

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTIES

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The Tentative Program of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference Meeting is presented herewith. Papers upon educational subjects will be received up to the time of the meeting.

Miss Zada Cooper of Iowa was for years the chairman of the Committee on Activities of Students and Alumni. As chairman, she did a most important work in stimulating student activity in Conference schools. Because of her intimate knowledge of student affairs and because of her broad sympathies with student activities, the chairman has asked her to prepare the paper upon Pharmaceutical Fraternities and Sororities.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTIES AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.

First Session—Monday, September 3rd, 10:00 A.M.

Address—"Presentation of a Plan to Investigate Pharmaceutical Education from the Functional Standpoint."—Dr. W. W. Charters of the Personnel Department of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

2:00 P.M.—Roll Call of Delegates representing Conference Membership.

The Presidential Address—Charles H. LaWall, Philadelphia.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Zada M. Cooper, Iowa.

Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee—R. A. Lyman, Nebraska.

Report of the Syllabus Committee—Theodore J. Bradley, Massachusetts.

Reports of the Standing Committees of the Conference—by the Chairmen.

Second Session—September 3rd, 6:00 P.M.

Second Annual Conference Dinner—to be held at a place to be designated later. Following the dinner the new deans and new representatives of the Conference will be introduced.

8:00 P.M.—Illustrated Lecture by Dr. H. M. Whelpley of Missouri. Subject—"The Deans of the Conference Schools at Play."

8:30 P.M.—Report of the Special Committees and of specially appointed Conference Delegates.

Third Session—Tuesday, September 4th, 9:00 A.M.

An Address—By President H. W. Chase, of the University of North Carolina.

Papers—"Chemical Education in Pharmacy Schools," by Prof. John C. Krantz, University of Maryland. "Laboratory Management," by Dean Willis G. Gregory, University of Buffalo.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Executive Session—Matters of the utmost importance to the Conference will be discussed at the Executive Session. A full attendance is very important.

Adjournment.

PHARMACEUTICAL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES.

BY ZADA M. COOPER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

There are those still who have only condemnation for fraternities and sororities but, though their most ardent supporters cannot claim that they are an unmixed good, all must agree that they have a tremendous influence on college life. Since the days of Solomon groups of people have banded together with a common purpose. College fraternities (and I use the term in a general sense, to include sororities also) are here to stay and they are possessed of possibilities for good or evil

that are very great and very far-reaching. College authorities should recognize this fact and do all within their power to guide and direct. It is for us to help the members of these organizations to realize the full meaning of the obligations they assume, to inspire them to strive individually and collectively for high scholarship and to stand for professional conduct that is above reproach, to do what we can to build character that will send our graduates out to become worthy citizens of any community.

If fraternities are to thrive they must comply with certain specific regulations, not only as to conduct of social affairs but as to scholarship. Social regulations should be simply those of good society everywhere. Every institution has adopted or should adopt such rules concerning chaperons and hours as fit the needs of the city in which they are located. The necessary machinery of administration will vary, but the underlying principles are all the same.

Regulation of scholarship standards should receive considerable attention and the rules submitted by the Conference Committee on Activities of Students and Alumni at the Cleveland meeting have been thoroughly tried in more than one institution. Perhaps the questions involved cannot be covered better than by quoting them.

"In applying scholarship standards to fraternities and sororities and other student groups, the institution should deal with such organizations as groups and not as individuals.

Such groups should be required to maintain a scholarship average substantially that of the average of the men, or women, of the entire institution.

When an organization fails to meet this required standard of average scholarship, the organization should be notified and warned and the national officers, if there be any, should also be informed. Such organization should then be placed on probation and given one year in which to reinstate itself.

An organization that has been on probation for one year without obtaining a group average equal to the average of the men, or women, of the institution, should be denied the right to pledge or initiate into the organization; freshmen should not be allowed to reside in any house maintained by the organization; and such organization should not be permitted to give any social function until the group has reinstated itself."

Very definite policies should govern new organizations. Groups of students wishing to affiliate with fraternities should be required to show their purpose and to maintain their organization for a definite period to the satisfaction of college authorities. This evidence of stability is a necessary safeguard to the college and to the fraternity that may be asked for a charter. Properly constituted authority at each college should investigate and approve the fraternity whose charter is sought. This is a protection to the institution and the student group petitioning.

Judgment acquired from experience and observation should make it possible for faculties to advise and assist so that fraternities and sororities shall be an asset to an institution and a factor in the proper rounding out of any individual's college career.

There is an honorary pharmaceutical fraternity that is based on proper ideals and should rank with honorary organizations in medicine and engineering and law. It is known as the Rho Chi Society and both men and women are eligible. A high degree of scholarship is the basis of election and only individuals recommended by the Dean of the faculty are considered. It is intended to stimulate scholarship and research in undergraduate days and to honor men and women who have rendered exceptional service to professional pharmacy. Chapters may be established

in Colleges that are members of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, that have a four-year high school entrance requirement and that are giving three or four year courses of instruction on full time. It was organized at the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan and there are now three chapters. H. W. Vahlteich of New York is President and E. J. Traut of Battle Creek, Michigan, is Secretary.

Kappa Psi was originally founded in 1879; in 1887, it was decided to establish chapters only in medical schools and in 1897 schools of pharmacy were added. Since that time two other medical fraternities have been merged with it. The total number of all Chapters including the academic and graduate ones has been over a hundred with a total membership of about eleven thousand.

Dr. A. R. Bliss of Atlanta, Georgia is Grand President.

Beta Phi Sigma was founded in 1888 at the College of Pharmacy of the University of Buffalo. There are now eight chapters and several alumni chapters. The membership is approximately twenty-five hundred and it is exclusively pharmaceutical. Dr. Heber W. Youngken of Philadelphia is Grand Councilor and Editor and Dr. Henry G. Bentz of Buffalo, New York, is Grand Secretary and Historian.

Phi Delta Chi became a national fraternity in 1895 though it had existed earlier as a local society at the University of Michigan. Its members are drawn from students of pharmacy and chemistry. Twenty-six chapters have been established and the total membership is about four thousand, ninety-eight per cent. of which is pharmaceutical. E. W. Thurston of Los Angeles, California is Grand President and L. C. Heustis of Indianapolis is Grand Secretary and Historian.

Rho Pi Phi was organized as a local fraternity in 1919 and nationalized, I believe, in 1921. There are chapters in several eastern Colleges. J. P. Jacobson of Malden, Mass. is Supreme Councilor and J. Meyerson of Buffalo, New York, is scribe.

Kappa Phi was founded at Sewanee, Tenn., in 1909 as a medical and pharmaceutical fraternity and several chapters were established. It may have merged with some other or become inactive, at any rate, I have been unable to obtain any information at the present time.

Lambda Kappa Sigma, the first pharmaceutical sorority, was organized at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and was nationalized in 1917 or 1918. There are about ten chapters. Miss Annabel Carter of Waltham, Massachusetts, is Grand President and Miss Georgia Moreland of Winthrop, Massachusetts, is Grand Secretary. There are eleven chapters.

Kappa Epsilon was organized at Iowa City in 1921 from three organizations that had existed at the Universities of Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. There are now four chapters with a total membership of about one hundred and fifty. Chapters may be established in schools that are members in good standing of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties with a four year high school entrance requirement and that require for graduation two years of not less than thirty-two weeks each. Miss Naomi Kenefick of Eagle Grove, Iowa, is Grand President, and Miss Barbara Osborne of Lincoln, Nebraska, is Grand Secretary.

Note—The Program of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will be found under "Societies and Colleges."