



TORCH AND TREFOIL

HOW WELL WILL WE FILL A NIFTY FIFTY



HELP POOR
FINGERPRINTING
MARCH OF DIMES
FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
INFORMATION BOOTH
BOOK EXCHANGE
GUIDES
USHERS
VISIT SICK
AID BLIND
PEP RALLIES
BLOOD BANK
CHRISTMAS SING
UGLY MAN CONTEST
11th NATIONAL CONVENTION
ANNUAL BARBECUE
AID Y.M.C.A.
KNOTHOLE CLUB
AID CHURCHES
RELIEF DRIVE
C.A.R.E.
CONDUCT SCOUT VISITATION DAY
SPONSOR INTERFRATERNITY SING
ASSIST SCOUTMASTER TRAINING
COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE
SELL EASTER SEALS
CARNIVAL
FUN-NITE

W.S.S.F.
ASSIST AN ORPHANAGE
SEND BOOKS TO EUROPE
SPONSOR CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN
PROVIDE STUDENT RECREATION ROOM
AID RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK
SPONSOR SCOUT TROOP FOR HANDICAPPED
CHAPTER PAPER
MAKE SURVEY
PLANT TREES
LANDSCAPING
SPECIAL LECTURE
AID RED CROSS
HOBBY SHOW
SCOUT EXHIBIT
FIRE DRILL
COLLECT CLOTHES
STUDY CLINIC
DIRECT TRAFFIC
BUILD NEW STADIUM SCOREBOARD
COLLECT MAGAZINES FOR SICK
AID MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
PATROL LEADERS COURSE
AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS
HAT-CHECKING
PLEDGING
CUB KITE CONTEST
GIVE FIRST AID
AID DEANS
ANNUAL DANCE
INITIATIONS
BRIDGE TOURNEY
PARENTS' DAY
RADIO PROGRAM
LOST & FOUND
AID HOMECOMING
ANNUAL AWARD
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"BOX SCORE"

Present number of chapters, including petitions approved	203
Total number of members since founding	26,321
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"If you want work well
done, select a busy man. The
other kind has no time."

—Elbert Hubbard

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LET'S TAKE STOCK

As we enter our twenty-fifth anniversary year, it is time to take an inventory of our fraternity, locally and nationally. It is time to strike a trial balance, showing our debits and credits, our assets and liabilities.

Seven years after World War I our fraternity was founded, and today our fraternity has spread to 203 chapters in every section of our nation. We are now established in 43 states and the District of Columbia, and discussion is underway toward extending APO to other nations. Alpha Phi Omega, dealing primarily with intangibles, can only list its intangible assets and liabilities, although our auditors have prepared a statement of our financial records. Let us, therefore, at the beginning of a new year, see not if we are strong or weak, but how strong and how weak.

Assets

Under our assets we can list the friendship of more than 25,000 members and alumni of two hundred chapters and our enviable reputation for unselfish service. Men of Alpha Phi Omega can be depended upon as leaders who will work for their goals and who have a reputation for getting things done, and who don't care who gets the credit. Our leadership presents a program to men of all races, colors, and creeds; and we have refused to be stamped into any controversial or political activities and entanglements.

We can point with pride to a stronger, a larger, and a more highly respected fraternity. New chapters have been established without the assistance of paid field organizers or representatives; yet we have refused to sacrifice quality for quantity, for we have kept a proper balance between chapter expansion and organizational expansion.

Our national office has recently moved to larger quarters, with larger staff, to serve our growing organization. It is operated as a single, centralized, harmonious unit, simple in its administration with a minimum of red tape, seeking to give and not to take. Your national officers and board members and state chairmen constantly endeavor to improve our procedures, improve our publications, insure financial stability, and render greater service to the chapters. I know of no other national organization that gives so much for so little.

Liabilities

No organization can rest on its oars, because progress is not inevitable. We must continually "indoctrinate" new members and new chapters with our program of leadership, friendship, and service. Smugness, apathy, indifference, and self-satisfaction will result in dead-wood in our chapters and dead chapters will be the inevitable result. We must carefully study each new petition to be sure of not installing any new group until it is fully prepared.

Hazing in any form cannot be tolerated, and any chapter violating the spirit of our organization should be eliminated from our ranks.

We must not deviate from our policy of initiating only former Scouts.

The tendency of a few chapters to fail to emphasize the service phase of our program, and to stress too much the social or friendship part of our program is one of our serious liabilities—such chapters should conform or voluntarily withdraw and seek membership in a social fraternity.

Let each of us seek to eliminate the liabilities and increase the assets of APO, and thus further enhance our program both locally and nationally. What other college group has such glorious assets and so few liabilities? What other group has access to every type of college in the United States? We have been welcomed on campuses, not with suspicion, but with faith, hope, and gratitude. I charge you—I beg you to be true to this symbol of our deepest heritage; and I pledge my service to this end, confident of the cooperation of our national and chapter officers, active members, advisors, pledges and alumni.

Arno Nowotny

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

By C. M. Finnell (Alpha Alpha)

National Third Vice President and
Chairman of the National Alumni Committee

The next few years will find many new Alumni Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega being formed. These Chapters will be established only because of the active interest and work of brothers who have a keen desire to carry on the spirit and ideals of the fraternity after graduating from college.

Two active alumni chapters are now functioning, in Chicago and Milwaukee. Both were started through the interest created by a few alumni in each city doing the cultivation and leg work which resulted in recruiting a sufficient number of former active members of collegiate chapters to establish an official alumni chapter chartered by the National Fraternity.

The pioneering work done by the Chicago and Milwaukee Alumni Chapters has made possible the establishment of rules and procedures which are now a definite part of the National Constitution and By-Laws of Alpha Phi Omega, governing the organization and operation of alumni chapters.

At the Tenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in Chicago December 28-30, 1948, the Alumni Committee, of which Brother C. E. Goldsmith of Delta Beta Chapter served as chairman, made an excellent list of recommendations for the establishment and regulation of alumni chapters which were referred to the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee to constitute a part of its report to the Convention. All of the recommendations submitted by the Alumni Committee were approved by the Convention, and have been incorporated in the National Constitution and By-Laws.

The principal regulations are:

1. Creation of a new office, that of National Third Vice President to serve as Chairman of the National Alumni Committee and with that committee assist with organization of alumni chapters and look after their interests.

2. Charters for alumni chapters shall be granted upon the formal petition of fifteen or more active Life



Brother Finnell became affiliated with Alpha Phi Omega in 1930 and has been a strong leader in the fraternity throughout the years that have followed. He has served for twelve years on the National Executive Board, and has held many important committee posts which have helped guide the development of our program and procedures. His election at the Tenth National Convention to head the alumni activities opens a new field of leadership. Serving with him on the National Alumni Committee are Professor Harry C. Barnett (Beta Beta), and Dean Paul M. Petersen (Epsilon Eta).

Members who have been previously affiliated with collegiate chapters. (The life membership fee is stipulated in Article III, Section 3 of the National Constitution.)

3. Formal petitions must be approved by the National Alumni Committee, the National Executive Board and by two thirds vote of the collegiate and alumni chapters before charter is granted.

4. Alumni Chapters must be formed on a geographical basis and may not consist of the Alumni of any one collegiate chapter only.

5. Other regulations cover requirements such as chapter officers, number of meetings per year, term of office and chapter constitution and by-laws.

6. Each Alumni Chapter has the

power to cast two votes at National Conventions.

There are more than 25,000 men in the United States who are or have been active in Alpha Phi Omega. With approximately 200 chapters in colleges today it is estimated there will be between 3500 and 4000 additional alumni members graduating each year. Already there are sufficient numbers in many cities to start alumni chapters. One is now forming at Lansing, Michigan. Others could easily be organized in Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Los Angeles, New York, Dallas and several other centers where alumni are concentrated.

Who will start these alumni chapters? This article appearing in the TORCH AND TREFOIL will probably not be read by many of the alumni. It will be read mostly by active members of collegiate chapters.

Can collegiate chapters carry the torch for alumni chapters? Why not! It would be a good service project for a collegiate chapter to give leadership to the launching of an alumni chapter on a geographical basis in centers where alumni now reside. Members who graduate this February and June can dedicate themselves to starting alumni chapters when they start their business careers in cities of their choice.

Alumni Chapters will be formed out of the desire of Alpha Phi Omega men to carry on the ideals and spirit of the fraternity after they leave college. That is how the Chicago and Milwaukee Chapters were launched.

The very nature of the American citizen causes him to wish to belong to something important and worthwhile. The man who has had a happy experience in Alpha Phi Omega will welcome the opportunity to join with other men in creating an opportunity for men of like desires and experiences to continue the service and fellowship of Alpha Phi Omega. That is why there will soon be many Alumni Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega throughout the nation.

A Feature Project

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

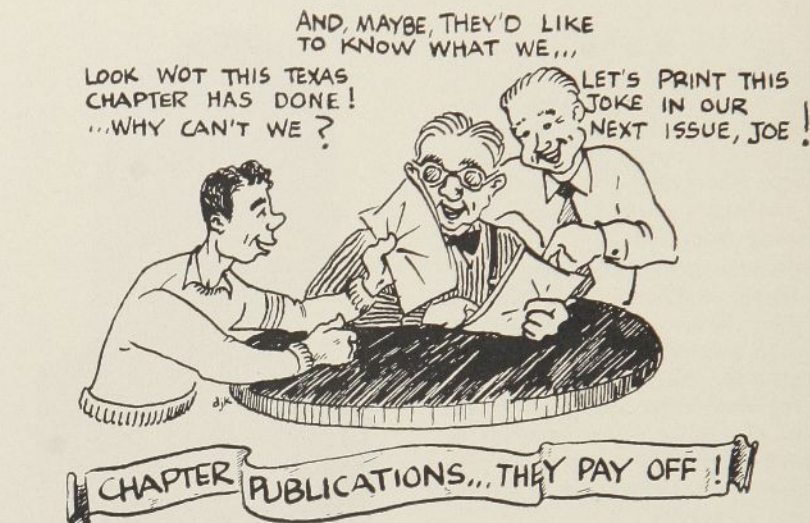
By Ben E. Lane (Upsilon)

A recent survey of 100 Alpha Phi Omega chapters was made to determine the number which have local chapter publications, what the reasons were for having a publication, how the paper was produced and how much such publications cost. The sample included every state in which an APO chapter is located with a greater number of inquiries being sent to the states with the largest number of chapters. An attempt was also made to be selective so as to include all types of schools from the smallest to the largest. Of those responding, 34% indicated that their chapter had some form of regular publication. We are safe in assuming that this healthy percentage applies throughout the fraternity.

YOUR CHAPTER TOO CAN HAVE A PAPER

The following information will interest those chapters which indicated that they had no paper as well as those engaged in publishing one. Briefly, the financial cost of producing a paper is small, approximately 2.8c per copy; however all of the papers received indicated that there was no percentage in being "Scotch" with the time spent in the preparation of the paper. Like all good things, you receive benefits directly in proportion to your investment.

Of the papers received, the greatest portion were mimeographed. They showed considerable variation in form ranging from the single paged open letter to the chapter, to an eight paged paper, mimeographed on colored paper representing the school colors with alternate pages being produced on different color paper. The latter paper also made use of illustrations. (Illustrations need not be complicated to be effective, tracings and "stick" figures being most acceptable.) The virtue of the mimeographing process seems to be its extreme versatility as to the various results obtainable even in un-skilled hands as well as the fact that the necessary mechanical equipment is usually readily available through the school or Scout office. The main expense is for the stencils and the paper stock.



Some chapters submit that a regular part of their paper is a resume of the minutes of previous meetings, pledge projects and schedules of things to come. What better way to keep your chapter informed and on their toes? Can there be an alibi: "You know I would have been there Spizzer only I wasn't at the last meeting and didn't know what was up."

Of the papers received, one of the neatest ones from the standpoint of interest, make-up, and regularity of publication is the APOANUC published by Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of Connecticut (P.O. Box 539, Storrs, Conn.) Other outstanding mimeographed publications submitted were the INFORMER by Delta Theta at University of Louisville; the OMEGAN published by Omega Chapter of Drake University; ZETA BETA NEWS published at Virginia Polytechnic Institute; the ARAPOUT NEWS of Alpha Rho Chapter, University of Texas; and the MAAC NEWS put out by the Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter.

For other means of production, one was dittoed and one was multi-lithed. The ditto is perhaps even cheaper to put out than the mimeographed editions but it is not possible to run as great a number of copies as quickly or as sharply as by mimeographing. It

is however most effective for quick production with a premium of materials and mess. The multi-lith process is extremely neat and professional looking in its end result and the number of copies which may be produced at any one time is unlimited; however it is a more costly process from the standpoint of paper, equipment, time and the fact that it is said to require a skilled person to set up the print and man the machine. For information regarding the multi-lith process you might contact the GAMMA PSI GAB published at the University of Minnesota, which chapter, incidentally, is making excellent use of this process.

PRINTED PAPERS

Three chapters which submitted their products for our scrutiny use set, movable type to print their papers including the use of halftone engravings and numerous photographs. They are THE KEY published by Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue; BETA SIGNS published by Beta Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State College and BLUE AND GOLD put out by Zeta Eta Chapter at the University of Chattanooga. No information is available at this writing as to the costs of the printed editions, however, it is known that once type is set, the only cost is the paper. It can be used economically, it would appear,

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A PORTRAIT OF CITIZENSHIP

By Robert J. Payne (Omicron)

Much of the spirit and challenge of Alpha Phi Omega is embodied in an excerpt from the speech wherein Harold E. Stassen accepted the presidency of the University of Pennsylvania in the summer of 1948: "I will endeavor to the best of my ability to extend service and inspiration to the young men and young women of its student body. . . . I will continue a vigorous interest in public questions, particularly those which affect the future freedom, well-being, and peace of men."¹ At 41, Mr. Stassen became the youngest president in the University's history—another chapter in the energetic and inspiring career of a young Minnesotan.

Only to few people is it news that Stassen is a university president. To fewer people is it news that he is a political leader. To more, perhaps, it is news that he is a trained lawyer, having been graduated from the Law School of the University of Minnesota in 1929. Or that he is President of the International Council of Religious Education, in which capacity he keynoted the twenty-first annual International Sunday School Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, in July, 1947.

Mr. Stassen's plainness, straightforwardness, and genuineness are symbolic of the state and the people from which he comes. One writer said that he is "disarmingly candid and witty." With a wholesome humility, he began his political campaign by frankly admitting that he did not have all the answers—which is something new and different in our time! Roscoe Drum-



Harold E. Stassen

mond, writing of him in *LIFE* (March 1, 1948), said: "He is unpretentious, a man of plain and homely tastes, a good family man, well educated but not over-educated, well dressed but not over-dressed. . . . He has the plain piety of an honestly religious man who does not need to end every address with an invocation; an honest liberalism without any of the radicalism that Americans have learned to suspect; and an honest conservatism of preserving the fundamentals of the American system."

Even the story of Mr. Stassen's early years reads with the tingle of a phenomenal success story. Through high school at 15, he had to wait a year to enter the University of Minnesota. During that time, he managed the fam-

ily farm—due to the illness of his father—from the planting to the marketing of the crops. He worked his way through college—another reason that he is a kindred spirit with more than one APO man!—as a grocery clerk, pan greaser in a bakery, and for three years as a Pullman conductor for the Milwaukee Railroad.

Then, as now, those who were already busy find time to take on more! He was an intercollegiate debater, and a champion intercollegiate orator. In addition, he was champion on the University rifle team and "all-university class president." And an honor student!

A graduate of law school and admitted to the Minnesota bar at 22, Mr. Stassen found himself simultaneously a victim of tuberculosis and a candidate for county attorney. He won both battles the following year! He was in his third term as governor of Minnesota when commissioned a Lieutenant-Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve in 1942. On leave from the Navy, he made a significant contribution to the thought and work of the San Francisco United Nations Conference in 1945. This characterizes his international outlook, evident in his activities since the war. He has personally penetrated the Iron Curtain and interviewed Stalin. Two of his major concerns here at home have been labor-management relations and the housing shortage.

What does all of this add up to? Here are incarnated qualities of citizenship—honesty, humility, courage, industriousness, perseverance, plain genuineness, a good mental-spiritual balance, plus a sense of humor—all good beams for APO men to get on.

¹"President Stassen" *NEWSWEEK*, August, 1949.

MARCH OF DIMES

The epidemic of polio last summer fast depleted the funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Consequently, this year the March of Dimes campaign is more important than ever before. Contributions are needed from every part of the nation to fight this disease.

In past years, many Alpha Phi Omega chapters have been in charge of the campus campaigns for this cause and many have indicated plans for sponsorship this year. The drive is scheduled for the last part of January.

This is a most worthy service and deserves all effort which your chapter can devote to it.



"Adopt" a Greek Boy

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER has gone all out to aid a Greek boy, not only to provide financial assistance of \$15.00 per month, but also to send clothing and other supplies. A Christmas package contained gifts from each member and pledge. The Chapter's traditional Christmas tree in the Rotunda of Dallas Hall brought proceeds which were contributed to an orphan's home. Other projects have rounded out a fine Fall program at *Southern Methodist University* as reported by Ray Tatum, Corresponding Secretary.

Projectors for Invalids

In cooperation with the Madison Lions Club, BETA THETA CHAPTER of *University of Wisconsin* is selling theater tickets to help provide funds for buying book-projectors for invalids. These projectors which show microfilm books on the ceiling will be placed in the city library and made available to any invalid. Thanks to Richard K. Hile, President, for this interesting news.

Voting Instruction

One of the recent projects of EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER is giving instruction to the student body on how to operate a voting machine (which will be used in the coming election of legislators to the State Assembly in Connecticut.) Brother Joseph H. Russell, President, kindly sent this report.

Community Chapel

EPSILON ETA CHAPTER of *West Georgia College* was asked to help put the finishing touches on a chapel in rural Carrol County, Georgia, as part of the Oak Ridge Mountain Work Project. Members and pledges did the necessary clean-up after the carpenters and laborers were finished. The chapel is nearly completed, and soon five more buildings will be put up. Future pledge groups of the chapter will be assigned to aid in this work. Congratulations upon this project reported by Max Princee, Secretary.

Football Programs

More than 25,000 football programs were sold this fall by GAMMA PSI CHAPTER at all home football games of *University of Minnesota*, collecting about \$1,250.00 for use in future service projects. Brother Manfred O. Aws also reports that Minnesota Bonus Application forms were handed out by the chapter to 6,000 veterans on campus.

Emergency

Dave Pushaw, a pledge of BETA BETA CHAPTER of *Michigan State* was in hard luck. While expecting an addition to his family, his wife was stricken with infantile paralysis. She was in a hospital in an iron lung. Members of the chapter quickly aided by taking up a special collection to help Dave over a bad spot. A project presented to young men suddenly and the challenge well met is a test of the caliber of these men of APO, says Professor Harry C. Barnett, National Second Vice President.

Cub Pack-o-ree

ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER furnished leadership for a Cub Pack-o-ree this fall. Other projects at *Bradley University*, as reported by Arthur

E. Phillips, publicity chairman, include traffic duty and ushering at Homecoming, Dad's Day service, distribution of polio and auto safety posters, and others. The third anniversary of the chapter was commemorated at a banquet December 13.

Aid to Holland Needy

Clothing has been sent to several families in Holland through work of THETA ALPHA CHAPTER at *Stevens Institute of Technology*. The chapter has also recently started a topographical survey of Camp Todd, the local Scout camp, which they expect to complete soon. An office has been obtained in the Activities Building of the college. We owe thanks to Warren J. Thorpe, Secretary, for his report of these and other projects.

SO OTHERS MAY WALK



In the 1949 March of Dimes campaign, Upsilon Chapter raised \$325.00 at Milwaukee State Teachers College as compared to \$30.00 the previous year. Most of the money was collected through the unique device shown above, constructed by members of the chapter. It is a fourteen-foot glass tube laid in the center of a sixteen-foot 2' x 8' plank. The inside of the tube is just large enough for a dime to slide through. At different intervals there are lights beside the tube. When a dime slides down, a contact was made and the lights flashed on. When the dimes were inserted a bell rang, causing much attention. Dr. J. M. Klotsche, President of MSTC, is shown dropping coins into the tube as students look on. Upsilon Chapter offers complete details to any chapter which wishes to write for further information. We are appreciative of this news from Morris Selensky, Publicity Chairman.

Aid Crippled Children's Home

A benefit dance for funds to aid the local crippled children's home is included in the activities of DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER at *Emory University*, as reported by John Haley, Corresponding Secretary.

Santa's Workshop

The Fall pledges of ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER at *University of Southern California* selected as a project the making of toys for underprivileged children. At the Big Game (USC vs. UCLA) the chapter collected money for the World Student Service Fund. This is reported by Kirk Countryman, Corresponding Secretary.

Barbecue Pit

Pledges of ETA CHI CHAPTER have built a barbecue pit and constructed a beautiful park on the campus and have assisted in painting parking stripes on every street at *Hardin-Simmons University*. Innumerable other projects of campus and community betterment are being carried out by the chapter as reported by Tommy A. Payne, Secretary.

Poor Dancer?

EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER is sponsoring dances in the Student Union of *Missouri Valley College* in which even a poor dancer can participate without being self-conscious. These have proved very popular, as reported by Leroy Johnson, Corresponding Secretary.

Halloween Party for a Grammar School

"The Apoanuc II", chapter newspaper of DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER, *University of Connecticut*, reports that a Halloween Party was conducted for children of a nearby grammar school, complete with a parade. Brother Hank Dux was MC.

Aid to Youth Center

The Wutzit Club, a youth center in San Jose, has been aided by GAMMA BETA CHAPTER in putting on a variety show in the San Francisco Auditorium. Brother Anthony T. Oliver, Corresponding Secretary, also reports the chapter has undertaken the financing and construction of two volleyball courts to soon be presented to the College.

Song Festival

The second annual Song Festival was recently sponsored by DELTA PSI CHAPTER, with competition among three sororities and three fraternities at *Eastern Illinois State College*. Each group sang three songs, a serenade, a college song and a fraternity loyalty song. The winner, Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority, was awarded the five-year trophy for the second consecutive year. This trophy is kept by the winner until next year's sing, and at the end of five years it will be awarded permanently to the group which has amassed the greatest number of points given as follows: First place, five points; second place, four points; third place, three points; fourth place, two points; and fifth place, one point. Thanks to Historian Jim Cody for reporting about this interesting project.

MEN OF SIXTEEN FRATERNITIES JOIN FORCES IN COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE



When the 1949 Community Chest drive in Lexington, Kentucky, needed an extra push to put it over, the fraternities of the University of Kentucky were called upon to assist. In work coordinated by Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, men of sixteen social fraternities delivered brochures to every household in the city, asking citizens who wanted to give or give more to turn on their porch lights that night. Then nine civic clubs of the community canvassed the entire city to secure the extra contributions.

In this picture are shown leaders of the sixteen fraternities which assisted in the campaign, including Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Triangle and Zeta Beta Tau.

Busy

At *Wabash College*, DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER has had an outstanding series of projects in recent months, as reported by President D. Wilson Hess. They include freshman orientation, ushering, decorating goal posts, cleaning the library, selling football programs, fitting out a lounge and recreation room for the use of all students and faculty (finances of this to be met by the college), an open-house for local Scouts with a program including the film of the Philmont Scout Ranch and commentary by Tully Shaw of the chapter who served on the staff the past summer; a Patrol Leader's training course in conjunction with the local Scout executives; erecting a campus Christmas tree, sale of Christmas Seals, construction of book stands for use in the library and the collection of texts for distribution in the Philippines. The list gets bigger and better as it goes along. Wow, what a record for the Fall semester!

Homecoming Aid

GAMMA NU CHAPTER of the *University of Idaho* has received thanks in the student newspaper for work in organizing the parade at the 1949 Homecoming.

Ugly Man Honors

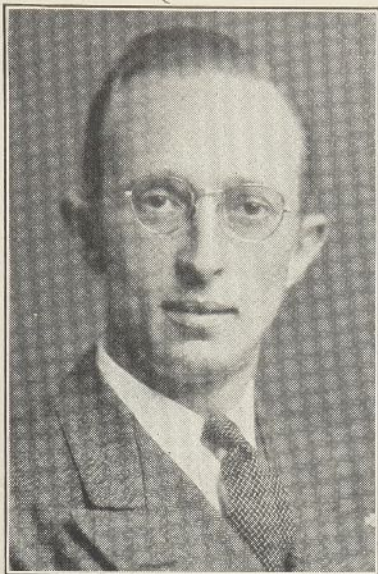
The winner of ZETA UPSILON CHAPTER's Ugly Man contest at *Boston University*, received several gifts including an evening at Steuben's Blue Room, with two dates and all expenses paid. The chapter obtained excellent publicity for the event, through the university publicity bureau, including NBC-TV, United Press, Acme Wirephoto, Fox Movietone News and a total of eleven minutes of radio time. We say thanks to Hantford L. Graham, Chairman of the Projects Committee, for this report.

Assist at Debate Tournaments

At *Kansas State Teachers College (Pittsburg)*, DELTA MU CHAPTER recently aided in two debate tournaments. The first was a high school tournament held on the campus, and the second a college and junior college tournament. Also Brother Dean Montgomery reports that about \$40.00 was raised for the chapter's service fund through the annual Ugly Man contest. A victory trophy, and a degree of Bachelor of Ugliness were presented to Don Simmons, winner in a last minute rush of voting.

WE PAUSE TO HONOR

By Thomas V. Waber (Beta Beta)



Sidney B. North

This month, your columnist is really in a tight spot. First, he needs to convince the editor that this article should appear now rather than in a later issue. Secondly, he has to circumvent the subject's own protestations against its appearing at all! But "Fearless" Waber, as they may call him hereafter, forges ahead, determined to see that justice is done.

Now, in the first place, the reason for choosing this issue rather than February's is simply that many chapters and members of the fraternity might like advance word of an interesting anniversary within Alpha Phi Omega.

In the second place, well, our subject's objections will avail him nothing. His quiet, modest nature reflects creditably upon a man of great importance in Alpha Phi Omega, and yet his own personal record is so integral a part of our fraternity's history, it must not go unnoticed.

Sidney B. (the B is for Bertrand) North was born September 1, 1911, at Memphis, Tennessee. Racing along biographically, we note that Sid, whose high-school days were spent at Marlow, Oklahoma, won the coveted Eagle Rank in Scouting in August, 1929, and the following month entered Kansas State College, majoring in business administration. He was a charter member of Pi Chapter, the sixteenth chapter in our fraternity, and was initiated May 17, 1930.

Sid was a stand-out in affairs of Pi Chapter. He served as Secretary, then President, and wrote the material for the first Pledge Manual of APO while in his senior year. His sincere interest in Alpha Phi Omega brought him to the attention of Dr. H. Roe Bartle. It was seventeen years ago (that is, come February, brothers) that Sid North undertook the task of National Secretary in Kansas City. And it was a big job, too, although we numbered only 29 chapters at that time, for Sid handled all the office work alone—correspondence, editing, registrations, mailing, and the many other details. Beyond the office routine, as members well know, a great deal of development work had to be done that consumed far more than

any standard "40-hour week". Sid became "Mr. A.P.O." and his devoted assistance to the officers and members of our brotherhood was one of the keys to its successful expansion to 203 chapters at this writing.

What many members may not know is that Sid's unflagging interest in all phases of Scouting has kept him on the job almost 15 years with Troop 152, R. J. DeLano School, Kansas City, Missouri, as its Scoutmaster. The school for handicapped children has its troop sponsored by the Heart of America Post, American Legion. Sid compensates for the youngsters' disabilities by emphasizing other phases. And by the way, Mrs. North leads the Girl Scout Group at the DeLano School.

Sid has instigated and helped direct a special session for physically handicapped at Rotary Boys' Camp, Lee's Summit, Missouri, during the past three summers. The boys get ten-days of camping activities fitted to their needs, and with plenty of fun, too. The cost per individual is kept low through cooperation of four civic clubs in Kansas City. Mrs. North? Yes, she was able to secure permission to bring a group of girls to the camp for a special session that was highly successful.

To say the least, Scouting is a family affair with the Norths, what with Larry, Marcia and Carol following in their parents' footsteps.

Many of us remember the interesting cards Sid sent back from the 1947 World Jamboree of Scouting, held in France. He was serving as leader of the Region VIII contingent at the time. This group has become known

EDITORIAL

Is your judgment of man a harsh one? It need not be! Let us judge man not by his shortcomings, his failures, his incapacities, or his iniquities; rather let us judge man by the greatness of his accomplishments.

The greatness of man, often obscure, is far more often overlooked and the shortcomings of man expounded.

Let us determine to judge man only after witnessing and considering his successes as well as his failures. After standing on the man-created shore of

a large lake and observing the persistent and angry attempts of the water to reclaim its rightful ground, then let us judge the man created of God.

Observing the temples of height and strength constructed in our large cities to house the endeavors and enterprises of man, then let us judge him. Let us further judge man while standing at a seaport of this great country and watching the man-created ships that daily defy and defeat the greatest of waters. While watching man plant seed then reap rich harvests, take ore and make steel, take steel and make the intricate items of industry and plea-

sure; then and only then, after having witnessed and contemplated the success of man, may we with clear logic judge of his greatness. The God-created man has met the challenges set forth by his creator and has by his very integrity and ingenuity mastered them to the greater benefit of his fellow man.

What can be our judgment of man? What must be our actions in order that we may justify our privileges of living with man? How may we, in our individual lives help *guarantee the preservation of man's greatness?*

—George F. Cahill.

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

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when a large circulation on the campus and to the alumni is desired or required. It is also known that some chapters have made special arrangements with interested union men and printers and business concerns whereby the paper is printed for the chapter at a minimum cost.

WHY A CHAPTER PUBLICATION

Some chapters contacted informed us that "the chapter was too small to need a paper", another said "It's too much work." We would challenge these statements in several ways. Firstly, how will your chapters ever grow if you don't arouse the interest of the men on the campus, and what better way is there to do this than to put out a "sheet"? Secondly, since when has an APO brother shrunk from a task because it involved a little work?

Of the papers reviewed, the outstanding reasons for publication seem to be: (1) to facilitate chapter growth, (2) to arouse interest in the fraternity as a national organization, (3) to establish esprit de corps, (4) to stimulate interest in projects and coming events, (5) to maintain a live contact with alumni, and (6) to provide a means for chapter members to blow off steam, gain recognition and have an opportunity to use their creative talents.

The material content of the papers is not necessarily all fraternity business. Besides the fact that one chapter conducts a lovelorn column they also seem to like "campus humor." To the writer the outstanding fact in this connection was, that so many publications could hit upon the same corny joke when they were so many hundreds of miles apart (if this indicates an APO telepathic network . . . what future is there for television?).

CHAPTER PAPERS ARE HEALTHY APPENDAGES

How many times have you wondered, do other chapters have problems like the ones we have on this campus? Believe it or not, they do! The local papers reveal that there are many problems . . . pledging, getting men out for service projects, how to spur new activity, chapter finance. These are problems which other chapters have faced. This is not merely a matter of letting one's hair down or of washing one's dirty linen in public, but rather it is to be viewed as candid criticism which in its turn can be a healthy thing. Constructive criticism offered honestly and acted upon intelligently is necessary if our program is to grow. In this country where freedom of speech is valued, and the press represents a public conscience what better use of your time can you think of than to start a local publication for your fraternity which will preserve for you the names, the history, the accomplishments and the problems of your chapter so that your successors can move ever forward from the point where you leave off.

FURTHER INFORMATION SOUGHT

Your National Editor would appreciate it greatly if all chapters now publishing anything from a news letter on up to a gilded scroll would please send copies of their product to him care of Sid North at the National Office. If you have any questions to ask about chapter publications, your National Editor will do his best to answer them. If enough chapters are interested it might be feasible to plan and work out an exchange whereby chapter publications can be given wider circulation and reach all other chapters.

Assist at Cub Jamboree

EPSILON NU CHAPTER aided greatly in the success of the annual Cub Jamboree in Oswego this fall, working in setting up the Pack exhibits, lettering the signs needed, assisting with refreshments, and cleaning up after the affair. In addition the chapter took Cubs to a football game followed by an organized play period. Historian Edward Vide has kindly given us this report.

Interchapter Meeting

A joint meeting of the chapter officers in the Bay Area was recently held at the Redwood City home of Robert N. Naughten, Secretary of GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER. The chapters in the vicinity include *San Jose, Santa Clara, Stanford, University of California, and San Francisco City College*. A fine exchange of ideas was accomplished at this meeting.

Aid to Vets' Nursery

ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER's service committee provides wooden blocks for the kiddies at the veteran's nursery at the *University of Illinois*. Many other projects are being conducted in a very full year's program in the chapter. Details were reported in the chapter newsletter of which Brother Morry Beschloss is Editor.

Metropolitan New York Chapters Coordinate Activities

Recently a meeting was held of the Chairmen of the Advisory Committees of the chapters in the metropolitan New York area, in which Dr. Ray O. Wyland participated as member of the National Executive Board.

This led to a later meeting in which all of the chapters were represented by their presidents, and six of the seven chapters were represented by faculty advisors. These meetings are under direction of Dr. Henry S. Miller of Gamma Omicron Chapter who serves as Metropolitan Chairman of Alpha Phi Omega for New York.

Freshman Outing

THETA ZETA CHAPTER planned and arranged the field events at the big freshman outing as part of the orientation program last fall at *University of New Hampshire*. The group also acted as proctors for the freshman exams, helped the registration and office staff, and conducted an information booth. The chapter then organized pep rallies, served as hosts at the President's Reception, and aided in other capacities.

During Woodmen's Weekend, the chapter acted as timekeepers in contests including woodsawing, woodchopping, canoeing and tent pitching. Brother Richard P. Armstrong, Secretary, has kindly given this report.

Campus Charities

GAMMA CHAPTER at *Cornell University* aided Campus Charities by a collection at a football game November 5. This was done by passing 125 quart-size containers through the stands at half-time. The chapter members also served as messengers between the professors on the campus who were connected with the Community Chest drive. Thanks to President G. Foster Truell for this news.

"Club 48"

DELTA SIGMA has opened a recreation spot at the Ft. Trumbull branch of the *University of Connecticut* to sell coffee, sodas and other such things. This is reported by Brother Bruce Hendricks, Secretary.

Vacation Rides

At *Stanford University*, ZETA CHAPTER aided many students in obtaining rides for the Christmas vacation. An index was set up in the Main Library to bring together those who wanted rides and those who had space to offer. Thanks to President Richard Konig for this news.

Answers to APO Quiz for December

1. The purpose of a business meeting is to enact chapter legislation, receive committee reports, plan for future projects, and conduct such other business as the chapter deems necessary.

2. Accurate minutes of business meetings are important to give the chapter a permanent record of decisions enacted. Copies of the committee reports should be included. The minutes are helpful for reference use, and they serve as a guide to future officers.

3. The Executive Committee of the chapter determines where the chapter meetings shall be held (or the committee may ask for vote of the entire membership). Reference: Article V, Section 1 of the Standard Chapter By-Laws.

4. Special meetings of the chapter may be called by the President or the Executive Committee upon their own initiative; or must be called by the President or the Chairman of the Advisory Committee upon written request of fifteen or more active members. Reference: Article V, Section 4 of the Standard Chapter By-Laws.

5. Yes. It is under the heading of "Good of the Chapter" in the closed meetings program shown on Page 8 or the Manual of Administration.

6. A chapter should operate under its own Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, in addition to the National Constitution and By-Laws.

7. Approval by the Student Affairs Office of the college, and approval by the National Executive Board of Alpha Phi Omega (through the National Office).

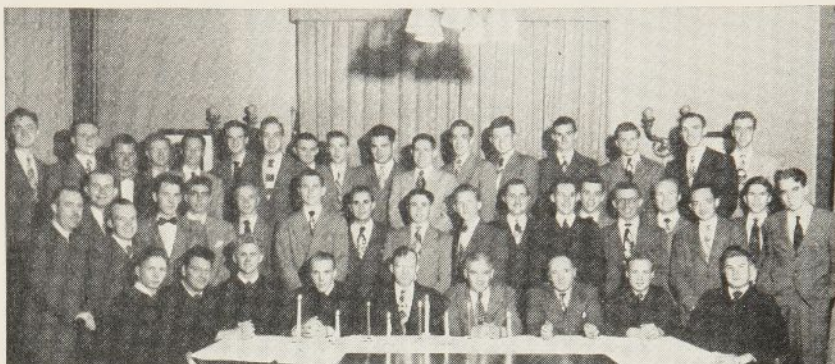
8. The chapter president prepares the agenda for each business meeting, with aid of any other officers he wishes to call upon.

9. This is handled by appointing a special committee to study the issue and make recommendations to the chapter at a later meeting.

Winner

"Duser" Malone, Kappa Sigma fraternity candidate, placed first in the Ugly Man contest sponsored by ZETA KAPPA CHAPTER at Bowling Green State University. The runner-up was Owen Hess, Alpha Tau Omega candidate. At a penny a vote, a total of \$233.00 was collected. All proceeds were donated to the Red Cross. A cup was presented to the winner at an all-campus program in the auditorium. This report is from the Bee Gee News.

THETA ALPHA CHAPTER AT STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



This well-established group has received the charter of Theta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in ceremonies at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. Brothers of Nu Chapter of Upsala College conducted the ritual, with Brother Kent D. Shaffer officiating as member of the National Executive Board.

A REPAIR JOB AT OHIO UNIVERSITY



Members of Delta Gamma Chapter are shown repairing a wall that suffered damage from vandals. Brother Dean R. Cushman, publicity chairman, reports that the group pitched right in and did a bang-up job.

Explorer Day

A special day's program was recently conducted by PHI CHAPTER for Explorer Scouts. The activities included "Exploring" Syracuse University, lunch, a varsity football game, and a square dance at the University Ski Lodge. This is reported by Dick Ogden, President. Brother Vern Rathbone ably served as chairman of the event.

Celebrates Anniversary

The fifteenth anniversary of ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER was celebrated at a banquet December 8, with a fitting review of Alpha Phi Omega's activities at North Dakota State College. Dr. D. E. Keefer of the National Executive Board was speaker. A fine calendar of activities is arranged for the Spring term as reported by Brother R. E. Runice.

BULLETIN BOARD

SCOUT ANNIVERSARY WEEK

February 6 to 12, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its fortieth anniversary. This occasion offers an opportunity for Alpha Phi Omega to help commemorate the vast service rendered by Scouting to boys. It is significant to bring out particularly that Scouting is world-wide and is a tremendous force for world brotherhood.

Here are some ways in which your chapter may help in celebrating this anniversary in your community: Furnishing speakers for Courts of Honor, sponsor window display contest for troops, and aid the Scout Executive in other phases of the commemoration.

EXPANSION

Since the previous issue, four more petitions have presented to the Chapters and National Executive Board for voting. These new groups seeking membership in Alpha Phi Omega are located at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota; Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St. Louis University, East St. Louis, Illinois; and Georgia Southwestern College, Americus, Georgia.

Each of these groups has had a fine record of preparatory service.

Additional new groups are in various stages of development on many other campuses, and are working steadily toward APO membership.

SPRING DEDICATION

It is recommended that again each chapter dedicate its Spring 1950 Pledge Class in honor of a local leader whom the members deem merits this recognition. On your campus or in your community there is undoubtedly someone whose service and leadership and devotion stands out above all others for the past year. . . some advisor, college official, Scouter, or other leader who has given particularly outstanding work in your chapter. This dedication will offer opportunity to say "Thanks" in a special sort of way. Consider this in planning your Spring initiation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE KEY

As used in many chapters, a special key is available for award purposes, to be presented by any chapter which wishes to honor a member who has given outstanding service.

The key bears the three Greek letters of Alpha Phi Omega showing through black enamel. Orders are accepted at the national office only, not direct to the jewelers.

Three qualities are obtainable, 10K at \$9.25, gold plated at \$3.25, and sterling silver at \$2.25. To all prices add 20% federal tax and any state or city sales taxes which apply in your locality.