

**REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
TO THE
TWENTY - FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8, 1956
LA PLAYA HOTEL, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA**

This report is a summary of the administration of your Grand Council since the adjournment of the Twenty-Third National Convention at Gratiot Inn, Port Huron, Michigan, on September 10, 1954.

Personnel of the Grand Council

- Grand Senior President - Emmet B. Hayes, Tau '31,
Stanford, San Francisco**
- Grand Junior President - Charles T. Akre, Alpha Beta '28
Iowa, Washington, D.C.**
- Grand Secretary - Calvin P. Boxley, Alpha Alpha '23, Okla-
homa, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**
- Grand Treasurer - Donald J. Hornberger, Epsilon '25, Ohio
Wesleyan, Delaware, Ohio**
- Grand Marshal - Frank F. Hargear, Nu '16, California,
Los Angeles, California**

Grand Councilors

- Lloyd S. Cochran, Omicron '20, Pennsylvania, Past Grand
Senior President, Lockport, New York**
- Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Alpha '12, Yale, Past Grand
Senior President, St. Louis, Missouri**
- Dallas L. Donnan, Eta '21, Illinois, Seattle, Washington**
- H. Walter Graves, Omicron '16, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.**

W. Samuel Kitchen, Beta Delta '29, Marshall, Roanoke,
Virginia

Dr. Frank J. Krebs, Beta Alpha '29, Mt. Union,
Charleston, West Virginia

Charles E. Megargel, Upsilon '22, Penn State, Boston,
Massachusetts

Arba S. Taylor, Beta Iota '32, Tufts, Cranford, New
Jersey

The terms of office of the Grand Council are as
follows:

Class of 1956

C.T. Akre
C.P. Boxley
L.S. Cochran
H.W. Graves
E.B. Hayes
D.J. Hornberger
W.S. Kitchen

Class of 1958

W.H. Cramblet
D.L. Donnan
D.L. Evans
F.F. Hargear
F.J. Krebs
C.E. Megargel
A.S. Taylor

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was established by action
of the 1950 Convention.

At the first meeting of the Grand Council, immedi-
ately after the close of the Twenty-Third National Convention,
the following Executive Committee was elected from members of
the Grand Council:

Emmet B. Hayes, Chairman
Charles T. Akre
Lloyd S. Cochran
Donald J. Hornberger
W. Samuel Kitchen

Grand Council or Executive Committee Meetings

Four meetings have been held since the close of the 1954 Convention. The Grand Council has met three times. The first meeting was held immediately at the close of the 1954 Convention; one was held in July, 1955; and one was held immediately prior to this Convention.

One Executive Committee meeting was held in January, 1956.

The Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Alumni Secretary, and three and one-half assistants in the National Office are the only paid employees of the Fraternity. Occasionally, temporary clerical help is added for specific jobs.

The Executive Secretary, Ralph F. Burns, assumed office in September, 1936. Assistant Executive Secretary Ellwood A. Smith and Alumni Secretary William H.E. Holmes, Jr. were appointed in the summer of 1951.

The Grand Council appointed William H.E. Holmes, Jr., Editor of the Tomahawk in June of 1953. He is assisted by Ralph F. Burns and Ellwood A. Smith. Ralph F. Burns serves as Business Manager of the Tomahawk.

Grand Chaplain and Historian

The 1954 Convention with acclamation received the

word of the appointments by the Grand Council of Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Epsilon '13, Ohio Wesleyan University, as Grand Chaplain and Edmund B. Shotwell, Alpha '21, Yale University as Grand Historian.

Brother Phillips resides in Denver, Colorado and directs the work of the Methodist Church in the Rocky Mountain States. Brother Shotwell resides in New York City and is a practicing attorney.

National Committees

Grand Senior President Hayes appointed fifteen National Committees. These committees have alumni working on them in various areas of the Fraternity's activity and have been advisory to the Grand Council. Much of the work of these committees will be reported in detail in other parts of the Grand Council Report and by other announcements to this Convention.

The Committees are as follows:

Alumni Affairs	Funds	Reserve Loan
Awards	Housing	Ritual
Chapter Finance	Legal	Scholarship
Extension	Province Chief	Service
Finance	Public Relations	Spiritual Values

Thirteen of these committees are chairmaned by members of the Grand Council and the other two are headed

by alumni who are experts in their field of committee activity.

National Interfraternity Conference

The National Interfraternity Conference was established in 1909. At its last plenary session in December, 1955, there were 61 National Fraternities as members. Alpha Sigma Phi is one of the 27 Charter members of the Conference. Meetings are held annually around Thanksgiving time. At the November, 1953, meeting the Fraternity was honored by having Past Grand Senior President Lloyd B. Cochran elected Chairman of the Conference. A part of the National Interfraternity Conference is the College Fraternity Scholarship Officers Association, the College Fraternity Editors Association, and the College Fraternity Secretaries Association. Our Executive Secretary at the November, 1952, meeting of the College Fraternity Secretaries Association was installed as Chairman of that body.

"The purpose of the National Interfraternity Conference shall be the discussion of questions of mutual interest and the presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the Conference shall deem wise, it being understood that the function of such Conference shall be purely advisory."

Membership

The last three pages of this report show the comparative initiations by Chapters for the past six years, and the number of chapters initiating.

The following table shows the number of men initiated and the total active members in the chapters for the past six years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chapters Initiating</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Total Active Members*</u>
1950-51	54	848	1,267
1951-52	54	625	1,201
1952-53	52	652	1,083
1953-54	51	634	1,002
1954-55	55	675	1,031
1955-56	55	722	1,157

* Does not include men initiated during the year

These figures point up a very serious situation in the manpower of many of our chapters. The Grand Council has never urged large chapter membership for size along. We know, however, that each chapter must have a sufficient number of members to meet the chapter's operating needs and to assure continued security of operation on your campus and of the Fraternity.

Please note the seriousness of the information below:

Chapters Initiating the Following Men

<u>Year</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>1-9</u>	<u>10-14</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-</u>
1950-51	-	11	16	12	12	3
1951-52	1	22	20	5	6	1
1952-53	2	17	17	11	8	1
1953-54	5	21	13	9	6	2
1954-55	1	26	9	11	7	2
1955-56	1	24	11	3	9	3

It is important that each chapter develop an appealing program of rushing as well as a continued program of local living that will compete with other extra-curricular activities on campus. Many of the chapters do a fine job of rushing during the spring and summer months which results in a large pledge class. However, there appears to be a weakness in the training of the pledges preliminary to actually bringing them into the fellowship of the Fraternity as Brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi.

The question of membership is of vital importance to each chapter; it is the life blood which needs to be continually replenished by high quality young men. We urge each chapter to be determined to increase the size of its pledge class and number of men initiated this year.

Scholarship

The Grand Councilor, D. Luther Evans, is National Scholarship Chairman. You are all acquainted with the splendid manual on Scholarship which was published to be of assistance to the chapters. Dr. Evans has kept in touch with the various universities and colleges where we have chapters. One of the objects of the Fraternity is to encourage high scholarship. It behoves each delegate to return to his Chapter with a mission to assist in improving its scholarship.

Brother Evans will not be in attendance at this Convention because of a heart attack suffered in June. The Scholarship Manual has suggested several points of discipline for members and chapters. We recommend to the Convention the support of these recommendations.

We hope that each chapter will give careful thought to a program which will stimulate each man to do his best in scholarship, for his primary purpose in attending college is to receive an academic education. Good scholarship is good Public Relations - poor scholarship is poor Public Relations - let us work to have good Public Relations.

Visitation

The visitation program of the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, and the Alumni Secretary has made it possible to visit each chapter at least twice during the past two years. Visitation is not limited to chapters. Administrative officers of each institution are consulted about the condition of the Chapter on their campus as to its standing and reputation. Their suggestions and ideas are secured as to how our Chapter might be improved on their campus.

Chapter Alumni Associations and Alumni Councils are contacted and informed of the program of the Fraternity. Efforts are made in these contacts to stimulate alumni interest in their own and in nearby chapters. New chapter alumni associations and alumni councils are developed through these contacts.

In addition to visitations made to campuses and locations where we have chapters and alumni groups, other institutions are investigated relative to extension possibilities.

We believe that this personal contact with the chapters, alumni, and university officials is essential. We feel that each chapter should have an official visit by a member of the Fraternity Office Staff supplemented by visits

from the chapter's alumni advisor and members of the Grand Council whenever possible. We trust the decisions of the delegates at this Convention will enable us to continue a program which will give support to this type of visitation policy.

Chapter Conditions and Finances

Where there are difficulties in chapter membership, finance, housing, scholarship, conduct, etc., we feel that none of these are insurmountable if the proper chapter attitude and program is followed on the undergraduate level. It is very important that each of our weak links in the Fraternity be strengthened so that we can speak with pride of all of our Chapters.

Besides the serious situation of poor scholarship and the lack of sufficient manpower in some of our chapters to assure strong chapters of the future, we are faced with the problem of drinking in chapter houses.

So that there will be no misunderstanding on this question, we quote from the National Constitution and By-Laws with regard to the regulation of Alpha Sigma Phi relative to the use of intoxicating beverages by members:

National Constitution, Title V, Article I, Section I

"A Chapter shall not permit the bringing in or drinking of intoxicating beverages by members or others within any structure used by it for a chapter or fraternity

house if such action be contrary to the policies of the college or university wherein the chapter is located."

In addition to the above law of our Fraternity, the Grand Council has reiterated from time to time to the institutions where we have chapters the following additional statement:

"As a matter of principle, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity does not approve of the drinking of intoxicating beverages by members of the Fraternity, or others, within any structure used by it for a chapter house, a place of residence or as a meeting room. Any act violating this policy which shall have results derogatory or harmful to the good name or reputation, or in any other way be detrimental to any chapter of this Fraternity or to the Fraternity in general, shall make that person, persons, or chapter so involved liable to the Grand Council for such disciplinary action as they may see fit to take."

Your Grand Council is aware of the fact that most of the bad publicity which occurs in the public press is tied in with disciplinary measures taken by an institution in connection with a chapter, or its members, as the result of the use of intoxicating beverages. This is a question

which we, as a Fraternity, must be cognizant of, and take what action seems desirable and necessary in cases where our chapters or members are not supporting the standards and principles of Alpha Sigma Phi. Alpha Sigma Phi is a Fraternity of Gentlemen; a Brother who, by his actions, brings dishonor to himself, his community, his Alma Mater, or his Fraternity, is not a Gentleman.

Another question which has come to the attention of the Grand Council is pledge training and pre-initiation activities on the part of some of the chapters. Here again the Grand Council informs institutions and you delegates of the policy of the Fraternity as follows:

"Chapters are reminded of the following policy regarding pledge training and pre-initiation activities: The pledge is to be presented with a positive and constructive program designed to benefit him and the chapter, rather than a negative program which tends to physically harm, spiritually or morally degrade either the pledge or the chapter. Specifically, undignified practices, either private or public, such as quests, treasure hunts, and road trips are prohibited. Pledge training may only include duties around the house and other forms of activity designed to further the interests of Alpha Sigma Phi."

However, some of the chapters persist in carrying on juvenile antics both within and outside the chapter house to the embarrassment of the Fraternity and the Fraternity World. All chapters should face the challenge of eliminating any of these disgraceful practices once and for all.

Province Chiefs and Grand Chapter Advisors

These Brothers are appointed by the Grand Council for their particular abilities and interest in the Fraternity. This program is not as effective as we hope it will be. The big problem has been to secure the right personnel to do the job. We know the Chapter which has a strong alumni advisor is a healthier chapter.

During the past two years Province activities have been held on one basis or another. We trust that more province meetings will be held to discuss matters whereby the Chapters within the province can be mutually helpful to each other.

Chapter Accounting System

Our Constitution requires that our chapters must use a system of accounting, either adopted by, or approved by, the Grand Council. They must also make quarterly reports, if so requested, by the Grand Council. We have a complete set of account books for any chapter that needs them or desires to change its system of accounting. These books are provided at cost.

A large number of chapters have been sending in financial statements regularly. We have been able to watch them for danger signs and to give aid before a bad trend developed into a serious disaster.

Our Constitution requires also that each chapter shall have its books audited once each year in a manner acceptable to the Grand Council. Many of these audit reports are received in the Fraternity office regularly from local accounting services doing the chapter's work. However, there are many chapters that do not send financial statements regularly.

The By-Laws of the Fraternity also require that the chapter treasurer be covered by a surety bond. It is sound business practice; it protects the individual treasurer, the chapter, and the incoming treasurer who will handle the financial responsibilities of the chapter in the future. The chapter that is sound financially is a healthy chapter. We want to be of every assistance possible to you in accomplishing this end for every chapter.

Alumni Relations

Grand Councilor Dallas L. Donnan has headed the work of the Alumni Relations Committee since the 1954 Convention.

There are two phases of alumni affairs in which the Grand Council has been particularly interested. One is that area which includes the development of chapter alumni corporations organized and available for advice, suggestions, and recommendations, as well as for supervision of the undergraduate chapter of which these alumni are a part. The second phase is the development of alumni councils in geographical areas throughout the country. The membership of these councils is open to all alumni of all chapters and the programs of these councils are somewhat different from those of chapter alumni associations.

It is true not only in Alpha Sigma Phi but in every national fraternity that, through the years, those chapters which show a continued progress of strength are those that have an active, wide-awake chapter alumni corporation. This gives continuity to the policies and traditions of that chapter over the years.

During the year, 1955-56, two issues of the Tomahawk were sent to all alumni who are non-scribers. We believe it was worth the cost. We think we have a better informed alumni.

From the time that a man is pledged into a chapter, through his pledge training and work as an active member and perhaps officer of a chapter, the goal for which we should be striving is the building of a good member of Alpha Sigma Phi

who will continue his interest in the Fraternity and in his chapter, not for just a few short years while he is an undergraduate, but for the many years he is an alumnus. The alumni years give him an opportunity of rendering service to his undergraduate chapter brothers while at the same time providing very pleasant contacts with alumni.

Award

DELTA BETA XI

In April, 1938, the Award of Delta Beta Xi was established. This award is to recognize alumni members of the Fraternity who have given distinguished service to Alpha Sigma Phi. Ten men may be selected each year upon nominations from alumni groups, brothers who have received the Delta Beta Xi Award, or by chapters. Election is made by the Grand Council. This award recalls our Fraternity history when Delta Beta Xi carried on the traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi at Yale from 1864 through 1875. Since the 1952 Convention, eighteen alumni have been granted the award of Delta Beta Xi.

DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD

The Distinguished Merit Award was established in 1950. This award is granted by the Grand Council on behalf of the Fraternity to an Alumnus Brother who has attained a position of prominence and distinction in their professional careers,

not necessarily for service to the Fraternity.

The recipients of this award have been:

- 1950 - Ralph Shepard Damon, Beta '16, President of Trans World Airlines - deceased
- 1951 - Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Beta '12, Jurist and Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, - Boston, Massachusetts
- 1952 - Arthur Sherwood Flemming, Epsilon '27, President of Ohio Wesleyan University and Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, - Washington, D.C.
- 1953 - William Clinton Mullendore, Theta '12, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Southern California Edison Company, and Past Director of the United States Chamber of Commerce, - Los Angeles, California
- 1954 - James Lewis Morrill, Zeta '11, President of the University of Minnesota, - Minneapolis, Minnesota

The recipients of the award for 1955 and 1956 will be announced at this Convention.

OTHER AWARDS

Other awards presented at each Convention are Scholarship, Scholarship Improvement, Tomahawk, Chapter Newsletter, and Chapter Service Award.

Extension

Past Grand Senior President Lloyd S. Cochran has acted as Chairman of Extension during the past four years. Expansion in the fraternity field is a very competitive matter. In some locations, there have been opportunities for extension with local fraternities. Local interest has often been on the basis

of the best arrangements they could make with a particular national fraternity and the financial assistance the national organization which they might choose could give them, particularly in the case of establishing them in a residence or the possible future construction of a rather substantial chapter house. Your Fraternity has been unable to enter into that type of competition because of lack of funds for that type of promotion.

Of considerable interest on the part of the Grand Council is expansion in geographical areas where the National Organization needs to be strengthened. We welcome the active, constructive suggestions of the delegates as to your feelings on expansion.

Publications

The Grand Council has been very active in the field of Publications since the last Convention. We trust the publications which have been made available have met a need and rendered a real service on the chapter and alumni council level.

The income from the Tomahawk Trust Fund for the past two years has been sufficient to meet the printing and mailing cost of the Tomahawk. This cost does not include administrative costs.

The Grand Council have worked out a program in cooperation with the Tomahawk Trustees whereby the income received from the Tomahawk Fund not only will meet the printing and mailing costs of the Tomahawk, but will be able to include some administrative costs.

At the direction of the 1950 Convention, a Rush Booklet was published. This booklet has been revised and a sample is on display at this Convention. These sell for 10¢ per copy.

The Song Book was reprinted this summer and a copy has been given to each delegate. The Song Book sells for \$1.00 per copy or \$9.00 a dozen.

The Pledge Manual has been revised and reprinted this summer.

In addition to these three publications mentioned above, the Grand Council has also published the following:

1. Fall, 1955 - Constitution and By-Laws
2. Winter, 1956- Revision of Chapter Officers Manual
3. Fall, 1951 - Publicity Manual for Chapter Officers
4. Fall, 1951 - Scholarship Manual for Chapters
5. Winter, 1952- Alumni Council Manual for Suggestions of organization and operation

In addition to the above eight publications, there is available a brief historical booklet entitled Alpha Sigma Phi. Those chapter officers who are using these helpful guides in work are building stronger chapters.

The Public Relations Manual for Chapter Officers is out of print. We expect this publication to be revised and reprinted during 1956-57.

We welcome the suggestions of this Convention on any other publication which you feel is desirable.

It is important that the Convention keep in mind that these publications cost money and should be prepared to state how they will meet the costs where necessary. The Grand Council will have a recommendation in connection with meeting the costs of the revised Pledge Manual which is being reprinted and will be available this fall.

National Finances

ANNUAL AUDIT, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The books and accounts of the National Fraternity have been audited by the firm of Keller, Kirshner, Martin & Clinger of Columbus, Ohio, and by the firm of Campbell & McCollom of Allentown, Pennsylvania, as of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1956, and found to be in order.

The audit not only encompasses the General Fund Books, but also the books of the Reserve Fund and the Tomahawk Trustees. We append to this report, the following statements taken from the auditors' reports:

1. Statement of Operating Budget for 1955-56 compared to the actual for 1954-55 and 1955-56.

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, General Fund
3. Statement of Accounts Receivable, General Fund
4. Statement of Income and Fund Principal, Reserve Fund
5. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Reserve Fund
6. Statement of Notes Receivable, Reserve Fund
7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Tomahawk
Trustee Fund

The complete auditors' reports are available for inspection upon request at this Convention.

GENERAL FUND

This Convention is faced with a problem of advising the Grand Council as to the program of activities of the National Fraternity for the next two years. You will note that the operation of the Fraternity has been seriously endangered by too few initiations. There is too large a percentage initiating less than fifteen men a year. This presents a serious problem of finance for the Fraternity and a serious financial and manpower problem for each chapter.

Your Grand Council is concerned with the fiscal operations of the Fraternity. Accounts Receivable from Chapters continue to increase. The operating statement for 1954-55 shows a surplus increase of \$5,981.03. However, if you subtract two items of income; namely, item #5 of \$1,536.67 and item #8 of \$3,675.96 which are not normal income items, the net increase in surplus would be only \$768.40 for the year 1954-55 which is offset by chapter accounts receivable

of \$598.40.

During the current year, 1955-56, the increase in surplus was \$453.11 which, offset by \$1,008.90 of Accounts Receivable affecting this increase in surplus, is, in reality, an operating loss for the year. It is unsound to increase these receivables each year. This is a very serious matter for the welfare of our Fraternity.

The 1952 Convention instructed the Grand Council as follows:

"(1) that chapters with dues assessed after this Convention and remaining unpaid on April 1 of any academic year shall be automatically suspended, and (2) that national convention fees not paid by June 30 of any academic year shall result in the automatic suspension of the chapter, and (3) that all chapters which have unpaid charges for the school years, 1950-51 and 1951-52, must make arrangements for the payment of the same, by November 1, 1952, to the satisfaction of the Grand Council; any chapter not making such arrangements to be automatically suspended, and (4) that no future convention expenses for a chapter delegate shall be paid if that chapter is delinquent in payment of dues and fees."

The above policy was reported to the 1954 Convention. It was stated that none of the Chapters under suspension as of June 30, 1954, were prevented from initiating new men;

however, they were instructed that their delegate to the 1954 Convention would have no vote.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Council took action in January, 1956, which prohibited the initiating of new men by Chapters who owed charges for 1954-55, and by Chapters whose dues and other charges for 1955-56 which remained unpaid as of April 1, 1956.

Grand Senior President Hayes appointed a special committee on financial matters who will report to this Convention.

We believe that the delegates to this Convention will desire to join with the Grand Council in solving this problem, thereby securing the financial stability of your Fraternity for the future.

Many delegates desire to know the distribution of the monies collected at the time of initiation and the annual dues. The distribution of the fee collected at the time of initiation is as follows:

Official Badge	\$7.00
Shingle	1.00
Life Subscription to <u>Tomahawk</u>	15.00
Reserve Fund	2.00
Initiation Fee	25.00
Half-annual dues	<u>8.00</u>
Total	<u>\$58.00</u>

Each new initiate is charged one-half of the annual per capita dues or \$8.00 for the year in which he is initiated. The undergraduate per capita dues are \$16.00 per year, per man; the By-Laws do not permit the dues to be prorated for the portion of the year in which the member is active. Of the \$16.00, \$1.00 is placed in the Reserve Fund and \$15.00 goes into the General Fund for the general operation of the Fraternity.

TOMAHAWK TRUST FUND

The Tomahawk life subscription program in Alpha Sigma Phi was started in the fall of 1923. The present method of operation dates from February 21, 1928, when \$25,805.00 was transferred to the Tomahawk Trustees who have managed the fund since that time. From 1923 to 1948, a life subscription cost \$10.00. The 1948 Convention increased this charge to \$15.00. Since its inception, the fund has grown to \$175,943.42. The three Tomahawk Trustees are Brother Robert L. Jagocki, Pennsylvania, Omicron 14, Chairman, who has served the Fraternity in this capacity for the past thirty-three years; Brother ~~Ambrose~~ Day, Columbia, Lambda '20; and Brother Ralph C. Hawkins, Columbia, Lambda '16. The three trustees serve without remuneration, as does the Grand Council, and they deserve the wholehearted appreciation of the Fraternity for their untiring work and devotion as well as the outstanding success

which has resulted in a most profitable operation for the Fraternity over the years.

The restrictions on the investment of the funds are as follows:

"The Trustees, or their successors, may invest the principal of said trust estate in real estate bonds, secured by mortgages upon lands in the United States, not exceeding two-thirds of the appraised value thereof, or in bonds of railroads secured by mortgages, and in such bonds, stocks or other securities as are allowed by the law of the State of New York for investment by trustees, and in no other."

RESERVE FUND

The present Reserve Fund of \$47,526.18 was started in 1940. It was begun for the purpose of meeting small financial needs of the Chapters. It has been built in a large measure by contributions from the undergraduates, from each initiate and from undergraduate per capita dues; however, alumni have contributed to this fund. It is not a trust fund and is not managed as such. The Conventions of 1940, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, and 1954, have desired it to be a liberal, flexible fund under the direction of the Grand Council. The Grand Council has administered the fund in this way:

June 30, 1952 Assets, Reserve Fund.....\$35,896.86
 Amount Loaned, 1952-54.....\$25,250.00
 Amount Repaid on Loans,
 1952-54..... 8,110.00
 Amount Loaned, 1954-56..... 22,775.00
 Amount Repaid on Loans,
 1954-56..... 8,022.00
 June 30, 1956 Assets, Reserve Fund.....\$47,526.18

It is of real concern that during the period, 1954-56, the following chapters to whom loans have been granted have made no payments on the principal amount of said loans: Colorado, Davis-Elkins, Kentucky, Missouri, Syracuse, and West Virginia Wesleyan. In addition to these, the following chapters are delinquent in their payments: Alabama, Bethany, Cincinnati, Ohio State, and West Virginia.

We, in the Grand Council, trust the administration of this Fund has aided a maximum number of chapters within the limits of the Fund. We have been able to assist twenty-six chapters during the life of this Fund. The stability of the operation is based on the principle that the loans are on a short-term basis with interest at 2 per cent and a proper amortization planned. Applications for loans from the Reserve Fund are made through the Fraternity office and are submitted to three members of the Grand Council who serve as a Reserve Loan Committee. This group then studies the

application and makes its recommendation to the Grand Council for its disposition. Approval of any application requires a two-thirds vote of the entire Council.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund was established in 1945. This fund is to be used for Scholarship purposes. Contributions to this fund are tax exempt. The 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, and 1954 Conventions felt there was a greater need for the Reserve Fund. Although the Memorial Fund has only a nominal sum in it, ten gifts have been made from this Fund, amounting to \$900.00. We believe there is a great future for this Fund and the service it can render to the Fraternity.

OTHER FUNDS

The Grand Council has approved the recognition and establishment of the following permanent funds of the Fraternity:

1. The General Fund - for the operation of the Fraternity.
2. The General Endowment Fund - not yet active - the interest from it to supplement the General Fund.
3. The Reserve Fund - loans to Chapters and Chapter operations.
4. The Memorial Fund - for educational aid.
5. The Tomahawk Publication Fund - to finance the publication of the Tomahawk.
6. The Annual Gift Fund - the media to raise money for the General Fund.

Initiations

We wish to call attention to particular actions of policy regarding initiations which have been part of the policy of the Fraternity for a number of years. A number of questions have been asked in this connection and for that reason we reiterate them to you.

INITIATION OF OLD PLEDGES

A question was raised whether or not a man who had been pledged by a chapter which became inactive before he was initiated through no fault of his, could be initiated by another active chapter after he had left or been graduated and was no longer in the undergraduate or faculty status as required by the Constitution. At the November, 1942, meeting of the Grand Council the following action was taken:

Permission would be granted to a man who is a pledge in good standing on an inactive chapter, or who has had to leave college due to the war program, the privilege at the discretion of the Grand Council, to be initiated at another chapter if his chapter is inactive, or at his chapter or another chapter if he was forced to leave school through no fault of his own.

MEMBERS OF OLD LOCALS

The following action was taken at the June 21, 1941, meeting of the Grand Council concerning the initiation

of members of old locals that had become chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi:

Authorization would be granted on approval of the active chapter of which they are alumni, to chapters and chartered alumni councils to initiate alumni members of former locals at a charge of \$5.00. The Grand Council will issue a shingle to the members so initiated.

FACULTY MEMBERS

We urge all chapters to study carefully the great possibility of strength to be derived through the initiation of faculty members. You can easily learn from the Dean of the College as to whether a particular faculty member in whom you are interested is a fraternity man or not. The active participation of faculty members in chapter activities is very healthy and lends strength and prestige to the Chapter. The Grand Council has always followed the policy that the national initiation fee of a faculty member is \$25.00. This may be paid either by the chapter or by the faculty member to the chapter, and the chapter in turn, pays it to the Fraternity. This gives him a life subscription to the Tomahawk, a badge, a shingle, and he is listed as a member in full standing in the Fraternity. This fee may be subject to change.

Many chapters have alumni on their campuses whom

they have not been cultivating properly. We urge all of you to develop this real source of fellowship and strength to the Chapter.

Ritual

Article XIII of the By-Laws of the Fraternity, entitled "The Ritual", reads as follows:

"The Rituals of the Fraternity shall be enacted by the Grand Council which shall have full charge thereof, shall have the sole power to make any changes therein, and shall verify that the rituals used in initiations and meetings of the Chapters are properly and completely administered."

We urge each chapter to follow very carefully the instructions contained in the Rituals, particularly as they pertain to the proper paraphernalia and the conduct of the Ritual. We cannot impress upon you too strongly the impressiveness of this ceremony as it affects the newly initiated Brothers who are presented all of the secrets of the Fraternity for the first time. Generally speaking, most chapters do not have more than one or two initiations during the year. Therefore, we urge you to give the proper attention to the conduct of all the work contained in the Ritual.

CONCLUSION

We have reported to you on the administration of the Fraternity by the Grand Council for the past two years since the 1954 Convention. We were guided in our actions by the general policies formed by the delegates at that Convention. We appreciate the splendid cooperation we received from the undergraduate chapters and alumni in their individual areas of activity.

There are many positive steps which the Convention can take which will result in further progress of the Fraternity:

1. The services which should be rendered by the Fraternity to the undergraduate members, to the chapters, and to the alumni, can be defined, and the financing of the same can be recommended.
2. The policy can be set for the future development of the Fraternity in the field of extension and chapter housing.
3. The development and encouragement of alumni strength through chapter alumni corporations and chartered alumni councils can be programmed.
4. The Convention can give emphasis to those aspects of our Fraternity which result in a closer unity of thought and purpose among the various chapters,

and alumni groups throughout the country.

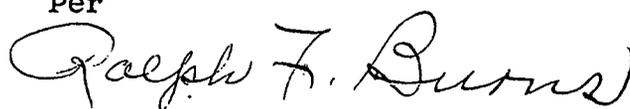
5. The courage to come to grips with the many issues facing the Fraternity, to arrive at decisions which will bring strength to the individual chapters and the Fraternity as a whole.

The progressive steps which will be made on the decisions of this Convention will be of great consequence to the future of the "Old Gal" and the deliberations of this Twenty-Fourth National Convention shall be those that we shall look to throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

THE GRAND COUNCIL
ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

Per



Ralph F. Burns
Executive Secretary

General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
as of
June 30, 1956, 1955

	1956	1955
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash:		
1. Office Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
2. In Bank-General	9,923.94	7,066.38
3. In Bank-Reserve for 1956 Convention	<u>9,548.05</u>	<u>3,674.70</u>
4. Total Cash	\$19,521.99	\$10,791.08
5. U.S. War Bonds-Series F Cash Surrender Value	46.44	45.00
6. Life Insurance	1,200.00	1,040.00
7. Accounts Receivable	9,209.42	11,015.79
8. Less Reserve	<u>7,300.52</u>	<u>8,357.77</u>
9. Notes Receivable Accounts Receivable		116.00
10. Reserve Fund		118.00
11. Inventory	783.35	1,940.42
12. Prepaid Insurance	<u>178.20</u>	<u>354.82</u>
13. Total Current Assets	<u>\$23,638.88</u>	<u>\$17,063.34</u>
<u>Property Assets</u>		
14. Furniture & Equipment	<u>2,489.95</u>	<u>2,363.71</u>
15. Total Assets	\$26,128.83	\$19,427.05
<u>Liabilities</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable		
16. Trade	680.40	501.84
17. Reserve Fund	<u>3,651.71</u>	<u>3,651.71</u>
18. Total Accounts Payable	4,332.11	\$4,153.55
Accrued Items:		
19. 1956 Convention Expense	11,091.25	5,300.00
20. Social Security Taxes		50.14
21. Industrial Compensation Advance Payments	25.00	
22. Chapter Accounts	<u>304.00</u>	
23. Total Accrued Items	\$11,420.25	\$5,350.14
24. Fund Principal	<u>10,376.47</u>	<u>9,923.36</u>
25. Total Liabilities	<u>\$26,128.83</u>	<u>\$19,427.05</u>

Note: Above taken from auditor's report

General Fund
Chapter Accounts Receivable
as of
June 30, 1956

	Charges Prior 6-30-54	Owe 1954-55	Owe Charges 1955 - 1956			Balance 6-30-56
			Dues	Convention	Other	
1. Bethany	36.00					36.00
2. California					28.80	28.80
3. Cincinnati	163.00					163.00
4. Colorado			126.00	100.00	31.60	257.60
5. Columbia	852.95	170.40	144.00	100.00	14.40	1,281.75
6. Davis-Elkins					63.60	63.60
7. Hartwick		311.20		100.00		411.20
8. Kentucky	1,313.25	223.20	96.00	100.00	9.60	1,742.05
9. Marshall	100.00		124.00	100.00	22.40	346.40
10. Missouri	284.50					284.50
11. Mt. Union	459.00					459.00
12. Newark	482.00					482.00
13. Ohio State	113.42				7.00	120.42
14. Pennsylvania	448.00	43.20	192.00		19.20	702.40
15. Presbyterian	293.70					293.70
16. Stevens	604.00	223.20	96.00	100.00	9.60	1,032.80
17. Syracuse	250.90	100.00		100.00		450.90
18. Toledo					5.00	5.00
19. Tri-State					7.70	7.70
20. Univ. of West Va.	467.40					467.40
21. W. Va. Wesleyan	190.80	170.40		100.00	8.00	469.20
22. Wofford				100.00	4.00	104.00
Gross Accounts Receivable	\$6,058.92	\$1,241.60	\$778.00	\$900.00	\$230.90	\$9,209.42

Note- Above taken from auditor's report

Reserve Fund
Income and Fund Principal
for the years ending
June 30, 1956 and 1955

<u>Income</u>	1956	1955
Chapters:		
Initiations	\$1,470.00	\$1,360.00
Dues	<u>1,157.00</u>	<u>1,032.00</u>
Total Income from Chapters	\$2,627.00	\$2,392.00
Alumni Contributions		5.00
Interest Received:		
Savings Account	124.71	143.97
U.S. Gov't Bonds	1.54	1.36
Notes Receivable	<u>795.26</u>	<u>640.93</u>
Total Income	<u>\$3,548.51</u>	<u>\$3,183.26</u>
 <u>Expenses</u>		
Net Income for Year	\$3,548.51	\$3,183.26
Fund Principal at Beginning of Year	<u>40,859.78</u>	<u>37,676.52</u>
Fund Principal at End of Year	\$44,408.29	\$40,859.78

Note- Above taken from auditor's report

Reserve Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
June 30, 1956 and 1955

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash (savings accounts)		
New York	\$ 2,454.12	\$ 2,335.74
Ohio	<u>1,507.98</u>	<u>8,323.42</u>
Total Cash	\$ 3,962.05	\$10,659.16
U. S. Bonds-Series F	47.24	45.70
Accounts Receivable		
General Fund	3,651.71	3,651.71
Notes Receivable	<u>41,047.68</u>	<u>30,871.60</u>
Total Assets	\$48,708.68	\$45,228.17

Reserves and Fund Principal

<u>Liabilities</u>		
Account Payable-Gen'l Fund		\$ 118.00
<u>Reserves</u>		
Colonization & Extension	\$ 592.89	592.89
Life Contributions	2,525.00	2,525.00
Chapter drives:		
Alabama	595.00	595.00
Colorado	<u>587.50</u>	<u>537.50</u>
Total Reserves	\$ 4,300.39	\$ 4,250.39
Fund Principal	<u>44,408.29</u>	<u>40,859.78</u>
<u>Total Liabilities Reserves</u> <u>and Fund Principal</u>	\$48,708.68	\$45,228.17

Note- Above taken from auditor's report

Reserve Fund
Notes Receivable
June 30, 1956 and 1955

Original Date of Note	Chapter or Alumni Assn.	Balance at June 30, 1955	New Notes During the Year	Interest for the Current Year	Payments Received During the Year	Balance at June 30, 1956
5-26-52	Alabama	\$ 1,295.19		\$ 25.90	\$ 63.12	\$ 1,257.97
10- 1-55	Arizona		\$ 2,400.00	46.00	714.32	1,731.68
10-31-52	Bethany	5,860.57		117.21	280.00	5,697.78
1-23-53	Bowling Green	1,185.29		23.71	100.00	1,109.00
5-11-54	Cincinnati	1,020.00		20.40	78.00	962.40
9-30-54	Colorado	1,015.00)				
5- 8-53	Colorado	1,884.96)		58.00		2,957.96
5-31-56	Connecticut		3,500.00	9.17	151.00	3,358.17
9-30-54	Davis-Elkins	1,624.00		32.48	56.48	1,600.00
8-16-54	Iowa State	3,049.26		60.99	896.00	2,214.25
9-11-48	Kentucky	590.65		11.81		602.46
3- 7-56	Michigan State		5,000.00	66.65		5,066.65
11-12-51	Missouri	1,819.72)				
11- 4-53	Missouri	2,584.00)		108.47		5,532.19
7- 1-54	Missouri	1,020.00)				
6- 3-53	Missouri Valley	461.28		9.23	270.00	200.51
11-26-52	Ohio State	1,419.30)				
1-23-53	Ohio State	944.16)		47.27	200.00	2,210.73
1- 7-54	Oklahoma	1,846.36		36.93	824.00	1,059.29
7-22-55	Rutgers		3,500.00	56.00	933.52	2,622.48
4- 1-42	Syracuse	384.95		7.70		392.65
9-26-52	Wayne	208.57		4.17	212.74	
9-30-52	W. Va. Univ. of	1,645.97)				
9-30-54	W. Va. Univ. of	531.50)		43.55	240.00	1,981.02
10-22-51	W. Va. Wesleyan	334.91		6.70		341.61
		<u>\$30,725.64</u>	<u>\$14,400.00</u>	<u>\$792.34</u>	<u>\$5,019.18</u>	<u>\$40,898.80</u>
Account receivable:						
	Stevens Institute of Technology	145.96		2.92		148.88
		<u>\$30,871.60</u>	<u>\$14,400.00</u>	<u>\$795.26</u>	<u>\$5,019.18</u>	<u>\$41,047.68</u>

Note-Above taken from auditor's report

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

TOMAHAWK LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND

As of June 30,1956 and June 30,1955

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>June 30, 1956</u>	<u>June 30,1955</u>
Cash in Banks,- Principal		
For Investment	\$ 7,170.15	\$ 11,993.74
For Loss on Investment	2,199.35	1,404.66
For Taxes, Insurance, etc.	<u>1,206.77</u>	<u>541.71</u>
	10,576.27	13,940.11
Cash in Bank,- Income	<u>2,098.65</u>	<u>1,455.79</u>
TOTAL CASH	12,674.92	15,395.90
U.S.Defense Bonds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mortgages	<u>163,773.27</u>	<u>151,024.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....	<u>\$181,448.19</u>	<u>\$171,419.98</u>
<u>-LIABILITIES-</u>	<u>June 30,1956</u>	<u>June 30,1955</u>
Reserve for Loss on Investments	2,199.35	1,404.66
Reserve for Taxes and Insurance (Mortgage Investment)	1,206.77	541.71
Income due National Headquarters	2,098.65	1,455.79
Trust Fund-Principal	<u>175,943.42</u>	<u>168,017.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$181,448.19</u>	<u>\$171,419.98</u>

Comparative Initiations by Chapters
For 6 Year Period 1950-1956

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Alabama	17	5	5		4	5
American	14	5	4	13	23	14
Arizona					18	8
Baldwin-Wallace	24	13	26	35	18	19
Bethany	17	10	8	8	1	11
Buffalo	9	13	13	32	8	17
California	17	11	12	13	9	8
U. C. L. A.	11	6	14	16	15	6
Cincinnati	2		2	8	12	3
Colorado	7	9	5	4	8	4
Columbia	2	9	4	10	9	2
Connecticut	46	26	18	26	18	16
Cornell	26	13	14	15	19	10
Davis-Elkins	31	22	43	22	35	27
Hartwick	11	17	9	4	2	4
Illinois Inst.	16	13	19	24	7	11
Illinois	37	7	25	17	20	22
Iowa State				21	12	13
Kentucky	1	9	5	3	1	
Lehigh	9	14	5	9	14	7
Marietta	17	11	22	6	16	26
Marshall	8	6	10	7	8	5
Massachusetts					19	22
Miami		22	21	8	2	7

Comparative Initiations
by Chapters
for 6 Year Period
1950 - 1956

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Michigan	13	4	9	12	15	12
Michigan State					10	34
Milton	10	10	7		6	13
Missouri	7	4	2	6	4	3
Missouri Valley	21	9	10	9	13	24
Mt. Union	11	7	3	3	4	6
Ohio Northern	22	8	15	14	14	23
Ohio State	12	6	17	11	10	6
Ohio Wesleyan	21	18	16	12	25	16
Oklahoma	16	21	18	13	27	18
Oregon State	12	15	15	13	9	10
Pennsylvania	7	12	5	7	4	2
Penn. State	22	14	18	16	16	18
Presbyterian	13	5	11	13	4	10
Purdue	19	10	13	6	17	19
R. P. I.	17	10	13	15	14	9
Rutgers	14	12	14	12	8	8
Stanford	11	17	14	16	18	17
Stevens	4	3	4	5	4	9
Syracuse	8	10	9	5	2	2
Toledo	15	13	15	16	14	22
Tri State	24	19	18	8	24	28
Tufts	12	21	22	16	7	14
Wagner	15	11	11	14	28	8

Comparative Initiations
by Chapters
for 6 Year Period
1950-1956

	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Wake Forest	13	3	22	15	3	5
Washington, Univ. of	24	25	26	12	22	30
Washington Univ.	19	8	3	7	6	7
Wayne	26	31	3	20	7	40
Westminster	24	11	17	24	32	21
West Va.	13	4	5	3	6	3
West Va. Wesleyan	20	14		3		5
Wofford	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>
Initiations of Present Active Chapters	800	600	646	634	675	722
Number of Active Chapters Initiating	(51)	(51)	(50)	(51)	(55)	(55)
Inactive Chapters as of 1956						
Bowling Green	20	14	2			
Newark	16	5				
Wisconsin	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>			
Total Initiations	848	625	652	634	675	722
Number of Chapters Initiating	54	54	52	51	55	55
Number of Chapters Initiated Men in the Following Categories						
Number of Initiates	0	1-9	10-14	15-19	20-29	30-
Year						
1950-51	--	11	16	12	12	3
1951-52	1	22	20	5	6	1
1952-53	2	17	17	11	8	1
1953-54	5	21	13	9	6	2
1954-55	1	26	9	11	7	2
1955-56	1	24	11	8	9	3