

# ΕΚ - Xi Kappa

## The Bucknell University Chapter

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**Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** had been very well-known among members of the black community at Bucknell University, yet a chapter did not exist there. One young man, Alvin McCoy III, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, had a burning desire within his heart to join the bond of Kappa. As a child he dreamed that one day he would be one of the distinguished men to enter the red and white house, the house of Baltimore alumni, across the street from the 7-11. He began his efforts of reaching his goal upon his arrival at Bucknell in 1986. He wrote letters to the International Headquarters, Brother Herman B. Thomas (then the Vice-Polemarch of the Northeastern Province) and many other members of our noble clan in hopes that one day his dreams would come true. As Alvin worked, interest grew on Bucknell's campus among the Black men. The number grew as high as eight interested individuals.

After a great amount of persistence and perseverance, Alvin McCoy along with three other young men began their journey into Kappa land. On April 28, 1989 Michael Gordon MacKay, a freshman lacrosse player majoring in engineering from Baltimore, Maryland, Alvin McCoy III, a junior, who played football and majored in economics and history, Robert Elliot Chambers, Jr., a sophomore from Baltimore, Maryland majoring in history and sociology with a concentration in legal studies and Norman Scott Gunn, a sophomore from Great Barrington, Massachusetts majoring in economics, reached the glorified land of Kappa. These men were initiated into the Mu Beta Chapter and Bucknell University first became exposed to the wearers of the crimson and cream.

**Kappa Alpha Psi** was on Bucknell's campus, yet a chapter was still not established. The brothers then quickly began to focus on three things: (1.) attracting interest at Bucknell to sustain the organization; (2.) becoming recognized as an organization by Bucknell University; and (3.) attaining a national charter.

These four neophytes worked very hard to promote the organization by doing various programs. On March 17, 1990, they fulfilled their first goal by initiating two new members into the bond. In September 22, 1991, the International Headquarters of **Kappa Alpha Psi** issued the letters *Xi Kappa* to the brothers at Bucknell. And on February 22, 1992, Brother MacKay, the only remaining charter member on campus at the time, received the charter ironically from Brother Thomas in Harrisburg, PA. In November of 1991, the Xi Kappa Chapter of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** became officially recognized by the Interfraternity Council and the Bucknell University hierarchy.

Those four young stalwarts, now known as the charter members of the Xi Kappa Chapter, have led by their example. Brother MacKay graduated from Bucknell in 1992. At graduation, he was the recipient of the Bison Award for dedicated service to the Bucknell community. He then went on to work towards completing his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh. He accepted a job offer as a systems analyst for Ford Motor Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother McCoy,

upon his graduation in 1990, became an employee of the Proctor and Gamble companies. He then obtained a fellowship, which allowed him to pursue his MBA from the Fuqua Graduate School of Business at Duke University. Now Brother McCoy is self-employed as a financial consultant and a business investor. Brother Chambers, a member of the graduating class of 1991, enrolled in Law School at the University of Pittsburgh. Brother Gunn, a classmate of Brother Chambers, pursued his career in law at Duke University.

Four years after their crossing of the burning sands, the Xi Kappa charter members have seen ten brothers enter the Mu Beta Expansion Colony/Xi Kappa Chapter. We would first like to thank these pioneers for their hard work in bringing Kappa to Bucknell and secondly for living up to the ideas of what Kappamen are supposed to be. They have been role models for all of us who have followed them and for many others. From all of the brothers of the Xi Kappa Chapter, we would like to thank the charter members for their perseverance and vision in allowing us to become part of the noble clan of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**