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PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
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The Eighty-third Year of the Fraternity

1916

Program of the Convention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 P. M.—Convention smoker at the Chapter House.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

9:30 A. M.—Organization Meeting and Presentation of Credentials in Robinson Hall. President Ernest Fox Nichols will welcome the Convention to Dartmouth College.

2:30 P. M.—Business Meeting in Robinson Hall.

3:30 P. M.—The latter part of the afternoon and evening will be spent at Woodstock, Vermont, eighteen miles from Hanover. Automobiles will leave the Psi Upsilon House at half past three to convey the party. Those attending the business meeting will take automobiles immediately at the close of the session. Tickets covering the expenses of this trip may be secured for \$3.25 at the Information Bureau. Dinner will be served at the Woodstock Inn. The automobiles will return to Hanover whenever the men desire to come back.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

9:30 A. M.—Business Meeting in Robinson Hall.

12:15 P. M.—The afternoon and evening will be spent at the Lake Tarleton Club, thirty-five miles north of Hanover. A special train will take the party from the Norwich and Hanover station of the Boston & Maine to Conicut, Vermont. Automobiles are to meet the train there and take the party to the Club. The Chapter must know by 9:00 A. M., Friday, the names of those who are going on the special train as guests of the Chapter. Be at the station promptly at 12:15.

9:30 P. M.—Last machines leave the Tarleton Club for the return train at Conicut.

10:00 P. M.—Special train returns to Hanover from Conicut.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 10:00 A. M.—Business Meeting in Robinson Hall.
- 12:00 Noon—Convention Picture at the Chapter House.
- 1:30 P. M.—Tennis Match, Alumni Oval, Harvard *vs.* Dartmouth.
- 3:00 P. M.—Baseball Game, Alumni Oval, University of Vermont *vs.* Dartmouth. A section of the stands will be reserved for the Psi Upsilon Convention. Tickets at 50 cents may be obtained at the gate.
- 8:00 P. M.—Eighty-third Annual Convention Banquet to be held in College Hall. Please be at the house at 7:45 P. M. Tickets for the banquet may be secured at the Information Bureau for five dollars.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(Details as to Information Bureau, Eating Places, Side Trips, Automobiles and Carriages, Golf and Tennis)

 STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

For on Friday this ponderous aggregation of brains, beef, beer, and brawn known as the Psi U Convention will lay off solving the problems of the world, check their innocence and dignity at the Chapter House and gird themselves for the field day at the Lake Tarleton Club. At the hour of twelve-thirty the brave souls will load themselves, or be loaded, on a regular special train with wheels, an engine and everything, which will roll majestically up the banks of the peaceful Connecticut to that quiet little hamlet known as Conicut, from whence a flock of panting automatic perfume buggies will shoot them up among the sylvan glades, the rippling waters, and budding mountains which surround that placid sheet of sky juice known as Lake Tarleton. There this mighty conclave of scintillating stars and Falstaffian athletes will pit their Sandowian

brawn and Machiavellian craftiness against each other in such sports as baseball, races, a tug of war, and a crew race, in fact such a tornadic maze of athleticism as to make the Olympic games look like a Convention of Organizations for the Benefit of Paralyzed Old Men and Women.

For those who care not for physical strife and the rich yellow liquid, there are unbounded opportunities for botanical investigation in the mediæval forests surrounding the lake and lots of nice fresh air especially ordered and set out for the occasion; for those to whom the whimsical twist of a pretzel is the essence of beauty and to whom the gurgling of good old Bud is the music of the ages, there will be ample opportunity for a happy afternoon. Then when the feats of brawn and brain are over, the Lake Tarleton Club chef, imported directly from the Tampa Bay Hotel, Florida, where he has been wintering after a hard season in the "Birth of a Nation", will set forth such a conglomeration of tempting viands and epicurean delicacies as will make Jerusalem's milk and honey mouldy dust in comparison. Then, after a few vain-glorious barkings at the moon, and a series of dances in the dew by a troupe of "rushin dancers" the dirge will be sounded and each participant and loyal brother will crawl into the little pine box especially prepared for his use, in which he will be shipped back to the sod in Hanover.

RULES OF THE DAY

1. Don't give your right names.
2. All slow-moving vehicles keep to the right.
3. Brass knuckles barred.
4. In case of fire, sit still and give the actors a chance.
5. Irish confetti will be supplied by the manager.
6. Heaven help the working girl.
7. Check all your jewelry with the manager; you'll have as much chance of getting it from him as anyone else.
8. No wrist watches or red neckties allowed inside the gates; someone might die in the rush.

NOTICE: Our emblem shall be the lily, and our motto "A good time was had by all".

RECORDS

MAY 4, 1916

The National Convention of PSI Upsilon in its eighty-third year was called to order at 9:30 A. M., in Robinson Hall, Hanover, N. H., by Brother Herbert L. Bridgman (*Gamma*), a delegate of the Executive Council. Brother Bridgman appointed Brother Ellsworth O. Strong (*Zeta* '16) temporary President and Brother George K. Page (*Zeta* '17) temporary Recorder. Brother Strong took the chair and appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—Brothers Raymond L. Thompson (*Upsilon* '17), Walter E. Chase, Jr. (*Kappa* '16) and Robert T. Wilson (*Tau* '17).

COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—Brothers Harold L. Gillies (*Gamma* '16), Frederick A. Ballou, Jr. (*Sigma* '16) and Clarence E. Kilburn (*Chi* '16).

Following a motion made by Brother Bridgman, seconded and passed, the Convention took a recess of fifteen minutes to allow these committees to act. At the end of this recess the Committee on Credentials reported that credentials had been received for the following delegates:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Herbert Lawrence Bridgman (*Gamma* '66) and George Xavier McLanahan (*Beta* '96).

THETA—Lee Chase Fletcher '16, Harry Clifford Dikeman '16.

DELTA—William Henry Draper, Jr. '16, George Hill Coburn '17.

BETA—Jonathan Stone Raymond '17, Maynard Cady Irison '18.

SIGMA—Frederick Allan Ballou, Jr. '16, William Rhodes LeRoy McBee '16.

GAMMA—Harold Lusk Gillies '16, Kenneth DeForest Carpenter '17.

ZETA—Ellsworth Olmsted Strong '16, George Keyes Page '17.

LAMBDA—Laurence Dowling '16, Edward Howard Babcock, Jr. '16, Ward Rathbun Clark '16.

KAPPA—Walter Emery Chase, Jr. '16, Carl Knight Ross '17.

PSI—Charles Joseph Baumer '16, James Daniel Seaver '17.

XI—Joel Wright Hadley '16, Frank Edward Stevens '17.

- UPSILON—Willard Charles Becker '16, Raymond Llewellyn Thompson '17, Henry Lauriston Crittenden '12.
 IOTA—Joseph Stafford Trottman '16.
 PHI—Isaac Kinsey, Jr. '16, Paul Frye Thompson '16.
 PI—Walter Herbert Thomas '16.
 CHI—Clarence Evans Kilburn '16, Edward Ewen Anderson '17.
 BETA BETA—Charles Byron Spofford, Jr. '16.
 ETA—Richard Tillinghast Williams '17.
 TAU—Robert Thomas Wilson '17.
 MU—Frederick William Boutelle, '17.
 RHO—Raymond Wood Jordan '16.
 OMEGA—Dan Hedges Brown '16.
 EPSILON—Richard Ashe McLaren '17.
 OMICRON—John De Witt Culp '16.
 DELTA DELTA—William Dorsey Kennedy '16, Frank Crafts Williams '17.

The report was accepted.

Brother Gillies for the Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following nominations:

President

Herbert Lawrence Bridgman (*Gamma '66*)

Vice-Presidents

Ellsworth Olmsted Strong (*Zeta '16*)

Jonathan Stone Raymond (*Beta '17*)

Harold Lusk Gillies (*Gamma '16*)

Recorder

George Keyes Page (*Zeta '17*)

Assistant Recorders

Malcolm Switzer (*Zeta '17*)

Donald Bradshaw Aldrich (*Zeta '17*)

The report was accepted and the officers duly elected by the Convention.

Brother Bridgman took the chair.

The Recorder read the communication of the Executive Council to the Convention of 1916, after which Dean Craven Laycock welcomed the delegates to Hanover.

The Convention rules of last year were adopted for the 1916 Convention.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair:

TO NOMINATE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Bros. Ballou (*Sigma*), Chairman; Fletcher (*Theta*), Trotzman (*Iota*), Spofford (*Beta Beta*) and Jordan (*Rho*).

ON ANNUAL COMMUNICATION—Bros. Gillies (*Gamma*), Chairman; Dowling (*Lambda*), Kennedy (*Delta Delta*), Kinsey (*Phi*) and Culp (*Omicron*).

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Bros. Hadley (*Xi*), Chairman; Kilburn (*Chi*), Boutelle (*Mu*), Brown (*Omega*) and Williams (*Eta*).

ON NEW BUSINESS—Bros. Becker (*Upsilon*), Chairman; Raymond (*Beta*), Draper (*Delta*), Wilson (*Tau*) and Baumer (*Psi*).

Recess was then taken until 2:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 2:30 P. M., President Bridgman in the chair.

Bro. Ballou, reporting for the Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Council, nominated Bros. George Henry Fox (*Upsilon* '67) and Frederick Paul Keppel (*Lambda* '98) to succeed themselves. The report was accepted and Bros. Fox and Keppel were duly elected.

Bro. Gillies, reporting for the Committee on Annual Communication, stated that the Council's recommendations had been considered, adopted and referred to the Committees on Old and New Business. The report was accepted by the Convention.

Bro. Becker reported for the Committee on New Business that the petition of *Pi Upsilon* of Kansas University would be referred to the Convention for discussion. Following a motion by Bro. Kennedy (*Delta Delta*), the Recorder read the petition to the Convention. Bro. Burdick (*Xi* '82), representing the petitioners, spoke in favor of *Pi Upsilon*.

Bro. Crittenden (*Upsilon*) moved that the petition be laid on the table, to be considered again during the 1916 Convention. Seconded and passed.

Bro. McLanahan read telegrams containing greetings from the Convention to Bro. Andrew D. White, former President of Cornell, Bros. Robert Lansing and Frank L. Polk, Bro. William H. Taft, and to the mother and wife of Bro. Richard Hovey, the last to be sent in honor of Bro. Hovey's birthday anniversary. The telegrams were approved and dispatched.

The matter of PSI Upsilon entering the Inter-Fraternity Conference was referred to the Convention by the Committee on New Business. Bro. Gillies moved that the Convention go on record as opposed to authorizing the Executive Council to enter the Conference. After a reading of the report of the Council's representatives at the last meeting of the Conference the motion was lost.

Bro. McLanahan moved that the Convention authorize the Council to send representatives (if invited) to the next meeting of the Conference; and further that the general question be considered at the next Convention. Seconded and passed.

The petition of *Pi Kappa Chi* at Johns Hopkins University was referred to the Committee on New Business.

The meeting adjourned until Friday morning, May 5.

MAY 5

Meeting called to order at 9:30 A. M., President Bridgman in the chair.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

A communication from the *Phi Kappa* Society was read to the Convention.

Bro. McLanahan read a communication from Bro. Babst, of the Council, which he introduced as a special resolution and which read as follows:

WHEREAS, in the death on April first, Nineteen sixteen, of James Burrill Angell, *Sigma* '49, PSI Upsilon has lost one of its most loyal members, distinguished as one of America's greatest

educators, a man of remarkable personality, influential alike in the affairs of the Nation and as a Leader of Men, always freely giving to PSI Upsilon gracious acknowledgment of the worth and influence of its traditions and ideals:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PSI Upsilon, in General Convention assembled, record this tribute to his memory by entering this minute on its records, and by transmitting a copy thereof to the members of his family and to the University of Michigan, which he served so long and with such high achievement.

The resolution was adopted by the Convention.

Bro. Becker (*Upsilon*), for the Committee on New Business, recommended a resolution of four sections, as follows:

SECTION 1. Under present conditions the Convention is unfavorable to expansion. ✓

SECTION 2. Petitioners must petition directly to and solely through the Executive Council, and in no way take the initiative in approaching the several chapters or conventions. The Executive Council to give the information to the chapters. 0

SECTION 3. The rule as to chapters voting on a proposition submitted to them by the Executive council and reporting the result to the Executive Council within two weeks should be strictly enforced. That the Executive Council shall not make known the decisions of the various chapters until all votes are in. (This is to avoid pressure being brought to bear to influence the vote of any chapter.) This vote to be final for that year. 0

SECTION 4. The Convention shall instruct the Executive Council to collect all data, so that at the next convention it may present to the delegates a general outline of the fraternity policy of expansion. Each chapter shall present its ideas on expansion to the Executive Council. The Council to inquire particularly into the class of colleges and the geographical situation. ✓

Bro. Crittenden (*Upsilon*) made several explanatory remarks concerning the resolution.

Bro. Kennedy moved that each section be voted upon separately. Seconded and passed.

Following a request by Bro. McLanahan a roll-call vote was taken upon the first resolution. All chapters but the *Iota* voted aye. The *Theta* delegate was excused and the *Mu* and *Pi* Chapters cast no vote.

The second resolution was then voted upon and lost. A roll-call on the third section resulted in the loss of the section by the following vote: AYE—*Theta*, *Delta Lambda*, *Upsilon*, *Beta Beta*, *Tau* and *Rho*. The *Pi*

Chapter cast no vote and all the other chapters voted negatively. The fourth section was adopted unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the *Pi Upsilon* petition be taken from the table and laid before the Convention. (Passed.)

Bro. Culp (*Omicron*) moved that the petition be granted by the Convention.

Bro. Seaver (*Psi*) seconded the motion, and a roll-call vote resulted in the loss of the motion, the *Omicron* delegate alone voting in favor, the *Pi* chapter not voting and all the other chapters opposed.

Following the reading of greetings to the Convention from the *Sigma Chi* and *Theta Delta Chi* fraternities the meeting adjourned until 10 A. M., Saturday, May 6.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M., Bro. Bridgman in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read from Brothers Robert Lansing and Frank L. Polk in response to the greetings sent them by the Convention, and from the Dartmouth Chapter of *Alpha Delta Phi* extending greetings to the Convention.

Bro. Becker (*Upsilon*), for the Committee on New Business, introduced the following resolutions, which were considered separately by the Convention and voted upon as indicated:

Resolution No. 1—That the question of the revival of THE DIAMOND be considered favorably and furthermore that the Executive Council be instructed to appoint a committee to arrange for putting that publication upon a secure and permanent basis. (Passed.)

Resolution No. 2—That a uniform initiation ceremony is entirely advisable, but that inasmuch as the final ritual is at present uniform, further measures regarding initiation are unnecessary. (Adopted.)

Resolution No. 3—That the question of the advisability of a Traveling Secretary for the Fraternity be unfavorably considered.

Adopted by the following vote by roll-call: The *Sigma*, *Mu* and *Omega* delegates voted against the resolution, all other delegates being in favor of its adoption.

Resolution No. 4—That the petition of the *Pi Kappa Chi* Society of Johns Hopkins University be denied.

On a roll-call vote 23 chapters voted for the adoption of the resolution, the *Phi* delegate not voting.

Resolution No. 5—That the Annual Convention be made the place for the interchange among the chapters of information regarding sub-freshmen who are prospective candidates for PSI UPSILON. Such information is to be submitted in definite form upon a standard card, distributed for that purpose among the several chapters by the Executive Council. (Passed.)

Resolution No. 6—That the gratitude and appreciation of the Convention be expressed to Brother Edward H. Williams, Jr. (*Beta* '72), Brother J. D. Robinson (*Zeta* '18), Brother E. O. Strong (*Zeta* '16) and other brothers of the *Zeta* for the cordiality and kind hospitality extended to the Convention during its session in Hanover. (Unanimously adopted.)

Bro. Gillies (*Gamma*) for the Committee on the Annual Communication reported that the annual report of the Treasurer had been scrutinized and found correct. (Report accepted.)

Bro. Gillies further moved that the Executive Council be authorized to select the chapter with which the next Annual Convention shall be held, the chapter to be informed of its choice before January 1, 1917. (Passed.)

Bro. Boutelle (*Mu*) extended an invitation to the brothers for the next Convention to be held with the *Mu* if the Council so directed.

Bro. Bridgman thanked the Convention for its attention to and disposition of all important business matters.

On the motion of Bro. Becker, Chairman of the Committee on New Business, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted

G. KEYES PAGE (*Zeta* '17)

Recorder

(APPENDIX A)

THE COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE
CONVENTION OF 1916

MEMBERSHIP. The Active membership of the Fraternity reported as of February 1, 1916, was 626, a decrease of 50 as compared with the membership of the preceding year.

IN MEMORIAM. The following deaths of members have been reported to the Council since the last Convention:

DELTA. John Henry Colgate '49, George Daniel Hadley '02, James Franklin Hendrickson, Jr. '02.

BETA. John Phelps Taylor '62, Isaac Platt Pugsley '64, Charles Hemenway Adams '66, Frank Moore '68, Williams Chalmers Clarke '69, Franklin Arnold '71, Charles Herbert Shaw '78, Henry Semple Ames '86, Rufus Macqueen Gibbs '93, Clarence Winter '97, Robert Landon Rogers '06.

SIGMA. James Burrill Angell '49, Robert Hale Ives Goddard '58, William Conrad Rhodes '64, Charles Sidney Waldo '74, William Ely, Jr. '18.

GAMMA. George Edward Aiken '57, Elisha Greene Cobb '57, William Coe Collar '59, Marshall Blair Cushman '61, Marquis Fayette Dickinson '62, George Henry Whitcomb '64, Joseph Goodhue Houghton '65, Asa Adams Spear '66, Eugene Belknap Collester '73.

ZETA. George Haseltine '54, George Frank Stackpole '72.

LAMBDA. Theodore Voorhees '68, George Fanshawe Milliken '79, Herbert Boughton '89, Kenneth Benedict Collins '07.

KAPPA. Aaron Winchester Hyler '15.

XI. Wellesley Wellington Bowdish '65, Lewis Everett Gordon '94.

ALPHA. Edwin Penniman Bliss '73.

UPSILON. Samuel Ernest Peck '04.

IOTA. Robert McNeilly '60, Amos Skeele '64, Charles Telford Mayo '68, Thomas Alexander Gawne '07.

PHI. Martin Luther D'Ooge '62.

PI. Leroy Wever Guibord '97.

CHI. William Jones Youngs '72, John Hamilton Blair '01.

BETA BETA. Edwin John Rinehart '76, Alan Thaxter '11, Frank Eddy Haines '17.

TAU. Robert Newton Wilson '93.

EPSILON. John Morton Eshleman '02.

PHI KAPPA SOCIETY. The application of the *Phi Kappa* Society of the University of Washington, which was approved by the Convention of 1915, has now been approved by each individual Chapter of the Fraternity, and as soon as convenient to parties interested arrangements will be made for the installation of the new Chapter.

The Council fully realizes the importance properly attached by all our Chapters to the question of expansion. It is hoped and believed that the sober judgment of the Chapters, now finally expressed in the case of the *Phi Kappa* Society, will never be a cause for regret to the members of our Fraternity.

CHAPTER ADDRESS LISTS. The last Convention authorized the Council to publish new editions of Chapter lists from time to time, and the 1916 edition was nearly completed before the matter of a new General Catalogue arose. The cost of the new edition was about \$573, as against \$825 for the first edition published in 1914. Absolute accuracy is impossible, but this object is being gradually approached under the supervision of Brother William P. MacCracken, Jr., *Omega* '09, Chief Master of the Rolls, for whose gratuitous services the entire Fraternity is greatly indebted. The card indices under his care will be kept up to date, new editions printed from time to time, as may be deemed advisable, and the booklets mailed to living members free of cost. While lacking the completeness of data which the Catalogue will contain, this service is very convenient, aims to keep the alumni in touch with one another and attains a wider circulation than is possible for the Catalogue. It has greatly assisted the Editor of the larger work in his compilation.

TWELFTH GENERAL CATALOGUE. The Twelfth General Catalogue of the Fraternity is now in preparation and will be completed about the end of the present year. By an arrangement with R. L. Polk & Co., Inc., of 91 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y., as publishers, the Fraternity and the Chapters are relieved of all financial responsibility in the matter. Brother Leo W. Wertheimer (*Iota* '99), late Recorder of the Council, is in charge as Editor, assuring a complete and accurate book. It will contain full biographical data and should be of great interest to every

member of the Fraternity. As far as reasonably possible personal solicitation will be made and all members are urged to facilitate the work by assisting the solicitors in obtaining data. A vast amount of work is to be done by these solicitors, and in employing them preference is shown to members of the Fraternity. Such employment may become permanent, as the publishers are working on a large number of university and other college fraternity catalogues. Applicants should send their names to the publishers.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. The Council feels that the past ten or fifteen years have brought about striking improvement in the moral conditions among fraternity men throughout the country and in their average standing as regards scholarship, and they feel that PSI UPSILON has shared in these advances. It is felt however that there is one factor with regard to the membership of the Fraternity which deserves the serious consideration of the Convention. It is almost the unanimous feeling among men who are familiar with College conditions that within recent years an increasing proportion of the men of exceptional ability and promise for the future have been going into the so-called minor college fraternities, and the question has arisen whether societies of the type of PSI UPSILON and *Alpha Delta Phi* are in danger of losing the ability for which they were once famous of "picking winners" unaided by external appearances of prosperity and social conformity. To these observers the Chapters of these societies, by their very uniformity of type, tend to give the impression that in the selection of new material the older members of the Chapter have not been quite willing enough to take chances on men who depart in any way from the accepted social type. The whole question is a very complex one, but it is obviously of the greatest importance to the life of the Fraternity, and it is for this reason that it is brought informally to the attention of the Convention at the present time.

RITUAL OF INITIATION. The Council was authorized by the last Convention to investigate the ritual of initiation existing at the various Chapters and to prepare a standard form for submission to the Convention of 1916. The Chapter correspondence on this subject during the year has been quite varied and the Council is not certain what particular feature of initiation is involved—whether the preliminary exercises or the formal ceremony in the lodge room. A fuller discussion of the subject is invited at this Convention.

VISITATION OF CHAPTERS. Formal visits have been made during the present college year to the *Theta*, *Zeta*, *Psi*, *Xi* and *Tau*, and informal visits to the *Beta*, *Lambda* and *Phi*.

BUSINESS INFORMATION. Brother Babst, of the Council, reports that for the first time since the Committee on Business Information was established not a single application for a position was made to the Committee since the last Convention.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTERS. The Council has been advised that applications for charters will be submitted to the Convention on behalf of the *Pi Upsilon* Fraternity of the University of Kansas and the *Pi Kappa Chi*, a local fraternity at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. It is possible that representatives will attend at Hanover for the purpose of orally presenting their applications.

INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE. At the meeting of the Council held March 13, 1916, Brother Keppel presented a report on behalf of the members of the Council who attended the Interfraternity Conference in November, 1915, and on motion the report was received and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that the report be received and made a part of the Council's Annual Communication to the Convention, with the recommendation that future participation be left to the judgment of the Council."

Pursuant to the resolution a copy of the report is herewith submitted as a part of this communication.

THE COUNCIL. The officers of the Council for the past year have been the same as for the previous year. Nine meetings of the Council have been held and printed copies of the minutes have been distributed as usual.

The terms of Brother George Henry Fox (*Upsilon '67*) and Frederick P. Keppel (*Lambda '98*) expire with this Convention, and two members are to be elected for the term ending in 1921.

The Council again takes pleasure in reporting that the Chapters have maintained a generally high standard in their respective colleges and universities and it looks with confidence to the future of the Fraternity.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By GEO. S. COLEMAN

Secretary

May 2, 1916

(APPENDIX A¹)**REPORT ON INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF PSI UPSILON**

The undersigned, authorized at the November meeting of the Council, would report that they attended, as guests, both the morning and afternoon sessions of the seventh annual Interfraternity Conference, held in the Council Room of the University Club on November 27, 1915. The fraternities represented were thirty-five in number, and the accredited delegates present one hundred and twenty-four. A copy of the printed proceedings of the Conference is submitted with this report, and for this reason no attempt will be made in this place to give a detailed account of the action taken; it will be the endeavor of your representatives to supplement this document by stating the impression made upon them as to the dignity and usefulness of the Conference.

In the first place, the delegates were evidently present with serious purpose, and not in order to have a pleasant social gathering. The proceedings were conducted in a business-like way, and showed the results of thorough preliminary work on the part of those in charge. The more important reports upon which action was to be taken, for example, had been printed and distributed in advance to the delegates. (These reports are included in the printed minutes submitted herewith.)

During the proceedings themselves, two or three delegates appeared desirous of enlisting the influence of the Conference for the purpose of settling local difficulties between individual fraternities, but it was evident that the group as a whole recognized clearly that the Conference was an informal and unofficial gathering, and that its action could in no way be regarded as binding upon the fraternities represented. (The Constitution reads "the functions of the Conference shall be purely advisory.") In other respects an unfriendly witness might find occasion for criticism as to the wisdom or expediency of certain matters proposed in the reports or discussed on the floor; but, taken as a whole, the proceedings impressed your representatives very favorably. The striking note of the Conference was a unanimous desire to guide the influence of the American fraternities along lines of sound scholarship, good morals and broad ideals of usefulness. Much of the discussion dealt with ways and means of coöperation for the purpose of removing all grounds for

(APPENDIX B)

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP

FEBRUARY 1, 1916

Chapter	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen	Post Graduates	Law Students	Medical Students	Special Course Students	Total Membership 1916	Total Membership 1915	Increase 1916	Decrease 1916
Theta.....	4	7	7	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	26	.....	.....
Delta.....	3	12	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	24	9	.....
Beta.....	.....	31	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	53	.....	2
Sigma.....	4	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	20	.....	6
Gamma.....	9	4	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	39	4	.....
Zeta.....	7	9	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	32	5	.....
Lambda.....	6	3	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	19	20	.....	1
Kappa.....	8	5	12	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	31	.....	.....
Psi.....	3	5	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	20	.....	2
Xi.....	5	9	11	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	39	.....	.....
Upsilon.....	7	4	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	28	.....	7
Iota.....	1	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	15	.....	4
Phi.....	12	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	24	.....	1
Pi.....	8	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	33	.....	7
Chi.....	6	9	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	43	.....	16
Beta Beta.....	7	3	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	25	.....	3
Eta.....	5	2	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	23	.....	6
Tau.....	4	8	9	.....	1	1	2	.....	25	29	.....	4
Mu.....	4	5	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	16	14	2	.....
Rho.....	9	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	24	1	.....
Omega.....	8	9	7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	33	.....	4
Epsilon.....	7	6	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	25	1	.....
Omicron.....	6	7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	24	.....	6
Delta Delta.....	2	10	11	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	32	.....	3
	135	177	214	93	2	2	2	1	626	676	.....	50

General Fund:

John Nolty, Manager, Bulletins.....	\$36.15	
John Nolty, Manager, Miscellaneous Printing	18.25	
25 Photos Taft-Coleman telephone (San Francisco-New York)	17.20	
Engraving medal telephone.....	1.11	
Brooklyn Warehouse & Storage to Nov. 21st	24.00	
F. P. Keppel expenses visit to Zeta.....	18.87	
T. L. Waugh expenses visit to Tau.....	5.50	
E. L. Stevens expenses visit to Psi.....	17.00	
F. P. Keppel expenses visit to Xi.....	6.25	
G. S. Coleman disbursements as Secretary..	72.42	
Postage	4.30	221.05

Song Books—1908 Edition—(2nd issue):

K. P. Harrington Royalty on 74 books.....	29.60
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\$752.98

BALANCE:

Mechanics & Metals National Bank.....	\$1,214.79	
Metropolitan Trust Company.....	1,190.00	
Broadway Savings Bank.....	946.32	
Due from Phi Chapter.....	69.00	
Due from Epsilon Chapter.....	78.00	\$3,498.11

Investment Account—cost with accrued interest of:

\$2,000 Brooklyn Rapid Transit 5% Note 1918.	
\$2,000 Erie Railroad 5½% Notes 1917.	
\$1,000 Chesapeake & Ohio 5% Note 1919.	
\$1,000 Southern Railway 5% Note 1917.	
\$1,000 New York Central Refund. 4½%.....	6,818.14

\$11,069.23

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. POOLE

Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET MAY 4, 1916.

Catalogue of 1902.....		\$6.00
Chapter ad. List.....	\$860.66	
Jacobs Collection	1,000.00	
Convention Fund		2,085.34
Song Books of 1908.....	625.47	
Song Books—Edition of 1908, 2nd Issue....	20.80	
Constitution	918.50	
Interest account		532.50
General Fund		11,117.84
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	3,425.43	13,741.68

BALANCE:

Chapters	147.00
Broadway Savings Bank.....	946.32
Investment account	6,818.14

IN BANK:

Mechanics & Metals Nat'l Bank	\$1,214.79		
Metropolitan Trust Co... 1,190.00	2,404.79	10,316.25	
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		\$13,741.68	\$13,741.68

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PI UPSILON

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN

Members of the Pi Upsilon Society of the University of Kansas,
Petitioners:

TO THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

Your petitioners, the members of Pi Upsilon local fraternity of the University of Kansas, realizing the great benefits to be derived therefrom, earnestly and respectfully petition for the privilege of being made a Chapter of PSI UPSILON. For a number of years they have endeavored to maintain a standard which would merit their receiving favorable consideration upon your part.

The University of Kansas has been ranked, as evidenced by its membership in the Association of American Universities, as an educational institution of high standing. Your petitioners have maintained at the University of Kansas a strong organization for more than seven years and humbly submit for your consideration that they have during all this time held their place in the front rank of student activities and college life at the University. Moreover, the Chancellor of the University and the four other faculty members who are alumni of PSI UPSILON, as well as a large number of your alumni of this vicinity have graciously extended to your petitioners their personal endorsement and support.

For these reasons as well as others which have been submitted to your members from time to time during the past years, and which, furthermore, if your convention so desires may be presented to you in person by representatives of your petitioners now in attendance at your convention,

your petitioners trust they may be deemed worthy to be granted a Chapter in PSI Upsilon.

J. B. McNAUGHT, <i>Pres.</i>	H. T. FLEESON
R. S. BRACEWELL	LEWIS M. HULL
H. A. LORENZ	C. F. CRILEY
LOREN E. WELTMER	W. C. WANN
HORACE M. STAGGS	JOHN C. TRACEY
CARL ROSS	C. L. FIRESTONE
TOM MAIRS	A. H. WIETERS
ARTHUR T. POWELL	WARD WELTMER
MARCELLUS L. STOCKTON	JAMES TATE
HARRY H. CROMWELL	ROSS DAVENPORT
HUGH A. MARSHALL	HERBERT W. RUMSFELD
JOE GAITSKILL	CHAS. W. HAGENBUCH
K. G. BISHOP	A. E. WILSON
J. GARNETT LYNE	R. F. STALDER
H. S. NELSON	GLENDON ALLVINE

(APPENDIX E)**PI KAPPA CHI, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY:

We, Pi Kappa Chi, a local college fraternity situated at the Johns Hopkins University, do hereby petition you for a charter as a chapter of your body.

(Signed)

PAUL W. SUTTON	LEWIS B. KELLUM
C. WHITFORD McDOWELL	LLOYD B. CONNOLLY
N. MUNROE BECK	ROSZEL C. THOMSEN
E. PEARCE HAYES	GEO. EDWIN DORSEY
WM. H. SKINNER	HUGH CORT
W. A. MCKERNEN	D. THOMAS ORDEMAN
ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS	W. NORMAN BROWN
EDWIN B. JARRETT	PAYTON B. STROBEL
FRANKLIN W. SUTTON	COURTNEY TARR
ALLAN C. DAVIS	EDWARD M. STUART
HARRY F. W. FRANK	RYLAND N. DEMPSTER
ROBERT R. DUNCAN	JOHN A. ADDISON
CARL W. SCHMIDT	C. GUYER KELLY
WILLIAM T. STRÖM	

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PI KAPPA CHI

PETITION TO PSI Upsilon

TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE PSI Upsilon FRATERNITY:

We, Pi Kappi Chi, a local college fraternity at Johns Hopkins University, do hereby petition you for a charter as a chapter of your body.

In support of our petition we submit the following statement, in which we show our reasons for desiring to become a part of PSI Upsilon, and indicate the grounds on which we base our hopes for a successful outcome of our request.

Pi Kappi Chi was founded in 1905 as a local fraternity to meet specific conditions at Johns Hopkins. Its founders were John A. Addison, '03, Amzi B. Crane, '06, J. Fullerton Gressitt, '06, John A. Kratz, '06, Austin R. Middleton, '06, Henry W. Snyder, '06, William R. Glen, '07, John M. Holmes, '07, and Arthur R. Knipp, '07. Eight of these nine men had received invitations to join some national fraternity represented at Hopkins, but they had refused on account of the abuses which were at that time prevalent in all the Hopkins chapters. They preferred to found a new fraternity with this two-fold purpose: first, to provide for themselves and their successors the congenial fellowship of fraternity life without the evils then existing in the chapters at Hopkins; and second, and more important, to form an organization which should labor to remedy these evils. Their aim was in no sense to become a chapter of a national fraternity; and for some years there existed among the founders of Pi Kappa Chi a prejudice against all "nationals", induced by their unfortunate experience with them while unacquainted with any chapters outside of Hopkins.

During the eleven years since the founding of Pi Kappa Chi the evils among the fraternities at Johns Hopkins have been largely eradicated, partly by the natural trend of student life, partly by the direct efforts of members of our body, but most of all by the strong competition presented to the other chapters by a society composed of men of the same calibre

as their members, who were determined to maintain in their fraternity life a high standard of personal conduct. This change in conditions has now nullified to an appreciable extent the second aim of Pi Kappa Chi, and our dominating purpose has therefore become the more usual one of college fraternities, that is, the desire for fellowship and friendship. This, we feel, can be more fully realized by us in the wider associations of a national fraternity than in the limited scope of a local. The prevalence of this sentiment among our entire membership, together with a loss of the prejudice of our founders against "nationals", has led us, therefore, for the first time to ask a charter from a national fraternity.

In selecting PSI UPSILON as the object of our petition, we have been influenced by a variety of reasons. PSI UPSILON, *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, and *Alpha Delta Phi*, form the so-called "Historic Triad of American College Fraternities". In the sum of age, size, and history they appear to stand at the head. Their alumni contain more prominent men of the United States than those of any other fraternities. The best of these appears to us to be PSI UPSILON. Its chapters seem to us to average better than those of the other two in the matters of strength where represented and timbre of membership. Of twenty-five chapters it has only one inactive, showing a marked degree of stability and homogeneity in its general character. It has always stood for conservatism in expansion. Its chapters are medium in number, and are all situated in first-class institutions. It does not seem to have been the policy of PSI UPSILON to establish a chapter that was not assured of future existence. We were further led to choose PSI UPSILON by virtue of the fact that members of our fraternity have close friends and relatives in its Eastern chapters. Moreover, we feel that the presence of *Alpha Delta Phi*, another member of the "Triad" at Johns Hopkins University, may be an antecedent inducement to PSI UPSILON to locate a chapter here also.

In presenting this petition we realize the necessity of pointing out what inducements we have to offer PSI UPSILON. It is perhaps superfluous to speak at any length on the desirability of Johns Hopkins as a location for a fraternity chapter. The fame of our institution is well recognized. Its founding inaugurated in the history of American education a new method of post-graduate work modeled on that pursued at the German universities. In Europe its graduates were for many years the only men whose degrees of Doctor of Philosophy were given honor equal to that afforded the degrees of German institutions. Its importance in

the advancement of science is further attested by the fact that one out of every four eminent scientific men in the United States is a Hopkins man. It has been in some ways the most prominent of the American Universities during the past forty years. The character of Johns Hopkins is such that it should be regarded as a desirable location for any fraternity.

The institution, though, has always been compelled to work against the disadvantage of an unfavorable location in the center of the city, without adequate ground and buildings, and the facilities for nurturing the various activities of the students outside of their classrooms. This condition will be changed next fall. When the University opens for the year 1916-17, it will carry on all its work, except that of the Medical School, in its new quarters at Homewood. Adequate housing will then be furnished to accommodate all the work of the curriculum; and, if the present plans are carried out, the first dormitory Hopkins has ever had will also be ready for use. The moving to Homewood will begin a new era in the history of Johns Hopkins, and, together with the growth of the Engineering School, which is now in its fourth year, means expansion on a large scale. In the school years 1913-14 the number of undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins was 263, in 1914-15 it was 289, and this year it is 321. As soon as the University gets to Homewood the enrolment is bound to increase even more rapidly. The seven fraternities here will grow and prosper as never before. Other fraternities not represented here will endeavor to establish chapters. Two have already approached us with direct offers of amalgamation, and members of two others have assured us unofficially, without solicitation on our part, that their national council would receive favorably any petition we might make. Now is the time for the location of new chapters at Hopkins.

It is not on prospective opportunities, though, that we rest our hopes of receiving a charter from PSI UPSILON. We feel that we can show ourselves a society worthy of being made a part of you. For the last five years we have competed on equal terms with the strongest of the national chapters at Hopkins. Our chapter house has been better than that of any other Greek letter society; our men have been equal, and in most cases superior, to the men in the other organizations; and our part in the student activities of the University has been as great as that of any other chapter. A society founded with the aims we have mentioned could not have taken in men who fell below the highest moral standard,

and we can justly claim the cleanest body of fraternity men at Hopkins. In scholarship, too, we have not been lacking. Of sixty-five men who have been admitted to our membership, all but one have taken degrees at Hopkins or are in prospect of taking degrees here, or if they have left Hopkins have taken degrees at some other institution of learning. During the past eight years the number of men from our midst who have received admission into *Phi Beta Kappa* has exceeded the sum of those from all the other fraternities during the same length of time. The same statement is true of the number of men who have passed from undergraduate to graduate work during this period. One of our men was also a Rhodes scholar.

In student activities, too, we have held our own with the others. Our record of last year shows that we had president of the Freshman class, treasurers of the Senior and Sophomore classes, manager of the track team, Business Manager of the "Hullabaloo", Treasurer of the Musical Clubs, four members of the Athletic Board, two members of the Student Council, one member of the Newsletter Board, one member of the Cotillon Club Board, one member of the Debating team, and one man elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*.

Our membership this year includes president of the junior class, graduate manager of athletics, captain of the lacrosse team, which at Hopkins is a major sport second only to football, managers of the track and baseball teams with manager-elect of next year's football team, assistant managers of the baseball, track, football, and lacrosse teams, men on the debating teams, vice-president of the Athletic Association, two men on the student council, president of the Y. M. C. A., Secretary of the Cotillon Club, seven members of the musical clubs, besides many lesser class offices, positions on athletic board, and men on athletic teams. This representation in student affairs is better than that of any other fraternity.

These, then, are the inducements we have to offer you: a location at one of the most prominent universities in the country just about to enter upon a period of general expansion, and a strong fraternity organization to afford the nucleus for a worthy chapter of PSI UPSILON, composed of clean, intelligent men, and exerting a powerful influence over the affairs of the student body of the university. Phi Kappa Chi as a local chapter is sure of a bright future at Hopkins; as a part of PSI UPSILON it hopes for one still more brilliant.

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COMMUNICATIONS

HANOVER, N. H., May 4, '16.

ANDREW D. WHITE, LL.D.,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Eighty-third Convention PSI Upsilon salutes Nestor of Fraternity with sincere regard and hopes that his service and example to American youth may be long continued.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN
President

[Reply received on return to Brooklyn]

ANDREW D. WHITE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, N. Y.

MAY 5, 1916.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN, Esq.,
President, etc.,
296 Washington Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

MY DEAR BROTHER BRIDGMAN:

I received last night your kind telegram from Andover [Hanover] conveying the kind message of yourself and our brethren of the PSI Upsilon at their Convention recently held. I would have esteemed it a pleasure and a duty to reply at once but it was evidently too late, and under these circumstances I can only convey to you by letter my most hearty thanks and full appreciation of so brotherly a message. I have always esteemed very highly my relations with the fraternity, and have made and am making, constantly, brotherly friendships with them, through our chapter here and others, which are a great satisfaction and indeed a blessing to me.

It may interest you to know that this evening at our Chapter House here we are to have Brother Taft as the guest of honor, as was the case last year, and feel assured that it will be a source not merely of real pleasure but of profit to all the brethren here assembled.

With renewed thanks, I remain,

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

ANDREW D. WHITE

Hon. WILLIAM H. TAFT,
New Haven, Conn.

Eighty-third Annual Convention PSI Upsilon extends respectful salutations, regrets your absence and wishes you many happy years.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN,
President

WILLIAM H. TAFT
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

MAY 8TH, 1916

MY DEAR MR. BRIDGMAN:

I wish to thank you for your kind telegram of May 4th which you sent me from Hanover. I greatly appreciate the salutations and good wishes of PSI Upsilon which it contains.

Sincerely yours,

WM. H. TAFT

Mr. HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN,
296 Washington Street,
Brooklyn, New York

HANOVER, N. H., May 4, '16

ROBERT LANSING and FRANK L. POLK
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Eighty-third Annual Convention PSI Upsilon extends fraternal greetings and pledges Fraternity to support you in maintaining American honor.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN, Pres.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, '16.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN
President PSI Upsilon
Hanover, N. H.

Please give to the Convention our sincere thanks for its thoughtful telegram. It is most gratifying to receive the fraternal pledge which it contains. All honor to PSI U and to all for which it stands.

ROBERT LANSING
FRANK L. POLK

Mrs. H. F. and Mrs. RICHARD HOVEY
560 North Madison Ave.
Pasadena, California

The PSI Upsilon Fraternity at this its Eighty-third Annual Convention send to you—his mother and his wife—our fraternal greetings on this the birthday of our honored and beloved brother, Richard Hovey, Dartmouth eighty-five, whose songs we sing, whose memories we cherish.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN, Pres.

LOCAL GREETINGS

ALPHA DELTA PHI HOUSE

HANOVER, N. H., May 3, 1916.

PSI URSILON FRATERNITY,
Assembled at the 83rd National Convention.

GREETINGS:

The Dartmouth Chapter of the *Alpha Delta Phi* wishes to extend to you its congratulations on the 83rd Convention of your Fraternity.

DARTMOUTH CHAPTER
of the *Alpha Delta Phi*

THETA DELTA CHI

The *Omicron Deuteron* Charge of *Theta Delta Chi* extends to the *Zeta* Chapter of PSI URSILON its best wishes for a most successful Convention.

MAY THE THIRD

SIGMA CHI

Eta Eta Chapter of *Sigma Chi* extends greetings and best wishes to the members of PSI URSILON assembled in Hanover.

R. A. BURKEN
H. M. MARBLE
For the Chapter

MAY THE THIRD