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RECORDS

MINUTES OF THE MORNING SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

STRAUSS HOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

The annual Convention held in the 123rd year of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and with the Phi Chapter as host, was called to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Strauss House Assembly Room by Donald A. Finkbeiner, Phi '17, President of the Phi Corporation. Brother Finkbeiner extended the greetings of the Phi Chapter and of its alumni to the Convention. Brother Finkbeiner then introduced William McPherson, IV, Phi '34, Vice President of the Phi Corporation and General Chairman of the Convention, and Richard G. Rearick, Phi '57, President of the Phi Chapter, who supplemented the greeting and introduced the officers of the Phi Chapter.

Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, President of the Executive Council, was then introduced by Brother Finkbeiner. President Burton welcomed the delegates and expressed the appreciation of those assembled at the Convention for the hospitality already extended by the alumni and undergraduate Brothers of the Phi Chapter.

On motion, duly adopted, Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, was elected Temporary Chairman of the Convention. The Temporary Chairman appointed Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39, Secretary of the Executive Council, as Temporary Recorder, and J. Terence Dierdorff, Phi '59, and Sweetman R. Smith, Phi '59, as Temporary Assistant Recorders.

The Temporary Chairman appointed the following committees by customary rotation:

On Credentials:

Harold F. Clark, Jr., Gamma '57 Chairman
Donald E. Dorough, Zeta '58
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Delcour S. Potter, Jr., Kappa '57
Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39, Executive Council

On Permanent Organization:

Ridgely B. Pierson, Jr., Psi '57, Chairman
Carl H. Van Etten, Xi '58
Robert J. Folwell, Upsilon '57
Selden B. Daume, Jr., Iota '58
LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01, Executive Council

A motion was duly adopted that the Convention recess until 10:30 A.M. to enable the Committees to prepare their reports.

At the end of the recess the Temporary Chairman called the Convention to order.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, Harold F. Clark, Jr., Gamma '57, rendered an interim report to the Convention to the effect that a quorum, consisting of the duly appointed representatives of twenty Chapters of the fraternity, was present. The delegates from a twenty-first Chapter, the Theta Epsilon, were present, but, as monies are still owing to the Executive Council by that Chapter, the delegates could not be seated, according to the Rules of the Convention. The credentials of nine other Chapters had not as yet been presented. The Committee reported that it would render additional reports to the Convention from time to time as credentials were presented to the Committee. On motion, duly adopted, this report was accepted.

After discussion by A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17, Treasurer of the Executive Council, and Ronald E. Wilson, Theta Epsilon '57, on motion, duly adopted, it was voted to seat the Theta Epsilon delegates.

The Chairman of the Committee on Permanent Organization, Ridgely B. Pierson, Jr., Psi '57, presented its report, making the following nominations for officers of this Convention:

<i>President</i>	Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21
<i>1st Vice President</i>	A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27
<i>3rd Vice President</i>	Donald A. Finkbeiner, Phi '17
<i>Recorder</i>	Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39
<i>Assistant Recorder</i>	J. Terence Dierdorff, Phi '59
<i>Assistant Recorder</i>	Sweetman R. Smith, Phi '59

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

President Burton assumed the Chair, reported the formal calling of the Convention and directed the attention of the delegates to the notice with respect to the time and place of the Convention.

A motion was duly adopted approving the minutes of the 1955 Convention and waiving the reading thereof.

The President called for the reading of the Rules of the Convention, which were read by Ronald B. Petrella, Phi '57, Vice President of the Phi Chapter. On motion, duly adopted, the Rules were accepted.

During the Convention the following delegates presented credentials:

THETA	Charles E. J. Cassidy '57 Sheldon P. French '57
DELTA	Daniel E. Cassidy '58 Russell D. Spies '58
SIGMA	Stephen H. Gushee '58 Hays H. Rockwell '58

GAMMA	Harold F. Clark, Jr., '57 William B. M. Gross '58
ZETA	Donald E. Dorough '58
LAMBDA	Murray L. Eskenazi '56
KAPPA	Delcour S. Potter, Jr., '57 Charles L. Sawyer '58
PSI	Kevin Keogh '57 Ridgely B. Pierson, Jr., '57 William E. Billings, Jr., '58 John H. Caldwell '58 Thomas K. Kunichika '58
XI	Carl H. Van Etten '58 John A. Lambert '59
UPSILON	Robert J. Folwell '57 William A. Miller '58
IOTA	Richard B. Hester '57 Selden B. Daume, Jr., '58
PHI	Thomas W. Prunk '57 John McG. Neff '59
OMEGA	John W. Frankenfeld '55 Richard G. Gaynor '59
PI	Donald G. Piper '57 Earl W. McNulty '58
CHI	Gregory E. Jones '57 Robert J. Schuler '59
BETA BETA	Frank H. Boos, III, '57 Daniel J. Kenefick, III, '57
ETA	H. Lockwood Miller, Jr., '57 John F. Campbell '58
TAU	Jay F. Frank '57
MU	Bruce A. Moulton '56 Richard B. Schwarz '58
RHO	Raoul F. Bouffard '57 Marc D. Musser '58
EPSILON	Craig L. Wiley '57
OMICRON	Roger N. Creaden '57
DELTA DELTA	Calvin A. Campbell, Jr., '56 Michael H. Frimpter '57 Benjamin E. Wooding '57 Howard M. Abbott, Jr., '58 Peter M. Carney '58 John T. Creden '58 Scott Ellwood '58 John E. Evans, III, '58 J. Spencer Jones '58 John H. Purvis '58

THETA THETA	D. Bowen King '57 George W. Matheson '57
NU	John R. M. Bristol '57 Garth S. P. Wadsworth '57
EPSILON PHI	Louis A. Donolo, Jr., '58 Norman G. Souaid '58
ZETA ZETA	William J. Wright '59
EPSILON NU	Bernie L. Lattner '57 John W. Miller '57
EPSILON OMEGA	Lawrence A. Gilliland, Jr., '57 Henry J. Lageschulte '58
THETA EPSILON	Ronald E. Wilson '57 Waldo A. Gillette '59
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21 A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17 Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27 Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39 Daniel H. Brown, Omega '16 John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14 Donald B. Derby, Pi '18 John C. Esty, Gamma '22 Albert C. Jacobs, Phi '21 R. K. Northey, Nu '12 LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01

The following Brothers not designated as delegates were also present from time to time during the Convention:

THETA	Edward V. Ince '57 Louis D. Walthousen '57
DELTA	George G. Brown '17
BETA	Elbridge B. Pierce '13
PSI	Charles H. Seaver '21
IOTA	G. Robert Langford '35
PHI	Robert E. Adams, Jr., '23
Henry I. Armstrong, Jr., '09	J. Terence Dierdorff '59
Dongan H. Arthur '47	Gilbert L. Dobson '34
John D. Bitzer '58	William H. Ducker '45
Henry E. Bodman '96	Paul W. Eaton '21
Henry C. Bogle '15	Joseph W. Edwards '46
Smith Bolton '24	William B. Elmer '41
C. Stewart Buchanan '59	John C. Emery, Jr., '44
John C. Calvin '56	Harold H. Emmons, Jr., '33
W. S. Chesley '25	Carleton S. Finkbeiner '21
Charles L. Coe, Jr., '39	Donald A. Finkbeiner '17
John W. Coe '40	E. D. Flintermann '22
Thomas D. Coffield '44	Edgar B. Galloway '31
Charles Crowell '59	Ronald A. Harbert '54
Robert G. Dailey '37	Phillip Haughey '37
Richard W. Daniels '48	William E. Hettrick, Jr., '23
Franklin J. Dickman '25	William A. Hoffines '58

Dale H. Houston '58	Luther N. Post '44
Richard G. Ingwersen '57	John B. Powers '58
Charles E. Irvin, Jr., '55	Scott Rader '58
Harold C. L. Jackson, Jr., '50	Richard S. Ratcliff '52
Paul J. Keller, Jr., '40	Richard G. Rearick '57
Ralph F. Khuen '15	Wallace D. Riley '49
Robert P. Kittredge '48	Sidney R. Small '09
Arthur T. Kuiper '57	Hugh T. Smith '24
G. Robert Langford '35	Cedric C. Smith '18
Dana W. Larson '58	Sweetman R. Smith '59
R. Timothy Leedy '57	Edwin A. Spence, Jr., '57
Frederic A. Leisen '25	James A. Spence '21
Douglas D. Loree '25	Donald R. Spencer '41
Michael A. Lynch '56	W. C. Standish '03
Bruce J. Maguire '53	F. B. Stebbins '17
Henry E. McDonnell, Jr., '42	Stowell C. Stebbins '12
Edward G. McPherson '46	Bernhard Stroh, Jr., '07
William M. McPherson, III, '07	Carroll R. Taber '56
William McPherson, IV, '34	W. Woody Taylor '58
Nathan D. Munro '37	Richard L. Underwood '25
Donald F. Nelson '52	H. Rex Waddell '16
Fred S. Norcross, Jr., '06	Justin F. Way '30
Edward R. O'Hara '47	Ben H. Wilson '21
Keith N. Olson '56	Edmond B. Woodruff '34
Ronald B. Petrella '57	

OMEGA	Elwood G. Ratcliff '22
PI	Arthur B. Hammill '58
	Vincent Maneri '57
	John J. Schantz '58
CHI	George A. Richardson '34
	Herbert P. Watts '27
BETA BETA	Harold M. Morrison '54
EPSILON	J. Beachum '57
DELTA DELTA	William B. Falconer, Jr., '49
NU	Harry G. Porteous '57
EPSILON NU	W. L. Anderson '49
	D. H. Brogan '56
	C. William Cadwell '56
	Thomas C. Evert '57
	Barrett G. Gourdie '57
	Richard H. Johnson '56
	R. J. Kolkoski '58
	Frank J. Kropschot '57
	William W. Page '48
	Robert B. Pokorny '43
	Lanway K. Smith '57
	Richard O. Speir '44
	Vinton J. Stealy '37
	Karl B. Zint '50
THETA EPSILON	Waldo A. Gillette '59

The ten other members of the Executive Council present were introduced to the Convention by President Burton, as follows:

Executive Council

A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17
Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27
Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39
Dan H. Brown, Omega '16
John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14
Donald B. Derby, Pi '18
John C. Esty, Gamma '22
Albert C. Jacobs, Phi '21
R. K. Northey, Nu '12
LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01

A letter of greetings to the Convention from C. S. F. Lincoln, Kappa '91, was read by the Chair.

President Burton then appointed the following standing committees:

To Nominate Members of the Executive Council:

Thomas W. Prunk, Phi '57, Chairman
Richard G. Gaynor, Omega '59
Earl W. McNulty, Pi '58
Robert J. Schuler, Chi '59
A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17, Executive Council

On Annual Communications and Unfinished Business:

Frank H. Boos, III, Beta Beta '57, Chairman
H. Lockwood Miller, Jr., Eta '57
Jay F. Frank, Tau '57
Bruce A. Moulton, Mu '56
Donald B. Derby, Pi '18, Executive Council

On New Business:

Raoul F. Bouffard, Rho '57, Chairman
Craig L. Wiley, Epsilon '57
Roger N. Creaden, Omicron '57
Benjamin E. Wooding, Delta Delta '57
R. K. Northey, Nu '12, Executive Council

On Academic Standing and Awards:

D. Bowen King, Theta Theta '57, Chairman
John R. M. Bristol, Nu '57
Louis A. Donolo, Jr., Epsilon Phi '58
Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56
Marc D. Musser, Rho '58
Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27, Executive Council

To Foster, Protect and Improve Ritual and Tradition:

John W. Miller, Epsilon Nu '57, Chairman
Henry J. Lageschulte, Epsilon Omega '58
Waldo A. Gillette, Theta Epsilon '59
Edward V. Ince, Theta '57
John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14, Executive Council

President Burton announced that seminar committees to consider other important fraternity matters would be appointed to keep the delegates better informed on the seminar subjects.

On the Constitution—Its Application to the Chapters and Members:

Garth S. P. Wadsworth, Nu '57, Chairman
William J. Wright, Zeta Zeta '59
Bernie L. Lattner, Epsilon Nu '57
Lawrence A. Gilliland, Jr., Epsilon Omega '57
LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01, Executive Council

On Expansion:

Ronald E. Wilson, Theta Epsilon '57, Chairman
Charles E. J. Cassidy, Theta '57
Daniel E. Cassidy, Delta '58
Stephen H. Gushee, Sigma '58
William B. M. Gross, Gamma '58
Dan H. Brown, Omega '16, Executive Council

On Chapter Finances:

William A. Miller, Upsilon '58, Chairman
Selden B. Daume, Jr., Iota '58
John McG. Neff, Phi '59
John W. Frankenfeld, Omega '55
Donald G. Piper, Pi '57
John C. Esty, Gamma '22, Executive Council

On Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc.—Purpose and Publicity:

Gregory E. Jones, Chi '57, Chairman
Daniel J. Kenefick, III, Beta Beta '57
John F. Campbell, Eta '58
Richard B. Schwarz, Mu '58
John C. Esty, Gamma '22, Executive Council

The Annual Communication of the Executive Council was read by Brother Burleigh (Appendix A of Records).

On motion, duly adopted, the Annual Communication was accepted, ordered filed and referred to the Committee on Annual Communications and Unfinished Business.

Brother Jones read the annual Report of the Treasurer (Appendix B, B¹ and B² of the Records), copies of which were distributed to the delegates. On motion, duly adopted, the Report of the Treasurer was accepted, ordered filed and referred to the Committee on Annual Communications and Unfinished Business.

The President stated that the standing committees could hold meetings and prepare their written reports during a recess which would be called after the afternoon session convened. The seminar committees may hold meetings simultaneously and complete their written reports overnight, for presentation at the Friday sessions.

On motion, duly adopted, the Convention adjourned at 12:05 P.M., to reconvene at the Strauss House Assembly Room at 2:30 P.M., Thursday, September 6, 1956.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

STRAUSS HOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

The Convention was called to order by President Burton at 2:30 P.M.

Assistant Recorder Smith called the Roll of the Chapters and reported that twenty-nine Chapters were represented by delegates and that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Recorder Brush. On motion, duly adopted, they were approved as read.

On motion, duly adopted, the Convention recessed at 3:05 P.M. for one hour for the purpose of holding committee meetings.

At the end of the recess President Burton called the Convention to order.

President Burton called for a report from the Committee to Nominate Members of the Executive Council. Thomas W. Prunk, Phi '57, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of that Committee, nominating the following Brothers to serve on the Executive Council for the term expiring with the Convention of 1961:

Richard M. Ross, Lambda '20

John C. Esty, Gamma '22

Robert I. Laggren, Xi '13

A motion was adopted that this report be accepted and that the Recorder be instructed to cast a single ballot for the election of the Brothers nominated to the Executive Council for the term expiring with the Convention of 1961. The Recorder reported that the ballot had been cast and that those nominated had been elected.

President Burton called for a report from the Committee on Annual Communications and Unfinished Business. Frank H. Boos, III, Beta Beta '57, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of that Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That The Annual Communication of the Executive Council to the 1956 Convention of Psi Upsilon, held under the auspices of the Phi Chapter at Ann Arbor, Michigan, be accepted as submitted with the *desire* that the matters of expansion and scholarship will be dealt with adequately by their respective committees, namely, the Committee on Expansion and the Committee on Academic Standing and Awards.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Treasurer be accepted as submitted, with the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Convention to A. Northey Jones, Beta Beta '17.

RESOLVED: That the Recorder send a telegram to Oliver B. Merrill, Gamma '25, expressing the Convention's appreciation for his long and faithful services and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

RESOLVED : That the Recorder send a telegram to Harold L. Field, Upsilon '10, expressing the Convention's appreciation for his long and faithful services and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

RESOLVED : That the Recorder send a telegram to Earl D. Babst, Iota-Phi '93, expressing the Convention's regret that he is not present.

RESOLVED : That the Recorder send a telegram to Dr. C. F. S. Lincoln, Kappa '91, expressing the Convention's regret that he is not present.

On motion duly made and seconded, the resolutions rendered by the Committee on Annual Communications and Unfinished Business were duly adopted.

President Burton turned the Chair over to Vice President Jones.

Vice President Jones called for the report of the Committee on New Business. Raoul F. Bouffard, Rho '57, Chairman, submitted the report, which, on motion, duly adopted was received and placed on file.

Brother Bouffard recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED : That this Convention express its heartfelt appreciation of the splendid hospitality of the Phi Chapter during the 1956 Convention held at Ann Arbor.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Kevin Keogh, Psi '57, addressed the Convention and extended the invitation of the Psi Chapter to entertain the 1957 Convention of the Fraternity. He stated that the invitation did not as yet have the support of the Administration at Hamilton College. A resolution to accept the invitation was tabled, pending such approval.

William A. Miller, Upsilon '58, requested and obtained permission to address the Convention. He stated that the Upsilon Chapter desired to extend a warm invitation to the Fraternity to hold the 1958 Convention, the centennial year of the Upsilon, with the Upsilon Chapter as host. He further stated that he understood that only the 1957 Convention of the Fraternity could take action on the invitation, but that, nevertheless, he wishes this Convention to record the desire of the Upsilon Chapter.

Selden B. Daume, Jr., Iota '58, requested and received permission to address the Convention. He stated that the Iota Chapter warmly repeated the invitation made in 1954 and 1955 and hopes very much that it may be permitted to entertain the 1960 Convention, the centennial of the Iota.

Each of the following resolutions was presented separately by the Committee on New Business, with a recommendation for the adoption of each resolution.

RESOLVED : That the Convention authorize the Treasurer, A. Northey Jones, to transfer the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriate fund or funds to the Diamond Fund to cover the existing deficit in that Fund.

RESOLVED : That the delegates of this Convention of 1956 wish to express their gratitude to the Executive Council for the generosity of the members of the Council in visiting the Chapters of the Fraternity, with personal loss of time and expense incurred therein; and further, the

Convention hopes for the continuation and expansion of the Fraternity visits in the interest of the strengthening of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

RESOLVED : That this Convention extend its appreciation to Dr. Harlan Hatcher, President of the University of Michigan, for his splendid and inspiring address.

After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, these resolutions, separately rendered by the Committee on New Business, were duly adopted.

Vice President Jones requested the standing committees which had not as yet prepared their reports and the seminar committees complete their reports overnight, for presentation at the Friday sessions.

On motion duly adopted, the Convention adjourned at 4:30 P.M. to reconvene at the Strauss House Assembly Room at 10:00 A.M. Friday, September 7, 1956.

MINUTES OF THE MORNING SESSION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

STRAUSS HOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

The Convention was called to order by President Burton at 10:00 A.M.

At the request of the President, Assistant Recorder Smith called the Roll of the Chapters and reported that all thirty Chapters were represented by delegates and that a quorum was present.

The delegate from the Zeta, Donald E. Dorough '58, having recently reported to the Committee on Credentials, was introduced to the Convention.

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

The Chairman of the Committee on Academic Standing and Awards, D. Bowen King, Theta Theta '57, presented the report of that Committee, which recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED : That, since academic standards, times and methods of rushing and pledging differ at each college and university, many of the problems in connection therewith are of such a nature as to require local and individual attention and solution; and

RESOLVED : That, nevertheless, certain guidance along the following lines should be recommended to all of the Chapters, and, following these guidances, which are herewith submitted, is strongly recommended:

- A. Due and thorough inquiry should be made relative to the previous academic records of prospective pledges, and the results of such inquiry made available to all prospective pledges, and the results of such inquiry made available to all members before such members are required to vote on prospective pledges;

B. The utmost care should be used to avoid pledging men whose previous records cast doubt upon their ability to do satisfactory academic work;

C. Individual Chapters should establish minimum academic requirements for pledging and initiation, since the trouble with the academic standing of some of our Chapters lies in the selection of new members;

D. Each Chapter should institute a study plan for pledges.

RESOLVED : That the Convention take note of the fact that one of the aims of Psi Upsilon is academic achievement. Expansion of the Fraternity should be accomplished only at colleges and universities where a high level of such academic standards are maintained; and

RESOLVED : That the award for the highest scholastic achievement for the 1955 academic year should be presented to the Upsilon Chapter; and

RESOLVED : That the award for the academic year 1955 for the greatest scholastic improvement over the previous year's academic standing should be presented to the Epsilon Nu Chapter; and

RESOLVED : That the Convention commend and congratulate the Theta Theta Chapter for outstanding scholastic improvement during the 1955 academic year; and

RESOLVED : That the Convention permit the Upsilon, Epsilon Nu, and Theta Theta Chapters to describe to the Convention the methods by which they have achieved such success; and

RESOLVED : That the Convention permit the following Chapters to explain to the Convention the possible reasons for ranking low scholastically in the most recently reported academic year:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No. of Fraternities on Campus</u>	<u>Scholastic Ranking</u>
Delta	13	13
Sigma	17	16
Zeta	23	21
Lambda	17	17
Pi	34	34
Eta	30	28
Tau	38	36
Epsilon Omega	27	25

RESOLVED : That the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon make an effort to send one of its representatives to visit each of its scholastically low Chapters for the purpose of evaluating each academic situation and taking whatever action the Council believes to be necessary towards the betterment of such Chapters.

There followed considerable discussion as to these various resolutions, and, on motion duly made and seconded, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted. Also included in the report was the following:

The committee would like to bring to the consideration of the Convention the fact that a Psi Upsilon Key is presented by the Board of Governors at each convention to the outstanding junior of each Chapter during the previous academic year. Many of the Chapters have not recognized this award by electing such a junior. We ask that, in the future, each chapter notify the Board of Governors, four months in advance of the Convention, of its outstanding junior brothers.

Vice President Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27, assumed the Chair, upon the request of the President. He explained the method of computing the winners of the Awards for Academic Standing.

The Convention requested the Recorder to distribute mimeographed copies of the Report of the Committee on Academic Standing and Awards to all Chapters as soon as possible because of the many constructive points contained therein, in order that the Chapters could put some of the resolutions into effect at once.

In accordance with one of the resolutions just passed by the Convention, William A. Miller, Upsilon '58, Bernie L. Lattner, Epsilon Nu '57, and George W. Matheson, Theta Theta '57, described to the Convention the methods used by their respective Chapters to help achieve their success. In addition to the four guidances recommended in the second resolution of this Committee, these three Brothers brought out other possible ways to improve academic achievement, such as: a "big brother" system whereby an upperclassman with the same major as a pledge proposes to take is assigned to assist the latter for the purpose of qualifying him for initiation; limitation of social privileges for those with sub-standard records; requiring the writing of a periodic report on scholastic progress; minimum academic requirements for living in house; report grades on all tests, as received; reward for those with satisfactory averages such as alumni-sponsored banquet.

As voted by the Convention the eight Chapters cited for low scholastic rank, were called upon to explain the possible reasons. Reporting at this time for their respective Chapters were the following delegates: Russell D. Spies, Delta '58; Stephen H. Gushee, Sigma '58; Donald E. Dorough, Zeta '58; Murray L. Eskenazi, Lambda '56; Donald G. Piper, Pi '57; H. Lockwood Miller, Jr., Eta '57; and Lawrence A. Gilliland, Jr., Epsilon Omega '57. The Tau delegate's presentation was postponed until later (see page 16 of Records). It was pointed out that some of the figures were inaccurate, reflecting results of 1954-5 rather than 1955-6. The Vice President explained this was because certain academic institutions did not issue the standings promptly and that only the latest official reports could be considered.

The Vice President called upon the Seminar Committee on the Constitution, and the report of that Committee was reported by its Chairman, Garth S. P. Wadsworth, Nu '57. The report placed before the Convention, but did not necessarily endorse, the following resolution, proposed by the Gamma Chapter:

RESOLVED : That Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution of Psi Upsilon be amended so that the phrase, "any candidate for membership shall be rejected by a single negative vote," be deleted and that the phrase, "each Chapter shall have the privilege of formulating its own policy for election to membership" be substituted.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was received and filed for the Records (Appendix C).

Harold F. Clark, Jr., Gamma '57, presented in detail the reasons the Gamma Chapter proposed the amendment to the Constitution, as presented by the Seminar Committee on the Constitution. There followed considerable discussion. On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolution was defeated by a call of the Roll of the Chapters, four YEAS, twenty-four NAYS, two absent.

Gregory E. Jones, Chi '57, Chairman of the Seminar Committee on the Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc., presented his committee's report. On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was received and filed for the Records (Appendix D).

A comprehensive report of the Seminar Committee on Chapter Finances was presented by the Chairman, William A. Miller, Upsilon '58. On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was received and filed for the Records (Appendix E).

Kevin Keogh, Psi '57, requested and received permission to address the Convention. He announced that the Administration of Hamilton College was in accord with the Psi Chapter's desire to hold the 1957 Convention in Clinton, New York.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED : That this Convention expresses its appreciation for the cordial invitation of the Psi Chapter to be host to the Convention of 1957, and that this invitation be accepted.

The Vice President stated that the time of adjournment of this particular session had been reached. On motion, duly adopted, the Convention adjourned at 11:35 A.M., to reconvene at 2:30 P.M., Friday, September 7, 1956.

MINUTES OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

STRAUSS HOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM

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The Convention was called to order by President Burton at 2:30 P.M.

Assistant Recorder Smith called the Roll of the Chapters and reported that twenty-nine Chapters were represented by delegates and that a quorum was present.

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

Donald A. Finkbeiner, Phi '17, addressed the Convention, at the request of the President, on details pertaining to scheduled events of the Convention.

The President called upon Ronald E. Wilson, Theta Epsilon '57, Chairman of the Seminar Committee on Expansion, for his Committee's report. The report placed before the Convention was, on motion, duly made and seconded, received and filed for the record.

Included in the report was a resolution, duly amended with proper second, as follows:

RESOLVED: That this Convention request that the Executive Council establish a permanent Committee as a clearing house for expansion; and that this Committee report all pertinent information, at the conclusion of periods not to exceed six months, to the Chapters and submit an annual report to each Convention.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The report of the Tau delegate, Jay F. Frank, Tau '57, on low scholarship, having been postponed from the morning session, was presented. Brother Frank reported that the Tau had used a speed reading program, the cost of which had been defrayed by alumni and undergraduates. He also indicated that current results showed improvement, *versus* last-received University of Pennsylvania reports.

The President announced that he had reviewed the Chapter reports and that certain ones were outstanding. He called on the senior delegates of each of three Chapters to render them orally, Harold F. Clark, Jr., Gamma '57; H. Lockwood Miller, Jr., Eta '57; and Benjamin E. Wooding, Delta Delta '57; as follows:

GAMMA—(Harold F. Clark, Jr., '57 and William B. M. Gross '58). The year 1955-1956 was a particularly bright one for the Gamma Chapter of Psi Upsilon. Progress was made in every direction through the work and effort of every member contributing his particular skill in a joint effort for all.

A. SCHOLASTICALLY: In a competitive rating with the other thirteen fraternities on the Amherst campus, Psi Upsilon moved up a number of places in the first semester on the basis of an over-all house average, and, then, even bettered this in the second semester. The improvement was so great over the preceding semesters that the House received the Improvement Trophy, awarded each semester by the Trustees of Amherst College. Individually, fourteen men were on the Dean's List for academic superiority over the course of the year; three men were elected to Phi Beta Kappa (two seniors elected in their junior year; one junior elected this year); three men of the class of 1956 were graduated with honors—one Summa Cum Laude, one Magna Cum Laude, and one Cum Laude; and one man was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study abroad.

All except three men in the incoming senior class are enrolled in honors so this achievement will be even greater next year. There is still much room for improvement in this area, but during the past year a new program was put into effect which will promise to benefit the whole house. Under the tutelage of all who excel in any particular field, those who are deficient in that field are given special attention either individually or in special seminar groups. This has been so effective that marked improvement has already been noted, and plans are under way for even greater expansion next year.

B. ATHLETICALLY: The prestige of the house was greatly enhanced this year by wide-spread participation in varsity athletics. Men from the Gamma captained the football team, the cross-country team, and the track team. There were varsity letter winners in football, cross-country, hockey, swimming, squash, baseball, lacrosse, crew, and track. Many of these men are underclassmen, so participation will be just as high next year. Intramurally, Psi Upsilon, in the final standings, came in a very close second, earning a first in football, basketball, and baseball. All men in the house

participated in at least one activity to achieve such remarkable improvement, a jump of seven places over the preceding year.

C. EXTRA-CURRICULARLY: Here again, the Gamma Brothers of Psi Upsilon were leaders on the campus. For the third year in a row a Psi U was one of three men in his class to be elected to the Student Council—one of the highest extra-curricular posts attainable. A member of the Class of 1956 (and an *Esty* at that) was elected to be marshall at Commencement. The editor of the bi-weekly newspaper, THE STUDENT, was a Psi U, and the incoming editor of the yearbook is a Psi U. Important posts as editors are held on the yearbook by no less than six Gamma Brothers. For the first time in the history of the college, an undergraduate was selected to lead the Freshman Choir, and characteristically, he was a Brother of Psi Upsilon. Elsewhere in the music field were Brothers in the Glee Club, and the Chapel Choir, and in the "16", a new and very popular band. Psi U's participated in dramatics and on the radio—in debates and in the Christian Association. Campus leadership, therefore, was a characteristic of Psi Upsilon in the past year, and promises to be even greater in the coming year.

D. RUSHING: The whole house forgot its individual bents and worked together in a solid effort which resulted in the pledging of one of the finest delegations to be garnered from the ranks of the Class of 1959. This group—some twenty-one strong—will carry on ably in the directions mentioned only partially in Sections A, B and C. Rushing itself was executed in an efficient and comprehensive manner, seldom achieved by *any* house on *any* campus. Many of the practices begun this year are sure to be precedents of future rushing policies for all houses. The net result is a group of men representing all parts of the country, and representing the class of 1959 in the best possible manner.

E. PLEDGING: The Pledge Program installed this year was in part revised—revised to new and higher standards. The traditional pledging practices of Psi Upsilon were carried on in the manner in which they were designed, and the effect amply rewarded the effort. The pledges, moreover, were sent in two-hour work groups once a week to help the town of Amherst in local community improvement. The Brothers also worked at these times, and the relationship between the Brothers and pledges, the town and the fraternities and the Administration and Psi Upsilon was greatly improved. This is just one indication of the type of leadership which the Gamma Chapter gives to the campus and, indeed, to all fraternities in the troublesome problem of fraternities and college administrations.

F. FRATERNALLY: In this, perhaps most important, area, great strides were made in the past year. Within a heterogeneous group there grew a hopefully everlasting bond—inexplicable, yet real. The highest goal of any fraternity—brotherhood—is often the most difficult to achieve, and certainly the most nebulous to describe. One can only point to various evidences in order to explain it to someone else, and, yet, to one living as a member in this fraternity, it is so common that it is almost accepted. Evidences beyond rushing and pledging were the house work groups, during which the once drab cellar was converted into a playroom; each of the living rooms in the various suites were painted and generally cleaned. The dues were all collected and compounded at the usual rate (\$60, house, and \$25, social, per semester); equanimity of ideals and purposes was achieved by many different people. But these signs are merely superficial. The real truth of brotherhood lies in the day-to-day living within the Gamma Chapter. The genuine friendship, concern, interest, and brotherly love which unalterably ties every bond was built up and maintained during the year of 1955-1956. This is the mark of a great fraternity.

G. HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS: The most fundamental of these is to carry on in the same manner—always working together toward even finer fulfillment of the many goals outlined above. One of the definite plans for next year is to contribute as a fraternity to the welfare of the campus by doing a particular report. One of those suggested was a compilation of all the post-graduate opportunities and scholarships available to those desiring further education. Such a report could be used by the entire campus. We hope to be able to work out our own problems—in all areas—to the better satisfaction of ourselves and the Administration, thereby improving our already growing bond with the college. We hope to improve ourselves individually in every capacity to be even better examples to the campus.

We also have aspirations for the fraternity itself. Feeling the pressure of the anti-democratic sentiment directed at fraternities—as indeed do all fraternities—we feel that we can make a contribution in showing that such is not the case by constitutionally eliminating one of the most anti-democratic factors in Psi Upsilon—the “black-ball.” We would not outlaw this, but merely remove it specifically from the Constitution so that it does not appear blatantly in black and white. The use of such means, we would leave to the discretion of each house at the time of rushing, so that it could be employed or not as each Chapter sees fit. This, therefore, would not eliminate the “black-ball,” but merely make it a possible choice of rushing procedure. No one would be banned from using it; no one would be obligated to use it. We feel this is one step Psi Upsilon can take to help eliminate the anti-democratic charge levelled at fraternities in a manner which would not actually change the fraternity or jeopardize the high standing which it now holds.

The Gamma Chapter of Psi Upsilon in summation is a great house and a great asset to Psi Upsilon with respect to both our past record and our aims and goals for an even better record in the future.

ETA—(H. Lockwood Miller, Jr., '57 and John F. Campbell '58). This past year has seen the Eta complete extensive redecoration of our whole first floor in the Chapter. We wallpapered, painted and reupholstered the walls, woodwork and furniture throughout the living room, dining room, kitchen, main hall and card room. The second and third floors, housing our suite-style living quarters, have also been given needed attention.

The Eta has the usual number of men in many campus activities. Some of these include membership and participation in: Class Cabinets; the Brown and White (our campus newspaper); Pershing Rifles; Scabbard and Blade; track and field; soccer; swimming; our junior honorary society, which is called Cyanide; our main student government body, Arcadia; Brown Key which is our Athletic Society; glee club and band; lacrosse; hockey; rifle; honorary course societies; cross-country; Mustard and Cheese, which is our Thespian Society; and campus radio and other important activities and sports. The Eta, therefore, is doing its best to remain one of the top fraternities at Lehigh.

We have as large a pledge class again this year as we are able to accommodate comfortably. All nine of the pledges are active in campus activities, seven of them in freshman sports.

The Brothers tried revamping our file system on our alumni and found the endeavor brought new responses and interested some of our graduates so much that we received many letters praising us on our Chapter newspaper, the “Whippoorwill”, which was published again this year.

Scholarship was low in the fall semester, but it is steadily gaining ground this term, and Chapter scholarship standing should improve considerably. We have stressed our program of having faculty members and administrative officials at Lehigh visit the Chapter House more frequently, and, quite often, the Brothers enjoy discussions with these people.

Of course, we have kept up our charity program by having our annual

Christmas party for underprivileged children, and we have contributed to other service projects, including adopting an orphan in Europe.

The only factor that seems to be lacking at present is scholarship and a high campus scholastic standing, but the house has gained a more conducive atmosphere, and we are quite sure that when averages come out this semester, our problems will be over.

DELTA DELTA—(Benjamin E. Wooding '57, J. Spencer Jones '58, Calvin A. Campbell, Jr., '56, Michael H. Frimpter '58, Howard M. Abbott, Jr., '58, Peter M. Carney '58, John T. Creden '58, Scott Elwood '58, John E. Evans, III, '58, and John H. Purvis '58).

PHYSICAL PLANT

The Brothers of the Delta Delta returned in September, 1955, to find the driveway newly paved, the grounds renovated, and the living room, card room, library and bar redecorated. Another week of work by all house members put the final touch on the house and grounds in preparation for rushing. Additional improvements to the interior of the house are being made during the summer of 1956, and our nine acres of land are being partially cleared so that we shall have a most attractive exterior area.

MEMBERSHIP

The Chapter pledged one of the strongest classes on campus, filling its quota of seventeen men. Since the formal rushing period, three more men have pledged themselves to Psi Upsilon.

With such a fine new class, initiation was a gala affair. The President of the national Executive Council watched as the Chapter initiated its new Brothers, who represented all parts of the United States, its territories and South America.

Campus activities have claimed some of the time and talent of every member. We encourage this extra-curricular activity, because we feel that it broadens the student and gives the house a more respected position on campus.

The student government has felt the hand of Psi Upsilon. The secretary-treasurer of the Student Activities Council and the secretary-treasurer of the Social Council were Psi U's, together with two members of the executive board of the Student Activities Council, members of the Honor System Committee and the Discipline Committee, and the secretary-treasurer of the Fraternity Treasurers' Council.

Brothers have been members of nearly every organization on campus, including the Outing Club, the Christian Association, and the Dramatic Club. Among the offices which house members have held during the past year are: president of the debating society, student chairman of the lecture committee, circulation manager of the newspaper, president and publicity chairman of the Young Republicans, secretary-treasurer and five executive board members of the college radio station, treasurer of the flying club, business manager of the athletic programs, business manager of the literary magazine, vice president of the Catholic youth organization, secretary-treasurer of the Sports Car Club, and founder and manager of the Student Book Exchange.

Musically inclined Brothers have been president of the marching band, president of the dance band, leader of the dixieland jazz band, and members of the choir and glee club.

Of particular importance are some of the honors received by Chapter members. We have a Gargoyle (member of the senior honorary society), a junior adviser, another junior adviser chosen for next year, together with two alternates, the first recipient of the Delta Delta Alumni Key and a number of Dean's List men.

Athletes from the house participated in varsity wrestling, soccer, golf, hockey and squash, while other Brothers managed the cross country, track,

soccer, baseball and tennis teams. The Chapter as a whole took active part in the intramural athletic program, making a good record in every sport. The runner-up in the all-college individual golf championship was a Psi U.

As a natural result of this participation in activities, the house has played host to campus organizations for their annual banquets. Both the band and the Young Republicans have taken advantage of the house dining facilities. A particularly large group of faculty, townspeople, and students attended the Young Republicans banquet to hear nationally known speakers.

PUBLICITY

We feel that it is most important for our relations with alumni and with other Chapters of the fraternity to maintain frequent contact with them. To do this, we have resurrected the *Delta Delta*, which is a four-page house newspaper, published three times a year and sent to all alumni of our Chapter, to all other Chapters of our fraternity, to parents, to members of the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon and of the Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon and to presidents of the alumni of all other Chapters. Many of the Brothers help in the preparation of this newspaper which, we feel, has performed a very important function for us in many ways.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

During the college year a great deal of interest in the Chapter has been evidenced by its alumni. This interest was graphically demonstrated at the fall alumni weekend when we had about 10% of the alumni body returning.

We have had the privilege and pleasure of attending the alumni directors' meetings and, on each occasion, when we have journeyed to New York or the alumni have journeyed to Williamstown, lively discussions on subjects of interest to the undergraduates have been included. It is our feeling that this type of joint meeting is most helpful in giving the alumni a closer picture of activities in Williamstown, and we, in turn, understand some of the alumni problems better than we ever have. This is a healthy indication of the high interest in our mutual affairs. The alumni evidently feel so too because they have been most aggressive in their continued support of our activities.

FRATERNITIES AT OUR COLLEGE

The fraternity feeling at Williams has undergone much change since the second World War. Because of the deferring of rushing for a year and because of the continuing live issue as to the future of fraternities, many Williams students feel that it is only a matter of time before fraternities will be abolished. *They* have, therefore, let their initiative abate. *They* have no interest and assume no responsibility for the functioning of their houses, which are consequently deteriorating into eating clubs.

Psi Upsilon undergraduates have done a considerable amount of work on our physical property during this past year. We realize there is nothing unusual about members of a fraternity taking off the storm windows and raking leaves. It is necessary for every house to do these and other small jobs for themselves.

The important thing is that many of these Psi Upsilon projects are more ambitious than necessary for the basic functioning of our physical plant. Moreover, these projects are not merely dictated by the president or other officers of the Chapter. They result from initiative and planning of some of the other Brothers, who have seen the need for improvements.

This is the type of Psi Upsilon spirit which differentiates our fraternity from the eating club, whether the eating club is called a fraternity or not. To the extent that all members of a house show interest in contributing to the advancement of their organization, a true brotherhood exists. The inevitable outcome of this spirit of contribution is the perpetuation of the fraternity and an improvement in its physical appearance and position on campus.

A result of at least equal importance is the opportunity which the Brothers find to develop themselves by taking responsibility within the house. If a

fraternity does not succeed in improving its members, it has lost a major part of its right to existence.

The rendering of other oral Chapter reports was dispensed with, but, with the approval of the Convention, the Recorder was requested to include in the minutes of the Convention that the written reports of the other twenty-seven Chapters were submitted in traditional order and as follows:

THETA—(Charles E. J. Cassidy '57 and Sheldon P. French '57). With the completion of the 1955-1956 school year, the Theta has added another eventful chapter to its long and distinguished history. This was a year of multifarious activity, in which the Brothers once again asserted their Campus leadership in all fields of college endeavor.

In scholarship, the Theta maintained its usual good standards. Though the overall house index showed no marked improvement over last year, several men consistently placed on the Dean's List, during both the first and second semesters. On Prize Day, one of our senior Brothers received an outstanding award as a foremost member of his Class.

Athletic participation has always been a *forte* of the Theta. This year was no exception, with the house placing a number of men on the football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse teams. In addition to varsity competition, we have also strengthened considerably our position in intramural sports. As a result of increased house interest and participation, the Theta placed among the top five houses in inter-fraternity athletics.

In an official capacity, the Theta was well-represented. Several of our members held class offices, as well as high positions in various campus activities. Among these offices and positions, were the secretary of the senior class, vice-president of the sophomore class, president and vice-president of the AIEE Society, president of the Garnet Key Society, and personnel manager of the "Rathskeller."

Social activity and the Theta are synonymous on the Union College campus. Through the years, a fine balance has been achieved between the maintenance of annual social functions and constant new innovations by the active Brothers. In accordance with this skillful mixture, we enjoyed another successful "social season" during 1955-1956. Highlights amid the many events of the year, were the series of fall football weekends, the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children, the faculty reception, and parents' weekend.

We of the Theta, are justifiably proud of the fine reputation that both active and inactive Brothers have secured for us at Union College. Because of these men, our place of leadership has grown beyond reproach. Our pride is tempered, however, by the ideal that, without imperfection of standards, there can be no perfection of actual achievements. Thus, we continue to strive always for perfection, with the full realization that our standards will never permit us to enjoy complete satisfaction in any venture that we may undertake.

DELTA—(Daniel E. Cassidy '58 and Russell D. Spies '58). As in the past the Delta Chapter still ranks high scholastically, athletically and socially on the New York University campus. Although suffering from the loss of seven senior Brothers who commanded the helm of the Delta, we are looking forward to the new school year and rushing season with the traditional Delta spirit, the backing of Delta Corporation and the contributions of the alumni.

To fill the gap left by the graduates the rushing committee under the leadership of Brother Miller succeeded in attracting a large group of interested men, of which twelve were pledged. In March, the Owl took under his wing eight of these men, four freshmen, three sophomores and one junior.

Academically, the Delta has seen seven more Brothers off into their respective fields. With them goes Brother Nelson, an honor graduate of the Air Force ROTC, now with Brothers Winkler and LeCann are serving as Air Force

officers. Along with them goes Brother Miller with a reserve commission in the Army. Brothers Saggio, Scheno and Nehrig are now applying the abilities that New York University and Psi Upsilon have developed for them.

Athletically, the Delta is proud of the contribution of Brothers Winkler, Howley, Halsey, Saggio, Mazziota and Spies to the athletic achievements of New York University during the past year. In the intrafraternal competition the Delta took first place in football, second in swimming and basketball and placed in all other events, with an outstanding performance in track and field by Brothers Halsey and Mazziota.

Among the Delta's prized possessions is the campus award for the outstanding donation by Psi U in the campus blood drive. We obtained third place among all the campus societies and lead all the campus fraternities in turnout of active members.

Internally, the Delta is observing with sincere thanks the reconditioning of the Chapter house by the Delta Corporation. Particularly its thanks go to Brother McDowell, treasurer of the Delta Corporation.

We are looking forward to a very promising academic year with young energetic blood at the helm of the Delta.

"Until the sands of life are run,"
The Delta of Psi Upsilon

SIGMA—(Stephen H. Gushee '58 and Hays H. Rockwell '58). This year the Sigma Chapter was well represented in the student governing and activities groups within the University. The Cammarian Club, the student governing body of the University, the Brown Charities Drive, the student court, and the school annual, the *Liber Brunensis*, all claimed Sigmas high on their administrative boards.

The Brothers began the school year in expectation of academic honors and Brothers G. and R. Hughes were eventually to lead the way, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and Cum Laude respectively. Although all expectations were not completely satisfied, the general house average improved. A report by the scholastic committee indicated that the senior class ranked highest, academically, in the house.

Brother Chandler and his social committee guided us through a highly successful year. Notwithstanding the frequent week-end activities, the social year was highlighted by a well received Homecoming for which many of our alumni returned, the annual Inter-Fraternity Council Ball in mid-winter, and our Spring Houseparty which, as always, lived up to the Sigma tradition.

The Sigma football team claimed intramural honors by placing third in the fraternity leagues, losing only its final game. As in previous years, the house served as a prime instigator of the make-shift hockey league and, while the spring season found us with a weak softball team, the competition proved keen. Varsity teams at Brown included members of the Sigma on the soccer, hockey, squash, baseball, crew, and tennis squads. Brother Quinn excelled as head of the Brown Yachting Association and as an Eastern and Mid-Western sailing champion.

The physical plant of the house was greatly improved under a program set up at the beginning of the year by the house committee. The living room and the library were both redecorated and an extended plan, recruiting alumni aid, has been devised and inaugurated for Chapter room improvement. The *Sigma Owl*, the house newspaper, in its second year of publication, was produced regularly with excellent results. Copies were sent to alumni, parents, and friends of the fraternity.

Under the excellent guidance of our presidents, our rushing committee, and our active alumni, the year progressed smoothly. It is a difficult thing to specifically label objectives and gains in an academic year, but it is felt that the Sigma attained to the high standards of its tradition. In the second

semester we accepted a traditionally small pledge class of outstanding freshmen, and we fully expect these newly inducted men to replace the truly fine graduating class.

GAMMA—see page 16 of Records.

ZETA—(Donald E. Dorough '58). The past year found the Zeta Chapter of Psi Upsilon again a leader on the Dartmouth campus. A successful rushing program resulted in the addition of an outstanding pledge class which included twenty-two sophomores and one senior.

Redecoration of the living room and card room are now in process, and should be sharply in evidence this coming fall. These improvements can be attributed to the loyal support of our parents and alumni.

Psi U was again well represented in Dartmouth athletics. Three Brothers were on the football team; three on the hockey team; two on the swimming team; and one Brother on each of the track, golf, and skiing teams. Aside from this, Psi U ranked high in the inter-fraternity athletic competition.

An academic committee was set up to work for an improvement of our scholastic rating. The desire for this improvement is very strong among the Brothers, and it is hoped that this goal can be attained in the near future.

Socially Psi U enjoyed an outstanding year, highlighted by the Winter Carnival weekend.

All in all, the Zeta enjoyed a successful year in every way, and there is every indication that this will continue in 1956-57.

LAMBDA—(Murray L. Eskenazi '56). The past year has been one of growth in membership, growth of status on campus, and improvement of scholastic standing.

MEMBERSHIP

Last year the Lambda initiated 8 excellent men into the Bonds. The total number of Psi U's on the campus was 26 but only 21 held Active status.

Next year 19 Brothers will be returning to Columbia (10 undergraduates, 9 graduates). This is a firm, experienced, mature nucleus of men around which Chapter growth can be continued. Next year we will again increase our numbers by means of an extensive rushing program which has been planned during the Summer months.

QUARTERS

The Lambda has long suffered from inadequate quarters. Our present meeting place is in a suite of rooms in a men's dormitory and is unsuited to the social and rushing needs of the Chapter. During the past year extensive efforts to obtain a house were made by the active Chapter and by the Lambda Alumni Association. A suitable house has finally been found and the necessary financial support is being rallied. It is our hope that this Fall will find the Lambda installed in new quarters.

FINANCES

The Chapter began the 1955-56 year deeply in debt to Columbia University. By June 1956 the Lambda had substantially reduced its indebtedness and had incurred no new unpaid obligations.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Lambda ranked last scholastically among all Columbia fraternities in 1954-5. There was a marked improvement last year which is aptly illustrated by our movement upwards of from 8 to 10 places.

The older Brothers have freely aided the younger Brothers whenever help was needed. The system was so successful that four Brothers were removed from academic probation and we intend to continue the system in the future.

Individual honors: One Brother was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and another Brother was awarded an assistantship in the Geology Department. Both of these men are outstanding varsity athletes and are engaged in many other campus activities.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES—ATHLETICS

As a house, Psi Upsilon showed up very strongly in interfraternity athletic competition. Although Psi U was the smallest fraternity on campus we won about 75% of the competitions in which we engaged. We made fine showings in interfraternity football, softball, track, volleyball, swimming, and wrestling.

On the intercollegiate scene, 10 Brothers competed and all 10 won Varsity "C" awards in Swimming, Football, or Crew. Included in this group was a Brother who was Captain on the Varsity Crew.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES—NON-ATHLETIC

Psi U was the fraternity that gave the most support to the Interfraternity Spring Carnival. (The proceeds from the Carnival are donated to the Columbia College Scholarship Fund.) This was the sixth successive year that Psi Upsilon has won this distinction.

Individual Brothers were also active on campus. Psi U's were chairmen of two important interfraternity committees. Another Brother was Treasurer of his class. The campus radio station, WKCR, boasted the talents of Psi U's. Various campus publications in which Psi U's were active include the campus daily newspaper, senior yearbook, and the social science and literary quarterlies.

SOCIAL

The Lambda has not been very active socially. This was due to our lack of a suitable place in which to have social functions because the Lambda house is in a men's dormitory. However, thanks to the cooperation of the Delta Chapter, we held several rushing parties and a New Year's Eve party at the Delta house. Attendance at the various interfraternity functions was good. The Lambda was also well represented at the Founders Day Dinner when more than half of the Chapter attended.

POSITION OF THE CHAPTER ON THE CAMPUS

Psi Upsilon's status is that of a rising star. In 1954-5 the Chapter was virtually inactive in almost every respect and our reputation at Columbia fell sharply. 1955-56 was greeted with a flurry of activity and a unanimity of spirit seldom seen at Columbia. Every man of the Chapter is determined to prove that Psi U is the best fraternity at Columbia. On the athletic fields for Psi U and for Columbia, in extracurricular service to the Columbia community and to the Fraternity, in the classrooms, and in their relations with their fellow students, the Psi U's have demonstrated again and again their ability to cooperate and give freely of the heart and spirit for each other and for Columbia.

Friendships run deeper in the Lambda than in any other fraternity on campus. We are known for our exceptionally strong group unity and are respected by the student body and faculty because of it. We have rebuilt Psi U's reputation and we intend to do everything in our power to make Psi Upsilon the foremost fraternity on the Columbia campus in the years to come.

KAPPA—(Delcour S. Potter, Jr., '57 and Charles L. Sawyer '58). The Kappa Chapter of Psi Upsilon has continued to dominate the scene at Bowdoin College as well as maintain the high standards of Psi U.

Perhaps the most important function of the house began our first week of

the school year when 23 freshmen were pledged. The Freshmen have been hardy in spirit, diverse in interest, leaders in their class, and are proven Psi U's.

A great amount of the Kappa's cumulative energy has been devoted to academic achievement. While this seems to belie the fact that the Psi U's finished toward the bottom of the scholastic totem pole, the scholastic conscience of the house as a unit has been strong. Lacking a Phi Bete, the Kappa had 15 men on the Dean's List.

We are grateful for the help given us by our alumni. Brother F. Webster Browne (our financial Father) gave us encouraging reports in response to our pleas for a new rug in the living room, perhaps the most needed improvement in the house.

Psi U possesses the leader of the Student Council in John Simonds, a singing Meddie Richard Downes, top campus dramatist Donald Perkins and ROTC's Philoon Trophy Winner Frank McGinley.

The Kappa continues its excellence on the athletic field and holds the coveted Athletic Department Varsity Participation Trophy. The football team was led by a host of Psi U's—seven of whom were starters. Brother Rigby, past captain of the hockey team will leave this task to Brother Perry. It looks like there will be five Psi U's starting for the pucksters again next year. Brothers Stover and Libby led the basketball team this past winter. Stover was named All Tourney in the New Englands.

The baseball nine had at least five and sometimes seven starters from the "Garnet and Gold" of Bowdoin. Brother Rigby was elected All Maine.

The Bowdoin Ivy weekend was dominated by the men of Psi U. Brother Shepherd maintained the light mood of the weekend with his humorous address on behalf of the Junior Class. The Wooden Spoon awarded each year to the most popular Junior, went to Brother Perry. Brother Dick Davis supplied the camp with the Ivy Queen.

Under the able leadership of Brother Paul J. McGoldrick the Kappa looks forward to next year. We wish to remind one and all that the front door is always open at 250 Maine in Brunswick.

PSI—(Kevin Keogh '57, Ridgely B. Pierson, Jr., '57, William E. Billings, Jr., '58, John H. Caldwell '58 and Thomas K. Kunichika '58). The Psi would like to express its gratitude to the Phi for its generous hospitality during this Convention.

This has been a particularly good year for the Psi; we have been well represented scholastically, athletically, and in extra-curricular activities, and we have continued our drive to keep the Psi U house in excellent condition.

In scholarship, the Psi showed their excellence in the number of Brothers who, at the end of the first semester, won a place on the Dean's and Credit Lists; among them were Brothers Basler, Caldwell, Hasseltine, Patton, Bradley, Mahood, Mosher, Penfield, Eld, Gregory, Griffiths, Pierson, Hopkins, McLeod, Leard, Magzis, Richards, Eaker, Baruch, Billings, and Brooks. To Brother John Driscoll, who headed our scholarship committee, should go much credit for his untiring efforts in helping the freshmen keep their grades up.

As usual, the number of Brothers participating in varsity sports was large. President Cline was a co-captain of the football and track teams; next year's president, Kevin Keogh, was co-captain of the swimming team, and Brother Wayne Mahood was co-captain of the Lacrosse team. Brothers O'Brien, Murphy, Hasseltine, Job, Easton, Mahood, Finnegan, Santiago, MacNamara, and Eld all distinguished themselves on the football team in the fall, and Brother Patton proved to be an excellent cross country runner. Brothers Braisted, Friend, and Hall represented the Psi on the soccer field.

In the winter, Brothers O'Brien, Driscoll, and Hasseltine all played varsity basketball, and Brother O'Brien was elected co-captain of the team for the coming year. Brother Hopkins was on the swimming team.

In the spring, the Psi was again well represented athletically. Playing

varsity baseball were Brothers Hasseltine, Hovey, Finnegan, Giglio, and O'Brien; Brothers Eld, Basler, Braisted, McLeod, and Patton were on the track team. Brothers Baruch, Driscoll, Brown, Job, Gregory, Penfield, and Mosher played lacrosse, and Brother Levene distinguished himself on the golf team.

Eighteen Brothers of the Psi were members of the Block "H" Club, the letterman's association.

Nearly every member of the Psi participated in at least one extracurricular activity. President Earl Cline was president of the Inter-fraternity Council, a member of the Student Council, and a member of Pentagon, the senior honor society. Brother Driscoll was president of the sophomore class, a member of the Student Council, a member of the sophomore honor society, D.T., Chairman of Class Day Activities, vice-president of the Newman Club, and has been tapped by Was Los, junior honor society, for next year. Brother Feleppa did outstanding work with the Charlatans and was consequently elected that organization's assistant director for the coming year and was elected to Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics society. Brother Baruch distinguished himself on the Debate team, and was consequently named treasurer for next year and was elected to the national forensic society, Delta Sigma Rho. Brothers Billings and Kunichika have been named managing editor and feature editor, respectively, of the *Spectator* for the coming year; Brothers Magzis, Rhymer, and Richards wrote for the newspaper this year.

Brothers Esch, Brown, Easton, Kunichika, and McLeod were members of the International Relations Club. Belonging to the Spanish Club were Brothers Bradley and Griffiths, and to the French Club, Brothers Baruch and Levene. Brothers Hovey and Giglio sang with the Buffers, the Hamilton octette. Members of the Newman Club are Brothers Murphy, O'Brien, Hopkins, Keogh, Feleppa, and Esch. Brothers Easton, Riddle, Gregory, Kunichika, and Hall belonged to the Anglican Society, and Brother Hastings was a member of the Wesleyan Society. Brothers Pierson and Hall served on the Chapel Board, governing body of the college chapel. Brothers Lewis, Billings, Riddle, Kring, Gregory, and Eaker were members of the Biology Club. Freshmen Patton and Finnegan were elected to D.T., the sophomore honor society, for the coming year. Brother Leard was a member of the Student Christian Society. Brother Sykes was elected to the very important position of secretary of the Student Admissions Committee in the spring semester. Psi U's who sang in the Choir this year are Brothers Baruch, Bradley, Brooks, Hovey, Giglio, MacNamara, Leard, Richards, and Kunichika.

Our intramural sports teams were hindered by the fact that so many Brothers were ineligible because of participation in varsity sports, but the Psi nonetheless placed third in this competition after winning first place in basketball and hockey, second place in bowling, and third place in volley ball. Brother Al Drysdale, the intramural chairman this year, did a splendid job in building competitive spirit among the Brothers. In the Interfraternity Sing, Psi U placed third, and in the fall we won the interfraternity homecoming display competition.

Many improvements in the physical plant have been made during the past year. In the fall the active members themselves paid for new dining room chairs and for kitchen equipment. Complete redecoration of the lodge room, including the installation of new benches, was completed just before the Initiation ceremonies in February. This spring, much of the interior of the house has been repainted, and the Brothers have been working on the building of a patio in the front of the house.

With Paul Lewis as rushing chairman, the Psi pledged an excellent freshman delegation in the fall. Their initiation took place in February, and we were pleased to see so many alumni present at that time.

To Brother Tom Kunichika should go much credit for his assiduous research into the traditions and history of the Psi Chapter. Brother Kunichika gave regular reports on his studies throughout the year and helped to strengthen house spirit immensely.

Socially, it has been an excellent year. Social Chairman Bill Penfield, in addition to organizing the usual weekend parties, planned for us two cocktail parties for the faculty, which were a great success, and a fine Thanksgiving dinner to which alumni from this area were invited.

This year's officers of the Psi were: President, Earl Cline; Senior Officer, Paul Lewis; Junior Officer, Dick Griffiths; Sophomore Officer, Victor Hopkins; and Treasurer, Joe Giglio. Brother Kevin Keogh has been elected President for next year, and serving with him will be: Senior Officer, George McLeod; Junior Officer, John Driscoll; Sophomore Officer, Bob Patton; and Treasurer, Dan Gregory.

It would seem appropriate to discuss here the changes which have come about in our spirit toward Psi Upsilon, towards the fraternity as a whole. An undeniable change of this sort has come about, and it has been a beneficial one. Our change of attitude has been helping us to evolve into a stronger fraternity which realizes its own purposes.

Certain fraternity principles were lost during the War when this chapter was inactivated. It is not unusual that upon reactivation many of these principles were not fully stressed. Certain men may have joined because of the expediency and necessity of group living in a small college. Some were not fully interested in what the fraternity stood for. Since then, however, the chapter has improved to a point where most Brothers now realize the principles of the fraternity, and his duties to the fraternity.

With this revived realization there came another one of equal importance. A keener interest in tradition does not necessitate a reactionary movement. Such an interest is hopefully one which will bring about constructive changes which are based upon fraternal spirit. The fraternity is an extremely complex organization; and its problems must be met with the advancement of the fraternity in mind.

To this end, the Chapter has come to realize that a fraternity cannot exist for its own sake alone; it must show a college community spirit in order to have a healthy spirit of its own. The Brothers must show an interest—and a strong interest—in the college itself. The realization that the fraternity can be a top one only if it manifests great interest in college affairs is an important one. As preceding paragraphs of this report demonstrate, interest in extra-curricular affairs has grown enormously here in the past few years. Those who are capable are urged to take part in such activities. And the results of this change have indeed been beneficial to our Chapter.

It is important to be associated with a "great bunch of guys." It is also important that this "bunch" work hard to better their fraternity and to better their college. We feel that we are succeeding; the change is not complete, but it is, we hope, nearing completion.

XI—(Carl H. Van Etten '58 and John A. Lambert '59). As is already known, the Xi placed sixth on the Wesleyan Campus in the year 1954-55. After a slight drop-off scholastically in the first semester of this year, the Xi returned to sixth position on the campus for the year 1955-56. A great bit of this erratic scholarship work can be explained by the new freshman class. For the first semester, there seemed to be a great deal of nervousness and anxiety among the freshmen, and as soon as they became settled, results were apparent. Brothers Ted Fiske and Jack Lambert achieved first honors, while half of the freshman delegation ended the year with honors averages. This is by far the highest percentage of honor grades for a freshman class at the Xi in quite a while, and there is no reason to believe that there will be a break in this new line. Over all, the Xi showed great promise for an even better year to come in 1956-57, with the very good chance of having five or six more Brothers elected to Phi Beta Kappa next year.

In sports, the Xi kept up its good position on campus, sporting two captains this year—Brother Bretcher, swimming, and Brother Bixby, baseball.

Brother Corrodi was elected captain of football for next year, and shows great promise to head a very good team. This year thirteen Brothers received their Varsity letters, while seven freshmen earned their numerals.

All in all, this was an excellent year for the Xi. The only main problem was the fact that we did not pledge a full delegation. The reasons for this are not really known, but this has become the major topic of improvement at the Xi, and the Brothers feel confident that this situation can be remedied, and that we will pledge a delegation that will be an asset to Psi U.

UPSILON—(Robert J. Folwell '57 and William A. Miller '58). With the culmination of a gala June Weekend the Upsilon has just finished another eventful year. Friday night of the June Weekend was highlighted by the Psi U pie throwing concession which attracted even Dean Atkins, our dean of men.

This year the Upsilon pledged eleven topnotch men. Several of these Brothers have already made quite a name for themselves on the campus. Brother Forbes was president of the freshman class and next year will lead the sophomore class. Brother Pedersen is College Congress representative for the sophomore class besides being outstanding on the soccer field. In addition three of our new initiates are due to see quite a bit of action for the varsity eleven next fall.

With a large class graduating this year the Upsilon is planning to have room to pledge at least eighteen men next fall. Under the leadership of Rushing Chairman Folwell we feel certain that we can succeed in the work cut out for us.

Athletically the Upsilon has been outstanding this past year. The football and basketball teams were captained by Brothers Devereaux and Wood, respectively. Next year's gridders will again be led by two Psi U's in the persons of co-captains Doane and Iverson. A fine indication of the Upsilon's record is illustrated by the fact that on every varsity team there were Psi U's in the starting lineups. The weaker Brothers did all right for themselves by winning the intramural cross county, swimming, and football championships and finish second in the race for the all university intramural cup.

The Chapter is financially in the black and looking forward to some improvements in the house during the summer. The first of these will consist of a new boiler for our heating system. In the fall the Brothers are expecting to redecorate our living room and card room. We also have been anxiously awaiting the acquisition of new china.

Scholastically the Chapter's average has remained constantly above the all university average. Brothers Skehan, Wojnowski, and Iverson were honored this year by being elected to Tau Beta Pi. Judging from the amount of grinding for the recent finals displayed by the underclassmen, next year should be another outstanding scholastic year for the Upsilon.

All in all the 1955-56 school year was a very successful one for the Upsilon but all the active Brothers feel that with a little hustle next year can be just as successful.

IOTA—(Selden B. Daume, Jr., '58 and Richard B. Hester '57). The year 1955-56 has been a constructive one for the Chapter at Gambier, Ohio. Under the leadership of Joe Ryan, recently returned from the Air Force, as Archon the Chapter added five new members at graduation, June 9th, and three social members. For many reasons these new members are the strong point in the Chapter, and our future hopes for a strong Chapter academically as well as socially rest on them. On June 9th the Chapter stood at 26 members at least six of whom will not return next year. Paul Belin and Dave May graduated, and Dave was married the 16th of June. Kel Cohen will go to the University of New York, and Selden Daume will attend Michigan. Dick Needham and Joe Ryan will be working.

In scholarship the Iota Chapter ranked lowest on campus, we are sorry to report. However, the Dean has a great respect for the members of the Iota and it is well regarded on campus. All but a small few of its membership are constructive people who tend to add to the Chapter and build up its name on campus. It is too bad that the few sometimes make it hard for the many.

The officers for next year in the person of Doug Lawder, our key winning junior, as Archon and Pete Young as 1st Secretary should unify and strengthen the Chapter. They are highly regarded and respected by the members. We hope they will take a firm grip on the Chapter, which it badly needs. Sometimes our colleagues concentrate on the social side of life to the exclusion of the scholastic side.

Our alums have pledged themselves to refurbishing the Psi Upsilon Division for the year 1960, when the convention will be in Gambier. This is a very happy note to close the report on, and the Iota Chapter looks forward to this date with courage and hope.

When all is said the days are spent pleasantly in North Leonard Hall. Its members are a good bunch who could stand a little stimulus in the direction of the books.

PHI—(Thomas W. Prunk '57 and John McG. Neff '59). The opening of the fall term of 1955 heralded a busy and ambitious year for the Brothers at the Phi Chapter. It was a year filled with a wide variety of activity, ranging from the first semester's rushing and pledging to the preparations for this National Convention on the 30th anniversary of the Chapter House here on Hill Street.

The achievements of the Brothers at the Phi brought particular distinction to Psi Upsilon in the field of extracurricular activities here at Michigan. Several Brothers carried on the fine Psi U tradition in the University's Interfraternity Council—twice rated the best in the nation by the NIFC in the past five years. Brother Mike Lynch served very capably as secretary of the organization, writing the annual report that most recently gained top commendation from the NIFC. In the legislative branch Brother John Calvin was one of five district presidents in the Fraternity Presidents Assembly and sat with Brother Lynch on the Executive Council. Both Mike and John were also honored with membership in Hectorians, the recently formed fraternity men's honorary society.

Brother Tim Leedy served ably as co-chairman of the publications committee in the IFC executive branch and in the Spring Senior Offices Election was voted president for this year by the FPA. For his outstanding work on the Michigan Campus, Tim was initiated into Michigauma, the All Campus, All Men's, Senior Honorary—the highest recognition a student can achieve on this campus.

Also, Brother Fred Sheldon became a member of the Fraternity Buyers' Association Board of Directors, while Brothers Steve Betteridge, Dana Denault, John Neff and Terry Dierdorff secured committee appointments on the IFC.

During Greek Week, held in the Spring, Brother Calvin served as co-chairman of the first evening's events, highlighted by an address by former Olympic champion Jesse Owens. John was also master of ceremonies at the Greek Week Jazz Concert which featured the outstanding fraternity and sorority talent.

In athletics the Phi was ably represented on the swimming team by Brother Tom Prunk, while Brother Dana Larson continued his top-notch performances on both the Michigan gymnastic and cheerleading squads. Academically the Chapter continued to raise its scholastic standing and Brothers Pete Smith and John Neff were awarded the newly created Orin E. Scott Awards for first semester freshmen in the top ten percent of their class.

The Brothers at the Phi rounded out their year with a highly successful series of social events. Highlight of the fall was a gala Fathers' Weekend.

Many Brothers also attended and enjoyed the Founders Day Banquet held during November in Detroit. The Chapter participated with the Delta Gamma's in the campus-wide Christmas parties given by the Greeks for grade school children in the Ann Arbor area. The fall semester was climaxed with the always colorful Christmas Formal.

A highly enjoyable Bermuda party was held early in the spring and was followed after spring vacation by a trip into Detroit to see the *Pajama Game* on Mothers' Weekend. To complete the spring term the Phi held its annual party with the Epsilon Nu Chapter from Michigan State, ending the social calendar on a high note before buckling down to examinations.

Late in the summer many of the Brothers returned to give the Chapter House an extensive overhauling for this 114th National Convention. Greatly facilitated by the continuous fine support from the Chapter's Alumni Corporation, the work progressed smoothly. With the arrival of all the Brothers the house was put in top shape for the convention and for another year which we hope will be as successful as the last.

OMEGA—(John W. Frankenfeld '55 and Richard G. Gaynor '59). The Omega of Psi Upsilon has long been the outstanding fraternity on the University of Chicago campus and it is, of course, the major objective of our Chapter to maintain or improve upon this standing. With the increasingly favorable attitude of the administration toward fraternities at the university, the entire fraternity system is gaining great strength. Many fraternities hitherto quite small and weak are managing to gain in numbers quite easily. We feel this is an advantage to all fraternities, strong and weak alike. In order to do this, however, most other houses are rushing indiscriminately and as a result are losing the autonomy of spirit which characterizes a true fraternity.

The Omega has steadfastly refused to do this. Rushing is done at a more leisurely pace and such important decisions are made with extreme care. The recently initiated pledge class of 17, one of the largest and certainly the outstanding of all the University of Chicago delegations, is more than adequate testimony to the success of this policy.

The Omega has long been known as a strong athletic fraternity (yes, the word "athletic" is still used at the U. of C.), and it is one of our main objectives not only to maintain this reputation but also to become more and more prominent in other fields of endeavor. Success in both these objectives has been great. In addition to winning the intramural sports championship (ours since time began) and the Varsity Cup (the Omega has won it ever since it was inaugurated eight years ago), Psi U rated third on campus in scholarship (tied for first with Theta Epsilon among Psi U's). As individuals, too, Psi U's excelled. The A. A. Stagg medal for athletics and scholarship went once again to a Psi U and three of the eight men chosen this year by the administration as outstanding leaders in extra curricular activities were members of the Omega.

But a greater objective yet is to make Psi Upsilon a fraternity in the true sense of the word—to foster an autonomy of spirit among a wide diversity of interests. To do so we must and shall maintain our policy of careful selection. We must also, however, broaden our viewpoint toward petty prejudices which exclude from our Chapter individuals who could otherwise fulfill the requirements mentioned above and who would significantly contribute to the welfare and success of our group.

Activities of the Omega are many and varied. Fraternities have, in recent years, been the hub of social life at the university and Psi U has, as always, done its utmost to support fraternity and non-fraternity affairs. The "Hard Times Party," Psi U's major all campus party, is one of the university's outstanding social events. In addition the Omega sponsors a great many private parties with other social groups, the major one being the annual two-way formal with Alpha Delta Phi.

An innovation this year was the faculty-Psi U cocktail party held in the early spring. The party was designed to give instructors and students alike an opportunity to meet in a very informal atmosphere, a rarity at the U. of C. The event was such a rousing success that it had to be repeated near the end of the school year. Other groups, we feel, will follow suit next year and the Omega plans to make the party a semi-annual affair.

The big event of the year, however, is the alumni weekend and the Intra-Fraternity Sing held each year in June. Here the Chapter goes all out to make the alums feel at home. The turnout of alumni is always great and nearly every year (including 1950) the count of Psi U Alums tops that of any other fraternity.

In all activities, therefore, the Omega has compiled a record of success worthy of envy of any other U. of C. fraternity.

PI—(Donald G. Piper '57 and Earl W. McNulty '58). After the vicious, but enjoyable, social whirl of pre-school activities, the returning members of the Pi reluctantly settled down to the serious business of scholastic education. Following the suggestion that this report be in the form of constructive improvement towards keeping or making Psi Upsilon the first ranking fraternity on every campus where there is a Chapter, it would seem worthwhile here to reprint a part of Brother Richard A. Horstmann's report of Chapter status which appeared in the January issue of *The Diamond*:

"This month's communication is different from other communications that have been sent to *The Diamond* in the past for several reasons. I have just finished reading with great interest the keynote address given at the Convention by Dr. Robert J. Samp, Rho '49, in September. The portion of his talk that was of the closest personal interest dealt with his telling of how the fraternities themselves, through their own lethargy and willingness to accept a status quo, have become their own worst enemies. He singled out for an example close at hand the 'Chapters Speak' portion of any issue of *The Diamond*, and what he said is very true. I've written one of the articles of the type to which he refers; I'd planned to write another along the same line—as did every other Associate Editor, I'll bet—for this coming issue.

"But, of course, after digesting Dr. Samp's remarks, I was left with no choice but to try and follow his suggestions. I think they are good ones.

"This communication, then, is one which tells not of a snowball fight with the Dekes, but of the status of the Chapter today. Without telling of Brother So-and-so and his activities as manager of the knitting team, I've tried to show what has been done and what still can be done about the situation which is most pertinent here. It is not a too-pretty picture, and in painting it I've left out all mention of the usual things that lighten up that portion of the magazine for which I'm writing. The everyday picture here at the Pi is not as bleak as it sounds; a visitor would find this Chapter as healthy and restful as any others. But the real story, for a change, lies in what I've written. I hope this is something more of what Brother Samp means. Dr. Charles B. Piper, Pi '01, in his address at the Colgate Initiation banquet captivated us all with his memories of the Chapter in his undergraduate days and left us with some of the real meaning of Psi Upsilon—what it has meant, and even more strongly means now, to him, and in turn, what it should mean to us. It has made us think quite a bit about just what a true fraternity is."

The word itself comes from Frater, meaning Brother. The joining and working together of Brothers in a group is fraternity, and therein lies the secret of making it all worthwhile. The key is the word together. Without true unity any fraternity becomes little more than a place to hang hats and gather for meals.

In February, 1955, the Pi Chapter was placed on Social Probation for an indefinite period by Syracuse University for infraction of an administration rule covering registration of a party held off campus. This means that our social activities as such are greatly curtailed and that, under such limitations, the Chapter is urged to seek other ways, besides a straight diet of parties and nothing else, to channel our activities as a group. This can work for both the administration's benefit and ours; by strengthening ourselves through a better choice of recreations and functions we improve individually and, more importantly, as a unit. As a stronger fraternity we should improve the system as a whole and earn not only respect from the University, but some self-respect as well.

Since going on probation, the Chapter has taken some of the steps that, if carried through, will invite the administration to take us off pro. Efforts have been made to improve scholarship to the point where it compares favorably with the all-men's average. A party was held for orphans at Christmas. We helped form and then entered the reactivated inter-fraternity touch football league, and won the championship into the bargain. There were other activities that followed the same pattern.

Through these and other means there has been an improvement. With University permission we held the large and successful banquet Colgate Weekend and a Christmas Formal as well. The Formal was not only a success as a dance, but as a cooperative effort, because there existed, from the extensive preparations through to the singing of "Brothers, the Day Is Ended" at the evening's close, a measure of true cooperation and brotherly effort that we realized, once we were in its presence, had been lacking before.

The house at this writing is still on probation. This semester is an important one, for what has been started must be continued, our past efforts must be doubled, and re-doubled, if necessary, to build this Chapter to the place that it should occupy. There must be a singleness of purpose in the mind of every Brother at every time. Thinking about Dr. Piper's talk can help. But still, thought and talk are cheap unless something is done about what you're thinking and talking about. We've got the material, we've made the start. The job is up to us.

During the year, various individuals within the house have made worthwhile contributions to their school as well as to themselves and Psi U. Some excel in the field of sports, such as Vince Maneri and Jim Morrissey in lacrosse; Dick Barstow, our new president, in baseball; and in crew, Chuck Hatch, Dene Kimball and Jack MacLelland, who stroked the varsity; also, Al McKnight, who was captain of the sailing team. In other fields we have Bob Johnson, in Orange Key, Junior Men's Honorary; Earl McNulty, Junior Class vice-president, and six men on Traditions Commission, an upper class activities Honorary.

Since Brother Horstmann wrote his article, the house has been removed from social probation. This cannot be attributed to any one factor, but rather was a result of the combined efforts of all the Brothers to return the Chapter to its high level of prestige on the Syracuse campus.

CHI—(Gregory E. Jones '57 and Robert J. Schuler '59). For the past year the Chi has been continuing the high standards in the eleven phases of campus life that it has practiced in the past.

The tunnel to the new men's dorms that Brother Bin Pettit, Chi 55, spoke of at the 1954 Convention is paying off huge dividends to the Chapter. This last year, the first of the deferred rushing set up by the University, garnered us a crop of the 28 best pledges on the hill. This enabled us to retain our campus reputation as the best house at Cornell.

The increase in the number of pledges has made it necessary to tighten up the living facilities in the fraternity house. The present plan calls for the housing of 48 men in the house. The Chapter house is also receiving the

benefits of the large membership. This last year the Chapter purchased a new television set and with the financial aid of the little Chi Association of New York climaxed a three year search for an oriental rug.

One sore spot in the total picture of the Chi is the drop in academic position on the campus. In spite of the large number of Tau Beta Pi's and the Chapter's first Phi Beta Kappa in over thirty years, we have dropped considerably in our rating.

The Chi had its usual good representation in athletics and the fine honor of having one of its members try out for the Olympic basketball team. Among our freshmen we have had representation in football, basketball, track, lacrosse, baseball, and swimming. We are looking forward to a good year for Psi U athletes.

The Chi has had its usual fine social season this past year. The Brothers seem satisfied with the number of parties and the campus itself has come to look at the Psi U house as a favorite place to spend an evening. The Chi extends its hospitality to any Brother who may venture into the wilds of the Finger Lakes.

BETA BETA—(Frank H. Boos, III, '57 and Daniel J. Kenefick, III, '57). The new look at the Beta Beta, which has been gaining as the school year nears its end, is really a new approach to an old look. The house has been repainted the same color. But it is what has been happening inside the newly painted house that we thought would interest you. To put it simply—the more interest we have taken in Trinity College, the more meaningful our own fraternity has become.

We have already heard from some of you in regard to our book fund, a new program begun this semester in conjunction with the College Library. A few months ago, the Chapter was searching for some way to maintain the *esprit de corps* which first place in the Campus Chest and an honorable mention in the annual Stunt Night had engendered. We were looking for a permanent program to benefit both the College and the Chapter, and we found the idea in the very traditions of the Beta Beta. Our origin as the Black Book Society and our consequent heritage of literary exercises pointed the way. At a Wednesday night meeting in February, a resolution to establish a book fund was passed unanimously. We think the exact wording will interest you.

THE RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That a portion of the Eating Club fund not more than \$75 per semester be used to buy books for the Trinity College Library, and that this portion will be derived through an assessment of the Brotherhood of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon by the steward of the Eating Club, said assessment to total not more than \$75 per semester or consist of an individual assessment per Brother of not more than \$5 per semester, the said money to be given at the beginning of each semester to the head of the Trinity College Library, who shall select the books, his selection being subject to the approval of a majority of the current Brotherhood.

The Library provided a book plate at their own expense, designed by us with the help of Mr. John Taylor of the Fine Arts Department, who did a modern rendering of the house seal, the circled serpent enclosing the Greek letters Beta Beta. On the book plate, the seal appears below the name "Trinity College Library" and above the words "Gift of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon."

Several other fraternities on campus have expressed a desire to establish similar book funds, and we are offering ours as an example of the ease with which it may be done. Brother Albert C. Jacobs of the Phi Chapter has expressed his pleasure as has Brother A. Northey Jones, who lunched with us recently. Faculty members have been generally enthusiastic, recognizing the fund as a valuable supplement to the often limited assets of the Library in acquiring outstanding works of modern American and foreign literature.

WE ENLIST YOUR HELP

It has been suggested that the alumni Brothers might be interested in helping us to firmly establish the fund either by the donation of books or by the gift of money. The College is in the initial stage of a new development program, and one of its ideas for prospective patrons is the gift of books. If you are going to give to the College Library, why not do it through the Beta Beta? We will be glad to arrange matters by acting as a mailing address and clearing house. For information, write to Brother Robert Doran, care of the house.

To give you some idea of the nature of books that are being bought with the book fund, here are some of the titles and authors in the first purchase: *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas, *The Acceptance World* by Anthony Powell, *A Sailor's Life* by Jan Hartog, *That Uncertain Feeling* by Kingsley Amis, *A House of Children* by Joyce Cary.

CHARITY IN THE FIELD HOUSE

We mentioned a first in the Campus Chest drive. That was in November. For the first time the fraternities were pitted against each other in an effort to meet the quota. Brother Stanson, who was Chairman of the campus-wide drive, succeeded in obtaining one hundred percent support from his own house. At a rally in the Memorial Field House the last night of the campaign, the Beta Beta, by contributing more than its quota, placed first in a spirited rivalry with one of the other houses.

The honorable mention at the Stunt Night was achieved by the excellent script written by Brother Ringheiser. The only serious production of the evening, it was a Thornton Wilder-styled scene, in blank verse, presented with artful direction by Brother Jepson and unusual lighting effects by Brothers Nash and Turner. The audience, surprised by the depth and polish of the performance, was inclined at first to deride it, but the mixed reception at the end indicated that it had made an impression. The entire house participated, with only six of the brothers having speaking parts.

IMPROVEMENT IN SPORTS

If two successes warranted a third, there could have been no better field for it than in sports. The winter season ended with a first place for the Beta Beta in wrestling, with Brothers Holbrook and Williams pacing Brothers Pickering and Stanson; a second place in squash, through the team effort of Brothers Holbrook, Pickering, Shields, Turner, and Williams, and Eating Club Member Percy; and a third place in the swimming meet, with Brother Whitney winning the backstroke and Brother Moran the diving competition. On the varsity squash team were Brothers Kenefick and Moran. The latter, who won the award, donated by John A. Mason (D. Psi '34), for the Most Improved Squash Player, was elected Captain of the varsity for next year.

As the baseball season began, it is interesting to note that more than ninety percent of the fraternity had participated in intramural sports at least once, and an increased interest promises improvement toward winning more in the future.

REDECORATION OF ROOMS

The house itself is in fair condition. While major repairs are required within a year, especially in reinforcing the second floor hallway, good care has been taken of the property so that damage has been little and expenses few. The walls of the two front rooms downstairs have been redecorated. The former Green Room has had the fireplace wall papered with a sailing motif. The other walls remain deep green. This room now contains the television set, which the Brothers gave keen attention while the Egans of Trinity were appearing on the \$64,000 Question. The former Blue Room was given a paper of grey and gold design with a rail to guard the walls from the furniture. Brother Turner having done the whole work of papering both rooms, the Blue Room was renamed in his honor, the Turner Room, much to his distress. Coffee, as usual, is served there on Wednesday nights after dinner and before the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Individual achievements have been many. The Beta Beta continues to dominate the Corinthian Yacht Club, and Brothers Nash and Williams placed high in the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Regatta. The latter was recently elected to the Executive Council of the New England Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association. Brother Turner, Secretary in this year's Student Senate, is vice-president of the Jesters, the Dramatic Group. Brother Stanson succeeded Brother Stephens as Chairman of the Embassy Plan. It was his responsibility to get ministers from the surrounding area as leaders of fraternity discussions on religion. His success could be measured by the enthusiasm of the student body for the visiting firemen.

Brother Baker has just copyrighted, trademarked, and applied for patent for a game that he was instrumental in designing. Called Spellavision, it is intended mainly for children between the ages of six and twelve, as a new technique in teaching how to spell. Played with Scrabble-type squares and magnets, it will be marketed in the fall by National Games, headed by the father of Brother Makrianes. An exclusive on the game will be carried by the United Press in July, and Captain Kangaroo, the matinee idol of juvenile television, has agreed to support it. Brother Baker wants us to tell you that Spellavision will be found in better stores throughout the United States in time for the Christmas Rush.

NAMES AND PLACES

New Brothers include: Richard Graham Hall of Old Lyme, Conn.; Timothy Tenney Holbrook of Mt. Kisco, N. Y.; Bernard Austin Moran, Jr., N. Y.; Augustin Hamilton Parker, III of Sherborn, Mass.; Richard Loring Pickering of Salem, Mass.; Chester Charles Ringheiser of Jersey City, N. J.; and Benjamin Jackson Williams of Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Again this year as in most, the responsibility of running the house has rested on a few elected individuals. We owe them a vote of thanks for the good job they have done. Those who have held the president's chair are Brothers Nash, Makrianes, and Turner. The vice-presidents have been Brothers Hurr, French, Stanson, and Turner. Brother Woodward, rounding out another year as Secretary, has just been elected the new Interfraternity Council representative, replacing Brother Hurr.

ALUMNI, DINING AND VISITING

A fraternity is primarily a social organization. Fortunately, graduation does not terminate the pleasures of membership. Since September we have had the pleasure of seeing a great many of you, here at the house, at a dinner in Boston, at a dinner in New York, and at a number of other places where good Psi U's get together. If we miss any names in the following paragraphs, let us know.

The first annual Psi U Boston Dinner was held at the Tennis and Racket Club in Boston in February. Ably organized by Brothers Smith and Crocker, it consisted of cocktails and dinner, followed by entertainment by Bosco. Besides some dozen Brothers from the Sigma, these Beta Betas were present: Brothers Adams, Hale, Merriman, Minot, Fremont-Smith, Nash, Winslow, and Williams, not to mention the organizers.

Brothers Brims and Stanson attended, as representatives for the Chapter, the New York Founders' Day Dinner at the University Club in New York on the 18th of November. They reported a liberal number of Beta Betas present.

The fall weekends saw the greatest influx of alumni. The following deserve special recognition for having visited us more than once: Brothers Jerome Webster and A. Northey Jones. At the fall convocation, we were honored with the presence of Brother A. Blair Knapp, Pi '26 and President of Denison College, as well as our own Brother Louis G. Harriman. Brother Sumner Shepherd again officiated at our initiation ceremonies.

Officers from the Junior Class have now been elected. They are: President, John Duncan Shields; 1st vice-president, Frank Holgate Boos, III; 2nd vice-president, John Hall Woodward; Secretary, Richard Loring Pickering; Treasurer, Benjamin Jackson Williams.

ETA—See page 18 of Records.

TAU—(Jay F. Frank '57). This year saw many improvements made at the Tau Chapter. Perhaps the most noteworthy of these was our much improved scholastic standing, coming from a 2.9 to 3.13. This greatly increased our standing in reference to other fraternities on campus, many of which experienced serious declines in their scholastic averages. Psi Upsilon advanced from 36th to 21st during the one year period.

Although the Chapter was somewhat hampered by having only twenty-seven active Brothers until rushing late in the second semester, considerable progress was made in the field of extra-curricular activities. We started the year with three members of the lightweight football team, one light-weight crew man, a member of the University of Pennsylvania Marching Band, a member of the Spirit Committee, a member of the Junior Board of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, a member of the Undergraduate Council and the President of the Junior Class. During the year we added a member of the Houston Hall Student Board of Directors, a member of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, three members of the Mask and Wig Club, a member of the Freshman Mask and Wig show, the Chairman of the Spirit Committee, the President of the Interfraternity Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Undergraduate Council. A Tau man will also be in charge of this fall's entire Freshman Orientation program.

We have also increased our membership in the honorary societies at Pennsylvania. Last year we had one member of Friars Senior Society and the Treasurer of Phi Kappa Beta, the Junior Society. This year we have a Brother in Phi Kappa Beta and one in each of the senior societies, Sphinx and Friars.

The Tau also fared well in rushing as in other years. Our active membership should be increased to about thirty-seven for the coming fall semester. We feel that much of our success is due to the co-operation of our alumni who helped us considerably by submitting names and additional funds for our rushing program. We hope that interested alumni will continue to send the names of prospective rushees to our rushing chairmen for consideration.

The social season was also a memorable one with the house coming out strong for Interfraternity Weekend, Skimmer Weekend, and of course, for the traditional Psi U Christmas Party. The highlight of the spring season came when the men of the Tau soundly trounced the Eta Chapter in the annual softball game at our spring outing. It was a pitchers' battle all the way, the score being 29-23 after two extra innings.

At the present we are looking to the Tau for continued improvement academically and in extra-curricular activities. The coming year should be the best that the Tau has experienced in quite a few years.

MU—(Bruce A. Moulton '56 and Richard B. Schwarz '58). This past year at the Mu has seen many noteworthy accomplishments that we feel will benefit the Chapter in future years.

One of our prime objectives of the past years has been to improve our relationship with the dormant alumni. This year marked a splendid advancement in this direction. The success of our annual alumni banquet indicated a new and enthusiastic interest by the alumni towards the active Chapter. This new interest was reflected in a sizable appropriation for much needed improvements and redecoration of the Chapter house. This year also saw the organization of our Young Alumni group. The purpose of this group of recent graduates, is to bring the older alumni and the activities of the Chapter closer together.

An increase in Chapter cooperation has distilled much of the past apathy. Our rushing program throughout the year netted many worthy Psi U's, but due to improper orientation toward studies, our Chapter lost many pledges. This has brought about the increased desire of the Chapter to improve the scholarship average of the pledges. Though the active Chapter has increased to the 70th percentil rating, our pledge average standing is far below it. In recent meetings the subject was discussed and a scholarship chairman appointed who will work closely with the pledge trainers to rectify this situation.

With the appointment of a most able house manager, Bill Saufferer, the Mu Chapter moved to a sound position by running in the black for the first time in the past few years. With the financial assistance of the alumni and the help of the University we were able to solve our precarious financial situation. Still somewhat of a problem at the Mu is the old question of accounts receivable which remains at too high a sum.

The wonderful work of the Mother's Club has gone a long way towards improving the attractiveness of the house. We owe our newly tiled and painted dining room floor to them in addition to the new drapes and dishes. The Mother's Club tells us they are looking forward to an even better year when fall rolls around.

The results of the year's sports activities placed the Mu in fifth among thirty-three participating fraternities. We ranked high in football, basketball, softball and swimming and golf. On the varsity swimming team was Dave Bowers while Perry Gehring and Lyle Hubbard represented the Mu on the football squad.

The future outlook of the Mu is bright as John Hauschild assumes the president's chair. With his able aides Dick Sherman as Vice-President and Dick Anderson as Secretary, and losing only four men to graduation, we find ourselves in a strong position for the coming year.

RHO—(Raoul F. Bouffard '57 and Marc D. Musser '58). The past year has been an important and gratifying one for the Rho Chapter of Psi Upsilon. The combined efforts of the alumni and active members resulted in our pledging a fine pledge class, and throughout the year this close relationship between the alumni and actives continued. The alumni of the Rho have always shown deep interest in their fraternity and they have been instrumental in Psi U's growth at Wisconsin.

The active chapter too, has shown a very keen interest in the development of Psi U and has worked hard to improve its weaknesses. During the past year, the greatest amount of concern and effort was placed on scholastics. Scholastic deficiencies has pulled the fraternity standing below normal and to correct this, study programs were organized and individual help given where needed.

At the end of the year nearly all grades were satisfactory and during the coming year, we hope to make even further improvement.

During the past year the Rho was extremely successful in athletics and in other campus activities and we are proud of these achievements. In the fall the Rho was the winner of the football championship and for the rest of the year placed fourth in the race for the Badger Bowl, a trophy given to the fraternity excelling in all athletics.

Socially, Psi Upsilon was also very successful. Good relations were continued with all fraternities and sororities and each of our parties reflected the spirit of our men.

Though Psi U has been strong as a group, it has also had many individual standouts. Many men have stood out in their studies, while others have obtained positions on various campus committees or have participated in other worthwhile activities.

We of the Rho, look forward to the coming year and hope that by bettering Psi U at the University of Wisconsin, we will better it on all other campuses.

EPSILON—(Craig L. Wiley '57). The Epsilon usually categorizes its accomplishments into three campus fields: social, athletics, and scholastics.

Socially, Epsilon is still a leader on the California campus with the Chapter taking part in many functions which are held in conjunction with the sororities. Many of its Brothers hold offices or are active members in the honor and athletic societies; namely the Big "C", Skull and Keys, Beta Beta, the Triune Society, and Winged Helmet.

As usual the semi-annual Faculty Banquet and the annual Parents Day dinner were held at the Chapter, and each being very successful. A week before finals each semester we hold the "Senior Dinner". In the fall we honored nine seniors and this spring there were six. The dinners were filled with fun and entertainment rendered the undergraduates by the honored guests.

The Epsilon Mothers' Club has taken a much appreciated interest in the Chapter. They sponsored two open houses during the fall semester before the University of Washington and the University of Southern California football games. They also held a card party this spring and raised enough money to buy new rugs for the stairs and hallways.

In athletics, Epsilon again this year participated very actively. Three of its members held positions on last season's varsity football team and two members on the varsity track team.

The Chapter has placed more emphasis on studies this year and as a result there has been a great improvement in our scholastic standing in the university. Out of forty-nine fraternities on campus the house has risen from the rank of thirty-seventh in 1955 to nineteenth this year.

This past year we pledged fourteen men who have also been outstanding socially, athletically and scholastically.

Six of the freshmen have earned their letters in sports including football, basketball, track, and crew. The freshmen have also helped to improve the Chapter's scholastic rank by placing fourth on campus.

With acquiring an outstanding pledge class last fall and with the possibility of acquiring another one this coming fall, the Epsilon Chapter believes that it will be able to maintain its high standing on the University of California campus.

OMICRON—(Roger N. Creaden '57). The Omicron started the 1955-56 school year by netting 22 capable men. Included in the pledge class were two third generation and one second generation Psi U's.

Activity-wise, the Omicron has Brothers in all major activities including the Daily Illini Newspaper, Senior Manager of Star Course, 2nd in command of the Army R.O.T.C., Glee Club, University Choir, University Theater, Student Senate and Illini Union.

Again the Omicron has made a good showing in major I. M. sports.

Newest of our trophies, and equaling last year's capture, is the Division Championship in water polo. The Omicron is favored to finish in the top 15 of 58 fraternities in I.M. sports.

The Historical Triad, Winter Formal, and Psi U Weekend dances were all successes and provided some of our social activity, not to mention the frequent record dances, hay rides and weekend get-togethers. Perhaps the social roster was highlighted by the Delta Delta Delta-Psi U Christmas Party given for a nearby orphans' home. The party provided fun for all.

Scholastically, the Omicron slipped from its previous higher positions, but even with this temporary setback Brother Ken Derby was initiated to scholastic honoraries Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi. Brother Jim Archer was initiated to Phi Beta Kappa.

Over the last three years, the Omicron has felt the need for an increased house membership, but has been hampered by the lack of facilities. Now we have taken action. With the backing of our strong alumni association, a \$45,000 building project will be set off during the summer vacation. Plans are to increase the house capacity from 48 to 62 members, by adding six new rooms in the basement. From the plans submitted, the rooms will be ultra-modern and will hold an additional 14 men. With this increase in membership, the Omicron will be able to further expand social and activity wise on the campus. Financially speaking, the increased membership will solve the budget problems that we have faced over the last few years.

Teamed with the increased house membership, the new house officers and senior class have completely revamped our activity and social program.

With the combination of the increased membership and the new social-activity program, the success of the coming semester looks terrific!

All Brothers in the central Illinois area are urged to stop at the Omicron and say hello to the Brothers.

DELTA DELTA—See page 19 of Records.

THETA THETA—(D. Bowen King '57 and George W. Matheson '57). We of the Theta Theta and the Puget Sound Alumni Association would like to extend to all the Brothers at the convention a very warm greeting.

As to our present status and progress at the University of Washington, our accomplishments during the past year have been the following:

- (1) Our outstanding freshman class of 25 pledges has proven to a great credit to the Theta Theta and Psi Upsilon.
- (2) In regards to athletics the Theta Theta Brothers included varsity quarterback, starting pitcher for the frosh baseball team, top man on the golf squad, and four freshmen participating in crew. Our intramural sports program was very successful, ranking among the top in all sports entered.
- (3) Of the 39 fraternities at the University of Washington, Theta Theta previously ranked 37th scholastically. We have now advanced to 17th, which is above the all-men's university average. Present signs show that this trend is not going to stop at this mark.
- (4) Many Brothers represented the Theta Theta in the Purple Shield, Big W Club, Pi Omicron Sigma, and Oval Club honoraries. The Theta Theta has held numerous campus offices including the President of the Interfraternity Council.

When the Brothers return for the fall term, they will be moving into a new and greatly expanded Chapter house. This impressive project was made

possible through the untiring efforts of the Puget Sound Alumni Association and a very successful bond campaign which is now in the completion stage. We assure you the Theta Theta will always be proud of these Brothers and thankful to them for their outstanding guidance and Brotherhood.

Along with the new Chapter house, we are adopting a concept of less individualism and stronger Brotherhood within the fraternity. We are applying this concept through the newly initiated means of class distinction. It is our belief that this will aid in building a stronger fraternal bond between the Brothers.

In closing we would like to extend a very cordial invitation to the Brothers to visit our new Chapter house. Of course, the door is always open to the Brothers of Psi Upsilon.

NU—(John R. M. Bristol '57 and Garth S. P. Wadsworth '57). The second year in our new house at 221 St. George Street has proved to be more enjoyable than was expected. With the initial hectic period of moving in being now past history, the Nu's settled down to the more usual type of Fraternity life. The rushing was more orderly than the previous year and as a result we came up with an excellent number of new Brothers.

Both new and old Brothers contributed to the Athletic standards of Psi Upsilon. Brothers Pete Potter and John Sheppard were standouts for the Varsity basketball team while Brother Norm Williams excelled in track and field competition and, for his efforts, has gained a good chance to represent Canada in the hurdles competition in the forthcoming Olympic games in Australia. Many Brothers were active in all intramural sports and Psi U gleaned many honours. There was also fine talent and Brotherhood displayed at both the 'in-house Out House' football and hockey games.

Academically the year was fair, with less than the usual number of Brothers receiving honours. Special mention should be made of Brother Ken Blackwell who, through a sustained effort came up with honours in chemical engineering. At the University of Toronto Law School, Brother Art Binnington was a prize winner.

The Nu Chapter saw a past year of new vigour and internal strengthening. There was a return to the strict interpretation of the constitution and a closer observance to ritual. Singing was emphasized and was found to be a very important part of our strengthening and thus new song books for the next year are on order with sheet music being purchased for those *few* Brothers who sing slightly off key.

With an even and more stable membership slated in the house for next year all the Nu's are looking forward to a fuller and more complete University and Fraternity life. The ever open door of the Nu again offers a special invitation to all Brothers and assures them that they will not be disappointed if they knock on the door of 221 St. George Street.

EPSILON PHI—(Louis A. Donolo, Jr., '58 and Norman G. Souaid '58). To help clarify some of the figures used, these two statistics may prove helpful. Fraternities on the McGill campus comprise about fifteen per cent of the student body. Psi Upsilon's membership is about thirty-five men.

For the past few years we have considered ourselves to be one of the top three fraternities, if not the best, on the campus. This opinion has also been shared by many non-fraternity students.

The fraternity's record during the school year of 1955-56 strengthened our position even further as Psi U more than held its own. We led the fraternities on the campus in extra-curricular accomplishments and gave a very creditable showing in athletics. The scholarship record however, fell off a little from the previous year.

1. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A good yardstick of the fraternity's success in this field during the year is the number of Student's Society Major Executive Awards and Honourable Mentions received by our Brothers. These awards, signifying the most noteworthy achievements in extra-curricular activities, are given annually to those who have made outstanding contributions to student affairs by virtue of their ability and performance.

Psi U men copped three of nineteen Major Executive Awards, and four of twenty-five Honourable Mentions awarded this year. This was a far better showing than any other fraternity on the campus could present.

A large percentage of the rest of the fraternity was also actively engaged in extra-curricular work, but to a less spectacular degree.

2. ATHLETICS

Psi U can also be very proud of its athletic record in 1955-56. We had three men on the Senior Football team, including the league scoring champion, two on the Intermediate Football team, two on the Senior Hockey team, three on the Track and Field squad, one on the Intermediate Basketball team, one on the Rigger team, and one on the Badminton team. All of the above teams are McGill's representatives in various intercollegiate leagues.

In inter-fraternity competition Psi U demonstrated its versatility by compiling the best overall record. Of the four inter-fraternity sports, we won the squash championship and placed second in football, losing the final playoff game by one point.

We believe that these accomplishments, which were a little better than those of the previous year, made Psi U the most active fraternity on the campus. These, combined with our other less concrete assets, put, or perhaps kept, Psi Upsilon at the top of the list.

3. SCHOLARSHIP

Psi U's scholarship record declined a little during the past year. There is nothing to show how we compared with other fraternities on the campus but whereas there surely were some who did worse, there undoubtedly were also several who fared a little better. In the final exams last month, eight Brothers failed to make passing marks. Unfortunate as this is to the Brothers themselves, it does not appear that the fraternity will be weakened to any extent as nearly all of them intend to return to school next fall. We are confident that with some better organization and a little more attention paid to studies by the fraternity, our results will show a decided improvement next year.

Although a great deal of time was given to non-fraternity business, there were also many hours devoted to the fraternity. As a result, and in keeping with a successful year, all responsibilities were handled very efficiently and the fraternity's operation and spirit were both exceedingly good.

ZETA ZETA—(William J. Wright '59). The Zeta Zeta of Psi Upsilon is pleased to report once again a favorable year to the Annual Convention.

Although it is too early to give a scholastic rating for the school term 1955-56, we feel that we have maintained, at least, the average obtained in the preceding year. Complete results are not yet obtainable but we have knowledge, to date, of five scholarships within the active Chapter. An effort has been made this year to improve the freshman marks, which have left something to be desired in past years. A proposed change in initiation dates will, it is hoped, lend an incentive to the pledges to improve their marks and also lend them time and opportunity to recover from the time-consuming rushing period.

All Brothers have participated in some phase of extra-curricular activity. Brother Keith Middleton was President of the Inter-Fraternity and several Brothers on various committees of that body. Brothers occupied positions on

almost every Undergraduate Society on the campus. The Zeta Zeta song team tied for second place in the Annual Song Fest. An increased interest was shown in group singing by all the Brothers.

Athletically, there is considerable room for improvement within the Chapter. We regret to report that there have been no lettermen this past year. However many sports were participated in by most Brothers, particularly in the intermural field.

The problem of apathy among our initiates arose during the past year. As it was realized that this could develop into a serious situation, steps were taken to combat the problem. A plan has been devised to allow for a greater delegation of authority and distribution of duties. We believe that the problem is solved.

In summary and in conclusion, we believe that in scholastics Zeta Zeta is maintaining a fair average; in campus activities the Chapter is increasingly represented; in general campus prestige the name of Psi Upsilon is receiving an ever higher rating; the outlook for the coming year is optimistic.

EPSILON NU—(Bernie L. Lattner '57 and John W. Miller '57). Fall proved to be a wonderful season at the Epsilon Nu as every Brother had anticipated. Upon return to school we were all pleased to find that very few of the Brothers had been removed from our midst by either the well frequented local draft board or by the bonds and ties of matrimony.

Our fall rush proved to be a fine one due to the hard efforts of every Brother. We further strengthened our ranks by acquiring a very fine pledge class which went active in winter of this year.

Fall was a busy and extremely pleasant season. Each home football game was enjoyed thoroughly because of the preceding pre-party and an open-house following the game. Although the house took no prize for our Homecoming display we certainly made a fine showing and all the Brothers were proud of their efforts. We played host to many alums that same weekend and the active Chapter enjoyed themselves almost as much as the alumni. We hope to see them all again this year.

Our next endeavor was Father's Day and the climax of the term came with a trip to Ann Arbor to visit the Brothers at the Phi, and enjoy their fine hospitality, as we are doing now.

Our annual Apache Party came up to all expectations and situations were very diplomatically handled by Brother John Crawford and his committee.

After the Apache Party each brother devoted himself to raising the scholastic average of the Chapter and his own as well. Many long hours were spent at studying and it was not an uncommon sight to see a brother going to a final exam minus eight hours of relaxation with Morpheus. However our efforts were not in vain and we were all proud of the fine average the house attained in regards to scholastics.

With the coming of spring the books were set aside in many instances and replaced by a portable radio, a blanket, and a case of Bacchanalian joy. Sun-bathing became the cry and occasionally a sleeping Brother was cooled off by some mysterious source.

The singers got to work and many very fine serenades were given on warm spring nights. Brother L. K. Smith, social chairman, can be credited with the fine social program set up for the term. Mother's Day was a huge success and each mother in attendance said it was the nicest day she had spent in quite some time. Each mother was given a corsage and after dinner was escorted to sorority sing.

With their fine sun tans the Brothers greeted and entertained our surrounding neighbors at an annual dinner. It was a fine experience and perhaps when some of them gets awakened at a wee small hour his thoughts will turn to the fine time he had at Neighbor's Day.

New officers were elected for next term. They are: Brother William J.

Jonson, President; Brother Frank Kropschot, Vice-President; and Brother John W. Miller, Secretary.

Our best of luck goes to Brother John Crawford and his bride and I am sure the Thetas will not soon forget the serenade of that eventful night.

All in all it was a fine and successful year and we all hope the next will go just as well. As another school year came to a close I'm sure that each Brother realized anew the proud significance that is only attained by belonging to the finest fraternal order—Psi Upsilon.

EPSILON OMEGA—(Lawrence A. Gilliland, Jr., '57 and Henry J. Lageschulte '58). 1956 signalled improvement for the Epsilon Omega in every department of University and Fraternity life. Rush week started on an unfortunate note when the Chapter was fined by the Interfraternity Council for illegal rushing; but this fine proved worthwhile considering our thirteen excellent pledges. We are indebted to our strong alumni support which made the rush week successful.

In intramurals, the Epsilon Omega climbed to fourteenth place among the forty competitors for the IM Sweepstakes Trophy. Brother Garry led the way with two firsts in the swim meet and many saving catches in center field. The teams captured second in the three major sports—football, basketball, and softball. 1956 saw our first conquest of the DEKE's in football by a 26-0 score.

Socially, the fall quarter featured the revival of the White Dragon Formal given by DEKE, Alpha Delt, and Psi U which was one of the highlights of the University social calendar. At our Sweetheart Formal, Anne Klinedinst, who is pinned to Brother Charles Bird, was elected our Girl Ideal.

Brother Jack Lageschulte stood out in campus activities, climaxing an outstanding year as a candidate for president of the class of '58. His other activities included Business Manager of the Block "N" and varsity golf. Brother Joe Gillis was the associate manager of our University Radio station and number one graduate in Speech School. Brother Larry Gilliland has been appointed Production Manager for "Fashion '57" and is Chairman for the coming Big 10 Pan-Hell—IF conference. Many other Brothers are active in varsity athletics or other campus activities.

In academics, we varied our standing within the middle third of the twenty-eight fraternities. After several years of climbs and falls, we appreciated a small measure of scholastic stability and expect it to improve during the coming years.

The Epsilon Omega closed the year with some hard rushing and committed five men to pledgship in our fall pledge class. We expect this to make fall rush considerably easier and it gave our underclassmen valuable rushing experience.

Elected to carry on the growth of the Epsilon Omega during the fall of 1956 were: President, Jack Lageschulte; Vice President, James Kerrigan; Pledge Trainer, Harry Minkey; Treasurer, Otto Schulz; and Rush Chairman, Norbert Savage.

The Halls of the Epsilon Omega are always open and we sincerely invite all members of Psi U to visit us and meet with the Psi U's at Northwestern.

THETA EPSILON—(Ronald E. Wilson '57 and Waldo A. Gillette '59). The Theta Epsilon completed its fourth year on the campus at Southern California with a strong bond among the Brothers and also showed amazing strength among the other fraternities as one of the leaders of the campus.

The Chapter was very fortunate in having the leadership of Fleet Nuttall '57 and expects to be guided further by Duane Kirkpatrick '56. Brother Duane went into the Marines for two years and has returned to lead the house with an iron hand. Under Brother Nuttall, the Chapter saw many gains made in scholarship and also in the traditions of the Fraternity. Last Fall the house raised its scholastic position from 16th to 6th (33 fraternities) while the Spring

semester average seems to be higher as everyone in the house raised their average.

In the traditional Psi U tradition, the Theta Epsilon had many campus leaders in the service honoraries including three officers plus many Brothers on Homecoming, Songfest, and all of the class councils. Roger Sherman '57 was Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Show during Homecoming and also was one of nine Senators on the student government level.

The Chapter added another trophy to its fast growing collection as we won the Best World Event division in the Homecoming parade in the Coliseum. This was the second straight year that the House won a Homecoming trophy.

We are ever thankful to the Mother's Club for their hard work in making the Chapter a better place to live. Last Fall they held a raffle that was instrumental in the house being able to purchase five new double bunk beds. This gave the house complete bedding facilities for the first time.

The Chapter is at the crossroads as to what to do about future living conditions. The house we are presently living in seems doomed in the very near future. The question now confronting the House is whether to purchase a stately house or build on another lot. The alumni association and the Chapter are presently debating as to the best possible solution.

The Brothers enjoyed a wonderful social season with a Christmas formal in the Sierras at Idyllwild and the Annual Spring Diamond Ball at the Hotel del Charro in La Jolla just outside of San Diego. A wonderful time was had by all.

In summary, the Chapter has made great strides and expects to have its best year coming up. The House will be led by Duane Kirkpatrick '56, President; Roger Sherman '57, Vice-President; Paul Kloster '57, Treasurer; Gary Tudor '58, Corres. Secretary; Bruce Blinn '59, Recording Secretary; Fleet Nuttall '57, House Manager.

If any of the Brothers are in the southern California area, please feel free to stop in and visit the Brothers.

LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01, Past President of the Executive Council, addressed the Convention at the request of the President. He presented a comprehensive evaluation of the positive values of Psi Upsilon and, inspirationally, exhorted the delegates to utilize them to their fullest extent. His address was roundly cheered at its conclusion.

The President called for the report of the Committee on Ritual and Tradition. The Chairman of the Committee, Brother John W. Miller, Epsilon Nu '57, presented an oral report to the Convention covering five vital portions of ritual, as presented by the late Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99, Past President of the Executive Council, in a letter to John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14, as follows:

1. Formal initiation: This must include all of the constitutional ritual and must conform to it in all respects. A matter of the greatest importance, often neglected, is the correct pronunciation of the motto, which should be given in Greek (not Latin) and followed by the English translation. All Council members should brush up on the Greek pronunciation in order that they may give it correctly to Chapter officers on visits.

2. Chapter Meetings: All Chapters should have a dignified (not necessarily uniform) ritual for opening and closing their meetings. That of the Rho, Psi, Epsilon Phi and many others is very good and might be obtained from one of these Chapters by any Chapter that has none.

3. Pledging Ceremony: A dignified formal pledging ceremony is desirable. Those of the Rho and the Epsilon Phi, and of many other Chapters who have not submitted material, e.g. the Chi, are very fine. I suggest that Chapters who have no formal pledging ceremony write one of these Chapters for a copy of theirs.

4. Mock or Informal Initiation: This is not an essential, but is important as an opportunity to stress dignity and preparation rather than horseplay and sadistic treatment of initiates. It gives room for originality and the growth of Chapter tradition. Chapters having no such informal initiation ritual might with profit correspond with the Pi, Delta or other Chapters, which have time-honored pre-initiation ceremonies.

5. General Suggestion: The officers of all the Chapters should make a careful study of our Fraternity Constitution as to the names and duties of the constitutional officers of the Chapters and as to the Constitution's provisions as to ritual and then make any needed alterations in their own customary ritual and names of officers. This is *important*.

The following resolutions were then moved.

RESOLVED : That all Chapters be urged to complete and improve their rituals through use of rituals now on file, or to be placed on file in the archives of the Fraternity.

RESOLVED : That this Convention urge those Chapters which have so far failed to do so, to comply with the directive of the 1951 Convention by placing in the Archives of the Fraternity copies of their rituals pertaining to the pledging and initiation of new members, and also the rituals under which Chapters conduct their meetings.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Ritual and Tradition conducted a formal Chapter meeting in accordance with the ritual of the Fraternity.

After affording an opportunity for further new business, President Burton thanked the delegates of the Convention for their courtesy and their interest in the proceedings. He requested the delegates to report the proceedings of the Convention to their Chapters and to convey the good wishes of the members of the Executive Council to each Chapter.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn *sine die* was duly adopted at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME W. BRUSH, JR., Delta Delta '39, Recorder
J. TERENCE DIERDORFF, Phi '59, Assistant Recorder
SWEETMAN R. SMITH, Phi '59, Assistant Recorder

Appendix A

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO THE

1956 CONVENTION OF PSI UPSILON

HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

PHI CHAPTER

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 1956

The Executive Council cordially welcomes the delegates and visitors to the 114th Convention of Psi Upsilon held in the 123rd year of our Fraternity.

We thank our hosts of the Phi Chapter, both undergraduates and alumni, whose warm hospitality and careful preparations presage a successful and constructive Convention. We are grateful also to President Hatcher and the Regents of the University of Michigan, through whose kindness we are able to hold our sessions on this beautiful campus.

This is the fifth Convention to be held with the Phi Chapter. The others were in 1868, 1880, 1896 and 1926.

To quote Brother Earl D. Babst, Iota-Phi '93, regarding the first Convention held with the Phi, in 1868, "after a beautiful repast and many toasts, speeches and songs, the Convention proceeded in a body to the depot and the delegates took their leave with three times three for the Phi and nine times nine for Psi Upsilon."

The business sessions of the 1880 Convention were held in the then "new and elegant Chapter-house of the Phi." The Annual Communication of that year announced the installation of the Beta Beta Chapter, as well as the destruction by fire on the previous July 4th of all of the property of the Gamma, including the valuable records of over thirty years, and warned the Chapters to provide fireproof safes for their memorabilia. A new set of Convention Rules was adopted.

At the third Convention held with the Phi, in 1896, the installation of the Rho Chapter was announced in the Annual Communication; also the selection of a standard badge; and the appointment of an official fraternity jeweler was recommended. The Convention authorized a committee on revision of the Constitution. Richard Hovey, Zeta '85, at the public literary exercises, read his poem, *Spring*, which he had written for this Convention. This was the first appearance of the *Stein Song* of Hovey, "now rivalling in fame the *Smoking Song* of Finch—both written by Psi U's for Psi U's."

Some of us present today remember the fourth Convention with the Phi, in 1926, which was "notable for the large number of undergraduate members and alumni present. . . . There were 15 active members present from the Omicron, while the Iota took the honors for the largest number of alumni present. The beautiful new Chapter House of the Phi (built in 1925-26) made an ideal setting."

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY:

Thirty years is a long time. In the thirty years since the last Convention held at Ann Arbor, those of us who were then extant have lived through the worst business and financial depression in history, the great and terrible World War II, and a "police action" which bore most of the aspects of an important and ferocious war. The world and the society in which we live have been changed greatly by these events.

The right to exist of Psi Upsilon in particular and college fraternities in general is being challenged today, especially by people in the political and educational fields. "Should fraternities be abolished?" is a topic for debate on television and on the campus. We would be remiss in our duty if we did not bring this matter bluntly to the attention of this Convention. No one who has a television or reads the papers daily can fail to realize that your right to be members of Psi Upsilon is being challenged.

It is said that fraternities are undemocratic, breed poor scholarship, immorality and irresponsibility. We do know that some of our Chapters have poorer scholarship than the student body, have been suspended for social excesses, and are so hellbent for good times that they leave debts behind them, financial and otherwise, at the close of a college year.

Chapters of some fraternities have severed their national affiliations because "the national dues are too high" and "there is no advantage in belonging to a national fraternity." Furthermore, the question of integration is a problem at some institutions. As you know, our Fraternity has no discriminatory clause. No one can doubt the aims of Psi Upsilon, as clearly stated in our Constitution, to promote "the highest moral, intellectual and social excellence" of our members. Nevertheless, in some instances, the actions of some of our Chapters and/or members flout our aims. We are supposed to have periodical "meetings of a literary character." Some of the delegates here, perhaps, never attended such a meeting at their Chapter.

Let us face these issues, in Convention assembled. The success of this Convention, we believe, can best be achieved, therefore, by seminars on various subjects. In addition to the Committees prescribed under the Convention Rules, as amended in 1933, To Nominate Members of the Executive Council, On Annual Communications and Unfinished Business, and On New Business, and the Committees of regular recent vintage, namely, On Academic Standing and Awards and To Foster, Protect and Improve Ritual and Tradition, Seminar Committees will be appointed on:

1. The Constitution—Its Application to the Chapters and Members.
2. Expansion—Stanford, Yale, *et al.*
3. Chapter Finances—Dues, Board, Rent, Payment of Bills, etc.
4. Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc.—Purpose and Publicity.

We ask the Convention to support, if possible, the findings of these Committees. Minority reports will, of course, be accepted.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The duties of the Executive Council, as defined in the Constitution of the Fraternity, are advisory rather than legislative or disciplinary. It functions between the Conventions which constitute the governing body and final authority of Psi Upsilon. The Chapters of Psi Upsilon enjoy, as you know, a high degree of autonomy.

The members of Council consider their election a great honor and their services to the Fraternity an inestimable privilege. Their trust is to preserve the illustrious traditions of Psi Upsilon. They cherish the national and international aspects of brotherhood which are, unfortunately, missed by local clubs such as those at Princeton.

Undergraduate Psi Upsilon dues of six dollars a year are believed to be the lowest of any fraternity. A part of the cost of the modest headquarters office at the Columbia University Club, 4 West 43rd Street, New York City, is borne by sentimental alumni. Nearly all fraternities have paid traveling secretaries. Psi Upsilon has none. This work is done by Council members who pay the costs of their meetings and their traveling expenses to and from meetings, Conventions and Chapter visitations. The Editors of *The Diamond* serve without monetary compensation.

Seven meetings have been held during the past year on the following dates:

October 17, 1955
 November 18, 1955
 January 16, 1956
 March 19, 1956
 April 16, 1956
 June 25, 1956
 September 5, 1956

All but the last of these meetings were held in New York City, and are attended regularly by members residing in Toronto, Chicago, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The Council and the Fraternity have sustained an irreparable loss in the death, on January 3, 1956, of Walter Scott Robinson, Lambda '19. Psi Upsilon has at all periods of her one hundred and twenty-three year history been rich in loyal and devoted sons, but none has ever given our Fraternity more loving and enthusiastic service than Brother Robinson, which is exemplified by a bequest in his will to the Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc. A longtime member and former President of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association, he became a member of the Executive Council in 1946, and served from 1952 until his death as its Recorder.

The terms of three members of the Council expire with this Convention:

Robert I. Laggren, Xi '13
 John C. Esty, Gamma '22
 Richard M. Ross, Lambda '20.

Two of these were recently elected by the Council, Brother Esty to fill the unexpired term of Oliver B. Merrill, Gamma '25, who was forced by illness to resign; Brother Ross to fill the unexpired term of the late Walter Scott Robinson, Lambda '19.

It is the duty of this Convention to elect their successors.

CHAPTER VISITS:

The following eleven Chapters have been visited by members of the Executive Council during the year, either officially or informally:

KAPPA	Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27
PHI	Dan H. Brown, Omega '16
OMEGA	Dan H. Brown, Omega '16
PI	Donald B. Derby, Pi '18
ETA	Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21
TAU	Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21
OMICRON	Dan H. Brown, Omega '16
DELTA DELTA	LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01
EPSILON PHI	R. K. Northey, Nu '12
EPSILON NU	Dan H. Brown, Omega '16
EPSILON OMEGA	Dan H. Brown, Omega '16

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNITY:

The 17th Directory of the membership of our Fraternity was published during the past year. Charles H. Seaver, Psi '21, President of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon, appointed a Committee, consisting of J. J. Evans Hessey, Nu '13, Chairman, Cesar J. Bertheau, Upsilon '19, Franklin F. Bruder, Theta '25, Alfred H. Morton, Omicron '19, George T. Sewall, Kappa '32, and James G. Sloman, Upsilon '46.

The new Directory, most fittingly, is dedicated to the Chairman of the Committee, Brother Hessey, whose untimely death occurred on March 26, 1956. Brother Hessey, a distinguished figure in the publishing world, served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association from 1939 to 1956, and as its President from 1946 to 1949. It was under Brother Hessey's inspiring leadership that the project of publishing the Directory came into being, and through his devoted and untiring efforts, aided by yeoman service from each member of the Committee, that it was carried to a successful conclusion.

The new volume is the first Directory of Psi Upsilon published since the addendum to the monumental *Annals of Psi Upsilon*, published in 1941. It contains the names of 16,933 living members of our Fraternity, and the addresses of 16,362 of these. Its preparation, printing and distribution constituted a task of herculean proportions.

At the beginning of the project, more than 4,000 addresses had been lost. This was due in great part to World War II and the Korean Action, during which members of the Fraternity were moved so rapidly from one military post to another that their addresses were eventually lost from our rolls. It was also and more fundamentally due to the failure of Brothers themselves to notify our headquarters office of their whereabouts. Employing various sources of information, including college records, and through the fine cooperation of the Chapters and of many individual members of the Fraternity, more than 3,000 new, corrected addresses were obtained.

It is hoped that the Directory may be an aid and incentive to the Alumni Association in keeping up-to-date our Chapter Rolls.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP:

General resolutions passed at the Convention of 1949 directed that a cup be awarded each year to the Chapter having the highest academic standing, and that a permanent plaque also be given to that Chapter, and further that a permanent plaque be awarded to the Chapter evidencing the greatest improvement.

The Psi Upsilon Award for Academic Distinction since then has been awarded for the years as follows:

1949	Iota
1950	Rho
1951	Lambda
1952	Iota
1953	Epsilon
1954	Omega and Theta Epsilon

It will be the duty of this Convention to select the winners for the year 1955 of the Highest Award, *i.e.*, The Award for Academic Distinction and the Award for Greatest Improvement.

RITUAL AND TRADITION:

At the Convention at the Rho last year, this Committee reported it had received and was holding on file the rituals of all but twelve of our Chapters. Since then, copies of the rituals of the Epsilon, Delta Delta, Theta Theta, and

the Epsilon Nu have been added to the Archives. Unfortunately, the Chapters which have so far failed to do their part in this program include some of the oldest and traditionally strongest in our Fraternity. We refer specifically to such as the Theta, the Gamma, the Zeta, the Phi, the Pi, the Chi and the Beta Beta. These are all Chapters richly endowed and strongly steeped in the Rituals and the Traditions of Psi Upsilon. Realization that they can do much for our younger Chapters will, we hope, provide the motivation which will bring forth the rituals of these fine old Chapters.

At the Convention, we hope there will be sufficient time to permit the presentation of one ritual, namely that under which a Chapter Meeting is conducted. It is our belief that the Chapter Meeting is the thread that binds us during our undergraduate fraternity days. If the Meeting is conducted in accordance with a traditional and dignified ritual, that thread will be just that much stronger and we, in turn, will become better Psi U's because of it.

1957 CONVENTION:

It is incumbent on this Convention to decide where the 1957 Convention shall be held. Next in line in the customary order of rotation is the Psi Chapter, who was host to the Convention of 1927. In 1928, the Convention was held with the Omega; in 1929, with the Eta. Conventions were held successively thereafter with the Omicron, Delta, Theta and Beta Beta. No one of our five youngest Chapters has yet acted as host to our annual meeting. It should be noted particularly that the Epsilon Phi, founded in 1928, will have been established 29 years by the time of next year's Convention. The Zeta Zeta was founded in 1935; the Epsilon Nu in 1943, the Epsilon Omega in 1948, and the Theta Epsilon in 1952.

GENERAL:

Throughout the centuries men have bled and even died for their ideals. To us, Psi Upsilon, in a sense, is a crusade for all that is honest, fine and upright. We were given those ideals in the Halls of this Fraternity. No individual can be lost from Psi Upsilon. This Convention should, we hope, bring out the best in each and every one of the delegates. Make the most of it. Give a thought daily to God, Country, your Alma Mater and your Chapter.

Yours in the Bonds,

THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PSI Upsilon
ON THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TO THE 1956 CONVENTION

BENJAMIN J. BURTON, Chi '21

A. NORTHEY JONES, Beta Beta '17

EDWARD T. RICHARDS, Sigma '27

JEROME W. BRUSH, JR., Delta Delta '39

New York, N. Y.
September 5, 1956.

Appendix B

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OF THE

PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1956

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, 1956, a summary of income and expenses of the various funds for the year ended April 30, 1956, and comparative total figures for the year ended April 30, 1955. A list of investments held in the General, Douglas, Bridgman, and Diamond Life Subscription Funds, respectively, is also set forth.

The net worth of the various funds increased \$3,512 during the year after the transfer of \$6,825 received for Diamond life subscriptions to the Reserve for Diamond Life Subscriptions. The increase in net worth arises out of the excess of income over expenses of \$6,565 in the Diamond Life Subscription Fund and \$317 in the Convention Fund, partially offset by losses of \$460 in the General Fund and \$2,910 in the Diamond Fund. The surplus for the year in the Diamond Life Subscription Fund was due to profits on the sale of securities and the excess of interest and dividends received over the annuity paid to the Diamond Fund.

The loss in publishing the Diamond of \$2,910 compares with a loss of \$3,040 in 1955. This is a slight improvement. Since 1940 we have accumulated a reserve of \$91,122 in the Diamond Life Subscription Fund, and this past year the 4% annuity from this fund devoted to the Diamond publication costs amounted to \$3,723 and next year will amount to \$3,996. It is hoped that the loss in publishing the Diamond can be reduced gradually and that the price of Diamond Life Subscriptions will not have to be increased but that any Diamond deficits will continue to be met from the surplus from other funds. This Convention is asked to authorize the transfer of \$3,000 from the Diamond Life Subscription Fund to the Diamond Fund to offset the loss for the past year in publishing the Diamond.

After taking profits of \$4,342 during the year April 30, 1955 the market value of our investments on that date was \$32,823 in excess of their cost.

Of the accounts receivable for chapter taxes and Diamond Life Subscriptions totaling \$3,072 on April 30, 1956, \$2,817 has since been collected, leaving only \$255 still due from the Theta Epsilon Chapter for Diamond Life Subscriptions. The Treasurer wishes to compliment most of the other Chapters on their businesslike payment of taxes and Diamond Life Subscriptions during the spring of this year.

The assets of the Willard Fiske Fund, which in accordance with the stipulation of the donor are to be left intact until their value reaches \$1,000, are not included in the attached statement. The Fund now amounts to \$953 in a savings bank account.

The Treasurer sincerely thanks the Chapter treasurers for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN NORTHEY JONES, Beta Beta '17

Treasurer

August 31, 1956

Appendix B¹

THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

Statement of Net Worth April 30, 1956
and Income and Expense Accounts for the Twelve Months ended April 30, 1956

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Diamond Fund</u>	<u>Bridgman & Douglas Funds</u>	<u>Diamond Life Subscr. Fund</u>	<u>Convention Fund</u>	<u>Archives Fund</u>	<u>Total April 30, 1956</u>	<u>Total April 30, 1955</u>
NET WORTH represented by:								
Cash in bank	\$ 2,133.44	\$1,905.78	\$ 176.58	\$ 9,127.91	\$2,326.40	\$936.29	\$16,606.40	\$ 7,799.07
Petty cash fund	20.00						20.00	20.00
Canadian cash				5,314.22			5,314.22	350.12
Accounts receivable—Chapters	1,089.00	1,460.00		1,620.00	363.00		1,612.00	2,288.20
—Miscellaneous	457.50						457.50	
Investments (at cost)	16,116.38		25,845.93	93,451.17			135,413.48	139,414.63
Albert Poole Jacobs Memorabilia Col.	1.00						1.00	1.00
Song records	54.00						54.00	54.00
Song books	299.90						299.90	307.90
Ties	462.00						462.00	486.00
Annals of Psi Upsilon	224.00						224.00	245.00
Reserve for Diamond Life Subscriptions				91,122.05			91,122.05	85,456.35
Total Net Worth	\$20,857.22	\$ 445.78	\$26,022.51	\$18,391.25	\$2,689.40	\$936.29	\$69,342.45	\$65,830.87
INCOME:								
Income from chapter taxes	\$ 4,783.50	\$	\$	\$	\$1,594.50	\$	\$ 6,378.00	\$ 6,348.00
Interest and dividends received	575.71	1,565.00		5,007.57			7,148.28	6,413.06
Life subscriptions to Diamond				6,825.00			6,825.00	5,520.00
Annual subscriptions to Diamond								8.50
Annuity from Diamond Life Subscr. Fund		3,723.00					3,723.00	3,502.20
Profit on sale of securities				4,234.39			4,234.39	2,115.56
Profit on sale of Annals and ties	16.00						16.00	20.25
Miscellaneous income								9.44
Total Income	\$ 5,375.21	\$5,288.00	\$	\$16,066.96	\$1,594.50	\$	\$28,324.67	\$23,937.01

Appendix B²

THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

INVESTMENTS—APRIL 30, 1956

GENERAL FUND:	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Market Value</i>
200 shs. J. I. Case Common Stock	\$5,350.00	\$2,650.00
100 shs. Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Com. Stock	3,502.38	6,587.50
100 shs. The Southern Co. Com. Stock	1,924.00	2,237.50
143 shs. Sun Oil Co. Common Stock	5,340.00	11,189.75
	<u>\$16,116.38</u>	<u>\$22,664.75</u>
DOUGLAS FUND:		
\$2,000 Western Maryland 4% 1969	\$2,000.00	\$2,007.50
BRIDGMAN FUND:		
\$5,000 Kingdom of Belgium 4% 1964	\$4,975.00	\$5,175.00
100 shs. Anderson Clayton & Co. Com. Stock	2,753.24	3,612.50
100 shs. Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Com. Stock	3,313.94	6,587.50
100 shs. Climax Molybdenum Com. Stock	3,527.50	7,225.00
200 shs. Cone Mills Com. Stock	6,000.00	3,300.00
100 shs. J. P. Stevens & Co. Com. Stock	3,276.25	2,425.00
	<u>\$23,845.93</u>	<u>\$28,325.00</u>
DIAMOND LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND:		
\$1,000 U. S. Govt. Bond Ser. "G" 2½% 7/1/57	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$750 Dom. of Canada 5th Victory Loan 3% 1959	750.00	750.00
\$500 Dom. of Canada 7th Victory Loan 3% 1962	500.00	500.00
\$500 Dom. of Canada 9th Victory Loan 3% 1966	500.00	500.00
\$5,000 Commonwealth of Australia 3½% 1966	4,925.00	4,700.00
\$5,000 Ft. Worth & Denver Rwy. 4¾% 1982	5,050.00	5,218.75
\$5,000 Gen. Motors Accept. Corp. 3⅞% Debs. 1961	4,975.00	5,062.50
\$7,000 General Motors Corp. 3¼% Debs. 1979	7,035.00	6,868.75
\$5,000 Massachusetts Turnpike Auth'y 3.30% 1994	5,000.00	4,925.00
\$10,000 Northern Pacific Rwy. 3% 2047 Reg.	6,975.00	6,800.00
\$5,000 Riegel Paper Co. 3¾% 1980	5,000.00	4,950.00
\$5,000 Texas & New Orleans RR "B" 3¼% 1970	5,000.00	4,800.00
\$4,000 Western Maryland Rwy. 4% 1969	4,007.50	4,015.00
\$3,000 Western Maryland Rwy. 3½% "C" 1979	3,000.00	2,992.50
35 shs. American Tel. & Tel. Com. Stock	5,186.08	6,370.00
100 shs. First National City Bank Com. Stock	5,331.00	6,350.00
75 shs. Guaranty Trust Co. Cap. Stock	4,158.80	5,971.88
200 shs. Scovill Mfg. Co. Com. Stock	6,175.30	7,875.00
200 shs. Southern Pacific Co. Com. Stock	7,145.61	11,175.00
300 shs. Standard Oil N. J. Com. Stock	6,507.48	18,225.00
40 shs. U. S. Steel Corp. 7% Pfd.	5,229.40	6,190.00
	<u>\$93,451.17</u>	<u>\$115,239.38</u>
	<u>\$135,413.48</u>	<u>\$168,236.63</u>

Appendix C

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

1. On the matter of Expansion—The Constitution under which the Fraternity operates at present was adopted in 1939, with eight subsequent amendments made in various years. It is not the wish of this committee to intrude upon the prerogatives of the seminar committee appointed to discuss the subject of Expansion, but the fact must be recognized that it is virtually impossible for this Convention to vote on the matter of Expansion until such time as it may be ready to revise the Constitution relative to the admission of new Chapters to Psi Upsilon.

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution states “that a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Fraternity shall be necessary for the establishment of a new Chapter of this Fraternity.”

Other fraternities have more simple and liberal procedures in regards to the admission and installation of new Chapters.

Several groups that have written to the Executive Council asking the means through which they might become affiliated with Psi Upsilon have gone to other fraternities because of the long delay involved in admitting new Chapters to the ranks of Psi Upsilon.

Some changes must be made. We would, therefore, recommend that a discussion be undertaken at this Convention with regard to appropriate changes in the Constitution.

2. On the matter of literary Chapter meetings—Your Committee on the Constitution wishes to draw it to the attention of this Convention that Article IV, Section 2 provides that “each Chapter shall hold not less than three meetings of a literary character during each collegiate term.” It occurs to this Committee that a show of hands would clearly indicate how many of the Chapters have observed this important clause of the Constitution in the past year. Your Committee would recommend that the delegates to this Convention be instructed to return to their respective Chapters and arrange that these literary exercises be re-established if they have been neglected.

3. On the matter of the resolution of the Gamma—The Committee on the Constitution heard the detailed report of Harold F. Clark, Jr., Gamma '57, who stated that the Gamma had voted, recommending the Amendment of Article VI, Section 2 which reads “. . . any candidate for membership shall be rejected by a single negative vote”. Brother Clark further offered that the Gamma suggested that each Chapter might be allowed to make its own By-Laws regarding balloting for membership.

Your committee puts this matter before the Convention for the consideration of the delegates. On behalf of Brother Clark and the Gamma Chapter the Committee on the Constitution places before the Convention, but does not necessarily endorse, such an amendment (see Page 15 of Records).

Appendix D

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PSI UPSILON FOUNDATION, INC.

The foundation is a legal device to overcome a difficulty which arises from the fact that the law of New York prevents gifts and bequests to be given to anything but a membership non-profit corporation. The Psi Upsilon Executive Council is only a group of individuals so it cannot legally accept gifts and bequests to the fraternity.

The late Brother Walter S. Robinson, Lambda '19, wanted to create such a corporation to encourage gifts to promote the fraternity. Finally just before his death in March, his application was approved, and the first gift to the Foundation was his.

The purpose of the Foundation can be stated in a few words.

Voluntarily to aid and contribute to the maintenance, use, benefit, advancement, and improvement of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

The purpose of the publicity should be to acquaint the members with the Foundation and how it operates. This type of publicity could be handled best by an article in the *Diamond* and by explaining the Foundation to the Chapters and through them to the alumni Brothers.

Appendix E

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER FINANCES

The problem of irresponsibility in paying house bills with the resultant accumulation of an unnecessary debt was raised by Brother John W. Frankensfeld of the Omega.

One suggestion from the Upsilon was that the house officers discuss privately with each delinquent the importance of meeting of financial obligations, and if satisfactory arrangements for paying could not be arranged, that the Brother's eating privilege be revoked until payment of the bill. Discount for prompt payment was incentive plan offered by the Mu.

The most inclusive system presented was that which has been adopted in recent years by the Gamma.

The theory behind the Amherst plan is:

1. That most selective organizations have their dues paid in advance.
2. That many universities and colleges require that bills be paid before a student may eat at the student commons or attend classes.

With these considerations in mind, the Gamma Chapter laid down a number of house regulations specifically designed to reduce and eliminate debts due to irresponsibility:

1. Bills must be rendered three weeks before the opening of the semester.
2. Bills are due and payable on the first day of school.
3. A 5% penalty is imposed if bills are not paid immediately.
4. If bills are not paid in thirty days, the treasurer must write to the parents of the delinquent stating the situation.

In conclusion, it is obvious for such a system or any system of collecting bills to operate smoothly the large majority of the Chapter must support the ruthless enforcement of the plan by the house treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution No. 1. Resolved: That the Recorder be instructed to cast a single ballot electing each of the following Brothers:

Richard M. Ross, Lambda '20

John C. Esty, Gamma '22

Robert I. Laggren, Xi '13

to the Executive Council for the term expiring with the Convention of 1961.

General Resolution No. 2. Resolved: That the delegates of this Convention of 1956 wish to express their gratitude to the Executive Council for the generosity of the members of the Council in visiting the Chapters of the Fraternity, with personal loss of time and expense incurred therein; and further, the Convention hopes for the continuation and expansion of the Fraternity visits in the interest of the strengthening of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

General Resolution No. 3. Resolved: That, since academic standards, times and methods of rushing and pledging differ at each college and university, many of the problems in connection therewith are of such a nature as to require local and individual attention and solution.

General Resolution No. 4. Resolved: That, nevertheless, certain guidance along the following lines should be recommended to all of the Chapters, and, following these guidances, which are herewith submitted, is strongly recommended:

- A. Due and thorough inquiry should be made relative to the previous academic records of prospective pledges, and the results of such inquiry made available to all prospective pledges, and the results of such inquiry made available to all members before such members are required to vote on prospective pledges;
- B. The utmost care should be used to avoid pledging men whose previous records cast doubt upon their ability to do satisfactory academic work;
- C. Individual Chapters should establish minimum academic requirements for pledging and initiation, since the trouble with the academic standing of some of our Chapters lies in the selection of new members;
- D. Each Chapter should institute a study plan for pledges.

General Resolution No. 5. Resolved: That the Convention take note of the fact that one of the aims of Psi Upsilon is academic achievement. Expansion of the Fraternity should be accomplished only at colleges and universities where a high level of such academic standards are maintained.

General Resolution No. 6. Resolved: That the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon make an effort to send one of its representatives to visit each of its scholastically low Chapters for the purpose of evaluating each academic situation and taking whatever action the Council believes to be necessary towards the betterment of such Chapters.

General Resolution No. 7. Resolved: That this Convention expresses its appreciation for the cordial invitation of the Psi Chapter to be host to the Convention of 1957, and that this invitation be accepted.

General Resolution No. 8. Resolved: That this Convention request that the Executive Council establish a permanent Committee as a clearing house for expansion; and that this Committee report all pertinent information, at the conclusion of periods not to exceed six months, to the Chapters and submit an annual report to each Convention.

General Resolution No. 9. Resolved: That all Chapters be urged to complete and improve their rituals through use of rituals now on file, or to be placed on file in the Archives of the Fraternity.

General Resolution No. 10. Resolved: That this Convention urge those Chapters which have so far failed to do so, to comply with the directive of the 1951 Convention by placing in the Archives of the Fraternity copies of their rituals pertaining to the pledging and initiation of new members, and also the rituals under which Chapters conduct their meetings.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Special Resolution No. 1. Resolved: That the Recorder send a telegram to Oliver B. Merrill, Gamma '25, expressing the Convention's appreciation for his long and faithful services and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

Special Resolution No. 2. Resolved: That the Recorder send a telegram to Harold L. Field, Upsilon '10, expressing the Convention's appreciation for his long and faithful services and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

Special Resolution No. 3. Resolved: That the Recorder of the Convention send a telegram to Earl D. Babst, Iota-Phi '93, expressing the Convention's regret that he is not present.

Special Resolution No. 4. Resolved: That the Recorder send a telegram to Dr. C. F. S. Lincoln, Kappa '91, expressing the Convention's regret that he is not present.

Special Resolution No. 5. Resolved: That this Convention express its heartfelt appreciation for the splendid hospitality of the Phi Chapter during the 1956 Convention held at Ann Arbor.

Special Resolution No. 6. Resolved: That the Convention authorize the Treasurer, A. Northey Jones, to transfer the sum of \$3,000 from the appropriate fund or funds to the Diamond Fund to cover the existing deficit in that Fund.

Special Resolution No. 7. Resolved: That this Convention extend its appreciation to Dr. Harlan Hatcher, President of the University of Michigan, for his splendid and inspiring address.

Special Resolution No. 8. Resolved: That the award for the highest scholastic achievement for the 1955 academic year should be presented to the Upsilon Chapter.

Special Resolution No. 9. Resolved: That the award for the academic year 1955 for the greatest scholastic improvement over the previous year's academic standing should be presented to the Epsilon Nu Chapter.

Special Resolution No. 10. Resolved: That the Convention commend and congratulate the Theta Theta Chapter for outstanding scholastic improvement during the 1955 academic year.

Special Resolution No. 11. Resolved: That the Convention permit the Upsilon, Epsilon Nu, and Theta Theta Chapters to describe to the Convention the methods by which they have achieved such success.

Special Resolution No. 12. Resolved: That the Convention permit the following Chapters to explain to the Convention the possible reasons for ranking low scholastically in the most recently reported academic year:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No. of fraternities on campus</u>	<u>Scholastic Ranking</u>
Delta	13	13
Sigma	17	16
Zeta	23	21
Lambda	17	17
Pi	34	34
Eta	30	28
Tau	38	36
Epsilon Omega	27	25