SORORITIES
The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was organized January 16, 1908, at Howard University. Alpha enjoys the distinction of being the first chartered Greek letter sorority among Negro students. The growth of this sorority as a national organization has been unusual. At present there are thirty-three chapters. There are chapters in six state universities, eight other large universities, fifteen principal cities, and seven states, stretching across the country from New York to California, and from Minnesota to Atlanta, Georgia.

The sorority holds its annual convention during the Christmas holidays. In 1923, the Epsilon-Omega chapter was the hostess to the Boule. The convention 1924 will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., at the seat of the Mu chapter.

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Alpha Chapter, established in 1908, has largely thru its initiative and example paved the way for the establishment of four other sororities at the University. Alpha enjoys the distinction of obtaining the first sorority house granted by the University.

Ivy Day, inaugurated by Alpha Chapter, has been adopted as a University custom; and we are able to record that Rankin Memorial Chapel received its ivy cover from a sprig planted on Ivy Day. The library also boasts its vine from such a day.
Delta Sigma Theta

Dear "Bison":

Days, weeks, months or a year has passed since you last heard of our labors, but we have not forgotten you.

We were glad to return to dear old Howard in the autumn. The first of October found us busily arranging and rearranging our home for the school year. You notice we say "home"; it takes a heap of living in it to make a house a home. And, "Bison," we really have a home. Dear Mrs. Martin, whom you met last year, is with us again.

Our happenings have been many. One cold blustery night in November, we decided that we just had to take a trip. We took with us a few "nuns" to show them a little of the outside world. Across a sea, up mountains and down valleys we took them, and finally when we realized that the poor things were so cold that they could scarcely walk or talk, we brought them back over the same rough road. But "all is well that ends well"; so they found themselves in the secret places of our sisterhood. "Mother" Martin says, we mustn't tell you everything, "Bison." Later that morning Sorors Jessie Atkins, Gladys Tinsley, Talma Brooks and Edmonia White packed their little bags and were off to "Philly" to the game. Gwendolyn was going too, but, well—she spent the holidays in Washington.

After Thanksgiving, it was time for real earnest study for the calendar pointed to December 18th; and we later found ourselves keeping late hours just before the examination days.

On December 24th, "Mother" Martin heard Martha pulling her trunk across the floor. "What's all the bustle about, anyhow?" "We're off to the Convention," was the answer. And off went Soror Martha Jones to the convention. We gained inspiration and new ideas. We feel that we have just begun to do the great work that is before us. Just about here they called the roll:

Alpha Chapter ------- Howard University
Beta ------------- Wilberforce University
Gamma _________ University of Pennsylvania
Delta ___________ University of Iowa
Epsilon ________ Ohio State University
Zeta ____________ University of Cincinnati
Theta ___________ Cornell University
Eta _____________ University of Syracuse
Kappa ___________ University of California
Iota _____________ Boston, Mass
Lambda ___________ Chicago University
Nu _____________ University of Michigan
Omicron ___________ University of Nebraska
Gamma Beta ________ Cincinnati, Ohio
Epsilon Beta _______ Baltimore, Md.
Zeta Beta __________ Tuskegee Institute
Beta Beta __________ Washington, D. C.
Pi _____________ Southern branch, Univ. of Calif.

1924 BISON
We must tell you about our leap year party. A group of jolly fellows helped us watch the old year out. We don't know how many ladies asked gentlemen for dances but all were supposed to.

Things quieted down until we gave our Valentine party. We needn't try to give you a picture of it for we cannot. The house was decorated in scarlet and cream; hearts and arrows hung everywhere. We'll leave the rest to your imagination. Now we are looking forward to our "May Week" Educational Drive. We hope you will be here.

Oh, the road hasn't been smooth always, but we smoothed the rough places out and are glad that we can wish for you, "Old Bison," the same good luck and good will that was with

Yours very sincerely.

ALPHA CHAPTER,
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Rho Psi Phi

On January fourth, nineteen hundred twenty two, twenty-six Howard University Medical Girls met and organized a sorority, known as the Rho Psi Phi, comprised of girls of the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical departments exclusively. These serious minded girls felt the need of a closer union in fellowship, the maintenance of higher moral standards, stimulation of greater efforts, encouragement and assistance for the advancement of colored women of the Medical sciences.

This is the greatest movement undertaken by women of any of the professional schools in America, and should these young ladies be successful in carrying out their aim, the Medical profession will be put on a higher plane, because, “No race can rise higher than its womanhood.” Every year since nineteen hundred and twenty-two this sorority has advanced. Dr. Emily B. Childress of Los Angeles, California, is organizing a Beta chapter there, and this sorority, hopes to organize chapters in every medical school where there are Colored women.

During this year we have had the hearty cooperation of able minded women and have been entertained by Doctors Eva R. Board, Hillyer and Brown. Many girls have graduated from it and are now scattered in several states and are progressing in their vocations of life. The Howard Medical School boasts of its young women and hopes that this movement will be the means of inducing more young women to enter the different branches of the medical profession.

The officers of this sorority are as follows:

OFFICERS
Mrs. Orm J. Fisher............................................President
Miss Edna Cunningham.................................Vice-President
Miss Mary Jane Watkins.................................Secretary
Miss Edna Harper........................................Corresponding Secretary
Miss Laura Martin........................................Treasurer
Miss Charlotte Juliet Smith..........................Sergeant-at-Arms
Zeta Phi Beta

In January 1920 Zeta Phi Beta was organized. It is the youngest undergraduate Greek letter organization at Howard University. During the four years of its existence it has become nationally chartered, and the number of chapters have increased to eleven.

The last convention, held with Beta chapter at Morris Brown University, was the biggest and most successful in the history of the organization. A very full program was mapped out for the year, on which appear the following: plans for supporting the N.A.A.C.P.; the launching of a movement for better inter-fraternal relations. A national Sorority Day was set aside, which is to be celebrated annually by all chapters of the organization on the last Saturday in March.

“The X-Ray” is the official organ of the Sorority and is published quarterly.

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GENERAL OFFICERS

- Nellie A. Buchanan—Alpha Zeta Chapter
- Edith Greer—Eta Chapter
- Frankie L. Horton—Beta Chapter
- Theophille Chambers—Gamma Chapter
- Lulz Ricks—Eta Chapter
- Elizabeth Johnson—Theta Chapter
- S. Grace Bradley—Beta Chapter

Editor

The Alpha Chapter is well represented in the extra-curricula activities of the young women of Howard. Miss Joanna Houston, editor of the “Bison,” has received many honors during her career in the University.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY—Alma Mater

Words by J. H. Brooks, '16
Music by F. D. Malone, '16

1. Reared against the eastern sky
   Proudly

2. Be thou still our guide and stay
   Leading

there on hill-top high,
Far above the lake so
us from day to day;
Make us true and leal and

blue

stands old Howard firm and true
strong,
Ever bold to battle wrong

There she stands for truth and right,
Sending forth her
When from thee we've gone away,
May we strive for

rays of light,
Clad in robes of majesty
thee each day,
As we sail life's rugged sea

O Howard we sing of thee
O Howard we'll sing of thee

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The Men's Glee Club is one of the most compact units, and one of the strongest organizations at Howard University; surely many would like to know the secret of their success. Probably it is the peerless charm of music, for if any group has the gift of song it is this one. However, whatever may have contributed to the attraction in question, good management surely plays a part that can be played by nothing else. It is here that the organizer and conductor of the Glee Club comes in for a share of the praise that we fain would shower upon the group of singers. Prof. Tibb's wide reputation in the field of music speaks for him to those who have not heard his Glee Club, but in the minds of those who have heard the rich effects of his training brought out in the voices of these men, there is a marked addition to his long standing reputation.

The Glee Club wishes to give special honor to Mr. Ernest T. Hemby whose rich tenor voice has won for himself and the other members of the group the very high esteem of many music lovers. They wish to give special tribute also to Mr. James Ballard Majors, whose baritone voice has no equal among them, and who along with Mr. Hemby is largely responsible for the very high esteem in which they are held. They feel also that the success they have had would have been utterly impossible without the aid of a very efficient accompanist, and for this service they wish to heap special honors upon the head of Mr. Bernard Walton. The three men just mentioned are outstanding figures in the minds of practically every audience for which the Glee Club has sung.

Each year this group of singers carries out a very full program; their spring tour is their big event. During this school year their local program has taken in many of the churches in Washington, concerts in Baltimore witnessed by large and enthusiastic audiences, and Takoma, Md., where the president of a sister University pronounced it the best he had ever heard. Their spring tour began April 23, and ended May 6. They scheduled concerts in Altoona, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pa., Wheeling, Clarksburg and Charlestown, W. Va., Cincinnati, Columbus, and Hamilton, Ohio, and then back to Howard. It goes under its own management and sponsorship.

The Glee Club is entitled to a big place in the University life, and it will not have had a fair showing until the University gives to it the same kind of attention and support that it gives to the football team or any other athletic unit.

OFFICERS

Dellmonico Beesby ...................................... President
William Strainin ..................................... Business Manager
Benjamin Ragsdale ................................. Assistant Business Manager
William Edelin ..................................... Secretary

1924 BISON
The Vested Choir has been one of the big advertising mediums, and is practically the only group that renders to the University constant service without some form of compensation. So regular has been its contribution that the giving of their services is considered as a matter of course. It has been an indispensable part of the Sunday vespers services.

It was organized in 1908 by Miss Lulu V. Childers, under whose proficient direction it has won for itself an enviable reputation. Besides its usual service at the Sunday vespers hour, it has established for itself additional precedence by its rendition of "The Messiah" and "The Seven Last Words of Christ." The latter has been rendered for several years in succession, and each time to a capacity audience, many members of which expressed their appreciation each time either to the director or some member of the choir.

In 1922, the addition of other duties rendered Miss Childers unable to continue her work with the choir. Miss Carolyn V. Grant then assumed the responsibility and under her direction the choir is continuing its good work.
The 1924 Howard Orchestra