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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

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The opening session of the First National Emergency Conference of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity held at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City, convened in the ballroom at 10:35 o'clock.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BROTHER BURNS: Among the other duties of Executive Secretary I have charge of the opening of this meeting and I think it is about time that we had a quorum.

I will now turn the meeting over to Brother Went' Gantt, who is acting as Temporary Chairman of the Conference.

THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, BROTHER GANTT: I am glad that at last we have got started and I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the Brothers of the New York Alumni Council. I am sorry we haven't a larger crowd to start out the session but I think we will have more later in the day.

The New York Alumni Council had the smoker last night and tonight we are having a banquet, and I assure you that we have a program which is rather out of the ordinary by having Austin McCormick, Commissioner of Correction for the city of New York, who is going to speak. About two years ago the Council had Mac and I think it was the most successful the Council ever had.

I remember, in talking about McCormick, the boys said they would like to have him if he spoke only about fifteen minutes. When Mac talked it ran about three-quarters of an hour and he said he was a little overtime but it ended up in his talking for two hours, so the boys kind of liked him that night.

Also we are having some other entertainment but we are not going to tell about it now; however, I assure you it's going to be worth while.

Once again I will welcome you in behalf of the New York Council.

BROTHER CLEWORTH: I understand it is my pleasure to accept the welcome to the city of New York and thank Brother Gantt and the Council for their kind invitation and hospitality here. Since I spend most of my waking hours in New York, it is very nice to at last get the key to the city and pass it along to the brothers who are here at this meeting.

I feel that this is no doubt going to be one of the most important meetings that Alpha Sigma Phi has ever had. We are searching to improve our service and no doubt there are many fine thoughts and actions that are going to come out of this affair and so, on behalf of the National office and chapters of the Fraternity, I thank you very much for your invitation and the hospitality of New York City.

THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, BROTHER GANTT: The next item

in our program is the singing of "Brotherhood Imperial."

*** Singing of "Brotherhood Imperial."

THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: I will now ask Brother Burns, Executive Secretary, to call the roll of Chapters.

*** The Executive Secretary called the roll.

THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Is there a quorum, Brother Secretary?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, there is a quorum, so we can proceed with the business.

THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The next item on the program is the receiving of the Committee on Credentials. That can be dispensed with.

Without more ado, I am going to introduce a Brother whom all of you know, who is our permanent Chairman and our Grand Junior President, Ben Clarke.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT, BENJAMIN CLARKE: Well, this primarily, of course, fellows, is going to be a real business session and there aren't going to be any frills.

You active men seem rather disappointed in appearances this morning. You no doubt expected a larger crowd and a rather different appearance at a convention of Alpha Sigma Phi, but, as your notice told you, this was an emergency proposition and it is a very difficult time of year for a good many of you to get away and a lot of your active men could not come, so I do not want the active men to go away from here feeling that

you do not have the organization you had, because of the present occurrence and the type of convention we may have, because this, in a sense, is more of a conference than a convention. It is something that is called with a thought that something had to be done and be done at once.

I wish to spread the thought and idea now that we are here to try and accomplish something for the future, and what may have transpired in the past, and whether or not there were mistakes or not, is not material here and we are not dealing in personalities. Our sole and only thought is what we can do for the good of the Fraternity we have.

I wish also to stress at this time that from observation - from talking with the men in the educational field - we, as an organization, know that we face a difficult task in trying to continue the type of organization we are in. In other words, you will find today, I think, in the teaching profession, rather an attitude that fraternities are things of the past - that they are not helpful to the school and that they are on the way out. My idea is that there is more need today than ever for fraternities because they get very little from their faculty, and that we, gathered here now, should stress the necessity of our Fraternity doing something more than running a house; that the Fraternity as such really do something in trying to build the characters of men and demonstrate to the world at large that there really is something

that fraternities can do. I think if we carry that thought through this conference with the idea that we are going back and the alumni as such are going to stress every effort they can to insist on the Chapters so organizing themselves and conducting themselves that they really are accomplishing something along that line, we will do a tremendous lot of good toward bringing back the morale and the standing of our different groups, and with that thought I will proceed with the order of business.

The next order of business, according to the Constitution, is the reading of the minutes of the last convention.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that the reading of the minutes of the last convention be dispensed with.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the next in the order of business is the report of Chapter delegates. I do not know whether that was requested as part of the order of the business of this conference, but being the resolution, I might say first that the Executive Secretary has certified that the Constitutional Amendment which created this gathering was passed by the required number of Chapters. That has been certified to and this meeting is a duly constituted convention.

Now the resolution which amended the Constitution which is the basis of this gathering, is as follows:

*** The Grand Junior President read the resolution

referred to.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: So that, as far as the conduct of this Conference is concerned, we are limited to the provisions and must be guided by the provisions of the Constitution with respect to a conference, so that is why I am following the order as prescribed by the Constitution as the order of business.

Are there any Chapter delegates here who desire to make reports on their Chapters? Now don't be afraid, fellows, because we really are interested in knowing what is going on and we may change this order and have you report later, but I would rather like to get some notion now as to whether or not there are any delegates here who would like to (and we want you to) make a report as to the conditions and peculiar things or problems that may be involved in your Chapter. Are there any delegates here who will make such a report?

Mr. Secretary will you make a list of the Chapters desiring to report?

*** The Executive Secretary made such a list and announced that all the Chapters wished to report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I would like to have a motion that the order of business be changed. What I would like to suggest at this point - (now if I talk too much and seem to be trying to tell you men what you want to do, please say so. I am not trying to do that because this is your

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conference and you are the delegates, and I am only here to try to direct things and not tell you how it should be done, so do not be afraid to indicate what you want done and how you want it done.) What we have done in the past, however, is to endeavor, at an early stage in the convention, to ascertain the important things that are to come up and to be discussed and passed on, so that we can, as a group, determine the things that we feel are of sufficient importance to be gone into, and then, if necessary, appoint committees with respect to those particular things and, in due time, have them report, and in that manner we can get the machinery working and get somewhere with the real meat of the Convention, and I would like to suggest at this time that we take a short time to discuss the problems that are really the important problems that should come up here, and have those noted and then, during the morning, I will appoint any committees that may seem necessary to consider the subject so that the matter can be properly presented.

Does anybody want to express a thought on that?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): It seems to me that we ought to give the other Chapters an idea of what the Fraternity is up at that college.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Alumni Council, Columbus, O.): I believe that if the men who are here would report on their Chapters, Brother Burns would give us a brief resume of the

conditions of the other Chapters.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You feel that that would be helpful, as well as the other data?

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): Brother Clarke, may I request that everybody who speaks give his name and Chapter so that the stenotypist can get it?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right.

We will now entertain the reports of the delegates. Will the Secretary call the Chapters?

*** The Executive Secretary called upon a delegate from each Chapter, with responses as follows:

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): At present we have twenty-two, fifteen of them are pledges, five are active and two are inactive. We are financially sound, with no mortgage on the house, and all important bills are turned over to our Alumni corporation as we feel the need of security.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That sounds good.

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): I would like to make a comparison between our standing now and what it was two years ago.

Two years ago we had a house in a rather decrepit condition. We had about eight men active and four pledges. Naturally we did not have any morale and no Fraternity spirit at all. The Alumni got behind us and reconstructed the house. They put in either new or re-upholstered furniture.

At the present time we have about twenty actives and the house is in good condition. We have a very live correspondence between the Alumni and the actives, so that the Alumni know at all times what the actives are doing.

BROTHER PIERCE (Eta): The Alumni Chapter has a very good roll this year. I cannot give you the exact number of members there. They have a comparatively new house there and have quite a large mortgage on it to the extent of approximately sixty-two hundred dollars. However, that was recently arranged so that they are paying only two per cent interest on that mortgage and some of those mortgage bonds have been bought in at fifty cents on the dollar and more of them are being bought in as fast as the Chapter can and the Alumni Association can raise funds with which to purchase them.

About two years ago (and, incidentally, that house has a capacity of between forty-five and fifty members) the Chapter was down to, I think, less than twenty men and the mortgage was in danger of being foreclosed. At that time there was what was supposed to have been a local organization on the campus known as Beta Psi and those boys made negotiations for membership into Alpha Sigma Phi. It developed that there was some conflict as to whether it was a local or a National and, as you all probably know, as a result of a large number of those men being initiated into the Zeta Chapter, the Fraternity was kicked out of the National Inter-Fraternity

Conference. Later on, if any more information is wanted, I probably can give it to you, but, as a result of those men from Beta Psi being taken into Zeta Chapter, the Chapter was reinforced to the extent of where they had a membership able to carry on the house.

They are now on their feet, financially; I believe that their scholastic standing is in good shape, they have followed the practice down there for the last few years of having a graduate faculty member live in the house to advise the men in connection with their scholastic work. That man, incidentally, has not been a member of the Fraternity and, in most cases, he has been a non-fraternity man and the plan has worked out very well.

The Chapter, as I say, is in good sound condition financially now. Scholastically their standing is acceptable and they are definitely on an upward grade.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Up to about a month ago we were in a rather difficult situation. We had three pledges, but now we have twenty-one and that is just about what the house holds. In the past they had two in a room, but it is pretty tough to get fellows two in a room. now because they have a beautiful dormitory system.

The house is mortgaged and held by the Alumni, but the actives pay five thousand, five hundred dollars a year for the house, which has been paid right along. The Chapter

stands on the hill and up there they have a Cornell Day in the Spring when prospective Cornell students come up to look it over and they stay at the various fraternity houses. We sent letters out to all our Alumni last year and got two names in. One of our main troubles is that the house should expand and we should have more chapters. We often wonder how the fellows in the other Chapters feel - we all seemed to think that there should be some expansion.

Wonder if we couldn't have just a statement in these reports as to the financial situations.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, Burns, if you will bear that in mind.

BROTHER McDONALD (Lambda): I will be able to give a hasty sketch as to the Chapter's condition in the last two years.

I guess our Chapter went through all that the other Chapters did in financial embarrassment. We had eleven actives and no pledges and the Chapter was coming to the end of its rope by itself but, through the efforts of the Alumni and some graduate students and the few actives that we had left in the New York Alumni Council, attempts have been made in the last year to reorganize the Chapter and this past year we held initiations (last month) in which five men were initiated, and a rushing program has been attempted last month and I believe five more men have been pledged and there will be another

initiation in the near future, I hope.

As far as the financial condition is concerned, when the mortgage was foreclosed the house managed to clear up all its bills and go off the campus with no debts except to its national headquarters which I, as the "H. E." at the time, have not forgotten, but at the present time things at Columbia are looking a little better as far as fraternities are concerned. I think some three hundred men were pledged out of a class of four hundred and fifty men - the freshman class. There have been men pledged from the junior and senior class and some of these have been initiated.

THE GRAND JUNIOR. PRESIDENT: You do not feel that you can rush freshmen unless you have a house. - Is that the thought?

BROTHER McDONALD (Lambda): Well, I cannot express an opinion because I am from the Graduate School and am not in contact with the actives at present, but there has been some rushing done without a house - it has been done at the homes of some of the Alumni and it has been rather successful as a whole, so it does not seem as though a house were absolutely necessary for rushing.

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): Sigma's financial condition at the present time is very favorable. We do not own our own house but we have no outstanding debts, nor have had for the last three or four years. Previous to that time there were

some local and, I believe, a national debt. We also had some accounts payable. The Lexington Alumni Council took over both the accounts payable and the debts and they are completely out of our hands now and, to some extent, they have collected the accounts and paid on the bills as far as they have been able. They are, of course, still active in this work and, at the present time - I cannot tell you exactly what the debt does amount to - however, I do not think it is very large and, as far as the actives are concerned, now it is completely out of our hands.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are paying your rent bills? - Do you rent your house?

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): Yes. For the last three years at least we have had no outstanding debts at all. The membership is about twenty actives and about fifteen pledges. Our house can handle only about twenty, comfortably, and we keep it filled up all the time.

BROTHER YOUNG (Pennsylvania State Alumni Council): Penn. State has about fifty-four hundred students at the present time, of which about twenty-five hundred are undergraduate men and we have fifty-two fraternities, which means that we have not quite fifty undergraduate men per fraternity and only about somewhere in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred undergraduate men can really afford fraternities. Then, nearly all of the fraternities were built when houses cost a lot of money

and they all need forty men to carry them and we have available about an average of thirty.

All of the local organizations have been absorbed by some national by this time. In Upsilon Chapter I think we have twenty members and thirteen pledges. The Chapter has a debt of about three thousand dollars in outstanding bills and, of those members, quite a few have to be carried along, in part, so that the full house bill of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents a month is being paid by twenty-six and five-tenths theoretical persons.

The outstanding accounts are somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty-five hundred dollars that the Alumni got through the institution without paying to the fraternity. The Chapter Alumni Association which owns the house built the house on a debt of thirty thousand dollars first mortgage bonds, twenty thousand second mortgage bonds and a fifteen-thousand dollar note. We hold a one thousand dollar first mortgage bond in the treasury, about fifty-five hundred dollars in second mortgage bonds in the treasury and we have reduced that note to eleven thousand, which gives us somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty-five thousand dollars in debt that the Alumni Association has. At the present time we are canvassing Alumni in an effort to meet the interest on this debt. We have been able to meet it in the past largely by taking too much from the Chapter and that is what ran the Chapter's debts to thirty-three

thousand dollars. . If we can raise about fifteen hundred dollars from the Alumni we will get past the first of January.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Oklahoma has been at the end of its rope for the last five years and it's just beginning to climb the rope again. We have nineteen men living in the house, thirteen members and six pledges. We have five members living outside of the house due to financial reasons. Our Alumni support is nil except for a few men who have taken matters on their own shoulders and just work hard, but as far as financial support of the Alumni is concerned we just do not have it.

Our financial situation is like a lot of the other financial situations: We can meet our current expenses and we have been paying interest on our house mortgage, which amounts to around ten thousand dollars, but at present the building and loan company has decided they would rather have the house than the interest, so they can foreclose if they want to, but nothing has been done about it yet and if they do foreclose we are not afraid of that because there are a couple of other houses we can get "right off the bat."

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: How large is it?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): It will hold about thirty-five men.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: How old is it?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Quite a few years.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Was it a few years back that you had a house burn?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Yes, we had a house burn.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Was that one that you built yourselves?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): No, that was another one.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: One of your difficulties is Alumni cooperation?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Yes, and another is rushing. We have fixed the house up this summer by Chapter donations. Now we are laying plans to fix up the inside of the house and if we get a "knockout" in there we will be able to stand a few of these freshmen who go over to the Beta house and see a lot of "gilt and glamour" all over the place.

*** (Laughter)

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You mentioned Alumni and financial support. Just speaking from experience, I do not think you will get much of that, but you will get a lot of Alumni support other than financial.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): If they would just pay their back bills we would be satisfied.

This happened on our Founder's Day banquet: We had a banquet at the house attended by more Alumni than we expected

and one of our Alumni made the suggestion and offer of another banquet in February for which he was to stand the expense and, if we could equal the number of pledges that we had, he would feel very kindly toward them in a financial way. So that has put a lot of spirit behind the boys and the matter of the house does not worry us a bit because we have two others we can get.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I think I laughed the hardest at our Brother from Oklahoma because that equals our situation. We have eighteen actives and five pledges. The financial situation has been rather poor up until about two years ago, but since then, so far as I know, we have been paying all our current expenses and we have been paying some of our back bills.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What do you owe in back bills?

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I do not know, exactly.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I mean approximately.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I think it is somewhere around a thousand dollars. We do not have our own house - that is, we rent the house. This year we moved into another house which we consider somewhat of an improvement. It is not what we want but it will be good enough for a couple of years. When we moved in we had an extra living room and we

had to buy some more furniture, so we thought we would write to the Alumni for contributions of about one dollar each to kind of help us along. Well, we got fifteen dollars, so we decided that we would place an additional ten dollars on an initiation fee and let the freshmen pay for it, so we have done that and we have collected this extra ten dollars already and they understand that it is on the initiation so they understand that is a guarantee of their initiation, and it helps us, in the meantime.

Just as the Brother from Oklahoma says, the support we would like to have would be to have them pay the bills that they owe. Every fraternity needs the support of the Alumni to set the members up before they reach Middlebury. Right now we stressed the financial point, but I think we all realize it is the men who talk to them before they come up.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Brother O'Connor, do you want to make a short report on Syracuse?

BROTHER O'CONNOR (Alpha Epsilon): We have approximately ten Brothers and eight pledges, three of which are expected to go through in February. We are in debt for the current year to the Alumni from whom we rent the house, of about one hundred and fifty dollars. We have about three thousand dollars outstanding that we owe and we also have approximately three thousand dollars accounts receivable from the Alumni.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now those accounts

payable. - Are they just local merchants, do you know, offhand?

BROTHER O'CONNOR (Alpha Epsilon): I think they are insurance, taxes, merchants and what not. We have had wonderful support from our Alumni - we have no kick there.

Last year we had a funny situation: We had about fifty-seven pledged who said they would come through and be initiated this September. We had a new house. The Brothers left school last year owing so much money that the Alumni could not see their way clear to have the house re-decorated, so we lost about fifty-seven pledges.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Were they pledged conditionally?

BROTHER O'CONNOR (Alpha Epsilon): Our house this year cannot stand up with the other houses in appearance.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): At the present time we have twenty-two actives and eleven pledges and more than enough money coming in to meet our current expenses and make quite a profit on the side.

It has been the custom to allow the treasurer free room rent and for the past two or three years we had a boy treasurer who meant well but he was not very competent. He needed the money more than the rest of the fellows did and for that reason was given the position. He was an engineer and had no knowledge of accounting. He kept books which he understood himself and when he sent them to us this year it took an

accountant about three weeks to straighten them out. The situation was spread all over the campus that way and this year the treasurer collects all the money and it is turned over to him. He keeps two books, one in his own office and one is kept by the Fraternity. He sends a report to the house every month. Up to this year we did not know how much in debt we were nor how much we had in the bank and we found out that if we had had this accounting system in effect for the last four years we would have been several thousand dollars ahead and it has worked out so well that this man looks over the books and comes to the conclusion of where we are spending too much money and where more should be spent. We were buying too much furniture without realizing it. We did not know how much we were spending in relation to what we were taking in. The way the thing looks now we will be out of debt at the end of the year. It has worked out very well and it is well worth the price we paid for it. I was talking to Brother Burns the other day and he said that the situation has been developed that way in several of our fraternities. Several fellows left who owed money and we did not want to hurt their feelings by asking for it, but this man Mitchell does not mind - he takes all the responsibilities and sees that it is paid.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Which house have you now?

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): The one we had when

we started. The university practically owns every house on the campus; at least they hold mortgages, and when it looks as if the Fraternity was about to clear up the mortgage, they decide they need a new roof, or something. There is only one fraternity on the campus which owns its own house.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are renting and that is not the university property?

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): It is university property.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I do not think you are in the same house as you were when you were installed.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): No. That was off the campus and was rented, I believe, but we are on the campus now.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Did that use to be a professor's house?

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Yes. We have assigned to us a very nice piece of ground with the house and the university hits us two dollars for every one dollar we raise. They make sure you never do finish paying it back. There has been a Chapter in real difficulty for as long as I can remember.

This piece of ground we have assigned is in an ideal location and it is just because of our being able to raise the money. If we can raise about eight thousand dollars we cught

to be able to build as good a house as anybody on the campus.

BROTHER MAHAN (Pittsburgh Alumni Council): Well, here is the situation at Carnegie Tech. - It is not so much the money as it is the members. We have cash in bank of about three thousand dollars and notes from the active Chapter of five thousand dollars. The five thousand dollars from the active Chapter should be written in red, I guess.

We had a house quite a way from the school and the members complained that it was too far away from the campus and the membership just dwindled down until we had about four members. When I went to Carnegie we had five hundred eligible out-of-town freshmen to pick from; in 1934 there were eighty. Eighty eligible out-of-town freshmen for twenty-one fraternities to get; so there are only ten fraternities now - I think there are ten or eleven - and two of them are Jewish and one is Italian and the others have gone by the wayside.

I saw a little notice here from a newspaper saying that they had pledged one hundred and forty-six last year - the other fraternities - but, since our Fraternity had to supply the money to run the house, we recommended that they close it and concentrate on getting town men in the Fraternity and building it up on that basis until the situation changes and they can secure some out-of-town men and open up a house and table, because it is almost impossible to have a table at a house now. We do not have any house now - they only had about

six people in it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are not closing up the Group? - You are operating the Group without the house.

BROTHER MAHAN (Pittsburgh Alumni Council): Yes. The idea we had in mind was to concentrate on town men and build up from that basis. As far as having a house is concerned within the next couple of years, that is out of the question. We cannot operate a house there until more out-of-town men enter the institution.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You have about the same condition there as they have in Chicago.

BROTHER MAHAN (Pittsburgh Alumni Council): Yes.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Brother Archibald is representing Oregon State as their official delegate and I am not quite sure if he has any more on them, but I have a little bit and if you would like me to go ahead I would be very happy to and then, Brother Clarke, if you would like me to just mention briefly these Chapters reported, I will.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think that was the resolution passed.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Brother Clarke, I think where there is a delegate going to be here later that might be postponed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes, that has been decided.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Our Oregon State Chapter has seventeen pledges and twenty-nine actives. The house has a capacity of thirty-five and is occupied by twenty-six residents. Their correspondence with the National office indicates that they are a very wide-awake bunch out there and very much interested in National affairs. They owe National headquarters nothing and the reason they did not send on a delegate was because they felt they were more interested at the present time in keeping their own current bills paid up, due to this small housing problem.

Stanford I understand they have not pledged as yet. I do not have any statistics on the pledges there. The house itself is almost filled, that is, they are lacking three men to fill it. At the present time, without pledges, they have twenty-three men in the Chapter and their finances are in good shape.

At Iowa State they have fourteen pledges this fall and they have a thirty-capacity house, with twenty-one men living in the house; in other words, they have room for nine more men and perhaps they are having difficulty there with the housing problem. There are twenty-nine men, though, affiliated with the Chapter and I feel that there might be perhaps some arrangement whereby they get these eight more men not living in the house, into the house. Their finances so far as National headquarters is concerned are in good shape, and I

am not sure, on their current bills for the Chapter itself.

The University of Iowa: The finances are very very bad. They have accounts receivable of the active men in the present Chapter at the present time of over nine hundred dollars and accounts receivable among their Alumni of over three thousand dollars, which means that, in our report which we receive on their status, they are not getting enough revenue to take care of their previous month's bills and there has to be something drastic done, either through the Alumni or through the National office to see whether we cannot straighten the affair out there but, as far as the National headquarters is concerned, they do not owe us a cent - they are perfectly clear.

U. S. L. A.: They were able to obtain six pledges this fall, they have thirty men in the Chapter and the house is filled. Finances as far as the National headquarters is concerned are very good. Six pledges seem to be rather small but evidently they do not need any more than that to fill up their house. I do not know what the conditions will be six years from now when those men are Seniors.

Missouri: Brother Landman is not here now. I do not know whether he has anything definite.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think we ought to wait, on that.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Wisconsin: Accounts receivable was quite high and the stand this last month seemed to

be that they have a Chapter active there and going on in pretty good shape.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: When you get through, I have a letter I would like to read on Wisconsin.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Marietta: I think we will hear from them later, and also Michigan.

The University of Washington received a very large pledge class this month but their finances are in rather poor condition.

The University of California: The active Chapter is very strong and they have a strong and active Alumni.

Massachusetts I believe will be reported on later, also Pennsylvania and Colorado.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth, have you any remarks to make about some of the Chapters?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Mr. Chairman, if I may make a supplemental report for Psi, I think they needed more Chapters among schools that they had athletic contests with.

They had a feeling out there in Oregon that they were all alone and had no friendly relations with any other Chapter of our Fraternity. They are much in favor of strengthening the National organization in some manner so they will have more frequent contacts with it and benefit therefrom. They also are, at times, critical of the National organization and I am trying to quote now from Brother Burn's letter so that,

if he brought me down here to represent Oregon and tells me to be critical, I will try to do that if that is his desire.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is your desire?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I am representing a Chapter and a delegate should speak for his constituents, (isn't that the word?).

There is also the possibility that they will have a report here by letter as they advised me by wire that one was coming and I would like to give that at a later date.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): May I ask a question of the delegates as to how many of the Chapters have a budget system?

*** Three delegates responded.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): I would also like to ask another question: Do each of the Chapters give a monthly, or quarterly, or any periodic report as to the condition of their finances, to National headquarters?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: They are supposed to give a monthly report but, being as it is, none have come in except where a Chapter was taken care of by an accredited certified accountant in the individual town and they send on a copy of it.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): I think that is one place where we could very much improve ourselves, by insisting on these reports coming in monthly. The reports recently are a little more encouraging.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): One thing I also feel the Fraternity should do beside building character is to teach the undergraduate certain things, and I feel that if the boys in college, in active Chapters, are not learning the first principles of business, then something is wrong with the way the Fraternity is run, and I think every Chapter should have a budget and make periodic reports to National headquarters so that they could step in and try to help these Chapters before a situation comes up which cannot be helped.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Is there any form, in this set-up of budget, under which they are supposed to report, or are the reports more or less of their own choosing in giving reports of what they have available?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: There is a set-up, I believe, which has been prescribed.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): I would like to ask a question there. If there is a universal accounting system for this Fraternity that might be used by all Chapters, we do not know anything about it in Oklahoma.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think there was one set up.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): A system was suggested a few years ago but it was not compulsory. Of course, since there is little continuity in the Chapters

from one year to the next, it seems that the new fellows coming in do not know about that information being available.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I know that that was done because, when I was Executive Secretary, that was the time it was first installed and in 1927, between '26 and '28, every Chapter had a double entry system of bookkeeping and it was a workable system and all of them followed, at that time, more or less, the standard forms set up by the National office. There were one or two exceptions and, in those places, they adopted the information we made available, so that at least nine years ago, all of them had a set of books that would work. Where that information has gone I do not know, but they all had it, once, and whether or not it was passed on to the new officers is probably where it is at fault.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I might add here that the active men may think some of these things queer, but, in the past, if you had attended some of the Conventions and had observed the jealousies with which the active Chapters guarded their rights and how insistent they were that National headquarters be given very little authority, you would appreciate why some of these things are as they are now.

Back ten years ago, and prior to that, if any authority was given to National headquarters the Chapters were up in arms. There is only one man in the organization who is paid anything anyhow, and they only have now, as they had then,

the interests of the Fraternity as a whole. We are all here for the same purpose. Some of the things that were promulgated were asked to be followed and I think it has been demonstrated that, when you have a suggestion to make to a group and you have the lack of continuity to which Brother Cleworth refers, you lose the effectiveness of the whole thing unless you have a string of men who happen to carry that on; so, when you consider the things that are brought up here, I wish you would bear that in mind - that there is something of tremendous value in letting headquarters know of what is going on in the individual Chapters.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I want to thank the Chair for his frankness. We are all actives here today, and I am perhaps a little bit nervous. We only have three days to talk this thing out about finances. We have to formulate some policies for these actives to take back to their Chapters and our Executive Secretary has got to apparently cram some of this stuff down the active treasurers' throats. We are fortunate in having the copies of these reports brought before us. I believe we ought to have a committee...

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT (Interrupting): This was really the tail end of the reports - I get what you are driving at.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): You said

you had some further information in regard to Wisconsin.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Perhaps I had not better read it, but, generally speaking, it is simply that the Alumni have been endeavoring to carry their Chapter along there and have finally come to the conclusion that it would be best, under the circumstances at Madison, to let the active group carry on there as best they can - that Madison, like many other schools, was overbuilt as to the size of the houses, etc., and, in other words, their general situation was the same as many others of our state universities in the Middle West. He says, "The Chapter has been maintaining the usual number of men, but of impaired quality;" a number of Chapters have withdrawn, and that the Chapter was in very much better condition now than it was four years ago, but the Alumni is rather "standing by" to see what this year will bring. That is about what their situation is.

Now are there any other reports to be made? If not, then I think we had better get lined up - if it is the wish of this Conference - as to the problems that confront us and the things that should be done. At least that is my notion of getting the Convention organized.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Nothing has been mentioned about the Chapter at Minnesota. Has that been washed out of the picture and are there any other Chapters being washed out? I did not hear Minnesota mentioned and there may be one or two.

others.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That will come in the report of the Grand Prudential Committee.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): In connection with these reports, I do not know what your order of business is, but I wonder if it would not be a good idea to have a report from National headquarters as far as finances are concerned so we will have a picture of the whole thing.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The only thing is, if we get into these long reports we will not get the rest of the thing working.

Did you not send a copy of the financial statements to the Chapters, Brother Cleworth, or was that just sent to me?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Only to you.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that the wish of the Group, then, that a short resume be given?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): A short resume is all I am interested in.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The only thing is, we have to watch our time because you can dissipate a lot of time if you do not watch it.

*** Copies of the aforementioned report were distributed to all present by Brother Cleworth.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Would you just rather glance over this report for a few minutes or do you want Brother Cleworth to explain it?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I would rather have it explained.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth, just give us a summary of the accounts of the General Office.

*** Brother Cleworth, reading from the prepared report, gave the total indebtedness, the present cash balance on hand in the treasury and the cash balance as of July 1st, in explaining the report.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): So we are in very good financial condition as far as National headquarters are concerned. Of course, if we had attempted to put on a convention at this time, as we are normally supposed to do in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, it would have practically wiped out all the cash we had on hand, so it was deemed better to call a conference of the nature that we have in order to keep that cash as a reserve.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What liabilities are there - any?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: We owe The Tomahawk Trustee Fund for the year 1935 and '36 approximately seventeen hundred dollars.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee):

Recently we attempted to operate on the income from The Tomahawk. Of course The Tomahawk Fund really owes the National headquarters something from the back operations of The Tomahawk.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth, do you mean that the cost of printing exceeded the income? Where you did not collect the life subscriptions from the Chapters - from the men - that, nevertheless, the general funds paid into the Trust Fund, a life subscription for each man initiated?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Ten dollars for each man.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What I mean is, if you had a Chapter owing you from ten men, which includes a life membership, you nevertheless have taken out ten dollars from the Trust Fund, although you had not collected it?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: So, as a matter of fact, the Trust Fund owes you for the money which you did not collect.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): In the case of this debt, did you issue badges and other paraphernalia to men whose initiation fees were not paid? It used to be that initiation charges were approximately thirty-two dollars and fifty cents. Have men been initiated in places where National headquarters did not get that amount of money?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Isn't there a rule in effect that you cannot initiate a man until that money has been paid? I think you will find such a rule, if you want to enforce it.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Is the budget for the current year in balance and is the anticipated income sufficient to carry us through the year in good shape?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Oh, yes.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): That was the thing I was primarily interested in. It doesn't seem that we have any "headaches" that money and membership cannot solve.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): May I ask what the deductions are under "Accounts Receivable" - the seven thousand item? The figure on "Accounts Receivable" amounts to twelve thousand dollars; immediately under that is a deduction of seven thousand dollars, showing a balance of five thousand dollars. Is that deducted for accounts that are uncollectable?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Don't, for Heaven's sake, tell any of these delegates here that you have written off any accounts, because you will never collect them, if you do.

*** (Laughter)

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: We have not written off any accounts except the Harvard Chapter.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): May I ask you another question - about song books? - Is that an inventory of song books?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: That figure of one hundred fifty-eight I think is just sort of out of line a little bit and should be up under "Furniture, etc." But that song book account is "Inventory."

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): This business of The Tomahawk - I am not straight on it and I do not think some of the other actives are. We charge him thirty-three dollars; out of that is the subscription to The Tomahawk, the National dues and the ten dollars should go into the National funds. Why was it necessary to pay into The Tomahawk Fund for men who had not paid their initiation fee?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Because they let some of the initiated men in where the Chapters had not paid in for them.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Well, in the past, initiated men have received their paraphernalia without paying the thirty-three dollars.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Within our own organization, in order to keep The Tomahawk Fund straight, they would take out of their general funds ten dollars for membership, to

keep that straight so that The Tomahawk Fund, or the Chapter, still owes that ten dollars which had been taken out of general funds.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Part of them consist of unpaid initiation fees?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes, that is primarily what the Chapters have to pay.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Only one-sixth. The balance of it is made up of the two dollars per year from the active men.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): We could stay here all night and figure on these things. Why don't we (this is a suggestion) divide up into committees and let them spend some part of the afternoon.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that is what I wanted to start at the beginning of this morning, but the Convention did not want to do it and it is your Convention. In other words, some felt they would rather know what the problems were and then we would be better able to consider them.

I am not criticizing at all - perhaps that is a better way to get at it.

Now we have not ordinarily adjourned for an afternoon or anything for the consideration of these things - the committees have usually been able to do that between sessions and at night, because, if we adjourn for a whole afternoon, we are

not going to get very far.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): It would be better to have your report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth suggested that maybe further reports ought to be made now. If that is the desire of the Group it is all right with me.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I don't speak for anybody here but myself and I don't know what other Committee reports you have in mind that should be made, but it has been rather difficult for us away from New York to get the "feel" of things and we did not feel we could come up here with any specific recommendations because we did not know the situation and, before we get into any Committee work, I think it is well for the whole Group to have a little bit of the "feel" of things and the picture of them. I do not mean a detailed discussion or anything like that, but I feel we should have a little better "feel" of the pulse of things.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is the wish of the Group? - Is that your desire - that we go ahead with these reports? It is now five after twelve.

BROTHER PIERCE (Eta): What other reports do you have?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, there is the G. J. P. and the Editor and the Grand Prudential Committee. I have no formal written report, because I never looked upon this

as a Convention by which that call should be made, but I can make a report which I think will suffice in five minutes, on my end of it, and probably all that I'd put in any written report; and then there is The Tomahawk Editor's report and the Grand Prudential Committee's report - and that is probably the one in which you are more interested than anything else.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to proceed with the report of the Grand Prudential Committee, and then proceed with the other matters that were to come before the Convention.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): It will take about fifteen minutes to read this.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think it is of sufficient importance that you take all the time you need on it.

*** Brother Cleworth read the report of the Grand Prudential Committee, in the midst of which he interpolated the following remark: "It looks as if the typist had missed part of that section, but this provided for not more than fifty dollars for each initiate and thereafter he was obligated to pay no more dues either as an active or as an Alumnus. It also provided that ten dollars of that was to go into a special fund, the purpose of which was not set up, but which was to be determined later, but that legislation failed to carry."

*** (Applause)

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I move you that the Committee's report be received, that their recommendations be carefully considered by this Convention both as a whole and by the appointment of Committees to take care of their special recommendations, and that the Grand Prudential Committee have our thanks for their untiring efforts to promote the welfare of Alpha Sigma Phi during these trying times.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now, Gentlemen, it is ten minutes to one. Would you want to adjourn now and I wonder if you fellows could just take a short time for lunch and get back, instead of taking an hour or so. What do you think?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Adjourn until one thirty.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that satisfactory to everyone? Is there anybody who feels that is too short a time - who cannot eat somewhere in a hurry and get back here at one thirty? This morning we had to wait until a quarter to eleven to get a quorum, which is a mean thing when we have a job to do.

*** Following its decision to reconvene at 1:30 P. M., the Conference was adjourned at 12:53 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

December 29, 1936

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The session was called to order at 1:45 o'clock, The Grand Junior President, Brother Clarke, presiding, at whose request Brother Archibald (Omicron) proceeded to call the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now when we adjourned we had just completed all the reports with the exception of the report of the J. P. and the Editor of The Tomahawk, and the suggestion was made that those reports could go until later, and as I understood it this morning, it was the pleasure of the Body that, after those reports had been made, we then start in to consider the various matters of real importance that we are to act on here and then have committees appointed and then really get down to work. Is that the pleasure of the Group now? - If so, I would suggest that those matters they present which they think are of real importance now and should be considered at the Convention, be considered, and suggestions made.

When a suggestion is made, it is my impression that it should be previously discussed and, when it is of sufficient importance, have a committee appointed and the matter gone into. It seems as if this was the quickest way to get down to what you really want to do.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): One thing we in

Alabama are vitally interested in, and I think when I speak of that I speak for other schools too which are more or less isolated. Outside of the football, we have no ties with the National Fraternity. As long as I have been there we have never had a visit from the National Secretary or any other individual connected with National headquarters. We do not have much difficulty with the boys from Pennsylvania, but when we try to get boys from Alabama or any other place in the South to pledge, it means hours and hours of hard work and plenty of "headaches." Now Mississippi State is a very up-and-coming school - eighteen hundred students now and growing more and more every year. They have the largest dormitory in the world, still and all the fraternities that are over there are doing very well; then there are local Chapters at Georgia State, etc., and a half dozen good schools where we could have Chapters. From what I have seen and heard, it looks as though fraternities in the eastern seaboard section are more or less on a decline and we cannot depend a lot on them, but I believe we could do very profitable expanding in the South.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Your points then are expansion in the South and visitations.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): If you are going to expand the South, expand the West, too. Expand every place, within reason. Everything that Brother McBride has said pertaining to Alabama still holds in Oklahoma. Our closest

Chapters are Mississippi and Nebraska. Texas is a western state as well as a southern state. We can go into New Mexico, Arizona, up in the Dakotas, Montana - they all have big schools and they are modern schools. The "Easterns" have an idea that the West is still wild and woolly, etc., but there are Chapters and fellows out there who would like to go into Alpha Sigma Phi. The fellows at Oklahoma want expansion.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you know what happened at Arizona?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): No, I don't.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: We were told there that they had all the fraternities they wanted. You will find the same situation there as with a good many other schools - they have all the Nationals they want.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Well, I am just speaking for my own Chapter. We would like expansion at once, and in a large manner.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The way we have done is to try to get these subjects discussed and then the committees are appointed. Perhaps right here ^{as} the question of the matter of expansion by two delegates has been raised, it might be proper to ask the Body whether they want to discuss the advisability of going into the question of expansion at this Convention.

*** Brother King (Alpha Alpha) stated he would put

that in the form of a motion.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Having attended a few of these Conventions I know, and I prophesied that the matter of expansion would again be one of the subjects that would have to be discussed. It is one of the subjects that most actives know very little about and yet have very definite ideas on, based on very little information. It is the subject that everyone enjoys discussing and, rather than have a committee appointed to discuss expansion, it seems to me that if we did as we did at Cornell when we discussed the liquor question, it might be well; if ^{we} devoted an entire evening session to a general discussion of expansion, possibly something might come out of that.

I think, after the G. J. P. has given his report and again enunciated the principles of expansion of Alpha Sigma Phi, and has again recalled to the body that all those schools like Alabama, Oklahoma, etc., isolated as they are, nevertheless there is a definite feeling in the Fraternity, particularly on the West Coast, that most of our real strength lies against expansion and that it is a very difficult matter to get a new Chapter through.

I think that a little general discussion, a little education on that subject, will enable everyone here to think and contribute something to it. After all, we are not so large a Body that we need send this through a committee of, let's

say, five, because there will still be a discussion after that. Therefore, I suggest that some time be allotted to the general matter of expansion, rather than sending it to a committee.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I unfortunately was unable to be at the morning session and I expect I have missed a good deal of the discussions that have preceeded this and am not entirely familiar with what is happening or has happened, but I understood from the notices that went out, that the primary question to be discussed at this meeting is the subject of Reorganization, and if that is the purpose, and if we do intend to do anything radical about National reorganization, it seems to me the appropriate time to consider expansion would be after that matter, which would still be of more primary importance, be taken care of.

As far as our Council in Washington is concerned, of course we are very much in favor of seeing a liberal policy of expansion go forward, but I do not think that, for the moment, it is apparently as nearly as important as seeing what can be done to meet the present crisis, whatever it is, that confronts the Fraternity, and would it not be an advisable thing to table this motion with reference to the appointment of a committee on expansion until after the matter of reorganization has been fully considered, and then go into it very fully? Only perhaps we are not dividing up our time appropriately with things of greater relative importance.

BROTHER MAHAN (Pittsburgh Alumni Council): I think that was a very good idea and I would say let's get all the things brought up that want to be brought up and then arrange an order of discussion.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That was what I was trying to do at the start.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Would not your purpose be equally served if there were a very definite opinion for expansion? Let's let this idea of expansion formulate in a committee and then be presented to the Group.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If there is any other discussion to the motion, let's have it.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Just one suggestion to help out the stenotypist: Each man, when he addresses the Chair, would assist greatly if he would definitely state his name and his Chapter, because this goes right into our records. We would appreciate it very much if you would state your names and your Chapters, as you address the Chair.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I know very well that the Committee will come out in favor of expansion. They usually do. But as against that, that Committee should certainly know as much as you could tell them. You, being our expansion officer and being in "the works" so long, the problems that confront any such recommendation should be easily recognizable to you and it seems to me that we ought

to all be "in" on that particular subject. I think it is a discussion that should be brought right out here, rather than be discussed in a committee.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): As an amendment to the motion, I would like to move that ^{with} such a Committee, if appointed, the appointment be deferred until the appointment of all the necessary Convention committees.

*** The amendment to the motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now we do not just seem to be travelling at the speed we ought to in arriving at the matters that this Conference was called for, although I hardly see how you can very well restrict it unless the Body so decides.

The Grand Prudential Committee sent out certain statements as to what they thought were matters that should be considered and for which the Conference was called. Now just how you want to arrive at just what things you throw in "the hopper" and throw out; that's up to you.

Brother Jagocki, you sent me a letter in which you recited certain matters. Were those your personal ideas?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): My personal ideas but I think the Committee agrees with them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, the first matter was the Inter-Fraternity Conference situation and I gather from

the report made this morning that there is not much to be done here. In other words, the Committee report was that we would be reinstated in the Conference, so I presume that is a matter that we can forget about.

*** It was unanimously agreed that the matter not be considered further.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The second matter mentioned was a report on the defunct Chapter, which you have received, and a consideration of the reasons for the failure, and whether any effort in the expenditure of money and time should be made in an attempt to rehabilitate. I think the indication was that the Dartmouth and Harvard Chapters were definitely through.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): With regard the Harvard situation, that is definitely out. We spent about eight hundred dollars and we are still paying the bill and that was why we hesitated going into any other place and doing the same thing, when we felt it hopeless.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, the Dartmouth matter was the question of expelling the Chapter. Then you have West Virginia and Chicago.

Now does this Body want to go into the discussion of trying to help those Chapters at this time, or is it your thought that we ought to save what we have rather than work on these Chapters which are temporarily "out?"

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): I would suggest that, in the case of those four Chapters, the same procedure be adopted as with the Harvard Chapter - that the present Committee appoint a supplementary Committee, composed of the Alumni near those Chapters, to make a study and analysis and report to the present Committee and give that Committee the power to act as to whether they should be suspended or go out of the picture.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that a motion?

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): I will put that in the form of a motion.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I would like to amend that to make it possible to use the Alumni Association of each one of those Chapters. I know definitely that the Alumni Association of the Minnesota Chapter is at work trying to work out the salvation of that Chapter, and will, in all probability, do so, and if the responsibility is placed upon them they will probably work out the salvation of those. Would it be agreeable to revise that? - That wherever possible, the Local Committee, with reference to the Chapter under consideration for rehabilitation, be the representatives designated by the Local Chapter of the Alumni Association?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You mean the Committee members would be the members of that Association?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): Yes, that the Committee members of that Chapter, who are to report to the present Committee be the members designated by the Alumni Chapter in the Association.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Then you are going to throw it all back in their laps?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I think we should.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Don't you think if we had an independent Committee that cooperated with the Alumni Association it would be good?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I doubt that very much. I should hope that the Committee would act, but my long experience tells me that it is hard to get a Committee that will function one hundred per cent all the time. The people most vitally concerned are the members of the Local Alumni Association, and I do not know all of the facts with reference to Minnesota, but if I don't repeat something you already know, I will say that, so far as I understand it, the Minnesota Alumni Association has taken over the Chapter house, has leased it out for the time being and is, I think, making money which they intend to use, I believe, for the purpose of rehabilitating the Chapter and placing them back in the Chapter house.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: They are not very hopeful.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): Well, I got a letter within the last week or two which seemed to be very hopeful.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The last letter I received, about three weeks or a month ago, was just the reverse.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I should gather that the situation now is over, but I don't know.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, then the amendment suggested is that the Committee to be appointed shall, wherever possible, be members of the Alumni Association of the Chapter involved. Is there a second to that motion?

*** The motion was seconded by one of the delegates.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the motion?

And, by the way, folks, there are only about ten per cent of you giving your names as you arise.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): I believe Brother Gantt's motion did not include the Dartmouth Chapter.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you accept that amendment, Brother Gantt?

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): I do. Shall I withdraw the original motion and re-state it completely? Would that be any help?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right. Now we are accepting a new motion.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): I move that the Grand Prudential Committee appoint a Committee composed of members in the general vicinity of any of the Chapters which are in difficulty, (to make it a blanket movement) the members to be from the Local Alumni Group where possible and desirable, and that said Committee report to the Grand Prudential Committee which will make a recommendation to the Alumni Association.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the next matter on the list is the matter of the Yale Chapter. (I am just reading this off in the order I have it before me.)

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I believe that that is absolutely one of the important things to discuss and I believe that the prudential Committee should know whether or not it is the feeling throughout the Fraternity whether Yale Chapter should be continued under its present status. - That means that nothing comes to National headquarters when men are initiated except possibly the price of the badge, and that the accounts receivable continues to mount.

In other words, is it important to the rest of the Chapters to have such a Chapter? - To have the name - Yale

University - listed in its Chapter Roll? - or do they feel they would rather have its severance from the Fraternity, because a definite demand and insistence, I think, will result in that. I think there is argument on both sides and that that should certainly be discussed and decided because the next Group to run the National should certainly know the answer.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, is that a matter upon which you want a committee appointed to report later? That is really the purpose of going through these things now.

*** A motion to that effect was regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, now there is a proposition here as to the question of consideration of moving National headquarters to the Middle West. Is that a matter that anybody wants to discuss?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): The idea of that being that if it were not possible to get three or five or seven, or whatever the number to be, of qualified men in New York under the present Constitution to serve, and such a number of men could be found in Chicago, San Francisco, or Los Angeles, whether or not the moving of National headquarters would not naturally follow, and I notice that, in the Los Angeles Alumni Council's letter, they more or less state that they favor the election of a new Grand Prudential Committee - it should not exceed three members - and that they

should have their residences or offices in the same geographical area as would best favor effective action. If the members of the Grand Prudential Committee are located in New York it should be retained there, otherwise not.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): It seemed to me as I read the various communications which came to my desk prior to coming here, that the big thought above that was that we were going to discuss the possible revision of our National offices, the Constitution and By-Laws, possibly, and it seems to me that a tie right in with that would be two things that should be brought under consideration, and one is the moving of National headquarters. The other (and I would like to see a committee appointed on this matter) is some change in the Alumni Council or Alumni organization set-up. I do not think it is practical.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now wait a minute - you're not talking on the subject now; you are on Alumni Associations. Let's not get off on something else until we are through with this.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Well, you seem to be down to the end of the line and you have overlooked this.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: No, we have got a lot of other things.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council):

Council): I move that the matter of location of National headquarters be deferred until after this Convention.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now there are two other matters here that the Prudential Committee made reference to. One is the consideration of the things we stand for and the other a matter of the consideration of the weaknesses in the Constitution and By-Laws, etc., and the appointment of a Committee for revision. Those are the only other two things listed here. On both of those, when I have the opportunity, I would like to have something to say. I have some very definite ideas myself on it and it just strikes me that, with the size of the Body here, there are some of these things that can be discussed; as Brother Jagocki says, "With a Committee of the Whole," rather than a separate committee. But for the present I would like to suggest that these two matters be deferred until we see just how much more we have got ahead of us. Those of course are the two vital things here.

Has anybody else got any ideas about that?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I move that they be deferred for consideration later.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now I think we are open

for general subject matters that you various men have on your minds that you want brought up, but I am not trying to direct how you run this thing, as I told you this morning.

BROTHER KEMPEY (Alpha Beta): One of the things we Iowans think should be done is the appointment of some sort of a traveling secretary. We want it to be brought to the serious consideration of the Body as a whole that if a traveling secretary were appointed, of course, it is very evident that it would entail an outlay of money and possibly a considerable sum of money. The way we look at it, with a traveling secretary appointed, he could be a man going around to these houses and could look into the situations of the houses "on the rocks" or about to go there, and since he would be a paid man he would be responsible and consequently he would take a business man's interest in it besides a Fraternal interest and we think that would be one of the greatest things the man could do; besides, he could look into this idea of expansion.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I think there can be no discussion on traveling secretary - we should have a traveling secretary. As a matter of finances, there could be a committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You suggest a committee on how to finance a traveling secretary. Is that agreeable with your thought?

BROTHER KEMPEY (Alpha Beta): I wanted it to be

brought up - some means of having it appointed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: A committee as to the ways and means of providing a traveling salesman?

BROTHER YOUNG (Grand Corresponding Secretary): If we are going to have any difficulty in providing funds for a traveling secretary, in considering that should we not tie up with that consideration the matter of the province - who would perform the functions of a traveling secretary in that particular section?

BROTHER PIERCE (Eta): I think that, regardless of the question of whether we have a province difficulty or whatever we have of that nature, this traveling secretary will be of importance and will be the only way of tying in with National headquarters, so that this committee on providing the ways and means of financing this traveling secretary will still have to function.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Blakeslee, you had something on your mind that I cut you off from, before.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): This question of Alumni set-up: I think very few of us realize that you have two distinct types of Alumni groups, one is your Chapter Alumni Association and the other is a group of six from all Chapters, gathered in one city, forming an Alumni Council. The other is very closely identified with some active Chapter and the reason I mention it here is because I believe that a

separate committee should be appointed to consider that thing in connection with the reorganization set-up. I think it is a big problem. Our strength lies in our Alumni group of over nine thousand rather than in an active group of several hundred.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: May I interrupt you a minute? Do you want to leave that until we decide as to whether or not there is to be a reorganization, or are you in a position to say we ought to have this irrespective of any reorganization?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I believe a committee should study that in and of itself. I think you would get much more response from your Alumni group if any program coming from this Convention is sponsored by the Alumni group rather than coming out from National headquarters.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that a Committee be appointed, as discussed.

BROTHER KEMPEY (Alpha Beta): Was a Committee appointed on Yale?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): In respect to these various matters that they have decided to have committees on, there is a correlation of ideas that will have to be brought about so that, instead of a separate committee, I would like to see some of this discussion here. The last three things,

for example: You had a traveling secretary, you had an Alumni set-up and, early today, it was suggested that some steps be taken to collect the Alumni dues that men who graduated since 1927 supposedly are paying.

Now collections, I understand, are very poor - in fact, negligible. In consideration of these ideas, if we can consider the possibility of having your Alumni groups charged with the responsibility of collecting the dues and, at the same time, inform the Councils of the prerogatives they now have to take part in our Conferences by reason of a membership, etc. of twenty men - possibly combine those two things and then work out both together and then have a visiting secretary for your Alumni group, or possibly a province or a district, or whatever you want to call it, you will find that several of those ideas will correlate together and, instead of having one committee on each separate phase, if we can get those four or five allied subjects together, you will be surprised at how closely inter-related several of them are.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee) What do you mean? - What you say is true, but...

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron). (Interrupting): Well, instead of having one committee for each, have one for three or four.

BROTHER ZELLNER (Iota): I don't know whether I rate having the floor at all, but the point I would like to make is

this: I would like to supplement the latter Brother's thought in this regard - that, after all, we are impotent unless we have funds. I think we can correlate his thought with the fact that we can be potent if we have a big Alumni fund. I would like to have the Committee (however it is) on the formation of a National Alumni Association, give considerable thought to the formation of a large Alumni fund, to be administered by the National body, in any way that they see fit to help the Fraternity in its active Chapter work and also in its Alumni work.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is part of the work you desire considered by the Alumni set-up committee?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I still think that this matter of an Alumni set-up is important enough to deserve a committee of its own, and if necessary the report of the committee can be considered later, but I think that there are enough possibilities for one committee in the thought of an Alumni set-up and we can work it in so it will dovetail in with the National set-up.

If I were going to discuss that thing on the floor, I would like to have at least one session with the Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What if you happen to be on the Committee?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Well, that is all right; I think we need it - that's the point.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: There has been no motion

made to change that. Anybody else got any particular matter of vital importance?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): There is one thing we mentioned in the report this morning - it was the matter of an esoteric publication to cover all the members. Under the Constitution and By-Laws, the Grand Prudential Committee is not permitted to get out any publication unless funds are provided especially for it, but we have no authority to do that; it would have to be authorized by the Chapter to get out such a publication. Would that be a matter that would tie in with your Alumni matter?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Was that in the form of a motion?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): That it be put in with some other committee - I propose that that be discussed in committee, I don't care whether it is a separate one or not.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): In connection with the matter of distribution, if the Alumni Council has funds. I know in my own case - we have at least one mailing every month to over four hundred people, and if that were sent down to me in one package they could be distributed with that group.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Unless there is an objection, I will include that in connection with the Alumni set-up.

There ought to be some means of telling everybody around the Country of what is going on in the organization.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): The matter I bring up I have to approach in a rather round-about and different manner. I feel the seriousness of this meeting probably as much as anyone here. I feel that this is comparable to the reorganization of 1907. I believe that the Fraternity, and fraternities in general, have reached the point where they must absolutely revise lots of their ideas and inject something into fraternalism, or the idea of a fraternity, that has been absent up to now, or otherwise fraternities are generally going to die. I do not think I stand alone in that thought, I believe the President of the Carnegie Foundation is the one who gave me the idea and pointed out evidences of it throughout the fraternity system and so, with this matter of discussion, which is a revision of the ritual, I must first ask some questions and ask them of the active men.

Our ritual is childish in that it makes the candidates smile rather than making it impress them as they go through it, and the whole idea is so old that they do not take it seriously, I have been told. If that be true, then I think the ritual should be revised. If my information is incorrect, why then we need not revise the ritual, so before that matter can be discussed I think the active men can answer me, or answer us, what their experience is at the present time - what.

the attitude is of men in the Chapter and the candidates as to the ritual, because if we were to reorganize simply our superstructure, our set-up - what I call the superstructure - that is not going to solve the problem.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now aren't you talking more, Bob, on the proposition of things we stand for?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): That is what I mean.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is a deferred subject.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Well, that does not come under the Constitution or By-Laws. But we need some information before we can discuss it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: We deferred that for the time being.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Excuse me.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there anything else?

BROTHER McDONALD (Lambda): I don't know - I am new to this sort of thing but I just feel that the delegates from the Chapters are just wondering what is going to be done with the individual Chapters and the Grand Prudential Committee and Alumni Associations are just a mite.. I think if we can let these men know what is going to be done under Financial Committees; I know that is what's been done in Columbia.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): Nothing can be done about that until we get the Grand Prudential Committee. That Committee is the one which can give that power enough to force the Fraternity to carry on the way we want it to, otherwise we are powerless.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Answering Brother McDonald, you heard a short time ago a resolution passed requesting the present Committee to appoint a committee to check up on these Chapters which were in trouble and, theoretically at least, that was the method that this Body thought was the way to try to get into the thing and see what could be done to help the Chapters. If you have some other questions to be raised on that subject, now is the time to speak about them, but that resolution was, theoretically, the solution of that.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): As I said this morning, that was one of our chief difficulties in keeping track of our money; but if we possibly could do something to prevent any more Chapters from getting into that same situation.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Your Constitution provides that the G. P. C., when it has devised a method or system of bookkeeping, can require the Chapters to have this method.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I thought it could only offer suggestions.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): We have all those things but nobody does anything about it. If nobody does anything about

them they just make "reading" in the book.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Then revision of your organization is not going to help any?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Sure it is, but now, nobody does anything about it. How many people know what is in the book? I was House President so I know what is in it - I had to read it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now that is just like the proposition I was discussing the other night with someone regarding Alumni subscriptions to The Tomahawk - about trying to get them. I said to the party that if an Alumnus was tremendously interested he would spend fifteen dollars.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): The same thing applies to the Constitution of the United States, except where it pertains to the individual himself. If you had the National insist that the different fraternities render these accounts to the National, you would get somewhere. There is no law which is any worse than a law which is not followed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I am just talking from experience: The active Chapters are the first ones which "rear up" and object to paying National dues.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): All right - that is in the past. Are you sure that pertains to the present?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, maybe these delegates will suggest that the dues be increased.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): The dues were reduced at one time to two dollars and there were no letters - no comment from the active Chapters. Here, just as you say, nothing was done about it. I will tell you what was done about the accounting system: It was suggested to this Chapter or that Chapter, that they should put in that accounting system and they said that they had a better one and would not put it in, and if you will read the Constitution and By-Laws you will see that the fundamental idea of the present By-Laws -- and keep this in mind, that this present Constitution and By-Laws conceives complete autonomous bodies called the Chapters, with complete autonomous control of every subject and the Prudential Committee is nothing but a clearing house for ideas, collections, Editors of The Tomahawk, issuance of badges, keeping records - and that is all. And even the last Convention passed resolutions to remove from the present Committee any power to even suggest suspension of a Chapter for violation of any law. In other words, remove any teeth that the Prudential Committee have. That was the idea up to 1932 and it did not work through the Depression. Now the idea is, give them power. But what kind of power? - Is it to be as the Sigma Mu's, that the National owns the title? Then they are certainly in control. If a Chapter is recalcitrant, they say, "You can't use the house - we own it." Would we stand for any such thing? It has been our theory from 1907 on that our

Chapters are completely autonomous. It is a matter of "States' rights."

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think all our Chapters are loose - the whole organization is loose. There are no teeth in it and you cannot get along that way. As soon as you had a federation of states, it broke up and it was not until you had a federation of strength that you had strength. The old idea, "In Unity there is Strength." It is just like a bunch of independent houses with somebody just up top to pull them together. It is very evident it is not working and something has to be done about it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All we are going to try to do now is to find out what is to be discussed and get it lined up so we can check our time up and get through these things. When I say "deferred" I do not mean deferred indefinitely - that might be the first and most important thing to have the body decide. After we get the list, then we can decide what is to be considered first.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I think we are up to that.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think so too. We know what the fellows think in school about this "standing on your head." I think we should have a bunch of the fellows get up here and tell you about them or have the actives choose one and have him tell you what the students in the universities think

of it.

BROTHER ZELLNER (Iota): There is a Brother coming here this afternoon whom I think will be able to crystallize a great many of the thoughts and expressions referred to here. He has a pretty good regimented thought on the whole thing, but, in line with what some of the Brothers have said, I would just like to give this expression some consideration - the fact that we are not conducting our Fraternal affairs in a business-like manner. A merchant does not look for a restricted market. We are looking to the active Body for all the funds, whereas actually our Alumni are nine or ten thousand strong. We are depending upon a yearly crop of young fellows who have got to either dig down in their own pockets or, if they are independently wealthy, or go to their parents for it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are talking about the Alumni Councils?

BROTHER ZELLNER (Iota): I am talking about the revenue in order to put through some of the ideas.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: We have a Committee for that and you are on it, so you can express your views on it at that time. I am not trying to cut you off, but we have to keep moving or we will not get through.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I would like to suggest one thing - it can be placed in the form of a motion if you wish. I suggest the National headquarters print a booklet that can

be distributed to these Alumni Councils as a rushing manual, containing selling points by which we can sell Alpha Sigma Phi to men before they even get to college, and I suggest that this bulletin be printed and that a large stack of them be kept in the office of the National headquarters and they can be sent out to be purchased by the active Chapters and the Alumni Councils.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Are you making a motion to that effect?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I will make a motion to that effect, that a Committee be appointed as to the ways and means of getting out such a booklet.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I have about eight which were given me by the Assistant Dean of Men in the Ohio State University. They are furnished at cost to the various Chapters and I can let the Committee have those, and even the cost estimates.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): We at Cornell find that a very important thing. I would say about fifty percent of the houses at Cornell have a pamphlet of that kind. As a matter of fact, I went up to Cornell and they sent that down to us. We find that they give these books to the kids and they ask us if we have something and we tote out a piece of yellow paper and scratch out what is not up to date.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You younger men of

course do not know about the "history of our attempted history" and if that long history were published it would be a tremendous publication. For years a history was under preparation from which such a thing could have been very easily printed. If we did not have this other trouble, the thing you are talking about would be "on the books" by now.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I would like to make a suggestion also to this Committee that they consider this pledge manual which I understand Brother Archibald was very instrumental in working up at one time, but I found in my visitation (which has been very meager - about two weeks this fall - visiting about ten of the Chapters) that some of the Chapters did not have the first idea of how they should proceed in rushing, how they should conduct any sort of pledged training, what things that they should know that we stand for in Alpha Sigma Phi (which is going to be one of our primary subjects) and I think that is going to be one of the most vital things that we can bring before a freshman or delegate in the Chapter before he is initiated, because if those things are not "put over" to him as a pledge, I think that, as a majority, we might agree that if there aren't two or three vitally interested in the Chapter the others will not dig into the ritual and find out what we stand for, and that has to be made plain to him while he is a pledge. But I think it can be built up in a constructive manner and presented to him so I would like this

Committee to again consider the preparation of a pledge manual.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I would first like to congratulate and compliment the spirit shown by the official delegates to this Convention. It has been my privilege to have attended a few of them during the past ten years and, at previous conventions, all of the ideas that have been advanced here today have been advanced in some form or other at those previous conventions and immediately the "flock" of objections would almost bring down the roof.

This is the very first time I have ever seen a convention assembled, seemingly present as a unanimous idea the far-reaching, forward steps that you fellows are, and if we can go on with the ideas that you have advanced, and get half of them over, you will find that your Fraternity is a better place on account of them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Are there any other suggestions? Just a minute. - Was that a motion? - Was there a second to Burns' motion? The motion is that a Committee be appointed to consider the issuance of a pledge manual. I will re-state the motion as revised - I was wrong - that it is a rushing and pledge manual.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Brother Clarke, there is a distinct line of difference between a rushing and pledge manual. A rushing manual is a piece of sales literature.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now wait. If I am wrong, if his motion was a rushing manual, that ends it.

Now the motion is, that a Committee be appointed to devise ways and means of printing a rushing manual. Is there any discussion?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I would like to suggest that the same Committee also consider a separate pledge manual.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): There was a rushing card printed with The Tomahawk that they could tear out. That gives you a working list and Alpha Alpha would like to see that started again.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I would suggest to you that that very possibly will come up and be involved in our Alumni set-up.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Is it going to be done - that's the point. I will make a motion to that effect, that The Tomahawk contain a perforated rush card.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there a second to that motion?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I will second it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion?

BROTHER PIERCE (Eta): I think that is a detailed suggestion which the Editor of The Tomahawk can himself say whether he will or will not put in, and I do not think we ought to necessarily pass on it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

*** The motion was unanimously carried.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):

Just for the good of the Order here, I appreciate all of the fire this boy has and I am for him one hundred percent, but I want to straighten him out on one thing and, for the benefit of the others. Men who have been initiated since 1927 get it as a matter of course and there are several who might send pledges who have never seen a Tomahawk.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: My only inquiry on that would be: Why not? Are there any further matters?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Along this same line, I propose a motion that the Grand Prudential Committee appoint an actuary - a hired actuary - to study the present situation with regard to the possibility of reducing the life subscription charge to the old Alumni, or that we may get more subscribers to it. Several years have passed since the last actuarial study was made and all of the Alumni have had that many years to live, so I think that the rate might be reduced at this time.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is a motion, as I

understand it.

BROTHER YOUNG (Grand Corresponding Secretary): I second it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: We cannot get into much of a discussion because we will not get anywhere. There has been a motion and a second.- Is there any discussion to the motion?

*** The motion was unanimously passed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now, if you want to write a letter to the Prudential Committee and tell them that they should conduct a campaign, that can be done.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): I would like to see something done whereby the Alumni could get names before the different Chapters of men who they think would be good material for their Chapters. I would like to see a Committee appointed to consider that question.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I will tell you how that ties in, if I may suggest it. I think through the Alumni organization and the Councils. The thought was regarding the Councils or these Alumni organizations, that they could get information through the local prep' or high schools and send this information in. I think that will all come under that Alumni set-up.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): I think that can be combined with that very nicely.

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): May I suggest also that the Alumni ought to get the names of these fellows?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now I want to say here that Brother Blakeslee is Chairman of that Committee and it is up to him to take them.

Are there any other suggestions at this time now? I have a note here of some of the things which were in the Prudential Committee's report which may or may not be things you want to discuss, but there was a question of the accounting system (which I think is covered by your Constitution); there was a question which came up with respect to the uncollected bills which ^{you} may or may not have the general office have something to do with. A question with respect to budgets, and I think at that time or later has been suggested the proposition that the Chapters were unfamiliar with National headquarters' finances.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Are we supposed to send them reports?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): We never get them.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I would like to answer that Brother. - May I?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, I will give you three minutes.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand prudential Committee): All of those things are in there but we didn't have the money. We

had one person working at National headquarters. We reduced salaries. We used to have five people working for the organization; then we could do these things - we could get out reports, we could flood them out and we would find a lot of those reports in back of the bulletin board, too. In this Depression it has been a case of simply trying to keep the ship afloat from 1929 on, because the ^{business} fraternity has been the poorest business of any in the world; the fathers just don't stand for it. In Yale the initiation fee used to be four hundred dollars; now it is two hundred ten dollars.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Well, the ship is afloat still; let's start doing something about it.

I merely said we never did do anything.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): We had one girl there doing the work of three or four people and we just couldn't get the reports out.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What has gone over the dam has gone and what these men have faced in trying to carry on, none of these men but they themselves know, so it is to the future that we are looking. On the other hand, we do not want to shut off any man with an idea.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): Now we go back to our Chapters and ^{they'll} want to know who was there and what about it. Right there and then the things that are going to be done are stopped because they are going to say, "The Alumni are trying

to put something over on us."

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You men must remember that this is an emergency meeting and we didn't have the money to have a Convention where the delegates are paid. You have a peculiar situation and it is something you have to face and it is going to make your job that much harder, but we cannot help it.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): Then I am going to suggest that we have a Convention.

BROTHER YOUNG (Grand Corresponding Secretary): I think one point that would clear that up would be that, as far as the actives go in the taking of a vote, they are going to have the whole say. Practically every active present has a vote and what is finally voted on will be passed.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): These boys here are perfectly willing to go with us here on this thing, but we are afraid of being voted down by those who are not attending.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): It seems to me that the National organization just cannot function on money received from the active Chapters now. At the time it was reduced we were quite surprised that it was reduced that actively.

It seems to me that a lot of these active Chapters have been rather selfish and they have not been able to raise the money from dues or initiation fees. For instance, every

time you pick up a Tomahawk, you read of Alpha Alpha having a number of dances and the orchestras don't come free.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I would like to speak as an active member as well as an Alumnus because I was in my active Chapter when the dues were reduced from seven dollars to two dollars and I do not think anybody knew about it except our Treasurer. There wasn't even a "thank you" note written to the Grand Prudential Committee because of that and I know that Epsilon Chapter (I am speaking as an Epsilon man) had ten or fifteen men in it working for their room and their board and spending money, but they are clear of National debt and clear of everything else. In other words, the individual and the individual Chapter has to sacrifice to the National organization and not to the National organization bowing to the individual or the individual Chapter, and I would like to put this in the form of a motion, that it should be considered that the National dues be increased to five dollars or even to the original seven dollars at the beginning of the school year 1937.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): The Constitution and By-Laws specify that the dues shall not be more than seven dollars. As I interpret it, it is up to the G. P. C. to adjust the dues from time to time as the conditions seem necessary and I think it is entirely in order for the Committee to adjust it to five, six or seven or whatever they will deem it necessary.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But that Committee would not object to an expression from the present delegates.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I believe we owe you about three hundred dollars but that was due to the same situation as in Alabama. We had a very sloppy treasurer there, but the way things are now we can afford it and we are ready to pay it.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): Gamma Chapter I believe owes National headquarters nothing; they are paid up, as far as I know. The whole thing depends on you - upon the active Chapter - whether the Chapter is going to go over or not and as far as Gamma goes, in helping the undergraduates pick their own treasurer. He has to have the approval of the Alumni Board. As far as Gamma is concerned, I am representing the undergraduates and I don't think they are in favor of increasing the National dues until they know more about the National organization and what is becoming of the money they are sending down there at the present time.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): May I just make a suggestion now? I have a lot of concrete things I will bring in later, but it would be helpful to me if you would state the point we have now reached in your program for running the Convention, and then the miscellaneous matters will be bound to come up as you go along.

Now if we could have your program as it is and we can have them up for discussion and then put on your program the

place for miscellaneous suggestions and they can be brought up that way.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that agreeable to everybody? - Well, you have a motion on the floor as follows:

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Interrupting): I stand corrected in not knowing the provisions of the Constitution regarding the fact that the dues are left up to the discretion of the G. P. C., and I think that that will cover it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you consent to the withdrawal?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I will withdraw that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now we have here the matter of the Yale Chapter; the matter of the consideration of the weaknesses in our present By-Laws and revision, etc.; the matter of ways and means in providing a traveling secretary set-up, the Alumni set-up, esoteric publication, a short history in the matter of a rushing and a pledge manual; this dues matter has been withdrawn, and then the matter of the consideration of the things we stand for, which includes a revision of the ritual, and also the matter of the moving of National headquarters.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Did you mention expansion?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: And also expansion, although the suggestion was made that that be deferred until the question of this matter of revision, if any, of the set-up

takes place.

Now what is the suggestion as to the order of consideration?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I move that the matter of revision and reorganization take precedence.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I would like to move that the consideration of what definite things we stand for in Alpha Sigma Phi should be considered the first thing.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Was yours a motion, Brother Worthington?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): Yes, it was.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well then, you are out of order, Brother Burns.

Is there a second to Brother Worthington's motion?

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): What is the motion?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The motion was that the revision of the By-Laws - in other words, a reorganization - be the first order of business.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): If you do it this way you are going to have a lot of motions and as to what things will be first. I think if you will mention the things that are most important it will expedite it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: No, we will get through;

we have always done it.

Was there a second to that motion?

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, now is there any other suggestion as to order?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I make this suggestion - that the problematic things should come first.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Doesn't the matter of expansion all come under the heading of reorganization?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That was a suggestion - that expansion be deferred and be considered in connection with reorganization. I am not trying to squelch you.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): No, I know it; you couldn't, anyway.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I wouldn't and I don't want you to feel that I am. I think as it stands, that what we stand for is of second importance.

BROTHER ZELLNER (Iota): I think the first thing we should consider would be the question of finances.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): Why wouldn't it be a better matter to leave the matter of the order of these things to the Chair. I think it might be entirely in order that he set up the order of things that should be discussed.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I think what they need at Headquarters is a new policy, rather than an organization. Are we to discuss the machinery or the policy?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Are you asking for my personal views?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): No, I am asking for a discussion. It seems that ^{those} matters should be disposed of. In this way we are approaching it "cold" - this matter of set-up. That is always the solution, when a thing breaks down you get a new machine, new committees, and call them by new names. Maybe that won't be necessary.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that's a suggestion of Brother Cochran's and if that is left to my discretion we will try to put them in the proper order, as suggested.

I have no particular view on the matter except my own thought about this whole meeting and gathering is I don't think it makes any difference what kind of an organization is set up unless you have some method of installing individually by the active Alumni Body. Until you get them imbued with the idea that they are interested in their Fraternity for what it stands for, you are not going to get to "first base" with it.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I am interested in what Alpha Sigma Phi will mean to me. Unfortunately we have only one Chapter in Birmingham. It is so closely connected with

expansion that I think we have to consider all of those things first. I am interested in seeing some way of getting Alumni Chapters all over the Country. After all, you are only in college for four years and you have many many more than that after you are finished.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are the first delegate in my experience who has ever looked at it from that angle. That is what I have tried to impress upon them. Now, you see, we have just the reverse. The general sentiment a short time ago was that expansion was a matter that should come after reorganization. Now I don't know how to get the sense of this Body as to just how they feel about it.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Washington, D. C. Alumni Council): I made that motion about expansion but my intention was that it be considered in connection with reorganization and revision.

I would like to have just a word to say about my idea of having reorganization and revision considered first, because perhaps my ideas as to what that means vary considerably.

I have been in the Fraternity since 1909. We have been existing as a National Group not quite thirty years. For some reason, as a National Body, we have not functioned as successfully as other national fraternities and, as a matter of fact, it seems that we have not functioned successfully at all. Now that is due, as far as I have been able to see, not because

of any personnel in our National office; we have had as fine a body of men in our National office as any fraternity, and probably finer than many of the others. The difficulty has probably been fundamental; we have had machinery that probably could not function. Probably the principal difficulty is the fact that, from the very beginning - back in 1907 or 1908 - we left practically local autonomy to the Chapters. Perhaps it was advisable to start that way because we really started with Delta and we had there a strong member of our National organization which was a survival of the old organization and which was existing practically as a local and was so strong an organization that it could function successfully without the help of a National organization and naturally they would not want local autonomy. We have long since passed that stage. For a good many years we have been a considerable National Body; we ought not now, I think, fail to, while the time is ripe, turn to the precedence of other fraternities and to ascertain why they have succeeded nationally where we have failed and I think we will find that the fault lies in the machinery - in the set-up. The fault is not in our objectives and purposes. If you will read through the objects and purposes of all of the other national fraternities you will see that they have nothing finer than we have, and so I believe that the matter of what we shall do in the future in the question of expansion, the matter of participation in the affairs of the Fraternity

actively on the part of the Alumni organizations as well as the active Chapters - all of those questions can be taken care of in a reorganization which is comparable to the set-up of all of the other large and successful national fraternities.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): We have nearly killed two half-days of this Convention and I still think all these points are unimportant and will eventually be ironed out and why don't we get busy and let the smaller groups iron them out?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I am trying to pick the committees as you are talking.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): Let the actives be on each committee and let's iron these points out and then give time tomorrow to the discussion of these reports. All of this ought to be put down in black and white and we will know where we are at.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Of course, on the other hand, this Convention is peculiar in the fact that these delegates come here with very little information as compared with other conventions. It is a little bit different from some of the conventions we have had, from that angle.

Well, there was a motion made and it was not seconded. Any other suggestion? Is there any subject that the Body desires to take up as a Committee of the Whole?

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): I have instructions from my

Chapter that they would like a motion from the National Body on the question of initiation. It is a very hot subject out there at Stanford and they would like to find out how the National stands on it. The college out there is very much opposed to it and personally I think it might be a very good idea for the National to put in a recommendation on that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: At the last convention I think it was left discretionary with that Body. Yes, the last convention went on record; there were two resolutions, one leaving it discretionary and the other stating that the Convention was opposed to excessive initiation of that kind.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): Back in 1928 or '29, in Ithaca, that matter was referred to a committee there and I think the committee there was opposed to it.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think there was a committee on what the Fraternity stood for and we agreed that the actives give an opinion.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): If he wants something official to take back let's endorse the stand they take as far as their Chapter is concerned.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Every resolution that will be passed by this Convention will then be submitted to the Chapters for ratification, and how will that look? He wants an expression of National policy.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: It might be in order to let it express that the National Inter-Fraternity Conference definitely went on the record as banning all; throughout all the universities throughout all the Country, the Inter-Fraternity Conference went on record as banning it, and I think we will probably go on record the same way.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): It is the general opinion of most of the fellows at Iota that when you are going through a lot of Hellwig and a lot of other silly things, you are supposed to prove that you are a man and can "take it" then. It just doesn't make sense. If you attained something by your suffering it would be all right, but you do it just so that the actors get a laugh.

I would like to suggest that a Committee be appointed of actives and that they give their ideas to each other from other sections of the Country.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are not referring to the official initiation, you are talking about the Hellwig.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I'd like to know about what they think of the Sacred Package, etc.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I will make a motion that this Committee consider first Hellwig and secondly the official initiation and give a joint report on those two problems.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any other discussion now?

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): I think one thing our Conference has left undone - I would suggest that the Chair appoint a single additional Committee for a discussion of the indebtednesses of the various Chapters to national and include with that a discussion of a standard accounting system.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The accounting system I believe is already in there.

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): It's not in use, though.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Anything else?

Now I would like to have those delegates who are here answer. I will call your chapter and I just want to make sure my list is right.

*** The Grand Junior President called the roll.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: First let me say that on this Committee on Ritual, only active men are on it. I think the idea was that you wanted an expression of the active men in school.

I haven't got the rest of those Committees lined up as yet but I think we can go on with some of this formal stuff that you can dispose of.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Do you want a short time for recess?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: No, we haven't time for

recess.

The Tomahawk Editor's report.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Brother Clarke and Gentlemen of the Conference: I would like to submit in my report, also, the report of the Executive Secretary.

*** The Executive Secretary read both reports above referred to.

(Applause)

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the only formal report left is mine, as G. J. P. and I told you it would be very short and the suggestion was that that be deferred.

NOW I am pretty nearly through with these Committees. Have all of you slips of paper so you will know which Committees you are on?

*** All present were supplied with slips of paper.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: On the Yale matter, I am appointing Carpenter (Gamma), King (Alpha Alpha), Kennedy (Iota), Rice (Alpha Iota), Scott (Alpha) and Felton (Xi).

Now, naturally, a lot of these are going to overlap.

On Reorganization I have tried to mix the actives and the Alumni so that you will have a good line-up on that. If anybody has some suggestions about these Committees please give them. Cochran (Omicron), Worthington (Kappa), McBride (Alpha Iota), Jagocki (Omicron), Landman (Alpha Theta), Kennedy (Iota), King (Alpha Alpha), Pierce (Eta), Yoder (Epsilon),

Fashbaugh (Zeta), Rice (Alpha).

On the question of ways and means and our Traveling Secretary: Archibald (Omicron, Psi), O'Connor (Alpha Epsilon), Young (Upsilon), Gray (Tau) and Felton (Xi).

On the Alumni set-up (and that of course includes this esoteric publication, etc., the matter of Alumni dues, and all those matters): Blakeslee (Zeta), Zeltner (Iota), Gantt (Alpha), Hooven (Omicron), Cleworth (Eta), Mahan (Alpha Gamma), MacDonald (Lambda), Kennedy, Jr. (Iota), Alrutz (Sigma).

On the matter of history, rushing and pledge manual: Tantum (Epsilon), Woodward (Alpha Delta), Gray (Tau), Fashbaugh (Zeta), Alrutz (Sigma), O'Connor (Alpha Epsilon).

On the Ritual Committee: Kennedy (Iota), Gray (Tau), Tantum (Epsilon), O'Connor (Alpha Epsilon), McBride (Alpha Iota), Fashbaugh (Zeta), Gump (Zeta), Jordan (Omicron), Bronson (Theta), Scott (Alpha), MacDonald (Lambda), Alrutz (Sigma), Woodward (Alpha Delta), Stivers (Pi), Watrous (Pi).

There are a couple of other Committees to be appointed and I will get those straightened out. The Resolutions Committee of course I haven't gotten up yet because that is something that will come up at the finish and I will get it in time so that the Committee can get busy.

If he doesn't mind, I would like to put Cleve Rice on that Reorganization matter. Would you be willing to work on that?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I don't see how I could help it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is Bill Cleworth here? He came up to me and I think he referred to me the matter of suggesting that the delegates make reservations for the banquet. Bill came and spoke to me while somebody was talking and he asked me to make an announcement and I don't know what it was.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: As far as the banquet is concerned, I just naturally made reservations for all those whom I knew were coming.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I believe there is another fellow from Middlebury coming tonight, too.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If you want I can give you my short report now, or we can break up into groups and discuss that now. I understand we have to get out of here by five o'clock on account of the preparations for the banquet.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): This Committee considering expansion. - Is that going under the heading of Reorganization?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I understood that was the sense of the Group.

What is your pleasure with respect to adjournment. Do you want to adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning? What is your idea about time?

I would like at this time an expression as to whether or not you think it possible and desirable to have a night

session tomorrow night. What do you active men feel about it?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): If we have to, yes.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): Is there a meeting still, Thursday?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes. I am just trying to get a general line-up here.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Couldn't that be decided better tomorrow? Tomorrow we can see just where we stand.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes. Is there anything else that you want to discuss before we adjourn?

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): I am on the Reorganization Committee. May I have that Committee read again, please?

*** The Grand Junior President re-stated the Committee.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): May I suggest that that Committee meet immediately following this in Room 302?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Different men are on two or more Committees - it is too small a body. Some of you fellows will have to leave some of these meetings - you cannot be there full time.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried it was agreed to adjourn until Wednesday morning at 9:30 and in accordance therewith the Grand Junior

President adjourned the Conference at 4:05 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

December 30, 1936

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The session was called to order at 10:15 o'clock,
The Grand Junior President, Brother Benjamin Clarke, presiding.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Will the Secretary
please call the roll?

*** The Executive Secretary, Brother Burns, called
the roll.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I want to announce a
couple more Committees:

The Resolutions Committee: Yoder (Epsilon), Gantt
(Alpha), McBride (Alpha Iota), Mahan (Alpha Gamma), Rice
(Alpha), Stivers (Pi), Cochran (Upsilon), Blakeslee (Zeta),
Jordan (Upsilon), Carpenter (Gamma).

The Committee on Accounting and Budget: Gantt
(Alpha), Gump (Zeta), O'Brien (Alpha Epsilon) and Mahan (Alpha
Gamma). Brother Gantt has that list.

The Nominating Committee: Archibald (Psi),
Woodward (Alpha Delta), Gray (Tau), Pierce (Eta), Zeltner
(Iota), Tantum (Epsilon), Carpenter (Gamma), Alrutz (Sigma),
Hooven (Omicron), Bronson (Theta), Watrous (Pi), Young
(Upsilon).

Now the only other Committee I know of is the Audit-
ing Committee and that will necessarily have to be Alumni here

in New York because at the last Convention it was decided it was rather foolish to appoint an Auditing Committee to go through the things at the Convention, which was rather a long job and would have to be properly taken care of, and the only thing to do was to appoint a Committee to report to the Chapters after the Convention. The other way would be just a superficial proposition and rather meaningless.

So on the Auditing Committee: Hoffman (Epsilon), Yeager (Iota) and Wiggins (Iota).

Now the question came up yesterday after we adjourned (and it is very possible I was confused here in the matter of the history) - in other words, it was suggested that we ought to have a short history in pamphlet form or something of that kind that we could hand to men who were prospective "rushees," then we got onto the matter of rushing manual and pledge manual and some of the men indicated to me that their idea was that the history and the rushing manual were one and the same thing. I have two Committees on that and I would like to be straightened out if I am wrong. My impression was that the history was a short history of the Fraternity, to be turned over to the men prior to their going to school. What was the thought on that?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I brought the thought up, Brother Clarke, and here is the pledge manual of Sigma Alpha Mu. This is a pledge manual.

*** Brother Blakeslee held aloft a copy of the
aforementioned.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):
Now a rushing manual - I have quite a few here. This H. E. O.
of Michigan has a picture of the Chapter house, then it has a
brief history of the fraternity and talks about the local
Chapter. It is a history but it is also a piece of sales li-
terature. We don't need, as far as I know, a manual after the
man has pledged, outside of a pledge manual. This is a piece
of sales literature to send to the Alumni so that when they
go over to talk to a man who would like to belong to our Fra-
ternity, they can leave something with him. I also have here
a booklet prepared by the Dean of Men at Ohio State University.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well now, Brother
Blakeslee, I'd just give that to the Committee.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):
Well I'd like to have them know about this.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, then, I will com-
bine those Committees and you, Brother Burns, will act as
Chairman, combining the rushing manual and pledge booklet.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): The only suggestion
I have to make is that all the members of the Committee are
actives and they might not know about the history as well.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, you aren't going
to write a history here, your Committee is just going to find

ways and means of what can be done along this line.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Who will be left to write that history?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That will probably all be placed in the lap of the Prudential Committee.

I just want to discuss for a few minutes the matter of just how we are going to proceed today. One of the most important Committees wants another hour or two (probably two) to discuss their particular thing and it looks as though we might have to adjourn during the day to give them that opportunity.

I think we have two reports we can receive this morning. Now it has been suggested that we might run until 12:30 and adjourn until 3 and then come back and stay on through the evening. The only thing is, how many of you men, if you get away from here until 3 o'clock, are going to come back? It is just a proposition of having the necessary time to get out what we have to do. If we break up again around five or six o'clock and try to get together again, it is going to ^{be} another hour or two to get together again. What do you fellows think about it?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): In order to have a meeting from 3 o'clock on, I suggest the Committees meet here in the meantime, and do so move.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): Couldn't we make it a quarter of three? If we say quarter of three we can get all the preliminary discussion done and the Committee can work right up to three o'clock.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, there shouldn't be any preliminary discussion necessary. When we reconvene at three, the first order of business should be the report of the Reorganization Committee. Is there any further discussion?

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I would like to ask a question concerning Alumni local Chapters. Is there any provision to bring them into the National Fraternity?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You have a provision in the Constitution now and Brother Blakeslee's Committee will make a further report on that, anyhow.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): It will be well with us because we have a rather strong local Alumni.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there anything else in a general way that you have in mind to be discussed before we let Brother Archibald get away? ..

*** No response was made.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, then, I would like to entertain a motion that the first order of business at the three o'clock session will be the report of the Reorganization Committee.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I so move, if it is

ready.

*** There being no further discussion, the motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, now we will hear the report of the Committee on Visitation.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Gentlemen, your Committee, composed of myself, Brother O'Connor of Syracuse, Brother Young of Penn. State, Brother Gray of Stanford and Brother Felton of Nebraska, have our report here.

I will read the report and then explain it a little and the other members of our Committee will have some more information to give you:

"We recommend that the Executive Secretary visit each Chapter once each school year. Furthermore, that additional district traveling secretaries be appointed by the Grand Prudential Committee; such district secretaries shall visit each Chapter in their district at least twice a year. They shall serve without pay except that their traveling expenses, when ordered by the Grand Prudential Committee, shall be paid by the Fraternity. Each district traveling secretary shall visit at least three Chapters..

"Funds to carry out this visitation are to be raised by increasing each active's annual dues to seven dollars per year, such increase to be charged, collected and remitted on a nine-months basis."

Now that is our recommendation and we arrived at it in this manner: We felt that it would be desirable to have a traveling secretary devote full time to that work. We were immediately stopped from that idea, however, by lack of funds. The next best thing was to see what we could do with the funds that might be made available and that we decided, by increasing the dues, would give us an added revenue from the active Chapters, based on the last school year which was from the standpoint of dues the smallest school year in a great many years, of \$2555 which, in our opinion, was enough to pay the traveling expenses that we have outlined, but did not include a salary for a special man to do it, therefore we thought we were justified in recommending to the Fraternity that the Executive Secretary spend about three months on this work. He would go once a year and make an annual inspection and do all of the other work of a visitation officer. In the meantime, supplementing his annual visit, these district secretaries would keep a closer check on the scholastic standing, the financial standing, and other matters of record of each Chapter, submitting a report of the visit not only to the National headquarters, but to the Chapter concerned.

It is not our idea to divide the Fraternity into districts as such, but we have set up on this road map suggested possibilities and, in the Northeast, there are five Chapters. In Pennsylvania and West Virginia there are five more; then,

through Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky there are also five. You have five centering around Chicago, five in the Middle West and some around the Pacific Coast. We felt that a man, or men, could be secured in each one of those districts to visit the Chapters in that district at least twice a year.

That was the reasoning we followed in making that recommendation and we submit it to you now for your consideration.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Was it the idea that these men would be in any sense permanent?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): They would be appointed for at least a year's term.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Do I understand then that each Chapter contributes to the expenses of the district?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): When we work out these increased dues it would be an increase of five dollars a year per man and that five dollars, instead of being paid in one lump sum, if it would be easier to pay that so much per month, it would work out about seventy cents per month.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Of course that report will be correlated with your Reorganization Committee, but was it the idea that those men would be junior officers of the National Fraternity?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): That is a separate idea. We made no recommendations on that at all.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth, the thought comes to my mind that, with respect to the National headquarters finances, is there sufficient money - I mean the way you are running it now, without any traveling expenses, etc. - to operate National headquarters?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes, we are set up with sufficient income to run National headquarters. Of course, as I pointed out in my report yesterday, we do not have sufficient income to put on a big convention each year and pay all the expenses, but, eliminating that expense, why we are in very good shape and we will be able to operate.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I just wondered if they were using some of the money that you folks were considering using in the increase of dues.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Well, I think there will have to be some compromise on that.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): We also have a further suggestion that I neglected to state in my previous report, and that is, that, as the Executive Secretary is also the Editor of The Tomahawk but The Tomahawk trust funds are not used to pay any part of the Executive Secretary's salary, therefore it is my opinion that the G. P. C. should receive a part of The Tomahawk trust funds toward the salary of the Executive Secretary, at least for that time he spends in editing The Tomahawk, so that will leave, in the general fund, an additional amount

of money available for this type of work.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes, I think it can be worked out very easily with that increased income. I think it should be left to the Committee, however, to make up the budget and decide how much.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I was just inquiring; I didn't know what your plans would be toward things for which you needed more money.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Did it state there how many members there should be in each section? - The Visitation Committee's report.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): It was purposely omitted.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): One thing it said - there should be three Chapters. Out on the Coast the distances are very great and there would be considerable expense involved in sending one man up and down the Coast there.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): We figures that each one of these visitations could be done on the basis of \$125 a visit. They have round-trip rates in California and they don't have a peculiar situation like they do at Alpha.

*** (Laughter)

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): They have round-trip rates and other things that reduce the cost of travel and they

don't think anything of driving two or three hundred miles as they do in this part of the Country.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Well, there is a great advantage of having one man visit several Chapters, so I think the whole plan as outlined there is very good and, of course, if it is properly tied in with the other ideas that are going to be presented, will work out very well.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, this is a separate and distinct thing that has nothing to do with reorganization matters. I don't think this matter is one you want to let wait on that.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): There is this seeming discrepancy there: We have set up this plan in districts, each of which had five Chapters, but we thought our information wasn't enough to recommend five Chapters to this Convention at once, so we did, in our formal report, recommend that he have three Chapters. However, in our consideration of it, we have worked out that each man should visit five.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Twice a year?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Ten visits.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): It would not be necessary to have one man visit all five.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): One man has to visit at least three, according to this report.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Well, they could alternate and one man wouldn't have to visit all five.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): One man could go to Stanford today, for two days, and he can go home for two weeks and he can spend the next week in California or work it any way he wants to. He doesn't have to start out on a swing of five Chapters and take that time away from his work. He can do that any time within a six-months' period.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Is it your Committee's idea that it replace the visitation committee for individual Chapters?

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): When you figured the \$125, that included from one end of the state to another, but if you come home and go back and forth, it will raise your price considerably.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): We figured \$125 would be the maximum charge to make a trip to the five Chapters. We are positive that the funds we can set up will be adequate to carry out this program.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): Would you recommend that the maximum be specified?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): We have put in here a provision whereby they have to authorize the trips. In that way they have control of them and can determine the cost,

because if they don't authorize the trip, just because we have a district secretary he can't run up a big bill.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Of course the only thing involved would be the railroad expense. The man would usually live at the house and get his meals there.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I am again thinking of this in a practical manner. I approve of the set-up except that I would think that the Executive Secretary making one visit, that one other visit would be sufficient rather than to make three.

Also on the question of budgeting, it would seem to me that Brother Jagocki's idea is one that you have to take into consideration and that is, that out of the National initiation fee and out of the dues you should set apart a specific amount - whether it is one, fifty or twenty dollars, or some other amount - to go for visitation expense. It seems to me at this rather crucial period that the money that is going to come into National headquarters should be spent in the most businesslike manner possible and, in my own opinion, certain funds have to be used for the purpose of developing, whether it is among Alumni set-up or whether it is better coordination with the Chapter, so that we cannot take money and use it all for one purpose.

We are going to have a number of problems here, all of which are probably going to require some money from National

headquarters and it would be a great mistake to definitely set aside a large amount for one specific purpose, even in that department, as it is. I do believe you could set aside from the initiation fees and dues a specific amount so that that amount could be used for visitation, but we wouldn't have to use up \$2500 if that was the only \$2500 we had. I am speaking from the point of view of the Committee. I think the Committee ought not to be subjected to definite instructions to spend a definite amount for that purpose, but that the work should be limited by the funds on hand. In other words, if the plan produces \$1900, the Committee can use that \$1900 for that purpose.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Of course in this Resolution, we don't appropriate it for that purpose. We indicate a way that money can be raised.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): We do not say you have to use that amount of money at all. We know that the money will be there, then the G. P. C. will have to authorize the trips to spend the money. As a matter of fact, we know that the \$125 will be far more than they will need for this work.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): You perhaps have got me a little bit wrong on this.

My real purpose in suggesting this is because I believe visitation is a very important matter and there should be some amount definitely spent for that purpose irrespective

of what other demands may come upon a limited treasury. Now, out of the initiation fees and dues you have a certain sum; if, as it has happened in the past on similar things, you vote this and that and other things, you finally wind up so that the other expenses have to be taken out of the visitation fund.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Your idea is to make a minimum visitation fee.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): In answering that, we did not feel qualified to set up a minimum that the G. P. C. should spend for this purpose. Possibly that same thing can be done in a little different manner by including in our report - (of course this all has to be prepared by the Resolutions Committee in finished form later, anyhow) - a statement to the effect that we believe that visitation is the most important thing for the National office to carry on for the coming years and that a certain part of their funds must be devoted to visitation, and then, when they can see the revenue in the budget, they can set up funds for that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I had in mind that, if you increase it to seven dollars, then you have your present initiation fee. If you definitely set aside out of that amount one or two dollars, representing a different amount each year depending on the number of people, there is an amount that the Committee would definitely have to spend for that.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): If my Committee can go

"into a huddle" for a minute here, perhaps we will have something on that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right.

Brother Blakeslee, have you something to report? Let's find out if there are any other Committees ready to report.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I am ready to report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now wait a minute. Brother Blakeslee, did you want to get your thing in particularly this morning?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): No, not particularly.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, Brother Kennedy. Let's have your report.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Under "Ritual" it was practically unanimous that the ritual as we have it today was adequate and should be continued without any change.

As far as Hellwig is concerned, it was pretty well split up. We came to the conclusion that the best way we could put our minds together on this was to word it this way:

"We, as a Fraternity, are opposed to Hellwig and suggest in its place a week of corrective discipline."

Now that "week of corrective discipline" can be Hellwig, but in that way it leaves it up to the discretion of whatever Chapter it is carried on in.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Will you read that again, please?

*** Brother Kennedy repeated the passage referring to Hellwig, as previously quoted.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Not bad.

Well, you have heard the report of this Committee. What is the wish?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): The least in favor of it was myself. A lot of the houses on the Cornell campus have dropped all formal initiation.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): When we got together, whereas there was a standard ritual, the way we performed it in our initiation it was different. Different Chapters had different ways of presenting it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: With your formal ritual, theoretically there isn't any reason why, in any locality, they cannot carry on their formal ritual as prescribed, but many of the Chapters don't carry out to the letter what they should do. As a Body, our real tie is in connection with that sort of thing and the fact that we try to create a fellowship between the groups, and we all know, indirectly, that there are many Chapters that do not carry that out and I think there should be perhaps a stir-up - something to revive the carrying out of it.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O, Alumni Council): I can

still remember my initiation twenty-five years ago. I don't know whether I was abnormal or not, but it "took."

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I see what you mean, but we did not do anything about that. We have the ritual now - it's the same all over.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Didn't you find, in your discussion, that it was a fact that you weren't all carrying it out the same way - or did you?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Well, it was practically the same. There were some slight differences.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I am talking now about the formal ritual.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): It is the same all over.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It is, but they don't carry it out.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): I think we are driving at two different things - one person talking about the formal one with the climbing of the pole and walking over cliffs and taking them out in the graveyard - but that is all part of the informal. Our formal initiation is down there in black and white; in our Chapter it is a case of reading it over. There are parts in it where there will be no smoking at meetings and affairs of great solemnity and no liquor in the house, which are all very good but there is no sense in fooling ourselves, there is liquor in every fraternity house in the Country.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That's the very thing we are talking about.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): The formal initiation is down there in black and white.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But here and there it's dropped out, and that's just the point we are driving at.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Well then, the Executive Secretary during his visitation could go over that thing. We have got to have somebody out there who knows what that means. We can read the thing and then start in on a Mechanics lesson and forget all about it.

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): I would say that the formal ritual as used throughout the Country is the same. They use the formal oath and everything. The part about drinking and gambling passes over the heads of all - they say there's nothing to it; but I think the initiate has been made to memorize the oath and they'll always have that in mind.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I was just going to say something to the same effect. On several occasions initiation will go over very well and where we get to that point about drinking there is always somebody who is going to start to snicker and that sort of ruins things. There isn't generally much drinking going on but there is always somebody who thinks it funny.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): Living in the East and

going to school in the Middle West, I should think that should be entirely to the discretion of the various Chapters. Of course there is nothing against the Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania and I was there visiting. The way they carry on their meetings there and their ideas toward drinking are different. Out in Delaware there was very little drinking. At Penn. there wasn't anybody there who wasn't half "cock-eyed" and they allow drinking in the house. It is entirely the atmosphere that you are in; in the East your drinking is very strong whereas, in the Middle West, it isn't, so much. I don't know how it is in the Far West.

The way we perform our Chapter meetings varies because some Chapters have left out parts of the ritual, such as the songs they sing and probably the abolishment of robes and that has changed the whole basic idea that those are written for in the first place.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is the sort of thing that ties you together and that is the sort of thing I had in mind when talking to you last night.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think what Yoder has in mind has impressed me and I just give this for what it is worth: The time I was initiated - even before Yoder - the thing was impressive for me from the point of view of the people who conducted it. I am talking about the formal initiation now, with real orators; the singing was real singing

and the performance was done with much dignity, perhaps over-stress, as when you are younger you don't notice that so much.

For a long period that was kept up, but I think, in other Chapters, oratory has died; they don't always have the best singers; but I have a feeling (and as I say, this is a new idea) every time I have heard the oath in regard to drinking, etc., while that might have been put in, or it seemed as though that particular thing did do exactly the same thing that somebody here has said, because they knew that, as that was violated, they thought they could violate the other things. If you are going to be builders of character you have even got to go the full length. While I would be glad to see every house temperate, I do think that there is a good deal to what has been said by the man here that you are lessening the effect of ninety-nine and four-tenths of the initiation by putting something in there, particularly at the very last part of the thing, which is supposed to be the most edifying, which sometimes gives them the idea that everything else can be violated the same way. I do think that that in the ritual, as it now stands - that particular part of it - comes at the wrong time.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I am very much of the same mind but I believe that that one thing should be left to the discretion of the Chapter. In Cornell, just as at Alabama, when somebody reads that, there is also some tittering. I think there is some ruling that Cornell men can drink behind

closed doors.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It is contrary to the National Constitution. I don't see how they can adopt that.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think that particular part should be changed to some extent. They do have some drinking in the house and it is done with the parents coming there and approving because it is pretty carefully supervised. We have a Mrs. Whitman living in the house who sings in the choir and a few other things and is an exceptionally fine person and the result of that has been there has been a great deal of progress during the last few years in making the initiation much more formal. The result is that the initiation has become more formal than before.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Every Congress has gone very strongly on record on it. I know that, from history, the tendency along that line is a tendency that took place back in the early days and when it got so far, fraternities went out of the picture, and it is so fundamental that you just absolutely can't get away from the proposition that you permit that sort of thing in the conduct of a house by a bunch of young fellows, and that at certain periods of time you have enough men there who have sense enough to govern it, but somewhere along the line, some day, you are going to get a majority of men of the other type and you are going to have a blow-up and you're off the campus. That's exactly what happened in the

early days and that's something that is ahead of you.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): If you make a law like that they are going to do it, unless everybody in the whole Fraternity is against it. Well, you have the law, and the fellows in Cornell drink in their own rooms; they're fined five dollars if they drink in the lounge.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It isn't a matter of telling a man whether he should or should not drink, but it is a proposition that you are conducting a house which is an organization on the campus which has got to be conducted in a manner that you don't drink the place into ill repute.

Now when I was in school, some of our men who would go downtown the most and get the most to drink were the men who were strongest on this proposition of drinking in the house. They were rabid on the subject and they were the men themselves who would go downtown and get too much to drink sometimes. They realized that that thing would, at some time, get out of hand and, when it does, you are through.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): You will admit that there is going to be drinking in the house?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I don't think it is necessary.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Well, it just goes without saying there is going to be drinking some time or other. If you read that pledge off to a man, in the ritual, and he has

seen fellows drinking in their own rooms, behind locked doors, it may be, and then you read off to him "there shall be no drinking on property used or owned by this Fraternity," he is going to laugh at it.

We are all in favor of cutting out drinking in the house, but we don't want to see it in the ritual.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): We serve liquor at a meal, wine at the meals, mothers and fathers there.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I come from this Chapter that has all the "wet" dances. There should be a man with a background of authority. I also happened to be in college when it wasn't always as easy to get a drink as it is now. At that time, if a fellow knew where to get a bottle of "bath-tub" gin he was a swell fellow.

I went through college for four years when you could not buy a drink, you had to go up and give "three knocks" and tell him you were a "Sacred Owl" or something to get it. But I am willing to take an oath that at the time I was in college there was not a drop of liquor consumed in the Alpha Sigma Phi house at Philadelphia by a member of that house while he was at college. There were plenty of bottles in the backyard (don't get me wrong) but that ritual was something that was respected by every man. There were men who went wild when they got away from the house, but it is something that today, with the way things are, is even more serious than it was then, and I take

exception to the fact in the statements that have been made here that there is always going to be drinking in the houses. I think that, by proper enforcement by the actives, there can be no drinking in the house and it is something that is a serious problem.

Men in the liquor business today are bemoaning the state of affairs that allows saloons, as we have them, to stay open until one or two or three o'clock in the morning; they are bemoaning the condition of the liquor business at this minute. I'm telling you that there's very apt to be Prohibition back in this Country again if the conditions run on the way they are started. I can recall that at one time the only thing that kept a Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on a certain campus (and it wasn't penn.) was the fact that, in our ritual, was the statement that there would be no drinking in the house. If it had not been for that, the university would have taken immediate action and there wouldn't have been any Alpha Sigma Phi on that campus or maybe on many others.

Now that is that part of the story. Every Committee that we have ever had has recommended strong enforcement of this no-drinking rule, both in the ritual and the Constitution.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): We are opposed to drinking in the house and have expelled one member for excessive drinking. However, we'd rather have our members drinking in the house than downtown because at Middlebury the town is

small and everything that goes on there is everybody else's business, and I think we are better off having them drinking in the house than downtown and having them come back howling in the street.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): About three years ago we were very strong about drinking in the house. As it is, though, there is not much drinking at all. I'd say about two or three times a year two or three fellows get together and want to have a little drink. Outside of that the house is pretty dry but we like to keep them in the house if they do get drunk and keep them out of trouble. If they get into any trouble outside it is a whole lot blacker spot against our name than if they were in the house drinking.

BROTHER FELTON:(Xi): I for one have no opposition to drinking at all, but I do think that the founders of this Fraternity had when they realized that twenty or thirty, or in some Chapters fifty or sixty, young fellows got their noses together and there was no restrictions on them they were going to go in for violation of these matters that young fellows around the age of twenty can do.

Now I went to the University of Nebraska. I think it was composed of the ordinary rank and file of men and there was plenty of drinking by members of the Fraternity, but there was no drinking in the house. That rule was scrupulously enforced. One thing that cropped up in Nebraska was that the

minute school was over, house rules were off; that is, Christmas vacation, summer vacation, etc., the rules were off. But just as sure, if you drink in a house you're going to have a place of ill repute, sooner or later.

I dare say there isn't a school year that goes past but two or three or more fraternities/^{don't} get into a jam and lose their charters and the members get kicked out of school just for that simple reason. If a bunch of young fellows are given to drinking in the house there's going to be a brawl sooner or later which will bring ill repute and disgrace.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): I am speaking as the son of a brewer. When I arrived at Cornell before I was fourteen years old I think I had sampled almost every kind of liquor that one would have in those days and we had it in our home ever since I can remember. We had wine and beer and everything else and when I got to Cornell I didn't think anything of taking a drink, but I noticed that a lot of the boys who came from prohibition homes and elsewhere had never sampled liquor before and they got "on the warpath." Now one time up there we had a very peculiar situation; there was not only drinking to excess but there were a lot of wild parties involving women and things came to such a bad turn that we finally had a showdown and the Group within itself was divided and it was only because the fellows who really wanted to get somewhere in athletics and wanted to put the Chapter on the map - it was only because they

tried hard that they finally won out by a very small majority and I think the fact that when I was initiated up there and they had this rule against drinking and I was impressed even though I came from a family that wasn't against drinking, made me feel that I was in a moral atmosphere and I felt that I was associating with a group of decent people. And I think that it is just like the Ten Commandments - we can't guarantee human behavior but it isn't bad to have the Ten Commandments and it isn't bad to have a house rule or a rule in the Fraternity against drinking. It at least makes a man look up - it doesn't make him look down.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well I would like to say here, as far as my remarks are concerned - as far as being against drinking - I don't drink but I come from a family where we always had something in the house, but the whiskey usually came out when the clergyman came to the house, so that was the atmosphere I was raised in, so I am not against drinking, but I do know what the consequences are in trying to operate a fraternity house under those conditions.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): First in reference to the Ten Commandments: People know that they are right, but most people don't believe that they themselves are wrong, therefore there should be no restriction against it. The National Government says it is O. K. My dad also told me that if I ever wanted to get drunk the place was in my own home and not to

go out and make a public spectacle of it.

Another thing - at least fifty percent of the houses at Cornell have bars built into the houses downstairs or in one of the rooms. When you have a campus like that it is just impossible to keep dry. As I say, we don't allow drinking downstairs - we are very strict about it - but we see no reason why fellows cannot drink in their own rooms. A good percentage of them have bottled wine and fruitcake, especially around Christmas time and we see no reason why it should be abolished.

All the fellows in the house know that drinking goes on on the campus - that drinking goes on in the rooms - then along comes initiation and the ritual says there is to be none, and that amuses them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is the recommendation of the Committee?

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): I don't know who these people are on the college campuses today. I know I have been on one for eleven years, but you have a different generation today. As far as our campus goes, we have two colleges within a few miles of each other - Amherst and Massachusetts State. Our biggest problem in Massachusetts State is the Alumni. - There is the problem as far as we are concerned. Our own boys can handle themselves because they know they are under administrative control from the college, but it is the Alumni.

Now what are you going to do with a prosperous Alumni.

you're trying to get fifty dollars out of, or something like that, and they want to "throw" a party? The undergraduate body can't stop that.

I frankly believe that that one clause should be taken out of the ritual, but it should be a National Fraternity rule that there should be no liquor in the house.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think I can recommend for the Committee that the drinking phrase be left to the discretion of the house. On dry campuses they can keep it with dignity, but on a wet campus they won't be throwing up funny little words.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): On a campus where the control is absolutely the university, it should not be left up to the discretion of the Fraternity - where the college is definitely against drinking.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well that is just what you are getting into and with the limited number of active delegates here you are doing a very serious thing in changing entirely one of the fundamental underlying principles of the organization. And not only that, but it affects very materially many campuses where you will find that if you haven't any definite restriction in your Constitution and By-Laws, you will run into trouble with the authorities.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): May I make a motion now that the Fraternity nationally is absolutely against drinking,

but leaves it up to the discretion of the Chapter?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Personally I would advise you men, but that is entirely up to you, that under present conditions you are very foolish to pass a resolution which eliminates drinking from your ritual. That is going to go out to your various campuses and to your schools where you are located, and isn't going to "sit" well with the authorities.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): Alpha Sigma Phi is one of the outstanding fraternities that has stood for this principle at least, and for the benefit of Omicron I stand to report that, from one of the wives of one of their men, comes a message to inform that Chapter not to let them change that Constitution to that effect, but the difference between some of these young men and the fellows with a little gray hair is that we still look to Alpha Sigma Phi as having stood for this one principle. I am not opposed to it, but we have got some principles to stand for and, when you are out of school for two years, you look at it entirely differently.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): As a matter of information, unless it has been changed very recently, practically all of your big national fraternities have a similar clause in their rituals. It may surprise you considerably to know that D. K. E. has such a clause in their ritual. As far as the place in the ritual goes, if you think it can be moved that is something for you gentlemen to decide and if anybody thinks I

don't drink I would be glad to meet them in the tap-room after this session, but I am telling you that it is a serious proposition to consider taking that out of the ritual.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If that is all the discussion, what is the Committee's report?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): That's all there is, as I told you, that they are against that, but the way it seems to be, judging from what the people around here say, we ought to let it go.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Read your original recommendation.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): The first one was concerning the Hellwig: "We are opposed to Hellwig and suggest in it's place a week of corrective discipline," and then, on this other: "Let the drinking phrase be left to the discretion of the houses - let it be a sub-rosa proposition."

Let's forget about the other and leave that; just use the one about Hellwig.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you want another Committee meeting? - Do you want to get together here on the side?

BROTHER O'CONNOR (Alpha Epsilon): Yes.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I am very serious about this whole business. When I go into a Chapter house and find a bar in the house and drinking in the house, it not only

interfere with the functions which I have to perform during the rituals, but it also affects our Constitution, and it goes right back to the fundamental purposes of what our Prudential Committee has to do. ^{If} I go into a Chapter house and find a bar and say, "Well now, fellows, you can't do that," they would give me the "horse laugh."

BROTHER GUMP (Zeta): Do they sell liquor at the bars?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: They sell it at the bars. I think we have to take some definite stand. We have a National law right in our Constitution; they are discussing the part in the ritual. Now, are we going to endorse it or are we not?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I don't think we ought to spend any more time in discussing it. That will be up to our Reorganization Committee.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): I personally believe it is up to the Visitation Committee. One of the Executive Secretary's duties when visiting a house is to get the officers together and see how they conduct their meetings.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I believe Brother Archibald may have an amendment.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): The Committee on Visitation of the Traveling Secretary had a short "huddle" here (as you saw) after this was originally discussed and we are still of the same opinion as presented this morning and desire to

leave with you the same report that we made at that time. In this report we set up (I want you to understand the report thoroughly) ways and means for the Fraternity to raise money for this purpose, but we do not bind them to use a definite amount of money for this work.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You have heard the report. Is there any further discussion?

I will entertain a motion to accept the report and refer it to the Resolutions Committee.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to accept the report and pass same to the Resolutions Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now are you ready, Brother Blakeslee?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): May I interrupt just a minute?

If it will not be convenient for any of the Nominating Committee to meet here at 2:45 this afternoon, would you say so now?

All right then, we will have it at that time and the Conference will be in session from 3 o'clock on.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is your report, Mr. Kennedy?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): We are not going to have the ritual.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to accept the report as proposed.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):
Your Committee on Alumni Organization - Brother Zeltner, Brother MacDonald, Brother Alrutz, Brother Mahan, Brother Kennedy, Brother Hooven and two members who were not there (Brother Cleworth and Brother Gantt); the other six were there, together with your Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, your Committee believes that it is highly desirable at this time to undertake a campaign to bring Alumni members of Alpha Sigma Phi together into a more responsive and responsible body as far as Fraternity affairs are concerned.

The information disclosed at the emergency session indicates the need for a better understanding on the part of both active and Alumni members of the problems confronting National headquarters. Delegates at this meeting, even though they were vitally interested in the problems of the Fraternity, were handicapped by lack of specific information and unable to offer specific remedies until they were more fully informed.

The very fact that less than six hundred active members of the Fraternity have been saddled with the obligation to carry on the entire financial and legislative program of a National organization having approximately 10,000 Alumni

members, and that this situation has drifted along for years, indicates that this problem has not been given the serious consideration which it deserves. It is gratifying to see evidence on all hands that the Alumni body of this Fraternity has finally awakened to the situation and is ready to take steps to remedy it.

We believe that the Alumni body, once they are informed of the necessity for organized interest and cooperation, will willingly cooperate in any movement looking toward the rehabilitation and expansion of the activities of National headquarters. In view of the interest already evidenced by the established Alumni Councils in many cities, we believe that this movement should be given its initial impetus by these Alumni Councils and Alumni Associations, and we advocate a National Alumni Organization composed of local units, or Councils, all functioning along similar lines as far as local conditions will permit.

Your Committee has several definite suggestions to offer, all pertaining to the details of such a program. I would like to outline them briefly here, and your Committee would appreciate any constructive comments or criticisms you may have to offer. However we believe that this problem is one which cannot be solved by legislation alone and we seek concrete action at this Convention only to the extent of setting up a permanent committee to undertake this organization work,

together with the necessary provisions for the official status of these Alumni Councils when, and if, there is a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity.

Here are the suggestions offered by your present Committee:

(1) ORGANIZATION.

That a permanent Alumni Organization Committee be named by the Grand Prudential Committee to undertake the fostering of Alumni interest in the problems of the Fraternity as well as greater fellowship among Alumni members through the establishment of separate but more closely related Alumni Councils located in ALL cities where we have representation.

(2) FINANCES.

That each Alumni Council conduct its activities as desired to meet local conditions excepting that annual dues of \$1.00 per man be sent to National headquarters by each Council. These funds shall be used by National headquarters for the purpose of rehabilitating and expanding the work of the Fraternity. Payment of such dues by each Council shall be obligatory if they are to receive official status and recognition at National headquarters.

(3) ALUMNI COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

That each such Alumni Council hold at least one meeting a month and that a monthly news letter outlining the activities of the Council, names and occupations of new "Sigs"

moving into the territory, activities of nearby active Chapters, etc. should be sent to all Council members and all "Sigs" living in the vicinity of the Council. One copy of this news letter should also be sent to the secretary of all other Alumni Councils and to the editor of the Tomahawk, in order that they may be discussed in the meetings of the other Alumni Councils and that all "Sigs" may be better informed as to the affairs of their Alumni body.

(4) COOPERATION FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

That National headquarters cooperate closely with the Alumni Organization Committee by furnishing mailing lists and information as to where new Councils could be located and we also suggest that each established Council prepare its own mimeograph or printed directory for distribution to its members, and that the secretary keep this directory up-to-date thereby assisting National headquarters in maintaining a live mailing list.

(5) REQUIREMENT FOR COUNCIL.

That any Alumni Council which has 20 members whose yearly dues have been sent to National headquarters be admitted in the Alumni organization and given full status and recognition. However, we think that this charge of \$100 or \$150 for a charter for an Alumni organization probably should be abandoned; it defeats the very purpose that we have.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Oh no, there is no such requirement as that.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):

Well, we were operating under a misapprehension then. We understood there was a charge for each Alumni Chapter.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): Jagocki always warned us that that was the case.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, maybe I am wrong about that.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council):

Well, then, we may be entirely misinformed on that.

Now I am mentioning these points because, in connection with revision of the Constitution and the By-Laws, if there is going to be, some of these points will have to be taken into consideration.

Well, to continue with Item #5 (Requirement for Council): A membership card should be prepared by National headquarters and furnished to the various Councils for distribution to members whose dues have been paid for the year, and every attempt be made to enroll every local "Sig" in some Council, even though he may live outside the immediate city.

(6) DELEGATES AT CONVENTION.

That one representative from each Council be selected as a delegate to each National Convention. Expenses of this delegate should be borne by popular subscription or by the treasury of the Council he represents. Official Council delegates should have full status at the Convention with the present

constitutional provision regarding proportionate votes between all active delegates and all Alumni delegates to be maintained.

(7) COOPERATION WITH ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

That Alumni Councils should actively assist in securing new good material for the Fraternity and should pass on the names of prospective members who plan to attend any school where we are represented to the proper parties at that school. Wherever possible they should also assist in rushing season if their services are needed.

(8) SUPERVISION.

That the Alumni Councils actively contact and cooperate with the active Chapters within a reasonable area of their headquarters and at the request of National headquarters assist in supervising these Chapters.

(9) NEW "SIG" DIRECTORY.

That National headquarters, with the cooperation of the Alumni Councils should prepare a new and up-to-date directory of all active and Alumni "Sigs" at the earliest practical moment and that this directory go to ALL Alumni members of record.

(10) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

That when, and if, the Alumni Organization Committee has secured the cooperation of the present Alumni Councils on the proposed program, National headquarters make free use of the facilities offered by these Councils and Chapter Alumni

Associations for the dissemination of information of interest to members which is not for general publication.

Send it to the Alumni Councils and let them distribute them to their lists.

This completes the report of your Committee at this time. As previously stated, the welding together of an active and loyal Alumni group and the creation of a genuine interest of these individuals in Fraternity affairs is not a matter which can be accomplished by legislation. We strongly advocate the appointment of a permanent Committee to undertake and carry on this work which is of such vital interest to the Fraternity.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Doesn't your report divide itself into three things? In other words, you are making recommendations that certain provisions with respect to Alumni Councils now in existence remain; that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of carrying out certain things with respect to Alumni activities and you make certain recommendations to that Committee as to the things you think should be done in order to carry that out, and then the third thing is that you are making certain specific recommendations to National headquarters as to what they may do in assisting the Alumni bodies in carrying that out.

The Resolutions Committee should get together with you and line that up something in that order.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I

would like to see discussion of the program as we have outlined it here and we will take it up with the ^{other} Committee later.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Let's get a motion on the floor and then we will discuss it.

I will entertain a motion that the report be accepted and referred to the Resolutions Committee.

*** The motion was duly made and regularly seconded.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think I can save a little time on that because the Reorganization Committee is going to recommend a new plan, taking the place of the present one, with each man on the new Board having a specific function. For instance, one will spend all of his time on keeping in touch with the active Chapters with the idea of assisting them on rushing. Another member of the present Committee will have as his job the reorganization of the Alumni as a whole; but there will be one man in the National organization whose sole duty will be to carry out the plans that this Committee has recommended.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): If we should start a new Council we should suggest to that the functions of the officers in that Council. The Committee can do all of that by discussion and I will say this, that the Committee took this thing pretty seriously and worked pretty hard on the thing last night and some of those boys I am sure can help carry on during the year on this activity and help us

a lot.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think one of the things we need as much as anything else is Alumni cooperation.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): I am just thinking - the recommendation as to dues was an absolute one. - Can it be varied at a later date? Does the resolution fix the amount as \$1.00?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The provision that he has there now is already here; they are recommending that that be left "as is." In other words, under the present set-up, if a Council wants to have a vote they must pay \$1.00 a year for 20 men.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): But, say, if they have 100 men.- Will they have to pay \$100 to have a vote?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I would like to say that each Council has its own idea as to the activities to be carried on. We are going to add to our local budget \$1.00 for each man to go to National headquarters. The same holds good if we have 100. Unless we have 20 men in a Council we don't believe we have a Council that is entitled to have a vote at this meeting.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I would like to see some sort of a resolution put in there concerning the Alumni of Alpha Sigma's local Chapters. For instance, we have considerable Alumni of our local Chapter at Middlebury.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You mean an actual

Alumni Chapter and operating?

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): No; you see we had a Chapter in 1925 but there is a large Alumni of that local who have not been taken into the National Fraternity because the dues, I understand, are too high, and I think some plans should be made to encourage those men to join the National Fraternity.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You think the National dues are too high?

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): Is that what it is?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Certainly. It's your own local group. If they don't desire to collect an initiation fee from their men for their own organization - why that is all that's involved.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): It's only \$15.00?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Thirty-three dollars.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes; plus your pin it's \$33.00.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): We have approached some of our old Alumni who are the supporters of the Alpha Sigma Phi. If we appeal for money we get it out of the old C. S. C. Not Alpha "Sigs" - C. S. C. To get these old Alumni into Alpha Sigma Phi they have got to pay \$33 and they feel it is too much to ask.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It didn't just hit me as being too much for a man to pay to get in.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): He has been away from the Fraternity for some time and, after all, \$33 is a lot to pay out.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You want to make a motion to have a Committee appointed to consider the matter of that situation? Is there a second to the motion?

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I would second that motion.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: There is a motion before the house that the report of this Committee be accepted and be referred to the Resolutions Committee. There was a second to that motion.

*** The motion was unanimously carried.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): I'd like to ask a question: I think it was in your second item where your Committee recommended that your original impetus be given not by the National Council but by the Alumni Council.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Yes. Do you want me to tell you why?

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): Yes.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): The Alumni are completely out of touch with National headquarters. They only have The Tomahawk. Most men are not in contact with the Fraternity - they have not been impressed by the things that the National headquarters has been able to do for the

active Chapters for the past two or three years. In our section of the Country at least, any time a Chapter got in difficulties the Alumni had to rally and make it their own particular problems, and they did that. I think that these groups which have been formed - many have been formed because of an emergency. I think that if they will spread this movement, coming as an Alumni movement, it will be good.

If we who have been active in the Alumni groups will get behind a movement to get other Alumni groups back, and will inform them of the problem, it will get results. Of course this Committee is to have its official authority from the G. P. C. but, at the same time, I would prefer to have the word, if I am going to work on it, that this word originated from the Alumni group.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): I wasn't questioning the advisability of it but it seems that the connection between the National Alumni and the Alumni Council was carried on through the mailing of bulletins, and may I say here that it is my firm conviction that an Alumni set-up similar to this one is the real salvation of this Fraternity. I think this is the whole key to all of our present weaknesses including the financial. We don't need money first; the very first and the only thing we need, as I see it, is interest on the part of the members, then the money, then the good Chapters and all the rest of the things we are struggling for will come.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, now that motion has been put.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I am sorry to interrupt again but one thing I do want to say is that, from the standpoint of the G. P. C., the expense and trouble of collecting the one dollar dues is something that is out of proportion to the revenue that you get from it. I think that is true in other organizations as well.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think that will be the job of the Committee.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I have been thinking for a long time that the salvation of the thing is to work up interest just as this Committee has spoken of, and just as the last speaker has said, and I think that perhaps some thought should be given, especially under our new set-up of having the National officer in direct charge of it, to the question of spreading out the collection of that in a much more efficient way.

If you are going to have efficient Alumni Council - Alumni Association - if you are going to give them something to work for and cast upon them a burden of carrying expense so that the expense of National headquarters is less, you will have a much more efficient organization.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The recommendation was that the National headquarters collect from the Council, not

the individual men.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): The National headquarters is not merely an amalgamation, for business purposes, of the active members of the Chapters. Our National organization is made up of all the Alumni body, active and inactive. Theoretically I think we would be on a much better basis if Alumni associations - Alumni Chapters - were all remembered. We would have a much stronger organization.

There is a new idea that has been brought out at this Convention for the first time and is something we should use some money upon to foster. We have got certain things that we can do and new ideas that are probably revolutionary, but are probably things that should have been discussed and taken upon ourselves a long time back, and I think a great deal of thought should be given to that. For the first time we have got to the point of having these men go back to their Chapters desiring to have the Alumni cooperate - I think we are on a new road. Let's not bring ourselves into too much complication by saying we are going to spend a lot of money and charge them fifty dollars apiece.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now I would go one step further and say that we would be much better off if the Alumni have some voice in the active Chapter - I mean actually have it. If you were so fixed that each Chapter elected, or the Alumni body of each Chapter elected, a Committee of three men

who had some substantial voice in the operation of your house you would be much better off, but as I told you the other day, up until now the active delegates who came to conventions, when anybody suggests that any authority be given to the Alumni, they always throw up their hands.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): May I just mention in collecting this one dollar, I think it would be an impossible task for National headquarters to collect from the individual Alumni. You have your collection agencies established throughout the Country. You can go after big donations, but the only way you can get the small collections is through the agencies that we have.

We have done it in Columbus and it has worked out in fine shape.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT. Brother Carpenter, where would you suggest cutting the dues down?

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): I would suggest cutting it down to fifteen dollars.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): What is the total subscription to The Tomahawk now?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: We are publishing now, at the present time, 4,660 copies.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I thought if the Alumni Committee would put on a drive for one year for the purpose of increasing it, and for that one year have a life

subscription for five dollars.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, of course there has been a resolution passed that the Prudential Committee secure an actuary to determine how much those Tomahawk subscriptions can be reduced to men.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I'd rather get 2,000 Alumni subscriptions at \$5 than to get 50 at \$10.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, let's hear from The Tomahawk Editor as to what he thinks about it.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: In my report yesterday I stated that at the present time there were 3,025 non-subscribers among Alumni men and at that time I also mentioned that we were planning at the present time a promotional campaign.

Now Brother Cleworth has talked a great deal about this thing, then the actuary thing was brought up, but here we are, thinking very seriously of fostering a promotional campaign at the present time. We are ready to begin on that thing already and I think that will be taken care of.

Another thing, about these dues; it has been the practice by the G. P. C. and as far as I can gather in the past, that faculty men who are initiated are only charged \$25. In other words, I don't know where the reduction has been made, on the \$15 or on The Tomahawk, or where, but they are only charged \$25, which would be \$8 less than the active man is paying at the present time, and I would just like to throw that

out to this Committee who are considering it and these Alumni we might be able to initiate on that basis.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think that Brother Rice's recommendation ^{is} that we try to get up a different initiation fee and charge it to the new Alumni being taken in.

The Resolutions Committee has asked to draw a resolution to cover the matter discussed here as to the ways and means of reducing the charges to Alumni members of local groups - that is, Alumni members of local groups who have been given a charter.

Now let's see. We have had the report of the Alumni, the report of the traveling secretary committee, we have had the report on the ritual and we have had the matter of the rushing and pledging manual, and what about the Yale situation?

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): We can't make any recommendation yet. We haven't had a full meeting on it.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I'd like to make this recommendation - that it be read out here. I don't think it is worth the time - I think we might take it right now.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Unless the Chairman of that Committee think otherwise, I don't see how we can, and he's spoken, so I don't see as how there is anything else to do.

How about the Rushing and Pledging Committee? Is it now a Rushing and Pledging Manual Committee?

BROTHER TANTUN (Epsilon): Yes.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there anything else you want to discuss?

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): There is just one thing I want to talk about - I didn't know that men could be initiated unless their National dues are paid.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Then you suggest a resolution be drawn recommending to the Resolutions Committee that men be not initiated until the National dues are paid.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): As I understand the matter, that is the rule now.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I don't know as there is any specific rule on it.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): Well if there isn't, it seems to me it throws itself into the same category as the individual houses who haven't paid up. If there isn't any machinery to enforce those rules, then there should be.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is just a recommendation now - that in the future no men be initiated and no pins be issued until and unless the money has been paid in to National headquarters.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): And if the ruling is violated, what?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is up to the Committee. You have put the running of this Fraternity up to a group of men; you have to leave certain matters to their

discretion. If you have got good enough men you can't give them a lot of rules and regulations to follow.

This is only a recommendation - that this not be done in the future.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): You can recommend in 1936 and you can recommend again. I want to know something more about what the resolution is going to include.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You can get together with the Resolutions Committee if you want.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): No, I have no desire to resolve or try to decide what's going to be done about it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That's up to the Resolutions Committee.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Let's ask Burns what has been done.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think Brother Cleworth is in a better position to tell us, because Brother Burns hasn't been on the job long enough.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): The National organization has very little authority. As it stands, no Chapter can withdraw. Under the Constitution, the Chapter itself is the one that is to institute charges against the men.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: This doesn't involve the individual men, it involves the Chapter.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): We

have made every effort to collect. At the last Convention we were empowered to grant credit to the Chapters. Of course it permitted them to run up the bills as required at that particular time. Now as things stand now and as conditions are improving, it might be all right to have such a regulation, but in cases of trouble (it might come up at any time - temporary trouble, perhaps) that would work great hardship upon those Chapters to attempt to enforce that regulation strictly.

Another point is that you are making this apply particularly to initiation fees. A good many Chapters, if we insisted on that, wouldn't pay their dues.

Another angle of this proposition is: What is to prevent a Chapter from going ahead and initiating a man? They go ahead and initiate the men quietly and tell us afterwards. Maybe they ordered additional pins under their own names for the men. It is quite an involved thing and I would recommend that we continue to extend credit where necessary.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think a great many things Brother Cleworth mentions as to the looseness of this thing is why we are in the situation we are in today, but this matter of any Chapter pledging a man without getting authority from National headquarters I can't understand at all. I don't mean pledging - I mean initiating. That is why a lot of these things that have been suggested and talked about here seem foolish in a way, but they are necessary to hold the organization

together.

Now I question the many statements here about the lack of authority of the Prudential Committee. I say that, if a Chapter initiates a man without having first gotten authority and without (unless the Prudential Committee so says) paying the money, that Chapter can be brought to the front and I don't think there is any question about it. There has been a good deal of thought here about the lack of authority at National headquarters. Now there may be times when it isn't advisable to enforce certain things; I, however, think there is a tremendous power there if we want to use it.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): Why should some of us have to pay our expenses - pay our initiation fees - and others not. It isn't fair. I know, I am quite sure. I am right - one Chapter sent down part of their fee this year and they said, "No, you can't initiate with part of the fee, you have to send it all," whereupon the G. P. C. took it upon themselves to let them in on one-third of the fee. That's where we are slipping.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): It seems that one of the first things, to me, is initiation. If that Chapter doesn't get off on the right foot in having him pay for his initiation it seems that the Grand Prudential Committee has taken itself too liberally in the extension of credit. From a standpoint of credit in your business and mine, when some of the accounts get up as high as they do I'd say

they are darn poor risks and a poor thing to extend credit on. It seems that we ought to lay down a policy right from the start.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The recommendation is that the Resolutions Committee draw a resolution recommending to the present Committee that the collection of the initiation fee, Tomahawk dues, and that the initial payment made by any man to be initiated, be paid in before the man is initiated.

BROTHER RICE (Grand prudential Committee): That refers to the thirty-three dollars?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes.

*** A motion to this effect was regularly made, duly seconded and carried with two dissenting votes.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I have one suggestion I would like to make while the active representatives are here and it won't take two minutes. In connection with getting the money for these dues, Zeta Chapter I think has done a good job in one respect: We decided back there two years ago - first of all, we have five dollars a month as active dues that is in addition to the man's house rent, table, etc.; we decided that every pledge, from the time he was pledged to the Fraternity, if he could pay five dollars a month as an active, he could pay five dollars a month as a pledge. They changed their rules for the actives and the pledges pay five dollars a month from the day they are pledged

and the first twenty-five dollars of their pledged dues are held in a separate fund and held toward their initiation. And if you say that a man cannot pay as much in dues as a pledge as he can as an active, you're just kidding yourselves.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, it is about time we adjourned until later on this afternoon.

Will everybody please be in your seats at three o'clock here, ready to resume?

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council):
The Reorganization Committee will meet in Room 302 at 1:30 o'clock.

*** The Conference was adjourned at 12:35.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

December 30, 1936

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The session was called to order at 3:15 o'clock,
The Grand Junior President, Brother Benjamin Clarke, presiding.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Burns, please
call the roll.

*** The Executive Secretary called the roll.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: There was a Yale situa-
tion, the reorganization matter, the rushing and pledging man-
ual and the accounting system. The Resolutions Committee and
the Nominating Committee of course come later. The Rushing
and Pledging Manual Committee is ready.

Now the first order of business this afternoon was to
be Reorganization. However, I will first call on Brother Gantt
with his report.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): The
Accounting and Budget Committee had a sort of an informal meet-
ing and, on the basis of the discussion which I had with
Brother Gump, Brother O'Brien and Brother Mahan, we arrived
at the following, which your Committee herewith submits for
action by the Conference:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS it is essential that every Chapter should
have an accounting system which will definitely conform to

certain approved standards, and WHEREAS each Chapter should formulate a yearly budget in order that the Chapter may control its expenditures within its income, and WHEREAS, in order to enable the National Organization to assist either financially or with advice, before a situation has become incurable, those Chapters which are having financial difficulties,

BE IT RESOLVED, that each Chapter shall use the accounting system approved by the Grand Prudential Committee unless approval by the Grand Prudential Committee of another system shall have been given.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Chapter shall, at the beginning of its fiscal year, make a budget of the expected income and disbursements for the ensuing year, and that this budget shall not be exceeded without a formal vote of the Chapter.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to assist the Chapter with their financial problems, a copy of the budget and a monthly receipts-and-disbursements statement corresponding to the items in the budget be sent to the Grand Prudential Committee not later than the fifteenth day of the following month for each month of the school year, and that a financial statement for the entire year be sent at the completion of the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS it may be desirable that the Grand Prudential

Committee have assistance in the review and comment on the Chapters' financial statements and budgets presented to the Grand Prudential Committee,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Prudential Committee may appoint a standing Committee of not more than five men who are in public accounting practice to be known as the Budget and Finance Committee to assist the Grand Prudential Committee in all problems arising in respect to budgets, accounting, and financial, both in respect to the Chapters and the National Organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS it is desirable that all Chapters and Alumni Councils should know the financial condition of the National Fraternity,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Prudential Committee shall send to each Chapter and Alumni Council,

- (a) Monthly statement of receipts and disbursements of the National Fraternity.
- (b) Final balance sheet as prepared by the auditors of the National Fraternity.
- (c) Copy of budget for National Fraternity.
- (d) Quarterly statement of accounts receivable from Chapters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an esoteric publication is issued at a future date, the annual statement and

budget shall be published in said publication.

Respectfully submitted.

Now we have talked this over a little bit and we feel it covers fairly completely the idea which has been expressed before, that everything about the National's financial situation should be known in the Chapters. The statement that a Chapter shall not exceed its budget with a formal vote of that Chapter means they have to see that it is in the budget or have a formal vote. They know they are spending more than their income and it will help keep other Chapters out of "the red."

It is the belief of the Committee that if National headquarters will know the financial condition of the Chapters at monthly intervals, they will be in position to give them advice and perhaps financial aid in the form that they may be allowed to be slower in their payments, and generally help the Chapters and not allow Chapters to get into a condition which will make it practically impossible for them to ever get out of "the red."

If there are any questions I'd be glad to answer them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: First, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report and refer it to the Resolutions Committee, unless you feel that the suggestions can be passed without reference.

BROTHER JAGOCKI: We will accept the report and

refer it to the Resolutions Committee for resolutions.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Maybe you don't want to do that; however; maybe it is in sufficient form to handle it as it is.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I move that it be accepted and referred to the Resolutions Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on the acceptance of the report?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I would like to say that, from a business standpoint, it is an ideal set-up. The Committee couldn't have done a finer job if they had had everything at their command to work with; however, I do feel that it is imposing a rather heavy burden not only on the Chapters but on National headquarters to require that for as often as every month. I believe it might be possible to consider the advisability of such information being forwarded bi-monthly, or quarterly. I would like to make that suggestion.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Not speaking for the Organization Committee, but there were about four or five actives there and they are recommending a thing in their resolution that quarterly reports be required.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is your provision that you found?

*** Brother Jagocki read an extract from the Constitution and By-Laws referring to financial reports.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That pertains to National finances, not to the Chapter.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes, but it says, "The grand Prudential Committee shall send out monthly reports of its receipts and disbursements;" that is a most ridiculous requirement.

BROTHER CANTT (New York City Alumni Council): Why not? - They're paying the money, aren't they?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I know, as a matter of fact, you have two people working in there and there's a mass of work that you have to get out.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): We are talking about two different things, reports to the Chapters and reports to the Prudential Committee.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think on this monthly business, rather than doing any good, it would be misleading, especially sending in the Chapter reports from month to month. You would need someone to analyze it.

I think if it was quarterly it would much more suit the purpose because there would be some method of comparison whereas, if it were monthly, it would be misleading more than anything.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

Now I think, in the acceptance of the report and its reference to the Resolutions Committee, they can consider the

discussion and draw the resolution accordingly. In other words, it seems to be the general concensus that these reports are sent too often and possibly they should be quarterly. Perhaps you ought to get an expression on that now so that the Resolutions Committee might amend that accordingly.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): I make such a motion - that the reports be quarterly instead of monthly.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the report as amended is the motion.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the other Committee here. This is on the rushing and pledging manual

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): We have at our fingertips here, several rushing and pledging manuals. These rushing manuals are merely selling points, things that you might give to a freshman. For example, "Why join a National fraternity?" and then there are twelve reasons here. Something like that is what we desire as a rushing manual.

Then we have the pledge manual here. There are blanks for the person's name, address and all that, then it tells why the book was written, then it gives all the Chapters

of the Fraternity, the Greek alphabet, etc., that pledges are usually taught. It gives them more or less of a text book.

Now the estimated cost of this manual, according to this company (which is located in Columbus) for the first hundred, is \$67.50 and \$55.75 for each additional hundred.

For the rushing manual, it is \$24.50 for the first hundred and, for each additional hundred, \$17.50.

Now the Committee suggests that the initial costs of \$67.50 and \$24.50 be paid by National headquarters out of some fund and then the booklets be sold by the Fraternity at cost - or rather not at cost, but to be sold by the Fraternity at a little above cost - until the original cost of the first hundred is paid and then they may be sold at cost - in other words, until National gets out of the hole for the cost of those - then they could be put out at cost and the rushing manual would be $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents each.

I think the Reorganization Committee has planned to have a man to act as historian and it would be his duty to take care of this work and see that the history is put in.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is, counting that this goes through, and it is liable not to be effective for several months. Some of these things you men want, and want now.

BROTHER FASHBAUM (Zeta): Well, this booklet could be gotten out very quickly.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Does anybody know why, at the last convention, they so definitely decided they did not want a pledge manual?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): They thought it would be a very difficult matter to get something that would suit the problem for every one of the universities.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Doesn't a pledging manual have to do primarily with the affairs of our own organization?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Well, that was my impression as to why they turned it down at the last meeting - because they thought it too much of a job to get it up for all the Chapters.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: One of our Chapters at Penn. State last year set up a rushing manual of their own. They set it up in a little booklet of eight pages. It had a grey cover with the cardinal seal and in that they told about their particular set-up, that is, out of Baird's Manual they gave a small history of Alpha Sigma Phi, then they put in the things that Alpha Sigma Phi stood for and then they went through with some of their prominent Alumni, and that was their rushing booklet which they passed out to their Alumni.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): To their Alumni?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Yes, then they would contact

high school and prep school men.

My only suggestion would be that, when you consider the pledging of certain appealing factors on this campus, they might be quite different than on other campuses, and that you might not be able to incorporate that in a rushing manual, whereas you might be able to incorporate it in a pledge manual certain National factors.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): This Committee has decided that as Brother Archibald has already gotten up one of these things it would be perhaps better to appoint a Committee with him in charge of that thing.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Then this is a report of a Committee asking the Grand Prudential Committee to get up a pledge manual and a rushing manual? - That is really the sense of your report, isn't it?

I think it is proper at this time to have a motion to accept that report and refer it to the Resolutions Committee.

What did you have, Mr. Archibald?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I think that that suggestion brought up by Brother Burns can easily be met, in that there are certain things in a rushing manual that are the same in every Chapter.

Most of the rushing manuals contain a very short history of the fraternity, the location of the fraternity, the seal, the badge, etc., that could be used by all chapters.

Then you could leave a two-page spread, possibly in the center of the book, or elsewhere, for the Chapters to put in whatever information they desired. In other words, any objections from the local Chapters could easily be overcome.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Has anybody any other form of motion in mind?

What do you want to do with this report?

*** It was regularly moved, duly seconded and unanimously carried that the report be accepted and referred to the Resolutions Committee.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I would like to say one thing - I agree with Brother Burns on that. As far as this rushing manual goes all I have seen are confined particularly to the activities of the particular fraternity on whichever campus they are located. If you did leave this extra space in there, you would have to typewrite it in, or take it to the local printer, and it could be just as easily done by the local as by the National.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You can make an amendment to this to the effect that it can be done if practical.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): That's what will be done, I hope.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the amendment to the motion was adopted.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Having made the

reorganization the first order of business this afternoon, I do not think we want to get into the Yale situation because I think that is going to take considerable time, so perhaps we ought to call for the report of the Reorganization Committee at this time. I understood it was here and ready, but as it isn't, I suppose the next thing is to take the report of Brother Rice with respect to the Yale situation.

All right, we'll go ahead with that. As I understand it, Brother Rice is making a report on behalf of the Yale situation. The matter will then be referred back to the Committee and they will later report.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): The reason for that is that this is going to be a rather lengthy report and on account of the rather severe head cold I have I didn't think I was able to report it first to the Committee and then again to the Conference here, so I make this suggestion, that after I have given this report we have no discussion about it because I think the Committee is entitled to, on the basis of the story, make its report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: In other words, you are reporting to the Conference as a Committee of the whole and the Committee will then take it and come back and we will have your story with the Committee's report.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): However, if anybody has any questions on this, they should make notes

of them at the time - so long as we don't have any discussion or arguments on what I read.

Alpha Chapter hasn't voluntarily brought this up to the Conference. It is only a matter of general business. We are making no complaints nor seeking any help of any kind, but for a long time there has been agitation in the Chapter solely on the question of the financial obligations to National headquarters, as to whether the Chapter should remain a local or remain part of the National Body.

I am quite sure we have stifled any particular discussion in the Chapter up to this point only because of the fact, on my personal assurance, that, for the time being, and on account of other financial obligations, we would not actually have to pay out at the present time more than we have been paying. It may be a wrong start and maybe not. There is nothing rational at all about the story that I am about to tell you. If we had had half the light now that we had six years ago, we would have had one hundred thousand dollars in the bank and probably some small office some place for a meeting room, but it is simply the old story of following what you are compelled to do because of what the others are doing, and there are, at the present time, - well, Alpha Delta Phi has entirely given up its existence at Yale, Psi Nu has given up its status from a National to a local; so that the National fraternities at Yale are not at all, as far as numbers are concerned - the

locals are probably equal to the National fraternities.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Approximately how many Nationals are there, please?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Approximately eight or nine. Counting in the two undergraduate bodies there are probably ten or eleven.

I will start out with these facts so as to show that it is only due to an emergency and not to any general conditions, because the National organization of Alpha Sigma Phi was started by Alpha Chapter in 1907 and it is more responsible than any other Chapter for our National organization. I am using approximate figures now, but up until 1932 the number of initiates each year to Alpha Chapter has been one-eighth of the total initiates. In other words, forty out of a possible average of three hundred and twenty.

The proportion of our participation has been one out of thirty-three and yet, out of that, we have paid one-eighth of the initiation fees - that is, one-thirty-third of the number of Chapters. We have paid one-eighth of the initiation fees, we have paid one-tenth of the active dues; in other words, eighty out of a total of nine hundred and, as far as total membership is concerned including deceased, it is approximately one-fifth. In other words, nineteen hundred out of a possible ten thousand.

I give you these figures to show that, out of the

present emergency, Alpha Chapter has certainly contributed its part, so the present situation is partly on that aspect.

Now once before we have had a similar situation and nothing happened to it. During the war when practically the entire active membership of Alpha Chapter had gone, our rushing one year was conducted by the colored janitor and the H. S. P. We had two properties at the time and we had to pay for that after the war. We had an indebtedness then of three thousand dollars, all of which was later paid, plus the interest, and penalties, so that, after the war was over, we got together again and paid up that particular debt.

Now as far as the general situation is concerned, the house which we have there was built at a cost of approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the money from that came from three sources - from the profits that we had saved up prior to 1930, profits on sale of the two properties that we had, from the savings out of our annual income and from a total of roughly sixty thousand that we obtained from our Alumni; so that the situation at the time the house was built was a property costing about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of which, roughly, one hundred thousand was paid from donations or from our own earnings and profits. As it happened, while most of the money was raised between 1929 and 1930, the Depression, as all of you know, struck at just the wrong time, because we were getting things in fine shape. The money was

coming in at the rate of about one thousand dollars a month. We were paying off on the cost of the house and it would have gone down very rapidly at that rate.

We also saw fit to invest about two thousand dollars on some work that was done on tracing out the genealogy back of our older members, back to the class of 1849 with the idea that the balance of the cost of the house would come from the balance that we had from collecting money from the families of the older members, as memorials. I am sure that would have gone through, but the effect of the Depression prevented us from doing any further work so that, at the beginning of 1931, when the very drastic action of the Depression started, we began to accumulate interest and taxes so that we have had probably a total deficit at one point of, say, twelve to fifteen thousand dollars.

It seemed like unfortunate things always came at the same time. We had a very bad experience with one man who came in and ran the house for a couple of years. He ought to have been the best steward we had ever had - he had been on the Cunard Lines and the Furness-Bermuda, but he went in there and turned out to be more or less of a racketeer, so that we were left with an accumulation of three or four thousand dollars there, part of which has since been liquidated. We were at the point where it looked as if all the efforts of twenty-five years had gone up in smoke, but we have been very fortunate in the

calibre of the active men we have had there - men like those whom you have seen here. Those men have put honest-to-goodness good work in the Chapter so that every year we have been very fortunate in the leaders we have had in the active group.

Right here I must explain what most of you fellows probably do not realize. We have nothing but a club-house - there are no rooming facilities. We have the dining facilities but most^{of} our revenue comes only from casual club-house purchasers and not from any stated revenue, either from a grill or from rooms. On top of our difficulty came the house plant and that is the reason for the other Fraternity deficit. We now have eleven colleges with such illustrious names as Calhoun Colleges, Trumbull Colleges and others where all of the boys are assigned, and they live there during their entire college course. They have complete club-house facilities, even squash courts and a very luxurious dining room, and, by a decree of the college, the men must eat at least ten meals in the college plant dining room. There is also a stipulation to that which makes it more urgent for the men to eat there because the weekly charge for the twenty-one meals is eight dollars; you pay five fifty for the ten required meals - you can have the other eleven meals for two dollars fifty cents, so that if a student belonging to the Fraternity wishes to take his meals in the house he has first to pay his five dollars and fifty cents and then he can eat the other meals at the Fraternity house if he

likes. In spite of that drastic rule we have men eating in our house fairly regularly. In other words, for a part of their meals they pay double, which makes it worth their while to eat all of them at the plant dining room.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That applies to all classes?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes, except to freshmen; we don't take in freshmen.

Now also - (I say this with some restrictions - there are other sides to the story, of course) - but apparently over the last few years there has been a definite attitude on the part of the University to put the fraternities out of business. That is in spite of the fact that they originally sold the land to the ~~fraternities~~ ^{fraternities} at a price of thirty thousand dollars, and that the fraternities were practically required to conform to the college architecture adjoining the fraternity houses and that if the houses are ever sold, they must first be offered to the University. We have gone even further than that in trying to cooperate with the University by submitting a great deal of our procedure to the University authorities; whether it is in connection with Chapter management or dances or anything that we do. We allow the University watchman to come around and make sure there is nothing going wrong in the house; he comes around every night. I feel very strongly about that but it is not up to me as an Alumnus of Yale to express my real thoughts

here.

Now in spite of all those adverse conditions, the Chapter has carried on in a way which has been extremely effective. From the point where the thing looked entirely hopeless it has reached the point now where probably six months to a year will tell the final story as to whether the University is right or whether we are right. I think (and of course I hope) that the final outcome will be that the Fraternity is right, in which case I should think that both the National Fraternity and our own Alumni would feel that the victory had been worth all the trouble.

Now I had to break in there a minute and explain about the house plant as a part of our scheme for keeping the Chapter on the best possible basis in our situation; (Brother Archibald should really make this part of my speech because he can, perhaps, better than I) - but contrary to the usual management of a fraternity in which the sophomores go in and learn something and get a little experience as juniors and get a little more responsibility, and, as seniors, they take command of the house, the Yale tradition is that as seniors they have done their work and can attend meetings or do anything else they want. That has gradually changed. Also at Yale, and partly because it is only the club-house, you don't have the same idea of the Fraternity that you do at other colleges. It is true and I think that, as far as fellowship and friendliness

are concerned, nothing will quite equal the Yale spirit, but it is built upon a different framework than it is in other colleges so that, except for a very few, you don't have your seniors participating, which would otherwise be a great help.

And we have such silly things as this - that if the house is locked up - we are now having a discussion as to whether the members should have keys and at what time the latch should be put on for the night, whether at one, two or three.

I couldn't help but think last night when Ben Clarke and Wilbur Cramblet were speaking, what our program should be as a National Fraternity. Alpha Chapter has been up against that problem for several years now. We have not been able to conduct ourselves as we formerly did when we were a University fraternity by having the people both eat and live in the house. We have had to find new objectives and it is being run more like the city club house. We have a bar in the basement - they have Friday afternoon dances; they have continuous entertainments; they have lectures and addresses by the faculty which have turned out to be very good; in other words, it is a chance at the fraternity houses for the faculty to come and mingle with the students. None of it is done in a slipshod fashion, but the boys who are running the house are really doing a workmanlike job of it. Incidentally, all the dances are under supervision and all the chaperones are arranged for by the wife of the president of the University and we never find

anything to criticise in the running of the house. They have some fairly wild parties after the big football games, but they are still under the same chaperones and usually the president's wife herself is there.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you rate the president's wife at every one of those things? - What do the other houses do?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Well Mrs. Angell, since she has come to Yale, has been running the University as it has never been run before. She comes there both to check up on the conduct of the party and to check up on the chaperones. She's a lot more high-handed with the chaperones than she is with the members of our Chapter.

We now have a steward - a Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, who have done a very fine job in running the house. They have taken over the grill now and run it on their own responsibility and the boys are backing them up, just as I say, by trying to give them enough income from it by paying twice for their meals, first in one place and then in the other.

What I have given, up to now, is the question of the active membership. The big burden of the financial set-up, and it is because the trustees have had to take it over, is the picture from the trustees' standpoint. We have a very simple financial scheme at Alpha. The trustees collect the initiation fee; out of the initiation fee the trustees pay the taxes and

the interest so that the active Chapter does not have to bother its head at all with the question of the taxes and interest and general upkeep of the house; they fix the dues and pay the dues to their own treasurer on the basis of what they need for the year - the janitor, etc. The dues run about sixty dollars a year; that is in addition to the initiation fee of two hundred and seventy dollars. That two hundred and seventy dollars, by the way, is less by two hundred dollars than what the actual annual expense amounts to. In order to meet the expense of the Chapter and to enable it to make the progress it has been making, the trustees have had to rely upon the accumulation of the accounts receivable over the period since 1908. Somebody may ask, "Why do you accumulate them since 1908?" - The answer to that is that we never charge off any bills no matter how long an Alumnus may have been out of college. It is nothing for us to collect them as long as fifteen years after, and we have some twenty-two years old on the books and I still hope to collect them. So that, at the present time (this is an approximate figure) we are paying off on accrued taxes and interest about fifty percent more than the amount of the accrual. In other words, if the taxes and interest accrue each year at five thousand dollars, we are paying off something like seventy-five hundred dollars a year. Some months we are able to pay off double, but that isn't because we want to do it necessarily, because right now the picture is one of as to whether

the mortgagee is going to foreclose or whether he isn't. Even while I have been down here in New York at this time, I have had to engage in correspondence with the insurance company that holds the mortgage, so you see they never let up on you. Whatever we do about the situation, it may be even taken out from under our feet by what the insurance company does. That fact I want to make very plain.

Outside of the work which the active Chapter has been doing, there are these things which are now in process of being done: During the last two or three years it seemed perfectly hopeless to try to accomplish anything, when the general business conditions were such that they didn't warrant it. At the present time we are getting all the Alumni in New York together and that is going to be carried out over the Country as a whole - getting our Alumni into closer cooperation with the active Chapter. We are reviving our Chapter publicity. We are probably going to charge Alumni dues from our own Alumni with the hope not only that those dues will help out the active Chapter to meet its expenses but that the interest of the Alumni in their own organization will also assist us in getting them to pay up their bills. It has been absolutely essential and there is no other way out of it, in our opinion. It was a question of getting good men during the Depression and taking them in on credit. The exact amount of our indebtedness to National headquarters is only a quarter, I would say, roughly,

of the indebtedness of the Alumni and actives to our own Chapter.

In conclusion, as I said in the beginning, we have no complaint to make and we have not brought this question up. It is my firm opinion, anyone can verify it by talking with the Alpha Chapter, that it is a fifty-fifty chance as to whether Alpha Chapter would, under any circumstances, remain a part of the National organization. It is mainly on the basis of what they pay out. I don't think the Yale man is snobbish - maybe he does, to a certain extent, reflect the attitude at Harvard where everything has gone to the club system, but that same reaction has set into Yale, as I showed you before, so it has to be a strong argument to a member of Alpha Chapter to convince him that he should pay anything in very substantial amount to a National organization. I am sure that if legislation is passed here that the Active Chapter pay seven dollars per man plus thirty dollars for the initiation expense it would hardly be discussed on the floor. I say this with a great deal of hesitation and I say it with some sorrow, that you don't see an Alpha man here - which I very much regret. That is in spite of the fact that before I came down here I sent out thirteen telegrams to people living in or near New York, reminding them of it and stating that I hoped some of them would be here.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that because of the present financial condition or because of the fact that the

club idea has taken hold?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think it is because ^{of} the lack of interest in a National. If it is going to cost any very large sum, that's another story. Now what I have said up to date has had the lack of the optimistic. I personally am very much in favor, especially in view of our moral support and our financial support during the entire history of Alpha Sigma Phi, since 1907, and there are others in the Alumni who are equally in favor, of doing everything in reason that is possible to keep the affiliation with the National organization, and they are proving their desire along that line because George Hopkins is doing the work here in New York at the present time with the primary purpose not only of helping out Alpha Chapter itself but in keeping the affiliation with the National Body. He has taken Ralph Burns up to meet with the Chapter and discuss that particular thing, and he made a very good impression on the Chapter.

Now if the remedy is to come, it is not going to come through an old fellow like myself. I get along extremely well with the Chapter and get the finest cooperation because I never try to tell them what to do. On things of policy I hardly ever do more than point out the experiences of the past, but there are some young fellows like George Hopkins who knows all the active men and who has an influence over them that I am hopeful will straighten the situation out, whether it will be in two

months or two years I don't know. I am not particularly anxious over the two thousand dollars we owe at the present time. In view of our history in the past I would much prefer that we pay that when we are able to and whether it is five or eight thousand is small moment to me.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): But, Cleve, when you say that it is the attitude of the Chapter being willing to belong to the Fraternity if it doesn't cost any money, would they ever be willing?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): As to how much you are going to be able to get out of the active Chapter I am not sure - it will depend on the work which Hopkins and the rest will do. Now this is a much more hopeful time. It seems a much more hopeful problem. If you people have any concern as to whether Alpha Chapter remains in or not, I think it may be up to you in some diplomatic way to try yourself to sell the idea of obligating them to pay, beginning now, the full amount of the expenses of our initiation. It is impossible and would be very foolish business for Alpha Chapter, when we are right now at the very crux of our situation with the mortgage, to attempt to take five or six or eight hundred dollars, wherever we can lay hands on it, to pay off our indebtedness to National headquarters when that money should go for that purpose.

We have had to give up a great many things in the last few years in order to try to save that position. I

personally have given up pretty nearly all of my outside connections outside of my professional business and one or two other things, within recent months, in order to devote as much time as possible to this particular question of the Chapter.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: How much is your mortgage?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Forty-five thousand dollars. Probably the present accumulation is nine thousand dollars.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are paying your current and they still object to it?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): They still object to it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Maybe they want the house.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): That, I think, with these rambling remarks, completes my picture of it.

If I have stated it more aggressively and more emphatically than the situation warrants, you have asked that this problem be presented and I have tried to present it in a way that it has appeared to me. It might be that some of the other Alumni and some of the actives might give you a different picture. I am sorry none of the actives are here to perhaps contest what I have said, but we are trying to do the best we can about it. The house itself is getting back on the minimum

amount that it can possibly get along on. It might be that you can persuade them to pay two dollars, three dollars or something as active dues, leaving the balance to the future. I think it is quite likely, unless you were very persuasive, that if you suggested to the active Chapter that if they pay something now and leave the balance on credit to the future, you would get a turn-down.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you think, Cleve, that the annual dues referred to of seven dollars a man -- you say that after these men pay the initiation fee, of course they have their obligations to the house. Do you feel that the annual dues of seven dollars would affect those men as to whether they remain in the organization or not?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): What do they want to pay? - I don't know.

BROTHER ZELTNER (Iota): When did they pay last?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think three years ago.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It is understood that is just a matter of getting information from him.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Grand Prudential Committee): That \$270 initiation fee that each man has paid and paid to the trustees which they have considered that being their initiation fee to the National has been paid by paying that. - Isn't that correct? - And that they were entitled to The Tomahawk and all

the things that go with it, but because of the situation with the house, that money has not been paid to the National and there are a great many men who are not receiving The Tomahawk and do not receive their shingle, and all they get is a badge.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Part is still on credit and still on scholarship. I have had to go out and make up money out of my own pocket or out of the Alumni to pay the initiation fee. We have had to take men in in order to keep the thing going, with the stipulation that they make no payment on their initiation fee until they complete college.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is it reasonable to suppose that the Alumni will make up the debt of paying the initiation and annual dues?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): That is so, to a great extent. The Trustees have had to take an arbitrary stand in order to save the situation. In view of the fact that, in years before, we have accumulated income and paid off on principal, we have now offered to restore that by taking certain balances that are supposed to be paid on principal and paying it off on income.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): Would the Trustees be willing to sign a note to the National organization here to show that they had some asset here and relieve the situation of the other Chapters that are behind? The only thing

I think we are worried about here is that some of the other Chapters which are paid up might get slack. Would they be willing to sign anything like that?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I would not be able to answer that question without putting it up to the Trustees...

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): You, as an attorney. - What would you advise them to do?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): That would be "curbstone" advice. Whatever is done I am sure they would not be willing to do anything to make anything payable until our absolutely necessary house mortgage and bank obligations were paid.

I think the house plant as a whole has turned out to be a success. The part of the house plant which meant full cooperation of the house plant and full cooperation of the fraternities has failed.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): Let me ask you this: If the insurance company wants to own this house, what is your relationship there between the agreement and the University?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): Of course that is on the record and the insurance company would only obtain title subject to that provision of the original deed. I think, as a matter of fact, however, that what would happen

would be that, when it comes to that point, if the University would do with us as it has done with the other houses, they have taken over, they would pay off our mortgage and our other obligations, presumably the bank obligation which is above our forty-five thousand dollar mortgage, but I doubt if it would pay off our National obligation.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland Alumni Council): In other words, if you were going to close up this National organization I think it would be a pretty smart thing for this organization to take a lien on this property.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I would personally like to see the National Fraternity do that. First you have forty-five thousand, then a second mortgage of eighteen thousand (it is really only a certificate of indebtedness) at the bank and it would be up to you to bring up all the papers to date.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Is it "in the cards" that from now on the men who are initiated could, in their initiation fee, forward the money to take care of that expense? Is it the initiation fee only, or the initiation fee and the dues that they would be unable to send in in the future?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): You have no idea of the hours that are spent in telephoning (and the expense) between parents and sons - even communications from

the initiates to the insurance companies which hold the mortgages to make sure of the financial conditions on the part of the prospective members that take place in the rushing season. We have had some very trying times. There are times when you have a date set for the rush which, according to the Yale tradition goes off in five minutes; there is some preparation beforehand. We have had times when we thought we had twenty men and you might find you had none except for some very fortuitous circumstances in the fact that some men had stayed up all night ironing the thing out, but any questions that you might ask me now about the financial management or affairs of the Fraternity are insignificant compared to the questions asked about the affairs in the time of the rushing season.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): Is it merely dues that you are talking about?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Dues, initiation fees and Tomahawk.

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): I see - I wanted to see what the problem was.

BROTHER GANTT (New York City Alumni Council): Brother Rice, how is the comparison of the initiation fees and dues to other fraternities on the campus? Are the boys paying more or about the same rate?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): About the same, except some are lower because they had richer Alumni and

they had much less financial obligations, but our situation is a little bit different because whereas several of the houses have either fallen by the wayside or their property has been taken over by the University, which has resulted in the lessening of their organization, this has not occurred to us yet.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Does anybody else want any information? We will discuss it when the report comes in. The only thing I have never been able to understand is why Cleve hasn't paid this off himself.

*** (Laughter)

BROTHER BLAKESLEE (Columbus, O. Alumni Council): As I understand it then, the Fraternity is not laying out any money in connection with Alpha Chapter. They are deferring the money but not being put to the expense of ordering the badges and sending them out. It is just the deferring of dues.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): No, we get nothing except the badges.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is that all? This matter goes back to the Committee for report. Right now I'd like to have Brother Stivers stand up.

Brother Stivers is from Colorado and a son of one of the old-time members.

Now let's see. Is the Chairman of the other Committee down yet? There is only one Committee left. What I am trying to find out is, is that Yale Committee and the

Reorganization Committee left. Are those the only others outside of the Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committee?

Has anybody got anything else in his mind that he would like to start up?

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): I understand that, at the undergraduate weekly meetings, they do not follow the form that is prescribed. They just call the meeting and not ask the different officers the duties or anything.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Some of the actives will probably tell you something about that.

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): We conduct our Chapter practically as it is in the ritual except during the summer (that is, the spring) we have abolished the wearing of robes for the actives, not the officers, and in election we have curbed that "no smoking" rule and for election night only we have amended that and put in rules to allow the actives to smoke during the election.

Outside of that, the Epsilon Chapter follows pretty well the procedural meeting.

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): I'd like to say that the Zeta Chapter follows the ritual and when the meeting is held in the chapel room, robes are worn at meetings "according to Hoyle" but if the meeting is called somewhere else, the wearing of robes is dispensed with.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): Out there at Stanford we usually

have a meeting every week and most of that meeting has nothing to do with anything but social and business activities and it is usually very short and during that we allow smoking and it is very informal and no robes are worn, then, about once in six weeks or so, whenever there is any Fraternity business to transact, we have a formal meeting and observe all the particulars.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): We are going to swing the pendulum again, when we start doing things "according to Hoyle. We don't smoke and keep our mouths shut unless we have the floor. We sing appropriate songs at the beginning and at the ending.

All these reformatations came in after the new election of officers. Part are due to the H. S. P. and part are due to a bunch who were the under-classmen getting up to be seniors.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Anybody else?

BROTHER O'BRIEN (Alpha Epsilon): We use all the regular formalities such as no smoking, using robes and sometimes in an emergency we just go through with an informal discussion.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): The officers wear the robes but I never even heard about the other fellows wearing the robes until now; I don't think we would have enough to go around.

Up to a few years ago we sang the songs, but now we use them once in two months and have a regular formal meeting

then. There is no smoking; I guess that's the only thing we do follow. There are a lot better meetings now since we did drop the songs, believe it or not, because it has grown to be a joke, but we are gradually going to come back into it again. As soon as we dropped them we began to appreciate them. But I didn't even know there were robes to be worn.

BROTHER O'BRIEN (Alpha Epsilon): Personally I think that all the Chapters should revert back to the old conditions because visiting members, if they don't find things according to their own Chapters, will criticise.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): The members don't wear the robes, unfortunately, a greater part of the time. That is the only other part we don't follow.

BROTHER BRONSON (Theta): We follow most of the rules.

BROTHER YOUNG (Grand Corresponding Secretary): While I am not active, I do know, or have a little idea, of what the actives are doing at penn State. Their system is to have a formal meeting once a month, informal meeting weekly. The formal meeting replaces one of the weekly meetings.

At the weekly meeting the procedure of no smoking and not talking unless you get the floor is adhered to; the thing that is omitted is the statement of duties and the wearing of robes, but at both meetings - both formal and informal - they have what is known as the "Bull Session;" the H. S. P.,

when he thinks it is the strategic time of the meeting, bangs his gavel down and says, "bull session." At that point everybody can smoke and anyone can get up and say whatever he thinks about anyone in the Chapter and no hard feelings are supposed to exist then or afterwards. I guess they don't exist, about ninety percent of the time.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): Well, we carry through the regular procedure and wear the robes. We haven't a white robe, however.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If they don't cost too much, I will pay for one myself and have it sent to your Chapter.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): We have 'round table and I guess that is universal throughout the Fraternity. Instead of using the system that you use, why a member takes off his robe and ^{takes the} "A. G.'s" chair and anybody in the Fraternity can speak to him. It is supposed to be for self-criticism and he isn't allowed to make any sort of a retort or smile or anything - just to take what is given to him and if there is any discussion he can take it up with the individual after the meeting.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): As the Toastmaster said last night, I was an undergraduate of Penna for quite awhile, however I think one thing at our meeting which stands out strongly is what we used to call our "Knockers"

Roll-call". After the meeting was over and we got to the point of what Brother Young said was the "Bull Session," we used to go down the list of names, name by name, and anybody that didn't like the way the other's necktie was tied was perfectly free to make any remark he chose regarding his personality or anything else, and I think there were several things brought out to me and to several others in the Fraternity that were of real help to us in our college life and also in later life.

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): We run it exactly in accordance with the rules.

BROTHER LINNINGER (Xi): We hold weekly meetings and two weekly meetings each month are formal; the others are informal. We also close the meetings with the Breath of the Mystic Circle.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): If you care about the Yale method (I don't know as you do), but we have what is known as a "Steering Committee" which transacts most of the business so that our business meetings held every week on Thursday hardly ever last over an hour except in the case of initiation. The seniors meet at dinner Monday night and the juniors Wednesday night. The sophomores, of course, are in a good deal of control.

I am not so sure about the robes - I think they dispense with them a good deal of the time except for a few officers - one or two.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cochran, are you ready to report?

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): We have to have another meeting of the Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Jordan.

BROTHER JORDAN (Omicron): Most of our meetings are informal. About that "Knockers' Roll-call" - we still carry on in Penn and I think it would be a good thing to tell you about it. We have had a great deal of success with it and it is done a lot to create good spirit.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: How about Colorado?

BROTHER STIVERS (Pi): Well there we adhere strictly to the conventions.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Anybody else want to say anything else along that line?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Can the Nominating Committee go "into a huddle" now?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, we seem to be at a point where we cannot go any further. Perhaps it would be best to adjourn and give these Committees an opportunity to finish up these reports - but we ought to have them all here this evening.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): When are we going to convene again?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Dinner is at six o'clock

right here and we are going to reconvene as soon as we get through eating.

How about that? Can the Reorganization Committee be ready after dinner?

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): I expect so. We might have a meeting of the Committee at 5:30 at the same place, and I think we can finish what we have to do in that half hour and be ready to report tonight.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Don't go away fellows - be here to eat promptly at six o'clock. We may be able to get through tomorrow noon if we hang on this job.

*** The session was adjourned at 4:50 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

December 30, 1936

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The session was called to order at 7:15 o'clock,
The Grand Junior President, Brother Benjamin Clarke, presiding.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Please call the roll,
Brother Burns.

*** The Executive Secretary, Brother Burns, called
the roll.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): As the first order of
business tonight I would like to move that the gathering give
a rising vote of thanks to the Grand Prudential Committee for
the splendid dinner we have enjoyed through their generosity.

*** All present arose and applauded.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is the Committee on the
Yale situation ready to report?

Has anybody got anything on his mind he would like to
talk about while we are waiting for these Committees to come
in?

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): We might bring up the question
of expansion, but I thought that was going to be discussed from
the floor.

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I think
there is one thing that could go through. I think the drafting
of the resolution ought to be left to the Reorganization

Committee rather than impose such things on the Resolutions Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Then you are moving that redrafting of the necessary resolutions in the reorganization be left to that Committee?

BROTHER RICE (Grand Prudential Committee): I would so move.

*** The motion was duly seconded, put to a vote and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cleworth, does the Prudential Committee want any action on the part of this Convention as to the matter of the Dartmouth Chapter? Wasn't that in a resolution - action in respect to that?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): The suggestion was made that a resolution be drawn providing a Committee for each one of these propositions to decide what the findings should be.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But was that also left - with respect to Dartmouth?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that has been covered then. You haven't any resolutions ready have you, Brother Yoder?

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): No.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): I

think the Committee herein represented should apologize to the Convention for having delayed this matter so long.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I do too.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council):

Brother Clarke was the one who passed this job over to the Committee but, when it came to digesting some of the recommendations that had been made here, we found that it was a rather long and involved process and entailed considerable thought.

I will now read the report of the Reorganization Committee, consisting of Brother Worthington (Kappa), Brother McBride (Alpha Iota), Brother Jagocki (Omicron), Brother Landman (Alpha Theta), Brother Kennedy (Iota), Brother King (Alpha Alpha), Brother Pierce (Eta), Brother Yoder (Epsilon), Brother Fashbaugh (Zeta), Brother Rice (Alpha) with myself as Chairman:

"Pursuant to the instructions of this Conference as communicated by its Chairman, your Committee on Reorganization has reviewed the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Procedure of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and various communications pertaining to the subject. The first step in its consideration was the question as to whether the present Constitution and By-Laws as written could be satisfactorily revised or whether it be necessary to completely write a new Constitution, which Constitution would be submitted to the Chapters for adoption in lieu of the present existing documents.

"It was the unanimous opinion of this Committee that

the present Constitution could not serve as a satisfactory basis of revision. An entire new Constitution, By-Laws, Codes and General Laws should be written in the immediate future and be submitted to the Chapters for approval as soon as possible. The subsequent action of the Committee carries out this consensus of opinion as expressed.

"In recommending that a new document be written in place of the present Constitution, your Committee desires to register the opinion that the present Constitution and By-Laws has served the fraternity admirably under conditions which do not apply to this Fraternity and to fraternity life today. Surrounding these new conditions, new regulations and new channels or legislation should be established in a new document.

"It is also the desire of your Committee to emphasize the fact that, in making these recommendations, it is not attempting any way to limit the consideration of a Constitutional revision committee. Herein, it is merely our desire to establish policies which have been considered by the Committee and which the Committee feels should be a part of such a new draft of Constitution and By-Laws. There will be undoubtedly portions of present Constitution and By-Laws which can be included in the new draft and without question there will be many new items which a Constitutional revision committee will want to include in its recommendations to the Chapter.

"In considering the general phase of the work of this

Committee, action was taken recommending the machinery for the revision of this Constitution and recommending a schedule under which this work should be carried on. By motion regularly made, seconded and carried, this Committee recommends that a Constitutional revision committee be elected. The members of this Committee are to be the members of the newly elected Grand Council, G. S. P., G. J. P., three members of G. P. C., and four others. These additional members are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee of this Conference and to be elected by the Conference at its present session. This Constitutional revision committee is to review and rewrite the Constitution, By-Laws, Codes and General Laws of the Fraternity. This work is to be completed and the recommendations of this revision committee to be in the hands of the Grand Credential Committee by March 15, 1937. The Credential Committee shall immediately forward the new Constitution to the Chapter for their action. This should be forwarded to the Chapter so it should arrive by April 1, 1937. The individual active Chapters and such Alumni Councils as are qualified to vote, shall be required to vote by mail before thirty days.

"By further action of your Committee, it recommended that there be definite publicity to the Chapters at the time they are considering the new draft of Constitution, this publicity should be in the matter of mailings from the National office, visitation from the National officers or by Alumni who

are qualified to explain the necessity for the change and the desirability of the features included in the new Constitution. It is the opinion of this Committee that such publicity is vitally necessary so that the Chapters may have an intelligent understanding of the reasons necessitating a revision of this Constitution, as well as the reasons which prompted the inclusion of these changes in the new draft. Your Committee recommends to this Conference that it make certain definite recommendations to the Constitutional revision committee. These recommendations have been considered by the Reorganization Committee. It is the consensus of the opinion of this Committee that these recommendations should be embodied in the new draft of the Constitution along with additions from the old Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the addition that it desired to be made by the Constitutional revision committee.

"Governing Body

"Among the more important of these revisions is the creation of a new governing body of the Fraternity to consist of seven members. It recommends the elimination of the honorary capacities of the National officers as existing in the Fraternity heretofore. It recommends that these National officers be active and part of this new governing body.

"The governing body would consist of seven men, four of which would be chosen from the immediate vicinity of the National office, the balance of the membership of this Grand

Council would consist of representatives, one from each of the three other sections of the country than the one in which National headquarters is located. It is recommended that this Grand Council meet at least two or three times a year to act on matters of major importance in fraternity legislation. By having a majority of the members come from the locality where the National office is situated, it would still be possible to carry on activities of the Grand Council and legislate upon such matters as it is deemed inadvisable to hold over for consideration of the full group.

"Officers

"The officers of the Fraternity would be as follows: Grand Senior President, Grand Junior President, Grand Marshall, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Grand Marshall also be Historian of the Fraternity. We recommend that the Grand Treasurer also be the Grand Auditor of Accounts. Other functions which should be assigned to and taken in charge by a member of this governing body or Committees of the governing body should be expansion, Chapter relations and Alumni relations.

"Powers and Duties

"Among the powers and duties of the Grand Council, the Committee would recommend that the following be included:

1. This Grand Council should have the power to grant charters to locals who meet satisfactory requirements of the

- Fraternity, but before granting such chapters, the Grand Council should secure the favorable vote of three chapters of the Fraternity located nearest to the petitioning local. A further section of this report will deal with the matter of expansion as related to the new Constitution.
2. The Grand Council should require quarterly financial statements of the chapters of the Fraternity and of the chapter Alumni Corporations and Alumni Council.
 3. Grand Council should have the power to make all rules, regulations and legislation not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.
 4. The Convention should be the legislation body of the Fraternity. All power to legislate and administer in the interim between Conventions should be vested in the Grand Council except that they may not be permitted to withdraw charters of chapters. The Grand Council should have the power to suspend individuals or chapters or Alumni Councils under procedure definitely specified in the Codes.
 5. The Grand Council shall have the power to elect the officers of the Fraternity from their own number. The Conventions shall elect the Grand Council.

"Province Form of Government"

"After careful consideration it is the recommendation of this Committee that the Constitutional revision committee do not set up the province form of Fraternity government. It

is felt that our Fraternity at the present time is too small to sustain active provinces which can satisfactorily carry on work which otherwise might be done by the National organization.

"Alumni Councils

"It is recommended that the provision of our laws recently passed by action of our Fraternity Convention be included which will permit Alumni Councils to qualify themselves to vote in Fraternity matters which were heretofore referred to chapters alone. It is recommended to continue the proviso that if the number of Councils at any time exceeds the number of active chapters that the vote of the Alumni Councils be fractionalized so that Alumni Council votes may not exceed the voting power of active chapters. This Committee report refers the Conference to the further question of Alumni Council activities taken up for a separate Committee of this Conference.

"National Conventions

"It is recommended that National Conventions of the Alpha Sigma Phi be held no oftener than every five years. Emphasis and a comprehensive program should be planned for such Conventions, making them the feature and high-light of our Fraternity activity for that period. The reason your Committee recommends Conventions no oftener than every five years is because of the financial drain upon the National treasury by reason of these Conventions. It is thought that a provision might be incorporated within the Constitution which would permit

of flexibility of the time of holding these Conventions, should financial circumstances permit and other conditions make such action seem desirable.

"It is further recommended that the recent action of the chapters in permitting interim conferences to act with full power be continued in the new Constitution.

"It is realized by this Committee that, in holding Fraternity Conventions no oftener than every five years, some interim effort must be made to increase inter-chapter relations and to form contacts which will take the place of National Conventions which otherwise might be held more often. This subject should be carefully studied by the Grand Council and supplant the efforts by Chapter and Alumni Council visitations and such other steps as seem to fit our financial situation and the best interest of the Chapters.

"Expansion

"It is the definite feeling of this Committee that a more liberal policy of expansion should be pursued by the Fraternity. The expansion should be in the hands of the governing board with the privilege of designating one officer as Chairman in charge of an expansion Committee from the governing board.

"It is felt that research should be conducted by the National organization and all connected therewith, toward establishing Chapters in places not now represented in Alpha Sigma Phi. The expansion Committee should consider and act

upon all recommendations of any Chapter or Alumni Council regarding possible petitioning locals.

"To obtain a charter, a petitioning local must obtain the favorable vote of the Grand Council and the three Chapters nearest to that petitioning local. The standard of selection of locals in colleges and universities should be the standards which are approved by the regional college accrediting organizations.

"It is also recommended that the investigating of possible Chapters be a part of the duties of the executive or traveling secretary or such other officer or officers as are charged with contact with Chapters and Alumni Councils.

"General Recommendations

"It is recommended that all provisions and actions having the form of permanent legislation of the Fraternity be binding only in the form of amendments or additions to the Constitution, By-Laws or Codes of the Fraternity.

*** Brother Cochran at this point made the following interpolation: After we have gone through a series of Conventions we find at the end of that time we have an accumulation of legislation passed by the Conventions which is not Constitutional, not By-Laws nor a part of the Codes and it is a feeling of the Committee that such action by Conventions should be in the form of an amendment to those things already set up.

"It is recommended that visitation of Chapter and

Alumni Councils and attendant investigation or petitioning Chapters be made compulsory upon the Grand Council. The Grand Council can at its discretion designate the Executive Secretary, a traveling secretary or such other representatives as it may see fit to conduct this work. It is further recommended that as a part of the initiation fee collected from each initiate, a certain amount be set aside to be included in a visitation fund, the proceeds of which shall defray the expense of such visitation work. It is the understanding of this Committee that the Ways and Means Committee of this Conference is making definite recommendations as to possible source of income to carry on visitations which may parallel or be in addition to the recommendations. It is the unanimous recommendation of this Committee that Section 1, Article 1, Title IV, 'Discipline Pertaining to Drinking, Gambling and Immoral Conduct,' be included as a part of the new Constitution.

"If the new Constitution and By-Laws are adopted by the Fraternity it will be necessary that a Conference of this nature be held. Under such conditions it is recommended that a Conference be called by the Grand prudential Committee to be held in September, 1937, at a conveniently located place of their designation to elect the new officers and arrange for the new machinery for the government of the Fraternity.

"III.

"As the third phase of its investigation and at the

direction of the Conference, your Committee is making some specific recommendations for immediate action by the National office.

*** Brother Cochran at this point made the following remark: .The war-cry of this Conference, if there has been any, is "Let's have some action now."

"They are as follows:

1. Immediate report to all Chapters and Alumni Councils on the status of the Fraternity paying special heed to the matters of the condition of the Chapters and the financial affairs of the National office.
2. Insofar as problems of financing personnel permit, that Chapter visitation be started at once and pursued as far as possible.
3. The National office take immediate steps toward the collection of the accounts receivable from the Chapters.
4. That a campaign for life subscribers to The Tomahawk be started immediately among non-subscribers.
5. That a special effort be made to carry into effect the opinions of this Conference as soon as possible."

*** (Applause)

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I want to say that we certainly ought to appreciate the fine work that this Committee has done and I think we ought to give them a rising

vote of thanks.

*** All present stood and applauded.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): I want to express my personal appreciation to the members of the Committee for the way they have stuck by and pushed this thing across. I have sat on the sidelines and made pencil notations but the results here are the result of the efforts of the Committee, who have done the work.

I move the adoption of the report.

*** The motion was duly seconded.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Does anybody want to ask any questions about this report?

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): It was mentioned in that report that money raised from initiation fees - some of it - be set aside for the traveling secretary and the fee be raised from two dollars to seven dollars. Is that contradictory?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, in the report they state that that is also supplemented by this other report that has gone through.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): As I understand it, your action today covered the advancement from two dollars to seven dollars and was a matter of dues advanced. This in the Resolution pertains to part of the initiation fees. We are recommending that certain monies be

set aside out of that initiation fee for Chapter visitation.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any other questions or discussion on this?

Then as I understand it, the Committee is to draw its own resolutions. Is that right?

I just want to inquire at this time - I noticed there were four new men; there are four other men to be elected by this Conference. They are to be elected subject to the adoption of the resolution. As I take it the principal resolution which you pass appoints a Committee; the others are matters of recommendation and that will go to your Committee. It is simply a resolution that this Conference approve of this; but you did have in there a recommendation as to the province form of government which should be in the form of a taking of position by this Conference on that matter which I think should be a separate resolution.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): In considering this matter of revision of the Constitution, it has been the feeling of the Committee that, if possible, we should like to set this thing up in some way so that this entire picture does not go to the Resolutions Committee and does not go to the Chapters to be acted on at the present time.

We are not inclined to keep any of the Chapters in the dark in regard to the situation and we are not inclined to pull any high-handed efforts in pushing the Constitution across

at the last moment, but we do feel that, in some of those Chapters which are not represented here, there may be a lack of understanding in those provinces as to why these changes were necessary and in that event we felt that new Constitution which was sent to them at the later date might get off terribly on the wrong foot.

We should like to find how this report to the Resolutions Committee can be drawn so that it won't have to include all of these other items that we have discussed here.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I should think this Convention, without the approval of the Chapters, could appoint a Committee to do this job and the recommendations of your Committee can be turned over to that Committee and that is all that is necessary.

As I understand it, this Conference is going to elect a Committee to revise, and that doesn't have to be approved by the Chapters. I think that's all that is necessary; that is why I picked out this thing that I thought was a definite stand of this Convention as to a particular thing that you pointed out about provinces.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): I have one other thought - of course the Grand Prudential Committee is empowered at any time to appoint Committees for any specific purpose that may come up.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I don't think the

election of a Committee here would in any way involve the Chapters.

Any further discussion?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): This Committee when appointed will have certain duties and a definite sum of money will be set aside to start the Committee working. I wonder if this Committee has considered the need of a small sum of money to take care of their requirements? The four men whom you appoint will probably have some stationary and possibly some traveling expenses to get together, or something. There might be some slight expense in connection with it and it might be wise to have a maximum amount of money assigned to that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Don't you think your governing board that you elect would take care of that automatically?

Bill, wouldn't the G. P. C. be authorized to make such expenditures?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): Yes.

BROTHER YODER (Cleveland, O. Alumni Council): Mr. Chairman, will you reiterate on the province proposition?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, the only thing was that, in that report, the report said that this Committee recommended that we not at this time consider the matter of the province form of government. In other words, they don't think that the time is right now to organize that way.

Now instead of putting that in as a separate resolution as the stand of this Convention, they are simply going to make that recommendation to the Reorganization Committee.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): One thing I want to point out in regard to this last question you asked me about expense. There is one stipulation in the Constitution and By-Laws there, and that is that any new publication gotten out must have an appropriation made for it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any publication involved in this?

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Grand Prudential Committee): I want to point out further that at the last Convention we were told to get out a revised Constitution covering the new laws, etc., that were inaugurated at the 1929 and '32 Conventions, but we didn't do that, for financial reasons.

I think that it should be voted on at this time and be brought out in the form of a resolution that we be authorized to include any other changes which may be brought out, following this Convention, and published in the new Constitution which would, of course, include these suggested changes.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): It seems to me that the way to do this is to have the Committee selected all from New York so they can get together without some expense and it surely isn't going to take one day, and if you have an Alumni in New York of three hundred members, surely there are those men

who can do it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The reason I think the Committee does it is that all localities may be represented on it.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): We might get more done this way.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): That's talking on the report of the Nominating Committee on this.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Four men in addition to the grand officers are going to revise the Constitution.

Now let's see; we have this motion on the report.

*** The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, that disposes of that.

Now we were waiting for Brother Carpenter, on his report.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): The Committee has no report to make.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): May I ask why that Committee has no report to make?

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): What is the Committee, Archibald?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): The Alpha situation.

BROTHER CARPENTER (Gamma): They thought that the situation was being handled as well as could be expected, and there is no recommendation to make.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is the Nominating Committee ready to report?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): The Nominating Committee, consisting of Brothers Woodward (Alpha Delta), Gray (Tau), Pierce (Eta), Zeltner (Iota), Tantum (Epsilon), Carpenter (Gamma), Alrutz (Sigma), Hooven (Omicron), Bronson (Theta), Watrous (Pi), Young (Upsilon) and myself are pleased to offer for your approval the following slate of officers for the Fraternity until the next Convention:

For Grand Senior President we place in nomination the name of Brother Wilbur H. Cramblet (Alpha '12), President of Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia

Mr. President, is it your wish that nominations and elections be held for each officer, or ^{have} read the entire slate?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think the entire slate. How do you wish it done?

*** It was the consensus that the entire slate be presented at once.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): For Grand Junior President the Committee takes exceptional pride in offering and placing in nomination the name of the man who has served us so well in the past, Brother Benjamin Clarke, Theta '10.

For Grand Secretary, Brother Floyd W. Masimon, Tau '17.

For Grand Corresponding Secretary, Brother Henry H. Yoder, Epsilon '13, of Cleveland.

For Grand Treasurer, Brother William D. Gordon, Omicron '16, of Philadelphia.

For Grand Marshall, Brother Leslie A. Crandall, Xi '15, of Lincoln.

Do the delegates want to hear something about these men as their names are called, or not?

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Just a little.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): For Grand President, the President of Bethany College was here last night.

Brother Clarke speaks often and it happens to be for himself.

Brother Floyd W. Masimon of Tau has been very prominent in that Chapter's activities, at present is Secretary of the San Francisco Council and has been one of the hardest workers on the Pacific Coast for the Fraternity.

Brother Yoder has done fine work here and will do more fine work in his Resolutions Committee.

Brother Gordon, the nominee for Grand Treasurer, of Omicron, is a former state superintendent of the banks of Pennsylvania, one of the youngest men to obtain a full professorship at the University of Pennsylvania, an interested

Alumnus of Omicron and is at present Treasurer of the Associated Dry Goods Corporation.

Brother Crandall, of Nebraska, for Grand Marshall, has been one of the fathers of that Chapter since he was taken in as a charter member and has vied with Brother Rice in his record of keeping long past due accounts and collecting them at the first opportunity. If you have been in that part of the country you know of Brother Crandall and his ability to collect bad debts and supervise our Chapter at Lincoln.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you want to vote on those officers now?

*** The motion to that effect was regularly made and seconded.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, we move the adoption of the Committee's nominations. Are there any other nominations for those, if not will somebody move that the report of the Committee be accepted and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot.

*** Brother Yoder (Cleveland Alumni Council) made a motion to that effect, which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): For members of the Grand Prudential Committee, we first would like to tell you gentlemen that we are offering in nomination the names of two men who are not now members of the Committee. This is

necessary by reason of the fact that two men who have served us long and well decline to have their names considered for re-election for this Body.

First, we place before you the name of William Cleworth, Eta '14, whom you know, Brother Went. Gantt, of '19, Alpha, who has been here and taken a prominent part, and M. J. Pierce, of Eta '16, whom you also know.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is your pleasure on that? Are there any other nominations?

*** It was regularly moved, duly seconded and unanimously carried that the nominations be closed and the Executive Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): For the Committee on Reorganization, as required by the last report your Committee, much in opposition to its Chairman, has selected the following slate; this is a Committee to revise the Constitution, By-Laws and Code: For membership on that Committee we have selected Brother Loyd Cochran, of Omicron, Brother George Worthington, of Kappa, Brother Bob Landman, of Alpha Theta, and myself.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Omicron): I think the suggestion of Brother King that this work can be very easily carried on by those who are right here in New York is good. I think it might be more satisfactory and much more economically carried on if the nominees were confined to the New York area where the work can be done.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Brother Cochran lives in Lockport, Worthington lives in New York and he spends most of his time in Washington, Brother Landman lives in New York and I live in Lockport.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Cochran, I thought your Committee had some recommendation as to where the men should come from on this Committee.

BROTHER COCHRAN (Lockport, N. Y. Alumni Council): That was in respect to the governing Board.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Are there any further nominations?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think there should be some discussion on the motion. I think as Brother King does, that you should, to some degree, dismiss the thought of the qualification of the man and his ability to do the work and consider his location, because even if they are going to be scattered, here you are not going to get the work done, the way it seems to me.

BROTHER PIERCE (Eta): I spoke to Brother Worthington before he left and asked him if he would be willing and could work on such a Committee if he were elected to it and he said that he would be able to and would be glad to give his services.

Now he gave us a wealth of material that has gone

into this Committee's report and he gets into New York here very frequently and, with his interest and knowledge of this work, I don't think the fact that he is down there would handicap us to any extent. I think that he could be very well left on that, if you want to take into consideration concentration of membership.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further discussion?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I move that the report of the Committee on these be accepted and that the Secretary cast a ballot for the names as read.

*** The motion was duly seconded and carried, Brother Cochran dissenting.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I want to ask at this time if you men will remember that there is a report of Brother Blakeslee's Committee on Alumni Set-Up and advice to the Resolutions Committee. Is it the wish of this Body that the Committee which is to be set up should be elected by this Convention or appointed by the new Prudential Committee?

I think he was uncertain as to how that ought to be and I discussed it with him and now I notice he's gone and I just thought of that and wondered what your wish was in that.

BROTHER YOUNG (Upsilon): I thought if we try to elect groups in this Body we are going to make selection without due consideration of a great many factors that the G. P. C. will pay attention to if they are delegated to nominate the

Committee.

*** The suggestion was regularly put into the form of a motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any Committee now that hasn't reported?

*** No reply was made.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right then, fellows, let's every man make up his mind he will be here promptly at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.

*** The evening session was adjourned at 8:15 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

December 31, 1936

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The closing session of the First National Emergency Conference of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was called to order at 11:15 o'clock, The Grand Junior President, Brother Benjamin Clarke presiding.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Will the Conference please come to order.

Brother Burns, please call the roll.

*** The Executive Secretary called the roll.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: There is a quorum present, is there not?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Yes.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think the only business left is the matter of the Resolutions Committee.

I haven't, as G. J. P., made a report yet. I haven't much to report about but if you want me to take five minutes I will do it.

Outside of this, I do not know of anything else that is to come up, unless you men have something in mind. Is there anything I have overlooked that you know about?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I move that we have that report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: From me?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): Yes.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I have no written report - as I said before.

Since the 1932 Convention I am frank to say that I have made no effort along the lines of expansion for two reasons: One reason is that I felt it was absolutely futile in view of the conditions throughout the Country on the various campuses. As previous Conventions have resolved, on many occasions, our field for expansion was pretty well limited to the Rocky Mountain region and to the South - at least that has been the policy to date - and that seems to have been the general feeling of the Fraternity throughout.

The only inquiry I have had has been through the Alumni Council at Washington with respect to the American University there and that is a situation I think that will have to be gone into very carefully before we consider it because it is a school in a large town and our experience has shown that it is a pretty difficult thing to carry out. It may be they can point out, or attempt to point out, that there is a very different situation there. That is the only inquiry I have had.

The other reason why there has been nothing done is this - and I will be very frank about it: Under your present set-up or line-up, when we put a Chapter in I am through and I have absolutely nothing to say about that after it is

installed; and then we have no way or means whereby the new Chapter is fostered or taken care of and, of course, I am governed by the wishes of the Chapter, but as far as I am personally concerned I am not interested - and I don't believe the Chapters would be interested - in considering a new group unless we find an Alumni group at the seat of the new Chapter who would absolutely give their words that, for at least five years, they would follow and foster that Chapter.

Now you take your Chapter for instance. You were installed down in Alabama. You may have had one visit since then, but I don't believe you have had anybody else in your vicinity.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): The only one was Hills, I think.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, anyhow, it is just that sort of situation and you men can readily see that it isn't the proper way to handle it because if that Chapter falls by the wayside the first thought is that we have picked a bad bunch, or something of that kind, but there isn't any group that can get along unless it has within it some few men who get the right attitude and the right thought and I think that, regarding this matter of revision of the Constitution with respect to expansion, there should be some very definite requirements there (more than we have had in the past) of the necessity of Alumni supervision of the new group and, in

addition to that, I think the financial requirements for a new group should be very much greater. I am going to recommend to that Committee that there be much more stringent requirements in relation to those groups.

If there is anything along the expansion lines that you men want to ask and I could answer, I'd be very glad to do it.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I'd like to take exception to some of those things. If you are going to expand in the South and in the West, you are not going to have Alumni to foster it as you like it. I doubt if you are going to have it in schools like in Texas and Mississippi; I doubt if you find Sigs around.

If you start a Chapter and it folds up, so what? - You haven't lost anything. Maybe you will have some dead Chapters, but as was said before by the President of Bethany, either you go ahead or behind - you don't stand still.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But do you feel that going ahead involves a matter of getting more Chapters?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): To a large degree it does.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that is probably where a lot of you active men differ from a majority of the men in the past.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): That is true because we believe it is a different situation. Now-a-days when you go

rushing a man, you say we have a certain number of Chapters, and they look it over and say they have them in all the large colleges and besides in the smaller, and they all want more Chapters. For instance, a school like Alabama, five hundred miles from the nearest house. A Chapter like Alabama here is practically a local as far as activity with the other Chapters is concerned. It might just as well be a local as far as connecting with the school in Kentucky.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any other remarks or inquiries?

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I do believe there should be some sort of help given either by the Alumni or some other body for that purpose, but I do believe it is going to be pretty hard to find Alumni living in that vicinity who could do that.

The school is in pretty good financial condition but you won't find enough Alumni living in the vicinity and there is just a small number of boys there who want to go National and the Alumni just aren't there.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: When I suggest a method of doing that I don't mean that I am going to take a position that there is only one way of doing that, but I think there should be some methods or means whereby National headquarters supervises or watches a new Chapter, whether by Alumni or what. That is what I mean.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): I suggest that you look the Chapter over and look around for ways and means of helping them, but let's have the Chapter because we need them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well now, your idea about dead Chapters, for instance. In the past the idea of a dead Chapter was just something horrible.

I am just giving you the experience of what has transpired in the past. Personally I did not ever think a dead Chapter was so serious.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): When these actives are talking about expansion we are not thinking of any wild idea of just picking up any Chapter at all.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Oh, I know you're not - you are interested in getting good Chapters in good schools as well as we are.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I believe you could have some of the large schools in that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If this revision of the Constitution goes through, you are going to have an entirely different set-up. You are going to have a Council which is going to have charge of that. It isn't a matter of voting of Chapters; you will find that there are always a few Chapters who are very strong against this and it is very difficult to get petitions through.

Now you take out in California. They have to have

their Alumni down there in Los Angeles who are just as bitter on this proposition of putting in a lot of Chapters - it is just the worst thing in the world, it is terrible, they think. And they have considerable interest in the California Chapter out there.

These are all things that have come up and have been discussed before and, as I say now, the trend is just the reverse of what it was six or eight years ago on the part of the active group.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): In the last ten years a lot of schools that before were practically little state colleges, now education seems to be so popular that they are much bigger sized schools. For instance, fifteen years ago I don't suppose anybody ever heard of Louisiana State outside of the state.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Just to bring that point up, Louisiana now has some of the finest schools in the South. It probably has the best law school in the South, to my way of thinking. Of course we are interested, in Alabama, in having a Chapter in L. S. U.; the school is very fine outside of the fact that it has a good football team.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): Before I get into late hours here, I believe the main thing of this Conference is to have these active boys go back home and plug to get this revision through and anybody else they know get right after them to vote this new revision through because when you do that we have

a set-up in the resolution today about visitation - that you will have an expansion - so it is up to the active men here, I feel, very largely, to go back to their own Chapters and to others and get some more.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Here's the idea: We want some action taken, we don't just want to get them in there. We want to get them in there and have something done.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Getting right down to it, it is not alone the actives - theoretically; we have to please the Alumni as much as anybody else.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that is one deterring factor, of course, in operating a Chapter where you have to do that.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): On this matter of doing things, I think that that has been one of the big troubles. The National office hasn't done what the Chapters wanted it to do. The Chapters haven't paid their dues because the National office hasn't done what they felt it should do. The National office hasn't been able to do this because they haven't been able to collect the dues. "What are you going to do when you let go of the wild-cat's tail?" - That's the thing.

On this thing, if the Chapters go along in the same or half as much spirit as you men have shown in this Convention, and give the new set-up of nine men the powers that heretofore have been withheld from it by the Chapters, I am sure

that it will be a better Fraternity for all of you and more in accordance with your desires.

Speaking of men in the past, the question of expansion has been a very sore point with certain sections, it has been said, and there is a rule on the books that says if a Chapter vote ^{is} not in within a specified time, the vote shall count in the affirmative. Well that looks rather foolish, but there were times when Chapters refused to vote on petitions; they would go out from the National office and you would get no opinion at all one way or the other from the majority of Chapters, and it is that kind of a condition that the National office has been confronted with in the past and if that condition is done away with and the National office is given more power, as you suggest, I think that the Chapters will work better and be stronger for it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is there any more discussion on this question?

*** There being no further discussion, upon motion made by Brother Young the matter was put to a vote and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now the Resolutions Committee; I think that's all we have left.

Oh, just a minute - I have here a letter from J. D. Russell that I just received this morning, with suggestions as to how we might better our set-up, etc., etc., and I will

entertain a resolution that this letter be referred to the Committee on Revision. I just want to let him know we have taken an interest in his letter.

*** Upon motion by Brother Kennedy, duly seconded and unanimously carried, such action was agreed to.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, it is my privilege as a member of the Resolutions Committee composed of Brothers Gantt (Alpha), McBride (Alpha Iota), Mahan (Alpha Gamma), Rice (Alpha), Stivers (Pi), Cochran (Upsilon), Blakeslee (Zeta), Jordan (Upsilon), Carpenter (Gamma), to submit to your approval or disapproval the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference shall be known as the First Emergency Conference, taking the place of the Sixteenth National Convention of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and for brief reference may be referred to as the Sixteenth National Meeting.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, that this, the Sixteenth National Meeting of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, extend a vote of appreciation to the Alumni Council of the City of New York for the generous hospitality given the delegates and Alumni of our Fraternity, thereby making it possible for this

Conference to have undoubtedly laid the foundation for a stronger and more beloved brotherhood.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, this resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, Brother Robert L. Jagocki and Cleveland J. Rice are retiring from membership on the Grand Prudential Committee, and whereas both Brother Jagocki and Brother Rice have served the Fraternity well and faithfully over so long a time, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conference and the Chapters hereby extend to Brother Jagocki and Brother Rice, individually, greetings and sincerest appreciation for their services to the Fraternity and to the Grand Prudential Committee, and express the hope that Alpha Sigma Phi continue to receive the fellowship of their friendly interest and the benefit of their council and advice.

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, this resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference is opposed to the practice known as "hell week;" that in its place respective chapters have a period of "corrective discipline."

*** Upon motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, this resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

BE IT RESOLVED, that henceforth, from the adoption of this Resolution, the Grand Prudential Committee extend no credit to the respective Chapters insofar as the initiation fees are concerned; that the full National fee be received at the office of National headquarters for each initiate before the Grand Prudential Committee give its sanction to the initiation of said candidate.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: On that I think we ought to pause in view of the fact of what you have done on the Yale situation.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): May I ask the Resolutions Committee whether that Resolution was from the motion of this Conference?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The Resolutions Committee was asked to draw a resolution along that line. Maybe you were absent when it happened.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Well, in view of the report the Committee on the Yale Chapter made, I don't feel that that follows that report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, that hadn't anything to do with this situation. Was there any action on the motion? - Does anybody want to move this motion?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I would like to move that that Resolution be rejected.

*** The motion that the Resolution be rejected was duly seconded and carried, with one dissenting vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary visit each Chapter once each school year; that additional traveling secretaries be appointed by the Grand Prudential Committee to serve for at least one year, the funds to carry on this visitation to be provided for by the Grand Prudential Committee. Each district shall be designated by the Grand Prudential Committee so that each traveling secretary shall visit at least three Chapters twice in one year.

*** A motion was regularly made to accept the Resolution, which was duly seconded.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): Mr. Chairman, may I take about ten or fifteen minutes now, and I hope you don't criticize it. My real reason for not having the case of the Alpha Chapter discussed in here originally I thought it was bad for this Convention. This is something on which I feel quite strongly because, with those succeeding motions, the Grand Prudential Committee (I am speaking from experience and I am sure that Jagocki will bear me out) will have enough duties, over the next few years, to require more than the annual assessment of seven dollars per man and will require several secretaries, so that our expense is going to be jacked up tremendously. But going back just for a moment, my reason

for not wishing to have the Alpha Chapter situation discussed as a separate issue is because I very definitely think it is bad policy for a convention, or for the Chapters all over the Country, to consider, in the initial stages, the problem of any particular Chapter where the discussion and arguments on the Chapter may do irreparable harm to what the Chapter is trying to work itself out from at that particular time.

If the Grand Prudential Committee at any time is prepared to make a report on the situation and transmit it to the Chapters for discussion and for action, I think that is an entirely different matter and it can be handled in a way that will take into consideration all the circumstances.

Now I know very well that, as far as Alpha Chapter is concerned, they will not, positively, pass a motion or approve any action that is going to call for a levy of seven dollars per man.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, now, we haven't reached that yet; it isn't in the Resolution.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): It is in the report.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What I am driving at, Cleve, is that this motion is now a matter of visitation. Are you arguing for that?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): Yes, I am. I think your expense that is going to be entailed through Chapter visitation by any other means than through the Executive Secretary will

run to such a figure that an additional assessment over and above the seven dollars per man will be required and, on the basis of the seven dollars per man, you are running into a case, as in Alpha Chapter, where they will look at it in this way, that if they have somewhat less than seventy men who are paying seven dollars - a total of five hundred dollars - and forty initiates at twenty-five dollars, it runs to a total of fifteen hundred dollars. In making a budget for a year they will not be looking at it from the argument that you have got seven dollars per man or twenty-five dollars per initiate, but they are looking at it from the basis of what the total cost is. That, to me, is entirely the way at which it will be looked. You have some later resolutions there which are going to add additional cost.

I think it is perfectly proper, in discussing these motions, if anybody wants to discuss the question of Alpha Chapter to do it, and I am definitely bringing it up on such a motion as this. I am not sure what is going to happen. I think it very likely will mean, if there is any large entailment of additional expense, that the Chapter will have to withdraw under any circumstances, so what. I am saying now is entirely in circumstance to a later resolution that applies to the publication of the indebtedness of any individual Chapter.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: May I just ask the

present speaker a question to clear up? Is the attitude at your Chapter, Cleve, regarding this question of increase in dues, due to the fact that the men cannot afford it, or because they cannot see the benefit from the National?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): It is because of the impossibility of taking a fund like fifteen hundred dollars out and spending it for that purpose when it means that that same fifteen hundred dollars could be used for a purpose which is more necessary.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Kappa): I feel so strongly on the subject of visitation and for its necessity that I would like to repeat an offer that I made upstairs, but before doing that I want to preface that with a statement of my own experience in reference to what I believe to be the value and importance and necessity of Chapter visitations.

I visited all of the Pacific coast Chapters when I was G. C. S. I thought that that was one of the most necessary things the Organization could do. I found that many of these Chapters hardly realized that they were a part of the National Organization. That isn't any criticism of the National Organization, it is because there wasn't any machinery set up for visitation.

I will undertake, this year, to visit three Chapters at my own expense, completely - without any travel expense or any other expense - if that will fit in with the

purpose, and I should hope that some of the other Alumni who would be able to do that would also volunteer to do the same thing this year until our finances are somewhat better and until we are in a position to provide for extensive visitation.

I would be very glad to do that twice this year and visit those Chapters.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): I fully sense the predicament that the Alumni of Alpha Chapter find themselves in and there is the feeling in Cleveland that we must go all the way to retain Alpha Chapter if at all possible, and yet I can't conceive of us going for visitation. I don't think it is called on for us to go to that bother.

Now when Brother Archibald in his report stipulated that the fees be increased from two to seven - now the Constitution provides that the fee shall not exceed seven dollars - that the G. P. C. reduce it to two dollars.

Now this Conference, if it had adopted that report, would have brought it back again; but we purposely omitted the mentioning of any figures that morning and put it directly up to the G. P. C. and if we take certain things away from these boys in this last hour of our Convention, we have got to give them something - they are entitled to it. They are our life blood, anyway, for our Alumni and I think we ought to stand ready to give some extension to this.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Mr. Chairman, I first

of all would like to second Brother Worthington's remarks. They are very much in order and I will say this - his visits, which have been as an Alumnus, done at his own expense and because he wanted to, were of real value to the Fraternity and he did more good to the Fraternity than just the pleasure he had out of the trips, which I know he did enjoy.

Secondly, I am not in favor of imposing any hardships on any one Chapter; on the other hand, I don't see why we should be forced to choose here whether we have one Chapter or none. Are you going to do everything for one Chapter and lose twenty-six others? - I don't see it in that light. It seems that twenty-six Chapters are deserving of more consideration than one. We have taken a stand that is a precedent in the case of the Alpha Chapter. We have given the G. P. C., by an expression of opinion here, to ^{understand} that they can do almost anything as far as the Alpha Chapter is concerned, but when it comes to future help it seems that we have got to take steps to save these twenty-six other Chapters and give them the things that are necessary for their welfare; therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this resolution.

*** The motion was duly seconded.

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): I haven't said much about the Alpha situation, but all I can say is that I echo Brother Archibald's words; for, after all, I am a Sig. We all want to consider Alpha, but our primary consideration, as a whole, is

for the twenty-six Chapters.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Omicron): Our attitude is quite different from that of other Fraternities toward their Alpha Chapter. I know definitely that Alpha Delta Phi^{which} was founded at Hamilton a number of years ago built the house that the Alpha Chapter resides in and that the Alpha Chapter is looked upon as a shrine - a place to go to - the birthplace of the Fraternity - a place that they repaired to - where most of the celebrations are held - and I am sure that, if their Alpha Chapter were in difficulty and saw it necessary to use funds to preserve that Chapter, every effort on the part of Alpha Delta Phi would be pointed in that direction instead of absolutely passing resolutions and taking an attitude which will undoubtedly force Alpha Chapter out of the Fraternity.

That is merely a thought. Now, addressing my remarks to this Resolution, it calls for an immediate expenditure of a great deal of money. I think that part of the Resolution which calls for a visit - an immediate visit - by the Executive Secretary, -- I think all the Chapters could come into a swing which would cost between seven hundred and fifty and one thousand dollars, and it is an expenditure which should be made immediately. The National would get the beneficial effects of that immediately and the effects will last at least a year. There will be this year and possibly part of next year; in the meantime, the new Constitution may

possibly be adopted and provision can be made in there probably for a more systematic visitation; but that part of the Resolution which calls for the expenditure of monies twice a year in various districts, I think is entailing upon the Fraternity at this time too great a burden and I would think that the sensible and smart thing to do would be to pass that Resolution so far as the Executive Secretary's visit is concerned and to eliminate those district visitations at this time.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I feel the same way about the Alpha Chapter as the Alpha men do. We want to keep it, but I think it was mentioned before that there are twenty-six other houses and if we don't have this visitation, things will be slipping. They are drifting farther apart and I don't think this twice-a-year visitation in the different districts will be an expensive proposition. The most expensive place would be the West coast and somebody mentioned that could be made by train at a cost of just a few hundred dollars, and probably somebody here, like Brother Worthington, would be willing to do that.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I think the Chicago men could well volunteer to make the visitation on the three or four Chapters there, without expense.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): May I ask one question? - Is the Alpha Chapter paying its annual dues right now?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: No.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): Well, if they are not paying two dollars now, surely they won't pay the seven dollars, and if the rest of the Chapters are willing to do that I don't see what difference it will be to the rest of the Chapters.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What about that, Brother Rice? His point is that if you are not paying now and probably won't for a time because you can't, really what difference is it going to make?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): So far, except for its present indebtedness, Alpha Chapter has paid every cent that it has owed even though, in former times, it has accumulated indebtedness. We intend to pay the present indebtedness. I doubt very much if the Chapter will agree to pay an accumulation that is going to go up faster than our present two dollars.

What I am saying here this morning is as a delegate of the active Chapter and not from my experience. While it is not in the Resolution there, I make this suggestion which will show my spirit in the thing: I intend, as I said yesterday, to do everything that I possibly can with respect to the present indebtedness, to keep Alpha Chapter in the fold. I think it is probable, in spite of all my efforts, that I shall probably fail.

Now if there is going to be any question about the energy of my efforts and the energy of Went. Gantt's efforts, for instance, I would suggest that this Convention appoint a Committee of three people to themselves investigate the thing on the ground floor and see what they can do to supplement my efforts - that the G. P. C. and George Hopkins and I are doing.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Don't you see, Cleve, the point they are making here is that, should we as an entire group, stand still because Alpha is in difficulty?

Now maybe Alpha should be taken care of in some way, but should we prevent a resolution being passed and an increase in dues which probably most of the Chapters will be perfectly willing to pay providing they get what they are after. They should refuse to pass that because Alpha's in trouble?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): The recommendation of the Alumni set-up and also of Brother Archibald's Committee is being referred to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes, but, Cleve, we are depending too much on this Constitution revision and you know as well as I do that, if it is through by next September, it will be a miracle, and, when it is through, it will be all cut up.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I would very much like to see the visitations by the Executive Secretary and visitations by Alumni of all sorts.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, why couldn't we do this - by doing something with respect to Alpha? The thought came to me this morning - where you have a situation like at Alpha, where you do take in and have a Chapter roll that is probably twice the size of the ordinary Chapter - would it be possible (and I may be suggesting something that the prudential Committee will walk all over me on) to provide a maximum amount of dues to be paid by any Chapter?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I think we could get that through - that Alpha Chapter would pay the highest amount paid by any Chapter paid during the year. I think they are a little sick of paying one-eighth of the National expense.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Kappa): I am awfully sorry I missed the discussion about Yale.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It was not discussed.

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Kappa): It wasn't, eh? - I want to give my own personal opinion about that and I don't know whether it will offend the pride of the Alpha Chapter or not, but I have the same feeling about the Alpha Chapter.

I think we should consider it something of a pride of Alpha Sigma Phi. I think we owe an awful lot to Alpha Chapter, and isn't it possible for our Alumni Organization,

as a part of their activities and a part of their interest, to do something? Why is it necessary to leave the matter of the financial situation entirely to Alpha men?

Personally, I would be glad to volunteer to help in a movement toward making Alpha Chapter and the Alpha Chapter house more or less of a National institution, and I think that our Alumni Council ought to contribute toward that and personally, if it would be acceptable to the Alpha men, I should be glad to appoint such a Committee in our Washington Council and head it up, of course, by an Alpha man, and I feel very strongly that many of the others feel the same way.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But you don't believe that the Institution as such - that the body - can stand still on that?

BROTHER WORTHINGTON (Kappa): Not a bit - I think it is an entirely separate proposition.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Brother Rice, if these dues were raised (and I don't know how the rest of the body here feel on the situation) -- but you see, here's Alpha, with ninety men, and if we made a maximum or, as Cleve suggests, that they pay not more than any other Chapter, is that setting a precedent that is advisable or not? It seems to me that is the immediate relief you could give them.

BROTHER STIVERS (Pi): I think Alpha Chapter is paying more at two dollars a man than any other Chapter would

be paying if it paid seven dollars a man.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Are you now indicating a suggestion of special dues for the Alpha men?

BROTHER STIVERS (Pi): I was speaking of limiting the amount of any one Chapter paying. They have an income, or should have, of one hundred and eighty dollars a year and I think the majority of the other Chapters run around twenty men, so Alpha Chapter, if they paid the maximum amount, would still only have to pay two dollars a man.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: The point Brother Rice is making would be that this increase to seven dollars would be too much.

BROTHER STIVERS (Pi): I think the best idea would be to set a maximum. I am personally in favor of paying Alpha Chapter. We have kept our present bills paid and we would be willing to pay a little extra to keep Alpha Chapter.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): I respectfully suggest that this entire discussion in regard to Alpha is out of order. There is nothing in this discussion about the payment of dues.

In the second place, regarding the objection to the second part of the motion, this Resolution we are passing today cannot be acted upon by the Chapter for at least thirty or sixty days, so it would be impossible to have their Alumni set-ups this year, which means that it would be next fall

before they would be called upon to put out an appreciable amount of money, therefore I call for a question on the motion.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It seemed to be the sense of the body that they wanted it discussed. We have gone this far with it and it seems to me that there isn't very much reason to passing it up.

I will put it up - on a point of order. - Do the gentlemen want to pass on that or not, or vote on the Resolution.

*** The motion was unanimously carried, by vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Ways and Means to finance a traveling secretary be referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Prudential Committee appoint a Committee, including the members of the Alumni Organization Committee of the Sixteenth National Meeting of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity to stimulate Alumni interest in the affairs of the National Fraternity by means of thoroughly organizing the Alumni body into separate but related Alumni Councils, which will contribute to the financial support of the National Organization and will have a recognized standing along with the active Chapters in directing the affairs of the National Organization; that the program set forth in the report

of the Alumni Organization Committee to the Sixteenth National Meeting be published in the first issue of The Tomahawk following this Conference and that said program be a guide to the Committee formulating its Alumni plan. That the present provision in the By-Laws as amended by Resolution No. 34 of the 1932 Convention pertaining to Alumni Councils be retained as far as practiced with the exception of the three-year rule which should be revised. An appropriation is, hereby, made in the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of this Committee to obtain the necessary information among existing prospective Alumni Councils and that the Grand Prudential Committee may at its discretion, if found necessary, allocate additional funds for this purpose, only, however, from funds accruing from Alumni groups as a result of the efforts of this Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: A suggestion came from the Chair yesterday that, in order to get this started, this Committee might be appointed with Brother Blakeslee as Chairman.

*** A motion was regularly made to this effect, which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): Is it necessary to have a motion to appoint Brother Blakeslee Chairman?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: This motion is that the Prudential Committee appoint a Committee which shall include

the Committee that acted here.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas it is essential that each Chapter have an accounting system in accordance with certain approved standards, and whereas each Chapter should have a definite yearly budget in order to control its expenditures with its income, and whereas the National Organization should be the financial supervisor of and in fact should be responsible for, in an advisory capacity, any of its Chapters and,

Whereas it is desirable that all Chapters and Alumni Councils should know the financial condition of the National Organization and,

Whereas it may be advisable that the Grand Prudential Committee have assistance in reviewing and analyzing the financial statements and budgets submitted by the Chapters to National Headquarters,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 15, of the By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi be amended to read, that each Chapter be required to adopt the standard accounting system available through National Headquarters or have their present accounting system approved by the Grand Prudential Committee, and be it further resolved that each Chapter be required before the expiration of the first four weeks of each school year to submit to the Grand Prudential Committee, a budget of the expected income and disbursements for the ensuing year

and that it is recommended that the budget shall not be exceeded without a formal vote of the Chapter and be it further resolved, that each Chapter be required to send to the Grand Prudential Committee a quarterly statement setting forth the receipts and disbursements, corresponding to the items in the budget^{and}/that the fourth quarterly report cover the analogous items for the entire year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that Article II, Section 34, of the By-Laws of Alpha Sigma Phi be amended to read that the Grand Prudential Committee be required, and by the adoption of this Resolution is hereby ordered to send to each Chapter and Alumni Council:

1. A quarterly statement of receipts and disbursements for the National Organization.
2. Each year, a copy of the final balance sheet as prepared by the auditor of the National Organization.
3. At the end of each fiscal year, a copy of the National budget for the following year.
4. That at its discretion, a quarterly statement of accounts receivable from the Chapters and be it further resolved, that if an esoteric publication is issued at a future date that the annual statement and budget shall be set forth in said publication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Prudential Committee shall appoint a standing Committee of not more than

five men, to be known as the Budget and Finance Committee, this Committee to assist the Grand Prudential Committee in all problems arising in regard to budgets, accounting and finance, both in respect to the Chapters and the National Organization.

May I make this comment at this time, that the quarterly statement of accounts receivable from the Chapters I thought would probably set forth the various individual accounts. I would infer from this that it is the total amount due from all Chapters.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): That is satisfactory if you put in there, "at the discretion of the G. P. C."

I am talking about the general proposition. I think the G. P. C. is in much better position to decide, and I think the words "Grand Prudential Committee" should be inserted in there in connection with accounts receivable.

I make a motion to amend that Resolution to insert the words, "at the discretion."

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Do you want it, "at the discretion," or do you want it cut out entirely?

If I may be permitted to make a few remarks on that proposition, you will find, in any organization, when you go out of your way to display what the other fellow is doing in the way of support, the other man always compares them. I am taking one case in a church situation where we get very smart and get up a lot of statistics which show some people who

are paying this and that, and we get to the end of the rope and find that twenty-five percent are carrying most of the expense and they decide they are not going to do it.

There are some things you just cannot insist upon being publicized among your own group. It is a thing you can go into in confidence and among your own group, but there are many things not advisable to pass around because you cannot give the Chapter the entire picture.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): I mean the total action, because these Chapters will want to know whether the Grand Prudential Committee is on the job every three months. They can see whether this amount is increasing there.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): If you require a balance sheet it will appear there.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Did you move anything?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I make the same motion, that the listing of the accounts receivable be at the discretion of the Grand Prudential Committee.

*** The motion was duly seconded.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): I would like to ask if you think that it is necessary to report three times a year to the local Chapter what the National expenses are, because after all the National expenses are run on a yearly basis and you won't get an accurate picture every three months - it is a yearly picture. It seems to me a waste of clerical expense

and time in reporting every three months.

BROTHER McBRIDE (Alpha Iota): The only thing about that is, it may not mean a thing but if these local Chapters get this report from the National every three months, they think they are seeing action done. I believe that is a big part of it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Is a quarterly financial statement a very difficult thing, Bob? You have it anyhow, don't you?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Omicron): No. There is a trial balance every month and we really don't get a real statement out until the auditors come once a year.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: But if you have a trial balance every three months, there isn't a very difficult situation to set up a balance sheet, is there?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Omicron): No, but I don't think that is a very clear picture because one year it is a matter of building up the fund; the second year it all went out again with the Convention. It seemed as though all we did was to save money to have a Convention.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It at least gives them the information they want, doesn't it? Would it involve much trouble to issue a mimeographed balance sheet?

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Omicron): You have a lot of work now.

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): This morning I asked our staff to prepare a balance sheet for the month of December, and I had it in twenty minutes.

Now that balance sheet is put against a budget. Our expenses fluctuate from month to month and from year to year and I was able to tell just twenty minutes after I asked for it how we stood against our budget this year.

I maintain that it is absolutely essential for every organization to be in that position. I believe that every Alumni Chapter has a right to know how the National Headquarters is being operated. After all, it is our money that the National Headquarters is spending and every Chapter has a right to know. If they see it every three months, they are going to get a better picture and realization of what the National Headquarters is doing.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I think Brother Jagoeki's point was that it was not so much that we wouldn't want to see it done, but it means that the increased work will perhaps mean that the Grand Prudential Committee will have to hire another clerk, or maybe two clerks, in the near future, and I think that was Brother Jagoeki's point.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Just on this particular thing, let me call to your attention the fact that you have in this Resolution that the Prudential Committee require the Chapters to take a vote before they can exceed their budget.

Well, now, the Prudential Committee has no authority to tell the Chapter that they must take a vote on their own expenditure. You can suggest that, but you are passing a resolution that is meaningless when the present Committee is trying to tell the Chapter that they shall require a vote; you would have to make an amendment to the Constitution or something which is entirely out of line. That part of the Resolution is meaningless to me.

BROTHER JAGOCKI (Omicron): What does it mean when it says the Grand Prudential Committee shall be responsible in an advisory capacity.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That, to me, means that the Fraternity as a whole is looking to them to supervise the finances of the local Chapters.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Let's have that whole thing read again.

*** Brother Yoder re-read the resolution.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): I believe in a report by the Committee. They made a little stipulation there that a standard accounting system be used except where permission was granted by the Prudential Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: I didn't get your remark.

BROTHER WOODWARD (Alpha Delta): In the report from that Committee, they had a stipulation there that if any

Chapter received the permission of the Grand Prudential Committee they wouldn't have to have a standard system of budgeting.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any system that is approved by the Prudential Committee. In other words, it is open. If you have a different system that is a good system, it is all right. Your suggestion is that this matter of a budget and the matter of not exceeding the budget be a matter of recommendation to the Chapter rather than a requirement.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I think that the Prudential Committee should require a budget. As far as having a Chapter vote on it, that is silly.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): Shall we have it that the budget shall not be exceeded except on a formal vote of the Chapter?

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): I suppose this Resolution has to be approved by the Grand Prudential Committee.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Here's the point, Brother Gantt: The Prudential Committee has no authority to control the internal vote of the Chapter and the only way we can effect that is by making an amendment to the Constitution. If you want to put through an amendment which requires all Chapters to have budgets and they can't exceed that without a vote, we will have to do it that way. You can't, by a resolution here without an amendment to the Constitution, tell

the Chapter how they are going to run their internal affairs.

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): With the Chapters themselves voting on it afterwards?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: It cannot have any effect unless it is a law.

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): In that case I should think some of the other things wouldn't be of much value; the Alumni visitations.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: You are trying to pass a Resolution which says to the Chapter, "When somebody in your house wants to spend some money, you must hold a meeting and approve that." Now, you're telling them how to run their own local expenditures and that is something entirely within their own province. When you are talking about the Alumni, you are talking about the National Organization.

BROTHER GANTT (Alpha): The main idea is that when they get their budget they have to consider National income.

BROTHER CLEWORTH (Eta): I am very sorry but, due to a previous engagement I made, I have to attend a luncheon, so I just want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate your re-electing me to this Committee and now that you have given us a lot of swell ideas to carry out, you are going to see some real performance on the inspiration and the backing that you have given here at this Convention.

So with that thought, I'll say good-bye to you, and

if any of you are around later this afternoon I will see you up here.

*** (Applause). Brother Cleworth made his exit.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now let us get the motion straight: There is an amendment making this a suggestion and the other was in regard to the fourth item relating to the quarterly statement of accounts receivable to the Chapter. The amendment on that was, that it should be left to the discretion of the Prudential Committee.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): I believe the least they could do would be to put out a semi-annual statement.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is in here; the only thing that is being changed here is that the list of accounts receivable of Chapters be put out only at the discretion of the Prudential Committee. 2

Now you have heard that, as amended. Is there any further discussion?

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): May we hear it as it is all fixed up?

*** Brother Yoder re-read the resolution, following which same was unanimously passed.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): Here is the next one:

RESOLUTION NO. 10

BE IT RESOLVED that all Alumni of any local Fraternity which has been granted a charter, who as yet have not become

members of Alpha Sigma Phi may for a period of one year from July 1, 1937, become members upon the payment of twenty (\$20.00) dollars to the National Organization, said fee to entitle the member to a badge, shingle, and a life's subscription to The Tomahawk. That the Alumni of future petitioning locals be given the same privilege, provided that they be initiated within a period of three (3) years from date of granting charter.

This resolution shall be embodied in the By-Laws and be known as Section 3 of Article XV of the said By-Laws.

*** A motion to adopt the resolution as read was regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Prudential Committee immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution, appoint a Committee, not to exceed a membership of three, to formulate and submit to the Grand Prudential Committee in a form suitable for publication, the essential information for the publication of a rush manual and pledge manual.

That the Grand Prudential Committee have such manuals published in appropriate booklet form and ready for distribution among the Chapters and Alumni Councils before the beginning of the school year of 1937.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$125.00 is hereby appropriated for the publishing of these manuals in any

quantity deemed necessary by it.

That the Grand Prudential Committee shall receive such payment for the manuals as will entirely repay the initial cost, thereafter said manual to be sold at cost.

*** A motion to adopt the resolution as read was regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

BE IT RESOLVED, that such of the resolutions of this Conference as are inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Consolidated Laws of this Fraternity shall be considered to amend the same, and in sending the same out for ratification the Grand Prudential Committee shall expressly indicate the titles, articles, sections and subjects so amended.

*** A motion to adopt the resolution as read was regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now there is one matter left, fellows, that I don't want to see left undone. I think you ought to take some definite action on this question we had up on the Yale proposition. Whether or not you want to make an exception as to the dues Yale shall pay.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): What I am giving now is a report of the Reorganization Committee, or such part of the report as is necessary to be included in a Resolution. It is fairly brief.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT RESOLVED, with respect to the report of the Committee on Reorganization, that:

1. A Committee on Revision of the Constitution, By-Laws, Code and Consolidated Laws be elected by this Conference to consist of the Grand Council (Grand Senior President, Grand Junior President and the three members of the Grand Prudential Committee) and four others.

2. The report of this Committee be completed and in the hands of the Grand Prudential Committee by March 15, 1937, and its recommendations be transmitted to the Chapters by April 1, 1937, accompanied by full and complete information by mail and by visitation of nearby Alumni or National officers.

3. The report of the Reorganization Committee, serving this Conference, be turned over to said Committee on Revision.

4. It is the sense of this Conference that the recommendations of said Reorganization Committee be embodied and carried out in any revision proposed by the Committee on Revision.

(That includes all of the very definite recommendations that are in here with respect to new Grand Officers, etc. Those are the general ones and these I am about to read are the specific things we are voting on now in order to

carry on certain things without waiting for the revision.)

5. The Grand Prudential Committee make immediate report to all Chapters and Alumni Councils on the status of the Fraternity paying special heed to the matters of the condition of the Chapters and the financial affairs of the National office.

6. Chapter visitation be started at once and pursued as far as possible.

7. The National Office take immediate steps toward the collection of accounts receivable from the Chapters.

8. A campaign for life subscribers to The Tomahawk be started immediately among non-subscribers.

9. A special effort be made to carry into effect the opinions of this Conference as soon as possible.

*** Upon a motion regularly made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to accept the Resolution.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Iota): I was just wondering what happened to those recommendations we made the other night insofar as the new Constitution was concerned. Do they come up before this?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: This is the resolution which sets up a Committee comprising the Grand Council and the other four members of that Committee have been elected here to take under consideration the revision, and this Resolution

provides that these recommendations made here and discussed shall be referred to that Committee and that a new Constitution and By-Laws shall be produced before March 31st and sent to the Chapters for action.

Now I just suggest this, if you have some specific things in mind, that you give your information (and that is true with all the men at all the Chapters) - that you take it upon yourselves to write in to the National Headquarters things for this Committee to take into consideration.

This Resolution says that we, as a Convention, recommend to the Committee that the things that we have suggested in our report be considered in this and be followed out insofar as they can be.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I think they ought to understand that definitely. Number one is the report of the Reorganization Committee shall be turned over to the Committee on Revision. Now this other one - number four - "It is the sense of this Conference that the recommendations of said Reorganization Committee be embodied and carried out in any revision proposed by the new Committee on Revision." In other words, they are bound to consider the whole thing, but it is the sense of this body that those be definitely put in any revision that is made.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): Is it mandatory to put those in?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes, but the other

matters need be considered only.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I would just like to mention here that you men who have this discussion of the Yale situation and the percentage of the amount which they have paid into National Headquarters, should also keep in mind the percentage that you men have paid in and also what you owe to National Headquarters.

Now I would say that perhaps some of you men who are here representing your Chapters have accounts receivable, as far as National Headquarters is concerned, which are perhaps in worse shape, if you want to compare on that percentage basis; but here we have one Chapter - over one thousand dollars; one Chapter - nine hundred dollars; one Chapter - eight hundred dollars; one Chapter - six hundred dollars; etc., and some of you men here are in this category of two hundred - one hundred - right here in the room - some of you four hundred - I think that you should do as much as you can when you go back to the Chapters and among the Alumni, and also do your part in eliminating these accounts receivable.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: All right, Brother Yoder.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): Let me just read this: "Be it resolved that Article 15, Section 2, of the By-Laws, be amended to the end thereof that, in no case, shall any Chapter pay an annual fee to exceed the sum of three hundred

and fifty dollars."

Now that is based upon an ordinary Chapter of fifty members at seven dollars a head.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): There isn't an ordinary Chapter with fifty men in the house. What house has an ordinary membership of fifty?

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): We can change it.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: My suggestion is that, in order not to get into trouble with any other situation, Alpha is our first Chapter and should be considered as such and that we make specific provision in our Constitution or By-Laws or wherever it is to go that Alpha is different and should be considered different.

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): Would it be proper that this be referred to your new Committee for consideration?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes, but the thing is that you are trying to get through legislation which is going to produce a traveling secretary and produce visitations. Now if you wait on this Constitution that is clear off in the distance, you are not going to get the relief you want and the thing that we are trying to do is to prevent putting Alpha "on the skids" and trying to get the things you want. It seems to be the consensus of most of the active men that their Chapters are interested in retaining Alpha.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): As I recall the Constitution,

your initiates do not pay annual dues, so in the first year a membership of fifty plus initiates is very high. We will be paying the same thing as now.

BROTHER YODER (Epsilon): We have some Chapters with forty-five in, now.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: If you have forty-five, you have a certain number of initiated that you don't pay annual dues ^{for} the year the man is initiated.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): I think you can easily explain to our local Chapters the fact that at Yale they don't live in the house and a lot of them don't eat in the house and it is really a very special situation.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I would suggest that the matter of the Alpha situation be left in the hands of the Grand Prudential Committee, plus any succeeding Grand Prudential Committee, its action to be ratified and approved by the next Emergency Conference or the next Convention which takes place.

Our problem up there isn't one which is going to be settled in six months - its more likely going to take four years. If Alpha Chapter can prove to the G. P. C. that certain adjustments can be made and whatever action it takes cannot be final until approved by a National meeting, this will cover the situation.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: What is your motion,

then?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): My motion is that the handling of Alpha Chapter's financial obligations to National Headquarters be left to the Grand Prudential Committee and succeeding executive governing body, such management on the part of the Grand Prudential Committee to be subject to ratification by the next National Emergency Conference or the next National Convention, whichever first takes place.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Now I wonder - you are talking about obligations, - Do you also want to insert the matter of dues?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): "Financial obligations" would cover both of them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: In other words, you are talking about all of their final obligations.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): I would like to say one thing here: It seems to me you ought to have that, but I am in favor of giving the actives at Alpha an indication that we would like to help them out and I think that something like what has been suggested here of limiting what they have to pay would show that we are behind them.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is my idea.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): After all, Brother Rice knows what they want down there and if they don't want an expression on our part, why should we fuss around and try

to give it to them.

*** Brother Rice's motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): I would like to ask whether it would mean anything if we go on record that the Convention assembled here gave Alpha a vote of confidence.

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I think the less said will be better for the Alpha Chapter. Anything that prompts discussion on it is bad.

As far as "Hell Week" is concerned, Alpha would appreciate any possible help. If the Chapter Alumni cannot save the Chapter, it simply cannot be saved. We have a wonderful body of Alumni and are going ahead with that work.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Why wouldn't it be in order to put in your recommendations to this Alumni body that the matter of Alpha (without it going to the Chapters) be one of the matters considered by this Alumni set-up?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): I think that will automatically be there.

BROTHER GRAY (Tau): There is going to be a report of this Convention sent out and I think it would help a lot if it were explained to the active Chapters that, actually, Alpha is really paying for the pins they do get and they aren't getting the Tomahawk, because that will eliminate a lot of the feeling against Alpha, because a lot of these Chapters

that owe three or four hundred dollars know that they got their pins and Tomahawks.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: That is the request of the Chapter? - That no mention be made further on this?

BROTHER RICE (Alpha): Now if there has to be very slight rearrangement of it, on the basis that for an emergency situation you are granting a special dispensation in regard to Alpha Chapter as far as what it can do. As the account shows there, we are not in proportion any more in arrears than any other Chapter. We have got a situation that involves a great deal of money and I think we ought to have some special dispensation with no idea of decreasing the amount that we will pay.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on that?

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: I would like to say, before you active men leave, that these resolutions should be in my hands this afternoon, and you men will be going back to your schools probably the first of next week, but I am going to do all in my power to have these resolutions to you at the end of next week, if not the middle of next week, so that, along with any report you can give your Chapters, you are going to have some definite information to do with.

*** (Applause)

BROTHER COCHRAN (Omicron): Might I ask if we have

had a report from the Grand Junior President?

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Yes - you were absent.

BROTHER FASHBAUGH (Zeta): I was instructed to inform all the active delegates here that Zeta, of Ohio State, offers an invitation for any telegraphic bowling meets that you might care to enter into, the bowling meets to be handled strictly by telegraph and the pledges of our Chapter against the pledges of your Chapter.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Well, I just want to express my pleasure at being here and meeting such a fine bunch of fellows and I certainly hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again.

BROTHER KING (Alpha Alpha): I was instructed by our Chapter to say, "Come around and see us any time you're in Oklahoma." It is in the center of the state and it is a handy place to get to. That refers to both actives and Alumni. We want visitors - we have got a great state out there.

BROTHER MCBRIDE (Alpha Iota): There was just one thing: Every time I get some place where there's an Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter I make every attempt to drop in to see the boys, but there are a lot of other fellows who do not because they are too busy, but I do believe that if we make an attempt along that line, it will bring us closer together than we have been in the past.

*** (Applause)

BROTHER TANTUM (Epsilon): Well, I would just say, on behalf of Epsilon Chapter, we are situated in the middle of Ohio and it is a county seat and a great town and we are extending a blanket invitation to everybody to come out to have a week-end, or something, and have a good time.

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further remarks?

BROTHER ARCHIBALD (Omicron): There is one thing that the actives have felt-that the Alumni don't help them, and the Alumni don't do this, etc., and that, and, from the standpoint of an Alumnus who has been interested in his Fraternity and who has been trying to see that good men are given the chance to go to the Fraternity, I wrote to a Chapter of this Fraternity some time ago suggesting that they get in touch with the freshman on their campus, and within a very short time I received one of the finest letters I have ever had from anyone, saying that they had contacted this man, that he had been to the house and that they liked him.

Now an Alumnus who is interested in giving you a pledge deserves the courtesy of a reply. I think, in a good many cases, the secretary is a little bit lax in his efforts to keep the Alumni posted on any suggestions they may make to the Chapter. This letter I referred to was written by a man who was a delegate to that Convention - a man who, at that time, was a secretary of his Chapter, and I'd like to publicly say to Mr. Alrutz that I certainly appreciate the letter that

Kentucky sent me.

BROTHER ALRUTZ (Sigma): Thank you, Brother Archibald, and as the apparent custom is that visiting Chapters are extending invitations to each of you and all of the Alumni and actives, Kentucky wishes to say that any time, all of you are welcome.

*** (Applause)

BROTHER KENNEDY (Iota): You can all have a drink at Cornell, any time.

*** (Laughter)

THE GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT: Any further remarks?

*** There being no further business, the First National Emergency Conference of Alpha Sigma Phi was adjourned, at 1 o'clock P. M.

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