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REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
to the
TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

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This report is a summary of the administration of your Grand Council since the adjournment of the Twentieth National Convention in Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 1948.

PERSONNEL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

- ✓Grand Senior President - Lloyd S. Cochran, Pennsylvania,
Omicron '20, Lockport, New York
- ✓Grand Junior President - Arba S. Taylor, Tufts, Beta Iota '32,
Cranford, New Jersey
- ✓Grand Secretary - W. Samuel Kitchen, Marshall, Beta Delta '29,
Roanoke, Virginia
- ✓Grand Treasurer - Donald J. Hornberger, Ohio Wesleyan, Epsilon '25,
Delaware, Ohio
- Grand Marshal - Alvin M. Ulbrickson, Washington, Mu '23, Seattle,
Washington

Grand Counsellors

- David S. Blankenship, Jr., Presbyterian, Alpha Psi '28, Savannah, Ga.
- ✓Dr. Hugh M. Hart, Westminster, Alpha Nu '39, New Wilmington, Pa.
- Wesley M. Hine, Stanford, Tau '21, Los Angeles, California
- Frank J. Krebs, Mount Union, Beta Alpha '29, Scio, Ohio
- Harold R. Smith, Michigan, Theta '16, Detroit, Michigan
- Royden M. Swift, Penn State, Upsilon '20, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ✓Benjamin F. Young, Ohio Wesleyan, Epsilon '13, New York, New York
- ✓Ex-officio, Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Yale, Alpha '12, Bethany, W. Va.

The above named officers and Grand Counsellors were elected at the 1948 Convention. The following terms of office of the Grand Counsellors are as follows:

Class of 1950

H. M. Hart
W. M. Hine
F. J. Krebs
A. S. Taylor
A. M. Ulbrickson
B. F. Young

Class of 1952

D. S. Blankenship
L. S. Cochran
D. J. Hornberger
W. S. Kitchen
H. R. Smith
R. M. Swift

The following resignations of members of the Grand Council have been received with deep regret.

At the February, 1949 meeting of the Grand Council Davis S. Blankenship, Jr., Class of 1952, tendered his resignation which was received. Albert G. Jahn, Penn State, Upsilon '30, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was elected to fill this vacancy.

At the May, 1950 meeting of the Grand Council the resignation of Brother Royden M. Swift, Class of 1952, was received. However, with the forthcoming 1950 Convention the Grand Council did not elect a replacement.

GRAND COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Grand Council has held 5 meetings since the close of the 1948 Convention. The first said meeting was held immediately at the close of the 1948 Convention; three were held in the year 1949 in the months of February, July, and December; and one has been held in 1950 during the month of May.

PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE

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

In the fall of 1948 Brother C. E. Dilley, Ohio Wesleyan, Epsilon '42, who was acting as Assistant Executive Secretary and the Editor of the TOMAHAWK resigned as the Assistant Executive Secretary. It was impossible to replace him in this position until July, 1949, when Brother James B. Kaldal, Washington, Mu '46, was elected as Assistant Executive Secretary. Brother Dilley continued as Editor of the TOMAHAWK until the December, 1949 meeting of the Grand Council at which time his resignation as Editor of the TOMAHAWK was received and Brother H. Robert Olds, Ohio Wesleyan, Epsilon '35, was appointed Editor of the TOMAHAWK.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

In October of 1948 Grand Senior President Lloyd S. Cochran appointed fourteen National Committees. These committees have worked in the various areas of the National Fraternity activity and have been advisory to the Grand Council. Much of the work of these committees will be reported in detail in other parts of the Grand Council Report as well as in reports which they, as committees, have submitted individually.

The committees were as follows:

Alumni Affairs	Housing
Chapter Affairs	Legal
Convention	Province Chief
Endowment Loan	Publications
Endowment Subscription	Public Relations
Extension	Ritual
Finance	Scholarship

Nine of these committees were chairmaned by members of the Grand Council, and the five others were headed by former members of the Grand Council or alumni who were experts in their field. The personnel of the alumni working on these committees numbered 74.

NATIONAL INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

The National Interfraternity Conference was established in 1909. At its last plenary session in November, 1949, there were 59 National Fraternities as members. Alpha Sigma Phi is one of 27 charter members of this group. Meetings are held annually on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. A part of the National Interfraternity Conference is the College Fraternity Secretaries Association. Our Executive Secretary at the July, 1950 meeting of this group was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the same.

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

The present chairman of the N. I. C. is Mr. William Barnes of Theta Xi Fraternity.

MEMBERSHIP

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Total Active Members</u>
1948-49	873	2,345
1949-50	828	2,217

30% drop
Reports from the active chapters in the fall of 1949 indicated that we should have had a banner year as far as initiations of new members were concerned. However, it would appear that due to dropping out of school, scholastic reasons, or others, the chapters had a mortality of better than 30% in the number of men pledged and those finally initiated.

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

SCHOLARSHIP

The Grand Council has continued the interest of Brother Paul J. Bickel, Columbia, Lambda '10; of Cleveland, Ohio, as National Scholarship Chairman. Paul has kept in touch with the various universities and colleges where we have chapters as well as many of the chapters themselves by giving them encouragement and suggestions whereby they can raise their scholarship. The scholarship of the Fraternity as a whole is very poor.

High scholarship is one of the objectives of Alpha Sigma Phi. Brother Bickel will be in attendance at this Convention and will report on the activities in this area of the Fraternity. We hope that each chapter will give careful thought to a program which will stimulate each man to do his best in a scholastic way as his primary purpose in attending college is to receive an education.

Good scholarship is recognized by our country as important to our national defense as well as to our fraternity. The following extracts from Operations Bulletin No. 1 transmitted by General Hershey to all local Selective Service Boards will be of interest to all students subject to the provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1950.

"Pending the development and adoption of such other policies as might be necessary with respect to college students, other than students of healing arts already covered in Local Board Memorandum No. 7, local boards may consider the following conditions when all three exist in the case of any registrant as warranting consideration for occupational deferment:

- (1) The registrant has completed at least one academic year of a full-time course of instruction at a college, university or similar institution of learning.
- (2) The college or university at which the registrant last completed an academic year of a full-time course of instruction certifies that the registrant's scholastic standing placed him among the upper half of his class.
- (3) The local board is satisfied by the record of the registrant's actions in making normally required arrangements that he had fully intended prior to August 1, 1950, to enroll in a full-time course of instruction at a college, university or similar institution of learning for the academic year ending in the Spring of 1951."

"In the case of a registrant meeting the above conditions to whom an order to report for induction has been issued, the local board is hereby authorized by the Director under that power granted him in Section 1625.2 of the regulations to reopen the case for reconsideration."

VISITATION

The visitation program of the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, members of the Grand Council, and the Province Chiefs has been extensive in the past two years. Visitation is not limited to chapters, but administrative officials of each institution are consulted about the condition of our chapters on their campuses as to its rating and reputation. Their suggestions and ideas are secured as to how our chapter might be improved on that campus.

Alumni Associations and Alumni Councils are contacted and informed of the program that the National Organization is carrying on in an effort to stimulate their interest in their own as well as nearby chapters.

In addition to visitations made to campuses and locations where we have chapters and alumni groups, institutions in the area where we have chapters and in other areas as well are investigated relative to extension possibilities. We were handicapped somewhat during the school year 1948-49 due to the resignation of Brother C. E. Dilley as Assistant Executive Secretary. However, with the appointment of Brother James B. Kaldal as Assistant Executive Secretary in July of 1949, we have been able to visit all but six of the chapters during this past school year.

Brother Kaldal visited chapters from coast to coast. He spent time on the west coast on campuses where we desire chapters, and a great deal of ground work was laid for future development. Jim has also spent considerable time in the National Office while the executive secretary was on the road thereby acquainting himself with all the details of operation of the fraternity. We know the convention delegates will agree with the Grand Council that Jim is doing a grand job.

We believe that the personal contact with the chapters, alumni, and university officials is essential. We feel that each chapter should have an official visit by someone from the National Office supplemented by visits from the chapter's Province Chief and members of the Grand Council when possible. We trust that the actions of the delegates at this Convention will enable us to continue a National program which will give support to this type of visitation policy.

CHAPTER CONDITIONS AND FINANCES

Where we have difficulties in chapter finance, housing, conduct, etc., we feel that none of these difficulties are insurmountable if the proper program is followed on the undergraduate level. It is most important that each of our weak links in the National Organization be strengthened to the point where we can speak with pride of all of our chapters.

Another problem which is most important to the welfare of the undergraduate membership, the individual chapter, and the Fraternity as a whole is the question of drinking in chapter houses. So that there will be no misunderstanding on this question, we quote from the National Constitution and By-Laws with regard to the regulation of Alpha Sigma Phi in connection with the use of intoxicating beverages by members:

National Constitution, TITLE V, Article I, Section 1.

A chapter shall not permit the bringing in or drinking of intoxicating beverages by members or others within any structure used by it for a chapter or fraternity house if such action be contrary to the policies of the college or university wherein the chapter is located.

During the past two years four of our chapters have had some disciplinary measures taken in connection with their chapter or members because of drinking.

In addition to the above regulation of our Fraternity, the Grand Council has reiterated from time to time to the institutions where we have chapters the

following additional statement:

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

Your Grand Council is aware of the fact that most all of the bad publicity which occurs in the public press or is tied in with disciplinary measures being taken on the part of the institution in connection with a chapter or its members is the result of the use of intoxicating beverages. This is a question which we as a Fraternity must be cognizant of and take what action seems desirable and necessary in cases where our chapters or members are not supporting the standards and principles of Alpha Sigma Phi.

PROVINCE CHIEFS

The system of Province Chiefs is relatively new in Alpha Sigma Phi. These men are appointed for their particular abilities and interest in the areas where they are located. We trust that this program of Province Chiefs will continue to become more effective in the Fraternity where these men are visiting the chapters once or twice a year and are available for immediate consultation when needed.

For some years prior to the Province Chief system we had Grand Council Chapter Advisors, usually an alumnus within the community where the chapter is located. They were liason advisors to the Grand Council on the chapter level. They were most helpful in aiding the Council in making decisions relative to particular chapter programs. They would be helpful to each Province Chief. Do you feel that this program should be revived?

CHAPTER ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

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

A great number of chapters have been sending in financial statements regularly. We have been able to watch them for danger signs and to give aid before a bad trend developed into a serious disaster. In our opinion this work should be expanded by the Grand Council so that all of our chapters may be aided in securing and maintaining a sound financial condition.

Our Constitution also provides that each chapter shall have its books audited once each year in a manner acceptable to the Grand Council. Many of these audit reports are received in the National Office regularly from the local accounting service doing the chapter's work. However, there are many chapters that do not send financial statements regularly, and the Grand Council requests that this year a statement that an audit has been made of the books be submitted to the National Office together with a copy of the audit. The By-Laws of the Fraternity also provide that the chapter treasurer be covered by a security bond. It is sound business practice; it protects the individual treasurer, the chapter, and the incoming treasurer who will handle the financial responsibilities of the chapter in the future. The chapter that is sound financially is a healthy chapter. We want to be of every assistance possible to you in accomplishing this end for every chapter.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Grand Junior President, Arba S. Taylor, has headed the work of the Alumni Relations Committee since the 1948 Convention. The work of this committee will be covered in more detail in its report to the National Convention.

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

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

From the time that a man is pledged into a chapter, through his pledge training and work as an active member and perhaps officer of a chapter, the goal for which we should be striving is the building of a good member of Alpha Sigma Phi who will continue his interest in the Fraternity and in his chapter, not just for a few short years while he is an undergraduate, but for the many years he is an alumnus. The alumni years give him an opportunity of rendering service to his undergraduate chapter members while at the same time providing very pleasant contacts with alumni.

The report of the Alumni Affairs Committee presents some very stimulating questions for the consideration of the Convention.

DELTA BETA XI

In April, 1938, the award of Delta Beta Xi was established. This award is to recognize alumni members of the Fraternity who have given distinguished service to Alpha Sigma Phi. Ten men may be selected each year upon nominations from alumni groups, brothers who have received the Delta Beta Xi Award, or by chapters. Election is made by the Grand Council. This award recalls our Fraternity history when Delta Beta Xi carried on the traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi at Yale from 1864 through 1875, during which period the University had banned sophomore societies. Since the 1948 Convention there have been three alumni granted the award of Delta Beta Xi.

EXTENSION

Past Grand Senior President, Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, has acted as Chairman of Extension during the past two years. Expansion in the fraternity field is a very competitive matter. In some locations there have been opportunities of extension with local fraternities, but the local interest has been on a basis of what would be the best arrangement that they could make with a particular national and what financial assistance the national organization which they might choose could give them particularly in the case of establishing them in a residence or the possible future construction of a rather substantial chapter house. Your Fraternity has been unable to enter into that type of competition because of the lack of funds for that type of promotion, and it has not been an advisable policy to follow in the thinking of the Grand Council.

We have, however, been quite successful in establishing three very splendid chapters, and we have the opportunity of establishing some additional ones unless the war situation hinders our program. We have made many more contacts than the actual results have shown.

A new chapter was established on April 2, 1949 at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia. This is a very fine Presbyterian College. At the installation 36 members were initiated, and since that date 81 men have been initiated into the chapter and the Fraternity. More details on this installation will be covered in the Extension Committee's Report to the Convention.

On February 25, 1950 the Gamma Epsilon Chapter was established at the University of Buffalo. Twenty-two men were initiated at the time of the installation, and 17 have been initiated since that date.

On June 3, 1950 the Gamma Zeta Chapter was installed at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. At this installation 48 men were initiated, and it is interesting to note that their scholarship report shows them ranking first of all the fraternities on that campus for the second semester of the school year 1949-50.

Since the 1948 Convention the Pi Chapter at the University of Colorado has been reactivated primarily through the efforts and energies of Brother Z. Erol Smith of the Illinois Institute Chapter who transferred to the University of Colorado in the spring of 1949. The chapter was awarded this past year the Interfraternity Council award for extracurricular activities, inter-murals, and scholarship. A remarkable record for this young reactivated chapter!

We are very happy to announce also the reactivation of the Kappa Chapter at the University of Wisconsin. This work has been largely developed through the efforts of undergraduate and graduate transfers from our Milton Chapter to the University of Wisconsin, and the splendid interest shown by the alumni members in Madison and in the state.

Efforts have been made to proceed on the reactivation at Carnegie Tech, but approval has not been secured from the administrative authorities who feel that there are a sufficient number of fraternities at Carnegie Tech at this time.

We have been hindered with the development of any reactivation at the University of Massachusetts because of that institution's ruling that no fraternity may be reactivated that has selective clauses in its regulations.

At the University of Minnesota there is a need for an undergraduate committee to be on the campus to assist the graduate committee that has been working on the reactivation. However, it has been difficult to secure the interest of young men to transfer to some of these institutions. We need brothers who have the organizational ability to do some reactivation and new extension work. It can be done and has been done resulting in a great service to the Fraternity and a real opportunity for a number of young men.

There will be no active members on the campus at Franklin Marshall this fall. An alumni committee in cooperation with the Province Chief, Brother Jahn, hoped that they would be able to develop the situation there on that campus this fall.

Although there were two or three members on the North Carolina State Campus immediately after the war, this chapter was not granted a charter along with the other active chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi because it was not sufficiently strong to meet the responsibilities of an active chapter. The University would consider the reactivation or colonization of a group in cooperation with the alumni if the group and the program were properly supervised by the National Organization. We trust that something will be worked out so that this can go forward.

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

PUBLICATIONS

In addition to the coverage of the topic of Publications in this Grand Council Report, we offer for your consideration the report of the Publications Committee to the Grand Council

At the 1948 Convention on the recommendation of the Publications Committee, the TOMAHAWK life subscription was increased to \$15. The increase in the life subscription of the TOMAHAWK from \$10 to \$15 has not permitted us to publish a 48-page issue for 4 issues during the year, and still attempt to live somewhat within the income received from the investments of the TOMAHAWK Fund. It is interesting to note that in the year 1949-50 four issues were published, and the income from the TOMAHAWK Trustees was sufficient to pay the entire cost of publication including administrative expense. This year there were four issues published, 42,600 copies printed, at a cost of 11.6¢ per copy as compared to 18.4¢ per copy during the year 1948-49.

At the direction of the 1948 National Convention the National Office published a Pledge Manual which had been developed by a Pledge Manual Committee and presented to the 1948 Convention where certain suggestions were secured. This Pledge Manual was printed in October, 1948, submitted to the Chapters, and then suggestions submitted by the chapters were considered by the committee who did considerable work on this Manual under the chairmanship of Brother William H. E. Holmes of the ~~Purdue Chapter~~ and Brother Al Wise of the Ohio State Chapter, both of whom will be in attendance at this Convention. Upon the completion of their work a printed and bound Pledge Manual was distributed to the chapters this year at a cost of \$1 per copy which was the direction of the 1948 Convention.

In addition to this publication there is work being considered on the revision of the Chapter Officers' Manual, official Song Book of the Fraternity,

the Ritual, and a Rushing Manual. You have been aware of the publication on Public Relations. We welcome the suggestions of this Convention on on any other publication which you feel is necessary.

NATIONAL FINANCES

ANNUAL AUDIT, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The books and accounts of the National Fraternity have been audited by the firm of Keller, Kirshner, Martin and Clinger of Columbus, Ohio, and by the firm of Campbell and LeVan of Allentown, Pennsylvania, as of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1950, and found to be in order.

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

1. Statement of Operating Budget for 1949-1950 compared to the actual and a suggested budget for 1950-1951.
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, General Fund.
3. Statement of Income and Expense, General Fund.
4. Statement of Accounts Receivable, General Fund
5. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Endowment Fund.
6. Statement of Notes Receivable, Endowment Fund.
7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities, TOMAHAWK Trustee Fund.

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

GENERAL FUND

This Convention is faced with a problem of advising the Grand Council as to the program of activities of the National Fraternity for the next two years. We cannot continue the services which have been rendered during the past year

on our present income. The Grand Council has made a specific recommendation to the undergraduate chapters of a national pledge fee of \$5. We have anticipated this national pledge fee in the suggested budget for 1950-51 submitted herewith and strongly urge its adoption.

The amount of net revenue for each initiation in Alpha Sigma Phi has not increased since 1923, although the cost of operation and services to the chapters has increased many fold. We present the following information:

	<u>1923</u>	<u>1949</u>
Fee At The Time Of Initiation:	\$32.25	\$41.00
Official Badge	\$ 6.25	\$ 7.00*
Shingle	1.00	1.00
Life Subscription to TOMAHAWK	10.00	15.00
Endowment Fund		2.00
Initiation Fee	15.00	16.00
	<u>\$ 32.25</u>	<u>\$ 41.00</u>

*Fraternity pays 20% Federal excise tax
on all badges which was not true in 1923.

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

Your Grand Council is also concerned with the operating loss for the past fiscal year, 1949-1950, of \$3,573.47. This operating loss takes into consideration the full collections of charges made against chapters during the past year and yet you will note there are accounts receivable from chapters as of June 30, 1950 of \$1,878.10. It also should be noted that \$1,389.00 was charged to our bad debt provision at the end of June 30, 1950, of receivables for the year 1948-49 which amount was considered doubtful of collection by the auditors. It is unsound to continue to increase these receivables each year.

Many delegates desire to know the distribution of the monies collected at the time of initiation and the annual dues. We have shown above the distribution of the fee collected at the time of initiation. The undergraduate

per capita tax is \$12 a year per man. These dues are not collected the year a man is initiated, and the By-Laws do not permit the dues to be prorated for the portion of the year in which the member is active. Of the \$12.00, \$1.00 is placed into the Endowment Fund and \$11.00 goes into the General Funds for the general operation of the Fraternity.

TOMAHAWK TRUST FUND

The TOMAHAWK life subscription program in Alpha Sigma Phi was started in the fall of 1923. The present method of operation dates from February 21, 1928 when \$25,805.00 was transferred to the TOMAHAWK Trustees who have managed the fund since that time. From 1923 to 1948 a life subscription cost \$10.00. The 1948 Convention increased this charge to \$15.00. Since its inception the fund has grown to \$123,288.91. The three TOMAHAWK Trustees are Brother Robert L. Jagocki, Pennsylvania, Omicron '14, Chairman, who has served the Fraternity in this capacity for the past 27 years; Brother Ambrose Day, Columbia, Lambda '20; and Brother Benjamin F. Young, Ohio Wesleyan, Epsilon '13. The three trustees serve without remuneration, as does the Grand Council, and they deserve the whole-hearted appreciation of the Fraternity for their untiring work and devotion as well as the outstanding success which has resulted in a most profitable operation for the Fraternity over the years.

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

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

ENDOWMENT FUND

The present Endowment Fund of \$25,598.28 was started in 1940. It was

begun for the purpose of meeting small financial needs of the chapters. It has been built in a large measure by contributions from the undergraduates, from each initiate and from undergraduate per capita dues. It is not a trust fund and is not managed as such. From its inception and the Conventions of 1940, 1946, and 1948 have desired it to be a liberal, flexible fund under the direction of the Grand Council. The Grand Council has administered the fund in this way. On June 30, 1948 the Endowment Fund had assets of \$19,224.24. During the year 1948-1949, \$4,700.00 was loaned and during 1949-1950, \$8,300.00 was loaned. During the same period \$10,003.75 was repaid on loans and the total assets as of June 30, 1950 are \$25,598.28. During this past year a drive was conducted among a selected group of alumni for this Fund and \$3,130.00 has been received to date.

We in the Grand Council trust the administration of this Fund has aided a maximum number of the chapters within the limits of the Fund. We have been able to assist some 17 chapters during the life of this Fund. The stability of the operation is based on the principle that the loans are on a short-term basis with interest at 2% and a proper amortization planned. Applications for loans from the Endowment Fund are made through National Headquarters and are submitted to three members of the Grand Council who serve as an Endowment Loan Committee. This group then studies the application and makes its recommendation to the Grand Council for its disposition. Approval of any application requires a two-thirds vote of the entire Council.

INITIATIONS

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

INITIATION OF OLD PLEDGES

A question was raised whether or not a man who had been pledged by a chapter which became inactive before he was initiated through no fault of his, could be initiated at another active chapter after he had left or been graduated and was no longer in the undergraduate or faculty status as required by the Constitution. At the November 1942 meeting of the Grand Council the following action was taken: Permission would be granted to a man who is a pledge in good standing of a defunct chapter, or who has had to leave college due to the war program, the privilege at the discretion of the Grand Council, to be initiated at another chapter if his chapter is inactive or at his chapter or another chapter if he was forced to leave school through no fault of his own.

MEMBERS OF OLD LOCALS

The following action was taken at the June 21, 1941 meeting of the Grand Council concerning the initiation of members of old locals that had become chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi: Authorization would be granted on approval of the active chapter of which they are alumni to chapters and chartered alumni councils to initiate alumni members of former locals at a charge of \$5.00. The Grand Council will issue a shingle to members so initiated.

ALUMNI OF PHI PI PHI AND ALPHA KAPPA PI

All former members of Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi are members of Alpha Sigma Phi. They are urged to witness an initiation ceremony and to purchase a badge and life subscription to the TOMAHAWK.

FACULTY MEMBERS

We urge all chapters to study carefully the great possibility of strength to be derived through the initiation of faculty members. You can easily learn

from the Dean of the College as to whether a particular faculty member in whom you are interested is a fraternity man or not. The active participation of faculty members in chapter activities is very healthy and lends strength and prestige to the chapter. The Grand Council has always followed the policy that the national initiation fee of a faculty member is \$25.00. This may be paid either by the chapter or by the faculty member to the chapter and the chapter in turn pays it to the National Headquarters. This gives him a life subscription to the magazine, a badge, a shingle, and he is listed as a member in full standing in the Fraternity. This fee may be subject to change.

Many chapters have alumni on their campuses whom they have not been cultivating properly. We urge all of you to develop this real source of fellowship and strength to the chapter.

RITUAL

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

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

On Tuesday evening of the Convention there will be an exemplification of the Ritual. During this past year Grand Senior President Cochran has requested several members of the Fraternity to make their comments and suggestions with regard to the Ritual, particularly the initiation ceremonies, as to the improvement of the same. We trust that said changes will meet with your approval as presented on Tuesday evening.

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

CONCLUSION

We have reported to you on the administration of the Fraternity by the Grand Council for the past two years since the 1948 Convention. We were guided in our actions by the general policies formed by the delegates at the Convention. We feel that this report indicates definite progress made by your National Organization in the past two years. We appreciate the splendid cooperation we received from the undergraduate chapters and alumni in strengthening the "Old Gal" in their individual areas of activity.

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

1. A policy can be set for the strengthening of the present undergraduate chapters where indications from the various reports show they have weaknesses;
2. The services which should be rendered by the National Organization to the undergraduate members, to the chapters, and to the alumni can be defined, and the financing of the same can be recommended.
3. The policy can be set for the future development of the Fraternity in the field of extension;
4. The development and encouragement of alumni strength through chapter alumni associations and chartered alumni councils can be programed;

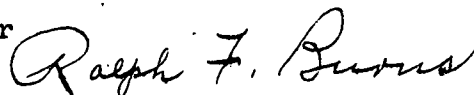
5. A general over-all National program can be determined which will result in a closer unity of thought and purpose among the various chapters, their members, and alumni.

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

Respectfully submitted,

THE GRAND COUNCIL,
ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

per



Ralph F. Burns
Executive Secretary

STATEMENT OF OPERATING BUDGET

General Fund

Budget Compared to Actual 1949-1950
Suggested Budget 1950-1951

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget 1949-1950</u>	<u>Actual 1949-1950</u>	<u>Suggested Budget 1950-1951</u>
Initiations	\$13,400.00	\$13,242.00	\$12,000.00
Dues-Actives	14,500.00	15,279.00	13,500.00
Dues-Alumni		8.60	1,000.00
Alumni Councils		90.00	
Service	8,000.00	7,606.50	8,000.00
Tomahawk Trustees	4,400.00	4,884.63	5,000.00
1950 Convention Fee	3,900.00		3,750.00
Accounts Prior 7/1/49	1,500.00		
Pledge Fee 1000 @ 5			5,000.00
Miscellaneous		8.10	
	<u>\$45,700.00</u>	<u>\$41,118.83</u>	<u>\$48,250.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Service	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,193.97	\$ 6,200.00
Salaries	14,000.00	14,531.82	15,500.00
Rent and Light	1,500.00	1,499.50	1,500.00
Tel. and Tel.	750.00	1,048.40	900.00
Postage	600.00	806.62	800.00
Stationery and Supplies	700.00	871.75	900.00
Office	300.00	351.98	350.00
N.I.C.	250.00	305.62	300.00
Ins. and Bond	300.00	305.44	300.00
Legal and Audit	200.00	430.33	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	77.75	100.00
Conferences	1,800.00	3,953.92	2,600.00
Visitation	5,000.00	5,549.15	6,000.00
S. S. Tax	100.00	171.69	200.00
Extension	1,000.00	1,738.51	1,800.00
Furn. and Fix.	1,000.00	130.71	150.00
Publications	1,000.00	341.38	550.00
Tomahawk	5,000.00	4,602.79	4,700.00
1950 Convention Res.	4,000.00	105.00	4,000.00
Paraphernalia		13.54	
Bad debts		1,389.00	500.00
Depreciation Furniture		273.43	300.00
	<u>\$44,700.00</u>	<u>\$44,692.30</u>	<u>\$48,150.00</u>
Increase or (Decreased) for Period	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$(3,573.47)</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
General Fund
As of June 30, 1950 and 1949

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash:

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Office fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
In bank - general	5,508.79	10,064.13
In bank - reserved (contra)	63.32	63.32
Total cash (exclusive of special fund)	<u>\$5,622.11</u>	<u>\$10,177.45</u>
United States War Bonds - Series F	38.80	38.00
Accounts Receivable - chapters	<u>\$8,401.27</u>	<u>\$ 7,689.29</u>
Less doubtful accounts	6,523.17	5,361.29
Accounts receivable - chapters - net	<u>\$1,878.10</u>	<u>\$ 2,328.00</u>
Accounts receivable - others	987.13	843.08
Inventory - robes, flags, etc.	838.25	833.87
Total current assets	<u>\$9,364.39</u>	<u>\$14,220.40</u>

SPECIAL FUND

Cash in bank for convention expenses (contra)	<u>7,771.60</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
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PROPERTY ASSETS

Furniture and equipment	\$3,055.63	\$ 2,413.45
Less provision for depreciation	438.43	165.00
Total net property assets	<u>\$2,617.20</u>	<u>\$ 2,248.45</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

<u>\$19,753.19</u>	<u>\$20,468.85</u>
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
for the years ended June 30, 1950 and 1949

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Chapters:		
Initiation fees	\$13,242.00	\$13,446.00
Dues	<u>15,279.00</u>	<u>16,192.00</u>
Total income from chapters	\$28,521.00	\$29,638.00
Alumni and alumni association dues	98.60	192.20
Services	7,606.50	7,632.98
Recovery of doubtful accounts (reducing reserve)		
Sale of chapter books	7.30	21.50
Miscellaneous	.80	85.55
Total income from operations	<u>\$36,234.20</u>	<u>\$37,570.23</u>
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Administrative expenses	\$33,790.54	\$24,118.70
Cost of services	6,193.97	6,392.27
Convention expense	105.00	1,816.31
Alumni expense		2.00
Consolidation		
Total operating expenses	<u>40,089.51</u>	<u>32,329.28</u>
Net operating income (loss)	\$(3,855.31)	\$ 5,240.95
 <u>OTHER INCOME (DEDUCTIONS)</u>		
Income (loss) - Tomahawk Publication	<u>281.84</u>	<u>3,373.96</u>
 <u>NET INCOME (LOSS) for the period</u>	<u>\$(3,573.47)</u>	<u>\$ 8,614.91</u>
 <u>FUND PRINCIPAL at beginning of period</u>	<u>13,687.24</u>	<u>5,072.33</u>
 <u>FUND PRINCIPAL at end of period</u>	<u>\$10,113.77</u>	<u>\$13,687.24</u>

CHAPTER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

General Fund

as of June 30, 1950

<u>UNIVERSITY</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 1950</u>	<u>Charges</u> <u>Prior to</u> <u>July 1, 1949</u> <u>(Doubtful</u> <u>Accounts)</u>
Alabama, University of	\$ 217.00	\$ 217.00
American University	(.10)	
Baldwin Wallace College	45.85	45.85
Bethany College	68.00	8.00
Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute	159.00	
Buffalo, University of	165.20	
California, University of (at Los Angeles)	732.80	732.80
Cincinnati, University of	239.00	
Colorado, University of	75.00	
Columbia University	666.95	567.95
Connecticut, University of	2.40	
Franklin and Marshall	173.00	98.00
Illinois, University of	185.67	185.67
Kentucky, University of	633.25	453.75
Marshall College	621.00	521.00
Missouri, University of	284.50	284.50
Missouri Valley College	75.00	
Mount Union College	383.00	222.00
Nebraska, University of	75.00	
Newark College of Engineering	128.00	
North Carolina State	128.98	128.98
Ohio Northern University	44.00	32.00
Ohio State University	113.42	113.42
Oregon State University	35.00	35.00
Pennsylvania, University of	248.00	248.00
Pennsylvania State University	343.00	343.00
Presbyterian College	631.85	631.85
Stevens Institute of Technology	779.00	743.00
Syracuse University	250.90	250.90
Wake Forest	171.00	171.00
Washington, University of	108.50	96.50
Wayne University	393.00	393.00
Westminster	(24.00)	
West Virginia, University of	225.00	
Total - net	<u>\$8,377.17</u>	<u>\$6,523.17</u>

(Credit Balances)

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Endowment Fund

As of June 30, 1950 and June 30, 1949

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in banks (savings accounts):

New York

\$ 1,045.80 \$ 1,025.20 \$ 1,000.00

Ohio

14,553.47 9,302.41 8,570.13

Total Cash

\$15,599.27 \$10,327.61 \$ 9,570.13

United States Savings Bonds-Series F
(at redemption value)

39.30 38.34 37.50

Accounts receivable - General Fund

313.19 687.89

Notes Receivable - chapters

\$11,083.03 \$11,456.58

Less doubtful notes receivable

1,436.51 1,357.00

Notes receivable-chapters-net

\$ 9,646.52 \$10,099.58 9,116.61

Total current assets

\$25,598.28 \$21,153.42 \$18,724.24

INVESTMENT

Second mortgage note

500.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$25,598.28 \$21,153.42 \$19,224.24

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable - General Fund

\$ 500.00

RESERVE

Colonization and extension

\$ 3,000.00 \$ 3,000.00

FUND PRINCIPAL

22,598.28 18,153.42 18,724.24

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$25,598.28 \$21,153.42 \$19,224.24

STATEMENT OF NOTES RECEIVABLE-ENDOWMENT FUND-Ac of June 30, 1949 and June 30, 1950

<u>Original Date of Note</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 1949, Net</u>	<u>New Loans</u>	<u>Interest for year</u>	<u>Payments Received</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 1950</u>	<u>Doubtful Notes</u>
9-30-47	Alabama, University of)						
9-15-48	Alabama, University of(\$ 1,740.22			\$ 450.00	\$ 1,290.22	
6-10-49	Alabama, University of)						
5-1-42	Bethany College	200.00			200.00		
5-1-47	Bethany College	170.85			95.85	75.00	
8-6-49	Bethany College		\$1,000.00	\$ 16.67	340.00	676.67	
1-1-48	Connecticut, University of	406.29			162.40	243.89	
9- -49	Connecticut, University of		700.00	11.67	176.00	535.67	
9-11-48	Kentucky, University of	805.78			270.80	534.98	
7-1-41	Lchigh University	250.00			150.00	100.00	
6-11-47	Marietta College	240.00			240.00		
11-9-49	Marietta College		1,000.00	13.33	49.68	963.65	
5-10-43	Massachusetts State University	7.00				7.00	
9-30-47	Missouri, University of	902.04			563.00	339.04	
7-8-35	Mount Union College	226.51				226.51	\$ 226.51
11-12-38	Mount Union College	300.00				300.00	300.00
12-12-39	Mount Union College	110.00				110.00	110.00
11-24-40	Mount Union College	500.00				500.00	500.00
1-17-44	Mount Union College	300.00				300.00	300.00
9-7-49	Mount Union College		600.00	10.00	20.00	590.00	
11-15-48	Ohio Northern University	128.05			115.11	12.94	
9- -40	Ohio State University	191.13			84.00	107.13	
9-15-48	Oklahoma, University of	773.28			260.00	513.28	
9-1-49	Oklahoma Alumni Association		5,000.00	83.33	3,048.43	2,034.90	
3-1-48	Oregon State University	629.80			257.40	372.40	
4-1-42	Syracusē Alumni Corporation	420.00				420.00	
2-5-48	Syracuse University	304.57			146.92	157.65	
5-1-43	Tufts	350.00			350.00		
9-15-48	Wayne University	774.11			272.00	502.11	
5-1-47	West Virginia, University of	176.66			96.00	80.66	
4-1-47	West Virginia Wesleyan University	193.29			103.96	89.33	
	Totals	<u>\$10,099.58</u>	<u>\$8,300.00</u>		<u>\$7,451.55</u>	<u>\$11,083.03</u>	<u>\$1,436.51</u>
	Interest Income			<u>\$135.00</u>			
	Notes Receivable - less doubtful accounts					<u>\$ 9,646.52</u>	

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Tomahawk Life Subscription Fund

As of June 30, 1950 and June 30, 1949

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>June 30, 1950</u>	<u>June 30, 1949</u>
Cash:		
Principal	\$ 15,600.54	\$ 6,800.44
Income	--	--
Reserve for Liabilities	743.83	658.03
Reserve for Real Estate	--	--
TOTAL CASH	\$ 16,344.37	\$ 7,458.47
U.S. Defense Bonds	10,000.00	10,000.00
Due from Natl. Headquarters	1,020.00	--
Mortgages	95,924.54	93,067.64
Real Estate	--	--
	<u>\$123,288.91</u>	<u>\$110,526.11</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	 <u>June 30, 1950</u>	 <u>June 30, 1949</u>
Res. for Loss on Bonds	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00
Res. for Taxes & Insur. (Mtge. Invest.)	284.83	163.03
Deposit on Agreement of Sale	--	--
Deposit due to Tenant	--	--
Reserve Depreciation - Real Estate	--	--
Trust Fund-Principal	<u>122,545.08</u>	<u>109,868.08</u>
	<u>\$123,288.91</u>	<u>\$110,526.11</u>

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

As of June 30, 1950 and 1949

LIABILITIES

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Accounts payable:		
Trade	\$ 901.47	\$ 1,714.60
Endowment Fund	313.19	641.89
Trustees - Tomahawk Fund	268.00	330.00
Scholarship Fund (contra)	63.32	63.32
Other	24.10	
Total accounts payable	\$ 1,570.08	\$ 2,749.81
Accrued items:		
Federal tax on jewelry	\$ 123.78	31.80
Withholding taxes	102.20	
Social security taxes	71.76	
Total accrued items	\$ 297.74	\$ 31.80
Total current liabilities	\$ 1,867.82	\$ 2,781.61
 <u>RESERVE</u>		
Convention expenses (contra)	7,771.60	4,000.00
 <u>FUND PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>10,113.77</u>	<u>13,687.24</u>
 <u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$19,753.19</u>	<u>\$20,468.85</u>

REPORT OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
to
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

(Based on opinions of 7 of the 12 Committeemen
and reports from only 9 Alumni Councils - the re-
maining Committee members and Councils did not reply
to communications)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Published Alumni Council Manual and report in August, 1949.
2. Only 1 issue of LITTLE TOMMY was published by the National Office, although the Committee had asked for an issue between every TOMAHAWK issue (see Comments later in report)
3. Two new Councils have been established - Niagara Frontier and Indianapolis. Two Councils have become chartered - Philadelphia and Kanawha (Charleston, West Virginia).

REPORTS FROM ALUMNI COUNCILS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>No. Meetings</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	'48-'49	'49-'50	'48-'49	'49-'50			
	#	%	#	%			
Baltimore	15	53	11	45	12	12	None
Chicago	20	10	40	20	9	9	See special report.
Cleveland	No report		20- 25	?	-	4	Holds rush party in early September for prospects from Cleveland area.
Columbus	10	10	10	10	4	6	Successful aid to Ohio State Chapter.
Indianapolis	(New)		5	10	-	4	Project to establish chapters in Indiana colleges.
Kanawha	20	36	20	36	4	3	Wish to establish chapter at Morris Harvey College when accredited. Secure closer cooperation between Councils & Chapters in pledging. Feels National should give financial aid and advice to struggling Chapters.
Niagara Frontier	(New)		14	10?	-	5	Aim at better attendance at meetings.
Philadelphia	35-40	18	30	14	4-5	5	Social meetings successful.

REPORTS FROM ALUMNI COUNCILS, CONTINUED.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>No. Meetings</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>48-49</u>	<u>49-50</u>	<u>48-49</u>	<u>49-50</u>	<u>48-49</u>	<u>49-50</u>	
	#	%	#	%			
Pittsburgh Lunch	15	50	15	60	12	12	Reactivate Carnegie Tech. Prepare alumni directory.
Evening	7	26	8	30	3	1	
Seattle	35	7	35	7	4	1	Aid to Washington Chapter Prepare alumni directory of Washington Chapter

CHICAGO ALUMNI COUNCIL PROGRAM

This Council has established the following working Committees:

- Executive - Assumes all responsibility for business details.
- Chapter - Follows status of nearby Chapters and extension possibilities in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.
- Finance - Compiles budget.
- Legal - Maintains by-laws.
- Membership - To increase number of Brothers present at each meeting (and it was done - see report on page 1.)
- Music - Have song leader and pianist at every meeting for group singing, also provide song sheets.
- Program - Secure speaker and entertainment.
- Project - Establish and follow through on project.
- Publicity - Obtain favorable publicity in National and Chapter publications.
- Special Features - Founders' Day, Outing, etc.

Much time and effort has been expended in developing the following recommendations to the National Convention:

1. Employ a responsible office manager to relieve the Executive Secretary of business details (prompter reply to letters, elimination of complaints of non-receipt of TOMAHAWKS, etc.)
2. Secure the services of a qualified alumni Brother to be the Alumni Secretary, who would develop and maintain Alumni Councils. (Same recommendation made by our Committee members).
3. Although not necessary or obligatory, suggest consideration of "associate" members who would be interested in aiding Alpha Sigma Phi's permanent charity project.
4. Create fund of \$1,000,000 (by professional fund raising company- 1st year cost of \$20 to \$25,000). The following steps are suggested:
 - a. General membership survey
 - b. Reactivate or establish alumni councils where concentration exists.
 - c. Establish objectives of uses of funds.
 - d. Publicize objectives to all members.
 - e. Improve nature of material in TOMAHAWK
 - f. Create Brothers' interest in funds' purposes.
 - g. Public relations and publicity.
 - h. Actual campaign.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALUMNI COUNCILS AND COMMITTEE

1. Suggest all Councils follow "DO'S and DON'T'S" in Manual, plus following:
 - a. Practically no reporting Council shows any marked degree of success in improving their attendance percentage. This should receive great attention.
 - b. Many Councils stated that the LITTLE TOMMY idea was worthwhile but only two of the reporting nine had sent writeups to the National Office. It is not entirely the fault of the Executive Secretary that only one issue was published.
 - c. Several Councils received letters containing special recommendations but no replies have been received to the Chairman's letter of September 7, 1949. These Councils are: Mahoning Valley Twin Cities, Syracuse, Staten Island, San Francisco Bay, The New York City Council has discussed its attendance and program problems but practically no visible improvement has resulted to this Council which should be our largest with over 1500 potential members.
2. Next year's Committee should attempt to reactivate Councils in Mahoning Valley, Northwestern Ohio, Tacoma, Twin Cities, Syracuse, Boston, Lexington, Tulsa, San Francisco Bay, and Honolulu.
3. Hold a discussion on the suggested program of the Chicago Alumni Council.
4. Suggested projects in the Manual should be discussed, plus any others, at the Convention.
5. Other subjects for discussion:
 - a. Actives should learn about Alumni Councils' activities and responsibilities. Councils should invite actives, whose homes are nearby, to their meetings during vacation time, in addition to the existing policy of inviting actives of nearby chapters to every meeting.
 - b. Suggest central agency at National Office for printing and mailing of all Chapter and Alumni Corporation newsletters, also Alumni Council meeting notices, to be subsidized by the respective groups who are undoubtedly spending much money in this line already. By such centralization and resulting economy, the groups which are not now securing the necessary publicity, should be able to do so.
 - c. Are active Chapters taking advice of alumni groups?
 - d. Status and future of Endowment Fund.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. What is your chapter's attitude toward Alumni?

Excellent _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

2. Has your chapter ever sought Alumni advice? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, did your chapter receive prompt attention?

Yes _____ No _____

3. When you become an Alumnus do you wish to continue taking an active interest in Alpha Sigma Phi affairs?

Yes _____ No _____

4. What benefits do you individually expect to get from an Alumni Council?

5. Does the local Alumni Council keep in touch with your Chapter?

Yes _____ No _____

6. Would your chapter welcome periodic visits from Alumni?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how often?

7. Do you think an Alumni Council could be of service to you?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how?

Name _____

Chapter _____

Chicago Plan

STATEMENT

WE HAVE

- (1) 20,000 Life members of Alpha Sigma Phi called "Alumni". These Life Members are virtually forgotten, scattered geographically all over the world, and lost - so far as our fraternity organization is concerned
- (2) 2,000 Life members of Alpha Sigma Phi called "Active". These life Members are kept much in mind by the fraternity organization, they live in closely knit groups, and are very much in evidence.
- (3) Our national organization is existing on dues collected from those least able to pay - students in school - as it has for the past 100 years

We cannot continue to struggle on the meager financial basis of the past, that exacted from some 2,000 students in school, if we are to maintain our position in the college fraternity world. The reports of your committees on finance and housing are illustrative of our predicaments. What about our future?

WE NEED

- (1) We need money, funds. No, not a few dollars to tide us over, but funds in the amount of hundreds of thousands as a back-log to finance operations and to furnish additional current income to help defray the expenses of our organization. We need funds at every level of our operation - the Chapter, the Chapter House Corporation, the Alumni Council, the Province and the National Office in Delaware.
- (2) We need to raise and broaden the horizons of Alpha Sigma Phi to encompass the active, interested moral and financial support of our 20,000 Life Members in the business world.
- (3) We need the acclamation of public opinion gained through proper publicity of good deeds - "Well done".

LET'S DO SOMETHING - HERE'S SOME SUGGESTIONS

Let's put on a national campaign for the reactivation of our 20,000 Alumni Life members.

- (1) Let's pass an enabling motion instructing the Grand Council to immediately start a campaign to raise money for
 - (a) An Endowment Fund, the income from which is to assist in defraying National's expenses;
 - (b) A Revolving Fund, to be used for loans to chapter alumni corporations for housing purposes;
 - (c) An Expense Fund, the contributions to which shall be prorated to National's development Expenses over the next five years; and
 - (d) A Campaign Fund, to meet the expenses of conducting a five year campaign.
- (2) Let's pass an enabling motion changing the constitution to allow the admission of Associate Members; it being understood that upon local Council, local Province and Grand Council approval and initiation by an active chapter that Associate Memberships in Alpha Sigma Phi be granted to successful men of high caliber in various fields of activity similar to the manner in which Faculty Memberships are now granted. Great institutions of learning are constantly conferring degrees upon such men. Who are we, - that we should not do the same. (There should be some good generous donations and considerable favorable publicity for Alpha Sigma Phi from this source)

STATEMENT

- (3) Let's get \$10,000 cash, right now, to inaugurate a national campaign. These are lush times. Maybe another year will bring a depression or World War III. If we are to put our campaign into action, it should have been done yesterday. The best we can do now is today. Tomorrow is too late.

Practical realism demands we find \$10,000 at once to inaugurate our fund raising campaign. National does not have it. National cannot use the dues collected to meet regular expenses. Professional fund raising men tell us not to begin by approaching a number of our more interested Alumni. Such action would mean that we would be obliged to accept a token of \$10, \$25 or \$50 from individuals well able to give much more. This leaves us to start from what we have to get that we need a \$10,000 inaugural fund to start our campaign.

REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

to

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

First of all I want to thank very heartily the men who did the real work on this committee - all I did was compile the ideas presented and throw in a few of my own. The ideas were many and quite varied; and the problem of how to judge the awards for some of these projects would seem to be quite difficult.

I.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Most of the committee felt that this was rightly one of the very important items since the standing of a chapter in the community very largely contributes to its smooth operation. Actives are sometimes quite unaware of this fact. This is especially true in smaller colleges where merchants and townspeople discuss such things as local credit, noise at all hours, even such apparent trifles as parking around the house. Some form of community service would seem to be the best way of creating a good impression on the community and such items as local charities, Christmas entertainment for children, service to foreign students, etc. are mentioned. Here the question of awards arises. It is difficult to determine a yardstick for gauging the services rendered. Perhaps the best way would be to have a committee of alumni pass on reports from all chapters or to have a member of the faculty who knows the chapter pretty well write a description of his estimate of the work of the year. If many chapters go into this it would be a big judging job.

II.

CHAPTER NEWS LETTER

It should not be too difficult to find a committee of brothers acquainted with the printing game to pass on such items as news value, balance of chapter vs alumni news, art form, style of make-up, editorship and - most important - regularity of issue. Here again, if many chapters enter the contest the judging won't be too easy. Of course allowance should be made in the matter of size of chapter and other variables. On the other hand a swanky printed job which doesn't show too much thought and originality would not win over a neat mimeographed sheet which would cover the chapter activities comprehensively.

III.

SCHOLARSHIP

Awards here would be to the chapter having the highest rating in the fraternity and also one for the chapter making the best improvement from year to year. Effort should be made to encourage every alumni association to give an award for best scholarship in the chapter. It is hardly feasible to attempt, as one correspondent suggested, to single out the best student in the whole fraternity. Difference in grading systems preclude accuracy in this field. However, each chapter can and should encourage scholarship within the group. Such action by alumni would enhance their relations with the fraternity. In a few instances Mothers' Clubs serve this function. Brother Bickel can no doubt furnish us with the framework of a basis of comparison of grading systems on various campuses.

IV.

SUPERIOR ALUMNI PROGRAMS

Doubtless the Committee on Alumni Activities will have some ideas along this line. The criteria for picking the best alumni council might be:

Regularity of meetings
Frequency of meetings
Variety of programs
Service to definite chapters

Accuracy of mailing lists
Real membership drives
Rushing Activity
Cooperation with Home Office

The matter of award becomes a problem here. The brothers in a council would hardly care to have a loving cup to lug around, or an illuminated scroll to file away. Perhaps what would please them most would be to give their council ample coverage in an issue of TOMAHAWK with pictures of their group, of their officers, account of their methods and activities, etc.

V.

AMONG ALUMNI COUNCILS

Not many men discussed this point. It would seem that this also would not be very stimulating as an incentive to make the alumni work harder. I should think it would be sufficient for the GSP to write a special letter of commendation to any association which had done an outstanding piece of work.

VI.

HOUSE DISCUSSIONS

One thinks at once in this regard that it would be difficult to evaluate this as a special project. It would perhaps be better to include this in some over-all rating which would include such things as success of and chapter representation in intramural sports, class offices, varsity lettermen, etc.

VII.

CHARITY ACTIVITIES

These should be considered in the Public Relations awards.

Some fraternities have so overworked this idea of awards that actives are sometimes confused as to just what they are working for. In general the committee seems to think that the awards should be relatively few in number,

but specifically designated, and that if local alumni groups or interested alumni looked after other awards based on intra-chapter activity some of these awards would have a more personal appeal.

Generally speaking the National Office might award the following achievements:

- (1) Highest Chapter in Grades
- (2) Chapter making greatest gain in scholarship
- (3) Chapter presenting the best record in Public Relations
- (4) Chapter showing the best record in activities, as outlined in #6.

Local awards would go for:

- (1) Highest grade in scholarship to senior for all year average,
- (2) to pledge making the best grade his first year,
- (3) to active doing best rushing job,
- (4) to the most valuable man of the year regardless of class, and perhaps other choices.

The question arises as to what form these awards should take and how they should be financed. The individual awards should be in the form of keys but the pattern should definitely be standardized so that all the chapters use the same thing, thus enhancing ownership when the plan gets under way. (note Hargear's award to AZ men for rushing.)

National awards may be either plaques or loving cups. These may be individual awards for each year or have room for the engraving of winners from year to year with the stipulation that if one chapter wins the award three years running or any three years they retain permanent ownership. In any case there should be a uniform arrangement for these awards and regulations drawn up governing their use, with provisions made for altering

such specifications when necessary. We already have the Victor Scott trophy for scholarship which is a handsome thing and very arresting. However, it bears the name of Phi Pi Phi and for this reason sometimes needs explaining. This need not preclude its use as originally intended; however, I think this particular trophy should not be made eligible to complete ownership because of a three time win because it has been turned over to the whole fraternity and is a sort of symbol of the merger of the two groups.

The financing of this sort of thing should not present a problem, but needs a lot of publicity. When all these details are ironed out a lot of space should be given to it in the TOMAHAWK, with pictures of awards, etc. Alumni councils, alumni associations, Mothers' and Dads' Clubs should be invited to set up the local trophies or contribute to the National ones. Doubtless there are alumni who would give this award individually for some thing which interested them. Some men like to see their name attached and while I am personally not in favor of such a thing that should be decided; it would lead to confusion to have a Joe Zilch award for most valuable man at Alpha and a John Doe award for the same thing at Beta and a Tri State Alumni award likewise for Alpha Gamma.

We had such a scholarship award before the war, donated by the Mothers' Club and I furnished the individual key to the boy. In addition to the key his name was inscribed on the permanent plaque at the house. The lads didn't keep up the scheme after the war, but I intend to have them hunt up the grade standing and personally furnish the winners of the awards for the years since the war. This is a standard key which Balfour carries indicating scholarship and it could be adopted by other groups.

None of the letters had much to say about the determination of awards. In a few instances it was suggested that alumni on the faculty (if any) would help in these decisions. This requires a lot of thought and the alumni

membership should be studied for men who would like to take up this sort of thing as a hobby, or could be counted on doing such work as rating club publications, estimating grades (Brother Bickel again) comparing reports on public relations, etc. The question also has arisen as to whether there might not be more competition if there were also second and third prizes. This problem is potentially too productive to be decided by a small group and should be given wide consideration by alumni and actives alike. The more discussion there is on the subject the better the decisions and more popular the idea will be both on campuses and in alumni circles.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
to
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

The Publications Committee, consisting of Joyce Swan, Vernon Bowen, and Ted Phillips held a meeting in New York City in March, 1949. Following this meeting, on May 10, 1949, recommendations were sent to Mr. Burns concerning the "Tomahawk" and other publication matters.

The Publications Committee members live in Minneapolis, New York and Philadelphia. Much of their work thus far has been carried on by correspondence. From time to time we have tried to be helpful to Mr. Burns, Executive Secretary, or the Grand Council, when called upon.

Events over which the Publications Committee had no control caused a change in editorship, as the Grand Council knows. In the opinion of the Committee, those issues of the "Tomahawk" under the new editorship have shown a decided improvement. We consider that this improvement is so great that we believe there should be a tremendous interest in the "Tomahawk" on the part of alumni.

The Committee realizes that its duties are advisory, and hopes that its comments have been of some help. All members have been glad to act in this capacity and greatly appreciate the opportunity to give some time and effort to the "old gal".

T. A. Phillips
for the Committee

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May 10, 1949

Mr. Ralph Burnis
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
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Delaware, Ohio

Dear Ralph;

Brothers Joyce Swan, Vernon Bowen and myself held a meeting in March in which we discussed publication problems of the National Fraternity. Mr. Swan, who is vice president of Minneapolis Star and Tribune, was fortunately in New York at the time and we spent some three hours going over various aspects of the "Tomahawk".

The Committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. We like the full-page portraits on the cover but feel that identification should be made right on the cover.
2. We feel the use of cartoons should be encouraged.
3. We feel that occasionally a good poem or a short story should appear.
4. We feel that special articles should appear which would take up such problems as:
 - (a) The budget of the Undergraduate Board
 - (b) Accounting and finance methods of the Undergraduate Chapters.
 - (c) Housing
 - (d) Alumni Associations and their relationship to the under-graduates.
5. We recommend that considerable editing be done of the "News Notices" and that a page be developed called "High Lights". This page should take out the significant news which appears in the "News Notices" and publicize it pretty much as would be done in a newspaper article.

6. We feel furthermore that the "news Notices" should be highlighted with a headline, a subheadline, and some further emphasis given to important achievements of a particular chapter.
7. It was further suggested that an outline of the desirable type of "News Letter" be sent to the chapters' correspondents in form of a questionnaire so that the correspondent will be more or less forced to write up the kind of information which would make the "News Letter" readable. This questionnaire should include such material as:
 - (a) Significant sports achievements of the chapter since the last issue.
 - (b) Scholastic achievements of the chapter, such as election to Phi Beta Kappa.
 - (c) Other campus honors.
 - (d) Parties the chapter gave which are unusual.
 - (e) What alumni have visited the chapter?
 - (f) Special problems the chapter had and settled.
8. It was also suggested that a questionnaire be sent to a small group of alumni making a survey concerning the "Tomahawk". This might be in the form of a double government postcard on which the alumnus is asked such questions as:
 - (a) Do you read the "Tomahawk" at all?
 - (b) What part of it do you read?
 - (c) What type of articles do you like to read?
 - (d) Do you read your own Chapter letter only, or do you read other Chapter letters?

It was suggested that this questionnaire be sent by Ralph to the chapter and the Chapter be asked to send it out to a selected group of its alumni. Mr. Swan stated that he would be glad to go over a questionnaire made up by the editor and make suggestions concerning the final questionnaire.

9. Much discussion was had concerning the value of the "News Notices" themselves but our final decision was that there was no doubt that they were interesting reading and important, but the chief thing was to dramatize them in a way that would get more of them read.

There is a definite feeling that the book is well set, a good type face, that it looks interesting, and that photographs are well scattered throughout and that they should be used as often as possible.

The Committee suggests that the editor of "Tomahawk" write to individual chapters from time to time asking them if undergraduates, or even alumni, have done any significant writing which is of a caliber which should appear in the "Tomahawk". It is felt, too, that a letter occasionally from the editor of the "Tomahawk" to the active chapter correspondent might disclose the names of alumni who are in the public print because of special achievements and some recognition of this could be made in various articles from time to time.

The Committee expresses its willingness to be of help to the National Office in designing or rewriting in any way the "Pledge Manual". The Committee also expresses its willingness to be of any help whatsoever in any other publications contemplated by the National Office.

I am sending my report directly to you, Ralph, so that you may have any copies that are necessary for Lloyd and others of your choosing. Copies have gone to Joyce Swan and Vernon Bowen. I cannot help but express my deep appreciation to both Joyce and Vernon, who are intensely interested and express their willingness to help at anytime.

Yours Sincerely,

T. A. Phillips

REPORT OF PROVINCE COMMITTEE
to
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

The Province system, as recently inaugurated in Alpha Sigma Phi, if properly developed and guided, will provide an economical, efficient and effective means of lending strength and solidarity to the Fraternity. There are, of course, several factors which have an important bearing on the successful operation of the Province system.

The Province Chief

First and foremost is the Province Chief himself. Without his personal initiative and fraternal enthusiasm and experience, and a complete willingness to sacrifice much of his time for the Fraternity, the Province system would prove completely ineffective. So far we have been extremely fortunate in finding men with such qualifications. Yet, we must never lose sight of the fact that these fraternity officers--these regional representatives of the national fraternity--are beset with many other responsibilities. They have family obligations, they have private business obligations. They may hold membership and official positions in other organizations, and all bidding for their time. But in spite of these other important obligations, they are volunteering some of their precious time for their Fraternity. With such unselfish devotion manifested by these brothers, Alpha Sigma Phi is indeed wealthy. Let us keep all this in mind while consideration is given to the following proposals for strengthening the Province Chief in his work and the resulting benefits that will accrue to the Fraternity.

Deputy Province Chief

It is the opinion of your Province Committee that in many cases, depending on the size of the particular province and geographical distribution of the chapters within it, there is a need for an Assistant or Deputy Province Chief. This assistant could prove of great help to the Province Chief in the effective administration of his province. This Deputy Province Chief would be appointed by the Grand Council upon the recommendation of the Province Chief.

Chapter Visitations

Each chapter should have the benefit of at least two official visits from the Province Chief or his Deputy during the collegiate year. In specifying two visits per year, it is the intention of your Province Committee that this be considered by the Province Chief as a desirable goal to be reached but not compulsory. Chapter conditions within a province should guide the Province Chief in making his official visits. A strong chapter might be visited only once, thereby permitting an additional visit during the year to a chapter that may be in trouble.

Your Province Committee does not think it advisable to recommend any specific time of the semester or year for chapter visitations. This must be left to the judgment of the Province Chief, based on his knowledge of individual chapter conditions and needs.

Although a chapter's gracious hospitality may be the motivating force in its wanting the Province Chief to make his visit on the particular weekend of a big football game or house dance, we do not recommend this as the primary factor to guide the Province Chief in the setting up of his visitation schedule. Such weekend activities, although most enjoyable, place an excessive demand on a Province Chief's time--time that he could use to better advantage in the best interests of the Chapter; time to sit down with the Chapter officers and discuss their problems in detail with them; time to meet and talk with alumni members of the chapter; time to visit and talk with one of the college's administration officers; time to witness and offer constructive criticism on the chapter's exemplification of the ritual; time to get in many morale-building licks for the betterment of the chapter.

Chapter Reports

Besides these official visitations, some method should be adopted that will give the Province Chief a fairly reliable picture of the chapter's progress from week to week. It is the thinking of your Province Committee that this might best be accomplished by the chapter furnishing the Province Chief with a copy of the minutes of chapter meetings. These minutes, if properly prepared, would enable the Province Chief to keep abreast of chapter activities and current problems confronting it. A special form, prepared and supplied by our Central office, would be used by the chapter in making these regular reports to the Province Chief.

In addition to such a report submitted directly from the chapter to the Province Chief, other pertinent information which is received by the Central office from the chapters should be made available to the Province Chief. The Province Chief should also receive copies of the minutes of Grand Council meetings in order that he may be kept properly and accurately informed on national policy.

Province Meetings

It is the recommendation of the Province Committee that serious consideration be given to the matter of holding annual province meetings. The Province meeting would be under the direction of the Province Chief. Each chapter would arrange to send one or more of its chapter officers to some central chapter location within the province on a designated weekend where they would have the opportunity to participate in a province conference on matters of mutual concern and interest. The medium of leadership training programs could be used to the finest advantage in these meetings. Besides province and chapter matters, a national theme for discussion could be set so that all of the Provinces throughout the country would be discussing one common problem of interest to the Fraternity. With the Province Chief setting up the program, a representative of the official family of the Fraternity, namely a member of the Grand Council or the Executive Secretary should also be in attendance to assist in the leading of discussions.

The province meeting might be financed by the individual chapters paying the expenses of the officers to go to the meeting, with a small additional charge to be paid to the host chapter for any local expenses incurred in the way of meals, entertainment, etc.

Sizes of Provinces

In some instances there may be a need for some re-alignment of the Provinces on a better geographical basis. In some cases it might be advisable to enlarge a particular province, in others to reduce the size so that more effective job of administration can be accomplished. It is the recommendation of the Province Committee that our province structure be reviewed by the Executive Secretary and that the Grand Council be advised of his recommendations in the matter of any necessary re-alignment.

Respectfully submitted,

PROVINCE COMMITTEE

Donald J. Lofquist	Douglas Hammial
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	Chairman

September 13, 1950

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

to the

1950 NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

In addition to that material which appears in the Grand Council Report, we should like to share with you additional details of the work of the Extension Committee. May we divide our discussion into three areas of thinking: one, work accomplished; two, discussion of policy and actions recommended; and three, future program.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Since the close of the 1948 Convention two chapters have been reactivated and three new chapters have been installed.

Brother Z. Erol Smith of the Illinois Institute Chapter in Chicago arranged with the Extension Committee to transfer to the University of Colorado during the spring quarter of 1949. Brother Smith with the cooperation of the Fraternity developed a program for the reactivation of Pi Chapter. Brother Smith received assistance and guidance from alumni from Boulder and Denver areas. He was able to successfully pledge a few men in the spring of 1949. The first initiation was held at the Illinois Institute Chapter in September, 1949. There will be 16 men returning to the Chapter this fall, and the chapter has been operating in a house this past year with a capacity of 15 men. This year they have secured an annex with the same capacity.

The chapter is rather unusual in as much as they do not enter into the annual rush week in competition with the other fraternity chapters on the campus. They prefer to continue their rushing throughout the school year rushing small groups of men and they hope to pledge about 20 men this year.

The chapter ranked first in scholarship out of 23 national fraternities on the campus with a 1.6 average as compared with the all school average of 1.42. They have excellent financial standing in the community, and this past year they ranked first out of all the national fraternities on the campus in their inter-mural activities. This past year they won the Interfraternity Council participation trophy based upon scholarship, inter-mural athletics, and participation in extra curricular activities. This chapter should have the recognition of the entire Convention for the splendid credit they have reflected upon the National Organization. Brother Alex W. Sumoski, H.S.P. will be the official delegate of the chapter to this Convention. This is a very fine example of what proper leadership will do in the reactivation of a chapter as expressed through the work of Brother Z. Smith and those that have been initiated into the chapter to date.

Another fine example of reactivation which is progressing a little bit more slowly than at the University of Colorado is the chapter at the University of Wisconsin.

One of the top leaders in this work has been Brother David Heenan of our Milton Chapter who has been a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin for the last two years. Continued supervision over the development of this reactivation has been given by Brother John T. Trutter, Province Chief for this area who will be in attendance at this Convention.

Brother Heenan with the aid of other Milton Brothers, Brother Trutter, and Wisconsin Alumni in the area, has succeeded in having our group recognized as the reactivated chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi on the Wisconsin campus. They held their first initiations this past year. The program of the chapter now is going forward in an effort to secure a house, and we have great anticipation for a successful and splendid chapter at the University of Wisconsin in the future.

The three newly installed chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi are at Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, and Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Dr. Stanley White, head of the chemistry department at Davis and Elkins and an alumnus brother from Yale University, has been the guiding light in the formation of the chapter. He has had the able assistance of Brother Stephen P. Toadvine, an alumnus of our Cornell Chapter who is also a member of the college faculty. At the time of the installation on April 2, 1949, members of the Bethany, University of West Virginia, Marshall, West Virginia Wesleyan, and American University Chapters participated in the ceremonies bringing this group into the Brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi. It is the outstanding chapter on the Davis and Elkins campus. Thirty-six men were initiated at the installation, and they have initiated 83 additional men to date. This Convention should give expression of appreciation to the work Brothers White and Toadvine have given to this new chapter as well as the splendid leadership which the undergraduate men have assumed.

The host chapter of this National Convention is the new Gamma Epsilon Chapter at the University of Buffalo which was first contacted through the efforts of Brother Allison S. Beebe of our Middlebury Chapter who was transferred from his office in Buffalo as of the first of August to the home office in Boston and unfortunately will be unable to attend the Convention. Through the work of Brother Beebe and the other members of the Niagara Frontier Alumni Council under the direction of Brother Lloyd S. Cochran, the University of Buffalo Chapter was installed on February 25, 1950. Twenty-two men were initiated at that time, and 17 additional men have been initiated during the spring of this year. Undergraduate representatives from Cornell, Syracuse, and Davis and Elkins Chapters aided in the installation.

Several years ago Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio decided to invite National Fraternities to their campus. Eight outstanding national fraternities have been invited to establish chapters on this campus and have done so in the last six years. Alpha Sigma Phi was invited by the University to investigate two or three undergraduate locals that were eligible for petitioning the national organization. Through the work of Brother Ralph F. Burns, Brother James Kaldal, and the local alumni on the Bowling Green campus, Gamma Zeta chapter was installed on June 3, 1950 with 48 men being initiated including two faculty members.

The University of Buffalo Chapter assisted in this installation along with the cooperation of the nearby sister chapters at Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio Northern, University of Toledo, Ohio State, and Baldwin Wallace.

These three new chapters are great additions to our National Fraternity role, and you will be impressed, we are certain, by their individual representatives at this first National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi.

DISCUSSION OF POLICY AND ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

During the past two years your committee has developed for members of the Extension Committee standards of development of colonies for petitioning Alpha Sigma Phi. This information requires that the institution be in accord with all of the standards as set down for petitioning groups in the National Constitution and By-Laws, that the group consist of at least 15 men, and have approval of local and institutional groups, that the waiting period for the colony should be six months, a year, or two years, depending upon the stability of the group, and that future success is indicated if a charter is granted. It sets forth the financial requirements which a colony would have to meet as a chapter, and it is a general over-all guide to the members of the Extension

Committee. Membership in the Fraternity is assured members of a colony only if a charter is granted to the group.

Also information was developed for use of the Extension Committee for groups that desired to petition Alpha Sigma Phi having already been organized as locals.

There have been some institutions which your Extension Committee had been considering where we recommend first emphasis be placed so far as our Extension effort is concerned. These institutions include Northwestern, University of Florida, University of Miami, University of Southern California, Fresno State, Davis (California), Oklahoma A & M, Duke, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Georgia Tech, University of Arizona, University of Maryland, University of Delaware, San Jose, and Kent State University (Kent, Ohio).

Schools which we have considered at which there do not appear to be any real extension possibilities at the moment but where there may be openings in the future include Florida State, Florida Southern, Santa Barbara, University of Tulsa, San Diego, University of Chattanooga, Trinity, Washington State, University of Idaho, University of Nevada, and the University of Denver.

In addition to new chapters, we recommend that every possibility looking to the reactivation of other of our former chapters be carefully studied. In addition to the institutions mentioned in the Extension portion of the Grand Council Report; i.e., the University of Massachusetts and the University of Minnesota, your committee feels there are real possibilities at Iowa State, University of Iowa, Coe College, North Carolina State, University of New Hampshire, and Carnegie Tech. At the last mentioned institution we are hoping for favorable word this fall.

Your Committee is following the desire as expressed by the last few conventions of strategic expansion in geographical areas where we need additional strength. We feel that Extension should not go forward in a way that would limit or curtail the proper consideration for the continued strengthening of some of the weaker chapters within the National Organization at any time. We trust that the Convention shares this same feeling.

FUTURE PROGRAM

The future program of the Extension Committee will be dependent upon a number of factors.

1. The development of the present international situation which undoubtedly will take its toll on the number of undergraduates available in the institutions of higher education for membership in fraternities. This problem has to be faced from time to time as our country draws closer and closer to increased mobilization.
2. The expression of policy on the part of the Fraternity as to its attitude toward the work to be spent by the Central Office in connection with extension activities which are part of the service program of the Fraternity.
3. The general expression of this Convention as to its attitude toward the general policy which the Grand Council should follow on future extension activities.

We wish to express our appreciation to the members of the Grand Council, the Province Chiefs, Undergraduate Chapters, and many alumni who have assisted in the expansion program of the Fraternity in the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Chm.

Wesley M. Hine

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REPORT OF CHAPTER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
To
The National Convention

September 10-13, 1950

Mr. Lloyd S. Cochran
Grand Senior President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Dear Brother Cochran:

Two years ago, following the close of the Twentieth National Convention of our Fraternity, you appointed a Committee on Chapter Affairs. The Committee has submitted to you from time to time both oral and written reports of its work. Herewith we submit in general terms a summary of our two years activities.

I. Condition of our Chapters

The Chapter Affairs Committee has attempted at all times to feel the pulse of Alpha Sigma Phi. Where chapters showed signs of illness such as low membership, weak financial conditions, poor public relations, internal dissensions, lack of cooperation, housing problems, etc., your committee tried to find the cause and recommend proper procedure to correct the weaknesses. Thus through the cooperation of the Executive Secretary, Ralph F. Burns, and various other committees of the Grand Council, we are happy to report that our chapters, larger in number than two years ago, have all made considerable progress. Although not all our chapters are in excellent condition, they are all in better condition than they were two years ago. Our committee has not been able to solve all the problems that have faced our chapters but we are happy to report that we are attempting to solve them.

II. Chapter Visitation Program

One of the chief reasons why we can report that our chapters are in better health is due to the visitation program that was developed by Brother Burns. Every chapter has been visited either by the Executive Secretary or his assistant, Brother James B. Kaldal, or by the Province Chief of the area.

III. Unified Report

Your committee has drawn up a unified report blank to replace the multitudinous reports that are now necessary in order for the National Office to secure all the necessary information from our chapters. This unified report will save time and work.

IV. Inter-chapter Exchange

Your committee was empowered by the Grand Council to send out an Inter-Chapter Exchange Letter. By means of this letter the chapters that have tried unusual ideas in rushing, pledge training, public relations, social affairs, homecoming programs, alumni affairs, etc., could share their success with their sister chapters. Although the committee has not as yet placed the Inter-Chapter Exchange Letter into practice, we hope that in the future such a letter will be published regularly by the National Office.

V. Chapter Discussion

Today when the Fraternity System is being attacked because we believe that it is democratic to choose your friends and brothers, fraternities should shoulder their responsibility of defending the democratic way of life. One means of accomplishing this would be by organizing chapter house discussion groups or forums. We recommend that each chapter appoint a committee on

Chapterhouse Discussion. The National Interfraternity Conference has prepared a useful bulletin on "Chapterhouse Discussions." This bulletin contains a very complete bibliography of books that would be helpful in setting up forums to discuss democratic ideals and to share group experiences. The Chapter Affairs Committee is prepared to give assistance to our local chapters in setting up such a program.

VI. Fraternity Charity

A sub-committee of our committee has been assigned the task of developing a program of charity that we might inaugurate on the national and local scale. A special report will be submitted by the sub-committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve on your committee, Brother Cochran. We express our appreciation to you and to Brother Burns, the members of the Grand Council, and the office staff for their assistance and cooperation to our committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Frank J. Krebs, Chairman

Chapter Affairs Committee

The accompanying chart is a composite report of the Questionnaire on Living Costs conducted by the Grand Council among the active chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The survey represents figures as of April and May, 1950.

The chapters not tabulated are those failing to return their questionnaires to the National Headquarters. The delegates of these fifteen chapters are requested to take their enclosed questionnaire blanks back to their chapters and to have them answered and returned as soon as possible.

Under the column "Dues coverage," "HU" stands for "house upkeep," and "Soc" is an abbreviation for "social fees."

COLLEGE	CHARGES PER MONTH				MEMBERS		EXPENSES PER MONTH						MISCELLANEOUS				
	Meals per day	Room rent	Dues and assessments	Living costs	Eating	Living	Cook's salary	Number of waiters and salary	Housekeeper	Steward	House Mother	Other chapter officers	Dues coverage	Cooperative buying	% food at wholesale	Deep freeze	Audit
Alabama	1.35	12.50	8.00	60.50	12	13	68	None	None	None	60	Tr--Rm	HU Soc	No	10	No	Yes
American																	
Baldwin-Wallace	1.25	8.00	6.00	39.00	45	22	100	2--25	None	25	100	Tr--	Soc HU	No	50	No	Yes
Bethany		17.50	5.00	22.50		18	None	None	None	None	None	None	Soc	No	10	No	Yes
Bowling Green																	
Brooklyn																	
Buffalo																	
California																	
UCLA	1.85	20.00	6.00	70.00	45	25	125	3--40	None	70	None	Pr--50	HU	Yes	100	No	Yes
Cincinnati		20.00	7.00	42.00		8	None	None	None	None	None	None	HU	No		No	No
Colorado	1.55	15.00	6.00	60.00	14	14	None	3--	None	None	None	None	HU Soc	No		No	Yes
Columbia			2.00	2.00	0	0	None	None	None	None	None	None	HU	No		No	Yes
Connecticut	2.00	17.50	6.25	60.00	66	62	60	13--65hr	None	10	None	None	HU Soc	No	100	No	Yes
Cornell	2.00	25.00	10.00	99.00	39	30	161	4--56	180	30	None	Tr--15	HU	No	50	No	Yes

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Newark																	
Ohio Northern	1.40	12.00	3.00	43.00	23	12	120	2--28	None	28	None	None	HU	No	50	No	Yes
Ohio State	1.50	15.00	6.00	56.50	20	13	140	4--75hr	None	None	18	Tr--15	HU Soc	Yes	98	No	Yes
Ohio Wesleyan	1.35	13.00	7.50	60.50	53	25	160	4--10	72	15	120	Pr--13 Tr--30	HU Soc	No	70	No	Yes
Oklahoma		20.00	7.50	27.50	00	55	None	None	None	10	145	Tr--10	HU Soc	No	00	No	Yes
Oregon State	1.67	15.00	0.00	65.00	38	39	180	None	None	None	None	Tr--65	None	Yes	98	No	Yes
Penn State	1.62	25.14	6.12	80.00	36	41	200	8--46	100	None	None	Tr--35	HU Soc	No	35	No	Yes
Pennsylvania, U	1.95	22.50	12.00	87.25	57	28	360	4--46	180	46	None	Tr--35	HU Soc	Yes	95	No	Yes
Presbyterian																	
Purdue	1.50	22.00	2.50	62.50	37	31	150	5--42	None	None	None	None	HU	No	20	No	Yes
Rensselaer	1.50	16.00	5.00	66.00	32	26	168	2--48	None	None	None	None	HU Soc	No	50	No	Yes
Rutgers	2.00	27.50	3.00	72.50	32	28	140	11--75hr	68	40	140	None	Soc	No	15	No	Yes
Stanford	2.00	17.00	5.00	77.50	30	29	225	4--48	None	5	17	HM--65	HU HU	Yes	25	Yes	Yes
Stevens		20.00	6.00	26.00	00	5	None	None	None	None	None	None	Soc	Yes	00	No	Yes

COLLEGE	CHARGES PER MONTH				MEMBERS		EXPENSES PER MONTH						MISCELLANEOUS				
	Meals per day	Room rent	Dues and assessments	Living costs	Eating	Living	Cook's salary	Number of waiters and salary	Housekeeper	Steward	House Mother	Other Chapter officers	Dues coverage	Cooperative buying	% food at wholesale	deep freeze	Audit
Syracuse	2.00	20.00	4.00	80.00	00	22	184	4--52	60	64	None	Tr--20 Pr--20	HU Soc	No	40	Yes	No
Toledo		13.00	4.00	17.00	00	3	None	None	None	None	None	Tr--8	Hu Soc	No	00	No	Yes
Tri-State		12.00	6.00	18.00	00	23	None	None	None	None	None	None	HU	No	00	No	Yes
Tufts	2.35	19.00	8.00	78.40	46	20	210	None	None	28	None	Tr--40	HU	No	95	Yes	Yes
Wagner																	
Wake Forest		10.00	5.50	15.50	00	18	None	None	None	None	None	Tr--5	HU Soc	No	00	No	Yes
Washington	2.25	20.00	None	60.00	61	37	240	5--60	None	60	None	None	None	No	100	No	Yes
Wayne		20.00	3.00	23.00	00	6	None	None	None	None	None	Tr--48 Pr--9	HU Soc	No	00	No	No
Westminster	1.36	9.00	6.75	48.00	55	15	165	1--39	10	39	None	Tr--45	Soc	No	95	No	Yes
West Virginia, U	1.80	19.00	6.00	60.00	17	9	140	2--40	20	40	None	None	HU Soc	No	60	No	No
West Va Wesleyan	1.25	12.00	4.00	52.00	19	21	50	None	None	None	50	Tr--16	HU Soc	No	25	No	Yes
Wisconsin																	
Wofford			4.00	4.00	00	00	None	None	None	None	None	None	Soc	No	00	No	No

The enclosed chart indicates the results of the recent Liquor Survey conducted by the Grand Council. The tabulations represent the policy toward liquor of each of the institutions where Alpha Sigma Phi maintains an active chapter.

The nine general headings refer to the following:

- #1 No college restrictions. A policy expressing complete confidence in the undergraduates, but usually reserving the right to interfere in extreme cases.
- #2 Liquor banned from the campus. No liquor permitted on campus proper.
- #3 Liquor banned from fraternity houses. No liquor allowed at any time in the chapter houses.
- #4 Liquor banned at all social functions. No liquor may be served at any fraternity function either in or out of the house.
- #5 IFC rules only. The only restrictions are enforced by the local IFC.
- #6 Allows bars. The institution has no objection to maintaining a bar within the chapter house.
- #7 Beer only. Under certain conditions, beer may be served in chapter houses.
- #8 Allows social drinking off campus. Chapters may not drink in houses, but may at parties held in public halls.
- #9 Institution considering change in liquor policy. Are not satisfied with present policy and restrictions, and are contemplating a change.

Institution	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9
Alabama, University of		X	X	X					
American University		X	X					X	
Baldwin-Wallace College		X	X	X					
Bethany College		X	X					X	
Bowling Green University		X	X					X	
Brooklyn Polytechnic	X							X	
Buffalo University		X						X	
California, at Berkeley		X	X	X					
California, at Los Angeles		X	X	X					
Cincinnati, University of		X	X					X	
Colorado, University of		X	X					X	
Columbia University	X				X			X	
Connecticut, University of		X	X					X	
Cornell University	X					X		X	
Davis and Elkins College		X						X	
Franklin and Marshall		X	X	X					
Hartwick College		X	X	X					
Illinois Institute		X	X					X	
Illinois, University of		X	X	X					
Kentucky, University of		X	X	X					
Lehigh University								X	
Marietta College		X	X					X	
Marshall College		X	X	X					
Michigan, University of		X	X					X	
Milton College		X	X					X	
Missouri, University of		X	X					X	
Missouri Valley College		X		X					
Mount Union College		X	X	X					

Institution	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9
Nebraska, University of		X	X	X					
Newark College	X							X	
Ohio Northern		X	X	X					X
Ohio State University		X	X					X	
Ohio Wesleyan University	X	X	X	X	X				
Oklahoma, University of		X	X	X					
Oregon State College		X	X					X	
Pennsylvania State College		X	X					X	X
Pennsylvania, University of		X						X	
Presbyterian College		X	X	X					
Purdue University		X	X	X					
Rensselaer Polytechnic	X							X	
Rutgers University						X	X	X	
Stanford University		X	X					X	
Stevens Institute	X							X	
Syracuse University		X	X	X					
Toledo, University of				X					X
Tri-State College	X							X	X
Tufts College	X							X	
Wagner College		X	X					X	
Wake Forest College		X	X					X	
Washington, University of		X	X	X					
Wayne University		X	X					X	
Westminster College		X	X	X					
West Virginia, University of		X	X					X	
West Virginia Wesleyan		X	X	X					
Wisconsin, University of							X	X	
Wofford College		X	X	X					

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

to the

1950 NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

A survey of the fraternity scholarship situation on a nation-wide basis shows that on the whole fraternity scholarship is greatly below the All Men's Average. Our own fraternity is greatly below the All Fraternity Average. So long as Alpha Sigma Phi ranks below the average of fraternities in general, the situation is highly unsatisfactory.

I quote the following from reports issued by Col. Ralph W. Wilson, Scholarship Counselor of the National Interfraternity Conference:

A "below-par" chapter is one that did not, could not, or would not equal the All Men's Average. If the All Men's Average were an unattainable goal, that would be a different story; but it is attainable. Take the 2 extremes of 1948-49: Cincinnati had 16 chapters above par, and 1 below par; Southern California had 1* above par, and 27 below par. We must conclude, therefore, that Cincinnati is practicing "discrimination with vengeance," while Southern California is practicing the "mental-sluggard non-discrimination."

For the college year 1947-48 out of 163 institutions processed 104 of them had disgraceful fraternity scholarship. Out of 2,054 fraternity chapters processed 1,266 of them had disgraceful scholarship. For the college year 1948-49 out of 206 institutions processed 126 of them had disgraceful fraternity scholarship. Out of 2,455 fraternity chapters processed 1,471 of them had disgraceful scholarship. By "disgraceful scholarship," I mean scholarship below the All Men's Average. And if that is not "disgraceful," I do not know what it is!

Some of the more adroit and nimble alibi artists laid this to great unrest of the late war. There was not any "late war" from 1929-30 to 1941-42, so I looked into the records back there. Out of 25,754 fraternity chapters processed 13,183 of them had disgraceful scholarship. Some of excusers of disgraceful fraternity scholarship went out onto a limb and thought the present rotten records had been caused by the pledges being included. Pledges were not included from 1929-30 to 1941-42, so the boys out on the limb sawed themselves off.

With respect to our own fraternity the following are comments on the scholarship situation with regard to particular chapters. Where no more recent information is available, the scholarship ratings here given are those for the college year of 1948-49. In a few cases, information is at hand with respect to the current college year. Note that this information relates only to the scholarship standing of our local chapters as compared with the local chapters of other fraternities:

American University	1948-49	1st out of 3
Bowling Green State University Second Semester	1949-50	1st out of 15
Baldwin-Wallace College	1948-49	3d out of 5
Bethany College, Second Semester	1949-50	8th out of 14
California, University of at L. A.	1948-49	23rd out of 33
California, University of	1948-49	37th out of 41
Cincinnati, University of	1948-49	3d out of 17
Colorado, University of	1949-50	1st out of 17
Columbia University	1948-49	14th out of 16
Connecticut, University of Fall semester	1948-49 1949-50	9th out of 13 5th out of 13
Cornell University	1948-49	31st out of 56
Franklin & Marshall College	1948-49	2d out of 12
Illinois Institute of Technology	1948-49	6th out of 10
Illinois, University of Second Semester	1948-49 1949-50	22d out of 50 31st out of 53
Kentucky, University of	1948-49	15th out of 18
Lehigh University	1948-49 1949-50	2d out of 29 3d out of 29
Marietta College	1948-49	4th out of 4
Marshall College	1948-49 1949-50	6th out of 8 4th out of 8

Michigan, University of	1948-49	34th out of 40
Missouri, University of	1948-49	21st out of 25
	1949-50	27th out of 27
Mount Union College	1948-49	4th out of 5
Nebraska, University of	1948-49	21st out of 21
Ohio Northern University	1948-49	1st out of 7
Ohio State University		
Autumn Quarter	1949-50	46th out of 51
Winter semester)		
Spring semester)	1950	47th out of 51
Ohio Wesleyan University	1948-49	13th out of 14
	1949-50	12th out of 15
Oregon State College	1948-49	14th out of 28
Fall Term	1949-50	26th out of 28
Spring Term	1950	23rd out of 28
Pennsylvania State College	1948-49	18th out of 40
Pennsylvania, University of		
Second Semester	1948-49	23d out of 37
First Semester	1949-50	26th out of 37
Presbyterian College	1948-49	1st out of 5
Purdue University	1949-50	8th out of 36
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1948-49	15th out of 18
Rutgers University	1949-50	8th out of 22
Leland Stanford University	1948-49	15th out of 24
Stevens Institute of Technology	1948-49	9th out of 10
Syracuse University	1948-49	20th out of 28
Tri-State College		
Fall Term	1949-50	4th out of 8
Winter Term	1949-50	3d out of 9
Spring Term	1950	2d out of 9
Tufts College	1948-49	7th out of 8
	1949-50	4th out of 9
Wake Forest College	1948-49	2d out of 10
	1949-50	3d out of 10

Washington, University of	1948-49	39th out of 39
	1949-50	30th out of 39
Wayne University	1948-49	4th out of 5
Westminster College	1948-49	2d out of 3
West Virginia, University of	1948-49	13th out of 18
Wisconsin, University of		
Second Semester	1949-50	24th out of 39
Wofford College	1948-49	4th out of 7

The foregoing is not complete because we do not have reports from all of the institutions where we have chapters.

Of the 59 fraternities whose scholarship records are available, our fraternity ranks 48! This is a disgraceful situation. 47 fraternities outrank us and only 11 have worse scholastic records. I fail to see why our once-proud fraternity should pick so many nit-wits that our scholastic level should not only be way below the All Men's Average but also greatly below the Fraternity Average. From the year 1941-42 to date our fraternity has not once been above the All Men's Average. We are practicing discrimination - namely, discrimination against good students.

Colonel Wilson repeatedly emphasizes the fact that deferred pledging should be the rule of all institutions. By that he means that pledging should be deferred until the grades for the first semester are known, so that students with a less than passing average will not be pledged.

Colonel Wilson cites many illustrations of the results of deferred pledging. For example, he contrasts Bowling Green State University with Ohio University, both of which are state institutions. At Bowling Green, which has deferred pledging, 7 of the 9 fraternities had scholastic ratings above the All Men's Average, and only 2 fraternities rated below the All Men's Average. The average of fraternity men was considerably in excess of the general university average. At Ohio University, which does not have deferred pledging, only

3 of the 13 fraternities had scholastic ratings above the All Men's Average, whereas 10 fraternities were below the All Men's Average. Another illustration of deferred pledging is the situation at Miami University, also a state university in Ohio. There 14 fraternities out of 15 have scholastic ratings above the All Men's Average, and only 1 fraternity is below the All Men's Average.

Colonel Wilson makes the same comparison between Bowdoin College and Colby College, both located in Maine. At Bowdoin College, which does not have deferred pledging, 3 fraternities, during the first semester of the current year, are above the All Men's Average, whereas 8 are below. On the other hand, at Colby College, which has deferred pledging, 7 of the 8 fraternities were above the All Men's Average, and only 1 was below. At Colby the fraternity men outrank the other students.

At the University of Kentucky, where our chapter in 1948-49 ranked 15th out of 18, deferred pledging has gone into effect. In 1948-49 only 5 fraternities ranked above the All Men's Average and 13 ranked below. Colonel Wilson has this to say about this particular institution:

"The 'deferred pledging,' put in by the Interfraternity Council itself of its own volition, is now at work. For the next pledging period, which will be after the grades of the First Semester 1949-50 have been issued by the Dean of Men, no man can be pledged unless he has made the graduation average of 1.00 (C). The only comment your Chairman wishes to make is that the fraternity men did this themselves, and it was not an action of the University Administration. The Administration has, however, backed it for a trial period of 2 years; but the present IFC asked the Administration for this action. Whether the IFC and the Administration are right in the steps taken is not for me to say, but I do say that action has been taken at the University of Kentucky; Any action, right or wrong, when men are sincere is better than no action at all."

At the University of Michigan, where our chapter ranks 34th out of 40 and where all but 7 of the 40 fraternities ranked below the All Men's Average, the university authorities will get stricter year by year. Colonel Wilson states:

"Under the Michigan rules the chapters below 2.40 go on 'scholastic warning'. The restrictions get stricter year by year. If at the end of 4 years they are still below 2.40, they are kicked off of the Michigan campus. It is a sad indictment that any fraternity must have rules invoked against it, but fraternities are making beds of their own, so they have nobody to blame but themselves. Fraternities can learn if they choose."

There are only a few bright spots in our scholastic standing as compared with other fraternities. For two years our chapter at the American University has ranked 1st out of 3.

Our chapter at the University of Cincinnati has likewise had a high rating for at least two years, being at or near the top.

Our chapter at Franklin Marshall College was 1st out of 12 in 1947-48 and last year 2d out of 12. However, the chapter has only about 10 members.

Our chapter at Lehigh has been and is outstanding in the matter of scholarship. In 1947-48 our chapter ranked 3d out of 29 in one semester, and 6th out of 29 in another semester, in 1948-49 ranked 2d out of 29, and in 1949-50 ranked 3d out of 29. This chapter has a four year cumulative average above the cumulative university average. I regard this as out outstanding chapter at the scholastic level. At Lehigh all fraternities are above the All Men's Average, due, I believe, to deferred pledging.

Our chapter at the University of Illinois has lifted itself from considerably below the middle to above the middle, being 22d out of 50.

It will be noted that our chapter at Ohio Northern University ranks 1st out of 7.

Our chapter at Pennsylvania State College formerly had a very good record, then a poor record for 1947-48, but in the last year it rose above the middle line.

We can be proud of our chapter at Presbyterian College, which ranked 1st out of 5, and also of the one at Purdue, which is in the upper one-fifth.

Our chapter at Rutgers University had a poor record in 1947-48 but improved greatly so that in the last year it ranked 8th out of 22.

Our chapter at Leland Stanford University has slipped from 7th to 15th out of 24.

Our chapter at Wake Forest College has a good record.

On the other hand, we have many problem chapters. The two worst ones are at Nebraska and Washington, where for two years our chapters have been at the bottom.

Another poor chapter scholastically as at Kentucky, where we have trailed at or near the bottom for a few years. Note also our poor ratings at the University of California, Columbia, Michigan, Ohio State University, Ohio Wesleyan University (which chapter formerly had a remarkably good record), University of Pennsylvania, Stevens Institute, Tufts and West Virginia. The poor chapters outnumbered the good ones, and that accounts for our relatively poor standing in the whole fraternity world.

While our chapter at Wayne is 4th out of 5, all five fraternities are above the All Men's Average, and we therefore have no complaint.

Just what the fraternity at large can do to improve our scholarship situation is a difficult problem. The solution necessarily rests with the individual chapters. In communications to the chapters with low ratings we have emphasized the necessity of being more selective in selecting new members, and have also stressed the necessity of enforcing house study rules. Whether these communications to the chapters have served any purpose will never be known. We certainly cannot afford to put a man on the road to visit the individual chapters and make speeches to them on this subject.

Certain fraternities apply disciplinary measures to chapters which are delinquent in scholarship. At the General Council Meeting of our fraternity

held in Buffalo in February, 1949, consideration was given to this question but no conclusions were reached. The General Council, however, did address strongly-worded admonitory letters to eight chapters whose ratings were particularly bad. Six of these chapters replied to state that the problem was being locally considered and measures were being taken to improve the situation. In a few cases improvement has resulted. In other cases the situation is as bad today as it was a year ago.

Whenever a chapter gets into trouble on the campus, whether by reason of loose finances, infraction of college rules or otherwise, the matter of scholarship should also be considered, and if the chapter is in trouble on other grounds as well as on account of scholarship, the charter should be withdrawn. Perhaps if we make an example of some particular chapter the repercussions in other chapters will be salutary.

Dr. D. Luther Evans, a member of our Committee, is making a specific recommendation, as follows:

"I do, however, have a specific recommendation which I think is important. It is to the effect that there should be one or two days given immediately preceding the National Convention for the training of chapter scholarship chairmen in the aims and methods of good study habits. A college official or professor expertly trained in this area of psychology and college life should direct proceedings. There should be ample time for discussions and questions. The lectures of the leader and the main points of the discussions should be summarized in an instructional pamphlet to be sent to all chapters."

Our Grand Senior President has suggested that the Scholarship Committee consider the following program:

1. Each chapter must have a Scholarship Committee with a local program,
 - a. To verify the grades of the individual pledges and members.
 - b. To set up study hours.
 - c. To arrange for special tutor work for those individuals within the pledge class or active chapter that are doing poor work.

2. Regular and complete reports from the chapters to the National Scholarship Chairman on their program.
3. The National Organization should undoubtedly put some teeth in its national program such as:
 - a. Scholarship probation for some chapters by the National Organization.
 - b. Suspension possibly of individuals or chapters who continually make poor grades.
4. Fitting awards for merit should be set up.

In regard to the foregoing I wish to report that we have requested each chapter to have a local scholarship chairman and to bring up the matter of scholarship at each chapter meeting. However, requests that the local scholarship chairmen ~~make~~ reports to our Committee from time to time have not been fulfilled. I anticipate a lot of difficulty in obtaining periodic reports from the local chairmen.

I agree that the National Organization should put some chapters on scholarship probation. In the foregoing part of this report the chapters which should be considered for disciplinary action are mentioned.

I also agree that there should be recognition of high standing chapters by means of suitable awards.

The new Scholarship Committee will no doubt give further consideration to the above suggestions and undoubtedly new methods of advancing the cause of scholarship will occur to them.

The chief activities of the Committee as at present constituted have been as follows:

1. Sending to all of the chapters at the beginning of the fall semester a two or three page letter outlining the reasons why the subject of scholarship should have the attention of each chapter, that the matter should be discussed at chapter meetings, house rules should be set up and enforced, and someone should be appointed as a local scholarship chairman.

2. In some cases a similar letter has been sent to all of the chapters in the middle of the year.
3. Registering with the dean of each institution at which we have a chapter the name and address of the National Scholarship Chairman with the request that the institution send to the chairman reports on the scholastic standing of all of the fraternities represented.
4. In cases where chapters have a low scholastic rating as compared with other fraternities, a special letter has been sent to the delinquent chapter pointing out the fact that the fraternity as a whole has an interest in this matter of scholarship and urging the local chapter to take such steps as may be appropriate to raise the scholarship level, and calling particular attention to the necessity of enforcing house rules and of being more selective in choosing prospective members.
5. Writing letters of commendation to those chapter that have made high scholarship rating.
6. The chairman has become a member of the College Fraternity Scholarship Officers Association which is a division of the Interfraternity Conference, and the chairman has received frequent reports from Colonel Ralph W. Wilson of Lexington, Kentucky, who is in charge of receiving scholarship reports from various institutions, copies of which he sends to the members of the association.

The Colonel is a forthright and outspoken individual. He has the courage to say what should be said with respect to fraternity scholarship. The new chairman of our Scholarship Committee should have his name registered with Colonel Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Paul J. Bickel

National Scholarship Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
to
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

The Public Relations Committee has been in existence two years, by appointment of Grand Senior President Lloyd S. Cochran. Its creation was the result of a long standing conviction on the part of Brother Cochran that our Fraternity should make a more intelligent and more persistent attack on the problem of its public relations.

This year's major accomplishment of the Committee has been the preparation and publication of a Manual entitled, "Public Relations for the Fraternity", and an outline for its use by Chapter officers.

While the Manual was prepared primarily for use in our own Fraternity, it was designed in such a manner as to be useful also in other fraternities which might share our interest in improved public relations for chapters and their members. To date, it would appear that acceptance and usage outside Alpha Sigma Phi has been greater than in our own Chapters. That situation may be viewed with either pleasure or regret!

ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION

Within Alpha Sigma Phi and Colleges Where Chapters Are Located

- 80 To members of the Grand Council, Province Chiefs, Alumni Councils, and Public Relations Committee
- 400 Six copies each to active chapters and one each to the Presidents, Deans, and Public Relations Officers of the colleges where we have Chapters

Outside Alpha Sigma Phi

- 115 Two each to member fraternities in the National Interfraternity Conference and several individuals in this category
- 180 To Presidents of colleges and universities where Alpha Sigma Phi does not have chapters, but which do have other fraternities

REQUESTS

From persons who received single copies in the original distribution and from those who read reviews of the Manual in such publications as Public Relations News and The News Letter of the American College Public Relations Association, many additional copies have been requested. The Fraternity sends single copies without charge, but it charges 25 cents per copy (cost) for multiple requests. Especially gratifying have been the bulk orders from 19 well-known colleges and universities for distribution to all chapters on their campuses and from two National Fraternities for all their chapters.

Single Copies

100 To subscribers of Public Relations News, as the result of a review in that publication. These requests, mostly from business leaders, have come from 28 states and the District of Columbia, as well as seven from Canada and one from Sweden.

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367 To these colleges and universities, which have purchased the quantities indicated:

Bucknell	12	South, U. of	10
Carnegie Tech.....	12	Trinity.....	18
DePauw.....	20	Vanderbilt.....	25
Franklin and Marshall...	10	Wake Forest.....	9
Georgia Tech.....	30	Washington.....	50
Minnesota.....	70	Wesleyan, Conn.	12
Montana State.....	5	Western Reserve.....	25
Puget Sound.....	5	West Virginia U.	50
Wittenberg.....	4		

75 To these fraternities which have purchased the quantities indicated:

Phi Epsilon Pi	50
Alpha Chi Rho	25

(Other orders pending)

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All of this interest outside Alpha Sigma Phi is gratifying and certainly helpful to the public relations of the Fraternity. Within the Fraternity, the results thus far have not been as great as might be desired.

Two Chapters (Bethany and Westminster) have developed splendid programs of public relations, following the outline in the Manual and the mimeographed instructions accompanying it. They are to be highly commended for that interest and activity, and it is hoped that they will continue to make good public relations a matter of deep concern in Chapter affairs.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are presented on behalf of the Public Relations Committee:

1. That this Convention take appropriate action to urge upon all Chapters during the coming year the importance of taking immediate steps to start and maintain active programs of public relations on the Chapter level, as suggested in the Manual.
2. That, through The Tomahawk or otherwise, the Fraternity give appropriate notice to those Chapters which do show concern for good public relations, as recognition for those groups and also as a challenge to other Chapters.
3. That the Public Relations Committee and the National Office be authorized to proceed at once with the publication and distribution of a Manual on "Publicity for the Fraternity", which already is in tentative form.
4. That Alpha Sigma Phi continue to make available to colleges and to other fraternities the Manual on Public Relations and also the proposed Manual on Publicity, as a contribution to the better understanding of fraternities in general.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE
to
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 10-13, 1950

The undersigned Law Committee desires to report its findings with respect to various matters that have been referred to it for consideration in connection with action with respect thereto that may be necessary at the coming Convention.

1. In accordance with the action of the Grand Council at the meeting in May, it presents herewith a resolution amending the Certificate of Incorporation providing for a directorship of three to fifteen instead of the present number of nine. This is designed as Resolution No. 1 and a copy thereof is hereto attached. This, of course, was approved by the Grand Council and only takes the vote of the Convention and not of the chapters to make it effective. The necessary publication of notice of the meeting as to this contemplated action has been taken care of by your Committee in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

2. Another resolution that was approved at the May meeting of the Grand Council was that ratifying the action of the Grand Council since 1940 which, of course, was for the purpose of eliminating any question as to the validity of action taken by the Grand Council since that date when the Council was increased in number without amendment to the charter authorizing said increase, which resolution is hereto attached and marked No. 2.

3. The attached Resolution No. 3 covers the matter of approval of the suggested amendments to the Constitution by the Convention and the direction to the Grand Council to send them to the chapters for their adoption.

Suggested Amendments to Constitution.

4. Resolution No. 1-C has to do with the preamble of the Constitution and eliminates the reference to Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi. It would appear that the reason and purpose for this reference in the preamble no longer exists and your Committee is in accord with the suggestion that this amendment be made.

5. Resolutions Nos. 2-C and 6-C hereto attached have reference to the matter of satisfying those who have some question in their minds as to whether or not our Constitution was properly amended to provide for membership of the men in Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi who were not initiated. When originally amended for the Phi Pi Phi group initiation was contemplated but apparently "Section 3a" was through error left out of the amendment to Section 2, Article I, Title II. When the Alpha Kappa Pi group became a part of our organization the matter of initiation was waived and "initiation" in Section 3a should have been stricken and "membership" inserted in its place, as apparently the policy now is not to initiate such groups. It is our opinion with these changes there can be no question about the fact that such groups when taken in will be members of our organization. We, therefore, propose that Section 2 of Article I of Title II, and Section 3a of Article II of Title II be repealed and the sections with these corrections be adopted as shown in the attached Resolutions 2-C and 6-C. This will cover any past, present or future action. It might be that it is not desired to eliminate the initiations of these groups, although with the requirement left out the Council can make provision for initiation when it sees fit, but if left in it would in all cases have to require initiation.

6. Resolution No. 3-C covers the matter of correcting the language in Section 4 of Article I of Title II.

7. Resolution No. 4-C amending Section 1 of Article II of Title III merely includes "and other property" in addition to "paraphernalia." It is felt that this is advisable and gives the central authority jurisdiction over whatever property may be left after a chapter dissolves or is left without a representative on a campus of a particular institution.

8. The attached Resolution 5-C amending Section 3 of Article II of Title III of the constitution merely eliminates "The American Association of Colleges" which we understand is no longer an accrediting organization, and covers all accrediting organizations approved by the National Interfraternity Conference.

9. Resolution No. 7-C makes the provision of this section which refers to alumni councils and their voting conform to provision of Section 1, Article II, Title IV as amended under Resolution 9-C which carries out the suggestion made at the Grand Council meeting in May concerning the matter of voting at conventions, eliminating the vote of province chiefs, past grand council members and correcting the language with respect to the matter of fractioning the votes of alumni, council delegates and Grand Council members.

10. Resolution No. 8-C is suggested owing to the fact that there are so many amendments that it would be well to indicate as to what date constitution and by-laws, as amended, are effective.

11. Resolution No. 9-C amending Section 1, Article II of Title IV of the Constitution follows suggestions made by the Grand Council that voting by the past members of the Grand Council and by Active Province Chiefs be removed. It also clears up the uncertain language concerning fractioning

of votes as between chapter delegates, grand council and alumni delegates. It also provides that the convention shall be considered an annual meeting, as well as providing for an annual meeting in the years other than convention years. It has been suggested that some provision should be made to provide for suspension of conventions during emergency periods such as a war, etc., when it is not possible to secure the attendance of sufficient delegates to constitute a representative group of the whole fraternity. We feel this is something that can be discussed at the convention and amendment to 9-C, if any, be made at that time. If reference is made to the report of this Committee to the Grand Council meeting of May 1950, it will be found that we recommended that provision be made for annual meetings for the reason that the New York Corporations Law refers to annual meetings in a number of places, but in no place specifically requires that there be an annual meeting. However, we feel that such a provision is desirable and will eliminate any objection to the lack of a provision for an annual meeting.

The suggestion was made that the last sentence of this section be omitted and placed in the by-laws. We, however, feel that there is nothing to be gained by this change in view of the fact that this section so fully covers the matter of meetings it is not out of place to leave it where it is.

12. Resolution No. 10-C amending Section 1, Article III, of Title IV, eliminates the requirement that three members of the Council should be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office. Considering the matter of the provision for an executive committee, mail vote and other changes, we felt that this could very readily be eliminated. Provision is also made for the eligibility for election to the Grand Council of past grand senior presidents. This eliminates the objection to the fact that such

members of the Council were not elected. You will note that any such past grand senior presidents who are elected to the Grand Council are in addition to the regular council of twelve. It might further be noted that when such members are elected to the Council they become members of the Grand Council and therefore there is no need to refer to them in Section 1 of Article II.

Paragraph 2 of this Section has also been amended to indicate what we understand has been the interpretation of this provision, i.e., that these appointments expire at the next convention.

In paragraph 3 of this section we have inserted the power of the Grand Council to grant charters. It would appear that this power or right is not specifically stated anywhere in the consitution or by-laws although there are places where such powers are inferred. We have also inserted in paragraph 3 of this section a provision that the Grand Council elect an Executive Committee.

We have added a new provision which provides for the authority of the Grand Council and Executive Committee to act by mail vote. We believe that this provision will stand up on the basis that all authority given to the Grand Council and Executive Committee is to be construed as a right to act, not in a meeting but by a mail vote between meetings of the Grand Council or Executive Committee. It cannot be said that when the Grand Council is given authority, it being really the Board of Directors, it must act at a meeting because the right or power given is not the customary or usual right or power which requires a meeting, but a right or power to be specifically construed to be otherwise. There is, of course the provision that this cannot be done where otherwise provided by statute or law, and we can only state that from time to time when questions present themselves that inquiry be made of the Law Committee as to whether or not the specific thing that it is desired

to be done is required by law to be done at a meeting or can be done under the provision for mail vote.

We will shortly after the convention furnish you with a list of such specific items as now occur to us which are required by law or statute to be approved at a meeting.

We would say that generally speaking under this provision most business transactions can be handled by mail vote and probably very rarely will it be necessary to pass on a matter at a meeting, although the value of a group discussing a matter or problem as against acting separately and without discussion should not be overlooked.

It should be borne in mind as indicated in our May report that ours is a Membership Corporation and therefore the courts are very much more liberal in their interpretation of the statute, in that they have indicated that even questionable provisions in by-laws are binding on members on the theory that this constitutes part of an agreement between the members and the corporation.

In addition to this, as pointed out heretofore, our dealings are practically all within our own organization, so who can question what is done? When and if any extensive business in the housing field is conducted with outsiders, then care will have to be taken to secure council approval at a meeting, or a grant of power be given at a Grand Council meeting to officers or a committee to do specific acts desired.

13. Resolution 11-C amending Section 2 of Article III of Title IV follows the suggestion of the Council at the May meeting that provision be made for the election of officers by the Grand Council and not by the convention.

BY-LAWS

We will now deal with the matters concerning amendments to By-Laws, some of which will be passed conditionally, that is with a proviso that they shall only be effective if and when the constitutional amendment is approved and adopted by the chapters.

1. Resolution 1-A changes the title to include officers as well as grand council, as we have made provision concerning the duty of officers under the new Section 25, which is something for which provision has not heretofore been made. Under paragraph 2 of this amendment we have deleted from Section 5, the provision with reference to voting by mail "in accordance with provisions of Section 8," which is covered by other amendments and which as it stands, unless limited to a mere recording, is not valid.

Paragraph three is merely for the purpose of covering the matter of approving the minutes or records as to mail vote.

Paragraph 4 contains the provision with respect to annual meetings to coincide with other provisions of the constitution if amended concerning annual meeting.

Paragraph 5 eliminates the matter of the executive secretary calling meetings and taking votes by telephone, telegraph, etc., as of course provision is made in other amendments for such matters.

Paragraph 6 deletes the old Section 25, and substitutes a new section 25 designating the powers and authority of the various officers which includes the provision in old Section 25.

Paragraph 7 deletes Section 8 which concerns voting by mail for reasons noted above.

Paragraph 8 makes provision for publication with respect to notice

of annual meetings in accordance with the statute. It will be noted that paragraphs 7 and 8 are conditional, owing to the fact that they would not be effective unless corresponding constitutional amendments were adopted by the chapters.

2. Resolution 2-A covers the matter of the method of voting by mail on petitions.

3. Resolution 3-A covers the matter of executive committee with limitations to which the council might desire to add or expunge.

4. Resolution 4-A merely amends the title to Article IV.

5. Resolution 5-A is for the purpose of complying with the statute of the State of New York.

6. Resolution 6-A has reference to the matter of the annual meetings.

7. Resolution 7-A merely covers an item in the order of business which we feel is desirable to conform to statutory requirements and also eliminates item 15 in the order of business providing for election of officers which under the amendment presented would no longer be handled by the convention, but by the Grand Council.

8. Resolution 8-A eliminates paragraph 14b of Article IV and which provides for election of officers by the convention.

9. Resolution 9-A covers the matter of revision of Article VI which concerns what we term permanent funds, and which was formerly headed Trust Funds.

We believe that it is desirable to have a provision in the By-Laws providing general conditions and provisions concerning permanent funds. It will also be noted that we have amended this section concerning the Tomahawk Trust Fund in a manner that will allow of the use of the principal of the fund in accordance with the original idea without necessity of the findings and report of actuaries. We feel that this language will permit the council and

trustees to make provisions for withdrawal from this fund the amount provided for in the formula set up by the Grand Council at the December 1949 meeting. We have also recognized the existence of the Tomahawk and Memorial Trust agreements and ratified and confirmed them. It is our thought that these funds having been established by action of convention should be left under the control of the convention by provision in the by-laws with respect to the same, which by-laws can only be changed by submission to chapters and Chartered Alumni Councils or by convention action.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS

We have noted several omissions or clerical errors in the present draft of the constitution and by-laws which we have called to the attention of Brother Burns with the suggestion that upon the reprinting or republication of the constitution and by-laws he correct such items.

A suggestion was made that Section 2 of Article II of the By-Laws be amended whereby the election of officers would take place after the convention adjourned, and also that the ten day provision for a meeting of Grand Council, if one was not held at the convention, be changed to thirty days. After giving this some thought we are of the opinion that these provisions should remain as they are, as it seems desirable to have the new officers elected as soon as possible so that they can get down to business. It seems that in the past it has always been convenient to handle the matter in this way and we feel it should be continued.

It is our opinion that perhaps the time has arrived when reference to the two organizations Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi can be omitted from the constitution and by-laws. With this thought in mind we would suggest that

Section 2 of Article VIII of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the last two sentences in such section.

We would also suggest that Sections 5 and 6 of Article VIII of the By-Laws be amended by changing the sister pin to a small replica of our official badge and describing the pledge pin in Section 6 rather than referring to it as the Alpha Kappa Pi pledge pin.

Insignia

Brother Arthur Boettcher of Brown, Jackson, Boettcher & Dienner, has kindly consented to handle the matter of registering our insignia. Brother Burns has suggested the following be protected by such action, all of which is shown in our pledge manual as follows:

1. The key on page 57
2. The badge and pin on page 62
3. The pin, seal and coat of arms on page 63
4. The pin and flag on page 64

We feel that this should be studied a little more carefully by Brother Burns and the Grand Council from the standpoint as to whether or not it is desirable or necessary to cover all these items. We might say Brother Boettcher was somewhat skeptical about the value of this registration on the theory that normally trade marks are for the purpose of indicating the name of the manufacturer of an article, as well as creating a demand for the article from the standpoint of quality. After describing how the matter of our jewelry is handled and the fact that we only authorize one jeweler to make our insignia and that we handle the sale of it ourselves and control the specifications, he seemed to be a little more impressed with the fact that there was a real basis for registration. One important phase of this is that if you do have a trade mark registered and it is necessary to litigate the

matter, the production of your registration alone makes a prima facia case and the burden is then upon the other party to establish his superior rights in the matter.

We are adding one further suggestion as to the coverage to the list furnished by Brother Burns, which suggestion came through Brother Boettcher and that is, the matter of the name Tomahawk. We feel this is very important.

Dissolution of Alpha Kappa Pi

On the matter of dissolution of Alpha Kappa Pi, it is our opinion that unless Brother Taylor has legal advice to the effect that it is necessary to dissolve this corporation now, we feel it would do no harm to hold it open for a year or two; the primary purpose being to control the name.

Model Chapter Constitution and By-Laws

We have prepared a so-called model chapter constitution and by-laws, a copy of which we are submitting herewith. The constitution is the product of several persons' ideas. The by-laws for the most part are the same as used by one of our chapters.

As the chapters are authorized to use such constitution and by-laws as they see fit, provided they do not violate the national constitution and local regulations, it is felt that the model constitution and by-laws are not overly satisfactory and about all that can be done is to furnish the chapters with some form of such documents containing ideas from which they will be able to produce such documents as will be satisfactory for their purposes. They, of course, also contain certain matters which in a sense have become traditional in Alpha Sigma Phi. Every campus has a different set-up and different conditions to be met, as well as different college and inter-

fraternity regulations. So any such drafts can as stated above be mere suggestions.

There is one matter which we noted that seemed to be a common provision in the number of constitution and by-laws which we inspected, and this was the provision for voting by proxy at chapter meetings. The usual provision was that any member of the chapter could vote on any item coming up at a regular or special meeting by leaving his vote in writing with the H.S.P.

We believe this is a very poor practice and results in very poor attendance at meetings. It is our opinion that the strong chapters are those which insist upon all members attending all regular meetings, and to us it seems that allowing vote by proxy encourages absence from meetings.

We also noted in some chapter constitution and by-laws provision for expulsion as well as resignation of members. The first, of course, is not within the power of the chapter and there is no authorization for the second.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CLARKE

GEORGE E. WORTHINGTON

LAW COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Amendment of Charter

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to change the number of directors of the corporation which is now provided for under Paragraph 5 of the Corporate Charter, and which reads: "The number of its directors shall be nine."

BE IT RESOLVED, That paragraph 5 of the certificate of incorporation which now reads "The number of its directors shall be nine" be amended to read - "The number of its directors shall be not less than three and not more than fifteen, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized to execute the necessary certificate or other documents to be filed with the Secretary of State of New York as provided by the statute.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED THAT, Whereas it is deemed desirable to ratify and affirm any and all acts or actions of the Grand Council since the Convention of 1940 held September 3, 4, 5, 1940, Berea, Ohio, so as to eliminate any question as to the validity of any and all acts and actions of the Grand Council since that date,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any and all acts and actions of every kind and nature taken by the Grand Council since the 1940 Convention held September 3, 4, 5, 1940, Berea, Ohio, be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and affirmed.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolutions Nos. 1-C to 11-C, both inclusive, being proposed amendments to the Constitution be and the same are hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Council be and they are hereby requested and directed to submit to the chapters and chartered alumni councils for their vote the attached resolutions Nos. 1-C to 11-C, both inclusive.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 1-C

BE IT RESOLVED that the preamble to the Constitution be amended by striking out the language following the word "York" in the fourth line thereof.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2-C

RESOLVED that Section 2 of Article I, Title II of the Constitution be repealed and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 2. Active members shall be restricted to regularly enrolled students while in attendance at the institution of learning in which a chapter in good standing exists, except as provided in Title III, Article II, Sections 3a and 3b, hereof.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 3-C

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 4 of Article I, Title II of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words following the word "or" in the 6th line thereof as follows:

"former chapter of a social Greek-letter fraternity of collegiate grade national in scope"

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"alumnus members of a chapter."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 4-C

RESOLVED that Section 1 of Article II of Title III of the constitution be amended by inserting for the word "paraphernalia" in the fourth line thereof, the words "and other property."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 5-C

RESOLVED that Section 3, Article II, Title III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words - "American Association of Colleges or"- and inserting after the word Association in the third line thereof "or other accrediting organizations approved by the National Interfraternity Conference."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes No _____

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 6-C

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3a of Article II of Title III of the Constitution be repealed and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 3a. The granting of charters to one or more chapters of any other national Greek-letter fraternity either by reason of the dissolution of said organization or otherwise, where said other organization agrees to the same, shall be handled in such manner and under such terms and conditions as the Grand Council shall determine from time to time provided: (a) the institution at which said charters are to be granted shall meet the requirements and qualifications under TITLE III, Article II, Section 3, hereof; (b) the said institution has been approved by a majority of the chapters; (c) that the active members of such groups and the alumni members thereof shall be eligible for membership in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Grand Council from time to time; and (d) that any action heretofore taken under the terms of this amendment is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes No _____

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 7-C

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1 of Article III of Title III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "past and " and "and active Province Chiefs" in line 11 thereof.

Provided that the aforesaid amendment shall be effective only if and when resolution amending Section 1 of Article II of Title IV of the constitution has been approved by the convention and has been adopted by the chapters and chartered alumni councils, and such constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 8-C

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1, of Article I of Title IV of the Constitution be amended by striking out in the 2nd line thereof the figures "1946" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1950."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 9-C

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1, Article II of Title IV of the constitution be amended by striking out all of said present Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

Section 1. The supreme legislative authority of the fraternity shall be vested in conventions, the members of which shall consist of delegates elected by the several chapters and chartered alumni councils in good standing and present members of the Grand Council. Grand Council members shall be entitled to one vote provided that should the number of such votes at any convention when added to the vote of the alumni council delegates outnumber the vote of the active chapters, then such votes shall be so fractioned that their total vote shall not equal or exceed the total vote of the active chapters. Conventions shall be held bi-annually and shall constitute the annual meeting. The selection of the date, location of convention and apportioning of the expenses of delegates shall be prescribed by the Grand Council.

Annual meetings of the corporation for years other than those in which conventions are held shall be held at the principal business office of the corporation or such other place and upon such date after September 1st of each of such years as the Grand Senior President may designate.

Moved _____ Action _____ yes ___ no ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 10-C

RESOLVED that Title IV, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

1. By deleting the third sentence of the first paragraph which reads as follows: "Three members of the Grand Council shall be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office, the other nine shall be so chosen that all other sections shall be represented."
2. By deleting from Line 11 of said first paragraph the words, "become ex-officio a member of the Grand Council," and substituting therefor the words: "shall become eligible for election to the Grand Council. Such members to be in addition to the number of the Grand Council as hereinbefore provided."
3. By adding at the end of the second paragraph thereof the following: "such appointee to hold office until the next convention."
4. By inserting the word "grant" between the words "to" and "suspend" which appear in line 6 paragraph three and by deleting from the last sentence of said paragraph and first word, "It" and substituting therefor the words: "The Grand Council shall elect an Executive Committee of five from among its members and"
5. A new paragraph shall be added to Section 1, which shall read as follows:

"Unless otherwise provided by statute, or law, all rights powers, and authority given the Grand Council and Executive Committee under the constitution and by-laws shall be construed to be rights, powers and authority to act not in meeting but such rights, powers and authority may between meetings of the Grand Council or Executive Committee be exercised by a mail vote as to such matters as may be submitted by mail to the members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee at the direction of the Grand Senior President. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee shall be required for the adoption of all matters thus submitted and the votes shall be tabulated as provided in the By-Laws."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 11-C

Election of Officers

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2 of Article III, Title IV, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the following words beginning in line 5 thereof and ending in line 10 thereof:

"The officers of the Fraternity shall be elected at conventions from the membership of the Grand Council. The election of officers by a convention shall be the order of business immediately following the announcement of results of the election of members of the Grand Council. Wherever practicable, there shall be a progression of officers as provided by the By-Laws."

and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The Grand Council from its members shall elect the officers of the Fraternity."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Secconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 1-A

RESOLVED that Article II of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. By changing the title thereof to read:

"Grand Council and Officers."

2. By placing a period after the word "membership," appearing in Section 5 thereof and deleting thereafter the following words: "or in accordance with Section 8 of this Article."

3. By deleting from Section 10 thereof, Clause 3 and substituting therefor a new clause 3, which reads as follows:

"3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting of Council or Executive Committee and proceedings by mail."

4. By inserting in lines 4-5 of Section 16 thereof, between the words, "National Conventions," and the words "and to the Interfraternity," the following words, "annual or special meetings of the fraternity; of meetings of the fraternity; of meetings of the Grand Council and Executive Committee."
5. By deleting from Section 23 thereof the following sentence: "He may call the Grand Council in special meetings when necessary, or when they are personally absent take their votes by telephone, telegraph or mail and record the same as such."
6. By deleting therefrom, Section 25 thereof, and substituting therefor a new Section 25, consisting of four subsections which read as follows:

"Section 25. Officers

a. Grand Senior President: The Grand Senior President shall be the principal executive officer and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the fraternity. He shall preside at all conventions and annual meetings and special meetings of the fraternity and of the Grand Council. He may sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the Grand Council, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which have been duly authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Grand Council or by these by-laws to some other officer or agent of the fraternity, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of president of the corporation and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Grand Council from time to time.

b. Grand Junior President. In the absence of the Grand Senior President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Grand Junior President shall perform the duties of the Grand Senior President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Grand Senior President. The Grand Junior President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Grand Senior President or by the Grand Council.

d. The Grand Senior President shall be the chairman of the Grand Council, and in his absence or upon his request, the Grand Junior President shall act in his stead. In the absence of both presidents, the Grand Council shall select one of its other members to preside."

7. By deleting therefrom Section 8 thereof, and substituting therefor a new Section 8 which reads as follows:

"Section 8. Votes of members on propositions submitted by mail in accordance with Title IV, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution shall be recorded on ballots distributed by the Executive Secretary. If the ballot of any council member is not received at National Headquarters within two weeks from the date same is mailed from National Headquarters, then said council member's vote shall be counted in the affirmative. All votes shall be tabulated by the Executive Secretary, the results distributed to the members of the council and the text of such propositions and the votes thereon shall be recorded in Special Minutes of Proceedings by mail. Such minutes shall be presented at the next succeeding meeting of the Grand Council for approval."

8. By adding a new section which shall be known as Section 26 and which reads as follows:

"Section 26. The Grand Council shall cause to be published a notice of the annual meeting in each year other than the year in which a convention is held in accordance with the statute."

Provided that the aforesaid amendments, paragraphs 7 and 8 shall be effective only if and when resolution No. 10-C amending Title IV of Article III Section 1 of the constitution has been approved by the convention and has been adopted by the chapters and chartered alumni councils and such constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2-A

Resolved that Article III of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. By deleting the period at the end of the first sentence of Section 7 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"together with a ballot upon which the council member receiving same shall register his vote in favor of or against said petition. Said council member shall then mail said ballot to National Headquarters. Such votes shall be counted and recorded as provided in Section 8, Article II of the By-Laws."

Provided that the aforesaid amendment shall be effective only if and when resolution 10-C amending Title IV of Article III Section 1 of the constitution has been approved by the convention and has been adopted by the chapters and chartered alumni councils and such constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 3-A

Executive Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the By-Laws be amended adding thereto a new Article to be known as Article III, which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Grand Council shall immediately following the convention elect from its members an Executive Committee which shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the Grand Senior President. A quorum shall consist of three members. During the intervals between meetings of the Grand Council, the Executive Committee shall possess and exercise all the powers and duties of the Grand Council except as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The Grand Senior President shall be Chairman of said Executive Committee which shall elect its own secretary who shall not be required to be a member of said Committee. In every case a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to the adoption of any resolution and all actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Grand Council at its meeting next succeeding such action.

Section 3. That said Committee shall not have authority

- (1) To purchase, mortgage, lease or sell real estate.
- (2) To grant charters to chapters unless there shall have been received at the national office in writing the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Grand Council, such vote to be taken in the manner as hereinafter provided.

(3) To fill vacancies on the Grand Council.

(4) To expel any member, chapter or alumni council, such authority being lodged solely in the Grand Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the present Articles of the By-Laws numbers III to and including XII be numbered Articles IV to and including Article XIII, respectively.

(NOT CONDITIONAL)

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 4-A

BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV of the By-Laws be renumbered as Article V, and its caption be amended to read as follows: "Conventions and Annual Meetings"

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 5-A

BE IT RESOLVED that said Article IV of the By-Laws be amended by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 17 and which shall read as follows:

"Section 17. Reports of the Grand Senior President, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be filed at the annual meetings of the corporation in accordance with the requirements of the statute."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___
Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 6-A

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1 of said Article IV of the By-Laws be amended by adding to the first paragraph thereof following the word "days" in the last sentence -

"and shall constitute the annual meeting."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Section 1 thereof be further amended by adding a new sentence thereto which shall read as follows:

"Annual meetings of the corporation for years other than those in which conventions are held shall be held at the principal business office of the corporation or such other place and upon such date after September 1st of each such year as the Grand Senior President may designate."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 7-A

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3 of said Article IV of the By-Laws be amended by inserting after

"10. Report of Grand Council" in the list of order of business
the words -

("including reports from Grand Senior President,
(Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.")

And deleting "15. Election of Officers."

and changing "16. Adjournment,"

to "15. Adjournment."

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 8-A

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 14a of Article IV of the By-Laws be amended by changing said section number to 14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 14b of Article IV of the By-Laws be repealed.

(Provided that said amendments shall be effective only if Resolution No. 5 amending Section 2 of Article II of Title IV of the Constitution has been approved by this convention and is being submitted to the chapters and has been adopted by the chapters and chartered alumni councils and such constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes ___ No ___

Seconded _____ Date _____

RESOLUTION NO. 9-A

Resolved that Article VI of the By-Laws be renumbered as Article VII and be amended to read as follows:

"Article VII. Permanent Funds.

Section 1. Permanent funds may be established for various purposes, not inconsistent with the law or constitution by vote of conventions or annual or special meetings or by gift or bequest.

Section 2. For Trust Funds, the Grand Council shall select boards of three trustees to hold office from two to six years from the date of their qualification, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Such boards shall administer permanent funds of any character whenever the occasion therefor demands, except as to gifts or bequests for special purposes.

Should any board of trustees at any time cease to administer its trust for any reason whatsoever, the Grand Council shall proceed at once to fill vacancies on such board or to select a new board of trustees in its discretion.

Section 3. Trustees shall qualify by subscribing and verifying their oaths of office and filing the same in the office of the fraternity.

Section 4. Each board of trustees shall elect from its membership a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Any such officer ceasing to be a member of such board shall immediately forfeit his office.

Section 5. Such reports of the condition of the funds under administration shall be made to the Grand Council as it may request by filing the same in the National Office.

Section 6. Before taking possession of the funds they are to administer the trustees shall enter into a deed of trust with the Grand Council to be signed, acknowledged, delivered, and duly recorded according to law. Said instrument shall contain the usual provisions of deeds of trust to provide for the investment and re-investment of the corpus and additions thereto of the funds in proper investment securities; for the collection and payment to the Grand Council of the income; and any part of the corpus as may be provided in the authorization creating the trust or amendment thereto; and for the termination of any trust in the event the purposes for which it shall have been created are fully performed or otherwise completely terminated.

Section 7. As to the Tomahawk Fund, the indenture shall provide that it shall be the duty of the Trustees to invest and reinvest the Fund, and to receive the rents, issues and profits and income therefrom derived, and to pay therefrom the expenses of investment, taxes, assessments, insurance and all other necessary and proper charges and expenses if any, incident to the performance of the duties prescribed by the indenture, including the premium upon any surety bond required, and for the purposes of defraying the expenses of publishing the Fraternity's magazine, "The Tomahawk", to pay (from income or principal or both) to the Grand Council or its successor an annual amount

determined by such method as the Grand Council in consultation with the Trustees may from time to time adopt, it being understood that any such method will be consistent with the fundamental purposes of the Fund, - that is, on the average to use for the purpose stated above in equal annual amounts during the life of the life subscriber the principal of his deposit together with such income as may be realized on it. The indenture as to the Tomahawk Fund dated April 27th, 1938, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 8. Successors to trustees whose terms of office expire shall be selected by the Grand Council for six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies in membership of a board shall be filled by the Grand Council for the unexpired portions of the terms.

Section 9. No members of a board of trustees or its officers shall be paid compensation, or derive any profit directly or otherwise from the funds administered by a board.

* The Grand Council may fix proper compensation for any officer of a board and direct the same to be paid from the general funds of the fraternity.

Section 10. The Grand Council shall require a surety bond from all members of such boards of trustees.

Section 11. All transactions and deposits shall be in the name of the fraternity.

Section 12. Except as otherwise provided, permanent funds shall be administered by the Grand Council. The agreement with reference to the Memorial Fund is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Moved _____ Action _____ Yes No _____

Seconded _____ Date _____

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1950

NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

NO. 1

NIAGARA FALLS-ΑΣΦ RISES

WELCOME FROM GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT

The red plush carpet was not quite long enough to reach from the Hotel General Brock to your chapter house. However, the distance was not too great to be covered by a real old fashioned, sincere Alpha Sig welcome to each one of you.

Your Convention Committee has planned long and worked hard to make this the finest gathering we have ever had, but the greatness of any fraternity conclave can only be measured by the inspiration and enthusiasm it gives each one of us.

May I make a few simple suggestions in this direction:

1. Make as many friends as you can, mindful that "to make a friend, you must be a friend."

2. Get to know--personally--the men who administer the affairs of the Fraternity. They are sincerely anxious to know you, and to discuss your chapter successes and problems.

3. Offer your best in constructive thinking to the Convention business.

4. And when you get back to your campus--DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Lloyd S. Cochran

Grand Senior President

3 NEW CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

NIAGARA FALLS, AND FALLS, AND FALLS; IT HAS BEEN FALLING FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. AND IT WILL FALL, AND FALL, AND FALL FOR HUNDREDS MORE.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI RISES, AND RISES, AND RISES; IT HAS BEEN RISING FOR 105 YEARS. AND IT WILL RISE TO NEW HEIGHTS AT ITS 1950 CONVENTION.

CHIMES SERENADE SWEETHEARTS

The Alpha Sig Sweethearts will be serenaded tonight at 8:00 pm by the Rainbow Carillon. Six Sig tunes will be played by Professor Robert B. Kleinschmidt, a member of the staff of Lehigh University. (Brother MacDonald, take note.)

The Rainbow Carillon is a set of 55 tuned bells hung in the Tower at the Canadian end of the Rainbow Bridge. In musical range it is the third largest in the world and the largest in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The carillon covers a musical range of four and a half chromatic octaves, omitting the lowest semitone.

The entire set of bells, without framework or playing mechanism, weighs 43 tons.

Additional requests for musical selections are welcomed.

You will speed it on its upward spiral, surpassing all, stopping at nothing, surmounting all obstacles to reach the summit of the Pinnacle of Fame.

Contributing to the rise of Alpha Sigma Phi are three new chapters that have been added to the roster since the 1948 Convention, and one, Gamma Epsilon is today our host.

Gamma Delta of Davis and Elkins, Gamma Epsilon of Buffalo, and Gamma Zeta of Bowling Green, we salute you and welcome you to your first Alpha Sig Convention.

You will find a program filled with ideas, fun, and fellowship.

Rushing pamphlets and manuals, chapter operation hints, scholarship improvement programs, public relations methods, and alumni activities are but a few of the nuggets to be mined from the load of available information.

Professional entertainers will (we hope) amuse you, and fellowship always is synonymous with Alpha Sigma Phi.

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James B. Kaldal
Tonie Slone

SEE THE FALLS FALL

SIGHTSEEING TOUR LEAVES AT 2:00 PM

YOU ARE IN THE LAND OF SIGHTS, YOURS FOR THE SEEING! A GET-ACQUAINTED TOUR OF THE VICINITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THIS AFTERNOON. A PRIVATE BUS WILL LEAVE THE HOTEL AT TWO O'CLOCK AND TRAVEL DOWN THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS.

THE AMERICAN PLAN EXPLAINED

ALL OFFICIAL DELEGATES MUST, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION MAY, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AMERICAN PLAN RATE ARRANGED WITH THE HOTEL. THIS RATE IS \$10.75 PER DAY FOR ROOM AND MEALS.

The American Plan rate will begin Sunday evening at the "Sig Bust" buffet and continue thru Thursday noon, Sept. 14.

Important--all delegates and others who are on the American Plan will receive tickets at the Fraternity Registration Desk in the lobby and will be required to surrender a ticket at each meal. All meals for those on the American Plan will be served at the hours and in the locations noted in the program. The places are as follow:

Breakfast--The Rainbow Room, tenth floor.

Lunch and dinner--The Blue Room, Lobby.

Wednesday night banquet--The Ballroom on the Lobby floor.

Those not on the American Plan must purchase their tickets at the Fraternity Registration Desk for each meal they desire to eat with the Convention family.

Individual meals are priced as follows:

"Sig Bust"	3.50
Breakfasts	1.25
Lunches	2.00
Dinners	3.00
Wednesday Night Banquet	4.50

TIPPING

Following your meals, each individual will do his or her own tipping, which should be the usual ten to fifteen percent.

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Returning over the Rainbow Bridge you will stop at the Canadian end of the Horseshoe Falls at Table Rock. From here you may ride or walk back to the Hotel arriving here at six o'clock.

And all this for just one dollar!

The tour will stop at the Whirlpool for a ten minute gasp of awe as you gaze upon the surrounding beauties.

From there you will proceed to Brock's Monument and have fifteen minutes to investigate the vicinity. You will cross the famous Suspension Bridge and travel down to Fort Niagara.

Thirty minutes will be spent browsing through Old Fort Niagara, built in 1679 by LaSalle and rebuilt by French military leaders several times. It has been restored at a cost of \$500,000 to preserve the original buildings and the subsequent fortifications by the British, French, American, and Canadians who at various times occupied the Fort.

The tour will continue down the American side of the falls to the Whirlpool where a stop will allow you to get an excellent American view of the Falls.

From there you will proceed to drive up College Avenue to Military Road, south to the River, then in by the electrical plants, and through the scenic park by the Rapids to Goat Island Park. Here you will have twenty minutes to investigate the botanical gardens.

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SEPTEMBER 11, 1950

NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

NO. 2

SIGS SET FOR BUSINESS! CONVENTION GETS SERIOUS

SIGS TO TOAST THE KING

When in Rome you do as the Romans do, and the Canadians have a custom which we are going to follow during our visit here. After each meal we will sing "God Save the King" and render a toast to "His Majesty, the King." Following this we will then sing "America" and toast "His Honor, the President."

Sung to the tune of "America," the words of the Canadian song go like this:

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,

God save the King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in Store
On him be pleased to pour,

Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and
voice,
God save the King!

We know you know the
first and last verses of
"America," but.....

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.

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AFTER REGISTERING, SIGHT-SEEING, AND THE TRADITIONAL "SIG BUST" ON SUNDAY, THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF THE 21ST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI WILL GET UNDER WAY AT 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

ABOUT THE GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

The Nine Old Men who bear the (hah!) burden of the Fraternity on their shoulders met in secret session off and on all day Saturday and Sunday prior to the Convention. Such grave problems of discipline and procedure had been raised by the unregenerate actives during the past year that Brothers Cochran and Hart, who entered the meetings with striking crew hair-cuts, emerged as you saw them last evening, obscenely bald!

Seriously speaking, few of us have a glimmer of an idea of how much every day and time these brothers devote to the welfare of the "Old Gal." Back home in chapter houses we are prone to think that they live the life of Riley at frequent Grand Council meetings, but we do not realize that they are working week in and week out to keep our ball rolling. As one delegate put it, "It's up to us to present these brothers as they really are."
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Henri B. Vidal, Convention Chairman and sales manager of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation for New York State, will welcome the delegates. Brother Vidal is an alumnus of the University of Colorado.

Don O. Knodell, delegate from Oregon State College, will respond for the Fraternity.

The luncheon in the Blue Room will feature as its guest speaker, Mr. Guy Kleis, Manager of the Education Department for Westinghouse.

The afternoon session will consist of reports of various committees and individual committee meetings.

The chairman of the dinner will be Brother Harold K. Schellenger, Brother Schellenger is the editor of the Public Relations Manual, the first of its kind published specifically for fraternity use. Since its publication, this manual has found its way into fraternities and colleges all over the United States as well as several foreign countries.

The guest speaker will be Louis B. Duff, editor of the Welland Ontario newspaper.

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Bill Detweiler
Sally Hart
Bill Holmes
Don Lever
Chuck Yoder
Several others known
as "anonymus"

136 REGISTER,
SETTING RECORD

THE FIRST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES TO THE 1950 CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD. A TOTAL OF 136 BROTHERS WERE WELCOMED TO THE BIENNIEL MEETING.

THIS SPACE IS
CONVENIENT TO
REMIND US ALL TO
TIP OUR WAITRESS

In order to encourage each member meeting the others, the SIG-NAL offers the following complete list of delegates and their schools. If you have not met everyone, look them up and become acquainted.

* * * * *

Don Cronin, Alabama
Larry Siracusa, American
Bob Egleston, Baldwin-Wall
Tom Wilson, Baldwin-Wallace
Herb Sandwen, Bethany
Gene Veverka, Bowling Green
Dick Zbornik, Bowling Green
Don McDonough, Brooklyn
Harry Board, Buffalo
Don Brown, Buffalo
Dick Davies, Buffalo
Ron Lemon, Buffalo
Don Lever, Buffalo
Skip Liotti, Buffalo
Bob Lupton, Buffalo
Bill Merow, Buffalo
Bill Murphy, Buffalo
Carl Raymond, Buffalo
Harry Schule, Buffalo
Warren Schmidt, Buffalo
Doug Mooers, California
John Turner, California
Fred Sanders, UCLA
Ken Martin, Cincinnati
LeRoy Kimmons, Cincinnati
Bob McIntyre, Cincinnati
Danny Read, Cincinnati
Frank Ylio, Connecticut
Bob Miller, Connecticut
Dan Pope, Cornell
Leslie Fox, Cornell
George Munns, Davis & Elkins
Romeo Vidone, Davis & Elkins
Jim Williams, Hartwick
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BROTHERHOOD IMPERIAL

Despite the fact it was the song to which we were initiated, a few of the brethren are sketchy regarding the words of "Brotherhood Imperial." For their benefit, the words of a grand song and a grand tradition are herewith printed. (To the tune of "The Bear Went Over the Mountain.")

A brotherhood imperial,
And joys not immaterial,
Will follow rites mystical
In Alpha Sigma Phi.

To fresh it seems a vision
Whose prospects gleam Elysian,
The pleasures of admission
To Alpha Sigma Phi.

And Jove has truly granted,
From isles far off enchanted,
The joys he here has planted
In Alpha Sigma Phi.

We leave the charming
creatures
Whose sweet and winning
features

Are smiling when they
greet yours
Of Alpha Sigma Phi.

So shout the jovial
chorus,
Here tutors cannot bore
us,
Nor college studies floor
us,
In Alpha Sigma Phi.

THE KING

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Land where my fathers died
Land of the Pilgrims'
pride
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let Freedom ring.
Our fathers' God, to Thee
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King.

GRAND COUNCIL

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ly are everytime we have a
chance--at chapter meetings
or bull-sessions."

SIGS "BUST" OUT WITH TRADITIONAL SONG FEST

DELEGATES LISTED

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Ed Janssen, Illinois Inst
Roger Krafft, Illinois Inst
Paul Wieland, Illinois U
Jim Reynolds, Kentucky
John MacDonald, Lehigh
Art Loux, Lehigh
Herb Meyer, Lehigh
Frank Smith, Marietta
John Sowards, Marshall
John Bowman, Marshall
Eddie Booton, Marshall
Bill Burchett, Marshall
Tom Read, Marshall
Jim Whelpley, Marshall
Ben Clarke, Michigan
Art McWood, Michigan
Joe Bobik, U of Missouri
Louis Becker, U of Missouri
Bob Carter, Mount Union
Bernard Keach, Newark
Norman Strand, Nebraska
Vincent Oterson, Ohio State
Bob Bonham, Ohio Wesleyan
John Plunkett, Ohio Wesle
Lew Sibley, Ohio Wesleyan
Chuck Yoder, Ohio Wesleyan
Charlie Ivie, Oklahoma
Don Knodell, Oregon State
Dick Elderkin, Purdue
Bill Detweiler, Penn State
Lee Fencil, Penn State
Allen Gibson, Penn State
Phil Horan, U of Penn
Bob Jagocki, U of Penn
Dick Kendall, U of Penn
Bob MacLean, U of Penn
Smitty Smith, U of Penn
Bob Christoffel, RPI
Pat Howe, Rutgers
Don Lofquist, Stanford
Glenn Dennis, Syracuse
Glenn Ewald, Toledo
Jesse Boak, Tri-State
Dick Hoffman, Tri-State
Dick Keehn, Tri-State
Al McWilliams, Tri-State

BALLADS AND BUFFET BRING SIGS TOGETHER

THE FIRST BALL OF THE SIG CONVENTION STARTED ROLLING WITH A BUFFET LUNCHEON THAT WAS ONE ABOVE ALL. IT IS TOO BAD WE HAD NO WAY OF CHECKING THOSE SECONDS, AS IT IS A SURE BET SOME OF THE BROTHERS HIT THE RETURN ROUTE AT LEAST ONCE.

Ed Rapp, Tri-State
Curt Serven, Tri-State
John Stockham, Tri-State
Jim Collins, Tufts
John McVey, Tufts
Jack Saglio, Tufts
Sabin Mancini, Wager
Roger Melanson, Wake Forest
Vic Buzzotta, Washington U
Louis Goluck, Washington U
Fred Lamping, Washington U
Sy Sudler, Washington U
Ralph Blohm, U of Washington
John Flynn, Wayne
John Harrison, Wayne
James Stewart, Westminster
Jim Bower, Westminster
Jim Carson, Westminster
Roland Nord, Westminster
John Covington, Wofford
Neil Casey, W. Va. Wesleyan
Ralph Hudson, Yale
Jim Barry, Cornell
Fred Baube, Buffalo
Paul Bickle, Columbia
Harry Cooper, Kentucky
John Gaffin, Tri-State
Ed Hamburger, Brooklyn
Bruce Hoak, American
Bill Holmes, Purdue
Dick Joutras, U of Illinois
Roeder Kinkel, Ohio State
Linwood Law, Middlebury
Bob Mountsier, Lehigh
Bill Monsson,
Lewis Popham, American
Jim Pratt,
Doc Rogler, Wagner
Henri Vidal, Colorado
Curt Weidlich

The Sig songs on the carillon were really tops--if you heard them. Of course they were rather late but you know that old saying "Better late than never."

The Sweet-Sixteen chorus that serenaded us was exceptionally good--the extra loud applause came from Brother Cochran for daughter Dottie. Loads of credit to director Ken Gill.

But for a bunch of amateurs, the brothers did not do too badly--and so it is felt the "little gospel light" should shine for quite a while. (By the way, how did you like the shrewd exit the chorus pulled while our backs were turned, so to speak?)

After the choir finished, Don Brown of Gamma Epsilon helped to liven up things with his piano roll blues.

Contrary to most opinion, the Sig Bust did not last as late as expected (curse those Blue Laws anyway), but then we heard that several of the brothers became real die-hards. Tell us, men, how is the sunrise at Niagara Falls?

A Sig Bust may not settle the problems of the fraternity, but it will go a long way toward creating a friendly, workable attitude.

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NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

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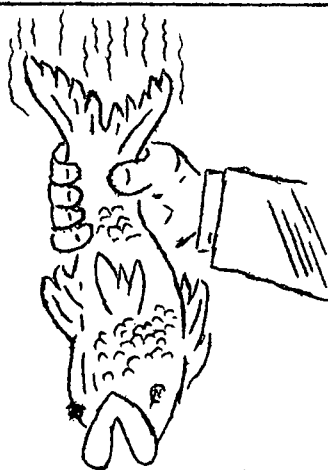
WHERE'S RALPH?!

BIG WHEELS KEEP TURNING

If you think the "big wheels" of Alpha Sigma Phi do nothing for years on end but sit around and rest up for the next convention, get a load of what follows:

LLOYD COCHRAN--Grand Senior President--guiding light in the Fraternity--hails from Omicron--Sales Manager of Lockport Cotton Fattig Company--one of the older (in length of service of course) and more aggressive leaders in the Fraternity--gives unsparingly of his time and energy--
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IS HE? HERE? THERE?



OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Read page 2
...and weep

WITH APOLOGIES TO ALEXANDER WOOLCOTT AND NERO, WHILE ROME BURNS, BURNS ROAMS, WE THINK. HE IS NEVER AT HIS PLACE AT DINNER, NEVER IN THE ELEVATORS GOING EITHER DIRECTION, NEVER IN EITHER OF THE TWIN BEDS IN HIS ROOM. SINCE THE HOTEL ALLOWS NO MEN IN THE POWDER ROOM, HE CAN'T BE THERE. THE CONVENTION IS GOING EXTREMELY WELL, BUT IT IS RATHER DISCONCERTING TO FIND IT IS DOING SO APPARENTLY WITHOUT THE FRATERNITY'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

FROM THE YEAR ONE

A hundred and five years of Alpha Sig history is on display. You will find copies of the TOMAHAWK "from the year one," to quote a famous brother, on display in the Oriental Room, the Convention Headquarters Office. Mighty interesting, as the Tomahawk is the oldest fraternity magazine in the world. There is a complete file of Tommy's on display--well worth your attention--stop in for a look.

Then, if you are interested in some real fine chapter newsletters, there are some on exhibit at the same place. A good chapter newsletter is the first

step toward good chapter alumni relations. Good chapter newsletters are not in evidence everywhere. They will not solve your chapter's alumni problems, but they will certainly go a long way toward doing just that. Drop in and get some good suggestions for your alumni newsletter.

Also available is a complete display of badges.

WANT TO HAVE A PARTY?

At the last Alpha Sig Convention there was a room called the "penthouse." It became the most popular and "loudest" room in the hotel. This year our party room is the American Room. Any group of delegates who want to throw a little party can arrange to do so very easily by bringing the necessary ingredients to the American Room any night before daylight and by telling one other brother. The party will immediately begin to grow and grow.

'Nuf said?

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CONVENTION NEWS

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Jim Kaldal
Chuck Yoder
Don Lever
Bill Holmes
Bob Christoffel
Bill Detweiler
Al Wise

TUESDAY TOURS

All brothers and guests who signed up for trips to the Power Plant, Welland Canal, Golf course and Washington Monument will please consult the accompanying chart for instructions: All trips will leave the General Brock at 2:00 PM sharp. The last tour is under the guidance of Brother George Worthington, and will include stops at the Smithsonian Institute, Narcotics Bureau, and Harry's Place.

Brother Bernard Keach has been unanimously elected to captain today's Power Plant tour. He is to receive his credentials in the office this morning.

The recent Mrs. Keach, who, by request, will ride in another car than her husbands, will serve as stewardess for the trip.

Cars going to the Welland Canal are: Brothers Jagocki, Detweiler, Moran, Yulo, Sowards, and Hamberger.

Cars traveling to the

SCHOLARSHIP

ist gestunk!

SCHOLARSHIP AND ITS NEED AND ABSENCE AMONG OUR CHAPTERS WAS FIRST THROWN IN FRONT OF THE CONVENTION DELEGATES YESTERDAY IN THE REPORT OF GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT COCHRAN. "OURS IS A SELECT GROUP," HE SAID, "AND OUR POOR SCHOLARSHIP SHOWS A MISCARRIAGE OF THE SELECTIVE PURPOSE IF WE DO NOT CHOOSE MEN SERIOUS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP, OR FAIL TO INSPIRE THEM IN THAT REGARD." HE THEN MENTIONED REPORTS FROM CHAPTERS, AWARDS, AND GRAND COUNCIL DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AS POSSIBLE MEANS OF IMPROVING THE FRATERNITY'S SCHOLARSHIP RATING.

Executive Secretary Burns gave a large portion of his report to scholarship. He declared it a prime purpose and objective of Alpha Sigma Phi, as well as being essential to national defense. Here he cited the deference shown high-ranking students under the Selective Service Act of 1950.

At lunch, chairmaned by Brother Paul Bickle, national scholarship chairman, Bro. Kleis disproved the undergraduate's common misconception that scholarship is not important in getting a good job. Kleis, manager of the Educational Department of Westinghouse, said that scholarship definitely ranks with personality and activities as job-getting factors.

Following the speech, Chairman Bickel presented the award for top scholarship to the Lehigh Chapter. The award is an oil painting which will hang in the chapter house permanently. The scholarship committee has recommended that this practice be continued during the following years.

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WEDNESDAY A BANNER DAY

The banquet Wednesday night will feature as decorations banners and pennants from each of the different colleges and universities at which Alpha Sigma Phi has a chapter. Not only will this serve as festooning for the banquet room, but it will also be a reminder of the vast scope our Fraternity covers--each aspect of which is as individual and colorful as the banners themselves.

Not all delegates have turned in their banners at the office. If not, please do so immediately.

WAR NEWS

Wash. D.C., July 12--Alpha Sigs numerous in five divisions being sent to Korea due to no study deferment.

Power Plant will be driven by Brothers Janssen, Keach, and Bobik.

The golfers will be transported by the following: Brothers Cochran and Wilson. . . Have fun.

GRAND COUNCIL

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lives in Lockport, New York when at home, which is seldom--likes to fish, plays golf (?), but his chief hobby (thank God) is his fraternity--in spite of his stories, well worth getting acquainted with, and actives are urged to make a special effort to know him personally.

ARBA TAYLOR--Grand Junior President--former national president of Alpha Kappa Pi--calls Cranford, New Jersey home--engineer for Standard Oil of New Jersey--Beta Iota chapter--been very active and valuable in consolidation--hobby is his work with the Boy Scouts--in charge of alumni activities of the Fraternity--a most valuable officer and Grand Councillor.

SAM KITCHEN--Grand Secretary--past Grand Secretary of Alpha Kappa Pi--Safety Engineer of Appalachian Light and Power Company, Roanoke, West Va.--married and has one daughter--most characteristic features are wide grin and Southern drool.

DON HORNBERGER--Grand Treasurer--chairman, Finance committee--hails from Delaware, Ohio--Epsilon Chapter--vice president and treasurer, Ohio Wesleyan--likes to fish at cottage in Michigan and collect stamps--certainly one of the finer Sigs.

HUGH HART--Member of Grand Council--hails from New Wilmington, Pa.--physician--Alpha Nu--noted for his stories--identified by his shiny head--well worth knowing, but beware of any polio analyses or you're doomed--

Convention chairman--has a most attractive daughter at the Convention (just a hint for the wise).

DUCKY JAHN--Grand Councillor--better known as the work-horse of the Pennsylvania area--secretary of Philadelphia Alumni Council--president, Penn State Alumni Association--Province Chief--Upsilon chapter--lives in Quaker City and works for the Navy in his spare time--worth knowing--a most valuable Alpha Sig.

BEN YOUNG--Grand Council--hails from Epsilon--domiciled in New York City--chairman, Endowment Committee--Tomahawk Trustee--Vice President and comptroller of New York Telephone Company--hobbies include his grandchildren and jokes (beware of the latter)--he "cleaned" the brothers at Bedford Springs two years ago.

DOCTOR CRAMBLET--immediate past president of the Fraternity--Alpha chapter--President, Bethan College--chairman of Extension Committee--chief hobbies are his family, students, and pipes (the latter are famous)--a most valuable member of the Grand Council--just back from a summer in Europe--every active should get acquainted with him.

RALPH BURNS--not a member of the Grand Council but has been Executive Secretary with the Fraternity for 14 years--the brothers from Epsilon call him "Soapy"--has seen the Fraternity thru two consolidations with other national fraternities--is the link between Grand Council and the chapters--hop-scoches all over the country installing chapters and, in general, acting as chief trouble-shooter--and he loves his wife, Ann, and two boys.

SCHOLARSHIP

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The Scholarship committee's report began the afternoon's session. Brother Bickel cryptically commented on each of the chapter records as he read their current standings on respective campuses. He revealed that while several chapters have excellent standings, we place 47th out of the 58 members of the National Inter-fraternity Conference! Deferred rushing was pointed out by the committee as one means of assuring the right kind of pledges.

Dr. Wilbur Cramblet, speaking on traditions, noted that scholarship is one of our most cherished and we are suffering merely for want of proper attitude.

The opening remarks of Brother Harold Schellenger, Public Relations Chairman, opened a new wound scholarship has had and brought the day's comments on the subject to a close. Brother Schellenger asserted that the entire public relations program of the Fraternity, no matter how well-handled, is of no avail as long as our scholarship is so poor. No number of excuses, he said, would cover up the fact that our scholarship is no credit to Alpha Sigma Phi.

Paid Advertisement

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MOTHER IN YOUR CHAPTER?

IF YOU DO, I CAN
RECOMMEND
AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE.

SEE HENRI VIDAL

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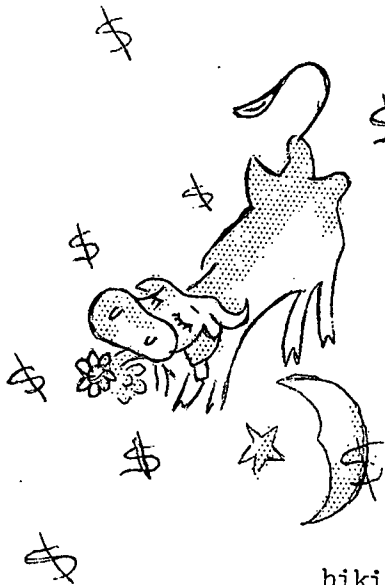
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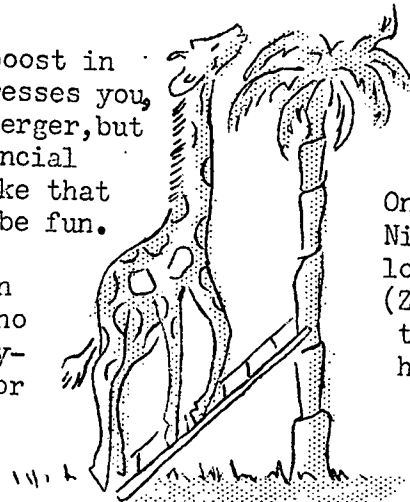
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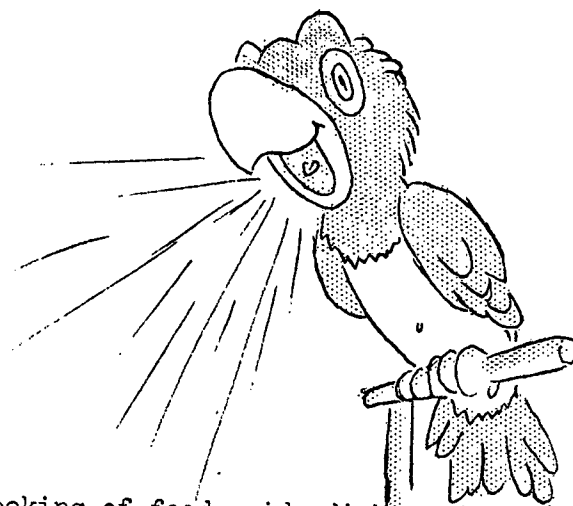
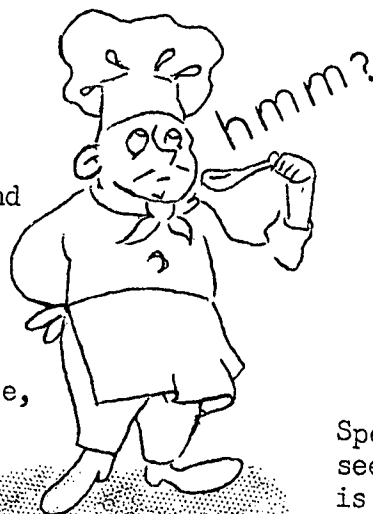
We know the boost in expense distresses you, Brother Hornberger, but actually financial gymnastics like that pictred must be fun. Half of the bureaucrats in Washington, who are on the payroll purely for kicks, do nothing but amuse themselves by hiking costs.



Only significance: Niagara, place of long necks. (Zoological pictorilization not historical - or biological)

Maybe too: Hornberger's budget - higher, but not out of reach.

"Ze way ze people at ze Convention spend ze vee hours vit either budgets ~~on~~ booze, it don' makes much difference what I gives dem for breekfast"



Speeking of food, side dishes of sunflower seeds can be ordered from the kitchen. This is what parrots eat, and parrots talk without knowing what they say except they were told to say it. Let's have no orders for the aforementioned cuisine.

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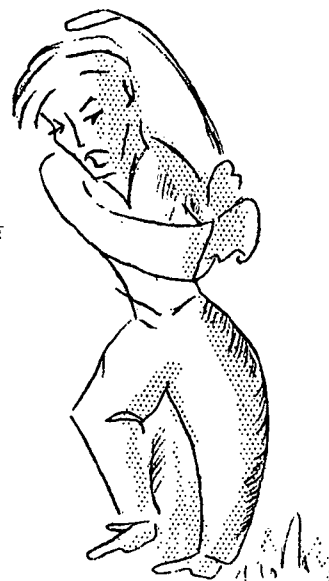
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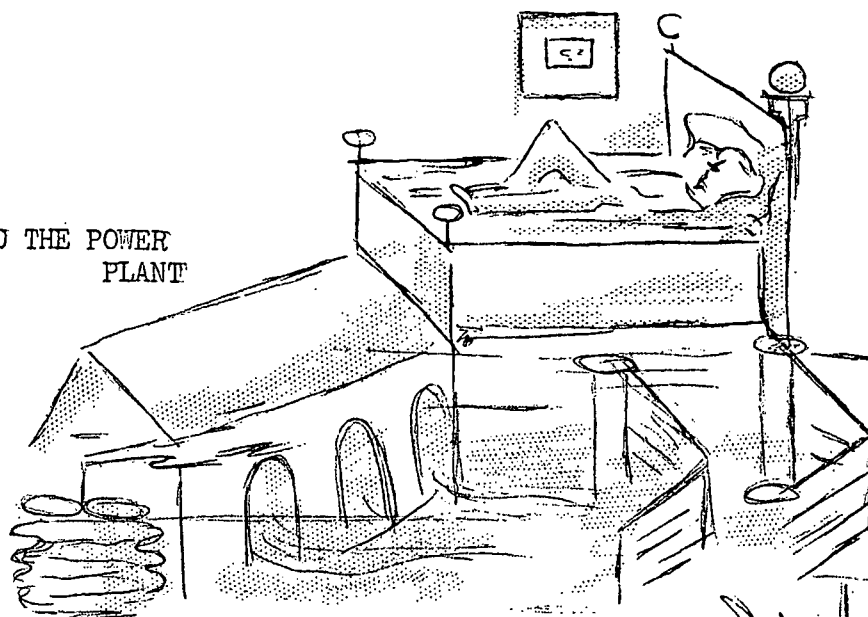
TUESDAY AFTERNOON was spent in pleasant pursuits that were mostly educational, but all diverting.

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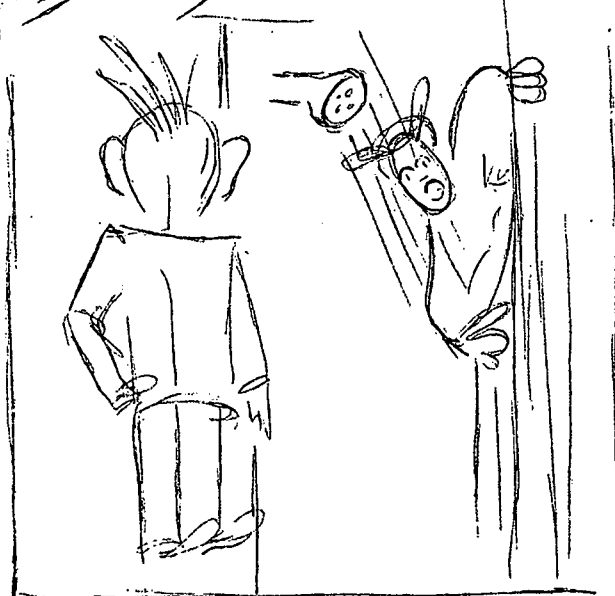
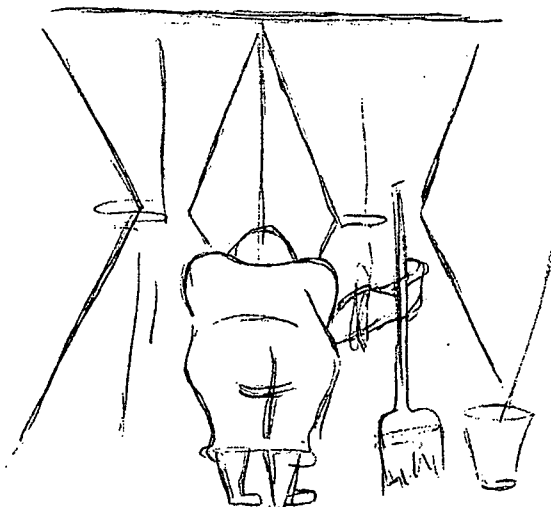


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We don't mind the women showing a natural curiosity in our ritual.

BUT- let them be fair when we show a natural in one of theirs.

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COCHRAN IS DAMON HONORED REELECTED SIX NEW GRAND COUNCILORS SELECTED

As a fitting tribute to a highly successful and outstanding Alpha Sig, Brother Ralph Damon received the first Distinguished Merit Award ever presented by the Fraternity to one of its members.

Grand Senior President Cochran read the following citation after the address given by Brother Damon at the final banquet of the 1950 Convention: "DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI. BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE FRATERNITY, THIS CITATION IS HEREBY CONFERRED UPON RALPH SHEPARD DAMON, BROTHER OF BETA CHAPTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY; CAREER AIRPLANE BUILDER; INSPIRING LEADER OF MEN; MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FIELD OF AVIATION; RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S FOREMOST BUSINESS EXECUTIVES. Given under our hands
(See DAMON, page 4)

LLOYD S. COCHRAN, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE FRATERNITY'S HIGHEST OFFICE, GRAND SENIOR PRESIDENT. SIX NEW MEMBERS WERE

SAY, ISN'T THIS "NEWSPAPER" A LITTLE LATE?

The publishers of THE SIG-NALS die hard--they won't give up a good thing until the last breath. Therefore, as a reminder of the most successful Convention in the 105 years of Alpha Sigma Phi, this final copy of THE SIG-NALS is published (over two months late) for the benefit of all the delegates and any other Brother Sigs interested.

Apologies for the delay--no labor strike, but the editor was vacationing in the Midwest with a dozen or more of the "old Gal's" chapters.

PLACED AMONG THOSE ON THE GRAND COUNCIL IN THE FINAL MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION'S LAST BUSINESS SESSION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HEADED BY GRAND JUNIOR PRESIDENT EMERITUS, BENJAMIN CLARKE, WAS ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY AND ACTED UPON TO MAKE FINAL THE CHOICES FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GRAND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Besides Grand Senior President Cochran, Donald J. Hornberger, Ohio Wesleyan, and W. Samuel Kitchen, Marshall College, continued their terms on the Grand Council which expire in 1952. Hornberger was also re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Those Grand Council members whose terms will end in 1954 are
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MORE MONEY-- BETTER SERVICE! CONVENTION HIKE DUES AND FEES

AFTER LONG HOURS OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, MANY "BULL SESSIONS" (ONE LASTING LONG AFTER MID-NIGHT), AND TWO GENERAL SESSIONS BY THE CONVENTION ASSEMBLY, THE 1950 ALPHA SIG NATIONAL CONVENTION PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

(1) To raise the chartered alumni council fees from \$15 per year to \$50;

(2) To raise the initiation fees from \$41 to \$50 per year;

(3) And to charge newly initiated brothers six dollar dues during the first year they are initiated.

It is hoped these three resolutions will provide \$12,000 in additional funds which will permit the national office to operate in the "black," retain the services of the Assistant Executive Secretary, and employ an Alumni Secretary.

This last feature, it is theorized, will reap additional funds from the alumni brothers after they have been better organized and informed about the national organization. It will also enable frequent chapter visitations to continue.

Opposition to the three finance measures was almost nil.

OUR FUTURE

SINCE THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE 21st NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI, QUITE A FEW GLASSES OF WATER HAVE GONE OVER THE FALLS, QUITE A FEW NEW FRIENDS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND QUITE A BIT OF SERIOUS BUSINESS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

The Fraternity certainly did not make possible a great natural phenomenon as Niagara Falls, but it can claim the credit for the new friendships--and the willingness to build a stronger fraternity.

The "Old Gal" need never fear her future as long as she develops young leaders to take over the responsibilities now handled by Brother Cochran and his grand Grand Council.

The most important quality of successful leadership is the ability to prepare new men to take command. Your editor feels both has

been evidenced here at this convention: young, strong leaders are being trained and will insure the "Old Gal" an honored place among all national fraternities.

Sincere appreciation to our present national officers--and a sincere wish for success and good fortune to our future ones.

RESOLUTIONS (Continued from page 3)

and personalty in the pledge that will give him a dignified as well as enthusiastic start on his upward climb of the Pinnacle of Fame.

CONSTITUTION'S FACE LIFTED

DELEGATES ALSO EXPRESS THANKS

THE FINAL DAY OF THE CONVENTION SAW SEVERAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PRESENTED TO, THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED BY, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY.

With the exception of one, all the resolutions for the amending of the Charter Constitution, and By-Laws were adopted. These resolutions were presented by Brother Benjamin Clarke, Grand Junior President Emeritus and Chairman of the Legal Committee.

The resolution which did not receive the approval of the delegation was Resolution 11-C which would place the election of the Grand Officers in the hands of the Grand Council rather than the entire convention.

As a fitting climax to the 1950 Convention was the unanimous adoption of the resolutions presented by Brother George Worthington at the afternoon session. These resolutions follow:

RESOLVED that this Convention extend to Brother Henri Vidal and

his capable Committee its sincere appreciation for a most cordial reception; an instructive and entertaining program omitting nothing that even the most timid bridal couple might desire.

RESOLVED that the delegates to this 21st National Convention by a rising vote express their conviction that the affairs entrusted to the Tomahawk Fund have been ably administered, and especially acknowledge the long and meticulous devotion rendered by Brother Bob Jagocki.

RESOLVED that the Convention instruct our Executive Secretary to convey in writing to Ken Gill and his inestimable "Sweet Sixteen" chorus our thanks for their buoyant contribution to our stay at Niagara Falls and also to express our appreciation to the various speakers for their splendid contributions toward making the pro-

gram of this convention outstanding.

RESOLVED that this Convention through its Executive Office express its gratitude to the management of the Hotel General Brock for having made this visit to the Niagara Frontier an outstanding event in our Fraternity.

RESOLVED that this Convention express its appreciation and gratitude to Ralph Burns and his efficient office staff including Miss Tonie Slone, Jim Kaldal, and the other assistants who have worked on the Convention news staff, and not excluding those known only as "anonymous."

RESOLVED that the Grand Council be directed to appropriate the sum of \$200 to make Rushing Brochures available to the chapters at a cost of five cents per brochure.

RESOLVED that as a positive substitute for Hell Week which has been abolished by previous convention action that there be created a Pinnacle Week devoted to the recognition and development of those qualities of character (See RESOLUTIONS, page 2)

ELECTION

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Arba S. Taylor, Tufts, re-elected Grand Junior President; Dr. Hugh M. Hart, Westminster, elected for another four year term; Henri B. Vidal, Colorado, who was elected Grand Secretary; Frank Foli Hargear, California, was elected Grand Marshal; Dr. Frank J. Krebs, Mount Union, re-elected for four more years; and Robert E. Bloser, Ohio State.

Vidal, General Chairman of the 1950 Convention, is Manager of the Buffalo Office of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Hargear is a resident partner in the investment house of Sutro and Company. Bloser is President of the Zaner-Bloser Company, penmanship and publishing firm in Columbus, Ohio.

The three new members of the class of 1952 are as follows: James B. Pratt, Chicago University and President of the Chicago Alumni Council, an investment counselor in Chicago; H. Walter Graves, Pennsylvania, Vice President of a large real estate firm in Philadelphia; and Emmett B. Hayes, Stanford, a practicing attorney in San Francisco.

The new Grand Councilors take office immediately and will handle the Fraternity's affairs until the next convention.

COUNCIL MEETS
AT MIDNIGHT

THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED GRAND COUNCIL WAS HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER THE BANQUET, ENTERTAINMENT, AND FINAL HUBBUB HAD CALMED DOWN A LITTLE. THOSE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CONVENTION MET AT 11:56 p.m. AND ADJOURNED AT 1:30 a.m.

Grand Senior President Cochran presided, and Brothers Hart, Hornberger, Kitchen, Pratt, and Taylor, all members of the Grand Council, were present. Brothers Burns and Kaldal, Executive Secretary and Assistant Executive Secretary, were also in attendance.

DAMON

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and the seal of the Fraternity on this thirteenth day of September, 1950." The signatures of the Grand Senior President, Lloyd S. Cochran, and the Executive Secretary, Ralph F. Burns, followed.

Brother Damon has been president of the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Company, American Airlines, Republic Aircraft Corporation, and, at present, is President of Trans-World Airlines.

The Distinguished Merit Award will be an annual presentation to one of the "Old Gal's" outstanding brothers. It is designed to recognize accomplishments in fields other than the Fraternity, however exemplifying success through the principles and ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi.

May we, the other brothers of the Fraternity, add our congratulations to a most worthy Alpha Sig. He has earned the love and respect of thousands--may his efforts continue always.

It was learned at this meeting that Brother Al Herman who was elected by the Convention might not be able to serve. Therefore, the Council instructed Brother Cochran that, in the event Brother Herman could not serve, Brother H. Walter Graves be requested to serve in his stead.

(Later events have proved Brother Herman was unable to serve and, consequently, Brother Graves has been duly appointed by the Grand Council to serve with that body until the 1952 Convention.)

The most important item of business considered by the new Grand Council was the election of the Executive Committee, which had been approved as an addition to the by-laws of the Fraternity. The Executive Committee is as follows: Lloyd S. Cochran, chairman, Dr. Hugh M. Hart, Donald J. Hornberger, Dr. Frank J. Krebs, and Henri B. Vidal.

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RECORD SNAPS AS 159 REGISTER

DURING FOUR DAY CONVENTION

A record breaking attendance record was established at the Twenty-first National Convention.

Over the four day period 159 actives and alumni registered their attendance at the Convention. The previous record attendance was 105.

Seven members of the Grand Council and four Province Chiefs actively participated in the business and recreation of the Convention.

Nine Chartered Alumni Councils, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Niagara Frontier, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Staten Island, and Washington D.C., were represented.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolutions Nos. 1 to 10, both inclusive, being proposed amendments to the Constitution be and the same are hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Council be and they are hereby requested and directed to submit to the chapters and chartered alumni councils for their vote the attached resolutions Nos. 1 to 10, both inclusive.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

October 7, 1950

Pursuant to the above affirmative action taken at the Twenty-First National Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on September 13, 1950, the following amendments are being submitted for your consideration and action.

The Constitution, Title III, Article 1, Section 1:

"This Constiution may be amended or repealed at any time by a three-fourths vote, and the By-Laws by a two-thirds vote, of all chapters and chartered alumni councils, provided that the vote of the chartered alumni councils shall be counted as provided in Title III, Article III, Section 1, of this Constitution. Any chapter or chartered alumni council whose report of its action upon said proposition so submitted shall not have been received by the National Office of the fraternity within thirty days after said proposition shall have been mailed to it shall be counted as voting in the affirmative."

These amendments are being submitted to you under the date of October 7, 1950 and your action should be returned not later than November 6, 1950.

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NOTE: New matter is in brackets (). Deleted matter represented thus:
~~Crossed-out-with-broken;-horizontal-lines.~~

I.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the preamble to the Constitution be amended by striking out the language following the word "York" in the fourth line thereof.

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AMENDMENT 1.

PREAMBLE

For the better accomplishment of the objects and purposes of Alpha Sigma Phi, a fraternity established by Louis Manigault, S. Ormsby Rhea, and Horace Spangler Weiser, of honored memory, at Yale College on December 6, 1845, and organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of New York, and with which have been consolidated the national social fraternities of collegiate grade, known as Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi, the active chapters and chartered alumni councils thereof adopt the following Constitution:

ACTION AMENDMENT I. - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____.

II.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

RESOLVED that Section 2 of Article I, Title II of the Constitution be repealed and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 2. Active members shall be restricted to regularly enrolled students while in attendance at the institution of learning in which a chapter in good standing exists, except as provided in Title III, Article II, Sections 3a and 3b, hereof.

AMENDMENT 2.

Old Section 2 below to be repealed:

~~Section-2. Active membership shall be restricted to regularly enrolled students while in attendance at the institution of learning in which a chapter in good standing exists, except as provided in TITLE III, Article II, Section-3b, hereof.~~

New Section 2 to be adopted:

(Section 2. Active members shall be restricted to regularly enrolled students while in attendance at the institution of learning in which a chapter in good standing exists, except as provided in Title III, Article II, Sections 3a and 3b, hereof.)

ACTION AMENDMENT 2. - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____.

III.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 4 of Article I, Title II of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words following the word "or" in the 6th line thereof as follows:

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"former chapter of a social Greek-letter fraternity of collegiate grade national in scope"

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"alumnus members of a chapter."

AMENDMENT 3.

Section 4. Alumnus membership shall result when an active or faculty member severs his ties with the institution in which he was matriculated or employed. It may also be granted to one who graduates from a department therein and matriculates in another thereof, on application to and consent of, his chapter. Alumnus membership may also be granted upon initiation, to an alumnus member of a local organization or former chapter of a social Greek letter fraternity of collegiate grade national in scope, (alumnus members of a chapter) which is granted a charter as provided in TITLE III, Article II, Section 3a, hereof and is admitted to the status of a chapter of this fraternity. Alumnus membership also may be assumed by an innocent active member while his chapter is under suspension, or if its charter is withdrawn.

ACTION AMENDMENT 3. - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

IV.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

RESOLVED that Section 1 of Article II of Title III of the constitution be amended by inserting for the word "paraphernalia" in the fourth line thereof, the words "and other property."

AMENDMENT 4.

Article II. Chapters

Section 1. Chapters shall be known and designated by such names as their charters shall prescribe. All chapters in the fraternity in good standing shall have equal rights therein. Should a chapter become inactive, its records, archives, and paraphernalia (and other property) shall become the property of the Grand Council and shall be surrendered to trustees appointed by the Grand Council for the purpose of taking custody of such property.

ACTION AMENDMENT 4. - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

V.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

RESOLVED that Section 3, Article II, Title III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words - "American Association of Colleges or" - and inserting after the word Association in the third line thereof "or other accrediting organizations approved by the National Interfraternity Conference."

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AMENDMENT 5.

Section 3. Chapters shall be established only in colleges and universities whose standards are recognized and approved by the American Association of Colleges or Regional Accrediting Association (or other accrediting organizations approved by the National Interfraternity Conference) and which institutions are approved by a majority of the chapters and chartered alumni councils.

ACTION AMENDMENT 5 - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

VI.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3a of Article II of Title III of the Constitution be repealed and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

Section 3a. The granting of charters to one or more chapters of any other national Greek-letter fraternity either by reason of the dissolution of said organization or otherwise, where said other organization agrees to the same, shall be handled in such manner and under such terms and conditions as the Grand Council shall determine from time to time provided: (a) the institution at which said charters are to be granted shall meet the requirements and qualifications under TITLE III, Article II, Section 3, hereof; (b) the said institution has been approved by a majority of the chapters; (c) that the active members of such groups and the alumni members thereof shall be eligible for membership in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Grand Council from time to time; and (d) that any action heretofore taken under the terms of this amendment is hereby ratified and confirmed.

AMENDMENT 6.

Old Section 3a below to be repealed:

Section-3a. The granting of charters to one or more chapters of any other national Greek-letter fraternity either by reason of the dissolution of said organization or otherwise, -where said-other organization agrees to the same, -shall be handled-in such manner and under such terms and conditions as the Grand Council shall determine from time to time provided: (a) the institution at which said charters-are to be granted shall meet the requirements and qualifications under TITLE III, Article II, Section 3, hereof, (b) the said institution has been approved by a majority of the chapters, (c) that the active members of such groups and the alumni members thereof shall be eligible for initiation in accordance with the rules and regulations premlated by the Grand Council from time to time, -and (d) that any action heretofore taken under-the terms of this amendment is hereby ratified and confirmed.

New Section 3a:

(Section 3a. The granting of charters to one or more chapters of any other national Greek-letter fraternity either by reason of the dissolution of said organization or otherwise, where said other organization agrees to the same, shall be handled in such manner and under such terms and conditions as the Grand Council shall determine from time to time provided: (a) the institution at which said charters are to be granted shall meet the requirements and qualifications under TITLE III, Article II, Section 3, hereof; (b) the said institution has been approved by a majority of the chapters; (c) that the active members of such groups and the alumni members thereof shall be eligible for membership in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Grand Council from time to time; and (d) that any action heretofore taken under the terms of this amendment is hereby ratified and confirmed.)

ACTION AMENDMENT 6 - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

VII.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1 of Article III of Title III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "past and" and "and active Province Chiefs" in line 11 thereof:

Provided that the aforesaid amendment shall be effective only if and when resolution amending Section 1 of Article II of Title IV of the constitution has been approved by the convention and has been adopted by the chapters and chartered alumni councils, and such constitutional amendment becomes effective.

AMENDMENT 7.

Article III. Alumni Councils

Section 1. On application, charters shall be granted by the Grand Council to alumni councils in existence for more than one year and having a membership for the entire year preceding the date of application of twelve or more alumni members in good standing. Alumni councils shall pay regular annual dues into the general treasury of the fraternity in such amount as shall be prescribed by the by-laws. Chartered alumni councils in good standing consisting of at least twelve members shall be entitled to the same voting privileges as active chapters, provided, however, that should the number of such councils so qualified to vote, outnumber the active chapters, then the vote to be cast by a chartered alumni council shall be so fractioned that the total vote of the chartered alumni councils when added to the votes of past and present members of the Grand Council and active Province Chiefs shall not equal or exceed the total vote of the active chapters.

ACTION AMENDMENT 7 - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

VIII.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1, of Article I of Title IV of the Constitution be amended by striking out in the 2nd line thereof the figures "1946" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1950".

AMENDMENT 8

TITLE IV. GOVERNMENT

Article I. Constitution, By-Laws, Codes, Rituals, Etc.

Section 1. This Constitution shall be known as the Revised Constitution of 1946 (1950) and shall be the fundamental law of the fraternity. The by-laws, codes, rituals, rules, and regulations, legislation, and orders of the lawfully constituted authorities shall be enacted thereunder and interpreted in compliance therewith.

ACTION AMENDMENT 8 - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

IX.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1, Article II of Title IV of the constitution be amended by striking out all of said present Section I, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

Section I. The supreme legislative authority of the fraternity shall be vested in conventions, the members of which shall consist of delegates elected by the several chapters and chartered alumni councils in good standing and present members of the Grand Council. Each Grand Council member shall be entitled to one vote provided that should the number of such votes at any convention when added to the vote of the alumni council delegates outnumber the vote of the active chapters, then such votes shall be so fractioned that their total vote shall not equal or exceed the total vote of the active chapters. Conventions shall be held biennially and shall constitute the annual meeting provided that conventions may be dispensed with whenever authorized by a majority vote of the active chapters and chartered alumni councils upon submission thereto by action of the Grand Council at a meeting thereof. The selection of the date, location of convention and apportioning of the expenses of delegates shall be prescribed by the Grand Council.

Annual meetings of the corporation for years other than those in which conventions are held shall be held at the principal business office of the corporation or such other place and upon such date of each of such years as the Grand Senior President may designate.

AMENDMENT 9.

Old Section 1 below to be repealed:

Article II. Legislation

~~Section 1.~~ The supreme legislative authority of the Fraternity shall be vested in conventions; the members of which shall consist of delegates elected by the several chapters and chartered alumni councils in good standing past and present members of the Grand Council and active Province Chiefs. - Past and present Grand-Council Members and active Province Chiefs shall be members of the Convention and shall be entitled to one vote, provided that should the number of such votes at any Convention; when added to the vote of alumni council delegates shall be so fractioned that their total vote shall not equal or exceed the total vote of the active chapters. Conventions shall be held biennially. The selection of the date, location and apportioning of the expenses of delegates shall be prescribed by the Grand Council.

New Section 1:

(Section 1. The supreme legislative authority of the fraternity shall be vested in conventions, the members of which shall consist of delegates elected by the several chapters and chartered alumni councils in good standing and present members of the Grand Council. Each Grand Council member shall be entitled to one vote provided that should the number of such votes at any convention when added to the vote of the alumni council delegates outnumber the vote of the active chapters, then such votes shall be so fractioned that their total vote shall not equal or exceed the total vote of the active chapters. Conventions shall be held biennially and shall constitute the annual meeting provided that conventions may be dispensed with whenever authorized by a majority vote of the active chapters and chartered alumni councils upon submission thereto by action of the Grand Council at a meeting thereof. The selection of the date, location of convention and apportioning of the expenses of delegates shall be prescribed by the Grand Council.

Annual meetings of the corporation for years other than those in which conventions are held shall be held at the principal business office of the corporation or such other place and upon such date of each of such years as the Grand Senior President may designate.)

ACTION AMENDMENT 9 - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

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RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

RESOLVED that Title IV, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

1. By deleting the third sentence of the first paragraph which reads as follows: " Three members of the Grand Council shall be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office, the other nine shall be so chosen that all other sections shall be represented."

2. By deleting from line 11 of said first paragraph the words, "become ex-officio a member of the Grand Council," and substituting therefor the words: "shall become eligible for election to the Grand Council. Such members shall be in addition to the number of the Grand Council as hereinbefore provided."
3. By adding at the end of the second paragraph thereof the following:
"such appointee to hold office until the next convention."
4. By inserting the word "grant" between the words "to" and "suspend" which appear in line 6 paragraph three and by deleting from the last sentence of said paragraph the first word, "It" and substituting therefor the words: "The Grand Council shall elect an Executive Committee of five from among its members and".
5. A new paragraph shall be added to Section 1, which shall read as follows:

"Unless otherwise provided by statute, or law, all rights, powers, and authority given the Grand Council and Executive Committee under the constitution and by-laws shall be construed to be rights, powers and authority to act not in meeting but such rights, powers, and authority may between meetings of the Grand Council or Executive Committee be exercised by a mail vote as to such matters as may be submitted by mail to the members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee at the direction of the Grand Senior President. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee shall be required for the adoption of all matters thus submitted and the votes shall be tabulated as provided in the By-Laws."

AMENDMENT 10.

ARTICLE III. Administration.

Section 1. The Grand Council shall be the governing body of the fraternity. It shall consist of twelve members, exclusive of past Grand Senior Presidents. Three members of the Grand Council shall be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office, the other nine shall be so chosen that all other sections shall be represented. Members shall be elected by Conventions as provided in the By-Laws. Six of the members elected in 1946 shall serve for a term of two years and six for a term of four years, provided that the term of the members of the Grand Council elected by the 1946 Convention shall be decided by lot. Subsequent to 1946, Conventions shall elect six members biennially for a four-year term. Any member who has served as Grand Senior President subsequent to 1946 shall, when his term as an elected member has expired, ~~become ex-officio a member of the Grand Council~~: (become eligible for election to the Grand Council. Such members shall be in addition to the number of the Grand Council as hereinbefore provided.) Members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.

The Grand Council shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in its membership in the interim between Conventions, (such appointee to hold office until the next convention.)

The Grand Council shall enforce the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall have power to make any rules and regulations not inconsistent therewith. It further shall be empowered to legislate between conventions and shall also have authority to (grant), suspend, withdraw, and restore charters of chapters and alumni councils, and authority to suspend and expel individuals in accordance with the procedure provided by the By-laws. It (The Grand Council shall elect an Executive Committee of five from among its members and) may appoint any committees it deems necessary for the fulfillment of the purposes and objects of the fraternity.

(Unless otherwise provided by statute, or law, all rights, powers, and authority given the Grand Council and Executive Committee under the constitution and by-laws shall be construed to be rights, powers, and authority to act not in meeting but such rights, powers and authority may between meetings of the Grand Council or Executive Committee be exercised by a mail vote as to such matters as may be submitted by mail to the members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee at the direction of the Grand Senior President. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Grand Council or Executive Committee shall be required for the adoption of all matters thus submitted and the votes shall be tabulated as provided in the By-Laws.)

ACTION AMENDMENT 10. - - Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

MEMORANDUM ON ATTACHED
AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The following explanation on the proposed amendments were presented, thoroughly discussed, and approved by the Twenty-First National Convention.

AMENDMENT 1 has to do with the preamble of the Constitution and eliminates the reference to Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi. It would appear that the reason and purpose for this reference in the preamble no longer exists.

AMENDMENTS 2 and 6 have reference to the matter of satisfying those who have some question in their minds as to whether or not our Constitution was properly amended to provide for membership of the men in Phi Pi Phi and Alpha Kappa Pi who were not initiated. When originally amended for the Phi Pi Phi group, initiation was contemplated but apparently "Section 3a" was through error left out of the amendment to Section 2, Article I, Title II. When the Alpha Kappa Pi group became a part of our organization the matter of initiation was waived and "initiation" in Section 3a should have been stricken and "membership" inserted in its place, as apparently the policy now is not to initiate such groups. It is our opinion with these changes there can be no question about the fact that such groups when taken in will be members of our organization. We, therefore, propose that Section 2 of Article I of Title II, and Section 3a of Article II of Title II be repealed and the sections with these corrections be adopted as shown in the attached amendments 2 and 6. This will cover any past, present or future action.

AMENDMENT 3 covers the matter of correcting the language in Section 4 of Article I of Title II.

AMENDMENT 4 amending Section 1 of Article II of Title III merely includes "and other property" in place of "paraphernalia." It is felt that this is advisable and gives the central authority jurisdiction over whatever property may be left after a chapter dissolves or is left without a representative on a campus of a particular institution.

AMENDMENT 5 merely eliminates "The American Association of Colleges" which we understand is no longer an accrediting organization, and covers all accrediting organization approved by the National Interfraternity Conference.

AMENDMENT 7 makes the provision of this section which refers to alumni councils and their voting conform to provision of Section 1, Article II, Title IV as amended under Amendment 9 which carries out the suggestion made at the Grand Council meeting in May concerning the matter of voting at Conventions, eliminating the vote of province chiefs, past grand council members, and correcting the language with respect to the matter of fractioning the votes of alumni council delegates and Grand Council members.

AMENDMENT 8 is suggested owing to the fact that there are so many amendments that it would be well to indicate as to what date constitution and by-laws, as amended, are effective.

AMENDMENT 9 follows suggestions made by the Grand Council that voting by the past members of the Grand Council and by active province chiefs be removed. It also clears up the uncertain language concerning fractioning of votes as between chapter delegates, grand council and alumni delegates. It also provides that the convention shall be considered an annual meeting, as well as providing for an annual meeting in the years other than convention years. It has been suggested that some provision should be made to provide for suspension of conventions during emergency periods such as a war, etc., when it is not possible to secure the attendance of sufficient delegates to constitute a representative group of the whole fraternity.

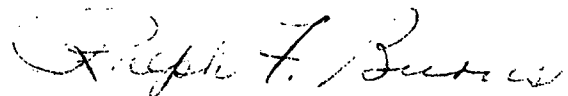
AMENDMENT 10 eliminates the requirement that three members of the Council should be chosen from the vicinity of the National Office. Provision is also made for the eligibility for election to the Grand Council of past Grand Senior Presidents. This eliminates the objection to the fact that such members of the Grand Council were not elected. You will note that any such past Grand Senior President who is elected to the Grand Council is in addition to the regular council of twelve.

In paragraph 3 of this section the power of the Grand Council to grant charters has been inserted. It would appear that this power or right is not specifically stated anywhere in the constitution or by-laws although there are places where such powers are inferred. Also inserted in paragraph 3 of this section is a provision that the Grand Council elect an Executive Committee.

A new provision has been suggested which provides for the authority of the Grand Council and Executive Committee to act by mail vote. We believe that this provision will stand up on the basis that all authority given to the Grand Council and Executive Committee is to be construed as a right to act, not in a meeting but by a mail vote between meetings of the Grand Council or Executive Committee. It cannot be said that when the Grand Council is given authority, it being really the Board of Directors, it must act at a meeting because the right or power given is not the customary or usual right or power which requires a meeting, but a right or power to be specifically construed to be otherwise. There is, of course the provision that this cannot be done where otherwise provided by statute or law.

I trust this explanation will help in the consideration of these amendments.

Fraternally yours,



Ralph F. Burns
Executive Secretary

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(October 31, 1950)

SCHOOL	REPORTS	Received	VOTES	Received
American <i>Beta Chi</i>	✓ received	October 30-50	received	October 31, 1950 ✓
Baldwin Wallace	not received		not received	✓
Bethany <i>Beta Gamma</i>	✓ received	October 24-50	received	October 20, 1950 ✓
Columbia <i>Lambda</i>	✓ received	October 25-50	not received	✓
Cornell <i>Beta</i>	✓ received	October 3-50	received	October 15, 1950 ✓
Davis Elkins <i>Gamma Delta</i>	✓ received	Sept 29, 1950	received	October 30, 1950 ✓
Hartwick <i>Beta Chi</i>	✓ received	October 20-50	received	October 28, 1950 ✓
Illinois Institute <i>Alpha Chi</i>	✓ received	Oct 3-50	received	October 18, 1950 ✓
Lehigh <i>Beta Epsilon</i>	✓ received	Oct. 25-50	not received	✓
Marietta <i>Delta</i>	✓ received	Oct. 6-1950	received	October 30, 1950 ✓
✓ Marshall <i>Beta Delta</i>	not received		received	October 19, 1950 ✓
Milton <i>Beta Upsilon</i>	✓ received	Oct 25, 1950	not received	Oct. 16, 1950 ✓
Missouri Valley <i>Alpha Omicron</i>	received	Oct 5, 1950	not received	Nov. 3, 1950 ✓
Mount Union <i>Beta Alpha</i>	✓ received	Oct 9, 1950	received	October 19, 1950 ✓
Newark College of Engineering <i>alpha rho</i>	✓ received	October 18-50	received	October 16, 1950 ✓
Ohio Northern <i>Gamma alpha</i>	✓ received	Oct 17-1950	received	October 15, 1950 ✓
Ohio State <i>Zeta</i>	✓ received	Oct 4, 1950	received	October 18, 1950 ✓
Ohio Wesleyan <i>Epsilon</i>	✓ received	Oct 12, 1950	received	October 17, 1950 ✓
Oregon State <i>Psi</i>	✓ received	Oct 6, 1950	not received	Nov. 3, 1950 ✓
Penn. State <i>Upsilon</i>	✓ received	Oct 5, 1950	received	October 11, 1950 ✓
✓ Polytechnic inst of Brooklyn	not received		not received	Nov. 13-50
Presbyterian <i>Alpha Psi</i>	✓ received	October 30-50	not received	✓
Purdue <i>Alpha Psi</i>	✓ received	October 6, 1950	received	October 24, 1950 ✓
Rensselaer Poly. Institute <i>Beta Psi</i>	✓ received	Oct 3, 1950	not received	✓
No. Carolina State College	not received		not received	
Rutgers <i>Beta Kappa</i>	✓ received	Oct 11, 1950	not received	Nov. 6, 1950 ✓
Stanford <i>Iuw</i>	✓ received	Oct 16, 1950	received	October 19, 1950 ✓
Stevens inst. of Technology <i>Alpha Iuw</i>	✓ received	Oct 6, 1950	not received	✓
Syracuse <i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	✓ received	Oct 6, 1950	not received	Nov. 3, 1950 ✓
Tulsa State <i>Beta Omicron</i>	✓ received	Oct 4, 1950	received	October 13, 1950 (over) ✓

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Tufts <i>Beta Iota</i>	received <i>Oct 19, 1950</i>	not received <i>Nov. 3, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of Alabama	(X) received <i>Nov. 6, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of California <i>Mus</i>	not received	received <i>October 17, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of California at L.A.	not received	not received ✓
Univ. of Cincinnati	not received	not received ✓
Univ. of Connecticut <i>Sigma Gamma</i>	received <i>Oct 5, 1950</i>	received <i>October 25, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of Illinois <i>Eta</i>	received <i>Oct 17, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of Kentucky <i>Pigma</i>	received <i>Oct 16, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of Oklahoma <i>Alpha alpha</i>	received <i>Oct 1, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of Michigan	not received	not received ✓
Univ. of Missouri <i>Alpha Sigma</i>	received <i>Oct 18, 1950</i>	not received <i>Nov. 1, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of Nebraska	not received	not received ✓
Univ. of Penn.	not received	not received <i>Nov. 11 - 50</i>
Univ. of Toledo <i>Beta Rho</i>	Not received	(X) received <i>Nov. 6, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of Washington <i>Sigma</i>	received <i>Oct 20, 1950</i>	received <i>October 30, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of West Virginia <i>Alpha Sigma</i>	received <i>Oct 11, 1950</i>	received <i>October 19, 1950</i> ✓
Wagner College <i>Alpha Sigma</i>	received <i>Oct 18, 1950</i>	received <i>October 12, 1950</i> ✓
Wake Forest	not received	received <i>October 24, 1950</i> ✓
Wayne Univ.	not received	not received ✓
Westminster <i>Alpha Nu</i>	received <i>Oct 18, 1950</i>	received <i>October 20, 1950</i> ✓
West Va. Wesleyan <i>Beta Nu</i>	not received	received <i>October 11, 1950</i> ✓
Wofford <i>Beta Phi</i>	received <i>Oct 18, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of Colorado <i>Pi</i>	received <i>Oct 9, 1950</i>	not received ✓
Univ. of Buffalo <i>Sigma Gamma</i>	received <i>Oct 24, 1950</i>	received <i>October 19, 1950</i> ✓
Univ. of Wisconsin	not received	not received <i>October 18, 1950</i>
Bowling Green ✓	not received <i>11/2/50</i>	received <i>October 20, 1950</i> ✓

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