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## Swimming Instruction for Scouts

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waiting for something to turn up  
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## RED CROSS AWARD AT CCNY



The Certificate of Merit shown here was presented by the New York Regional Red Cross Blood Program to the City College of New York for outstanding continued support of the program. The project is sponsored by Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. In the picture, left to right, are Ivan R. Samuels, then president of the chapter; Dr. W. M. Markell of the Red Cross; Dr. Buell Gallagher, President of the CCNY; J. S. Sinclair of the Red Cross, and Colonel M. Kammerer of the ROTC. The photograph is by Paul Parker.

## ORDER OF THE ARROW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The biennial National Conference of the Order of the Arrow will be held on the campus of the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, August 26 to 29, 1954. There will be an opportunity for a get-together of all  $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$  men who are on hand as delegates at this conference.

This will be the first national meeting of the Order of the Arrow ever held in the West. Laramie, the University community, is situated on a broad plateau 7,000 feet above sea level. It is located in Southeastern Wyoming, 50 miles west of Cheyenne, and 130 miles north of Denver.

Official conference hosts will be members of Kola Lodge of Long's Peak Council with headquarters at Greeley, Colorado.

Alpha Phi Omega has had a fine relationship with the Order of the Arrow for many years, and many Arrowmen become affiliated with our fraternity when they enter colleges and universities. We know that all  $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$  men who will be attending the forthcoming Order of the Arrow conference will enjoy getting together there for a discussion about chapter activities and plans for the next school year.

## ON OUR COVER

An illustration of swimming instruction for beginners is on the cover of this issue. It shows three members of Kappa Gamma Chapter teaching Scouts to swim. They are in the men's pool of Wisconsin State College at LaCrosse. The picture is by courtesy of the News Bureau of the college.

A feature article about the swimming project begins on page three and other pictures of the instruction are on page four.



# SWIMMING INSTRUCTION FOR SCOUTS

By Charles Fisk

President, Gamma Theta Chapter  
University of Colorado

In many Scout Councils there is need for swimming opportunities for Scouts during the fall and winter months when outdoor swimming pools are closed. Gamma Theta Chapter is among the Alpha Phi Omega chapters which are providing opportunity for instruction and tests for Scouts in university and college pools. Our chapter furnishes instructors and life guards for a weekly swimming period, handles the arrangements with the university for the use of the pool and issues instruction and information to the Scout units in this district concerning participation.

Probably the best way to describe how this project is carried out is to reprint our swimming program information exactly as it is distributed to Scoutmasters and Explorer Advisors. It is as follows:

## ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. The Scout Swimming Program is open to any registered Scout, based on a quota from each unit as follows:

(a) Three Scouts who are non-swimmers or who swim too poorly to pass the First Class swimming requirement. These Scouts will meet during beginner's period.

(b) Three Scouts who have passed the First Class swim, but who have not passed Swimming Merit Badge. These will meet for Swimming Merit Badge period.

Note: At the Scoutmaster's discretion and upon notification to Alpha Phi Omega, one or more Scouts who have not passed the First Class swim, but who swim well and will receive First Class within the eight-week period, may enroll and will be given a special opportunity to pass the First Class swim. If in the Alpha Phi Omega instructor's opinion the Scout will not make the grade, he will be advised to drop back to a beginner's class.

(c) Life Saving will be open to two Scouts from each unit who have passed Swimming Merit Badge, or in

special cases, who are enrolled in the Swimming Merit Badge class and desire to take Life Saving concurrently. Note: Alpha Phi Omega advises against a Scout taking both Life Saving and Swimming Merit Badges in the same evening, but if the unit's quota is unfulfilled and the Scoutmaster consents, or if the two must be earned concurrently for other valid reasons, permission may be given. If the Scout does not appear to be equal to participating in both, he will be dropped from Life Saving.

2. Alpha Phi Omega is to be notified by the Scoutmaster of the participating Scout's unit of any abnormality such as sinus trouble, heart conditions, diabetes, etc., which might require special attention.

3. Scouts accepted for participation in the program will be issued an identification card which will be non-transferable. Should a Scout drop any course, upon Alpha Phi Omega's recommendation, the Scoutmaster of the Scout's unit may choose a replacement, and a new card will be issued.

4. A Scout may be dropped from a course upon sufficient cause brought before the dad at the pool and the Scout's Scoutmaster by the Alpha Phi Omega instructor. Disqualification from further swimming may be for any of the following reasons, among others:

(a) Un-Scoutlike conduct anywhere in the armory, the pool, the gym, or their environs.

(b) Failure to attend at least two consecutive sessions, except in case of valid excuse.

(c) Failure to abide by the University and Alpha Phi Omega instructor's regulations.

5. Each participating unit will be responsible for having a minimum of four dads or other unit sponsors at the pool and armory on the night designated for it, which will be announced before the first session of the program. Duties of the dads are as follows:

(a) Two adults will meet each

group at the armory, check them in according to the roster, and one dad will personally conduct the group to the gym in time for their scheduled time. (One dad always at the armory.)

(b) One dad shall be in the balcony of the pool at all times to meet each group as it arrives, conduct them to their place for disrobing, see that the preceding group leaves promptly, and to be responsible for clothing left while swimming. In addition he shall handle all problems referred to him by the pool life guard or instructors.

(c) One dad shall be responsible for seeing that Scout-like conduct is maintained in the shower rooms, towel room, toilets, and lower corridor area in general, and shall also see that boys other than Scouts are not in the gym.

## PROCEDURE:

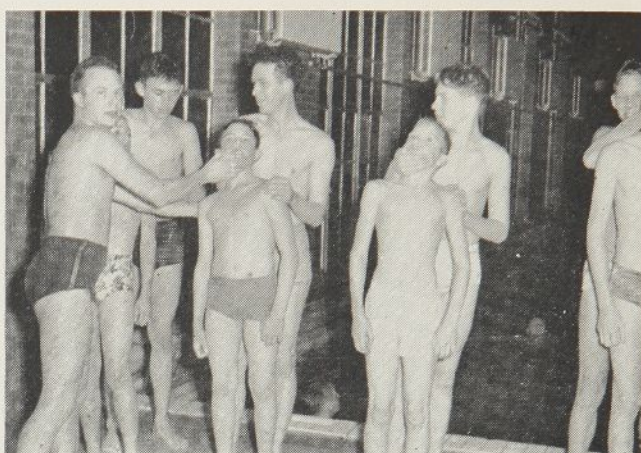
1. Participating Scouts will arrive at the armory not more than twenty-five minutes nor less than eighteen minutes before the time they are due to swim. Each Scout must show his identification card to the adult on duty and be checked in. *No Scout who has not checked in with the adult at the armory will be allowed to enter the pool.* Eighteen minutes before swimming time, the Scouts will proceed as a group with the adult to the gym (this should take between six and eight minutes).

2. Upon arrival and admittance to the gym lobby, Scouts will remove shoes and socks in the lobby and proceed to the balcony where they will disrobe in the area indicated by the dad on duty. Five minutes before they are due to swim, Scouts will proceed to showers, shower thoroughly, and line up to be admitted to pool upon exit of previous group, if there is one.

3. Instruction will be given for thirty-five minutes, with ten minutes allowed for free swimming and test passing. Note: Scoutmasters who have Scouts qualified to pass First Class swim, who do not need instruction and



## VIEWS OF SCOUT SWIMMING INSTRUCTION FROM TWO CHAPTERS



In the upper left picture, Jack Nichols and John Urbain of Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Colorado, are shown giving beginners dry-land instruction in the crawl stroke. At upper right, Charles Fisk (author of this article) is giving instruction in chin pull for Life Saving Merit Badge. In the lower left picture, John Urbain and Jack Nichols are instructing Scouts in the side stroke kick for the Swimming Merit Badge. The lower right picture is from Ohio University where Delta Gamma Chapter has recently started a weekly swim for Scouts. Under the leadership of Ron Hagquist, the chapter has opened this opportunity for all Scouts in the area. The picture from Delta Gamma Chapter is by Malcolm Klaiman.

are not enrolled in the swimming program, or Scouts who need to pass the Swimming requirement of Physical Fitness Merit Badge or any other requirements, may, upon procuring a special temporary pass from the Alpha Phi Omega swimming project chairman, send Scouts any week to pass the test in the period of 7:35-7:45 or 8:20-8:30. Such Scouts will arrive at the lobby of the gym in full Scout uniform not more than fifteen minutes prior to swimming time nor less than five minutes and upon presenting his temporary identification will be admitted by the dad on duty.

4. At the close of each period Scouts will clear the pool promptly,

line up on the deck for count and proceed to showers. After a five-minute shower period, Scouts will return to balcony, dress except for shoes and socks, and check out of the pool. Shoes and socks to be put on in the lobby of the gym. No loitering around the gym shall be permitted; Scouts waiting for rides or other reasons shall do so at the armory.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

1. Beginners period—7:00 p. m. until 7:45 p. m. Swimming Merit Badge period—7:45 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. Life Saving Merit Badge period—8:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m.

2. Scouts will be required to bring their own towels; none will be furnished. Scouts may also be required to purchase Swimming or Life Saving Merit Badge pamphlets or the Red Cross Life Saving and Water Safety handbook, which may be required at certain sessions. Scouts shall also be responsible for supplying all clothing used in tests. Clothing for this purpose *must* be absolutely clean.

3. Scouts will not wear suits while swimming except by special permission. Leaders who wish to swim and instructors will wear suits.

4. A qualified leader of the Troop to which a Scout belongs should be present to observe all test-passing.



Alpha Phi Omega will endeavor to keep all standards high, but will not be responsible in case of accidental failure to administer all parts of a test, or of failure to make standards exactly as each Scoutmaster wishes, unless he or a representative is present to state how he wants the test given to his Scouts. If no Scout leader is present from the unit to which a Scout belongs when he passes a test, a written statement will be given to the Scout stating the tests he has passed.

5. In the past we have been lucky as far as theft is concerned; however, Scouts should be cautioned that it will

be safest to leave valuables at home. The University of Colorado and Alpha Phi Omega will not be responsible for loss.

6. In case of damage to any University of Colorado property, full payment for the damage shall be assumed by the Scout or Scouts involved, if they are identified. If damage which cannot be traced is done, the units which had Scouts participating at the time of damage shall be jointly responsible for payment. Boy Scouts will not be responsible for any damage committed by a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

7. There will be a 35c registration fee for each boy, payable at the time of registration, to cover cost of his participation.

8. For information and to make reservations for Scouts who need to pass tests, contact Chuck Fisk, A.P.O. Swimming Program Chairman, 359 Fleming Hall, Phone 3500—Ext. 359.

*Editor's Note: The above description of regulations and procedures in Gamma Theta Chapter's swimming project offer suggestions for the use of other chapters. This is an excellent service project and deserves the consideration of all chapters which can obtain the use of the college pool for instruction of Scouts.*

### Student Council Item

In the Student Council column in the April 6 issue of the *Ripon College* newspaper the following item appeared:

"Many of the service problems that may have been handled in the past by the council are now being more capably handled by Alpha Phi Omega. It is unfortunate that more of this group's spirit of cooperation and goodwill cannot be instilled into every organization on the campus."

In the activities column in the same issue of the *Ripon* newspaper the following statement appeared:

"Hats off, first of all, to an organization that doesn't get much recognition for the many unnoticed, though very useful projects it performs—Alpha Phi Omega. From completely undertaking the usually hard-to-fill job of ushering at theater activities to repairing many things on campus, their service is endless."

Those two quotations are a fine tribute to LAMBDA ZETA CHAPTER of AΦΩ which was just installed at Ripon this past February. The chapter has completed plans for an Ugly Man contest and has appointed a Convention Committee to prepare for the delegation to attend the next National Convention in December. This news is from Dick Diedrich, President.

### Concessions on Football Trip

GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER of *Texas Christian University* had charge of the concession stand on the student body train trip to the University of Arkansas football game and had charge of decorating goal posts for all home games at the Amon Carter Stadium.

## Sample of Alpha Phi Omega Swimming Program for Life Saving Merit Badge

### Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Colorado

Purpose: To earn Life Saving Merit Badge.

Schedule: \*\* 1.

Week 1—Testing of swimming ability, side and breast strokes.

Practice on rear approach—quick reverse, chin pull, level off.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chaps. 1, 2 (esp. 40-44, 52-55), 3 (esp. 71-77), and 4 (esp. 91-103).  
LSMBP—pages 3-18, 31-35, and 46.

Week 2—Review of rear approach; instruction in underwater approach.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chap. 5 (especially 110-116).  
LSMBP—pages 19-20, 24, 26.

Week 3—Review of rear and underwater approaches.

Week 4—Review of rear and underwater approaches; instruction in cross-chest carry.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chap. 5 (especially 137-150).  
LSMBP—pages 20-22.

Week 5—Review of approaches with cross-chest carry; instruction in hair carry and tired swimmers carry.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Review assignment of Week 4, and Chap. 5 (esp. 141-142).  
LSMBP—Page 22 and review.

\*\* 2.

Week 6—Review of rear and underwater approaches with cross-chest and hair carries; instruction on blocking and parrying.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chap. 5 (especially 116-119).  
LSMBP—Pages 22-25

\*\* 3.

Week 7—Review of blocking and parrying with carries and approaches; instruction in front head-hold release.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chap. 5 (esp. 116-119, 125-126).  
Chap. 6 (esp. 160-167)  
LSMBP—page 17

Week 8—Testing and Reviewing.

Assignments:

LS & WS—Chaps. 8 and 9.  
LSMBP—pages 27-30, 37-43.

\*\*Extra sessions and home practice:

\*\*1. Introduction to the course and dry land practice on rear approach.

\*\*2. Dry land practice in blocking and parrying, and line tending.

\*\*3. Dry land practice on blocking and parrying and head release.

Test on Artificial Respiration.

Constant practice must be done on disrobing, surface diving, and approaches.



## START NOW ON PLANS FOR Freshmen Orientation and Registration

By J. Anton Jungherr

Past President, Delta Sigma Chapter  
University of Connecticut

*Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from the April, 1953, issue. It was valuable to many chapters last Spring and we believe it will again be useful for planning orientation service for next Fall.*

Freshmen Orientation and Registration offer many opportunities for Alpha Phi Omega Chapters to render useful service to their fellow students. Returning to the campus before school opens in the Fall will also provide a convenient occasion for the chapter to recruit new members from the incoming freshmen class, to plan their service program for the school year, and to welcome all the brothers back with some type of social. This project will give the parents of the freshmen a chance to see AΦΩ in action and therefore make for good public relations.

Plans for helping with Freshmen Orientation and Registration should be started before summer vacation. The Chapter President might appoint a chairman and committee now to run this project. Those brothers appointed should, if possible, live near the college campus in order that contact with those in charge of Freshmen Week can be maintained throughout the summer.

This committee should contact the various persons who are responsible for Freshmen Week and Registration. These might include Director of Student Life, Dean of Men, Director of Housing, Campus Police, Student Governing Body, Student Union, Registrar and College President. Oftentimes these officials will offer suggestions as to how AΦΩ can help in this job.

Some of the ways in which chapters can help in the orientation of freshmen are:

1. Maintain information booths during Freshmen Week.
2. Make and erect building and direction signs on campus.
3. Operate information booths at the entrance to campus during the period that freshmen are arriving.

- a. Maps of the campus might be distributed here.
- b. An air photo of the campus might help in giving direction to drivers.
- c. A list of dormitory assignments of the incoming freshmen would be useful in helping those who have forgotten theirs.
- d. Material from the Registrar or Student Personnel Office might be passed out.
4. Help in traffic control on the day freshmen arrive on campus.
5. Help move trunks from the parking lots to the dormitories, using a truck or cart.
6. Conduct tours of the campus showing location of classroom buildings, post office, administration building, etc.
7. Sponsor Freshmen "Get-Acquainted" Square Dance.
8. Wear AΦΩ armbands while on campus so that freshmen will be able to obtain assistance if needed.
9. Assist in giving college placement tests.
10. Assist at functions run for freshmen, such as teas, assemblies and social affairs.
  - a. Scout Census Cards, supplied free by the National Office, can very effectively be used at an assembly during Freshmen Week.
11. Sell freshmen hats.
12. Act as guides in the dormitories, meeting incoming freshmen and showing them to their rooms.

Ways in which help can be rendered in running Registration:

1. Distribute registration material to the dormitories.
2. Act as checkers at registration.
3. Pass out material.

4. Maintain order and straight lines.
5. Act as messengers.

Once the ways in which the chapter is to help are determined a Freshmen Week Schedule should be prepared describing the project. Assignment of the different parts of the project should be made to the committee members.

This "Schedule," along with a letter from the Chapter President asking the members to return during Freshmen Week, should be mimeographed and sent to all brothers about a month before the Fall Semester begins. An addressed postcard should be enclosed in order that the individual chapter member can inform the chairman if he will be able to assist with the project. In this way the chairman will know exactly how many brothers will be available for the different activities. The time and place of the first chapter meeting should be specified in this letter so that the final details of the project can be completed.

The final assignment of brothers to the different Freshmen Week activities should be made at the first chapter meeting. The time of each activity and the number of men needed should be put on the "Schedule." Those who are going to work on each activity should place their name on the "Schedule" so that the chairman will know that each responsibility in connection with the project has been assigned. Careful coordination must be maintained to insure that each part is carried out as planned.

The successful completion of the project will bring a feeling of satisfaction to all those who worked on it. The incoming freshmen will benefit from your service and the chapter program for the coming year will benefit. An opportunity will be provided for the officers of the chapter to plan the entire year's program. The chapter will be successfully launched on another year of providing service to the students, faculty, community and nation.





### Campus Traffic Survey

THETA LAMBDA CHAPTER has received a fine letter of appreciation from Mr. W. O. Milligan, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of *The Rice Institute*, for work done in taking a campus traffic survey on March 23 and 24. Dean McBride had suggested ΑΦΩ to do this job and the members carried it out thoroughly. The survey has been useful in obtaining information on parking conditions on the Rice campus.

### Competition in Blood Drive

A contest has been in progress between GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER at CCNY and the brothers of GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER of *University Heights College, NYU*. Says Ed Fleischman, First Vice-President of Gamma Epsilon Chapter, "We are determined to draw blood in this battle." However, it is a friendly affair, and this publicity is used to bring more blood donations for the CCNY blood bank. This good old-fashioned rivalry has proved to be a good method. Art Diamond is chairman of the Student Council Blood Bank Agency and is in charge of the CCNY drive.

### Tuberculosis Campaign

In the campaign for the tuberculosis fund, KAPPA MU CHAPTER at *Johns Hopkins University* collected more than \$350.00. The chapter also assisted in the March of Dimes drive by informing the people concerning the great importance of conquering polio. This was done by members of the chapter helping in the mobile sound trucks touring Baltimore. Another recent project has been the conducting of campus tours for prospective new students. This is reported by Albert Weinstein, Corresponding Secretary.

### Campus Elections

DELTA BETA CHAPTER at the *University of Oklahoma* has recently conducted the Student Senate elections and also the Independent Students Association elections. Other projects include the Lost and Found service continuously operated through the chapter office on the third floor of the Memorial Union, distribution of magazines to the Student Health Center, campus beautification work, Scout swimming supervision, and others which arise throughout the year. This is reported by Richard C. West, Lost and Found Chairman.

### Student Services

LAMBDA DELTA CHAPTER has taken over the Student Services booth at *Newark College of Engineering* and is aiding the students in purchasing movie and theater tickets, distributing discount cards, selling tickets to school functions, and taking magazine subscriptions at the booth. The chapter is also aiding the administration in carrying out a "Science Fair," which offers high school students an opportunity to display their scientific abilities to men from industry and various technical schools. This is reported by Richard S. Ringer, Secretary.

## AID TO FRESHMEN AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY



Assisting freshmen at registration time at Rutgers University are Warren Mahaly and Richard Schneider (wearing arm bands), members of Delta Rho Chapter. Frosh "dinks" are the Class of '57 marks of distinction. The picture is by Robert O. Gleason. Spring is the time to plan freshmen orientation services for the opening of the Fall term. See article on page six.



### "Operation Zero"

The big winter activity which boys look forward to in the Hiawathaland Council, BSA, is the Klondike Derby which has become popularly known as "Operation Zero." Each year it is sponsored and supervised by EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER of AΦΩ at *Michigan Tech.*

"Operation Zero" is competition in Scouting skills and is judged for knowledge and understanding of problems involved and for accuracy in the completion of each problem. This past operation included problems in first aid, firebuilding, compass reading, signalling, the use of knots, and judging of heights and distances involving a cliff rescue and an ice rescue.

Compass training and use was involved during the entire activity in that each problem station was on a pre-planned compass course and could be located only by correct readings of the compass and the ability to determine distances given between compass locations.

The teams competing were formed from patrols from the troops in the district. They were required to travel on either snowshoes or skis and pull a Klondike sledge or toboggan on which was carried all the necessary equipment for completing the problems. Eighteen teams were entered in the event.

The contest was conducted on the college field south of the city of Houghton and the course was planned so that much of the activity could be observed by spectators. This was reported in a newspaper clipping received from Graham N. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary.

### Distribute Program Work Cards

During Spring term registration, ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER distributed program work cards to all students of *San Diego State College*. The group was commended for this service. The chapter's part in the Campus Chest drive was ably carried out, and numerous other projects have been handled. The Fall semester and the Spring semester have been very busy ones for Alpha Delta Chapter. This is reported by Dr. Andrew C. Olson, Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

### BOOK EXCHANGE AT LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY



This picture from the Book Exchange conducted by Epsilon Omicron Chapter shows Lee Lubinger, Student Council Secretary, accepting a book from Marlane Bernstein. Student Council President John Mallow and Chapter President Neil Meixler (behind Lee) look on. In the background are Harold Werter and Bob Frazer.

### A Busy Season

Dean R. J. Gunning, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER at *Wisconsin State College* at LaCrosse, has reported a fine series of projects conducted by the chapter in recent months. A busy season has included assistance with freshmen orientation activities at the college during the first week of the Fall term, assistance given to the Admissions Office, the Registrar's Office, aid on testing and programs. The chapter sponsored a get-together for all new men (freshmen and transfer students) which included inviting all men of the faculty, introducing them to the new students, and listening to the broadcast of a football game away from the campus, plus refreshments.

The group furnished guides and assistance for the men's physical examinations, ushered at all basketball games, assisted with Boy Scout radio broadcasts (prepared one and helped with others), assisted with some of the Scout merit badge training, acted as registrars and aided in publicity for the blood drive, furnished chairmen and timekeepers for the high school district debate tournament,

sponsored an Explorer day at the college in February with games, swimming, dancing and refreshments, proctored examinations for some of the instructors, conducted swimming classes for Boy Scouts of the area each Saturday morning from November through April, built three poster standards for entrances to the main building, and assisted the dramatics department in the high school student visitation and clinic in dramatics.

### Twentieth Anniversary

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER at *Ohio State University* is planning to commemorate its 20th anniversary with a banquet on May 23. Our National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl, will attend and the members have sent invitations to neighboring chapters to participate. Other recent news from Alpha Iota Chapter includes athletic events. A golf tournament is being held, actives vs. executive committee members. The chapter has two bowling teams, three softball teams, two swimming teams, and five tennis teams. John Holt, President, reports that these sports have increased the interest of the members.



### Strong Success

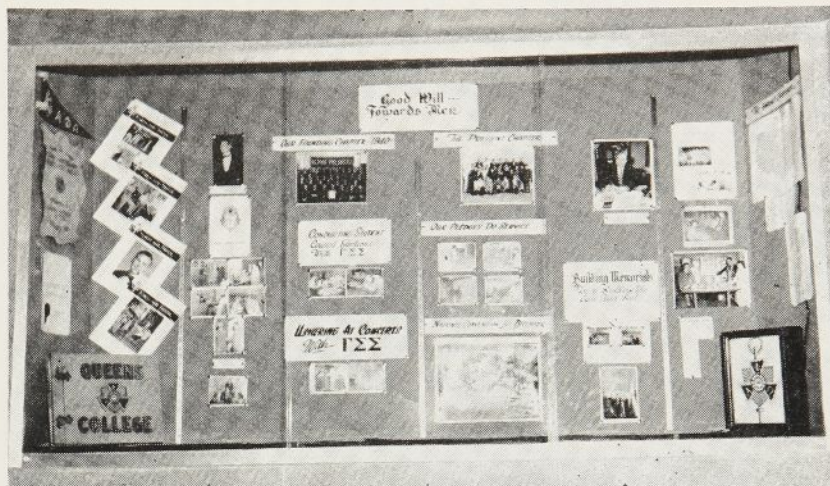
LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER's first pledge class was a strong indication of future success. The pledge class was instrumental in the success of "Operation Mitchell," held at the Mitchell Air Force Base on Long Island. Each year the Air Force invites several hundred Boy Scouts and Explorers from the metropolitan area to engage in various demonstrations and activities held at the base. Among the other services performed by the group were the making of Quad-racks for the school newspaper, the "Manhattan Quadrangle"; assistance backstage in designing and constructing scenery for college productions, assistance in the blood bank, chapel work, assistance to a nearby Boy Scout Troop, and renovation of the school darkroom. Since this chapter was installed in May, 1953, it has done much on the *Manhattan College* campus and is recognized as an organization of real benefit to the college and the students. This is reported by Dick Degenhardt, Publicity Chairman, and Tom Conlon, Recording Secretary.

### Most Dependable

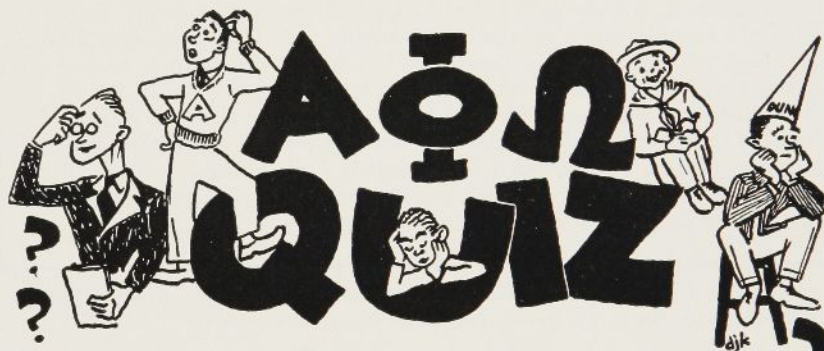
Since its chartering in 1952, KAPPA XI CHAPTER has been termed as the "most dependable" group on the campus of *Xavier University of Louisiana*. From the Executive Editor of the *Herald* came the following statement: "You are wonderful. Your services on registration days and at the opera are superb. Your tireless courage and initiative are becoming contagious." From Maurice Martinez's "Around the Campus" column came the following statement. "The month of February brought a lot of activities around the campus, the largest of which was the presentation of the annual opera. Congratulations to Alpha Phi Omega for its splendid work in ushering. The whole undertaking exemplified the true spirit of cooperation that exists around the campus. The month of March opened with lots of activities preceding Mardi Gras. A masquerade ball sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega drew a large number of students.

The motto of Kappa Xi Chapter as expressed by Henry Ogbolu, President, is, "Be friendly and of service to your fellowman. Your actions and your words will prove your sincerity."

### APO DISPLAY AT QUEENS COLLEGE



During our Alpha Phi Omega anniversary week in December, Gamma Omicron Chapter displayed an excellent exhibit on the Queens College campus. The above picture shows the exhibit which included pictures of the charter membership and the present membership, pictures of projects, several copies of the "Torch and Trefoil," a map of all chapters, several awards and citations received by the chapter, the scrapbook and an illuminated key emblem. At the top, particularly appropriate for the season of the display, just before Christmas, were the words "Good Will Toward Men."



By Joseph Scanlon

1. Why is it important to plan upon attending the National Convention?
2. How often are National Conventions of Alpha Phi Omega held?
3. What kind of sessions are included at the convention?
4. How many delegates may each chapter send?
5. How is the National Convention financed?
6. When should chapters start plans for convention attendance?
7. Who will preside at the National Convention?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11



# CAMPUS EDITORIAL

## A REAL SERVICE

Seventeen thousand and five hundred. That was the approximate number of votes that were cast last week in the first campus Ugly Man Contest ever held on campus. The figure is even more impressive when you change the amount into dollars at a penny a vote. The figure arrived at is \$175.00.

Divided among some 2,000 students here at college it averages around ten cents per person when everyone is voting. This is the figure that the members of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, collected to put towards buying new uniforms for the Marshall College band.

We feel that by undertaking the sponsoring of a contest of this sort on campus and by making it such a huge success they have done a great service, not only to the band, but also to the college and students.

Although only in its infant stage here Ugly Man Contests have been features of other campuses throughout the nation for many years. We do not know how many of them are run, but we feel that one would have to look long and far to find one with better organization and a better cause. A great deal of credit must go to Alpha Phi Omega for bringing the idea of such a contest to the campus.

It is a well-known fact that a collection plate or jar can sit around for years collecting little else but dust. A person would rather buy a candy bar than put a nickel in to help the needy.

However, we saw nickel after nickel and penny after penny dropped in for a favorite candidate instead of buying a pack of gum. Ballot box stuffing was legal and the voters did not mind putting their money in when they knew it was accomplishing two purposes.

Everyone who had a hand in last week's voting can feel proud. He not only aided his candidate and put over an idea this campus has needed for many years, but he aided the Marshall College band in their drive for funds. The money collected may be only a drop in the bucket, but every drop helps.—H. W. C.

*This editorial appeared in The Parthenon of Marshall College as result of the first Ugly Man Contest conducted by Eta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.*

## Best Pledge Award

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER at *Purdue University* has for several years given a "Best Pledge Award" to the outstanding member of each pledge class. During their last meeting before being initiated, the pledges vote for the best pledge. The total number of pledge project hours, high pledge test grades, and the required number of active signatures on pledge plaques will determine the pledges' choice of the outstanding man in their group.

The award is presented at the semi-annual banquet. The chapter feels that the best pledge award promotes fine competition among the pledges, besides being one of the highlights of the pledge period and the chapter banquet. This is reported by Richard Wilkins, Secretary.

## Parents Visiting Day

Again this Spring, GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER at *University Heights College, NYU*, has sponsored a Parents Visiting Day. This project was originated on the campus two years ago. The program for it includes guided tours of the campus, special talks by several outstanding professors, and an afternoon tea with the faculty. Additional Spring semester projects of the chapter include running the Book Exchange, conducting an Ugly Man contest, sponsoring a blood drive on the campus, and others. The proceeds from the Ugly Man contest and dance will go to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, the March of Dimes, and the World University Student Fund. This is reported by Mel Tiger, First Vice President.

## March of Dimes Dance

The 1954 March of Dimes Ball was sponsored jointly by Eta Pi Chapter of AΦΩ and the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority at Detroit's own Latin Quarter. It attracted many friends of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis among whom was TV and radio star Miss Betty Clooney, who was appearing at the Club Gay Haven at the time. Thanks to her manager and the proprietor, she came to the dance in between her shows at the Club and gave a fine show. The chapter was able to donate \$650.00 to the polio fund.

From last fall's Ugly Man contest, Eta Pi Chapter donated \$850.00 to the development of the campus Student Chapel. The winner of the contest appeared as court jester during the annual student carnival, which was held at the State Fair Colosseum. Pledges and members recently spent a day at Camp Howell working on the grounds. The chapter is making preparations to celebrate its fifth anniversary at the *University of Detroit*. This news is from Eugene A. Kulesza, Faculty Advisor.

## Benefit Dance

EPSILON CHI CHAPTER at *Los Angeles City College* conducted a costume ball on March 21, all proceeds going to the Boy Scout underprivileged summer camp fund. This is the sixth annual "Bal Masque" and as a result \$220.00 was sent to the fund.

It is a tradition on the LACC campus that AΦΩ puts on this dance. Arnold Adler reports that this year's dance was called "the best." An ad book was published and went over in a big way. Music was furnished by Earl Williams and his ten-piece band. For entertainment the Boy Scout office obtained two prominent singers, Anna May and Jo Ann Castle. Plans have been started for next year's dance.

## Window Display Contest

During National Scout Week, February 7 to 13, LAMBDA ZETA CHAPTER at *Ripon College* sponsored a window display contest to further build Scout spirit and interest. All units participated with excellent displays. Awards were made to the winners and recognition was given to all participating units.



### Parents Night

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER sponsored a "Parents Night" basketball game at one of the home basketball games of the *University of Omaha*. All parents were admitted free and given coffee and doughnuts between halves. Roses were given to all mothers who attended.

Also, in the recent blood drive sponsored by the chapter, 260 pints were secured, an all-time record for the university. This is reported by Paul Hoff, President.

### Answers to APO Quiz for April

1. The National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega is for the purpose of discussing chapter activities and methods, conducting legislation which will govern the fraternity in the next two years, and providing fellowship among members from all parts of the United States. The knowledge and inspiration gained is valuable to each chapter which participates.
2. The National Convention is held once every two years. The next convention will be December 28 to 30, 1954.
3. The convention program includes discussion groups on topics pertinent to chapter operation, luncheon program, legislative committee meetings, banquet program, business session, initiation ceremony, special speakers, election of national officers and board members, and opportunity for "bull sessions."
4. Each chapter represented at the convention may cast two votes on all legislative matters. Consequently, two voting delegates may be elected by each chapter. If a chapter has only one member present at the convention, he has the power to cast both votes. Each chapter is welcome to send as many non-voting delegates as can attend.
5. Delegates' expense for travel, room, meals and incidentals are paid by the chapters or the individuals. The overhead expense for registration, program materials, publicity, decorations, etc., is paid by the national fraternity.
6. Many chapters have already started plans for convention attendance. Some set aside an amount each semester in a convention fund as a means of paying all or part of the delegates' expenses.
7. The presiding officer at the 1954 National Convention will be Professor Daniel Den Uyl, National President. Chairmen for discussion groups and legislative committees will be student delegates appointed to those responsibilities.

### INSIGNIA OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

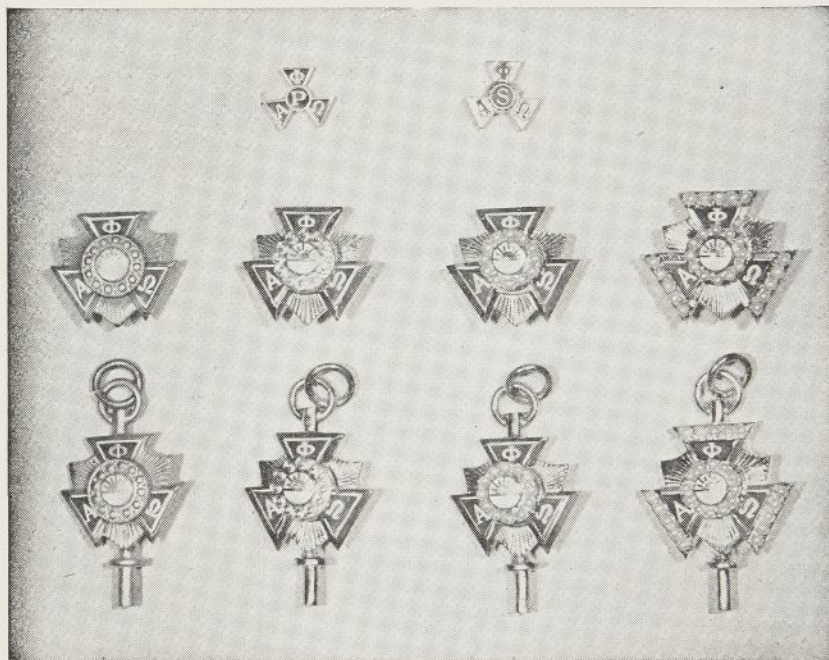
Years ago, at the very inception of Alpha Phi Omega, the founders of our fraternity had the foresight to take legal steps to protect our name and the design of our insignia. Continuously since that time the Greek-letter name and the badge of Alpha Phi Omega have been copyrighted at the United States Patent Office.

At the same time our founders visualized the necessity of setting standard specifications and regulations for the manufacture and sale of our insignia. Our first national convention, by vote of its delegates, awarded an exclusive contract to the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts, for producing and distributing Alpha Phi Omega pins, keys, and coat of arms. This contract has been continued through the years, and every official Alpha Phi Omega badge that has ever been produced is a Balfour product.

We are proud of our badge and we want to protect it from misuse. By dealing solely with one firm, we can strictly control the distribution of our badge and coat of arms. The sale of any jewelry bearing the name or insignia of Alpha Phi Omega is unlawful except by the L. G. Balfour Company or your national office.

The National Executive Board depends upon every loyal Alpha Phi Omega man to help stamp out any possible infringement upon our insignia rights and our fraternity name.

We should consider it a privilege to protect the honor and usage of our name and insignia.



Pledge button (shown above at top left).....	.35
Service button (top right).....	.35
Standard badge, gold plated (extreme left, middle row).....	2.50
Standard badge, 10K (second from left, middle row).....	6.50
Standard badge, crown set pearl plain arms (third from left, middle row).....	13.25
Standard badge, crown set pearl center and arms (extreme right, middle row).....	24.50
Standard key, gold plated (extreme left, bottom row).....	3.25
Standard key, 10K (second from left, bottom row).....	8.50
Standard key, crown set pearl center plain arms (third from left, bottom row).....	15.00
Standard key, crown set pearl center and arms (extreme right, bottom row).....	26.00

(To all prices add 10 per cent federal tax, and any state or city tax which applies in your locality)

Official order blanks are available from your Chapter Treasurer or from the National Office.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## CHAPTER RECORDS

It is important that your chapter records for this school year be left in good condition at the close of the term. Accurate and complete records will be helpful in resuming activities at the opening of the fall term.

Minutes of chapter meetings, reports of project chairmen, membership records, financial books, and scrapbooks are all important in the efficient operation of every Alpha Phi Omega chapter.

Assist your chapter in its 1954-55 activities by putting all of your records in good condition before leaving the campus this spring!

## ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Each chapter has been asked to prepare its annual activities report on forms furnished by the national office.

This report is requested in May each year as a means of providing concise information about the projects and operation of the chapter.

It includes a list of services conducted in all of the four fields, membership information and other facts desired for permanent record.

Each report, when received, is carefully reviewed to determine how our national office may better serve each chapter in the coming year.

## EXTENSION

Since the previous issue, four new petitions have been received for new chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. These groups are:

Los Angeles State College, Los Angeles, California.

Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.

Shippensburg State Teachers College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

New Mexico A & M College, State College, New Mexico.

Each of these groups has carried out an excellent program in preparation for becoming affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega. They are now being voted upon by the chapters.

## TAX REDUCED ON JEWELRY

Beginning April 1 the federal tax on purchases of jewelry was reduced from 20 per cent to 10 per cent. This applies to all Alpha Phi Omega jewelry. Therefore, the total cost to you for a pin or key or other insignia is now lower than previously.

If your chapter has a supply of order blanks on hand which indicate the tax of 20 per cent, please cross it out and insert the amount of 10 per cent tax when placing future orders.

Sales taxes for state and city should still be added if any are in effect in your locality.