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MEETINGS

The academic year of 1949-50 is well under way, and active PSA members in all chapters are busily engaged in planning their programs and putting them into execution. Some chapters are restricting themselves to selection of new members in recognition of scholastic attainments, but many are undertaking programs that will cause them to make significant contributions to the extra-curricular intellectual activities on their respective campuses. They are bringing speakers of national reputation to discuss current issues, some are sponsoring round tables, study or discussion groups in which the members themselves can participate more actively, and a few chapters are publishing their own "newsletters" in which they include brief articles on current public problems.

Nor are the social aspects being overlooked. Practically all chapters recognize the desirability of bringing together by informal means persons who have similar intellectual interests and scholastic attainments. Good fellowship is pleasant as well as advantageous to all participants. Some chapters achieve this end by dinner meetings in which the meal and social hour precede the more serious business. Some sponsor picnics, not only for their own members, but for all interested in the field of political science.

The extent to which a chapter should enter into extra-curricular intellectual or social programs probably should be governed by the circumstances on its specific campus. If the chapter members believe there is a need to be met and that the chapter is in a position to do it, they should take the action necessary in conformity with the policies of their institution. On the other hand, they probably should avoid zealously any action that would cause them to become competitors of existing

organizations that already are performing their functions in a fully satisfactory manner. Pi Sigma Alpha is first and foremost an honor society, and every chapter should subordinate its other activities to this consideration. It is recognized as the sole national honor society in political science, and every chapter consequently should keep secondary activities in true proportion.

The National Secretary-Treasurer truly hopes that every chapter will, in 1949-50, have the most successful year in its history. The officers of Pi Sigma Alpha stand ready to do anything in their power to aid the chapters in achieving this ambition.

THREE NEW CHAPTERS OF PSA INSTALLED

The year of 1949 promises to be a banner year in respect to the expanding influence and prestige of Pi Sigma Alpha. Since the issuance of the preceding Newsletter, Idaho State College at Pocatello, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and St. Lawrence University at Canton, New York, have received charters for chapters in their respective institutions. Earlier installations in 1949, previously reported in this Newsletter, include Tulane University, University of Michigan and Bradley University. The University of Mississippi had a delayed installation ceremony in 1949, although the founding of the chapter took place in 1948.

Alpha Phi chapter was installed at Idaho State College on May 26 by Professor F. H. Jonas of the University of Utah. He was assisted by Gordon Merrill, first president of Alpha Iota Chapter, Utah State Agricultural College. Among the initiates was a former mayor of Pocatello, now on the faculty of the College. Newly-elected officers of the chapter are Scott Schorman, president; Mary Lou McKenny, vice president; and Duane A. Bybee, secretary-treasurer.

Alpha Chi chapter was launched at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on May 28 by your Secretary-Treasurer. He spent a very enjoyable week-end on the campus where he had taught some years ago. He was met with a group of enthusiastic young political scientists, and forty charter members were initiated.

The third installation during the commencement period took place on June 3 at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Dr. Henry Reiff, head of the Department of Political Science there, served as inaugurating officer of the Alpha Psi chapter. Seventeen charter members were initiated, of whom six were already members of Phi Beta Kappa and one a Rhodes scholar. The newly-elected officers are John Vought, president; Gordon Bidwell, vice president; and Martin Richman, secretary-treasurer.

The large number of inquiries received by the Secretary-Treasurer's office indicates that more chapters may be installed before the year of 1949 has ended.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

The Council of the Association of College Honor Societies held its annual meeting in Chicago on February 26-27, 1949. It had the largest attendance in ACHS history. Professor Charles Shull, Wayne University, represented Pi Sigma Alpha.

Round-table discussions at the meeting covered standards for election to honor societies, size of chapters and membership costs; measurements of the value of honor society membership as incentive to scholarship and general leadership; function of honor societies in higher education; honor versus professional societies; incorporation of honor societies and the protection of the names and insignia; and membership discrimination based on race, color, or creed. It was noted that no member society has such restrictions in the selection of members in its constitution. Many valuable ideas were contributed in the course of these discussions.

The ACHS voted to continue its work of assembling and correlating data on national honor and recognition societies and of offer-

ing any assistance possible in clarifying their status and in meeting ACHS standards. It was felt that the ACHS could render an important service to colleges and universities in this connection. A committee on standards was established.

Among the standards which have been adopted by the ACHS are:

(a) General honor societies which base membership eligibility primarily upon scholarship elect from the highest 20 per cent of the class in scholarship.

(b) General honor societies which base membership eligibility primarily on all-around leadership in student affairs and a strong secondary scholastic average elect from the highest 35 per cent of the class in scholarship.

(c) Departmental honor societies which base membership eligibility primarily upon students' achievement within a given course or specific field of study or interest elect only those persons who rank in the highest 35 per cent in general scholarship.

The ACHS is composed of twenty member societies and carries on its work through a Council consisting of one official representative from each society and three members-at-large who are elected by the Council. The primary purpose of ACHS is to develop and maintain higher standards of membership and greater responsibility of usefulness among honor societies.

An honor society is defined by the ACHS as an association established only in a four-year or more degree-granting college or university that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and/or by the appropriate professional accrediting agency, and which meets the following minimal qualifications:

1. It receives into membership individuals who achieve high scholarship and who fulfill such additional requirements of distinction in general leadership or in some broad field of education and culture as the society may establish.

2. It elects to membership irrespective of membership in or affiliation with other organizations.

3. It confers membership solely on the basis of character and specified eligibility.

The following honor societies hold membership in the ACHS:

Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Medicine), Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshman Scholarship), Alpha Omega Alpha (Medicine), Beta Gamma Sigma (Commerce), Phi Kappa Phi (Scholarship, All Fields), Pi Kappa Lambda (Music), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical Engineering), Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical Engineering), Mortar Board (Student Leadership), Omicron Delta Kappa (Student Leadership), Order of the Coif (Law), Phi Alpha Theta (History), Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Scholarship), Rho Chi (Pharmacy), Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics), Sigma Tau (Engineering), Tau Beta Pi (Engineering), Tau Kappa Alpha (Forensics), Tau Sigma Delta (Architecture and Allied Arts).

PSA MEMBERS RECEIVE ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS FOR FOREIGN STUDY

The Rotary International announced recently that John Joseph Conrad, Pi Sigma Alpha member of Gamma chapter, University of Kansas, had been selected as one of the fifty-six outstanding graduate students in nineteen countries to be awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for overseas study in 1949-50. He is at present studying political science at the University of Paris. For the past two years he has been an instructor of political science at the University of Kansas. As an undergraduate he was treasurer of the senior class, editor of the "University Daily Kansan" and editor-in-chief of the university year-book. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

A year ago two members of Pi Sigma Alpha received Rotary Fellowships. They were Robert O. Gibbon, also of Gamma chapter, who chose to study at the University of Edinburgh and Clifford A. L. Rich, of Lambda chapter, University of Southern California, who selected the Instituto Italiano di Studi Storici in Naples, Italy.

Based on its past experience, the Rotary International concludes, "These students have proved to be unusually effective ambassadors of good will, both in the countries in which they have studied and in their own countries following their year of overseas study."

PSA TO HOLD DINNER MEETING AT AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE CONVENTION

The Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity will hold a dinner meeting on Thursday, December 29, 6:00 P.M., in New York City, the exact place of the dinner to be announced in our next Newsletter. It will be held at or near the Hotel Roosevelt, where the American Political Science Association will be meeting in annual convention. Since the biennial meeting required by the convention was held in 1948, the New York meeting will not have official status. The programs and policies of the Fraternity will be discussed and the history of our past year reviewed. Our national officers will participate in the program.

There should be a good representation from every chapter. Non-members will be welcome. Reserve this date and plan now to attend!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Psi chapter, Washington and Jefferson College, reports the election of the following officers: President, Frank Mewshaw; Vice President, Howard Goldfarb; and Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Carroll.

Alpha Pi chapter, University of Georgia, recently elected as President, Curtis Bell; Vice President, George W. Smith, Jr.; and Secretary-Treasurer, John Dan Humphries, Jr.

Ralph Sherlock writes from Iota chapter, University of California, Berkeley, that the chapter is attempting to publicize the fraternity on the campus in order that political science students will be fully aware of its existence and its aims.

Alpha Tau chapter, Bradley University, elected William Yates as Vice President and Mildred Kirkner as Secretary-Treasurer. C. Eston Landreth was re-elected to the presidency.

Alpha Alpha chapter, University of Akron, elected the following officers: President, George Kaso; Vice President, William Weible; and Secretary-Treasurer, Maseo Adams.

Zeta chapter, Southern Methodist University, reports election of the following officers: President, Bill D. Shirky; Vice President, David Reese; Treasurer, Arthur Berger; and Secretary, Floyd Pitts, Jr.

James Triggas, Secretary-Treasurer of the Omega chapter, University of San Francisco, writes that the chapter has undertaken a study of the Chinese situation as a group project and is sponsoring a series of at least one outside speaker each month to dis-

cuss current political problems.

Alpha Rho chapter, University of Mississippi, last spring sponsored a lecture by John Wilmot, Member of Parliament, and a forum on the need for a new constitution for the State of Mississippi.

United Airlines reports that Miss Olise Geumlek, of the Alpha Kappa chapter, University of Utah, recently was awarded her wings as a stewardess and now is flying on Mainliners out of Seattle.

Chi chapter, University of New Mexico, has elected the following officers: President, Inez Bushner; Vice President, Lyle Hansen; and Secretary-Treasurer, Oliver E. Payne.

IMPORTANT: Please notice the new address of the Secretary-Treasurer. All correspondence to him should be addressed to 417 City Hall, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

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FOUNDER CITES PURPOSES OF PI SIGMA ALPHA

Pi Sigma Alpha was organized as an honorary scientific society primarily for the purpose of promoting interest and scholarship in the field of political science. PSA means "political science association." The inspiration was taken from Aristotle's statement--that man is by nature a political animal and finds his highest development as a member of the state.

While Pi Sigma Alpha is also called a fraternity, the word is used in the sense with which it is connected with Phi Beta Kappa. When Phi Beta Kappa was organized at William and Mary, the school was exclusively attended by men. This is why it was called "fraternity," the word being used in its etymological sense. Of course, Phi Beta Kappa admits women as well as men, and in fact is neither a fraternity nor a sorority. Some professors of political science have objected to calling PSA a "fraternity." Strictly speaking, it is an honorary scientific society. This fact usually has been sufficient to overcome the objections to the use of "fraternity" in its name.

However, there is no valid reason why there should not be a degree of fraternity among scholars. Someone has asked--why should all college professors be against one another? If anyone is dreaming about associating with angels when he becomes a member of a college or university faculty, he will find that his dream will not come true. This, however, is not as it should be. There is undoubtedly a community of interest among scholars. The point is there is a need for a greater degree of fraternity among scholars, and if PSA should contribute toward this end in political science, it would not interfere with its scientific character.

For some time many departments of political science had a program for honor students

and for majors in political science; also government clubs or discussion groups. Pi Sigma Alpha provides in a more systematic way for all of these activities with an additional stimulation, and, in recognition of attainments of a degree of scholarship, confers a distinction of no mean significance.

Honor always has been the noblest and highest reward for man's achievement. There have been those who have insisted that it should be the only reward for public service and that it only can cause man to develop his highest self. Benjamin Franklin made his only important speech in the Federal Convention of 1787 on this subject, contending that public officials should serve for their expenses. He said, "This would make men more desirous of obtaining the esteem of their country-men." He cited the example of Washington, who had served as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army for eight years for only his expenses.

It was believed, and development of the organization has sustained this contention, that an honorary scholarship society in political science would furnish an added incentive to students in this discipline to do a higher order of work, and, thereby, be a factor in helping them discover their specialty.

Moreover, it is largely true that many students are either not sufficiently interested or are incapacitated or feel that it is a waste of time to attempt to achieve a degree of scholarship in a general program of studies necessary to make Phi Beta Kappa, yet they may have a special interest in, and an aptitude for, political science. Pi Sigma Alpha meets the needs of such students. If a student knows that he is going to major or specialize in political science, why does he need to sacrifice his all too short period of study to achieve Phi Beta Kappa when he is offered an opportunity to achieve distinction in his specialty?

Again, since practically all other subjects of the college curriculum, including even

"tiddly winks," have such organizations, why should not one of the greatest subjects, if not the most important in a democratic type of society, make similar provision for its students? We are all by birth members of the state and should be capable of performing the duties of citizenship that are constitutionally imposed upon us if we are interested in the success of our experiment in constitutional government. This is an obligation from which there is no escape. It is a *sine qua non*. It is basic and fundamental. It is not a by-product such as a preparation in French, mathematics or biology as a means toward some other specialty. Furthermore, it was thought that students who could be induced to achieve distinction in political science in their undergraduate work would be encouraged to do graduate work in this field. This has been the result and it is inevitable.

C. Perry Patterson

PSA BOOKLET ISSUED

In response to an insistent and growing demand that Pi Sigma Alpha provide information on its history, objectives, organization and procedures, there will be issued shortly a Pi Sigma Alpha Booklet of information. It should be of great assistance to institutions that are considering the submission of an application for a chapter and to local chapter officers in their conduct of fraternity matters. It contains a brief history of the society, a current list of chapters, the constitution of the fraternity, and lists of national officers. The fraternity publications and keys are described and illustrated. Among other items are a statement of the aims of the society, suggested activities for local chapters, and similar matters.

Each chapter will be sent a sufficient number of copies for the needs of their officers. If more are desired, please write for them. The original mailing should be received by the chapters within the next two weeks.

PSA DINNER MEETING IN NEW YORK

PSA will hold a dinner meeting in New York City this month on special call of National President Ben A. Arneson. All

members are urged to attend, and friends of the fraternity will be most welcome. At the very minimum, each chapter should plan definitely to have at least one faculty and one student member present.

The meeting will be held at the Iceland Restaurant, 52nd Street and Broadway, December 29, at 6:00 P.M. This is only a short walk from the Roosevelt Hotel, headquarters of the annual convention of the American Political Science Association.

The meeting is being called principally because of the remarkable recent growth of the fraternity. An unprecedented number of chapters have been installed during 1949, and hundreds of new members have been received. It has become necessary to plan anew the program of the fraternity in the light of these developments. The Executive Committee will present at least some phases of the program for discussion at the dinner meeting, although the exact agenda has not been determined as yet.

Be sure to plan to attend this meeting and enjoy the good fellowship of Pi Sigma Alpha. We are meeting in a leading New York restaurant where we have been promised a good meal at a moderate price.

HONOR ASSOCIATION ISSUES NEW BOOKLET

The Association of College Honor Societies has released the latest edition of its "Booklet of Information" which contains brief accounts of each of the twenty members of the Association, including the two newest members, Pi Sigma Alpha and Tau Sigma Delta. Its purpose is contained in the statement on the title page, "This booklet is published by the Council of the Association of College Honor Societies with the thought that the information contained herein may be of mutual interest and help to college and university faculty and administration members, to students, and to officers and leaders of societies and fraternities in general."

A copy of the booklet will be sent to each chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha around January 1. The Association expresses the hope that A.C.H.S. member societies will cooperate in their activities at the chapter level.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE PSA CHAPTER

The petition received from the students

Faculty of the political science department of Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, has been approved by the executive committee and the existing chapters of Pi Sigma Alpha. Thirty-three students and seven faculty members who participated in the efforts to secure a chapter of PSA at Kent will be initiated as the charter members of the Alpha Omega chapter during installation ceremonies scheduled for early 1950.

FOUNDER REMINISCES

The following excerpts are taken from a letter received recently by your Secretary-Treasurer from Professor C. Perry Patterson, University of Texas, and chief founder of Pi Sigma Alpha:

"The idea of an honorary fraternity in political science originated at one of our staff meetings. Dr. Herman G. James suggested the idea and, after rather extensive discussion, the staff decided that I was the man to promote the organization. You possibly have experienced the fact that the big boys in a department are very reticent in making suggestions for the underlings to execute. As I was young and full of vinegar, they felt I was the boy to do the work. Of course, I had no choice as I was anxious to make good with the powers that be. The result was that I took to the road and visited the universities of Oklahoma, Kansas, S.M.U. and Washington University, St. Louis. After installing these chapters, we held a national convention at which I was formally made president of the fraternity. Honorable John R. Anthony, of Houston, and myself worked out the first ritual in accordance with which these first five chapters were instituted. I prepared the charter form and issued charters for these chapters. I then began to propagandize my friends in various departments over the nation. It happened that the West Coast had started a similar organization and had established chapters at Stanford, Berkeley and Seattle. They finally decided that we had the edge on them in our organization, and these three chapters decided to join us. I forget just the name that they had used.

The organization decided to keep me for president until the organization was well-founded. I remained president until Charles W. Pipkin of Louisiana State was made president at my suggestion. At this time I was made honorary president for life. Many of my friends promoted chapters at various institutions and made the rapid nationalization of the organization possible. This kind of service is still in progress. Professor Harvey Walker, when he became national secretary, rendered notable service. He was a student at Kansas when I installed the chapter there through my friend, Professor Chub. Professor Lynn, of Washington University, St. Louis, a bedfellow of mine in crossing the Atlantic years ago, was persuaded to institute the chapter there, although he seriously objected to the word "fraternity" in the organization. I pointed out to him that Phi Beta Kappa was regarded as a fraternity though, of course, it was a scientific society."

CHAPTER NEWS

U. S. Senator Estes Kefauver recently was elected honorary member of Pi Sigma Alpha by Alpha Epsilon chapter, Emory University. New chapter officers are Y. Allen Beall, President; Hayward C. Cox, Jr., Vice President; and William A. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer.

Alpha Alpha chapter, University of Akron, initiated eight new members last month.

Alpha Lambda chapter, College of Wooster, reports that it initiated six members last June and six again in October.

Alpha Psi chapter, St. Lawrence University, recently elected Joan Tilford to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. John Vought remained as president and Gordon Bidwell as vice president.

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AVAILABILITY OF PSA INFORMATION BOOKLETS

The National Secretary-Treasurer still has a supply of the publication, Information Booklet of the Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity. Chapter officers are urged to write for additional copies if they have need for them in operation of chapter affairs. There are not, however, sufficient copies for distribution to all PSA initiates.

THANK YOU

The National Secretary-Treasurer wishes to thank those chapter officers who have written him news regarding their chapter activities. This enables him to guide the national program more effectively, and it also provides items for inclusion in the Newsletter which are of interest to all chapters. Write again, and let me hear also from other chapters that have not yet supplied such information to the national office.

RECOGNITION OF PAST OFFICERS UNDER CONSIDERATION

In accordance with the request of the Executive Committee, President Arneson has appointed a Committee on Recognition of Past Officers. He has asked Professor Walter E. Sandelius, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, to serve as chairman. Other committee members are Professors Frank H. Jonas, University of Utah, and Harry W. Voltmer, De Pauw University. The Committee will report its recommendations to the Executive Committee next December.

COMMITTEE ON PSA MAGAZINE APPOINTED

In accordance with the resolution adopted by Pi Sigma Alpha in convention at Chicago in December 1948, President

Arneson has announced the appointment of a Committee to Consider Establishment of a Pi Sigma Alpha Magazine. As chairman, he has selected Professor Charles W. Shull of Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. Other committee members are Professors H. Malcolm Macdonald, University of Texas, Franklin L. Burdette, University of Maryland, and Elwyn A. Mauck, National Secretary-Treasurer. Under terms of the resolution, the Committee will canvass all chapters for opinions on the feasibility of establishing such a magazine, but Professor Shull will welcome all voluntary expressions of opinion from PSA members. The Committee will report to the 1950 biennial convention.

PSA REPRESENTED AT CEREMONIES

The Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity recently was invited to send official representatives to ceremonies held at the University of Utah and the University of Wichita. The former recently celebrated the centennial anniversary of its founding. Professor Frank H. Jonas of the University of Utah was appointed by President Arneson to represent PSA. The University of Wichita inaugurated Harry Finch Corbin, a member of its political science faculty, as its new president on March 9. Mrs. Mary Lou Ostertag also of its political science faculty, was designated by President Arneson to represent PSA on this occasion.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Alpha Gamma chapter, Marshall College, which was a war casualty, now has been reactivated and promises to be a strong link in the chain of PSA chapters stretching from coast to coast and border to border. A faculty member, four graduate students and three seniors were the first initiates of the revived chapter. Officers elected included: President, Gene Sullivan; Vice President,

Curtis Mills; Secretary, Edward Schiff; and Treasurer, Carl Lively.

Alpha Iota Chapter, Utah State Agricultural College, recently sponsored a dinner meeting at which the guest speaker was U.S. Senator Arthur A. Watkins.

The Alpha Delta chapter, University of Wichita, has sponsored a Political Science Club, with membership open to all students, to discuss local, state and national political issues. International issues were omitted because they were being covered by the International Relations Club. Four PSA members serve as the steering committee of the new club, and monthly meetings have been held throughout the year at which public officials have addressed the group regarding the functions of their respective offices.

Alpha Chi chapter, University of North Carolina, sponsored two major meetings during the fall quarter. At the first, Dr. Rupert Vance, North Carolina Professor of Sociology, spoke on "Social Structure and Political Science," and the second was addressed by Dr. Rene de Visme Williamson, University of Tennessee Professor of Political Science, on the subject, "The Spanish National Mind and Its Political Implications."

Gamma chapter, University of Kansas, recently sponsored an open meeting of all students to discuss the feasibility of organizing a political science club. Four PSA members gave short talks on "Putting Political Science to Use." It is believed that such a club could conduct activities that the chapter, with its limited membership, could not undertake. Recently elected officers are: President, Mrs. Dorothy Scroggy Baird; Vice President, Stanley Kelley; Secretary, Howard W. Hallman; and Treasurer, Professor Francis H. Heller.

Alpha Omicron chapter, Michigan State College, held an initiation meeting on February 2 and was addressed by Dr. Hans Leonhardt, former mayor of the Free City of Danzig. His topic was, "How the Europeans View the Americans."

Epsilon chapter, University of California, Los Angeles, has held three informal meetings, a semi-annual initiation banquet and a Christmas party this year. It plans to sponsor several panel discussions on current problems this spring.

The Alpha Alpha chapter, University of Akron, reports election of the following officers: President, Virgil Siddall; Vice President, Peter W. Tavolier; and Secretary-Treasurer, Herman W. Knoefel.

PSA INSTALLS THREE MORE CHAPTERS

Since release of the December 15, 1949, issue of this Newsletter, the Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity has installed Chapters on the campuses of Kent State University at Kent, Ohio, Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, and at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Alpha Omega chapter was installed at Kent State University on January 18, 1950, at which time thirty-four students and seven faculty members were initiated as charter members. PSA President Ben A. Arneson served as installing officer. Several members of the Alpha Alpha chapter, University of Akron, also participated. Officers elected by Alpha Omega were Eugene F. Berrodin as President, Robert A. Archer as vice president and William E. Lyle as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Oscar H. Ibele, Jr. will serve as faculty advisor.

The Beta Alpha chapter was installed at Vanderbilt University on March 2, 1950, by Dr. Cullen Gosnell of the Alpha Epsilon chapter, Emory University. Twelve charter members were initiated. The two-day ceremony opened with the PSA installation ritual in Frierson Auditorium on the Vanderbilt campus. After the formalities, the guests and new initiates were entertained at a dinner after which there was a group discussion on regional and state politics in the south. The following evening he was joined by Dr. H. C. Nixon of Vanderbilt in an open forum on southern problems and politics. Officers elected were as follows: President, Norman E. Goodwin; Vice President, Taya G. Seligman; Secretary-Treasurer, A. Harlan Mathews; and Faculty Advisor, Dr. Henry N. Williams.

The Beta Beta chapter was installed at Western Reserve University on March 17, 1950,

at which twenty-four new members were initiated. President Arneson served as installing officer, but at the date of this writing no detailed report has been received by the national Secretary-Treasurer.

PSA JOINS BOOKS-FOR-EUROPE CAMPAIGN

By action of its Executive Committee which met on December 29, 1949, in New York City, the Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity has decided to join with the American Political Science Association in encouraging its members to participate in rebuilding Europe's supply of professional and scientific books. Members, as individuals, or chapters, may participate. Please advise the national Secretary-Treasurer of action taken by individuals or chapters in response to this appeal in order to enable him to evaluate the efforts of Pi Sigma Alpha in this undertaking.

The following release by the American Political Science Association contains the instructions necessary for cooperation in this program:

"American Political Scientists can assist greatly in the political and educational reconstruction of war devastated Europe and Asia by gifts from our private libraries of seldom used books, periodicals, documents, and pamphlets. Sent to foreign countries, they help to make up for their library losses and shortages, resulting from wartime and postwar destruction, damage, dislocation, and lack of American dollars.

It is clearly to our national advantage and to the interest of world wide progress in our chosen field of political Science that scholars and students abroad have ready access to the publications of their colleagues -- American and others. European and Asiatic professors are traditionally leaders in the educational and public life of their countries as well as in various fields of research. Today they are greatly handicapped in their task of national reconstruction and international cooperation by the absence of necessary research and

study materials. The ideological war, in particular, can be lost through inaction on our part.

American Political Scientists easily recognize the practical effect of this situation on post-war developments in a score of countries, whether it be in the field of constitution and law making, public administration, political parties, international law, organization, and relations, political theory, or in the training of government officials, researchers, and leaders in public life.

Kinds of Publications Needed

Published since 1933:

Research materials -- documents, monographs, pamphlets;

Periodicals (badly needed), including long runs, bound or unbound;

Recognized classics;

Books, bound or unbound; (older monographs which cannot be called classics, might still be valuable for foreign libraries not previously interested in the American field);

Standard textbooks (in the case of the more solid ones even other than the very latest edition may be valuable);

Photostats, microfilms, charts, maps, and the like.

But not newspapers.

Where to Ship:

- 1) Gifts donated for the place of greatest need should be sent prepaid to

The U. S. Book Exchange
Library of Congress Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

The USBE, co-sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, is the successor to the American Book Center for War-Devastated Libraries, Inc., and is prepared to allocate publications where they are needed most, including so-called undeveloped areas (in line with the UNESCO program).

-) Gifts intended for specific foreign addresses may be shipped prepaid to

The Smithsonian Institution
International Exchange Service
Washington 25, D. C.

This Service will forward the gift to the exchange bureau of the given foreign country in which the addressee is located, free of charge. It is necessary that each package is addressed to the intended foreign addressee. Before using this Service, more detailed information should be requested from Mr. D. G. Williams, Chief, International Exchange Service (at above address).

-) Book gifts intended for U.S. Information Centers in Japan, Korea, Germany, and Austria, or for Education Service Centers in those occupied areas, can be sent to a large number of places at domestic postage rates, in packages up to 70 pounds, through various APO addresses which cannot be given here for lack of space. For further information request 8 page pamphlet "Printed Materials for Occupied Areas" from

Chief, Reorientation Branch
Civil Affairs Division
Department of the Army, Special Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

It should be noted that the Education Service Centers just referred to are especially interested in receiving textbooks and teacher training material.

- 4) CRALOG. The Council of Relief Agencies Licensed to Operate in Germany, 122 East 22nd Street, New York 10, N.Y., is authorized to transmit to all zones of Germany larger shipments of educational materials (including printed matter) than can be made by other channels. CRALOG cannot guarantee delivery of packages to individuals and schools in Germany, but it will try to aid any group in the United States to get materials through. Before shipments (prepaid to New York by the donor) are made CRALOG senders must write to Mr. Arthur Joice, Executive Secretary, for specific instructions.

Cost of Shipping.

Shipments must be sent prepaid by the donor. As such costs may constitute an undue burden upon a donor, application for reimbursement of shipping costs may be made to Professor Harvey Walker, Secretary-Treasurer of the APSA, to be met from a fund to be made up from voluntary contributions, as long as funds may be available.

How to Benefit Your Library.

If interested in helping your favorite library build up its collection of foreign publications, send your books to USBE (see No. 1, above) and ask that "exchange credit" be assigned to it. The Librarian will be familiar with the USBE exchange system.

How to Save Cost of Shipping.

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA RECEIVES CHAPTER
OF PI SIGMA ALPHA

The University of Florida at Gainesville is the latest institution to be received into the ranks of Pi Sigma Alpha chapters. The Beta Gamma chapter was installed there on April 24, 1950. Twenty charter members were initiated by the chapter in its first official act. Professor E. R. Bartley, of the Department of Political Science of the University and long a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, served as installing officer and was selected as chapter advisor.

CHAPTER NEWS

Beta chapter, University of Oklahoma, required several years to recover from the war impact, but it has had a highly successful year in 1949-50. It was revived by an initiation held on November 30, 1949, and a second initiation was held March 29, 1950. Officers of the chapter are: President, Joseph Sherber; Vice President, Clarence Monnich; Secretary, Manfred Schmidt; and Treasurer, Robert Petty.

Alpha chapter, University of Texas, initiated twenty-nine new members on March 28 at which time the following officers were elected: President, Bob Bennett; Vice President, William R. McDuffie; and Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Moses. Also, it elected an executive committee consisting of Meridith Long, Oscar Hodges Gillespie, Andrew K. McColpin and Gerald Richbook.

Alpha Sigma chapter, Tulane University, elected the following officers for the 1950-51 academic year: President, John D. Wiseman; Vice President, William Gregory; Secretary-Treasurer, Hugh G. Oliver;

and Faculty Advisor, Professor Kalman H. Silvert.

Alpha Kappa chapter, University of Utah, sponsored a dinner meeting on March 2 at which the guest speaker was Mr. Henry Roberts, chairman of the Utah Central Valley Water Development Committee.

Lambda chapter, University of Southern California, held a dinner meeting on January 12 which was addressed by Mr. Robert Hadow, British Consul-General for Southern California. His subject was "Elections in the British Commonwealth." On March 17, it sponsored a luncheon meeting jointly with the local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and heard Professor Marshall Dimock on the subject, "Legislators and Administrators." Chapter officers are: President, Harry Marlowe; Vice President, William Glenn; and Secretary, Richard C. Gripp.

Alpha Zeta chapter, University of Maryland, in a recent evening meeting heard a discussion led by Mr. James R. Watson, Executive Director of the National Civil Service League. It elected him to honorary membership in the Fraternity.

Alpha Upsilon chapter, University of Michigan, was one of the three political science groups sponsoring a reception for the delegates to the Midwest Political Science Conference on the weekend of April 21-23 at the University of Michigan. It immediately preceded an address by Mr. Walter Reuther of the UAW-CIO.

Alpha Iota chapter, Utah State Agricultural College, recently elected the following officers for 1950-51: President, Robert Alfandary; Vice President, Willard Petersen; and Secretary-Treasurer, Geraldine Gardner.

Alpha Beta chapter, Indiana University,

is operating currently under direction of the following officers: President, Martha Jane Robinson; Vice President, Joseph Dye; and Secretary-Treasurer, Marilyn Stapp.

Alpha Phi chapter, Idaho State College, sponsored their annual political science dinner on March 16 in which many national, state and local politicians took part. It was described as "a huge success." Officers are: President, Laurie Bogert; Vice President, Gordon Davis; and Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Post.

Epsilon chapter, University of California, Los Angeles, announces the appointment of Ruth Neumann as Secretary-Treasurer to replace Jenniellen Ferguson who resigned.

GROWTH OF PSA

The Pi Sigma Alpha Fraternity is continuing to grow at an unprecedented rate. Present indications are that it will initiate more new members in 1950 than it did in the record-breaking year of 1949.

It is estimated that by the close of 1949, approximately 6500 members had been initiated into the Fraternity. The number would have been much higher had not the late war caused most chapters virtually to suspend operations. The following table of initiations in the past thirteen years reveals the trend toward rapid growth in recent years:

1937 -	279
1938 -	344
1939 -	273
1940 -	264
1941 -	244
1942 -	211
1943 -	161
1944 -	90
1945 -	93
1946 -	226
1947 -	673
1948 -	510
1949 -	827

The growth may be measured also by the number of active chapters as of the close of each year. Only two charters have been granted in which the chapters shortly thereafter became entirely dor-

mant. Four other chapters are considered active by the Fraternity, although they have not resumed their programs since the close of the war. The number of active chapters, omitting the two mentioned above, at the close of each year are as follows:

1920 -	1	1936 -	23
1921 -	1	1937 -	25
1922 -	3	1938 -	28
1923 -	5	1939 -	30
1924 -	5	1940 -	30
1925 -	6	1941 -	30
1926 -	10	1942 -	30
1927 -	11	1943 -	30
1928 -	13	1944 -	30
1929 -	14	1945 -	30
1930 -	15	1946 -	32
1931 -	17	1947 -	36
1932 -	19	1948 -	39
1933 -	19	1949 -	45
1934 -	20	5/1/1950 -	49
1935 -	23		

COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES MEETS

The 1950 annual meeting of the Council of the Association of College Honor Societies was held in the Illini Center at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago February 25 and 26, 1950. Eighteen of the twenty member societies of A.C.H.S. were represented. Dr. C. W. Shull, Wayne University, represented Pi Sigma Alpha.

Phi Sigma Iota (Romance languages) was voted into membership in A.C.H.S., and an application for membership in A.C.H.S. from Phi Sigma (biology) was granted subject to receipt of evidence that its Constitution has been changed to conform with A.C.H.S. standards.

The Committee on Eligibility and Admissions reported further progress toward expanded membership in the Association. A number of societies are being assisted in meeting A.C.H.S. standards. To further this aim, the president extended to certain honor societies an invitation to attend the meetings as observers. The following accepted and had representatives present: Chi Epsilon (civil engineering), Eta Sigma Phi (classics), Iota Sigma Pi (Chemistry), Omicron Kappa Upsilon (dentistry), Omicron Nu (home economics), Phi Sigma (zoology), Phi Sigma Iota (Romance languages), Pi Delta Epsilon (journalism), and Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics).

Round-Table discussions were held on the following subjects:

Standards and Definitions - After short discussion on this subject it was decided that the subject was worthy of more study and it was recommended that the standing committee bearing the subject name be instructed to give the subject thorough study during the coming year and report fully to the 1951 Council meeting of A.C.H.S.

Legal Problems, Incorporation - Nineteen of the twenty member societies had submitted reports of their activities of the past year. These reports disclosed that nine of these are incorporated, ten are not. Alton B. Zerby, acting-leader on this subject, reported on the investigation made by Eta Kappa Nu during 1949 and distributed to those that wished them copies of a legal report made to that society. Robert H. Nagel reported on the reasons why Tau Beta Pi incorporated. Some representatives expressed the opinion that incorporation is not necessary. However, it seemed to be accepted by the majority that (a) if a society has property (real or personal) of much value, incorporation is desirable; (b) incorporation removes from the officers personal responsibility which should fall upon the society as a whole; and (c) if a society intends to solicit funds with the idea that the donors can deduct their contribution from gross income in computing income tax, then the society should be incorporated.

Legal Problems, Registration of Designs, Copyrights, etc. - The same society reports indicated that only five of the member societies have had their key designs and coat-of-arms, etc., registered and names of their publications similarly protected; two others reported they are in process of accomplishing this legal protection. One representative reported wherein his society, which has registered the name of its magazine, recently had reported to it that a commercial corporation was planning to issue a house-organ of the same name. A letter from the secretary of his society to the corporation resulted in the latter issuing its house-organ in a different name. It was the consensus that steps to register,

copyright, etc. were desirable and costs of doing so were very moderate.

Statements in College Catalogs Concerning Honor Societies - Dean Robert W. Bishop reported that the University of Cincinnati includes a statement on honor societies in its catalog and booklet of information for students. He agreed to draft a similar statement for officers of A.C.H.S. to mail to all universities and colleges, suggesting that similar statement be included in their catalogs and student handbooks.

Honor Society vs Fraternity - It is becoming more and more general usage that "fraternity" or "sorority" be confined to use with social and professional campus organizations; that "honor society" be used rather than "fraternity" in connection with campus organizations which elect from students of high-scholastic standing; and that "recognition society" be used, rather than "fraternity" to describe campus organizations that elect with the primary requirements of extra-curricular activities or interests.

Honor Society Membership Costs - It was recommended that each member society, if not already doing so, conduct a survey of the local fees being charged by its chapters and how these are spent--this information to be for guidance of the national officers of the member society and possibly for the information of college and university administrations.

Brief discussions were also held on the following subjects: Peculiar Problems of the Cooperative Student in Honor Societies; and Difficulties Presented to Honor Societies in Institutions having a five-year curricula.

Annual Dinner - At the annual dinner, Dr. Guy E. Snavelly, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges, was the guest speaker. Dr. Snavelly expressed the following opinion about college honor societies:

"The college honor societies render conspicuous service in the advancement of higher education in the United States. They stimulate in a noble way efforts to higher endeavor on the part of college and university students. From this select group come the great majority of the leaders in the professions and in industry,

also those who direct the affairs of state on local, national and international levels. The Association of College Honor Societies aids greatly in correlating the ideals and activities of the various groups."

The following officers were elected to hold office until the annual meeting of 1951.

President: Dr. Marsh W. White, executive secretary of Sigma Pi Sigma (physics), State College, Pa.

Vice-President: Dr. George L. Webster, president of Rho Chi (pharmacy), University of Illinois College of Pharmacy, Chicago, Illinois.

Secretary-Treasurer: Robert H. Nagel, secretary-treasurer of Tau Beta Pi (engineering), Knoxville, Tenn.

In addition to these three, the following form the executive committee:

Members-at-Large: Dean Adel H. Stamp, treasurer of Alpha Lambda Delta (freshman scholarship - women) University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Donald B. Hoffman, executive secretary-treasurer of Phi Alpha Theta (history), Allentown, Pa.

Members Without Portfolio: Dean Robert W. Bishop, secretary and editor of Omicron Delta Kappa (student leadership and activities - men) University of Cincinnati. Alton B. Zerby, executive secretary of Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering), Dillsburg, Pa.

The following were elected members-at-large of the Council: Dr. Earl J. McGrath, Commissioner of Education, U.S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D.C. Dean Joseph A. Park, Dean of Men, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio. Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director, Association of American Colleges, Washington 6, D.C.

The annual meeting of 1951 will be held in Chicago, February 24 and 25, 1951.

IMPORTANT

1. Send your spring initiation lists to the National Office promptly.

Type if possible. Be sure to include date of initiation. We will try to send certificates to you for distribution to initiates before the students leave for summer vacation.

2. If you have not sent the National Office your annual dues, please do so promptly.
3. Be sure all local chapter files are transferred to incoming officers. Too often new officers do not even know the name and address of the National Secretary-Treasurer! Every chapter should keep orderly files.