

PHI LAMBDA UPSILON

By authority of the Executive Council, there was installed in May 1920, at the Armour Institute of Technology, a chapter of the national honorary fraternity of Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Phi Lambda Upsilon was founded at the University of Illinois, as a local honor society within the chemical department. While the honorary idea was paramount from the first, the original chapter combined with this certain social phases, and included in its organization some of the attributes of the Greek Letter Societies whose aims are preliminarily social; such as grips, pass words, secret mottos. After a number of years of flourishing existence at Illinois, during which it had achieved a well established position, expansion into a society of national scope was initiated with the establishment of the Beta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin (1906.) At Wisconsin the chapter was at first mainly graduate. This first step toward national development was followed by rather rapid extension, chapters being installed successively at Columbia, Michigan, University of Washington, Minnesota, Ohio State, Iowa State, Stanford, University of Denver, California, Pennsylvania State, Purdue, University of Pittsburgh and Armour.

Accompanying numerical growth were changes in details of organization. Great latitude in organization and government is permitted individual chapters by the national body, the old time "mystery stuff" has been almost abandoned, and the society as a whole stands in the field of chemistry as does the Sigma Xi in the broad field of Science, for the encouragement of high standards of scholarship and for the recognition of those students of chemistry who attain high academic standing through their combined ability and effort.

There are now four classes of membership in Phi Lambda Upsilon, namely; Active, alumni, associate and honorary.

Honorary members, to quote the constitution of the society "shall be men of national reputation." Quoting further from the same source, "associate members shall be men of recognized ability in their respective branches of chemistry, and connected with an institution of learning in a capacity other than that of student, either graduate or undergraduate." Active membership consists of graduate and undergraduate students duly elected and may include associate members. The constitution of the society provides that membership be confined to men ,

It is hoped and believed that the newly organized chapter will maintain the excellent traditions of the society as a whole and that it may be a factor for good in our chemical department.