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MINUTES OF THE MORNING SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1931

OMICRON CHAPTER HOUSE

THE Convention was called to order at 9:50 A. M. in the Omicron Chapter House at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, by Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99, senior delegate of the Executive Council. Brother Stevens appointed the following temporary officers:

Temporary President-R. B. Ainsworth, Omicron '31.

Temporary Recorder-T. H. McKee, Omicron '31.

Brother Ainsworth, as Temporary President, took the chair and introduced E. L. Murphy, Omicron '07, Chairman of the Convention Committee and President of the Alumni Association of the Omicron Chapter. Brother Murphy welcomed the Convention Delegates and made announcements regarding the Convention Program.

The Temporary President appointed the following Committees:

On Permanent Organization:

D. V. Hamilton, Epsilon Phi '31

J. D. Allen, Theta '31

R. T. Ogden, Delta '31

L. M. Marshall, Sigma '31

On Credentials:

K. F. Norris, Gamma '31

J. J. Goodwillie, Zeta '31

J. B. Watkins, Lambda '31

R. C. Mullen, Kappa '32

Motion was duly made and passed to take a recess of thirty minutes to enable the Committees to prepare their reports.

At the end of the recess the Convention was called to order by Temporary President Ainsworth at 11:00 A. M.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following report:

President	Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99
1st Vice-President	Emmett L. Murphy, Omicron '07
2nd Vice-President	Dr. George Henry Fox, Upsilon '67
3rd Vice-President	John H. Craig, Omicron '07
4th Vice-President	Roy E. Taylor, Omicron '08

5th Vice-PresidentFrank T. Kegley, Omicron '08RecorderTed H. McKee, Omicron '311st Assistant RecorderDeland Carmer, Psi '312nd Assistant RecorderAlbion Gifford Hart, Xi '32

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, as the list of delegates who had presented their credentials:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99; Dr. George Henry Fox, Upsilon '67; R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15; Eugene S. Wilson, Gamma '02.

THETA—James Dean Allen '31; William Henry Whelplay '32.

Delta-Taylor R. Ogden '32.

Beta-(No delegates present.)

Sigma-Lee McClure Marshall '31; Wendell Burton Barnes '32.

GAMMA—Kingsley Flavel Norris '31; Patrick Healy, III '32.

Zeta-John Joseph Goodwillie '31; John William Sheldon '32.

LAMBDA-John B. Watkins '31; David R. Roche '32.

KAPPA-Richard Charles Mullin '32.

Psi-Deland Carmer '31; John Francis Van Derventer '32.

XI-Albion Gifford Hart '32.

Upsilon-John D. Martin '32.

Iота—John B. Templeton '31.

Рні—Roger N. Turner '31; Dean W. Smith '32.

OMEGA—Robert Sayre Bradshaw '31; Frank Raymond Howard '32.

PI-Raymond G. Vinal '31; Joseph G. Carroll '32.

CHI-Walter Fenn Deming, II '32; John W. Clarke '32.

BETA BETA-Daniel Butler McCook '31; Alexander Sanders Watt '32.

ETA—Eben Francis Evers '31; Walton Forstall, Jr. '31.

TAU-Walter R. Bliedung '31; Walter M. Hupfel '32.

Mu-Donald LeRoy Melin '31; Henry Northrop Somsen, Jr. '32.

Rно-Braymer Sherman '31; William Willard Meyst '32.

Epsilon-Clark A. Potter '31.

OMICRON—Richard B. Ainsworth '31; William Rice '32.

Delta Delta—James Raymond Boyce '32; George Cutter Letchworth '32.

THETA THETA-Warren R. Slemmons '31.

Nu-J. C. T. Schler '32; J. W. MacMillan '32.

Epsilon Phi—Douglas Vennor Hamilton '32; George Carvel Hammond '33.

No graduate delegates presented credentials.

On motion duly made and passed these two reports were accepted unanimously. The Temporary Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the election of permanent officers inasmuch as no other nominations were presented.

President Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99, was escorted to the Chair; he then thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon him and welcomed the delegates to this Convention in the ninety-eighth year of the Fraternity.

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council was then read by its Secretary, R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15. (See Appendix A.)

On motion duly made and seconded this communication was accepted and placed on file.

President Stevens announced that in accordance with the official notice in the Annual Communication, the terms of Walter T. Collins, Iota '03, and Archibald Douglas, Lambda '94, as members of the Executive Council, expired with this Convention.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council was read in the absence of Treasurer A. Blair Knapp, Pi '25, by Eugene S. Wilson, Gamma '02, a member of the Council. (See Appendix B.)

On motion duly made and seconded this report was placed on file.

Due to the lack of time, the reading of the Rules of the Convention of 1892, which were explained by President Stevens, was dispensed with. On motion duly made and seconded these Rules were adopted as the rules of this Convention.

President Stevens called for the Oral Reports by Chapters, and they were duly given, by the senior delegate present, of the following Chapters:

Тнета	Lambda	Іота
DELTA	Карра	Рні
SIGMA	Psi	OMEGA
GAMMA	Xı	
ZETA	Upsilon	

Motion was made and seconded that the Convention be adjourned until 2:30 P. M., April 9th. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1931

OMICRON CHAPTER HOUSE

The meeting was called to order by President Stevens at 2:30 P. M. Continuing the oral Chapter reports the senior delegates from the following Chapters offered their reports:

Pı	Mu	Тнета Тнета
Сні	Rно	Nu
BETA BETA	Epsilon	Epsilon Phi
Ета	OMICRON	

DELTA DELTA

The Minutes of the April 9th Morning Session were then read and approved.

President Stevens appointed the following Standing Committees:

To Nominate Members of the Executive Council—J. W. Martin, Upsilon '32; J. B. Templeton, Iota '31; R. N. Turner, Phi '31; R. S. Bradshaw, Omega '31.

COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS—R. G. Vinal, Pi '31; W. F. Deming, Chi '32; D. B. McCook, Beta Beta '31; E. F. Evers, Eta '31.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—W. R. Bliedung, Tau '31; H. N. Somsen, Jr., Mu '32; S. B. Sherman, Rho '31; C. A. Potter, Epsilon '31.

On Annual Communications—J. C. T. Sihler, Nu '32; R. B. Ainsworth, Omicron '31; G. C. Letchworth, Delta Delta '32; W. R. Slemmons, Theta Theta '31.

The Recorder read telegrams and other communications from Earl D. Babst, Iota-Phi '93; E. H. Naylor, Zeta '09; Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27; Gordon B. McLaren, Nu '14.

The Annual Communication from the Executive Council and the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Council were referred to the Committee on Communications.

R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15, as Secretary of the Executive Council, presented and read the petitions for Charters from the following groups (in order of their priority of petitioning):

Pi Upsilon-University of Kansas.

The Wranglers-Northwestern University.

Alpha Kappa Alpha—University of British Columbia.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, these petitions were referred to the Committee on New Business for consideration.

Brother Corcoran read the Communications from Herbert S. Houston, Omega '88, and from the Anonymous Donor of the New Scholarship Award for the college years ending 1931-1932. These communications stated it was the desire of our Donor that this Convention establish new and more equitable conditions for making the award.

President Stevens asked for the suggestions of delegates, and W. M. Rice, Omicron '32, expressed the opinion that there had been some feeling against the stipulations exacted in making the previous prize award offered by this same generous Donor. After a considerable discussion, Eugene S. Wilson, Gamma '02, moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business, which would welcome further suggestions from other delegates, and draw up suggestions for the rules and regulations for the prize award on Scholarship. The report of this Committee to be acted upon, as usual, by this Convention. Motion carried.

President Stevens stated that he had written letters during the past college year to the President of the Universities and Colleges at which there are Psi Upsilon Chapters, and had recently written again to some of them, asking them in what way a social fraternity could be of more real value to its Alma Mater. Several of the replies were read to the Convention. On the suggestion of the Chair, it was duly moved, seconded and voted to refer these replies to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the executive session be adjourned, and that the delegates assemble at once in the Committee of the Whole to hear an address by Dean Clark. Adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Eugene S. Wilson, Gamma '02, called to order the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 4:10 P. M. He called upon Brother Stevens to introduce, to the Committee, Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois. Dean Clark welcomed the Convention to Champaign on behalf of the University and expressed the sincere regrets of the President that he could not be in the city to welcome us to the University of Illinois. Dean Clark gave a short talk on the importance to fraternities of scholarship.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE MORNING SESSION FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1931

OMICRON CHAPTER HOUSE

President Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:20 A. M.

At the suggestion of the President, it was duly moved, seconded and voted to have the Convention revert to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to hear the representatives of the petitioners. R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15, was requested to take the Chair.

Brother Corcoran introduced representatives of the Wranglers and Alpha Kappa Alpha, who were seeking Charters for their Societies at Northwestern University and the University of British Columbia, respectively. These groups presented such data and other information as they felt would support their fitness for a charter from Psi Upsilon. Several members of our fraternity gave their favorable views on these petitions. The petitioners then withdrew.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to convene the Executive Session of the Convention.

President Stevens took the Chair and called for the report of the Committee on New Business. Chairman R. G. Vinal, Pi '31, reported the following resolutions:

1. Resolved: That this Convention, held in the 98th year of Psi Upsilon, extend its hearty thanks to the Omicron Chapter, its alumni

and committees, and especially to Brother Emmett L. Murphy '07, for their cordial hospitality and thoughtful consideration to their plans for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates to the Convention.

- 2. Resolved: That this Convention held in the 98th year of Psi Upsilon express its appreciation to Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, for his cordial and inspiring address of welcome to the Convention.
- 3. Resolved: That the place, date and other details of next year's Convention be left to the Executive Council, with power.
- 4. Resolved: That messages of felicitations from Convention in the 98th year of Psi Upsilon be sent to the following: Mrs. Herbert L. Bridgeman; Earl D. Babst, ,Iota-Phi '93; Secretary of State H. L. Stimson, Beta '88; Senator George H. Moses, Zeta '90; President Nicholas Murray Butler, Lambda '82, of Columbia University, and A. P. Sawyer, Beta '80, of Seattle, Washington.

It was moved, second and voted to receive this report. These resolutions were then taken up in order and it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve each resolution.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1931

MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, NORMAL, ILL.

Vice-President Roy E. Taylor, Omicron '08, called the Convention to order at 2:45 P. M. and after welcoming the Convention Party to Normal, Illinois, he turned the Chair over to President Stevens.

The minutes of the Afternoon Session of April 9th and the Morning Session of April 10th, were read by the Recorder and approved.

President Stevens called for the reports of the Standing Committees:

The Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Council reported through its Chairman, J. W. Martin, Upsilon '32.

RESOLVED: That Brothers Walter T. Collins, Iota '03, and Archi-Douglas, Lambda '94, be nominated to succeed themselves as members of the Executive Council, for the usual term of five (5) years.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive this report. There being no other nominations, it was moved, seconded and voted to instruct the Recorder to cast one ballot for the re-election of Brothers Collins and Douglas.

The Committee on New Business, through its Chairman, R. G. Vinal, Pi '31, reported the following additional resolutions:

5. Resolved: That this Convention refer the petition of "The Wranglers" of Northwestern University to the Chapters of Psi Upsilon for their action.

- 6. Resolved: That this Convention refer the petition of the "Pi Upsilon" Society at the University of Kansas to the Chapters of Psi Upsilon for their action.
- 7. Resolved: That this Convention refer the petition of the "Alpha Kappa Alpha" Society of the University of British Columbia to the Chapters of Psi Upsilon for their action.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive this additional report.

President Stevens called for a discussion of these petitions. After a lengthy and animated discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted to have a roll call vote on Resolution No. 5 of the Committee on New Business. (Re, referring the petition of the Wranglers to the Chapters.)

Result of vote: Favorable, 18; unfavorable, 7; absent, 1. (See Appendix C.)

Moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. Adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1931

ILLINI COUNTRY CLUB, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by Vice-President John H. Craig, Omicron '07, who welcomed the Convention to Springfield, read a number of letters and telegrams of greetings to the Convention, including the following from Louis L. Emmerson, Governor of Illinois:

April 9, 1931.

"Dear Mr. Craig:

"Owing to the fact that I must be absent from Springfield, on Saturday, April 11, I shall not be able to attend the luncheon to be given on that day at the Illini Club as part of the program of the Ninety-eighth Annual Convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. It is with regret that I am forced to decline your kind invitation to be your guest at the luncheon.

"Greek letter organizations contribute much to the training of young men and women in our colleges for a successful career in business, art and science. Your fraternity, founded almost one hundred years ago, has an outstanding and enviable record.

"On its rolls are to be found the names of two former Presidents of the United States, twelve United States Senators, twelve Governors, thirty Congressmen, and many others who were or are prominent in world affairs.

"If proof were neeled of the value of fraternity life to college young men and women, one would not need to look farther than the record of your own organization.

"Permit me to extend to you and the Psi Upsilon Fraternity my best wishes, and invite you to return to Illinois in the near future.

"Very truly yours,

"Hon. John H. Craig, Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois." LOUIS L. EMMERSON, Governor. Brother Craig then turned the Chair over to President Stevens.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with due to lack of time.

The Chair called for a discussion on Resolution No. 6, presented by the Committee on New Business. It was moved, seconded and voted to have a roll call vote—(re, referring the petition of Pi Upsilon to the Chapters.)

Result of the vote: Favorable, 0; unfavorable, 25; absent, 2. (See Appendix C.)

There followed a discussion of resolution No. 7, presented by the Committee on New Business (re, referring the petition of Alpha Kappa Alpha to the Chapters.) It was moved, seconded and voted to take a roll call vote.

Result of the vote: Favorable, 21; unfavorable, 4; absent, 2. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on New Business then made an additional report through its Chairman, R. G. Vinal, Pi '31.

- 8. Resolved: That the Convention request the Council to send out the petition of "The Wranglers" and "Alpha Kappa Alpha" for vote by the Chapters within two weeks, to be acted upon by them before the close of the present college term.
- 9. Resolved: That the Executive Council take under consideration, the matter in regard to a "clearing house" plan for information concerning rushing, obtaining suggestions and expression of opinion from each of the chapters during the coming year, and present a report in the annual communication to the 1932 Convention.
- 10. Resolved: That the Executive Council consider ways and means by which alumni members of Psi Upsilon may be brought to contribute financially to the support of our fraternity as a whole, in order that the Council may develop a definite policy of making visits to our Alumni Associations, and doing other things to foster alumni loyalty, without placing additional financial burdens on the undergraduate members.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive this additional report and after a discussion on each, the above resolutions numbered 8, 9 and 10, it was moved, seconded and voted to approve them.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report through its Chairman, Walter R. Bliedung, Tau '31:

Suggestions on Scholarship Prize Award

1. It is recommended that all of the fraternities in all of the institutions where we have Chapters, be divided into groups best fitted

to the situation, that is into three, four or whatever grouping seems best.

- 2. To each of these groups a weight should be assigned so that the Chapters in the higher groups will not be penalized in favor of the Chapters of the lower groups. This has been recommended because it is much more difficult for a Chapter to raise its standing from third place to second or first than it does for a Chapter to raise its standing from thirtieth to twenty-fifth place.
- 3. It is recommended that this part of the award be given entirely on the basis of improvement. In this respect it has also been deemed best to eliminate the no failure rule in that failures will automatically take care of the situation. The no failure rule penalizes too much the Chapter that has a good standing with the exception of a few men.
- 4. To care for the perpetually scholastically talented Chapters, part of the total award should be given on the basis of standing alone. If the award is given entirely on the basis of improvement it will penalize those Chapters which have already obtained the enviable position where no further relative improvement is possible.
- 5. With these factors in mind it is recommended that the actual working out of the plan be left to the Executive Council in that it has all of the necessary information regarding standings and the like readily available.

It was moved, seconded and voted to receive this report.

The President asked the pleasure of the Convention on this report as received. It was moved, seconded and voted that this report be referred to the Executive Council with power to work out the details of making the new Scholarship Prize Award.

President Stevens introduced Barry Mohun, Eta '96, to the Convention. Brother Mohun had just arrived from Washington, D. C., to be with the Convention for its last day. He was Chairman of the 1929 Convention Committee.

R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15, read a letter from Charles P. Spooner, Rho '94, regarding his ideas on a new Alumni Association and in further support of the ideas expressed in resolution No. 8, presented by the Committee on New Business.

The Committee on New Business offered the following additional resolution:

II. Resolved: That this Convention in the ninety-eighth year of the Fraternity, express its sincere appreciation to the Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon in Chicago, for their thoughtfulness and generosity in donating and erecting the Memorial Monument to Richard Hovey, Zeta '85, dedicated on April 10th, 1931, by this Convention party at Normal, Illinois, the birthplace of Brother Hovey.

The resolution was received and unanimously carried by a rising vote.

There being no further business, President Stevens declared the Convention adjourned, sine die.

T. H. McKEE, Recorder.

Approved

EDWARD L. STEVENS, President.

TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS—PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY For the Twelve Months Ending February 1, 1931 (Compiled from the Annual Chapter Reports)

		Year Ending Feb. 1, 1931. Members Reported by Classes				Members Leaving Chapters Year Ending Feb. 1, 1931. (but not graduated)									
CHAPTER	1930 or Earlier	1931 Seniors	1932 Juniors	1933 Sophomores	1934 Freshmen	Pledges All Classes	Total	Graduated	1930 or Earlier	1931 Seniors	1932 Juniors	1933 Sophomores	1934 Freshmen	Total	Previous Years Total
1. Theta	3	Service Contracts	0.00000000	8		8	DESCRIPTION OF	3		.,.	1	1		2	5
2. Delta	32	1000000000	Million Ben	(SECTIONS)		11	115	32	1	1	1	1		3	5
3. Beta	2	ALCOHOLD !	9	12	8.	18	49	2		1	4	5		9	9
5. Gamma	7	10	THE RESERVE	17	15		62	7			3	1		4	6
6. Zeta	26	(C) 10 (C) (C)	(FESED)3/25	27	a	a	88	25	1	1				2	4
7. Lambda	11	THE REAL PROPERTY.	12	5		14	46	9		1				1	2
8. Kappa	8	7	14	18	12		58	7		1	1	3		5	2
9. Pai	9	9	8	12	12		50	10		1	2	3	1	7	4
10. Xi	10	13 10	14	11 7		12 11	60 39	9 2	1 2	1	1 4	1		4 7	7
11. Upsilon	4	8	8	7		7	34	2		5	4	2		11	5
12. 10ta	11	11	14	8	1	18	61	10	1	1	3	2		7	4
14. Omega	15	11	11	12	9		58	10	4		2	1		7	1
15. Pi	16	13	20	16		16	81	16		2	7	3		12	5
16. Chi	8	6	11	13		11	49	7		3	2			5	3
17. Beta Beta	4	6	7	7		8	32	1	3	• • •	1	3		7	1
18. Eta	3	5	4	11	• • •	7	30	3		2	2	4		8	7
19. Tau	12	12	14 17	16 13		16 11	70 54	12	3	1	1 4	2 2		4 9	10
20. Mu	10	8	9	8		13	44	4	4	4	2	1		11	6
22. Epsilon	5	10	4	2		8	32	3		-				0	3
23. Omicron	10	6	9	10		14	49	7	1	1	1	2		5	12
24. Delta Delta	6	900000NG	13	15		9	51	4	1	1	4			6	6
25. Theta Theta	14	8	10	16		19	67	9	4	2	3	2		11	8
26. Nu	4	6	7	10	13		40	8						0	8
27. Epsilon Phi	8	10	13	7	8		46	8		1			1	2	4
Totals	249	250	306	310	70	231	1416	217	26	30	53	39		150 ===	131
Previous Yrs. Totals	178	261	278	320	92	7b	1136	189	3	110	12	6		131	

⁽a) This chapter pledges and initiates sophomores (no freshmen).

REASONS GIVEN FOR LEAVING COLLEGE BEFORE GRADUATION

TOTAL GENERAL TOTAL				
19	31	1930	1931	1930
Entered business (a)	46	27	Failed to graduate and re-	
Failure in studies(b)	38	46	signed(b) 2	
Resigned from college(b)	9	1	Illness in family	5
Transferred to other institu-			Leave of absence from univer-	
tions	16	7	sity 1	1
Illness	8	6	Resigned active mem. after	
Financial reasons	6	4	4 yrs 2	
Married	4	4	Suspended by college 1	
Travel	5		Violation of honor system 1	
Left college (b)	2	22	Expelled by college 1	
Studying abroad	1	1	Miscellaneous	6
No reason given(b)	1			
Entered professional school	5	1	Total 1930	131
			Total 1931 150	

⁽a) A goodly percentage of these probably due to unsatisfactory scholarship.

⁽b) This figure incomplete last year.

⁽b) Practically all of these are really due to failure in studies—a total of 52.

Appendix "A"

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PSI UPSILON TO THE 1931 CONVENTION OF THE FRATERNITY, HELD WITH THE OMICRON CHAPTER

April 9th, 10th and 11th, 1931

This convention, in Psi Upsilon's ninety-eight year, is, according to our records, the eighty-ninth convention of our Fraternity. The first Convention was held in 1840; and Conventions have been held in each year since then, except 1842, 1858 and 1918. It even seems probable (from an allusion in the old Diamond) that the Lambda held an informal convention in 1858, though the list contained in our 1917 Catalogue does not mention it.

As Psi Upsilon has grown older, its list of chapters has gradually expanded. Only four chapters were in existence to send delegates to that first Convention in New Haven ninety-one years ago. Now, at the close of its twenty-first year in Psi Upsilon, the Omicron welcomes to its first Convention representatives of twenty-seven chapters, of which only four (Delta Delta, Theta Theta, Nu and Epsilon Phi) have not yet had their turn as hosts to the Fraternity. The next in order for this honor are Beta Beta, Delta and Upsilon.

Vote on Petitions: By resolution of the 1930 Convention, the petitions of "The Wranglers" of Northwestern University and of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Society of the University of British Columbia were submitted to the chapters for appropriate action. The result of this action was as follows:

Wrangler petition—favorable 17—unfavorable 9
Epsilon chapter did not send in its vote
Alpha Kappa Alpha petition—favorable 16—unfavorable 10
Epsilon chapter did not send in its vote

The Secretary and other members of the Council have received communications from some of our chapters, indicating that their vote on one or both of these petitions did not record their carefully considered opinions. It is the feeling of the Executive Council that, in the exercise of this most important chapter function, no chapter should cast its vote for or against the admission of a petitioning group to membership in Psi Upsilon unless such vote represents its own settled conviction on the subject. If any chapter feels it has too little information to vote intelligently, it should use its best efforts to obtain such information, rather

than vote favorably and trust to the better informed chapters to vote against the petition if the latter deem it unworthy of acceptance. No chapter, however old or young in Psi Upsilon, should abdicate its right and duty to tell the Fraternity, by its vote, its real opinion as to whether a petition for admission into Psi Upsilon should be accepted or rejected.

SCHOLASTIC STANDING: Since the last convention there has been considerable improvement in the scholastic standing of several of our chapters and a slight average improvement on the part of all the chapters considered together; on the other hand, seven chapters stood, last June, at the very bottom of the lists of the relative scholastic standing of the fraternities in their respective institutions, and less than half of our chapters were in the upper half of those lists. Since last June, we are glad to report, at least six of our chapters have improved their relative positions. The Executive Council believes in the all-around development of our members, rather than too much stress on any one viewpoint (even the very important and basic matter of school-work), and therefore does not wish to over-emphasize the importance of the improvement of our chapters in their scholastic standing; but it does feel that those chapters, which are not doing their part in raising their positions from the bottom or lower portion of the list of relative standings, are not truly fulfilling their obligation to the Fraternity as a whole. The Executive Council also feels that the attention of the chapters should be directed to the following paragraphs from letters recently written by our President, at the Council's request, to the heads of the institutions where we have chapters:

"Two years ago, in writing you on behalf of the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, . . . I expressed our Fraternity's desire to co-operate at all times with your University, particularly by impressing constantly on the undergraduate members the fundamental idea that honest compliance with the curricular requirements is a matter of fraternity loyalty, as well as college loyalty. I further pointed out that it is a tradition of Psi Upsilon that the first duty of its members is to the college of which their chapter is a part and to which it owes its existence. . .

"A dozen of our twenty-seven chapter are still lower than the fraternity average and we are working through their alumni to remedy this situation. On the other hand, last year one of our chapters stood at the top of its college list of relative fraternity standings; and the year before, two of our chapters occupied that same high position. . .

"Our (blank) Chapter is one of those to which I have referred, whose scholastic standing is still below the general fraternity average. We realize that its alumni and our Council have work still to do to bring its scholastic achievement up to the plane of its social and extra-curricular record, so that its undergraduate members shall

'maintain an average of mental life, scholastic work, conduct and personal relations of a sufficiently high standard to be acceptable as conclusive evidence of the rounded development of character, mind and personality' (to quote the words of one of our Council members) which Psi Upsilon expects."

In the place of the last paragraph above, the following paragraph was used where the facts permitted:

"During these two years, our (blank) chapter's average has risen to the upper half of the list of (blank) college's fraternities and has remained there." . . .

It is the hope of the Council that it may be possible to include a paragraph like the last one above, rather than like the preceding one, in our future letters to college and university heads.

Scholastic Prizes: The anonymous donor of the prize of \$500.00 awarded at the last convention has again made an offer of a like amount to be awarded on a new basis to be decided by this convention. The Secretary will read the correspondence regarding this offer, at the proper time during this convention.

Hell Week: At the 1929 Convention, the following resolution was adopted: "In regard to the resolution concerning 'Hell Week,' the committee recommends that the delegates refer the matter to their respective chapters with the view in mind toward modification. This does not mean the elimination of all ritualistic activities connected with the initiations, but merely those parts which are detrimental to the health and studies of the initiates, and those parts which are in conflict with the school program." The 1930 Convention added, by resolution, to those features recommended for elimination, the following: "Those parts which are inconsistent with the traditions of Psi U friendship and the expressions of Psi Upsilon's constitutional ritual."

The Council hopes that all our chapters have entered into the spirit and practice of these two resolutions, as it is incumbent upon them to do.

THE DIAMOND: Each year it is necessary to ask for the whole-hearted support of the chapters, as represented at the Convention, for the Diamond. For many years the chapters urged the Council to revive The Diamond, and many Conventions passed resolutions asking the Council to find a means to make it possible to publish an official magazine for the Fraternity. The Diamond is now completing its eleventh consecutive year since its revival and we are the only fraternity that has a staff of editors who give their time without charge to the work of publishing its magazine.

The editors dislike to find fault with the chapters for the apparent careless attitude of many chapters in doing their small share in helping

make the Diamond a truly representative publication. The communications this past year have been prepared hastily at the last minute, with a very few exceptions, and no chapters are accepting any share of the burden in endeavoring to get their alumni to become life subscribers. From 1920 to 1926 all of our chapters worked continuously in helping on this important work, and we would remind the chapters that, if they wish the Diamond to continue, the Convention and the several chapters will have to make it part of their responsibility.

THE NEW DIRECTORY: At this Convention the very first copies of the new Directory will be available. This is the result of over two years' hard work on the part of a few members and a staff of one or two people who had to be hired to handle the countless items of detailed work. At the present time the alumni rolls of only the Zeta and Gamma chapters are in anywhere near the complete shape they should be in, but from these and the lists sent in by the other chapters we have finally published the new Directory. We need not outline what a gigantic task it has been with our limited means and facilities. We believe the Directory is at least 90% correct and it now becomes the real duty of each chapter and its alumnus Master of the Rolls to keep their chapter rolls in perfect order. The Council also will attempt to keep the entire fraternity rolls in good order and, with the help of the chapters in sending in corrections as they are noted, we will be able to issue a complete catalogue in 1933. The present Directory will sell for \$3.00, which is below cost, and we trust it will serve as a material aid to the chapters and our alumni associations.

THE CENTENNIAL: Two years from now we will celebrate our 100th anniversary. During this year the Council has called upon the chapters, as the resolution of the 1930 Convention required, for the funds they have been collecting since the 1925 Convention. Although this subject has been discussed at each convention since 1925, and various reports made upon the fund, and although the Secretary of the Council sent word to each chapter at the start of this college year that the funds would be called for, we regret to report that many chapters had evidently been very careless about collecting their assessment each year and thus several of the chapters have found themselves embarrassed in securing these monies for forwarding to the Treasurer of the Council.

The plans for celebrating our Centennial in a fitting manner are progressing as fast as conditions warrant. A suitable memorial will be erected on the Campus at Union College, Schenectady, New York, where Psi Upsilon was founded and a great dinner will be held in New York City on November 24, 1933. John Godfrey Saxe, Lambda '00, a former Council member, has been appointed by the Council as General Chairman of this dinner. He is now at work on his plans.

The details of the memorial have not been decided upon, as, owing to the present economic conditions, the Council has felt it wise to postpone all efforts to raise a suitable fund, for this and other purposes of the Fraternity, until business conditions have returned to a happier state. We believe this will occur in ample time to complete our plans for erecting a memorial which will truly represent the spirit and dignity of Psi Upsilon.

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: We would call your attention to the fact that the terms of Walter T. Collins, Iota '03, and Archibald Douglas, Lambda '94, as members of the Executive Council, will expire at this Convention. It is necessary that the Convention elect two brothers to the Council for the usual term of five years.

ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORTS: The customary table of vital statistics on the undergraduate membership of the Fraternity is submitted herewith. It shows the usual figures, but with the added feature of comparative figures from last year's report, so that the Convention may give serious consideration to several important items that are apparent. We point with pride to the fact that the table shows that more men were graduated during the twelve months ending February 1, last; but it also shows that altogether too many men are being taken into our chapters who leave before graduation. Two chapters lost no men otherwise than by graduation, but on the other hand others established new records. Some of our chapters are too large for the happiest conditions to exist; and, while we do not wish to set any regulations on this, as some other fraternities have. we would urge the delegates and their chapters to give these statistics their careful thought. Remember our oft repeated traditions-"four years is all too short a time to inculcate fully the true Psi U spirit"-"four years of Psi U undergraduate life is the best foundation for full participation as Psi U alumnus in service to our Fraternity and a full realization of what Psi Upsilon means."

OFFICIAL CHAPTER VISITS: During the past twelve months the members of the Executive Council have visited officially the following chapters:

THETA—Brother Spooner,
BETA—Brother Spooner and Corcoran,
GAMMA—Brother Naylor,
ZETA—Brother Corcoran,
LAMBDA—Brother Naylor,
KAPPA—Brother Hallock,
UPSILON—Brothers Stevens and Hallock,
XI—Brother Wilson,
IOTA—Brother Corcoran,
BETA BETA—Brother Stevens,
PI—Brother Stevens,
EPSILON PHI—Brother Spooner,

In addition Brothers Fox and Corcoran attended the formal dedication of the new home of the Upsilon Chapter, and several unofficial visits have been made by members of the Council to other chapters. Additional chapters will receive official visits from the Council before the end of the present college year.

Correspondence: The Secretary and Treasurer can report some improvement in the matter of receiving prompt replies to letters sent out in dispatch of business of the Fraternity. It is evident that, in some chapters, the mail and telegrams from the Officers of the Fraternity do not reach the proper officers of the chapters when received. All official mail from the Council should be opened and handled by the *President* or *Secretary* of the chapters; and then we would not find it necessary to send out second letters asking for the information, and collect telegrams when still no replies are received. We dislike the latter practice, but we would again remind the delegates that our Officers are business men and they cannot be asked to wait beyond a reasonable time for the chapters to answer important communications. Some of the chapters have been functioning in fine businesslike manner on this matter this year and we hope, as always, that further improvement will be noted in the future.

Petitions: We submit herewith the following petitions for charters:

PI UPSILON—University of Kansas.

THE WRANGLERS-Northwestern University.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA—University of British Columbia.

APPRECIATION: The Fraternity is deeply appreciative of the hospitality of our Omicron Chapter and its Alumni and we know, from the announced program for our entertainment, that careful planning will make this another memorable Convention in the long years of Psi Upsilon. Especial thanks are due to Emmett L. Murphy, Omicron '07, President of their Alumni Association who has devoted every effort to provide for the needs and comfort of all the delegates.

CONDUCT AT CONVENTION: We feel it is now unnecessary to go into great detail concerning the conduct expected of alumni and undergraduates at the Convention. We are the guests of the Omicron, and the Council believes that everyone present will so conduct himself as to reflect credit on our hosts. This is the solemn duty of us all and, while we all wish to have a genuinely good time, let us all refrain from the use of intoxicants in the Chapter House, or other violation of the rules of the University of Illinois and our Fraternity's Traditions.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

The Executive Council of Psi Upsilon by R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15, Secretary.

Approved: Edward L. Stevens, President.

Appendix "B"

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1931

The attached Balance Sheet and Supporting Schedules indicate specifically the financial status of our fraternity at the close of the fiscal year March 1, 1930—February 28, 1931, inclusive—they constitute the Report. I sincerely hope these figures will be studied with some care.

Fearing, however, that uninspiring figures may be lightly passed over, I feel it my duty to offer a brief word of explanation and secondly to point out inescapable facts which are to be found in these statistics.

1. You are reminded that the Bridgman Memorial Diamond Fund is distinct and separate from the Diamond Interest Account and is so shown on the attached Balance Sheet. The former (The Memorial Diamond Fund) represented by investments is increased only through life subscriptions to the Diamond from our Alumni. The Interest Account is derived from the coupon interest on the Memorial Fund Investments and from life subscriptions from initiates only. This latter fund is the operating fund of The Diamond.

Naturally it is the hope and expectation that the Memorial Diamond Fund Investment account will be increased to such a point that the interest return will be sufficient to maintain the current annual expenses of publishing The Diamond. It is estimated that \$100,000 would be the minimum amount required.

The extent to which we are realizing our goal is reflected in the Balance Sheet and Schedule "E" which indicate that during the year we received \$140.00 in Alumni Life Subscriptions with a profit of \$17.03 on the redemption of one of the bonds. This income was not sufficient to offset a \$370.92 loss on the sale of bonds early in the year with the result that we show a decrease in this fund of \$213.89.

It seems self-evident that some different plan must be used. We can no longer depend upon Alumni Life Subscriptions to build up our fund.

2. The Balance Sheet and Schedule "B" indicate an increase of \$2,333.96 in the General Fund during this period. In Schedule "B" under income account you will note that \$799.92 of this amount is represented by actual profit on the sale of 251 sets of Song Records at \$9 per set. You will also note that the fund has been credited with \$2,241.00 for 249 sets of Song Records still on hand at \$9 per set. The cost of these remaining records have been written up to \$9 per set or the sale price. We have in other words anticipated the profit from their sale.

Assuming that it is not the intention of the Convention and certain that it is not the plan of The Council that your Executive Council be dependent upon merchandising activities to furnish its financial support, it is to be noted that without Song Record profits actual or anticipated, the General Fund shows a deficit for the year of \$706.96 despite the increase in the Chapter Taxes for this Fund from \$2.25 to \$3.00 per active member. In this connection, however, it is somewhat encouraging to note that the deficit in 1930 was \$1,921.13. Some improvement at least has been made.

- 3. The Operating Fund of The Diamond (Schedule F) shows a loss for the year of \$2,061.36. As noted on Schedule "F" a portion of this unusually large deficit is due to the fact that the January, 1930, issue of The Diamond is included in this report. It would have been included in 1930 but the invoice covering the printing was not received in time. Making allowance for this fifth issue which cost \$650.88, we find that there was a deficit on the four regular issues of \$1,410.48. Unless the income for this Fund is increased the issues of The Diamond must be reduced in size or altered in such a way as to bring their cost within the bounds of income. A deficit each year cannot be continued.
- 4. Some Chapters are extremely lax in their financial responsibilities. Payment of amounts due the Executive Council should not be delayed. The large number of delinquent Chapters as of February 28th testifies to a very careless management of the Chapter finances. All of the Chapters listed as in arrears in this report have made adjustments in their accounts due and are therefore entitled to representation at the Convention.
- 5. In conclusion, your Treasurer wishes to thank the members of the Council and the representatives of the Chapters with whom he has transacted fraternity business. Your courtesy and consideration are appreciated. He also wishes to mention his indebtedness to Brother Walter T. Collins whom he succeeded. The organization of the Treasurer's functions by Brother Collins has made the Treasurer's duties extremely simple.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. BLAIR KNAPP, Pi '25, Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

As of February 28, 1931

ASSETS

Cash in Bank General Fund	9,174.70
Cash in Bank (Diamond Fund)	1,141.57
Cash in Petty Cash Fund	500.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Chapter's Annual Taxes	1,734.00
Chapter's Centennial Fund	3,904.00
Investments at Cost (General Fund)	8,902.33
Investments at Cost (Diamond Fund)	25,606.25
249 Sets Psi U Song Records @ \$9.00	2,241.00
28 Song Books @ \$2.00	56.00
100 Catalogues @ \$2.00	200.00
Albert Poole Jacobs Collection of Fraternity Memorabilia at	
book value	1,000.00
\$	54,459.85

LIABILITIES

General Fund (showing an increase during the year of \$2,333.96, being an excess of income over expenditures)\$13,996.37
Convention Fund (showing a decrease during the year of \$49.00, being an excess of expenditure over income) 1,454.29
Centennial Fund (showing additions during the year of \$11,061.37)
Herbert L. Bridgman Memorial Diamond Fund (showing a decrease during the year of \$213.89)
Diamond Interest Account (showing a decrease during the year of \$2,061.36)
\$54,459.85

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SCHEDULE "A"

Accounts Receivable and Past Due from Chapters

Chapter	Taxes	Centennial Fund
Theta\$	90.00	\$
Beta	492.00	398.00
Sigma	120.00	256.00
Gamma		92.00
Zeta		630.00
Kappa	282.00	490.00
Iota		196.00
Chi	186.00	346.00
Tau		62.00
Mu	180.00	
Rho		276.00
Omicron		370.00
Delta Delta	192.00	310.00
Nu	192.00	346.00
Epsilon Phi		132.00
\$	1,734.00	\$3,904.00

SCHEDULE "B"

Analysis of Expenditures and Income from March 1, 1930, to February 28, 1931, inclusive.

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures
Secretary-Recorder and Treasurer, Stationery, Stenographic Serv-
ices, Postage, Supplies, Rent, Light and Telephone, etc\$1,136.43
Storage of Archives and Service of Warehouse, Postage, Ship-
ping, etc., Song Books
Bank Services, Trust Department
Expense Council Members' Official Visits to Chapters and Council
Meetings
Expense Account, New Catalogue
Song Book Royalties to Brother K. P. Harrington 42.40
Expense-Redemption of Badge
Theta Theta Chapter Convention Expense
Charge off—1 Catalogue, 5 Song Books, and 5 Sets Psi U Song
Records Gratis
J. H. Small & Sons-William H. Taft Floral Piece 75.00
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\$6,101.22

SCHEDULE "C"

Analysis of Expenditures and Income from March 1, 1930, to February 28, 1931, inclusive.

CONVENTION FUND

Expenditures	
Beta Chapter 1930 Convention	.\$500.00
Printing Convention Records	. 120.00
Expense Reporting Convention and Procedure and Miscellaneou	1S
Expenses	. 284.00
	\$904.00
Income	
Accrued Income by \$1.00 per Active Member	.\$855.00
	\$855.00
Excess Expenditures over Income	. 49.00
	\$904.00

SCHEDULE "D"

Analysis of Expenditure and Income from March 1, 1930, to February 28, 1931, inclusive.

CENTENNIAL FUND

Income	
Income Accrued Years 1925-1930, Inclusive, with Interest	\$ 9,351.37
Income Accrued 1931 by \$2.00 per Active Member	1,710.00
	\$11,061.37
Expenditures	
None	
Increase During Period of This Report	\$11,061.37
	\$11,061.37

SCHEDULE "E"

Analysis of Expenditures and Income from March 1, 1930, to February 28, 1931, inclusive.

HERBERT L. BRIDGMAN MEMORIAL DIAMOND ENDOWMENT FUND (Permanent)

Income	
Subscriptions Alumni Life Memberships	\$140.00
Profit on Securities Called for Redemption	
	\$157.03
Excess of Expenditure over Income	213,89
	\$370.92
Expenditures	
Loss on Sale of Securities Sold	\$370.92
	\$370.92

SCHEDULE "F"

Analysis of Expenditures and Income from March 1, 1930, to February 28, 1931, inclusive.

DIAMOND INTEREST ACCOUNT

Expenditures
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Jan., 1930, Issue\$ 650.88
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., March, 1930, Issue 1,137.37
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., June, 1930, Issue 1,088.48
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Nov., 1930, Issue 1,172.77
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Jan., 1931, Issue
Miscellaneous Expense, Diamond Stationery, Postage, Telegrams,
Clerical and Stenographic Help, Rent, Light, etc 1,772.71
Advance Expense of Binding Sets of The Diamond for Chapters 78.75
\$7,259.82
Income
Investment Coupon Interest and Dividends\$1,345.08
Subscriptions from Initiates
Repayments by Chapters for Bound Sets of The Diamond 94.38
\$5,198.46
Excess of Expenditures over Income
\$7,259.82

^{*}This charge for printing the Jan., 1930, Issue should properly have been included in the last Annual Report. The bill was not received in time, however, and consequently the cost of five issues of The Diamond is included in this report. This accounts for the unusually high loss from this fund for this year.

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SCHEDULE "G"

Securities at Par Value (General Fund)

Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., 5% Refunding and General Mortgage	
Bond Series A, due December 1, 1995\$1	,000
Bethlehem Steel Co., First Lien & Refunding Mortgage 30 Year Gold	
Bond Series A, 5% due May 1, 1942 1	,000
N. Y. Central & Hudson River R. R. Co., 41/2% Refunding & Im-	
provement Mortgage Bond Series A, due October 1, 2013 1	,000
N. Y. Central Lines 41/2% Equipment Trust Gold Certificate, due	
September 1, 1932 2	2,000
Southern Railway Co., First Consolidated Mortgage Gold Bond 5%,	000
due July 1, 1994 1	.,000
Standard Oil Co. of New York, Serial 41/2% Gold Debenture, due	
February 15, 1936 2	2,000
Wabash R. R. Co., Second Mortgage 50 Year 5% Bond, due Feb-	000
ruary 1, 1939 1	,000

SCHEDULE "H"

Securities at Par Value (Diamond Endowment Fund)	
Commonwealth of Australia 4½% Gold Bond External Loan of 1928, due May 1, 1956	\$1,000
Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., 4½% Equipment Trust Series B, due May 1, 1933	2,000
United States of Brazil 6½% External Sinking Fund Gold Bond, due October 1, 1957	1,000
Government of Dominion of Canada, 10 Year 4½% Gold Bonds, due February 1, 1936	2,000
Commercial Investment Trust Corporation, 5½% Convertible Debentures, due February 1, 1949	3,000
The Hartford Times, Inc., 15 Years 6% Sinking Fund Gold Debenture, due February 1, 1943	
Illinois Central Equipment Trust 41/2% Series L, due October 1, 1939	
White Sewing Machine Co. Debentures 6%, due November 1, 1940.	
Missouri, Pacific Railway 41/2%, due September 1, 1975	
St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad 4½% Series A, due March 1, 1978	
New York Telephone Co. First & Central Mortgage 4½% Gold Sinking Fund due November 1, 1939	
St. Louis, San Francisco Equipment Trust 4½% Series "B. B." due February 15, 1938	
Southern Pacific Company, 4½% Equipment Trust Series H, due June 1, 1940	
Richfield Oil Co. of California First Mortgage and Collateral Trust	2,000
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VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS REFERRING PETITIONS TO CHAPTERS

	WRANGLERS	Alpha Kappa Alpha	Pi Upsilon
Theta	. Yes	Yes	No
Delta	. Yes	No	No
Beta	. Absent	Absent	Absent
Sigma	. Yes	No	No
Gamma	. No	Yes	No
Zeta	. No	Absent	Absent
Lambda	. No	Yes	No
Kappa	Yes	Yes	No
Psi	Yes	Yes	No
Xi	Yes	Yes	No
Upsilon	Yes	No	No
Iota	Yes	Yes	No
Phi	No	Yes	No
Omega	Yes	Yes	No
Pi	Yes	Yes	No
Chi	Yes	No	No
Beta Beta	Yes	Yes	No
Eta	No	Yes	No
Tau	No	Yes	No
Mu	Yes	Yes	No
Rho	No	Yes	No
Epsilon	Yes	Yes	No
Omicron	Yes	Yes	No
Delta Delta	Yes	Yes	No
Theta Theta	Yes	Yes	No
Nu	Absent	Yes	No
Epsilon Phi	Yes	Yes	No
Summary—Yes	18	21	0
No	7	4	25
Absent	2	2	2