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GAMMA—John P. Grant, '28

ZETA—Karl W. Koeniger, '17. Alternate: John R. Burleigh, '14

LAMBDA—Richard M. Ross, '20; Walter S. Robinson, '19

KAPPA—Edward M. Fuller, '28

PSI—William J. Quinn, '01; Charles H. Seaver, '21

XI—James F. Bell, II, '46; Elmer J. Justema, '47

Alternate: Henry C. Trundle, '21

UPSILON—Nicholas E. Brown, '28

IOTA—Walter T. Collins, '03

PHI—John R. Jones, '32; Edward C. Peattie, '06

Alternate: Scott Turner, '02

OMEGA—James G. Halversen, '45; Louis R. Dooley, '21

PI—Arthur C. Friedel, '45; Robert E. Cadigan, '47

Alternates: Donald R. Eshenour, '48; J. Roy Allen, '04;

H. Dudley Gerard, '25; Paul H. Schoepflin, '12

CHI—Benjamin T. Burton, '21

BETA BETA—John S. McCook, '35. Alternate: A. Northey Jones, '17

ETA—Alfred E. Forstall, '83

TAU—Edward A. Schraishuhn, III, '46

Alternate: Henry N. Woolman, '96

MU—John W. Sivertsen, '37

OMICRON—Walter E. Hayne, '18; W. H. P. Emrich, II, '34

Alternates: Robert C. Tower, '25; Alfred H. Morton, '19

DELTA DELTA—Jerome W. Brush, Jr., '39

Alternates: Robert H. Bergen, '28; Stephen G. Kent, '11

THETA THETA—Dr. O. R. Carlander, '20

NU—E. M. Gundy, '25; J. J. E. Hessey, '13

EPSILON PHI—J. R. McGoun, '45; Eugene Vinet, '11

On motion duly adopted this report was accepted.

The following Brothers, not designated as delegates, were also present at the Convention:

DELTA—Tom Rickenback, '46; Daniel C. Hartmont, '47

GAMMA—George M. Carmany, '24

EPSILON PHI—John K. Leslie, '48; Peter H. Cameron, '48

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented its report, making the following nominations for officers of this Convention:

President.....Scott Turner, Phi '02

1st Vice-President.....Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21

2nd Vice-President.....Walter S. Robinson, Lambda '19

3rd Vice-President.....A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17

Recorder.....Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27

Assistant Recorder.....Richard M. Ross, Lambda '20

Assistant Recorder.....Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39

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A motion was adopted that this report be unanimously accepted and the Temporary Recorder be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the Permanent Officers nominated.

The delegates were presented with copies of the Records of the last previous Convention of the Fraternity, and, on motion duly adopted, these Records were accepted without having them read to the Convention.

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council was read by Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, Vice-President of the Executive Council. On motion duly adopted this Communication was accepted and referred to the Committee on Annual Communications.

With those present at the Convention standing, the President read the names of Brothers whose deaths had been officially reported while in the Armed Services of this country during the period since the last Convention.

The Convention Rules heretofore used were thereupon read, and a motion was adopted that the rules as read govern the Convention.

President Turner then appointed the following Standing Committees:

Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Council:

Henry N. Woolman, Tau '96, Chairman
William J. Quinn, Psi '01
Elmer J. Justema, Xi '47
Nicholas E. Brown, Upsilon '28
Arthur C. Friedel, Jr., Pi '46

Committee on Annual Communications:

Walter T. Collins, Iota '03, Chairman
Edward C. Peattie, Phi '06
James G. Halvorsen, Omega '45
Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21
John S. McCook, Delta Delta '35

Committee on Unfinished Business:

A. E. Forstall, Eta '83, Chairman
Edward A. Schraishuhn, III, '46
John W. Sivertsen, Mu '37
Walter E. Hayne, Omicron '18
Edward M. Fuller, Kappa '28

Committee on New Business:

Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39, Chairman
John R. Jones, Phi '32
Robert E. Cadigan, Pi '47
James F. Bell, II, Xi '46
J. R. McGoun, Epsilon Phi '45

A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17, Treasurer of the Executive Council, read the annual Treasurer's Report, copies of which were passed to the

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delegates. On motion, duly adopted, the Treasurer's Report was accepted with a vote of appreciation to the Treasurer, and referred to the Committee on Annual Communications.

On motion, duly adopted, the Convention approved the transfer by the Treasurer of the sum of \$1,000 from the Bridgman Fund to the Diamond Fund. On motion, duly adopted, the Convention stipulated that a set of Psi Upsilon song records be available at the next Convention of the Fraternity.

The President then called for oral reports from the Chapters, which were rendered as follows:

THETA—The fraternity-house is still occupied by the Navy V-12 Unit. There are about 12 men in the active undergraduate Chapter. Meetings are held in the lodge-room every two weeks. Financially, the Chapter is quite sound, and undergraduates and alumni look forward to the resumption of normal activities after the war.

DELTA—The undergraduate Chapter consists of eight members and eight pledges. Meetings are held on Monday nights. The fraternity-house has been renovated inside and out, and is in good condition. Only two Brothers are living in the house at the present time. Finances are in satisfactory shape. Several successful social activities have been held. The future outlook for the Chapter is favorable. Alumni interest continues strong and helpful. There is a marked trend toward the acceptance of engineering students as undergraduate members.

SIGMA—There is an undergraduate Chapter of seven men, the majority of whom are in the Navy V-12 Unit. There is one pledge, and there is also one veteran who has returned to college within the past few days and will re-associate himself with the Chapter. Meetings are held on Monday nights in Faunce House. Occasionally, meetings are held in the fraternity-house with alumni present. The fraternity-house has not been given to the University, although at the present time thirteen of the sixteen Brown fraternity-houses have been deeded to the University in accordance with President Wriston's request. The other fraternities that still retain title to their houses are Zeta Psi and DKE. The situation is not satisfactory. The strong and loyal support of Sigma alumni still continues. The financial situation is satisfactory. If it were not for the difficulty with the college authorities with reference to the fraternity property, the Sigma would look forward with confidence to the resumption of normal activities as soon as the war is over.

ZETA—All fraternity houses at Dartmouth are closed. Activities of the Zeta Chapter have been suspended. There are no undergraduate members and no pledges. The alumni are carrying the financial obligations relative to the fraternity-house, and look forward to the resumption of the fraternity activities after the war. The attitude of President Hopkins towards

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nity activity on the campus, i.e., no meetings, pledges or initiations. There are eighteen active alumni and four undergraduates now constituting the Upsilon Chapter. In addition, an initiation, supervised by alumni, was held in May, at which three new men were initiated. A new freshman class will enter in July, and although the Interfraternity Governing Body has limited each fraternity to four civilian pledges, the Chapter expects to obtain its full quota. There is a possibility that the quota may be increased to six. A news letter goes to all alumni. There is a strong local alumni-association which includes many men from other Chapters of the fraternity. With reference to the civilian housing, the fraternities have pooled their resources, and income is apportioned to the various fraternities in order to cover the cost of maintenance. Relationship with the college authorities is good. The Chapter is in good condition, and there is a fund on hand for redecoration and improvement of the house after the war.

IOTA—The average enrollment at Kenyon before the war was approximately three hundred. At the present time, there are only seventy-eight civilian students. The Iota Chapter has nine active resident-members and these have maintained good scholarship and college leadership. Forty new students are expected this summer, and the Chapter anticipates successful pledging. The Chapter finances are in sound condition, and the sinking fund has grown.

On motion, duly adopted, the Convention adjourned until 2:00 P.M. Friday, June 1, 1945.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1945

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The Convention was called to order by President Turner at 2:00 P.M. On motion, duly adopted, the reading of the minutes of the morning session was dispensed with.

Oral reports from the Chapters were continued as follows:

PHI—The fraternity-house is rented to the University at a satisfactory financial return. The active Chapter consists of fifteen members and eight pledges. The Phi alumni are active in their support of the Chapter. There are no financial difficulties. Relations with the college authorities are excellent.

OMEGA—The active Chapter consists of six medical students and nine undergraduates. Meetings are held on Mondays in the Chapter-room at the fraternity-house. The house has been rented to the University for dormitory purposes. There are no financial problems. There is a problem

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relative to the announced plan of the college to take young undergraduates. Some of these undergraduates are between fourteen and sixteen years of age, and the laws of the State of Illinois prohibit men of that age from joining college fraternities. This has raised certain difficulties in connection with the membership of fraternities at Illinois. The Omega alumni are very strong and active. The Chapter looks forward with confidence to resuming normal activities upon the conclusion of the war.

PI—In July, 1944, the fraternity-house was returned to the fraternity by the University. Before turning over the house, the University renovated the interior, and it is in excellent shape. The Pi has its domestic staff back on duty, and has ten undergraduate members and two pledges. The next rushing period will be in July, 1945. At the present time, the fraternity-house is closed for the summer, but it will reopen in the fall. Alumni support is good. Financial condition is good. An alumni inter-fraternity council has been organized, and it is functioning satisfactorily. The undergraduates have had a successful academic and social year. Alumni have begun preliminary discussion relative to the raising of money for the building of a new fraternity-house. At present, approximately \$13,000 in cash is on hand toward the building of such a house. A successful news letter is sent to alumni. The committee of local mothers has resumed activities relative to the fraternity-house.

CHI—The Chapter is financially in excellent condition. Unfortunately, the litigation with reference to the payment of taxes on fraternity properties has resulted in a decision adverse to the fraternity and the college, and taxes of approximately \$1,800 a year must be paid. An alumni inter-fraternity group has been formed to deal with post-war fraternity problems at Cornell. Relations with the college appear to be excellent. There is no active Chapter at the present time. There is a strong alumni group. During the past few years, the Chi alumni have raised over \$100,000 for a scholarship fund.

BETA BETA—The house is vacant at the present time. There is only one undergraduate member of the fraternity. This is in accordance with a pact between the fraternities, entered into at the start of the war, to the effect that there should be no pledging for a period of three years. All fraternities on the campus, with the exception of one, have stood by this pact, but that fraternity has not gained any advantage by reason of its operating outside of the terms of the agreement. Trinity College has a new President, and as far as is known, his attitude toward fraternities is cordial and friendly. About twenty alumni have formed the nucleus of an active Chapter, and are looking forward to the resumption of a normal undergraduate Chapter after the war.

TAU—The interior of the fraternity-house has been renovated, and is now occupied by the Chapter. There are eighteen active members. Plans

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are under way to complete renovations to the exterior of the house. Relations with the college are good. Five undergraduate members are living in the house at the present time, but it is planned to reopen the third-floor dormitory to house additional undergraduates in the near future. Alumni have been most helpful, financially and otherwise. The Chapter is in good financial condition, and hopes to resume normal operation in the near future.

GAMMA—The Chapter has been inactive for the past two to three years. The fraternity house has been used by the college as a freshman dormitory. The pooling of fraternity properties has resulted successfully, so far. The receipts have been in excess of the expenditures, and the fraternity properties have been well maintained by the college. The Chapter is financially in good condition. The questions about the fraternities now seem to be settled favorably. The alumni have shown strong support for the fraternity system, and while there may be additional provisions designed to improve fraternity scholarship, there seems to be no question but that fraternities will be allowed to continue on the campus and will enjoy strong alumni support.

KAPPA—The house has been, and still is, used as a Navy dormitory. The college receives rental from the Navy and rebates to the fraternity. The alumni, in general, have recognized the fact that the Chapter needs a new house, but there has as yet been no organized activity. There is a strong alumni group behind the Kappa, and it is anticipated that in the near future this matter will come in for action. Fraternities are needed on the Bowdoin campus, and the relationship with the college is excellent. There is an active Chapter of nine men at the present time, and meetings are held in the fraternity-house on Wednesday nights.

ETA—The active Chapter is not functioning. There is only one undergraduate member on the campus. There is strong alumni support, and occasionally alumni meetings are held. It is hoped that within the near future there will be the nucleus for a new undergraduate Chapter. The fraternity house was occupied by the Army for a period of time. The Army kept the house in good condition, but vacated the premises about April, 1944. From the standpoint of taxes, a successful arrangement was entered into with the University. By written agreement, the house was deeded to the University. The agreement is a fair one, and is satisfactory both to the University and the fraternity. Relations with the college are excellent.

MU—The fraternity houses were first used by the Navy and were then turned back to the fraternities. They are now being used as dormitories for undergraduate students generally. Fraternity relations with the college are good. However, the University is considering the building of new dormitories, and if and when this building is completed, some of the fraternities may have to give up their houses. The college has indicated, how-

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ever, that it is favorable to fraternities, and there is no question but what fraternity groups will be allowed to remain. The Mu has a strong alumni group, and the financial situation is satisfactory, although there is a small indebtedness. The active Chapter consists of six or eight undergraduates, who hold regular meetings each week. The situation looks good for the future of the Chapter after the war.

OMICRON—The Navy V-12 Unit has moved out of the fraternity-house. The Chicago alumni have backed the Chapter strongly. A monthly news letter has been sent to all alumni and has been appreciated. There is a mortgage-obligation on the fraternity-house, but this indebtedness has been receiving the attention of the alumni, and the Chapter is in good financial condition. Fraternity relations with the college appear to be quite cordial.

DELTA DELTA—The fraternity-house has been closed since the summer of 1943. There is only one undergraduate member in attendance at Williams at the present time. A small group of alumni constitute the active Chapter for the duration of the war. The alumni are now negotiating for the sale of a small piece of land, and with the proceeds of such sale it is hoped to reduce the indebtedness of the Chapter, in part, and to swell the current fund, in part. Relations with the college are good. It is planned that all fraternities will be reopened as soon as possible. The general fraternity problem is being studied by a committee of fraternity alumni.

At the suggestion of the President, the program of making oral reports from the Chapters was interrupted to permit Stephen G. Kent, Delta Delta '11, Chairman of the Committee created by General Resolution No. 5 of the 1944 Convention of the Fraternity, to outline the report of his Committee. Brother Kent stated that the aim of his Committee was to improve the relations between the colleges and the fraternities. The work of the Committee has been done by mail, since its members live in scattered sections of the country. The preliminary-draft report is being prepared, and will be rewritten within the next two or three months. The outline of contents of the report has been pretty much agreed upon by the members of the Committee. The principal problems have to do with the revival of fraternities at the colleges at the close of the present war.

The report of this Committee was interrupted in order to permit Walter T. Collins, Iota '03, Chairman of the Committee on Annual Communications, to render the report of that Committee.

The Committee on Annual Communications recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved:* That the Constitution of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity be amended by omitting Sections 9, 10 and 11 from Article VI, and substituting "March" for "February" in Section 2 of Article XI.

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2. *Resolved*: That the Convention approve the transfer of the sum of \$1,000 from the Bridgman Fund to the Diamond Fund.

Upon motion, duly passed, this report was accepted, and each of the foregoing resolutions was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Convention recessed until 5:30 P.M. Friday, June 1, 1945, in order to permit the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

FURTHER MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1945

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Following the recess, the Convention was called to order by President Turner at 5:30 P.M.

On motion, duly adopted, the reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

Oral reports from the Chapters were then continued as follows:

EPSILON PHI—There are thirteen active members and one pledge, with the former group including a number of returning servicemen. The Chapter won the Interfraternity Scholarship Cup during the previous year, with the aid of these servicemen, whose scholastic records were better than those of the rest of the Chapter. It was stated that the Epsilon Phi Chapter had no fear of closing, and was confident that many more servicemen would return.

The oral reports of the Chapters were recessed to permit Henry M. Woolman, Tau '96, Chairman of the Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Council, to render the report of that Committee. The following Brothers were nominated for membership on the Executive Council for the usual term of five years:

Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21
Harold L. Field, Upsilon '10
Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27

Motion was duly made, seconded, and passed, that the report be adopted and that the Recorder be instructed to cast a single ballot electing each of the Brothers nominated to the Executive Council for the usual term of five years.

The Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business then reported to the Convention that there was no business pending.

On motion, duly passed, this report was accepted.

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The report of the Committee on New Business was rendered by Jerome W. Brush, Delta Delta '39, Chairman, recommending adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved:* That the Convention is grateful to the members of the Executive Council, and the officers of the Council, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Chapters and the Fraternity as a whole.

2. *Resolved:* That the Convention hereby records its appreciation of the unselfish and effective efforts of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association and its officers.

3. *Resolved:* That the delegates to this Convention convey to Edward C. Peattie, Phi '06, the Editor of The Diamond, their thanks and appreciation for his excellent work during the year.

4. *Resolved:* That the Recorder be directed to send letters of greeting from the Convention to each of the Past Presidents of the Executive Council: Earl D. Babst, Iota 1893; Edward L. Stevens, Chi 1899.

5. *Resolved:* That the delegates to this Convention express to Brother Scott Turner, Phi 1902, President of the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and President of this Convention, their appreciation for his work in presiding over all the sessions of this Convention, and for the able manner in which he has conducted the meetings.

6. *Resolved:* That the delegates to this Convention express their gratitude to all the Officers of this Convention, and to the Committees reporting to the Convention, for the efficient manner in which they have handled the work allotted to them.

7. *Resolved:* That this Convention amend the Constitution of the Fraternity as follows:

By omitting Sections 9, 10, and 11, from Article VI. These three sections long ago granted power to three Chapters, the Pi, Theta and Epsilon, to initiate certain men under special circumstances. The last man concerned died in 1912.

By substituting the word "March" for the word "February" in the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2. This Section will then read as follows:

"Section 2—Each Chapter shall, on the first day of March in each year, report to the Executive Council the names symbols, offices, dates of initiation, classes and places of residence of the active members of the Chapter, together with such other informa-

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tion as the Executive Council may require. Blanks for such reports shall be forwarded by the Council at least three weeks prior to the first day of March."

8. *Resolved*: That this Convention approve the transfer of \$1,000 from the Herbert L. Bridgman Fund to the current Diamond Fund, as shown in the report of the Treasurer.

9. *Resolved*: That the Convention reaffirm to the Sigma Chapter its deep and sincere concern regarding the difficult problems confronting it, and express its confidence in the judgment of the Sigma alumni in meeting further developments in the controversy regarding fraternities at Brown University.

On motion, duly passed, each of the foregoing resolutions numbered 1 through 9 inclusive, was adopted.

Oral reports from the Chapters were then continued as follows:

NU—There are nineteen active members of the undergraduate Chapter, and fourteen of these will serve as the nucleus for the Chapter in the Fall term of 1945. The Nu anticipates that it will experience no great difficulty in regaining its pre-war status on the campus. The acceleration of the academic year is expected to taper off, and the college looks for the resumption of normal activity.

THETA THETA—There is a small group of undergraduates that continues the activities of the Chapter. However, the house has been rented, and the Chapter is not functioning in a normal fashion. It is hoped that there will be a return to usual status in the near future, and that the Theta Theta will shortly resume its customary activities.

At the request of the President, Brother Kent resumed his report as Chairman of the Committee under General Resolution No. 5 of the Convention of 1944. He stated that among the subjects that his Committee was considering were the following:

Social relations with other fraternities and with social organizations in the non-fraternity group; reaching a balance of co-operation among all of the social groups on the campus; self-discipline, including by-laws to conform to all college requirements; activities, with special reference to the fact that Hell Week should not interfere with college work, and should be stripped of any activities that might affect individuals outside of the Fraternity; organized, calculated and efficient effort towards scholarship; promotion of education by the arousing of intellectual curiosity of the undergraduates; maintenance of a library, and the encouragement of gifts of books on the part of the alumni; forum meetings within the Chapter, organized on a voluntary basis for the discussion of various problems of an international nature; voca-

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for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Chapters and the Fraternity as a whole.

Special Resolution No. 2. Resolved: That the Convention hereby records its appreciation of the unselfish and effective efforts of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association and its officers.

Special Resolution No. 3. Resolved: That the delegates to this Convention convey to Edward C. Peattie, Phi '06, the Editor of The Diamond, their thanks and appreciation for his excellent work during the year.

Special Resolution No. 4. Resolved: That the Recorder be directed to send letters of greeting from the Convention to each of the Past Presidents of the Executive Council: Earl D. Babst, Iota 1893; Edward L. Stevens, Chi 1899.

Special Resolution No. 5. Resolved: That the delegates to this Convention express to Brother Scott Turner, Phi 1902, President of the Executive Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and President of this Convention, their appreciation for his work in presiding over all the sessions of this Convention, and for the able manner in which he has conducted the meetings.

Special Resolution No. 6. Resolved: That the delegates to this Convention express their gratitude to all the Officers of this Convention, and to the Committees reporting to the Convention, for the efficient manner in which they have handled the work allotted to them.

Special Resolution No. 7. Resolved: That this Convention approve the transfer of \$1,000 from the Herbert L. Bridgman Fund to the current Diamond Fund, as shown in the report of the Treasurer.

Special Resolution No. 8. Resolved: That the Convention reaffirm the Sigma Chapter its deep and sincere concern regarding the difficult problems confronting it, and express its confidence in the judgment of the Sigma alumni in meeting further developments in the controversy regarding fraternities at Brown University.

Appendix A

WELCOME TO VISITING BROTHERS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

In my official capacity, I have pleasure in extending to all of you a preliminary welcome and greeting. You will be hailed more formally when the Annual Communication of the Executive Council is presented, after our permanent organization is completed.

Because of war-conditions, Council has found it necessary to sponsor this Convention, as it did last year and the year before. It seems wise to preserve the continuity of our annual assemblies, since we are among the oldest deliberative bodies in this country; few other really representative groups, of any description, have so continuously met in the traditional manner of American democracy.

To insure a quorum, that is, delegates from 18 chapters, it was necessary to ask alumni of each Chapter to stand by, armed with credentials issued by the Executive Council by virtue of authority given it during war-time by each of our Chapters except the Delta. Over 150 letters asking our graduates to assist in this manner, have gone out over my signature. The way our alumni have proved themselves willing to devote time and energy to help us carry on this traditional annual Congress is extremely gratifying. You see here in this meeting how many have come forward today to fill the ranks, where undergraduates were lacking.

At the convention two years ago, all Chapters were represented but the Mu, Epsilon and Zeta Zeta. In 1944, the same three were the only ones found missing at the annual roll-call. This year, as this is written, it appears that the only units not sending delegates are the Rho, Epsilon, Zeta Zeta, and Epsilon Nu.

We thank you for coming today. The power to pass legislation affecting our Fraternity for the ensuing year is entirely in your hands. I know you will give your best care and attention to the review we are about to undertake of the present position in which Psi Upsilon finds itself. Let the traditions of the past be our principal guide.

SCOTT TURNER,

President of the Executive Council
of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.
June 1, 1945.

Appendix B

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
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Today the Executive Council, because of war-time conditions, is acting as host to a Convention for the third consecutive year. We cordially and fraternally welcome each delegate of our twenty-eight Chapters, and each other Brother present at this 103rd Convention of Psi Upsilon held in the 112th year of our Fraternity.

That it has been possible, in spite of the difficulties and inconveniences caused by the war, to maintain uninterrupted the sequence of our Conventions, shows the interest and loyalty of Chapters and individual Brothers, alike, and justifies a deep sense of satisfaction in the vitality and strength of Psi Upsilon.

CHAPTER VISITS:

Because of war-time restrictions on travel, it has been impossible for the Executive Council to maintain its normal schedule of Chapter visits. However, members of the Council or their representatives have made personal visits to the Zeta, Phi, Pi, Rho, and Nu.

CONDITION OF FRATERNITY:

Eighteen of our 28 Chapters are maintaining undergraduate membership, and, as far as is feasible, are carrying on something like normal Chapter life. Five more are functioning through groups of alumni who have become active members in order to carry their Chapters through the present emergency. During the past year, the following Chapters have reopened their Houses: Delta, Pi, Tau, Mu, and Rho. The Mu, however, is not carrying on Chapter activities. The total undergraduate membership of the Fraternity is 253, which is approximately the same as last year, when 277 were recorded. Normally we average about 875 active members.

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In accordance with General Resolution No. 5 adopted by the Convention of 1944, a Committee was appointed to make recommendations of methods designed to improve relations of fraternities and chapters with their respective educational institutions; it is functioning under the Chairmanship of Brother Stephen G. Kent, Delta Delta '11. A memorandum, offering suggestions for a program which might be followed by individual Psi Upsilon Chapters was submitted by the Chairman to the members of the Committee. The draft of a report is in course of preparation; the final report may be finished shortly after the middle of the year. It is expected that the Chairman will make a report of progress to this Convention.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The Executive Council held six meetings during the year, on October 4 and November 9, 1944, and on January 15, February 26, April 3, and May 31, 1945. On February 26, the members of the Council, and the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon, met and dined together.

The terms of the following Council members expire at this Convention: Edward T. Richards; Benjamin T. Burton; Alfred H. Morton. This Convention therefore has the duty of electing three Brothers to the Executive Council, each for the usual term of five years.

SIGMA CHAPTER:

Thirteen of the fraternities at Providence are reported to have deeded their properties to Brown University, in accordance with the plan promulgated by the administration. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, and Psi Upsilon, still retain legal possession of their houses. The Trustees of the Psi Upsilon Club of Providence have issued a 31-page pamphlet describing the situation at Brown. A temporary lease of the Sigma Chapter House has been concluded with the Providence Y.M.C.A. This will make possible the use of the House by the active chapter and alumni Brothers of the Sigma Chapter for meetings and social activities, although the undergraduates are not permitted by the college authorities to use it as a dormitory.

GAMMA CHAPTER:

At Amherst College, the fraternity situation was investigated by three alumni and faculty committees, and a referendum-ballot was sent to all alumni, requesting their opinion. Returns are said to have shown that a large majority of the alumni of the college is in favor of the continuance of fraternities.

THE DIAMOND:

To conform with the smaller income of the Fraternity, the Diamond annual budget was reduced by nearly one half, which necessitated halving

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the customary size of the magazine. It is hoped that within a year or two we may resume the publication of a 64-page quarterly.

Brother Edward C. Peattie, Phi '06, has done an excellent job as Editor, and Brother Robert A. Eichelberger, Tau '29, has ably assisted him, as Alumni Editor.

1946 CONVENTION :

It is incumbent upon this Convention to make provision for the holding of the 1946 Convention. If the struggle in the Pacific still continues, the Executive Council expects that the war-time procedure will have to be followed again, which means that the next Convention will be held under Council auspices in the vicinity of New York City. When the Japanese war is finished, it is hoped the Chapters will resume the usual role of convention-hosts in normal rotation.

CONSTITUTION :

It is recommended that this Convention amend the Constitution of the Fraternity as follows :

By omitting Sections 9, 10, and 11, from Article VI. These three sections long ago granted power to three Chapters, the Pi, Theta and Epsilon, to initiate certain men under special circumstances. The last man concerned died in 1912.

By substituting the word "March" for the word "February" in the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2. This Section will then read as follows :

"Section 2—Each Chapter shall, on the first day of March in each year, report to the Executive Council the names, symbols, offices, dates of initiation, classes and places of residence of the active members of the Chapter, together with such other information as the Executive Council may require. Blanks for such reports shall be forwarded by the Council at least three weeks prior to the first day of March."

SCHOLARSHIP :

There have been two main directions of attack on fraternities during their difficult war-time careers, neither of which is new, both of which have always needed some consideration and attention. We will not discuss the old charge that fraternities are undemocratic; we feel that intelligent selective action in a multitude of directions is taken by most normal human beings, throughout their lives; we doubt whether it can be stopped by ukase. The other main charge, against fraternities in general, is that they not only stand low scholastically, but that they are actually anti-intellectual. A fact often overlooked is that for ten recent years, statistics compiled by Conference prove that the average scholastic standing of fraternity men is higher than the college average, in our American colleges and universities. However, it has long been the feeling of Council that we cannot put too much emphasis on scholarship; we think our Chapters should at least stand a little above the college average. If our undergraduates pass

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the study-requirements of the institutions they are attending, they can then enter into the broader and perhaps more interesting extra-curricular field of intellectual stimulation and development. The first is necessary, the second extremely desirable.

ROLL OF HONOR:

Our Roll of Honor of sons of Psi Upsilon who have given their lives in this war for freedom and justice now holds 127 names, 69 of which have been added since we last met in Convention; these additional names are:

Lt. William D. Bloodgood, Kappa '42, U.S.A.A.F.; 2nd Lt. John R. Brown, Jr., Sigma '42, U.S.A.; Capt. Walter Brown, Jr., Iota '44, U.S.M.C.R.; Pvt. John Edward Bullock, Pi '45, U.S.A.; Lt. Julian H. Burgess, Jr., Lambda '40, U.S.A.A.F.; F. O. John Woollatt Burrows, Epsilon Phi '40, R.C.A.F.; Asahel Bush, Gamma '33, A.P. War Correspondent; 1st Lt. John Leavitt Carter, Chi '43, U.S.A.A.F.; Lt. John Comerford, Chi '45, U.S.N.A.C.; 2nd Lt. David Todd Cosgrove, Gamma '44, U.S.A.; Cpl. Harold L. Cross, Jr., Kappa '37, U.S.A.; Charles William Cyril Crowdy, Epsilon Phi '44; Capt. Gerald Fitz-Gerald Dale, Psi '43, U.S.A.A.F.; 2nd Lt. Richard Vaughn Dargie, Zeta '44, U.S.A.A.F.; James Campbell Dexter, Theta Theta '38, U. S. N. A. C.; Lt. Francis John Driscoll, Jr., Kappa '42, U.S.A.; Lt. Harry Rosser Emerson, Nu '36; Lyndon Wood English, Pi '37; Lt. Stephen W. Ensko, Theta '45, U.S.A.A.C.; Cmdr. Paul McLeod Flagg, Theta Theta '19, U.S.N.R.; Robert Fleming, Nu '43; Capt. Frank C. Hall, Zeta Zeta '31, R.C.A.; Lt. John Peter Hamilton, Zeta Zeta '43; Lt. (s.g.) Arnold Connell Harwood, Theta '40; Capt. Stuart S. Healy, Gamma '35; Lt. George M. Hough, Omega '36, U.S.A.; Lt. Col. Charles F. Houghton, Kappa '14, U.S.A.; Lt. Edward Rand Howard, Kappa '41, U.S.A.A.F.; Mdsn. Ralph Eber Jillson, Tau '46, U.S.N.; Lt. Frederick Fuller Kingsbury, Theta '41, U.S.A.A.F.; Lt. (j.g.) James Edward Crossett Kingsley, Phi '38, U.S.N.R.; Lt. James Wilcox Laggren, Xi '44, U.S.M.A.C.; John Francis Lally, Jr., Kappa '45, U.S.M.C.; Arthur Patrick Lascelles, Tau '27; Lt. John E. M. Logan, Zeta Zeta '37, R.C.A.S.C.; Lt. Ian James McGrimmon, Epsilon Phi '42, R.C.A.S.C.; Lt. John Mars McDonald, Mu '43, U.S.A.; Lt. Howard G. Mealey, Mu '43, U.S.A.A.F.; Clement Fessenden Merrill, Gamma '37; Lt. Hugh Munro, Jr., Kappa '41, U.S.A.; Lt. Emery M. Nowell, Mu '39, U.S.A.A.F.; 2nd Lt. Raymond Ogden, Tau '41, U.S.A.; Lt. Stanley Edbrook Osborn, Eta '44, U.S.M.C.R.; Ensign George W. Papen, Jr., Xi '44, U.S.N.A.C.; Henry Richard Pattengill, Epsilon Nu '44, U.S.A.; Lt. Charles W. Pfeiffer, Omega '40, U.S.A.; Lt. Frank B. Poole, Chi '37, U.S.A.; 2nd Lt. Edward Everett Quimby, Jr., Gamma '46, U.S.A.A.F.; Theodore Allen Read, Pi '45, U.S.A.; Lt. (s.g.) Charles H. Reynolds, Phi '31, U.S.N.R.; Capt. Arthur Leslie Robinson, Zeta Zeta '34; Lt. Charles F. Rowland, Psi '42, U.S.A.A.F.; Lt. John Francis Schroeder, Delta '40, U.S.A.; James Jasper Searcy, III, Iota '46, U.S.A.; 1st Lt. Alfred Marston Shearer, Jr., Phi

RECORDS OF THE CONVENTION

'44, U.S.A.A.F.; Lt. Edwin H. Sibley, Omega '37, U.S.N.R.; Pfc. Paul W. Snodgrass, Tau '45, U.S.A.; Pvt. Alan Ball Stewart, Iota '45, U.S.A.; Lt. Col. Edwin Augustus Strout, Jr., Beta '12, U.S.A.; Sgt. Thomas L. Suedhoff, Tau '43, U.S.A.; William Byford Taylor, Delta Delta '46, U.S.A.; 2nd Lt. Paul G. Thornton, Pi '38, U.S.A.A.F.; Pfc. Barton John Tideman, Rho '45, U.S.A.; Lt. William Henry Trenholme, Epsilon Phi '40, R.C.A.S.C.; Pvt. Robert Douglas Van Orden, Pi '47; Lt. Theodore C. Viebrock, Delta '42, U.S.A.A.F.; Lt. Prentice C. Weathers, Gamma '40, U.S.A.A.F.; Sgt. George Hall Wilding, II, Xi '44, U.S.A.; Lt. Donald Warren Yarrow, Phi '46, U.S.A.

GENERAL:

Three years ago, we realized world affairs were such that our Fraternity faced serious difficulties, which might heavily tax our ingenuity and adaptability. Since then, the institution of the college fraternity has passed through many crises in various parts of the United States, but, with large-scale fighting finished for the present in Europe, the atmosphere is clearing and the future of fraternities looks more encouraging.

As for Psi Upsilon, we have suffered along with the rest, but, on the whole, we have come through in good shape thus far, and face the future with renewed confidence.

With the advice and assistance of the Executive Council, our Alumni in all parts of the country have rallied to the aid of their respective chapters; in some cases, where undergraduates were lacking, they took over the active operations of chapter organizations, thus keeping the local flames alight.

We feel pleased and gratified with the way we have come through the difficulties and dangers of the past few years. If proof were needed as to the loyalty of our alumni, and the inherent strength of our Society, we have had it in abundance.

Many problems difficult of solution lie ahead of us, but the worst seems over, and we expect a steady improvement in the affairs of our chapters, perhaps with a return to something like normal in a couple of years. There will be no complete reestablishment of the status of before the war, but if we continue to work together unselfishly and harmoniously, Psi Upsilon should emerge from this ordeal stronger and better than ever. This objective should be kept in mind constantly by all those privileged to have membership in our Brotherhood.

Yours in the Bonds,

THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PSI UPSILON
ON THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TO THE 1945 CONVENTION.

Garden City
June 1, 1945

SCOTT TURNER, Phi '02
BENJAMIN T. BURTON, Chi '21
EDWARD T. RICHARDS, Sigma '27

Appendix C

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1945

There is presented herewith a statement of the net worth of the various funds of the Fraternity held by the Executive Council as of April 30, 1945, a summary of income and expenses of the various funds for the year ended April 30, 1945, and certain comparative figures for the year ended April 30, 1944. A list of investments held in the General Fund, the Bridgman Fund, the Douglas Fund, and the Diamond Life Subscription Fund is also set forth.

Generally speaking, the results of the year ended April 30, 1945, may be considered satisfactory, for, despite war-time conditions, the net worth of the various funds of the Fraternity increased \$1,892 during the year after transferring the total amount received and receivable for Diamond life subscriptions, viz., \$2,010, to the Reserve for Diamond Life Subscriptions. That we were able to increase our net worth with the relatively small number of men in the Chapters with the consequent relatively small amount collected in Chapter taxes and Diamond subscriptions was largely due to our having made a profit of \$3,648 on the sale of certain of our investments. Of course such profits can be considered nothing but fortuitous, and can not be expected to be recurring. It is therefore to be hoped that conditions in the Chapters will return to a more normal basis in the course of the next year so that our regular sources of income will increase to the point where such regular items will cover our necessary expenses.

The cash position of the Fraternity has improved since April 30th by the collection of \$140 of Chapter taxes and \$300 for Diamond life Subscriptions. Accounts receivable on June 1st therefore amount to \$1,000, due from four Chapters. Of this amount \$334 is due from the Zeta Chapter for the year 1942-43, \$259 is due from the Epsilon Chapter for the year 1943-44, and \$407 is due from the Nu and Zeta Zeta Chapters for the year 1944-45. The Pi Chapter, which has paid its 1944-45 accounts, still owes something for 1943-44, but this item is not included in accounts receivable as the amount of the item has not been settled. Prior to the war all Chapters regularly paid their Chapter taxes and Diamond life subscriptions before the Convention, and it is to be hoped that the five Chapters now in arrears will soon straighten out their financial accounts with the Fraternity and that all Chapters in the future will remit their Chapter taxes and Diamond subscriptions promptly when due instead of falling behind.

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The situation in respect to our investments is the best that it has ever been to the knowledge of your treasurer. On April 30, 1945, the Fraternity held securities which cost \$59,633 and had on that date a market value of \$62,715, and this after the realization of \$3,648 of profits from the sale of securities during the year.

We had a small profit (\$38) in the General Fund this year after providing for writing down our old directories from \$1,500 to \$1,300. The loss on publishing the Diamond this year was \$941, which is to be taken care of by transferring \$1,000 of the security profits realized by the Bridgman Fund from the Bridgman Fund to the Diamond current account. This Convention will be asked to authorize this transfer. Our Reserve for Diamond Life Subscriptions now amounts to \$28,160, all accumulated in the past six years, and is invested as shown in the statement. The policy of setting up Diamond life subscription moneys in a funded reserve rather than of spending such subscription moneys to meet the current expenses of the Diamond (which was the practice prior to 1939) is beginning to bear fruit. The 4% annuity payment from the Fund this past year amounted to \$1,068. It is expected that the Diamond Life Subscription Fund will be gradually built up so that eventually the publication costs of the Diamond will be covered by the 4% annuity from the Fund.

The Treasurer and another member of the Fraternity are Trustees of the Willard Fiske Fund, the assets of which are not shown in the attached statement. No disbursements are to be made from this Fund until the original gift with accumulated interest equals \$1,000. It now amounts to approximately \$690, consisting of \$900 face amount of United States Government Series F Bonds due November 1954, with a present redemption value of \$674.10, and approximately \$16 in a savings bank account.

Again the Treasurer wishes to reiterate that every effort is being made to keep current expenses and Diamond publication costs at a minimum, so that Chapter taxes can be kept at the low rate of \$4 per man and the Diamond can be furnished for life for \$15. The treasurers of the Chapters can assist by remitting Chapter taxes and Diamond subscriptions promptly so that no question of bad accounts can arise. The Treasurer takes this opportunity to thank the Treasurers of the Chapters who have cooperated so much in these difficult war-time days.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN NORTHEY JONES,

Treasurer.

June 1, 1945.

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Appendix C²

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Statement of Net Worth April 30, 1945
and Income and Expense Accounts for the year ended April 30, 1945

	General Fund	Diamond Fund	Bridgman & Douglas Funds	Diamond Life Subscription Fund	Convention Fund	Archives Fund	Total April 30, 1945	Total April 30, 1944
NET WORTH represented by:								
Cash in bank.....	\$ 894.72	\$ 336.21	\$ 94.44	\$ 201.80	\$ 1,444.55	\$ 402.18	\$ 1,584.46	\$ 3,071.50
Petty cash fund.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	20.00
Canadian cash.....	.....	.....	.....	205.00	.....	.....	205.00	411.22
Accounts receivable (net).....	225.00	.....	.....	960.00	79.00	.....	1,264.00	1,521.00
Investments (at cost).....	11,542.50	.....	19,929.99	28,160.95	.....	.....	59,633.44	53,526.32
Albert Poole Jacobs Memorabilia Collection.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
Directories.....	1,300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300.00	1,500.00
Song records.....	1,170.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,170.00	1,314.00
Song books.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.00	168.00
Reserve for Diamond life subscriptions.....	.....	.....	.....	27,868.76	.....	.....	27,868.76	26,142.49
Annals of Psi Upsilon.....	700.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	105.00	805.00	857.50
Total Net Worth.....	<u>\$14,089.78</u>	<u>\$336.21</u>	<u>\$20,024.43</u>	<u>\$1,658.99</u>	<u>\$1,523.55</u>	<u>\$ 507.18</u>	<u>\$38,140.14</u>	<u>\$36,248.05</u>
INCOME:								
Income from chapter taxes.....	\$756.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 252.00	.....	\$1,008.00	\$1,092.00
Interest and dividends received.....	410.28	1,008.40	.....	1,044.12	.....	.....	2,462.80	2,326.02
Life subscriptions to Diamond.....	.....	.....	.....	2,010.00	.....	.....	2,010.00	2,850.00
Annual subscriptions to Diamond.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	2.00
Sale of bound Diamonds.....	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.50	30.00
Annuity from Diamond Life Subscription Fund.....	.....	1,068.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,068.00	953.80
Profits on coats-of-arms.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Profit on sale of securities.....	1,341.89	.....	1,682.79	623.39	.....	.....	3,648.07	2,036.70
Gifts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,175.00
Miscellaneous income.....	102.54	251.95	354.49	216.20
Total Income.....	<u>\$2,610.71</u>	<u>\$2,082.40</u>	<u>\$1,682.79</u>	<u>\$3,677.51</u>	<u>\$503.95</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$10,557.36</u>	<u>\$11,683.72</u>

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EXPENSES:										
Salaries and wages.....	\$1,106.59	\$	644.70	\$	\$	\$	1,751.20	\$1,445.35
Rent	660.00	330.00	990.00	900.00
Telephone and telegraph.....	121.46	.....	48.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	169.60	180.53
Postage	58.48	.....	145.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204.05	185.19
Other office expenses.....	191.40	.....	64.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	256.24	214.99
Council meetings	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.00	20.00
Printing .....	.....	.....	1,757.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,757.63	1,661.34
Reserve for Diamond life subscriptions	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,010.00	.....	.....	.....	2,010.00	2,850.00
Printing and mailing convention records	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166.93	165.03
3% on Diamond reserve balance.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	784.27	784.27
Write-down of Directories.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous expenses	199.37	.....	32.93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	340.35	309.64
Total Expenses	\$2,572.21	\$	\$3,023.81	\$	2,817.88	\$	251.37	\$	\$8,665.27	\$8,638.28
Surplus before transfers.....	\$ 38.50	\$	941.41	\$	859.63	\$	252.58	\$	1,892.09	\$3,045.44
Transferred to Diamond Fund.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surplus for period.....	\$ 38.50	\$	58.59	\$	859.63	\$	252.58	\$	1,892.09	\$3,045.44
Net Worth beginning of period.....	14,051.28	.....	277.62	.....	799.36	.....	1,270.97	.....	36,248.05	33,202.61
NET WORTH End of Period.....	\$14,089.78	\$	336.21	\$	1,658.99	\$	1,523.55	\$	\$38,140.14	\$36,248.05

Figures in *italics* = debit.