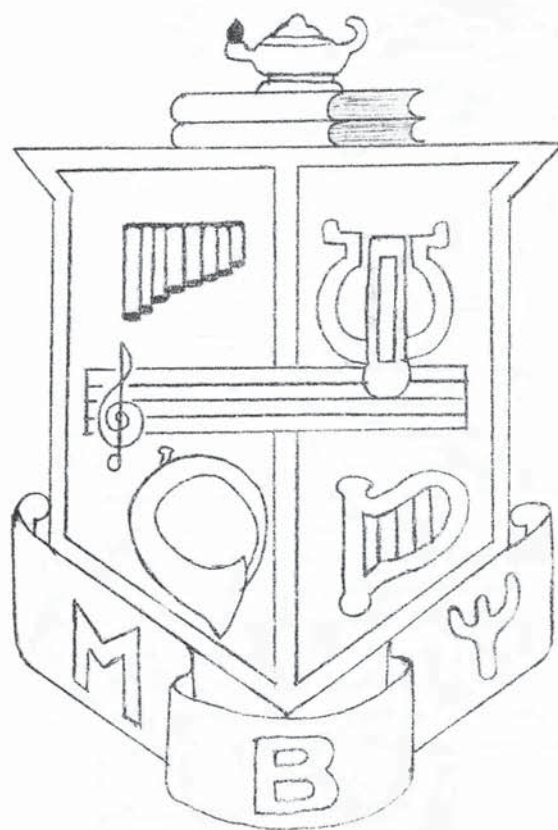


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Season's



Greetings

NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD AT CLEMSON

Shown here are some of the brothers who attended the convention, together with the national officers comprising the Executive Committee. Standing at far left, Charles Bostian, Member-at-large; seated, left to right, Jim Webb, Member-at-large; C. D. Kutschinski, Executive Secretary; Buddy O'Kelley, President; Ralph Daniel, Vice-President.



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

November 24, Friday night. An informal meeting was held in the club room of Delta Chapter. After greetings and introductions there was an exchange of ideas on topics to be taken up at the formal meeting next day, and informal reports of activities and "status quo" of each chapter. Snacks, coffee and "Pepsies" graciously and generously served by the Clemson chapter kept the friendly "bull session" going till bedtime.

NOVEMBER 25. The previous national officers being no longer in school, the meeting was called to order by the Executive Secretary, Christian D Kutschinski, who called for nominations for national president. Nominated were Buddy O'Kelley and Terry Williams. Elected PRESIDENT, Buddy O'Kelley (Clemson, Delta), who then presided over the rest of the meeting. Other national officers elected were: Vice President -- Ralph Daniel, Alpha, N.C. State College. Members-at-large -- Jim Webb, Delta and Charles Bostian, Alpha. These officers plus the national Executive Secretary constitute the National Executive Committee. Br. Kutschinski read minutes of 1957 convention. Accepted as read.

In order to assure continuity of a working Executive Committee, an amendment to the National Constitution was voted that, in the event of no national convention being held in any given year, the Executive Committee for that year shall be determined by the retiring Executive Committee.

Brother Daniel presented a resolution that Article III, Sec. 6 be amended to admit ladies to membership, instead of confining membership to men. In the discussion it was pointed out that certain schools having both men and women in their musical organizations, and not having enough qualified male students were not interested in such a fraternity unless the girls could be included. After considerable discussion it was voted by a majority in favor of the amendment (despite the fact that it was pointed out that a "fraternity" is a brotherhood; a body of men associated for their common interest, etc.).

A resolution was presented suggesting that a petitioning chapter be required to pay only (\$25) one half the charter fee at the time of installation, and the remaining \$25 over a period of time acceptable to the Executive Committee, this in order to make it easier for some smaller groups to raise the full amount. After some discussion the resolution or motion was voted down, and Article V, Section 3, still stands.

Brother Halverson of Alpha moved to inaugurate a sort of "national" publication, in the form of a periodic bulletin with news of interest to the members of both chapters. The idea was considered favorably and Halverson was appointed chairman of a committee to work out something in this line.

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Some members desired a clarification of the duties of the Executive Secretary, which were defined as follows : To keep minutes of the national meetings; handle and preserve all national correspondence, and other national records; handle and administer all national funds; order and issue all keys, "shingles," official stationery; record all income and disbursements; send annual financial reports to each chapter; extend invitations to prospective new chapters to petition for a charter; and be general coordinator and administrator for the Executive Committee.

National funds were designated to be used for engrossing and preparing of "shingles" and charters, key charms and/or other jewelry, national publications, postal charges, etc., on correspondence and mailing of keys, shingles, and other national operating expenses, including convention expenses.

At this point it was time to go to lunch and the game, and there was a little confusion in deciding just how much of the expense of the convention was to be borne by the national treasury. It was decided to continue the meeting after the game, but not all the men returned to the meeting, which was very short. About the only other thing was a suggestion by Mr. Kitchinski that sort of a contest take place between the members of both chapters to draw up a design for a MBP decal to be presented to the Executive Committee for adoption as our official decal. The Executive Committee may determine what the prize should be, for the design selected (if no design submitted is deemed worthy, no prize), obtain the cost of having these decals made, and determine on what basis the decals should be distributed to the individual members of each chapter.

With no further business President Buddy O'Kelley, who did an excellent job of presiding adjourned the meeting, with everybody tired and happy, and feeling that the meeting was worth while. The delegation from State College were all delighted with the most gracious hospitality accorded them by the Delta Chapter members.

OMITTED from above: It was moved and seconded that both chapters make a determined effort to add some new chapters this year ---- State concentrating on North Carolina and Virginia schools; Clemson on South Carolina and Georgia, (overlapping permitted, but each chapter keep the other informed of movements as they occur.

AMENDMENTS

1. The membership of this fraternity is open to both men and women.
2. If no national convention is held in any one year, the chapter from which the National Committeeman is retiring shall appoint his successor from that chapter on a temporary basis until such time as a National Convention is held.
3. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be to keep minutes of the national meetings; handle and preserve all national correspondence, and other national records; handle and administer all national funds; order and issue all keys, "shingles", official stationery; record all income and disbursements; send annual financial reports to each chapter; extend invitations to prospective new chapters to petition for a charter; and be general coordinator and administrator for the Executive Committee.
4. National funds shall be for engrossing and preparing of "shingles" and charters, key charms and/or other other jewelry, national publications, postal charges, etc., on correspondence and mailing of keys, shingles, and other national operating expenses, including lodging for national officers and visiting delegates at national

MUSIC AT A TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTION
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Music on a technological campus occupies an important place in the life of the campus, the student and State. It is the liaison of the performing arts to the student body and college community.

While the main purpose of musical organizations is to promote the performing of good music wherever possible, many advantages ----- social, educational and recreational accrue to the members. In most instances, students in musical organizations have invested considerable time, effort and money in a musical interest. To maintain the student's interest in music as an avocation is one of the major functions of the performing groups.

The student who spends a great deal of time in scientific study finds a musical organization to be a necessary and stimulating activity needed to maintain a healthy attitude toward college and toward life in general.

Editorial

In the past history of our national organization, it seems that we have been plagued too often by the problems of incoherency and confusion which have hindered progress of MBP's becoming a large national organization. One example of this incoherency is the large gap of years since the last two national conventions and the vagueness of national correspondence. To tell the truth, sometimes it has seemed to us that only our own chapter existed and that the national organization did not exist as such; your chapter seemed to exist just on paper, which in the past for practicality to us was the case. No doubt the same feeling toward us has been shared by you.

This publication was designed to abolish this feeling, if not totally at least to a large part. It is to show that there are other colleges sharing the same common interest and promoting these interests within the framework of Mu Beta Psi demonstrating a feeling of national activity and reminding each of us that Mu Beta Psi is designed to be national in scope. We hope this publication will be an inspiration for active members to continue carrying on the objectives of the Mu Beta Psi and will provide an incentive for inactive members and alumni to take a renewed effort in our organization. Our own national publications will perhaps serve as sources for providing ideas for all chapters to use to benefit the national organization and local chapters. These publications can also be used as useful information about our organization to be sent to prospective new local members and prospective new chapters.

Because of the nature of our schools, it is almost impossible to find individual time to keep all members nationally informed about all other chapters. It is hoped that this periodical will suffice in this capacity until some better way can be found. It is our wish that the national publication will become a traditional project of the Mu Beta Psi to be carried on long after we are gone, enabling each chapter to be better coordinated, thereby helping ourselves and bettering the national Mu Beta Psi as a whole.

Recently our National President, Buddy O'Kelley, sent a letter to Alpha Chapter. The content of this letter is so important and true that we feel that it should be reprinted here.

Brothers of the Alpha Chapter:

It is with great joy and gratitude that I extend to you a hearty thanks for electing me your national president. We, who attended the national convention, feel that great strides were made toward the betterment of Mu Beta Psi. However, it will take the cooperation of each brother to make the Psi successful on the national level for the coming year. We have set the national goal primarily towards expansion. This means diligence and persistence. These are inherent qualities associated with music and the musician. We must use all our attributes if our goal is to be accomplished.

It was a pleasure meeting the delegates from N.C.S.C. this past Saturday. It is my hope that some day soon I will be able to meet all of you.

I thank you again for allowing me to serve you. Please keep me informed as to all your nationally aimed efforts.

Sincerely,
Buddy O'Kelley
National President

NEWS FROM ALPHA

Dear Brothers,

In order to be in step with the time of year, I wish to march wholeheartedly into wishing all of you the Season's Best and extending the hope for a joyous and prosperous year to come.

In the year to come, the Alpha Chapter of Mu Beta Psi has plans and activities in various stages of operation which constitute a sound, willing effort on the part of the membership to enter a new state of quality and accomplishment. One of the activities will include the installation of a stereophonic juke-box in the largest and most modern dormitory on campus -- Bragaw. Through that device, the fraternity hopes to serve, if not inspire, the musical tastes of its fellow-students. Another activity (much larger and more in keeping with our musical origins) is the sponsorship of the All - Campus Sing in the spring of the year. The "Sing" is similar in nature to the Clemson's "Spring Sounds".

As in all well-organized and effective units - whether they are individuals, committees or governments - there is a constant need for review and improvement. With these needs in mind, Alpha Chapter is reorganizing and enlarging its by-laws and procedural regulations. Even at the collegiate level, there exists a delinquency of effort on the part of some persons. It is the intent of our constitutional changes to minimize the effect of those who would deprive the active members of the full benefits of their efforts.

The local chapter also has the very strong possibility of obtaining an official room. The actuality will be dependent upon the final disposition of classroom and office space on the campus. At one time there was a Mu Beta Psi room, but the tremendous growth of the campus population took its toll of free and secondary space. But construction, perseverance, and the special place that the excellent musical organizations have created for themselves in campus and state life have given Alpha Chapter a second chance. We are prepared to grasp the opportunity. This listing could be longer, but shall not be.

I wish to commend, on behalf of the Alpha Chapter membership, the National Convention's excellent work and thank again the Delta Chapter for its inspiring vitality and hospitality. May our fraternity grow stronger and become evermore worthy of its parent organizations and musical heritage.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Goldstein, Pres. Alpha

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This is the first attempt at a national publication. Obviously, there will be any mistakes in such a trial. We hope that the second edition, published by Delta Chapter, will have the benefit of profiting from our mistakes. If you can think of a more appropriate title by spring, the Executive Committee can vote on making a permanent title then.

The Alpha Chapter would like to thank the Delta Chapter for being so hospitable toward our delegates to the national convention. During our stay on your campus all our needs were amply provided for. The main importance to us was the closer fellowship between chapters and unity of all in promoting our national objectives. Our delegates were very much impressed with the whole setup of the Delta Chapter. In the cross-examination of your developments some ideas might be found which will be applicable and useful for our purposes. Some of your projects have interested our chapter and stimulated original ideas among our members. We hope you will accept our invitation to be our guests for the next national convention next year.