- President - Jean O. [unclear]
- Vice President - Marjane Collins
- Treasurer - Ted Clark
- Secretary - Pamela [unclear]
- Chairman of the Student Education - James [unclear]
- Vice President for Student Operations - [unclear]
- Vice President for Professional Activities - Paul [unclear]
- Historian - [unclear]
- Chancellor - [unclear]
- Chairperson for Community Activities - Laura [unclear]
- Co-Chairperson for [unclear] - Josephine [unclear]
- Co-Chairperson for [unclear] - James [unclear]

The La Roche College Business Association was formed during the fall semester of 1988. Throughout that semester, research was conducted for the purpose of finding an International Professional Business Fraternity. This research led to the petitioning of the International Professional Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, on March 16, 1989, by our four founding officers. These officers received a letter of acceptance from C. Dean Ferguson on March 30, 1989 hence forming the Omega Alpha Colony of Delta Sigma Pi.

The founding members of Omega Alpha Colony felt that through Delta Sigma Pi their goals could be accomplished. These goals included enhancing the educational development of La Roche College business majors; familiarizing these students with an established business environment; providing a well-rounded college atmosphere; and lastly, promoting a high standard of civic and commercial welfare throughout the community. The Omega Alpha Colony has achieved these goals and, also, has established a sense of pride and brotherhood throughout its members. The La Roche College business students who are involved with the Omega Alpha Colony of Delta Sigma Pi will continue to strive for the competitive edge in our society taught to us through the International Professional Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

FOUNDING FATHERS OF OMEGA ALPHA COLONY

March 30, 1989

President - Sean O'Driscoll
Senior Vice President - Mariann Contino
Treasurer - Ted Sprys
Secretary - Peggy Burns

FOUNDING FATHERS OF DELTA SIGMA PI CHAPTER

AT LA ROCHE COLLEGE

1989 - 1990

President - Sean O'Driscoll
Senior Vice President - Mariann Contino
Treasurer - Ted Sprys
Secretary - Jennifer Drozda
Vice President for Pledge Education - Tammy Beier
Vice President for Chapter Operations - Curt Pohl
Vice President for Professional Activities - Phil Hedrick
Historian - Lori Switalski
Chancellor - Dan Widmaier
Chairperson for Community Activities - Laura Ferrill
Co-Chairperson for Fundraising - Josephine Ciccone
Co-Chairperson for Fundraising - James Brown

MEMBERS

SEAN W O'DRISCOLL
Senior, Accounting



Sean came from a large high school, where the personal teaching was lost. LaRoche's size and teacher to student ratio was the major selling point for him. He is studying to become a CPA and change jobs frequently to learn and get a variety of experience, so that he can open his own business.

Sean was one of the co-founders of Delta Sigma Pi at LaRoche. He joined when it was a business organization, and helped develop it into what it is today. He envisioned an organization to propel the typical business school student into a standard of excellence set by the high quality professors LaRoche has to offer. He feels that along with all of our members, especially my officers, we have taken a theory and developed it into one of the most well run organizations, if not the best, on campus.

Sean believes that nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it. This has helped Delta Sigma Pi get a start if not established at LaRoche.



MARIANN CONTINO
Senior, Accounting

Mariann, our Senior Vice President, is from Port Washington, New York. She is active in Zeta Epsilon Sorority and she is a Resident Advisor here on the La Roche campus. She also enjoys skiing, lacrosse, and horse back riding in her free time. Mariann, one of the four founding officers of Omega Alpha Colony, plans on graduating in May of 1990. Her goal is to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree from La Roche and go on to take the CPA exam. Eventually, she would like to be employed by one of the top six public accounting firms.



Theodore J. Sprys
Senior, Accounting

Theodore, our colony Treasurer, chose to attend La Roche College because of the personal atmosphere between the students and teachers. He also was impressed by the quality of the business program offered at La Roche. When he is not involved in scholastic activities, Ted enjoys skiing, sailing, and building models. Ted plans on graduating in May of 1990 with his BS degree and then plans to attend graduate school. Following his education, Ted would prefer to start a career with one of the top accounting firms. With this experience he eventually will open his own tax/auditing practice.



Daniel William Widmaier
Sophomore, Finance

Daniel, our colony Chancellor, enrolled here at La Roche because they offered a quality college education, close to home. During his leisure time, Dan enjoys hunting, fishing, and keeping track of the stock market. Upon graduation, Dan plans on gaining entrance to a Fortune 500 corporation as a financial consultant. He would like to excel at his career in order to retire by age 45.



JENNIFER LYNN DROZDA
Junior, Accounting

Jennifer is our Secretary and has many ideas from prior jobs for Delta Sigma Pi. She chose La Roche because it's close to home, small, and a friendly atmosphere. Jennifer has a wide range of hobbies which include horse back riding, skiing, reading, shopping, and drawing. Upon graduation she plans on becoming a CPA.



TAMMY ANN BEIER
Junior, Accounting

Tammy is the Vice President for Pledge Education. She chose La Roche for the Accounting department and the high placement after graduation. Tammy's interest include all types of sports, dancing, water skiing. Her career goal is to obtain her CPA and work for a major Accounting firm which she would enjoy traveling for.



JAMES EDWARD BROWN
Freshman, Pre-Law, International Business,
Accounting

James was looking for a small school for a solid education. When not in school James enjoys chess, running, archery, swimming, and bowling. Once he graduates, James plans on being a wealthy corporate lawyer. He plans to help Delta Sigma Pi by giving his leadership skills.



PHILIP G. HEDRICK
Senior, Administration & Management

Philip is the Vice President for Professional Activities. Philip chose La Roche because it has an outstanding business department. He is an outdoors man who enjoys hunting and fishing. When Philip graduates he would like to join a company as an upper level manager.



Lorraine Anne Switalski
Freshman, Administration and Management

Lori, our colony Historian, decided on attending La Roche because of its friendly atmosphere and because of the small size of the classes which encourages more of a one on one relationship between her and her teachers. When Lori has spare moments she spends her time drawing, reading, and playing pool. She also takes interest in animals. Upon graduation from La Roche, Lori plans of extending her education by attending graduate school. From there she plans on opening her own interior decorating business.



Curtis Gerard Pohl
Freshman, Accounting

Curtis, Vice President for Chapter Operations, chose to enroll at La Roche College because of its small size. Curtis has a hearing impairment, making it necessary for him to attend a school which has smaller classes allowing for a more one to one ability. When Curtis is not studying he enjoys bowling, soccer, golf, reading, drawing, and collecting things such as coins and comic books. Upon graduation from La Roche Curtis plans on taking the CPA exam and eventually would either like to work for one of the top accounting firms or to start his own accounting practice.



JAMES WILLIAM CAMERON
Sophomore, CIS

James, a Pittsburgh native, attends La Roche College because of their excellent Computer Information Systems program. He enjoys computers, water skiing, and photography when not bettering himself. James plans on starting and operating his own profitable computer software business upon graduation.



KRISTINE MARIA GOLDBACH
Graduate, Accounting

Kristine, an alumnus of Omega Alpha Colony, attended La Roche because of its small size which allowed for personalized attention between her and the teachers. She enjoys music, ethnic culture, and aerobics in her free time. Kristine now plans on preparing for and passing the CPA exam to help further her career.



LAURA FERRILL
Senior, International Management

Laura chose LaRoche for the small personalize atmosphere. Her future plans include working for an international firm and attending law school. She is involved in student senate, french society, ski club, and the school news paper.



SCOTT RAMALEY
Freshman, Administration and Management,
Finance

Scott came to LaRoche because he liked the small surrounding atmosphere. He wanted to join Delta Sigma Pi because of its name and association with excellence. He believes it will be beneficial to be part of this organization.



SHARON MARIE HUDAK
Sophomore, International Mangagement

Sharon chose LaRoche because of the International Management program and a softball scholarship. She enjoys softball and volleyball. Sharon plans to work with a major corporation and to study over seas. She hopes to provide new ideas to Delta Sigma Pi.



WENDY LYNN PAIS
Junior, Administration and Management

Wendy, a native of the Pittsburgh area, attends LaRoche College so she can commute and still be able to participate in school activities and social groups. When she is not doing school related activities, Wendy enjoys listening to music and doing aerobics. She plans on graduating from LaRoche with a B.S. degree and using her knowledge to acquire a position as a Sales Representative.



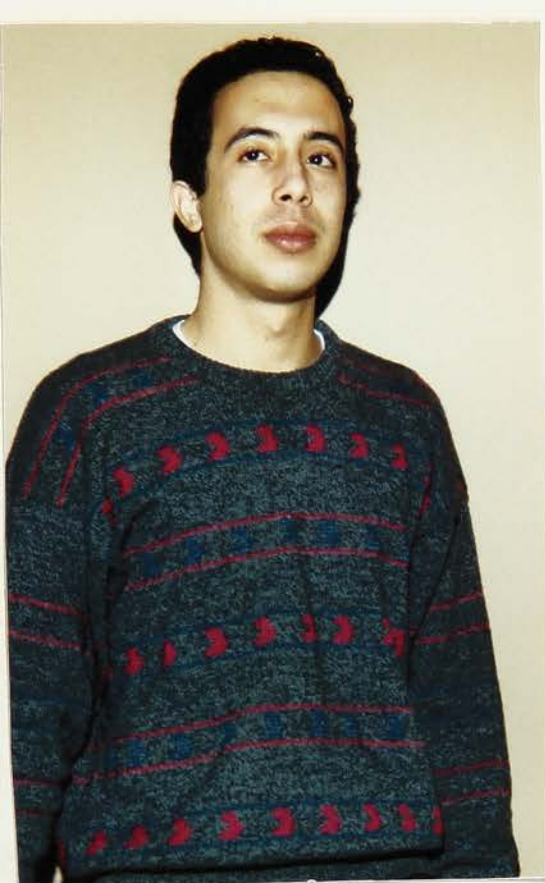
DOUGLAS BENTZ
Freshman, Administration Finance

LaRoche's small school environment and excellent business department made future education plans easy for Douglas. When not studying Douglas enjoy water skiing, flying, swimming, and cars. When he graduates from La Roche Douglas plans to own his own business and be financially independent.



ANGELA KAY BLAHUT
Sophomore, International Management

Angela chose La Roche because of the benefits that it would eventually supply to her. LaRoche had a complete college social atmosphere and it is a small school where she could receive a student teacher education. Angela enjoys snow skiing, karate, and reading. Her career goals are to further her education and to do her best.



Elghali (Chip) Bouziri
Freshman, Administration and Management

Elghali, a native of Morocco, chose La Roche because the application process was easily accessible and because La Roche's recruitment was personable. During leisure time, Elghali enjoys traveling, classical and jazz music, making friends and modelism. Upon graduation from La Roche, Elghali plans on returning to Morocco and starting a career in the administrative field of business.



BRYAN CARRIGAN
Sophomore, Accounting

Bryan, a New York native, chose La Roche because of the special attention he received on his recruitment. When he is not studying, Bryan enjoys golf, skiing, reading, and building models. Bryan hopes to, upon graduation, gain entrance into a corporate accounting department and to eventually get his masters degree from Syracuse University.



MARCIA LYNN BADZIK
Freshman, Administration and Management

Marcia is a Pittsburgh native who chose La Roche because of its relatively small size. She enjoys swimming and bike riding in her leisure time. Marcia plans to go on to graduate school and eventually to succeed in the business world.



PAMELA ANN BORNEMAN
Junior, International Management

Pamela, a London born student, came to La Roche because of its outstanding business program. Pam enjoys tennis, diving, and progressive music when she is not studying. She plans on returning to England for graduate school and to go on to work for a Latin American corporation.

CARLYE METCALF

Junior, Administration and Management

Carlye picked La Roche because it was a local college, had a good environment, and the ability to get help when needed. Carlye enjoys school, shopping, working, and jogging. She plans on working as a sales representative for Fortune 500 Company.



JEFFERY E. NOONE

Sophomore, International Business

Jeff decided to attend LaRoche because of the baseball scholarship he received. He enjoys baseball and politics when not studying. He plans on being financially independent but how he will acquire it is undecided.



JENNIFER LEE INGEBO
Junior, Finance

Jennifer, a resident of Oregon, came to La Roche because of the friendly atmosphere of the students and teachers. She enjoys singing, acting, and traveling, when not studying. Upon graduation, Jen plans on gaining entrance to a career in which she will work with the public, possibly with investments and marketing.



ROBERT MARTIN WEBER
Junior, CIS

Robert is a native of the Pittsburgh area who chose to attend La Roche because of the high quality of their computer program. Rob enjoys pool, racquetball, basketball, and playing deck hockey. Rob eventually plans on gaining entrance into IBM and starting a career as a systems analyst.



SUSAN E HEIN
Junior, Administration and Management

Susan chose LaRoche because of its reputation in business education and because of its nontraditional students. Her goals are to go into marketing or hold a sales representative position with a consumer products firm. She will contribute enthusiasm and hard work to Delta Sigma Pi.



ALLEN W BROWN
Junior, Administration and Management

Allen chose LaRoche for the business program and wants to work in personnel management. He chose Delta Sigma Pi because of his strong interest in business. He hopes to contribute new ideas to the fraternity.



JOSEPHINE MARIE CICCONE
Senior, Accounting

Josephine decided to attend La Roche with the classes were small and would receive the attention that she desires. She enjoys coin collecting. Josephine would like to have her own business but not necessarily in accounting.



LAURA JEAN KAPP
Junior, CIS

Laura chose LaRoche over other schools because it has an outstanding CIS department and the students get individual attention. She enjoys computers, drawing, reading, music, and shopping. Laura hopes to have a career in System Analysis or dealing with computers.



Mr. Bernard Michalek C.P.A
Faculty Advisor, Omega Alpha Colony

Mr. Michalek is a life member of Delta Sigma Pi from the Lambda Chapter, and currently serves as Board Chairman and Treasurer of Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. Mr. Michalek has taught at LaRoche since 1987.