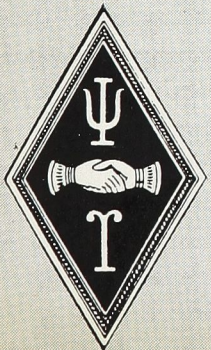
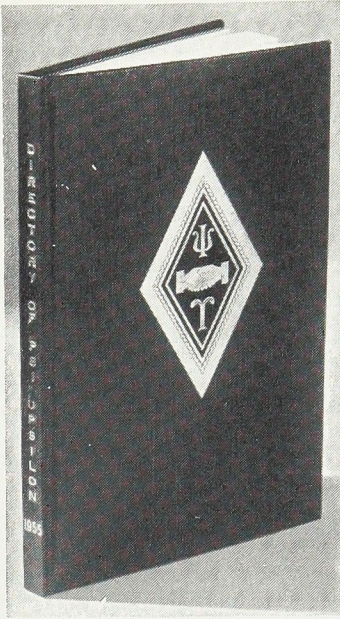




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and W. Averill Harriman, Beta '13—see box on page 109



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UPSILON'S 100 YEARS

SYNOPSIS OF THE UPSILON'S 100 YEARS

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THE story of the first 100 years of the Upsilon of Psi Upsilon would make a full and interesting book. Much good material is available for such a book: the excellent histories of George A. Coe, '84, and Roger Whitman, '28; the fine article on the Upsilon in the *Annals of Psi Upsilon* (partly the work of Roger Swett, '42); and, of course, the many chapter communications in *THE DIAMOND* which detail the daily life of the active chapter and proudly list each undergraduate accomplishment. Following is the barest outline of the fascinating tale:

THE FOUNDING OF THE UPSILON

The infant University of Rochester was but three years old when the first gleam of Psi Upsilon appeared. John C. Overhiser, Delta '54, transferring to Rochester for his senior year, found the political domination of the campus by the Alpha Deltas a situation not to his liking. Gathering a likely group about him, he organized a new literary society, the "Innominata." In his mind was the eventual establishment of a chapter of Psi Upsilon, and the new group served to keep some of the better men out of the clutches of rival fraternities and pro-

EDITOR'S NOTE: Twenty years have elapsed since "The Annals" carried up-to-date histories of our Chapters. It is hoped that other Chapters will follow the Upsilon in bringing their histories up-to-date!

vide sturdy opposition to the Alpha Deltas. The Innominata flourished, soon took a respected place in the college, and while it was never taken into Psi U as a complete group, it served as the nucleus of the Upsilon. Brother Coe called it "John the Baptist preparing the way for him that was to come."

Early in 1857 several members of Innominata resigned and prepared to petition for a chapter of Psi U. It is interesting to note that another Rochester group had already petitioned, were rejected, and then successfully applied to D.K.E. In August of 1857, eight men (future Brothers Hurd, Morehouse, Clark, Colby, Gaskill, Gould, Houghton, and Williams) presented a petition to the Convention being held with the Gamma. The plea received strong support from the Beta at Yale, whose enthusiasm had been stirred by Rochesterians Theodore Bacon, Beta '53, and Augustus Strong, Beta '57. The Convention was favorably impressed with the group and with the new university, and the petition was approved. Ratification by the chapters was accomplished by the end of the year. The Upsilon was on its way.

The Beta was commissioned to establish the new chapter and once more Brothers Strong and Bacon lent their good offices. On the evening of February 9, 1858, they initiated fourteen charter members of the Upsilon (the petitioners and six stalwart

Darkroom magic was resorted to in order to bring together three Psi U Brothers prominent in New York and national politics for the cover of this issue of *The Diamond*. New York City Mayor Robert Wagner's photo was superimposed on an actual New York Times photograph of 1958's opposing candidates for Governor of the Empire State.

recruits) at the old Osburn House, then a leading hotel. On February 15, 1858, the new chapter held its first meeting in the room of Brother Hurd in the Baker Block, at the corner of West Main and Fitzhugh Streets. Again with the aid of Brothers Strong and Bacon, the chapter was officially organized, officers elected, and a committee appointed to draw up by-laws, and the first hundred years of the Upsilon was under way.

The Innominata, deprived of its best men, soon dissolved.

THE HALLS OF THE Upsilon

For the first two months meetings were held in the Clinton Hotel. A Chapter Hall was then established in a room in the old Powers block, nearer the United States Hotel building, which housed the University. Two years later a move was made to the old Ellwanger and Barry Building. In succeeding years several more moves occurred, usually in the vicinity of the Four Corners. When, however, the time arrived that the University, displacing Azariah Boody's cows, was firmly established on the new Prince Street Campus, attention was directed to the acquisition of a permanent home. Happily, the Psi Upsilon Alumni Association of Western New York had been established in 1891. Its first act was to organize a campaign for a Chapter House, to be located as near as possible to the campus. Fortune smiled; the University was willing to sell a portion of the lot adjoining the President's home. (Parenthetically, certain readers may possess well-founded suspicions that the University later harbored occasional regret at this early generosity.) The campaign for funds was successful, and on June 15, 1892, Dr. George H. Fox, '67, long a member and the only Honorary President of the Executive Council, turned the first shovel of sod. In December of 1892, the new house (the only fraternity house on the Prince Street Campus actually planned and built as such) was ready for the eager brothers. On December 16, George H. Perkins, '72, President of the Alumni, presided at a dedication banquet with one hundred brothers in attendance. Dr. Charles A. Dewey, '61,

one of the founders, read a paper, and the Hall of Upsilon was secure. Life at 41 Prince Street was thoroughly pleasant for forty years; the house was comfortable, the kitchen worked overtime, twelve brothers had sleeping accommodations in the house, the chapter room was large, sometimes the house was even quiet. The strongest affection for 41 Prince Street will always exist for the many brothers who shared its delights.

But this was not the promised land. In 1930, the University having acquired the property of the Oak Hill Country Club, the River Campus became the new home of the Men's College. The Upsilon prepared to follow. Once more the loyal Upsilon alumni beat the drums. Plans for the new house were begun by C. Storrs Barrows, '12, the campaign committee was headed by Lawrence M. Morley, '97, chairman; H. Dean Quinby, Jr., '18, vice-chairman; Basil R. Weston, '21, secretary; and John F. Bush, Jr. '22, treasurer. This time the brothers aimed their sights at the imposing sum of \$100,000. Scores of alumni assisted the committee and hundreds contributed, evidence of the strong and binding ties formed in the Halls of the Upsilon. Despite obstacles imposed by the greatest depression our country's economy had ever faced, the large sum was collected. The good fortune of being thus able to afford a house adequate for the spot permitted the Upsilon to acquire the commanding position at the head of the fraternity quadrangle. On March 2, 1930, the first sod was turned, and on June 13, Brother Quinby, Alumni President, led the brothers in the ceremony of dedication. Again on hand, faithful Brother Fox, '67, held the trowel of Psi U mortar to affix the cornerstone. Another veteran of Psi U building, George H. Hollister, '77, assisted him. That evening a farewell dinner was held at old 41 Prince Street.

The new house was completed by the fall of 1930. On November 8, Brother Ernest E. Gorsline, '01, presided at the dedication banquet.

Handsomely constructed of stone, brick and steel, the new house has stood up well under the hardest use. The population of

the chapter on the new campus has nearly doubled that of 41 Prince Street; during World War II the rooms were packed with naval and marine cadets; it has even gone through a fire without too much harm. Many additions have been made in the last fifteen years—a fire escape installed, the top floor finished, and tasteful interior decoration accomplished. Those who visit the chapter today will doubtless agree that the halls are well secured.

THE MEN OF THE Upsilon

Envious rivals of Psi U have not always been guiltless of disparaging comments. Perhaps most common is reference to the Upsilon as a rich man's club. Some merit lingers here, for most of the older and best-known of Rochester's families have contributed their sons to the Chapter—but wealth and position have not been the selective guides. Rather, undeviating over the generations, has been earnest endeavor to acquire succeeding delegations of congenial compatibility in keeping with the tenets and high standards of the fraternity. An examination of the records and the alumni list reveals the clear picture of a well-balanced, closely-knit group, usually slightly conservative, year in and year out at or near the top of the list of Rochester fraternities. From the data available in Brother Coe's history, the *Annals*, the Whitman history, THE DIAMOND and chapter records, the undergraduate accomplishments of the Upsilon brothers are impressive. Over nine hundred men have been initiated during this first century, the delegations averaging about seven men until the move to the River Campus, since which time the average has been closer to fourteen. Nearly one hundred Psi U's have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and, as newer scientific honorary societies have been established, the brothers have had more than their share of honors. The *Annals* contains a long list of the scholastic prizes of earlier days as well as the statistics of modern awards and fellowships. The Upsilon furnished the University's only Rhodes scholar, Brother Robert S. Babcock, '37. The chapter has always been well represented in the class honorary so-

cieties. In the forties, there were occasions when as many as five out of twelve members of the Keidaeans, senior honorary society, were Psi U's. Representation on Varsity teams has always been large, and this has been especially noticeable on the new Campus. In recent years, one starting football lineup fielded seven Upsilon brothers; at one point the football captain was a Psi U for four years running. Champion swimmers, basketball stars, and record breakers in track, have all come from the House. The living room mantel holds a good share of the intramural cups from year to year, and the cup for the overall athletic championship has been a frequent resident. The scholarship record of the house has been less consistent. The Upsilon has several times led all Rochester fraternities but, confessedly, there have been a few times when it hovered near the bottom. The overall picture, however, shows the house averaging somewhat above the middle, and during the latter years the record has been improving.

It can fairly be stated that the Upsilon today is the leading house on the Rochester campus. Determination of this possibly debatable claim is provided by undergraduate members of other fraternities. Understandably maintaining that their house is first, with reasonable unanimity they display scant reticence in admitting that Psi Upsilon is a close second. The Hellenic council continues to readjust rushing rules to equalize the position of the fraternities on the campus, but the rushing of Psi Upsilon, backed by its prestige, is inevitably successful.

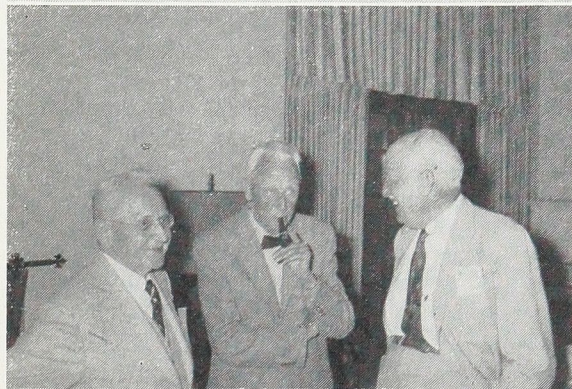
The Alumni of the Upsilon have always been its great asset. Scores have made their names well-known in business, law, medicine, education, diplomacy, in fact almost any field where education and character count. They have served their country, their city and their college well. The chapter houses they have built, and the support they have ever given to the Upsilon and its alumni activities, attest their continuous and lively loyalty. This space is too short to attempt to catalogue the many accomplishments of Upsilon graduates. To men-

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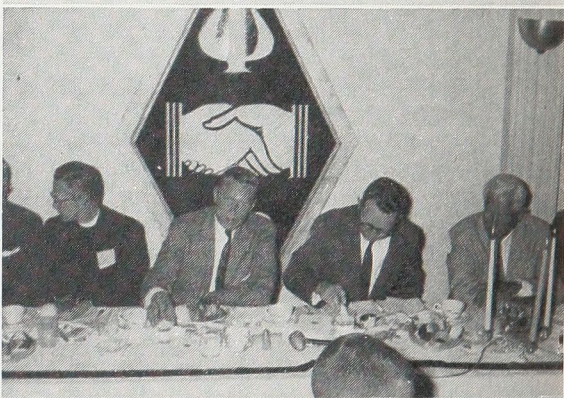
go to Candid Camera Brothers Paul J. Hughes, Delta '34, Richard O. Edgerton, Upsilon '36, and John W. Thorne, Upsilon '27.

Left to right: Jack Bush, Upsilon '22, E. T. Richards, Sigma '27, Lars Pederson, Upsilon '59, Franklin F. Bruder, Theta '25.



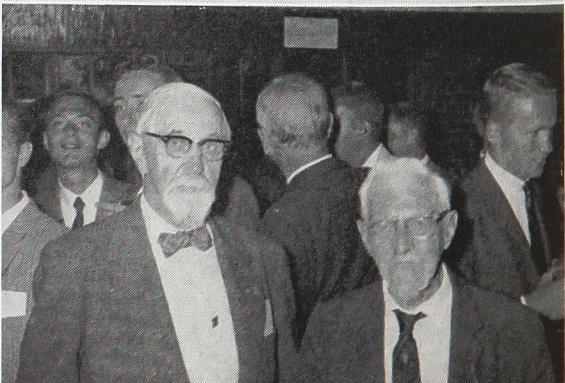
Ernest White, Upsilon '02, W. C. Clark, Upsilon '06, Arthur S. Hamilton, Upsilon '08.

Bob Kanka, Upsilon '49, S. S. Stratton, Upsilon '37, R. C. Wade, Upsilon '43, LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01.



Clarence Henry, Upsilon '25, Kenneth Field, Upsilon '16, Lou Sunderlin, Upsilon '15.

G. B. Williams, Upsilon '97, Dr. C. S. F. Lincoln, Kappa '91



REPORT OF 116th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PSI Upsilon

By GARY W. HARTMAN, *Upsilon* '61

THE 116th National Convention of the Fraternity was held with the Upsilon, at the University of Rochester. There seemed to be unanimous agreement among the Brothers present that this Convention will be remembered for many years as one of the most successful and enjoyable in the Fraternity's history. Over the three-day period, September 3, 4, 5, the Upsilon welcomed nearly 200 Brothers, including delegates, alumni, and every member of the Executive Council.

The General Chairman for the Alumni, John. F. Bush, Jr., Upsilon '22, and the General Chairman for the Chapter, Frederick B. Parker, Upsilon '58, in conjunction with the Executive Council, coordinated the efforts of various other committees in a remarkable example of preparation and planning which resulted in a Convention that will not soon be forgotten.

Convention Highlights

The Convention scheduled to begin with registration of delegates on the morning of September 3 actually opened three days earlier with the arrival of two international travelers from the Epsilon. Brothers Bill Schneiders and Dick Duane from the University of California finally reached Rochester after a summer of hitchhiking their way across the U.S. and Canada. Details of their journey were enjoyed by the Upsilon as we prepared for the Convention.

As the delegates registered they were assigned to quarters in Lovejoy Dormitory. The dorm, just a few yards from the chapter house, is one of the three new Men's Residence Halls on the University of Rochester campus.

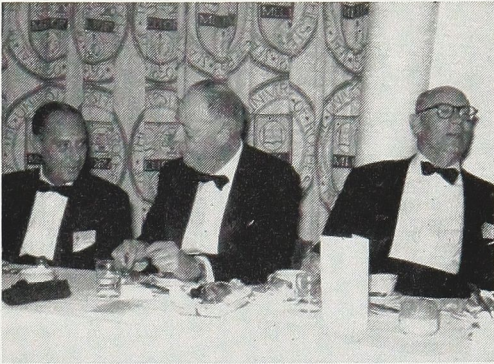
The initial session of the Convention was a luncheon held at the Men's Dining Center. Brother Thomas R. Forbes Jr., President of the Upsilon, gave a brief welcoming address on behalf of the local chapter, followed by greetings from the Alumni Association of Western New York by Frederick W. Zimmer, President of the Associa-

tion. Raymond L. Thompson, Senior Vice-President and Treasurer for the University of Rochester, extended a welcome from the University. A brief address about the city of Rochester was given by Frank J. Horton, speaking for Mayor Peter Barry.

Following the first business session of the Convention on Wednesday afternoon, the Brothers proceeded to Brook-Lea Country Club on the outskirts of Rochester for a dinner and smoker. One of the highlights of the evening was an address by Brother LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01, on "What Psi Upsilon Means to Me." The talk clearly demonstrated the true Psi U. spirit in a man who has served the Fraternity well for many years. Brother Weed's talk was followed by an equally excellent address by The Hon. Samuel S. Stratton, Upsilon '37, current Mayor of Schenectady, New York. To complete the evening's entertainment, the Dixieland Ramblers, a nationally known jazz combo from Rochester, shook the rafters with some great music.

Thursday morning opened with the second Convention business session. Following this, the Brothers attended a luncheon at which the outstanding Junior from each chapter was honored for his Fraternity, scholastic, and extracurricular achievements during the past year. The third business session was held Thursday afternoon.

The highlight of the Convention was the Annual Banquet held at the Men's Dining Center on Thursday night. The decorations were very impressive and were constructed by the Upsilon chapter, under the direction of Norman V. Plyter. An important feature of the evening was the introduction of distinguished guests and 50-year Psi U.'s who were cited for their achievements and contributions to the Fraternity. Brother Lawrence W. Towle, Kappa '24, gave statistics on Fraternity scholastic standings and presented the awards to the two chapters that made the outstanding scholastic performances in the past school



At the Convention Banquet (l. to r.) Franklin F. Bruder, Theta '25, Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27, John F. Bush, Jr., Upsilon '22

year. Theta Epsilon possessed the highest overall average based on the house average and rank on campus, while Epsilon Omega showed the greatest scholastic improvement from last year.

The Hon. Clarence J. Henry, Upsilon '25, toastmaster for the evening, introduced the Convention's main speaker, Clayton "Bud" Collyer, Delta Delta '31. "Bud", who had an outstanding undergraduate record at Williams, has been one of the successful pioneers in the relatively new medium of television. His effervescent but sincere personality at once captivated his audience, and his message was very meaningful. After the banquet, some of the more hardy Brothers returned to the chapter house, while the rest retired to their rooms in Lovejoy Dorm.

On Friday morning, September 5, all remaining business was disposed of at the final business session, and thus the formal part of the Convention was completed. The delegates who did not have to catch early planes or trains enjoyed a buffet luncheon at the Men's Dining Center, and then proceeded to Corbett's Glen, outside Rochester, for a Psi U. clambake and outing. The clams, beer, and softball made this a very successful Convention innovation, one which might well be repeated in future years.

Samuel S. Stratton's Speech

One of the Convention's two main speakers was Samuel S. Stratton, Upsilon '37, the present mayor of Schenectady,

New York. In his talk at the Brook-Lea Country Club dinner, Mr. Stratton considered some of the advantages young men with intelligence and ability might derive from entering political fields. Emphasizing that politics are as enjoyable as they are exhausting—both mentally and physically—Mayor Stratton gave a refreshing and enlightening description of the importance of political decisions. He revealed a keen sensitivity to human problems, and displayed the enthusiasm which has made him so successful.

Mayor Stratton possesses a very impressive background, beginning with his graduation as an outstanding student from the University of Rochester in 1937. A Japanese language expert, he served on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in World War II. In the recent elections he became the first Democrat to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from his district in 43 years.

Business Meetings

The first business session of the 116th National Convention of Psi Upsilon was called to order on Wednesday afternoon by John F. Bush, Upsilon '22, followed by the election of Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, as Temporary Chairman of the Convention.

Among the important items of business at the meetings was the acceptance of the



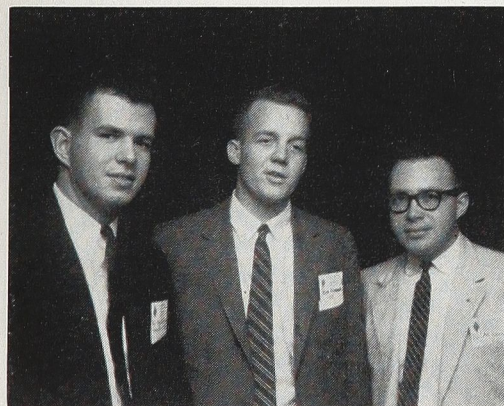
At the Head Table at the Convention Banquet (l. to r.) Brothers John F. Bush, Jr., Upsilon '22, Clayton Collyer, Delta Delta '31, Clarence J. Henry, Upsilon '25, Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, Jerome W. Brush, Jr., Delta Delta '39.

resolution that each chapter, to improve its scholastic standing, should organize a permanent committee. A resolution was also passed commending the Psi, Epsilon, Omega, Zeta Zeta, and Upsilon chapters for their high academic standings; in particular citing the Theta Epsilon chapter for having the highest relative scholastic standing in the National Fraternity.

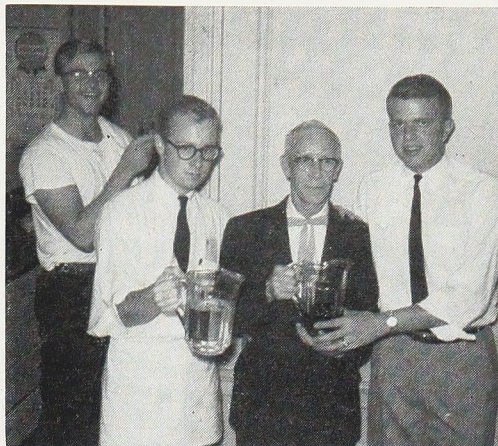
A group from Pennsylvania State University was expected to present a petition for admittance into Psi Upsilon, but since the representatives did not appear, the petition was tabled. It was decided at the Thursday morning session that the Omega chapter would be host to the 1959 Convention. One of the outstanding features of the business meetings was the reading of the Annual Communication of the Executive Council by Brother Edward T. Richards, Sigma '27.

Probably the most heated discussion of the Convention occurred over the problem of whether or not to permit the purchase and wearing of recognition pins by Fraternity members. The debate was concluded by the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Executive Council of this Fraternity be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to authorize any approved jeweler of this Fraternity to manufacture and sell to any member of this Fraternity a recognition pin similar to the recognition pin currently in use at the Upsilon chapter.



Brothers of the Upsilon (l. to r.) Frederick B. Parker, Jr., '58, Thomas R. Forbes, Jr., '59, and Thomas O. Muldoon, '58.



Upsilon bar tenders: John Iverson, '57, Peter Hodge, '60, "Brother Burritt", Bob Sherwood, '60.

The business meetings in general seemed to follow a very efficient and well-organized pattern. The cooperation and enthusiasm displayed by all the delegates made possible the extremely successful and constructive business sessions.

Clayton "Bud" Collyer's Speech

After an excellent dinner at the Annual Banquet, the toastmaster presented the main speaker of the evening and of the Convention, Brother Clayton "Bud" Collyer, Delta Delta '31, who has become familiar to millions of Americans as the genial host of such well-known television shows as "Beat the Clock."

Everyone was very impressed and happily surprised to hear "Bud" speak on a topic which is often omitted in annual Conventions: God. Brother Collyer is very active in church work and possesses a vitally dynamic faith which brings God into everything he does. He believes that we should take God everywhere we go, and especially that we should not try to crowd him out of the Psi Upsilon brotherhood. "Bud" is certainly an inspired man, and he left us all in a state of introspection. The feelings of the Brothers were heartily manifested in the sustained round of applause which followed his outstanding contribution to the Annual Convention.

Summary

After three tiring days of brotherhood,

business, and beer, the weary delegates departed, taking with them memories of the 116th National Convention of the Fraternity. For many, the Convention was a much-needed vacation from the problems

of everyday life; for some it was three days of hard work for Psi Upsilon; for all it was an enjoyable occasion, and one that will be remembered as long as Psi Upsilon Conventions are held.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE 1958 CONVENTION OF PSI Upsilon

This is an historic event—a great historic event in the annals of Psi Upsilon. We came here to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth year of Psi Upsilon and the one hundredth year of our Upsilon Chapter. Only the Centennial at Union, the Mother Chapter, has exceeded in importance this assembly of undergraduates and alumni. The Upsilon has become the ninth of our thirty Chapters with over one hundred years of illustrious history.

It is therefore, with great pleasure that the Executive Council extends a hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors to this, our 116th Convention of Psi Upsilon—in nine of the years since 1833, there are no records of Conventions.

Our thanks for their hospitality go to the President and Trustees of the University of Rochester—one of the finest institutions of higher learning on the North American Continent. Each of our Chapters exists at the pleasure of Alma Mater.

This is the sixth Convention with the Upsilon. The Conventions of 1866, 1878, 1889, 1908, and 1936 were also in Rochester.

PSI Upsilon AND THE WORLD TODAY:

Around the moon and under the North Pole—this is a time for the young but not the immature.

We need not enumerate the outstanding events that have happened since the last Convention at the Upsilon twenty-two years ago. Suffice it to say that even since last year's Convention at the Psi four satellites are now in space and new atomic submarines ply the oceans capable of destroying cities hundreds of miles inland.

Such events should not alarm undergraduates but instead kindle their imagination toward brilliant achievement. Rickover, a non-entity only a few years ago and passed over twice by the U. S. Navy, has become the President's emissary, awarded a gold medal of honor, and shortly to become a Vice-Admiral.

Today and now it is not smart to be a con-

formist and just "a good guy." During the past year we have had troubles in various ways at some of our Chapters. The local alumni and sponsoring groups are definitely to blame, but only in part. You can't make silk purses out of sows' ears. You must select your members with better selectivity, *i.e.*, for strength and potential leadership. We defy contradiction in the fact that Psi Upsilon for over a century has produced more leaders by far than any other fraternity and leadership cannot be produced with unqualified material. None of you want to be associated with failures. The accessory to the fact is just as big a culprit today as he always was—before the law.

THE PSI Upsilon FOUNDATION, INC.:

Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment of this past year was "The Psi Upsilon Foundation, Inc.," a joint effort of the Executive Council and the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association. It is a *fait accompli*. It is an outstanding example of what can't be done can be done.

ALLEN NORTHEY JONES:

It is with deep sadness and humility that we report the death of one of our members of the Executive Council, one of the greatest ever to wear the badge of Psi Upsilon, a man among men, Allen Northey Jones.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP:

In order to emphasize the central role of scholarship in undergraduate life and to stimulate the attainment of creditable Chapter academic standards, the Convention of 1949 adopted general resolutions providing for the establishment of two Chapter Scholarship Awards to be presented annually. These awards are contributed by the Psi Upsilon Alumni Association. One award is made to the Chapter having the highest academic standing, the other to the Chapter evidencing the greatest academic improvement over the preceding year. The award for academic distinc-

tion consists of a cup and a permanent plaque. The cup is held by the winning Chapter during the ensuing year and becomes the permanent possession of the Chapter that succeeds in winning it for three successive years. The award for greatest improvement consists of a permanent plaque.

Since its establishment in 1949, the award for academic distinction has been won by the following Chapters:

1949	IOTA
1950	RHO
1951	LAMBDA
1952	IOTA
1953	EPSILON
1954	OMEGA AND THETA EPSILON
1955	UPSILON
1956	OMEGA

It will be the duty of this Convention to select the winners for the year 1957 of the Award for Academic Distinction and the Award for Greatest Improvement.

Our Chapters should ever keep in mind that the foremost objective of the American college and university is the intellectual development of its students. Being an integral part of American higher education, Psi Upsilon has always stood solidly for the promotion of intellectual excellence. No Chapter should for a moment lose sight of this objective, either in its day-by-day activities or in its selection of new members. The man who is unwilling to subject himself in the persistent discipline of serious intellectual effort does not measure up to Psi U standards. The Chapter that tolerates a scholastic record that places it at or near the bottom in rank on its campus is dragging the standard of Psi Upsilon in the dust. Every



(Left to right) Charles H. Seaver, Psi '21, Richard M. Ross, Lambda '20, Paul J. Hughes, Delta '34.

Chapter has the responsibility of preparing its members for intellectual maturity and for a life of usefulness and leadership in a democratic society.

GENERAL:

Psi Upsilon is a brotherhood. The times have changed, but human nature remains the same. The words of William Forbes Morgan, Delta 1865, are just as true today as when they were uttered in 1874:

"The Constitution tells us that the object of the Fraternity is the union of its membership for the promotion of the highest moral, intellectual and social excellence. Those words express principles that the best humanity has striven for since the world began. Church can give no higher. State can propose none superior—the highest ideal of man's spirit can desire nothing worthier. Hence the immense importance of the Fraternity. It is a Fraternity of young men for man's best work."

Yours in the Bonds,

THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL OF PSI UPSILON ON THE AN-
NUAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE 1958
CONVENTION

BENJAMIN T. BURTON, Chi '21
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JEROME W. BRUSH, Jr., Delta Delta '39
FRANK F. BRUDER, Theta '25



John F. Bush, Jr., Upsilon '22 and Clayton Collyer, Delta Delta '31

New York, N.Y.
September 3, 1958

EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE CHAPTERS TO 1958 NATIONAL CONVENTION

THETA CHAPTER

Although the house is somewhat smaller numerically these days, each brother has been doing a little more to maintain its reputation on campus. There have, however, been certain marked internal social changes in attitudes and ideas, which have not yet become apparent to the rest of the campus. To the more perceptive eye, we are a thriving group of young men, intent upon building something before we bid farewell to our deeply traditional alma mater.

The Theta Chapter took part in the exchange student program by accepting in the house an Austrian exchange student, Gunther Grimm, who has added a great deal both to the academic and social life of the said Chapter.

The past year has proved that the Theta Chapter is carrying forth in the highest traditions of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and is looking forward to another most successful year.

DELTA CHAPTER

Perhaps the outstanding reason for the lack of social life and the declining interest in sports has been the brothers' concentrated efforts to improve the fraternity's scholarship, which in recent years has found the Delta at the bottom of the university list. The year ended with no serious academic catastrophes, and we may find ourselves towards the top of the list for a change. Of course, credit must be given to the increasing number of artsmen whose higher grades boost up the fraternity average, which is generally low because of the predominance of engineers.

The Delta has fared well this past year

through the efforts of the brothers and the cooperation of the alumni. The spirit of Psi Upsilon is within every active Delta and as long as the spirit is there, the Delta will continue to lead.

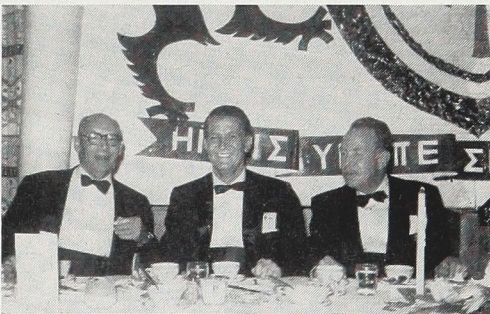
SIGMA CHAPTER

The fraternity has taken great strides in cementing relations with local alumni. A joint active-inactive steering committee has taken charge of a long range program to replace the House furnishings with new ones. Closer alumni relations have also been stimulated by a series of instructive talks by interested alumni, outstanding in their various business fields, to the Fraternity members. These mutual Sigma alumni student relations are certainly rewarding from both corners, and the continual promotion of them will take an ever increasing significance in the House policies from here on. The closer affiliation between Sigma men in and out of college is indicative of the fine fraternal spirit which has always played such a role in the Sigma and the Psi Upsilon Fraternity as a whole.

GAMMA CHAPTER

The chapter under the aegis of Brother Warren Leonard, the scholarship chairman, moved from ninth to fifth place out of fourteen social units ranked. For the greatest improvement in scholastic standing over the preceding semester the house was awarded the Trustee Trophy. The house stood second in the standings for all national fraternities, and the 1960 delegation ranked second in the competition for the House Management Committee trophy, awarded to that sophomore delegation showing best academic standing judged equally on scholastic standing and academic improvement.

Although this accomplishment was aided and abetted by several individuals—twelve brothers were placed on the Dean's List—it must be largely attributed to a conscious effort at improvement on the part of the whole house. The Gamma has had its share of outstanding students in recent years and yet has never done so well as a unit. There were no imposed study hours, each brother bearing the responsibility for his own work. The conscious desire to better oneself and the group to which the individual belongs minus the coercion and conformism of the group, which often detracts from the real goal, characterized this achievement.



At the Convention Banquet (l. to r.) John F. Bush, Jr., Upsilon '22, General Chairman of the Convention, Clayton Collyer, Delta Delta '31, principal speaker at the Banquet, Judge Clarence J. Henry, Upsilon '25.

It is impossible to evaluate thoroughly in any very worthwhile manner the accomplishments of a group of individuals of diverse backgrounds and interests. This superficial account of concrete facts of achievement during the past year on the part of the brothers singly and cooperatively can only give a vague impression of house spirit. The deep understanding and mutual benefit accruing from the experience of sharing in many common enterprises must be encountered first hand. It is in the bonds of the Fraternity that the individual's worth and the value of the group to which he belongs are indissolubly joined. The final evaluation must depend on how much the better is each participant for having come in contact with the other.

ZETA CHAPTER

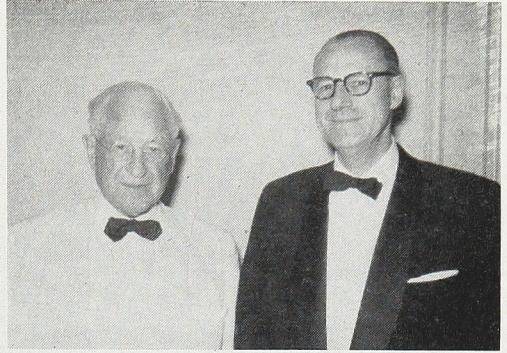
One good thing which did come from the slow-down in social activities was the opportunity to do a lot of work on the "new room." Last year's report explained how the brothers excavated underneath the present living room, and braced the foundation in preparation for the finishing of the room. This fall the brothers were faced with little more than a large hole in the ground. This spring found the hole in the ground a finished room, featuring a 25-foot mural painted by one of the brothers, a large stone fireplace and mantle, also done by one of the brothers, and a handsome pine panelled bar, in keeping with the pine panelling of the rest of the room. Nearly all the work, except that involving skilled carpentry, was done by the brothers. A good portion of the materials used were obtained from alumni or fathers in a position to donate materials or obtain them at wholesale prices.

A contractor and an architect estimated the cost of the room at eight to ten thousand dollars. The fact that the brothers completed the room for three thousand dollars is a tribute to what can be accomplished by a group of Psi U's.

The new room was the topic of enthusiastic discussion over the second annual Alumni Weekend, held this spring. More than thirty alumni and their wives attended, and everyone had a fine time at the cocktail parties, dances and picnics. The topic of the alumni weekend brings to mind a very important subject, alumni support. We are embarking on a new program to stimulate alumni interest, but we are very interested in suggestions from chapters which have been successful in alumni fund raising.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Were we to search for a single theme whereby we might adequately measure the



LeRoy J. Weed, Theta '01, Past President of the Executive Council, and Benjamin T. Burton, Chi '21, present Council President

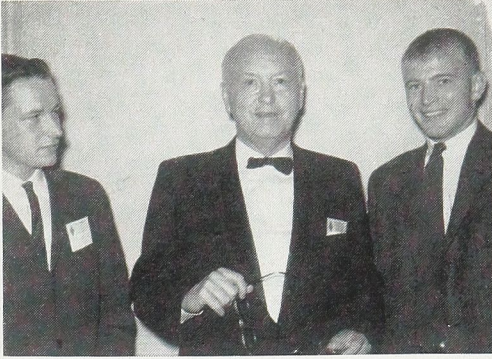
progress and activity of the Lambda Chapter of Psi Upsilon, no better criterion could be adopted than development and expansion. For it is to such ideals as these that the Lambda chapter has dedicated itself in the years 1957-1958.

The Lambda now boasts a membership of 20 select men, an increase of twenty-five per cent over 1956-7. In addition to this quantitative advance, the house has placed key men in significant phases of Columbia College life. This past spring, two house members were awarded gold crowns for their participation in the publishing of the campus daily. The gold crown is the highest award given in the college's extracurricular program.

The future of the house as an integral part of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity and an organic entity on the Columbia Campus is a prime concern of the officers and members of the chapter. In the fall two unique committees will be formed in an attempt to measure and advance the prestige of the Lambda within the two spheres of influence mentioned above. A Redevelopment and Expansion Committee will concern itself with the position of the Lambda in the fraternal organization and in internal house affairs, while a College Delegation will attempt to make the Lambda's influence greater than ever on the Columbia College campus.

KAPPA CHAPTER

As far back as the members of this year's graduating class can remember, there has been a great deal of feeling among the brothers that Phi U is the outstanding fraternity at Bowdoin, and this school year has only served to strengthen this opinion. Any organization of seventy men is bound to have faults, and the Kappa is no exception to this rule. However, so great and so numerous are our virtues that this



Three Brothers of the Iota: (l. to r.) John Anderson '60, George L. Brain, '20, and Allan Frost, '60.

report can afford to be quite frank about both our assets and our liabilities.

Next year, like all other years, will bring new problems and new honors to the Kappa. Hazing, a 150 year tradition at Bowdoin, was totally abolished this winter, and through student-faculty cooperation a new system of orientation has been worked out and will receive its first trial next fall. We also will be faced with the problem of our aging physical plant, the lovable old "Green Garage." We have, however, the leadership to meet these, or any other problems, as has been proved by the college's spring elections.

PSI CHAPTER

In the years since World War II, the Psi has risen to a position of high rank on the Hamilton campus. Within the past four years, it has become the most diversified house, and, with a strong pledge delegation in 1959, we will strengthen our position as the best fraternity on the campus. This glowing introduction is not an overstatement of our worth. We are proud of our record, and we will attempt to maintain in the coming years.

We were the top national fraternity on campus academically in the preceding semester. Our average for the semester was 79.1, two points above the all-college average and three points above the all-fraternity average. Twenty-two of the brothers had an average of 80 or better, and nine Psi U's made the Dean's List. All of our seniors will attend graduate school, a distinguished record for the class.

Psi Upsilon was also very well represented in varsity athletics.

Internally, the house benefited from improvements made for the convention, and new improvements were made throughout the year. We have the largest house at Hamilton, and the brothers worked hard during the year to maintain its cleanliness.

Thus, the Psi chapter is strong in scholarship, athletics, social activities, house management and campus leadership. We have achieved a record to which we can point with pride. But can we keep this record? Apathy, financial difficulties and a crude rushing system are grave obstacles in our drive to remain the best house on campus. The severely academic atmosphere of Hamilton is a prime cause of the apathy existing in every fraternity on the hill. The fraternity loses much of its meaning in such an atmosphere, and the lack of spirit which results is difficult to combat. Since spring vacation, however, the attitude of the members has changed considerably. Most of us are anticipating continued success in the forthcoming year, pending possible changes in the rushing system and a probable alleviation of our financial difficulties. Nevertheless, the Psi shows no indication of an interest in returning to the nineteenth century traditions of the fraternity. Instead, more emphasis is being placed on the dormitory and eating club aspect of fraternity life. This, however, seems to be the path down which all realistic twentieth century fraternities are travelling. We feel that, as long as we maintain our current position of excellence at the college, and as long as the word and ideas of brotherhood retain the value they have at present within the Psi, we can remain a fraternity of which anyone could be proud.

XI CHAPTER

The Xi Chapter was able to get the year underway with one of the most successful rushing seasons in years. On the night of pledging, a full class of "first choices" walked through our doors. The Xi led all the fraternities at Wesleyan in the number of freshmen who placed it as their first choice for a bid.

Athletically, the Xi placed men in prominent varsity team positions throughout the year.

Academically, the Xi did not shine as it might have, although Brother Gary Iseminger succeeded in compiling the highest average ever achieved at Wesleyan.

The Annual Psi Upsilon Conference, a three-day affair which is presented by the Xi members to the campus as a contribution to the intellectual growth of the campus, was ably conducted by Brother Lyle. The conference, which this year dealt with Wesleyan's place in the academic world, was gratefully received by the campus.

UPSILON CHAPTER

The year 1957-1958 at the Upsilon has been one of great achievement as well as one of

some disappointment. The chapter has maintained its leading position on campus in honors received, athletic accomplishments and extra-curricular participation. This year has been marked by efficient house management and the most successful conduct of the pledging period noted in recent years. The one major disappointment of the year has been the lack of scholastic improvement.

One of the University's highest awards, the Percy Dutton Prize to the senior "who has excelled all his men classmates in wholesome, unselfish, and helpful influence among his fellow students," was awarded to Brother Wedemeyer, also our House President for the first semester.

As the chapter looks from its Centennial Year into both the past and future, we see in the past, 100 years of achievement we can be proud of, and, for the future, the promise of many years of continued improvement as a chapter of Psi Upsilon.

IOTA CHAPTER

The suspension of the chapter was incurred through the conflict of engrained attitudes of certain individual members of the Iota with the recently enforced social policies of the college's new administration. The suspension was lifted in June, and Psi Upsilon again exists, with some restrictions, at Kenyon. Through the able guidance of the Iota Association, our alumni corporation, the re-instatement of some of the individual brothers has been directed and accomplished. We are building a stronger chapter at Kenyon than has existed for a decade.

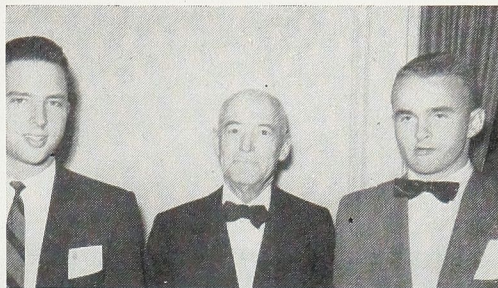
The Iota Association has been negotiating with the College, renovating the quarters of the Iota and cementing the bond between the active chapter and its alumni association. The active chapter owes to the Iota Association a debt it hopes to repay in good faith through renewed energies toward rebuilding and strengthening the chapter. We of the active chapter may have overlooked the first tenet of the Diamond in the past few years, but we have assuredly now understood and are in accord with that tenet. Looking to the future, the prospects of the Iota appear increasingly brighter.

PHI CHAPTER

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OMEGA CHAPTER

The year saw the complete domination of intramural sports by the brothers. Only the badminton title escaped, the house winning



Three Brothers of the Epsilon Phi (l. to r.) Peter Budge, '60, Eugene Vinet, '11, and Richard Bonie, '60.

touchball, ping-pong, swimming, track, handball, squash, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, golf and softball. On the intercollegiate fields the brothers won for the twelfth consecutive year, the varsity cup, signifying the most men winning the varsity "C" during the year.

The year was climaxed at the annual Intra-Fraternity Sing when a large number of alumni turned out, giving Psi U first in the quantity cup; and took second in the quality contest.

PI CHAPTER

The Pi feels proud to report an increasingly strong participation in extra-curricular activities. We have continued to work with IFC in its civic work project; we have done our part in perpetuating the traditional chapter contributions to the community; and we have, as of this year, initiated some new angles on community service. It goes without saying . . . no, without violent flag-waving, that we have continued to offer our brothers to the many campus activities.

The Inter-fraternity Council runs each year two community service projects which usually take the form of an afternoon's blood and tears for some charity organization. The Pi usually combines with a sorority (to the annual surprise of IFC, since this is a *Fraternity* project) and sends from 15 to 25 brothers to work. We also participate annually in the IFC sing contest. We are one of three houses which has won the cup twice in a row for eight years since the contest's introduction.

Each year, immediately following the Christmas Formal, we take advantage of the decorations and entertain the members of an orphanage for that Sunday afternoon. The experience is rewarding, and sometimes terrifying, as in the instance when a 12-year-old asked me for an ashtray to butt his cigarette.

We go to the two hospitals in the area, plus all of the campus living centers on the way.



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CHI CHAPTER

Since the Chi's report to the convention last year it has made some significant advances. In the field of scholastics the Chi has improved considerably since last year. Last year our scholastic rating at Cornell was 50th. This year the Chi's average has come up to 76 and our ranking with the other fraternities and recognized groups on campus has come up to 30th. This only puts us in the average category; however, we hope by next year to improve this ranking even more.

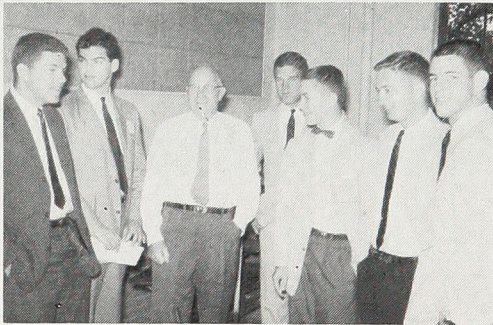
Perhaps the most outstanding Chi athlete is Lou Jordan. Besides being captain of next years varsity basketball team, Lou was the second highest scorer in the Ivy League last season, was named to the All-Ivy first team, and received an honorable mention position on the All-East basketball team.

The Chis were rated fourth at Cornell in participation in extra-curricular activities. With the freshman class we brought into the house during rushing this spring, we should have no trouble maintaining this position. In fact our position will probably improve. It is significant to note here that this spring four members of the Chi's junior class accepted membership in the two Senior activity honoraries on campus.

All in all the Chi still remains one of the top houses on the Cornell campus. If its scholastic rating is brought up even more than it already has been, it will be the top house on the hill.

BETA BETA CHAPTER

When the Beta Beta closed its doors for the summer vacation in June, 1957, a great deal of



Committee to Foster, Protect and Improve Ritual and Tradition, (l. to r.) Peter S. O'Neill, Zeta '59, Michael F. Beirne, Delta '59, Chairman, John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14, Executive Council Adviser, H. Corbin Day, Sigma '59, Kenneth T. Palmer, Gamma '59; and Eta Delegates Peter H. Bach, '59, and William E. Rodgers, '59.

progress had been made toward the revitalization of the chapter and especially some of the departments which had been inefficiently operated in years past.

The academic difficulties had not been solved. Although the chapter lost no one at mid-years, the overall house average had not risen, and we were again second from the bottom of the fraternity list. It was obvious that the other undertakings of the house had taken a precedence over academic work. The college committee on administration withdrew the probation plan it had been using and gave us a chance to draw up a proposal for the betterment of our standing. The committee accepted our proposal. The final average of the chapter, as computed by the president and the faculty adviser for the 1957-58 scholastic year is 75.01%. This figure is a 3.61% increase and will move the chapter from ninth out of ten to fourth or better. Progress has been made.

While the academic problem affected most of our actions during the second semester, there was no let-down in other fields. This became a time to consolidate the past gains and make them permanent—not a time to branch out into new and heretofore untried fields. Not only did the financial departments become solvent, but it is remaining so, which is the real test.

ETA CHAPTER

For the past several years the main problem of the Eta has been scholarship and the low number of brothers who have been living in the chapter house. A concentrated drive on rushing for the past two years has resulted in our house being filled to capacity this past fall and spring. With a full house we have found that our financial, social and scholastic problems have been easier to solve.

Scholastically this past fall the Eta ranked 15th out of Lehigh's 30 fraternities because of an extra effort for scholastic improvement during the previous spring. The result was pleasing, and the grades of both pledges and brothers improved greatly. We have found our main scholastic problem to be with unadjusted pledges after moving into our house for the first time in the fall and the allowing of many second-year pledges with low grades to continue living in the house. This spring we maintained a good scholastic standing which has been a change from our past two-year trend.

This year the chapter has been in close contact with our alumni and faculty adviser.

The morale of the house has constantly improved with the increased number of brothers in the house. We have continued to derive

much satisfaction from our annual tradition of holding a Christmas party for unfortunate children in the Bethlehem area. Entering actively into Lehigh's inter-fraternity athletic program has helped us establish closer friends from other houses as well as providing a good source for spending leisure time.

TAU CHAPTER

Perhaps one of the major accomplishments of the Tau in the past year has been the chapter's extensive association with the Psi Upsilon of Philadelphia. This group of alumni has been working closely with the undergraduates and has served not only as advisers, but also as active supporters of all the projects which the Tau undertakes.

The brothers have decided to adopt a resident-adviser program for next year. A qualified graduate student will live in the chapter house to serve as both an adviser and stabilizing influence. This plan has the full endorsement and approval of the alumni group.

MU CHAPTER

The big effort this year has been to keep the house in the peak condition made possible last year by the generous gifts and help by the alumni and Mother's Club. The current fine condition of the house speaks well of these efforts.

There has been much work put into the building of a library in the house in the past year. Many books are now available and we are looking forward to many more that have been pledged. We are currently building bookcases in the second floor study to house books. Within the next year we sincerely believe that a system will be in operation that will add materially to the chapter.

In any progress the house has made in the year much is owed to our alumni association and Mother's Club. Their constant enthusiasm and help have made a reality of many things otherwise impossible.

The Chapter newspaper *Psi U Muses* has grown greatly in stature since its formation a year ago. Again by the generosity of the alumni association we were able to print the paper and include a number of pictures. The advancement of the newspaper's quality has brought it to equal footing with any fraternity newspaper on campus. We feel that it has done much to improve the relationship between the active chapter and the alumni.

The past year has been a good one in the area of Scholarship. Last quarter the chapter placed 11th out of 40 fraternities in all-university academic standings. This is a large improvement over previous quarters of the



Scene in the Convention Hall

year. The chapter is working on more effective study programs for pledges, and we hope by these efforts to raise the house standing even more.

On the whole an awareness and desire in the house for a high academic standing is apparent, and in the next year we expect great improvement. There are currently two men in honorary societies.

RHO CHAPTER

The Rho Chapter is successfully maintaining its position as the finest social fraternity at the University of Wisconsin. Our eminence can be attributed to our tradition of conservatism and the promotion of an intangible bond of brotherhood within the chapter.

Our membership includes men from all walks of life and from all parts of the United States and abroad. We feel that this variety has led to a furtherance of individuality of act and thought which has been extremely beneficial.

It has been felt that our chapter has progressed greatly over the past year. We have entered into campus activities with unusual vigor both as a chapter and as individuals. Our trophy for second place in the Wisconsin Campus Carnival bears this out; next year we hope for first place.

Our greatest problems have come in the areas of finance and scholarship. Financially we are running in the red, and this may be attributed directly to a lack of men living in the house and eating at the table. We have, for the most part, corrected this during the past two months; however, this has not been enough to over-balance the deficit incurred during the majority of the school year. The chapter has taken legislative action which will definitely help to prevent such a loss in the future. One of our greatest problems lies not within the chapter, but with the university, as it is encouraging all freshmen to live in

the university dormitories. This not only keeps our freshman pledges from living in the house, but it also may hurt our rushing. On this campus fraternity men are in a minority, and the dormitories form a living and social group which is in direct competition with fraternities. This has not been a great problem within this chapter in the past, but with increasing pressure which will be directly felt next year, the trouble may become more acute.

Our second problem of scholarship is not as serious as it might seem on the surface. Our ranking as compared to other fraternities is low. This has been because of the extremely low grades of a very few individuals who have left the university for one reason or another, and this has damaged what might have been a good record. The active chapter's grades have been very good; the pledges have been mediocre, but we are taking every step to encourage them and in some delinquent cases are putting heavy pressure to bear.

EPSILON CHAPTER

This past year has again been a successful one scholastically and socially for the Epsilon Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of California.

Our scholastic standing on campus slipped somewhat this past semester, from 6th place to 13th. However, out of 52 national fraternities here at Cal, we remain in the top one-fourth.

Fraternally, we feel that this year has been an outstanding one for the Epsilon. We are associating more with our alumni, and among ourselves there is a strong bond.

It gives me a grand feeling indeed to report to you that the Epsilon Chapter of Psi Upsilon at the University of California is keeping up its fine name and record.

OMICRON CHAPTER

The close of the 1957-58 year finds the Omicron sharing two major problems with the other fifty-seven fraternities on the University of Illinois campus. These two problems are a lack of rushees and a low initiation percentage.

The first problem, a lack of rushees, has confronted Illinois fraternities since about 1953. Each year the number of rushees falls, although the number of males entering the university does not drop. This situation has forced many chapters, including the Omicron, to operate at less than full capacity.

The second major problem facing the largest fraternity system in the world is the low percent of pledges initiated. Only 48% of all fraternities' pledges made the scholastic average necessary for initiation last fall.

A corollary problem is that the all-fraternity grade average consistently falls below the all-men's average. While it has had some excellent scholars in recent years, the Omicron regretfully admits that it has fallen down in the matter of grades, especially pledge grades. In an attempt to correct this situation, a completely revised pledge program is being formulated for this fall.

DELTA DELTA CHAPTER

The Delta Deelta Chapter of Psi Upsilon had a very progressive year in 1957-8, one which the brothers can look back on with pride. The chapter again pledged a full delegation of outstanding men; the pledge class brought the chapter strength through its diversity. The Psi Upsilon house now ranks second in numbers among the social units on the Williams campus.

There has been considerable difficulty within the chapter over the past few years in scholarship. This problem has gone hand in hand with a failure of the brothers to meet and get well acquainted with the faculty. During the past year, emphasis has been placed on improvement in both scholarship and faculty relations. The scholarship committee was revamped and a faculty relations committee established, both with results that have been gratifying. The house average has been raised to well over the C+ level, and it is apparent that the faculty and the brothers are coming to enjoy the company of each other far more greatly than in the past.

Perhaps the greatest innovation over the past year has been the organization by the alumni of the Delta Delta of an educational and charitable foundation, funds from which will be available to certain undergraduate brothers who may be in need of financial aid. Such a fund has very great potentialities in the eyes of the chapter.

THETA THETA CHAPTER

The past year at the Theta Theta has been an exciting one filled with many surprises and accomplishments. To start off the year we took a pledge class of 31 which was the third largest on campus. Then we moved into Homecoming where we took the prize for having the most people in attendance at the All-University dance.

In recapping the year we find that the Theta Theta placed seven men on the Dean's scholarship list and earned nine varsity letters. Also we earned six freshman numerals. As one can see the Theta Theta chapter of Psi Upsilon kept right on the beam of holding its place in the top five fraternities at the University of

Washington. Maintaining our conservative membership at approximately 80 we take only men of the highest standards. I am sure that next year will be another year of the Theta Theta dominance in all phases of fraternity life at the University of Washington.

NU CHAPTER

This past year has been an active and complete one for the Nu Chapter. Our rushing campaign in the fall was very successful, with fourteen new brothers from various faculties taken into the brotherhood. Here in Toronto we have no organized rushing campaign as many of the American chapters do. Each fraternity must supervise its own rushing program.

The men's fraternities in Toronto are considered unique by many of their American chapters because here we have no affiliation or connection with the university itself. As the university expands, it expropriates many of the fraternity houses situated nearby. A few years ago the Nu chapter was forced to move from a central position on campus to a house further away. The house, however, is one of the finest fraternity houses in Toronto. At the time it seemed an inconvenience, but now we realize that our foresight has been rewarded. Many of the other fraternities are now experiencing the plight of having to move and being unable to find a suitable house anywhere near the campus. A committee has been formed to examine this rather pressing problem. At any rate one decision that has been made is that the fraternities in Toronto wish no connection or affiliation, whatsoever, with the University of Toronto. Our independence is cherished too highly for us to let it go. We will cooperate with the university but will not submit to its jurisdiction.

In the light of this year's success socially, athletically and financially, we here at the Nu Chapter are looking forward to an even more successful and prosperous year next term.

EPSILON PHI CHAPTER

Psi Upsilon continues to play a large part in campus and fraternity activities. In this there lies an obvious deterrent to the welfare of the fraternity because the capable brothers may devote all their time to one and thus be lost to the other. Such we find is not the case at Psi Upsilon. The brothers who are at the top are usually active in both fraternity and campus affairs, and the problem is in creating interest among the sophomores and freshmen for such activities and in getting them to take a serious and responsible interest in the fraternity particularly. However, on the whole, the house



Brothers of the Upsilon Frederick S. Miller, '34, David M. Allyn, '31, Nicholas M. Brown, '28.

has taken an active interest in many things and done well.

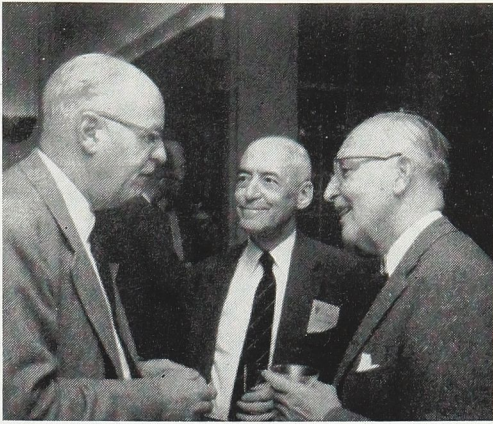
The government of the campus was virtually in the hands of Psi Upsilon this past year. We provided the president of the Student Society, chairman of the Students Athletics Council, and president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. All were past officers of the fraternity, two being president and one a vice-president. In other fields Psi Upsilon provided more than its share of chairmen who were ably backed up by younger members of the house in carrying out their jobs.

Psi Upsilon has thus contributed a great deal to the life of the University and have been individually well rewarded for their activity. We are sure this tradition will continue though it will be difficult, I think, to keep up with the successes of the past year in this respect.

In internal activities a good deal of interest was shown. There is a tendency for parties to become fewer and better, taking into account the full program carried on from day to day by most of the brothers. This does not indicate a lack of interest in the house but rather a better allocation of time. The jobs of the officers were efficiently done and the support of the whole house was willingly given at all times. A number of very worthwhile additions were made in the form of by-law changes and physical changes to the house. Brothers spent a lot of time in and for the benefit of the house throughout the year.

ZETA ZETA CHAPTER

The Zeta Zeta is pleased to report a very favorable year to the annual convention—very favorable in the light that Zeta Zeta has a new spirit and with it a spontaneous growth in membership and increase in activities.



(l. to r.) Brothers John R. Burleigh, Zeta '14, Eugene Vinet, Epsilon Phi '11, and C. Storrs Barrows, Upsilon '12.

In past years the chapter at times has witnessed a scholastic decline, lack of spirit among pledges and growth in the number of inactives. To insure no such repetition, the chapter has made considerable by-law changes.

To remedy the decline in the chapters scholastic average, Zeta Zeta has dealt with the very basis of this problem by setting a definite average for pledges to obtain before they can be initiated into the bonds of the fraternity. This average is obtained from the results of the pledges previous terms marks. By this same token the active chapter is given a new incentive for a better scholastic rating in order to set an example for the pledge classes.

This year we have made great strides towards solving what has been our biggest problem, that of active chapter-alumni relations.

The problem was first attacked socially, as we believe this is the best way to bring unity. The alumni hold two banquets a year, and in this last year we promoted larger turnouts on behalf of the active chapter. Once the initiative was taken the alumni cooperated wholeheartedly with their support.

Our annual formal probably did more than anything to bring the alumni and actives closer together. The formal was held at the Panorama Roof of the Hotel Vancouver and was the biggest undertaking for this event we had ever tried. To ensure its success the brothers visited the alumni personally, both locally and other parts of the province. The response of the alumni to the interest we showed in them personally made the event profitable both financially and most important in terms of unifying our relations.

Other measures were also taken to increase

our alumni support. We had alumni to dinner at the house as guests and as speakers.

The Zeta Zeta has found that these methods of showing personal interest in the alumni have done much to strengthen our relationships, and we are sure they will continue to do so.

EPSILON NU CHAPTER

The all important area of scholarship has been continually worked upon. We have established a memorial scholarship plaque in the name of our first housemother Mrs. Alexander, who passed away last year. Each term the name of the brother showing the highest scholastic improvement is inscribed. The chapter as a whole is working to improve our all-house average of 2.16 which is slightly under the established I.F.C. requirement of 2.2 on a four-point system.

The inter-fraternity sports program finds the Epsilon Nu amongst the top competitors for each field of entry.

The Epsilon Nu was a host for an evening of entertainment to a national convention of university student governments held at Michigan State University during the winter term. Spring term found us playing host again but for the Greek Feast, climax to "Greek Week" held annually on our campus. A buffet dinner of roast beef was served from one of our parking lots. Administration, faculty, and guests were entertained in the dining room, while the students spread to various places around the grounds to enjoy the meal.

EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER

This year has been a very good year scholastically for the EO. Fall quarter we ranked twelfth out of twenty-eight fraternities, and winter quarter we ranked seventh, several percentage points above the all men's average. The pledge class grade average was the fifth highest on campus. Over half the brothers are maintaining a B or better average.

Financially it has been a shaky year for the Epsilon Omega. During the fall quarter and for half of the winter quarter we were operating at a loss, but things have picked up and presently we are holding our own. The "Thomas Underwood Fund" is presently stagnant due to lack of alumni support. Thanks to the Mothers' Club the house will be re-decorated and refurbished for next year's rush week. We are looking forward with optimism to a profitable and successful year next year.

THETA EPSILON CHAPTER

In the fall semester the chapter was second of 32 fraternities in the academic stand-

ings (a gain of three places over the previous semester).

Theta Epsilon was well represented in campus activities.

Lack of funds prevented any major improvements from being made on the house, which is at present one of the oldest and most run-down on Fraternity Row. The chapter

did purchase carpeting for the card room and entrance hall, while the Mothers' Club and certain individuals donated several pieces of furniture.

The Mothers' Club also held a dinner in April to raise funds for the chapter. The dinner was most successful.

Upsilon's 100 Years

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tion only a few would be to slight many worthy brothers.

HIGH SPOTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UPSILON

The Upsilon has been the host to the Conventions of the Fraternity six times: 1866, 1878, 1889, 1908, 1936, and 1958. The Convention of 1908 coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the Chapter, and produced a memorable celebration. In 1933, the Centennial year of the Fraternity, the Upsilon celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (on February 15th). Two hundred Psi U's attended the annual initiation ceremonies, and at the banquet Lewis B. Jones, '90, was toastmaster, flanked by President Rush Rhees of the University and Dr. Charles R. Witherspoon, '94. The first record of the annual alumni meeting and banquet appears in 1881. This custom endured and the brothers gather each June to relive old times and plan for the future. The Farewell Party at 41 Prince Street, on June 16, 1930, included an alumni-conducted chapter meeting (John F. Bush, Jr., '22, in charge) and was the largest assemblage of Psi U's ever seen in Rochester. The banquet, following at the Genesee

Valley Club, was presided over by Clarence J. Henry, '25, assisted by Harold L. Field, '10, and Erle S. Remington, '23.

Four times war has cast its cloud over chapter life. In the Civil War, one-fourth of the chapter saw active service, and four did not come back. The Spanish War saw but a few in uniform; but in World War I, 74 graduates and undergraduates were in active service, and one gave his life. Normal chapter life was suspended. World War II saw chapter life again completely suspended, the house rented to the university as a military barracks, and most of the undergraduates and recent graduates scattered over the face of the globe. Two brothers were killed in line of duty.

Each time the chapter has returned with renewed vigor. Enthusiastic undergraduates and the ever-loyal alumni have joined in moving it constantly forward, adapting itself to changing conditions. As long as fraternities have a place in the scheme of undergraduate life at the University of Rochester, the Upsilon will fill an honored place—in our proud opinion, the leader. And these have only been the first hundred years.

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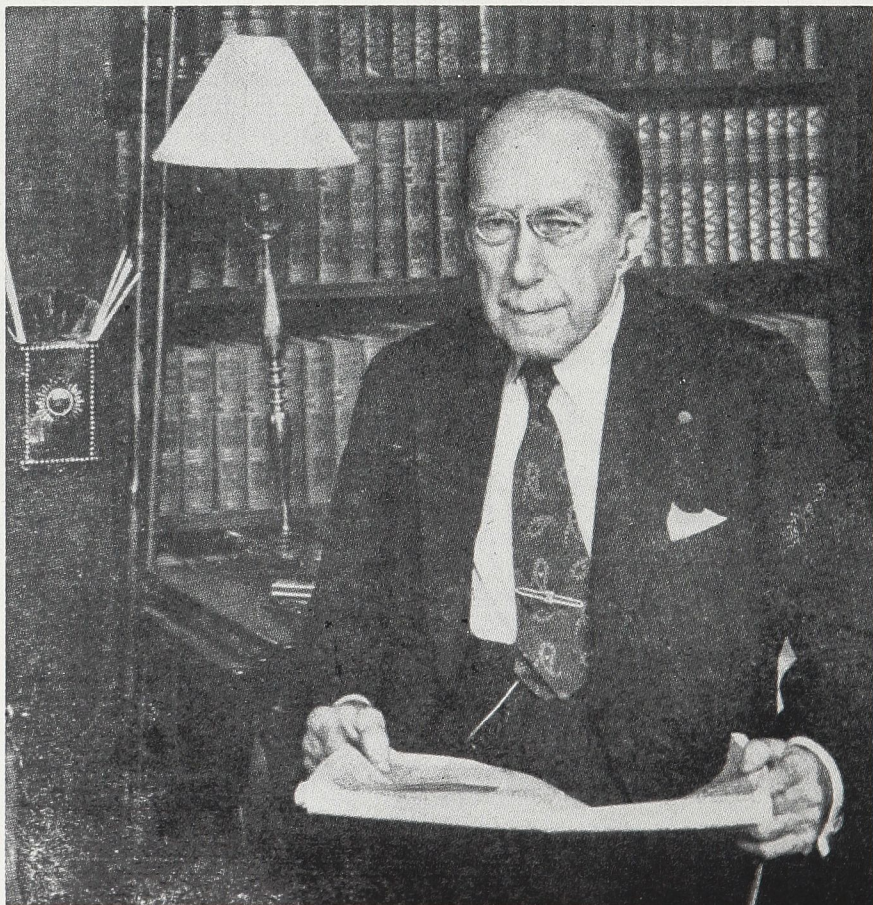


To the list of distinguished members of Psi Upsilon who have earned "cover story" recognition from *Time* Magazine was added, on October 28, 1958, the name of Brother Amos Alonzo Stagg, Beta '88. Brother Stagg, whose physical fitness and mental alertness belie his ninety-six years, was singled out by the editors of *Time* as a prime example of men who have "added life to years" as well as years to their lives by fruitful efforts in what are termed by some "the declining years."

Time's choice cannot be challenged. For in Brother Stagg, retired after 41 years in which his teams at the University of Chicago won 254 football games, lost 104, tied 28, purposeful living always has been a foremost characteristic. Not willing to be turned to pas-

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Theodore Francis Green, Sigma '87, who is now 91, and the oldest Senator in U.S. history, is early to rise, late to bed. He has three swims weekly in Senate gym, never rides if he has time to walk, still plays handball, played tennis up to age 88.



PERI-GRAPHS

—by John
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Sports Editor
Record

THE COACH IS AIRBORNE:

It is never too late to try something new.

Last week, for instance, Amos Alonzo Stagg, the 93-year-old dean of American football coaches, and his wife, Stella, took their first airplane ride.

Mr. Stagg enjoyed telling about it upon his return home here this week following an 8-day stay in Los Angeles for the National Collegiate Athletic Association meetings.

"Why, there was nothing to it," he replied when asked to tell about his novel experience. "I was invited to speak before the rules section of the coaches association at a 10 a.m. session and we decided that going by plane would be the best way of getting there.

"A cab took Mrs. Stagg and I to the airport and the plane took off at 8 o'clock. An hour and 40 minutes later we were at the Los Angeles International Airport where our son, Paul, met us in his automobile and had us at the Hotel Statler in time for the meeting."

Did he enjoy the trip?

"Smooth as silk," reported the grand old man. "It was so easy that I dozed off before we got to Los Angeles. Mrs. Stagg kept awake but the day was somewhat overcast and there wasn't much to see."

The venerable coach of Chicago, College of the Pacific, Susquehanna and Stockton, had more fun chuckling over the comparative transportation charges.

His plane fare to Los Angeles was slightly over \$23, his return trip by rail from Long Beach (where he attended the meeting of the National Football Rules Committee) cost \$6.50 and his taxi fare from No. 127 West Euclid Street to Stockton Field was \$3.65.

"It cost us almost as much to get to the airport as they charged us to get home from Long Beach," he compared. "I don't know how the cab man arrived at his figure, but if he was reckoning according to the number of days in the year, he cheated himself. This happens to be leap year and it has 366 days."

The reason the Staggs came back to Stockton by train instead of by plane was because it was much cheaper. Time was not of the essence on the homeward trip.

Were they excited or worried upon boarding the plane?

"Not at all," Coach Stagg ho-ho-ed with a hearty laugh. "I stopped worrying 10 years ago. I have been ready for anything at any time and I am sure that Mrs. Stagg feels the same way about it."

* * *

IT WAS A BIT DIFFERENT years ago in Chicago when Mr. Stagg had his first invitation to ride on a plane.

Merrill C. Meigs, who had been one of his players at the University of Chicago and later became chief of aircraft production in the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration, asked his former coach to go on a trip by air but Mr. Stagg turned him down.

"I told him that I had too many family responsibilities at the time for me to take a chance," A. A. remembers.

Up until the recent L.A. trip all of the Stagg travels were made by car, steamship or railroad, but from now on he will take the plane when a quick trip is required.

The former tutor of the C.O.P. Tigers made 2 speeches while in Los Angeles and sat in for the annual meeting of the rules committee of which he is the only life member. He has been on the rules body for 52 years and has helped formulate a large part of the gridiron code as it now exists.

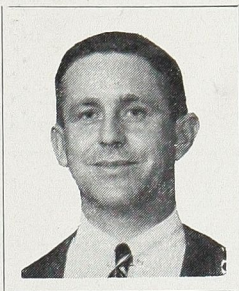
The action he liked most at this year's rules meeting was the decision to again make tackles eligible to receive passes provided they are on the end of the line on certain plays.

"It was a grave mistake when they took that rule out when they met in Sarasota, Fla., last year," Mr. Stagg stated. "The rule had been in effect since 1906 when the forward pass came into use and there is no reason why any player on the end of the line shouldn't be eligible to catch passes.

"I wasn't at the Sarasota meeting or I would have advised against it."

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Courtesy Stockton Cal. Record



ALUMNI NOTES

By LAURANCE G. WOLFE, *Rho '38*

Brother Charles J. Armstrong, whose address to the graduating seniors of the Zeta Zeta chapter was printed in the last issue of *THE DIAMOND*, has assumed new duties as President of the University of Nevada. Previously, he had been President of Pacific University for five years.

Brother Armstrong was a 1932 graduate of the University of British Columbia. He was initiated by the Xi chapter in 1935, the year the Zeta Zeta chapter received its charter from Psi Upsilon.

A cordial invitation has been issued by Nevada University's new president to "any of the brothers in the bonds to pay us a visit whenever they are in Reno and see our beautiful campus in which we take real pride."

Many thanks to Brother Thomas B. Gilmore Jr., Phi '54, who twitted Ye Editor for an unfortunate choice of words in a recent obituary article. Brother Gilmore's letter pleased us no end, not only because it proved to us that these pages are read by someone, but because of his own effective prose. He ended his letter by writing, "I hope in the future careful editing will detect such hapless infelicities before *THE DIAMOND* goes to press." We assure you, Brother Gilmore, we'll be more careful.

Oscar W. Kuolt, Psi '07, with Psi U Plaque originally owned by Ethan Allen Maxon, Theta '61, then owned by his brother, Frank Maxon, Beta '79. It will one day go to Anthony R. Kuolt, Psi '48. The Maxon brothers were uncles of Oscar W. Kuolt.

This plaque is made of stuffed leather printed with gold leaf.

From points as varied as London, England; New Ulm, Minn.; Bridgeville, Pa.; Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Montreal, came identifications of Brothers in the 1936 Convention photo printed on page 79 of the



Oscar W. Kuolt, Psi '07

Spring 1958 *DIAMOND*. Spotted by alert readers were James Wells, Pi '36; Fred W. Cornwall, Pi '36; Herbert J. Knell, Delta '36; Robert P. Nace, Delta '37; Arthur Grant Campbell, Epsilon Phi '38; William Barnum, Mu '36; Wilbur Schilling, Mu '36; Reginald Barnes, Phi '36; E. Dwight Harshbarger, Phi '36; William J. Spencer, Rho '36; Richard Brazeau, Rho '36; C. A. Wright, Omega '37; E. H. Dix, Omega '36; Frank Carey, Omega '38; Edward Bell, Omega '37.

Thanks for providing the information which will help bring Psi U Archives up to date go to Brothers William A. Hadley, Lambda '38; Jay Berwanger, Omega '36; C. A. Hull, Epsilon Phi '36; Henry N. Somsen Jr., Mu '32; C. T. Evans Jr., Phi '39; Robert F. Gould, Pi '36.



Foster M. Coffin, Chi '12, was honored on his retirement as Director of Willard Straight Hall, the student union at Cornell University. Brother Coffin had held the post since the opening of the Hall in 1925. He had also been Alumni Secretary of Cornell from 1920 to 1940. Hundreds of alumni were present at the reception to give their best wishes to Brother Coffin. The reception was held during Commencement and Reunion Week in June. It was sponsored jointly by Cornell Alumni Association and Willard Straight Hall.

Pictured above, at the reception, are three of Brother Coffin's Cornelian children: John F. Coffin III, Chi '50; Mrs. Charles R. Baxter (Priscilla Coffin); and Mrs. G. McClung (Jean Coffin); Inset photograph is of Richard S. Coffin, Chi '51, who was unable to be present at the reception.

The Reverend Dr. Harold C. Gosnell, Pi '30, and Mrs. Gosnell were recently tendered a reception in honor of their tenth anniversary at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas, where Brother Gosnell is Rector.

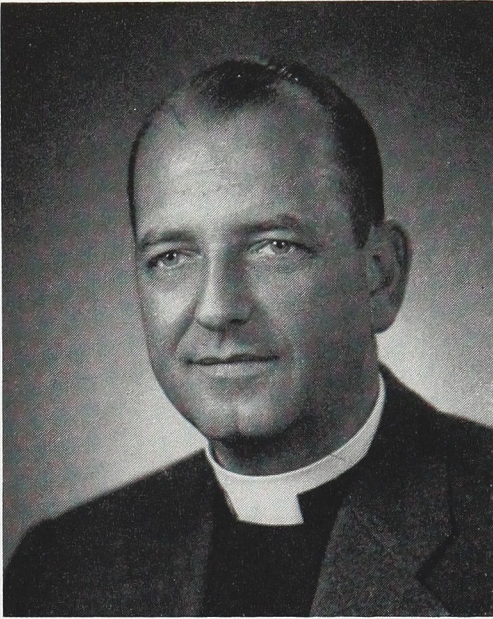
Brother Gosnell attended and graduated from Syracuse University and from the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass. He served as rector at St. John's Church, Marcellus, New York; All Saints' Church, Fulton, New York; was for ten years rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lincoln, Nebraska, and has been rector of St. Mark's in San Antonio since 1948.

During the war he served as a chaplain in the United States Navy and spent two years in the South Pacific. He is training officer of the Naval Reserve program in San Antonio at the present time and chaplain at the United States Navy and Marine Corps Training

Center there, holding the rank of Commander.

He has been a Deputy to the Episcopal General Convention of 1940, 1943, 1946, 1949, 1952, and 1955, and will be in 1958 also. He has been Chairman of the House of Deputies Committee on Christian Social Relations during the last four General Conventions and is a member of the Joint Commission on Social Reconstruction of the National Church. He is Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations in the Diocese of West Texas and also serves as an examining chaplain, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese, and of the Executive Board.

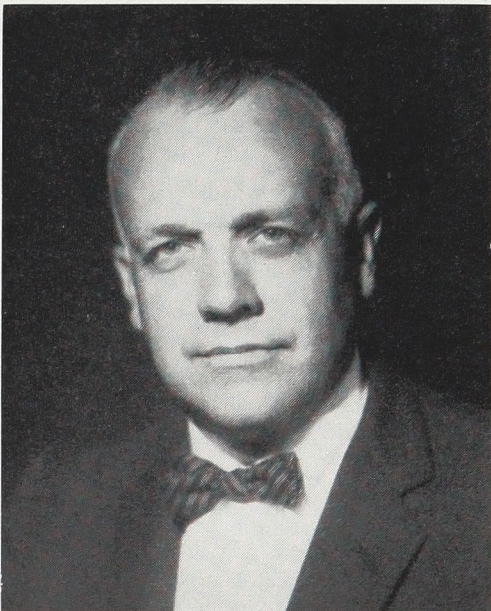
In San Antonio he is a past president of the Rotary Club and is on the Board of the San Antonio Community Chest, the United Fund, the Children's Service Bureau, the Good Samaritan Center, and the Good Government League. He received his degree of



The Reverend Harold C. Gosnell, Pi '30

Doctor of Divinity from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. He is also a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and holds the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

Albert H. Damon, Pi '35, has been appointed vice president in charge of sales of



Edgcomb Steel of New England, Inc.

Brother Damon began his business career as a credit reporter for Dun & Bradstreet in 1936. He served twenty-two years in various capacities with increasing responsibilities before leaving Dun & Bradstreet to accept his new post.

A resident of Andover, Massachusetts, Brother Damon is married and has three sons.

Dr. Chester F. S. Whitney, Delta '96, was guest of honor at a recent luncheon in the Snow Dining Room in Vanderbilt Hall at New York University. President Newsom of N. Y. U. gave the luncheon and guests included other officers of the University as well as members of Brother Whitney's family and Psi U brothers. Representatives from the Council of the University were also present.

Special feature of the luncheon was the presentation to Brother Whitney of the Presidential Citation, the first ever conferred upon an alumnus of N. Y. U.



Dr. Chester F. S. Whitney, Delta '96, as President Newsom of New York University presented to him the first Presidential Citation ever conferred upon an alumnus of N.Y.U.

Albert H. Damon, Pi '35

Brother Frank E. Booth, Delta '11, president of the Delta Corporation, terms Brother Whitney "one of the most distinguished of the alumni of the Delta because of his sustained and faithful service down through the years." As physician for the college football team, Brother Whitney became one of the best known and best loved of the alumni. The 1958 alumni reunion saw him as Marshal of the Day and leader of the traditional parade.

Brother Whitney has served the University as a member of the Council and has been a close friend of every President the University has had since he graduated.

Brother Whitney was for many years president of the graduate body of Delta brethren and has never missed a Delta reunion of any kind.

He is the father of Brother Chester H. Whitney, Gamma '27, also a physician, who is a member of the Board of Governors of the Psi Upsilon Alumni Association.



Frederick S. Schauffler, Gamma '38

Frederick S. Schauffler, Gamma '38, has assumed the duties of Commanding Officer of Naval Air Reserve Wing Staff 83 at the Floyd Bennett Naval Air Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. Brother Schauffler holds the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

In civilian life, Brother Schauffler is a mathematics teacher at Briar Cliff Manor High School, and is also cross-country and track coach.

A member of the Naval Air Reserve since 1947, Brother Schauffler joins his unit one weekend a month and perform the duties the

staff will be called upon to execute during a national emergency. During the summer months he takes two weeks of annual training duty.

A veteran of the South Pacific and European fighting, during World War II, Brother Schauffler flew 150 missions and destroyed two Japanese aircraft in aerial combat.

Brother Schauffler is the husband of Mrs. Kathleen M. Schauffler of Barnes Road, Ossining, N.Y.

Psi U Famous Elders

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ture (it was 1933—Brother Stagg was 71 years old), Chicago's ex-coach became College of the Pacific's new coach. At 81 he produced an outstanding team there which brought him election as football's man of the year and coach of the year.

Still active in coaching as punting and kicking coach for Stockton (junior) College's Mustangs, Brother Stagg somehow finds time to correspond with friends of the many years and to add new experiences to his years of treasured ones. The reprint from the Stockton (Cal.) Record, page 131, bears witness to the youthful zest of Psi U's "Grand Old Brother."

Although Brother Stagg was featured in Time's article, significant mention was also accorded Brother Theodore Francis Green, Sigma '87, "oldest Senator in U. S. history." Brother Green, said *Time*, "is early to rise, late to bed. He has three swims weekly in Senate gym, never rides if he has time to walk, still plays handball, played tennis up to age 88."

William A. McDermid, Phi Gamma Delta, '07, friend of Brother Stagg supplied "Perigraphs" from Stockton (Calif.) Record.

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July 14, 1958
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- Wendell Phillips Colton, Beta '96
June 21, 1958
- Clinton Wildes Davis, Beta '11
October, 1958
- Joseph William Dawson, Chi '49
September 5, 1958
- Ard Hoyt Ellis, Rho '00
August 1, 1958
- Reginald Hankins Ellis, Gamma-Beta '23
May 30, 1958
- Charles Harold Fahy, Upsilon '16
August, 1958
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- Eugene H. Fezandie, Lambda '18
- Raynar Field, Phi '32
- Donald Wood Gilbert, Upsilon '21
- Frank William Goreth, Pi '91
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June 25, 1958
- Daniel Lester Harris, II, Zeta '17
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- Warren Frederick Hawley, Jr., Kappa '41
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- James Crane Higgins, Beta '02
June 12, 1958
- John J. Hill, Pi '03
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- George Baron Hubbard, Sigma '08
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- Dr. Edward H. Hume, Beta '97
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March 22, 1958
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July 28, 1958
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- William W. Lawrence, Kappa '98
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- Arthur J. H. Magrath, Delta '09
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- Roy Richardson Merchant, Zeta '06
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- Leslie Clare Moyer, Nu '10
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- Horace B. Passmore, Sigma '36
April 17, 1958
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- Harry McBeth Ramsay, Upsilon '01
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