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Scouting for Handicapped Boys

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ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER DEDICATES PLEDGE CLASS TO JOE E. BROWN



In its latest local dedication, Alpha Kappa Chapter at University of Southern California named its new group "The Joe E. Brown Pledge Class." Shown above is the famous comedian addressing the twentieth anniversary banquet of the chapter. The others in the picture are, left to right, Allen K. Wong, Shelley F. Jones and Larry D. Courtney. They were then Vice President, President and Pledgemaster respectively. A special souvenir pledge book was printed for this occasion and each book was personally autographed by Joe E. Brown. Joe is an honorary member of the chapter, having been initiated in 1951. He is very generous in his philanthropic activities and gives much time and money to service purposes. The picture is by Nick Apple, Past President.

ON OUR COVER

Boy Scouts at the Children's Hospital in Tulsa are given instruction each week by members of Beta Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. In the top picture on the cover Art Hawkinson at left, Past President, is shown assisting boys in learning to signal with buzzer sets. In the lower picture, Wayne Neil Linn (at right) is giving instruction in artificial respiration. Meetings are held in the school room at the hospital.

In October 1953 the chapter was contacted by the hospital superintendent to discuss the possibility of starting a Scout group there. The children in the hospital are completely or partially disabled because of polio, rheumatic fever, burns or mental disorders. The idea created much interest among the chapter members. Activities were started immediately and have been carried on since as one of the chapter projects.

"Our biggest thrill came when the boys had completed their Tenderfoot requirements and we pinned a badge on each boy's shirt and held the candle-light ceremony," reported Art Hawkinson.

These boys, some of whom are confined to their beds, are learning Scout activities within their physical capacities. Some of them had no desire to associate with other people or learn new activities until these weekly Scout meetings began. This program has furnished them with something to look forward to and to work for, so each of them has put forth his best efforts and they are making wonderful progress both physically and in Scout advancement.

Del Harris serves as Scoutmaster of the group. The pictures are by courtesy of Wayne Jackson.

EXPLORING A HIKING TRAIL

By Albert F. Meyer
Southern Illinois University

A three-day week-end 50-mile horseback trip to explore part of a proposed hiking trail through mountainous areas of southern Illinois left more than a dozen members of the Southern Illinois University Zeta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in high spirits but saddle sore and weary.

The trek, carried out in early summer (1954), was one of the chapter's major campus service projects of the year, says Paul Morris, Past President.

The United States Shawnee National Forest officials and Southern Illinois University have been cooperating in planning a proposed hiking trail through the scenic region extending across southern Illinois from the Mississippi river on the west to the Ohio river on the east. Much of the trail mapping is the work of Dr. Charles C. Colby, University of Chicago emeritus professor of geography, who served as acting chairman of the SIU Geography and Geology department during the 1953-54 school year. Dr. Colby tramped through much of the area himself during the mapping process and furnished a set of county road maps to the Alpha Phi Omega chapter for its exploratory expedition.

As yet there has been no actual work in clearing paths and marking special points of scenic and historic interest along the proposed trail. Interested officials hope, however, that it will become a reality and may eventually extend eastward until it connects with the famous Appalachian Trail.

Traversing some of the region's most scenic areas the horseback "explorers" covered the east half of the proposed trail, following rural and county roads for the most part from Goreville in northern Johnson county to Pounds Hollow, Shawnee National Forest recreation area in southern Gallatin county.

There were plenty of opportunities for the chapter members to put to use their Scouting experience as they established overnight camps out-of-doors

at Bell Smith Springs, a Shawnee National Forest recreation area, and near Herod in the vicinity of Williams Hill, highest point in southern Illinois.

Chow for the riders and feed for the horses were trucked to overnight stopping places so that their traveling

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Starting on a three-day horseback trip as a service project to explore a proposed hiking trail through Southern Illinois, members of Zeta Nu Chapter ride off into the early morning sunlight along a country road.



The big meal of the day, being cooked over an open fire, is the center of interest of the riders who are hungry and tired after a day in the saddle.

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loads would be light. Some carried a bedroll behind their saddles; others had them transported from one stop-over to another in the feed truck. Each carried a light sack lunch and canteen for a noontime roadside lunch stop. Paul Morris and William Rogge, faculty advisor, were expedition leaders, carrying maps and a first aid kit. Main meals were cooked over open campfires in the evening and morning.

Twelve chapter members with two accompanying SIU staff members — advisor Rogge, and Irvin Peithmann, SIU Museum curator of archaeology—lightheartedly mounted horses at Goreville before 8 a. m. Friday morning (May 7) and rode away into the morning sunlight down a country road. Some were replaced by other riders at each overnight camp, but most of the group completed the three-day jaunt. SIU President, D. W. Morris, and Glenn Martin, member of the university's coaching staff, joined the group for the final day's ride.

The first day was a difficult one for most of the students. Some had little or no previous saddle experience. They pushed on steadily, however, to cover the 25 miles set as the first day's goal. The second day found them traversing even rougher country, but covering only about 15 miles.

Plans called for covering only about 10 miles the final day, but the distance was greater because the group got off the trail in following unused logging roads and was three hours late in arriving at the final rendezvous where trucks for the horses and cars for the travelers were waiting to transport the expedition back to Carbondale.

Excerpts from a brief diary of the trip, prepared by members Jack Cahoon and Charles Pritchard, provide sidelights on their experiences.

Participating in all or part of the trip, in addition to those mentioned above, were: James Gillihan, James Jenkins, James Miller, Jack Turner, Joe Smoltz, Jr., Carl Strickland, Thomas Bahr, Joe Prediger, Emil Spees, Wallace Draper, Charles Van Cleve, Ronald Pemberton and John Hayman.

The diary points out that: "We left the Student Union (on the SIU cam-

pus) at 6 a.m. in cars to go to Goreville where we were to pick up our horses. When we started riding there was a long hill up which the horses wanted to run. After we reached the top, hats, lunches, canteens, and other things lost by the fellows were scattered along the side of the road. After we had ridden for about 45 minutes Jim Miller was thrown from his horse. He was the first but not the last to dismount involuntarily on this trip. We stopped for lunch about 12:30 p.m. at a farm house along the way. Lunch consisted of two meat sandwiches, four cookies, and an apple.

"Bell Smith Springs: first night. We arrived here at nearly 4 p.m. The rock formations around here are odd looking. Jim Gillihan has just arrived with food. Now we can start supper. The menu: boiled potatoes, peas, hot coffee, and bread with fruit for dessert.

"The next morning our main thought was to get warm. The fire felt good. Paul Morris cooked breakfast—no comment. The menu: bacon, eggs, bread, coffee, and milk. All of it tasted good. All the fellows were complaining of being sore from riding. We lost four riders this morning and picked up three others. That came out right because Jenkins' horse lost a couple of shoes yesterday and became lame.

"Charles Pritchard was thrown from his horse today. He says it hurt like the dickens but the injury wasn't serious. Later we began climbing Williams Hill. The horses all seemed to have sore feet. We reached the fire lookout tower on the hill. The fellows reported a wonderful view from the tower. Everyone seemed to be quite sore, including the horses. We wondered who would give out first, we or the horses.

"We arrived at Herod, Ill., a little country community, about 3 p. m. to end the day's ride. The people were friendly. Hayman walked the last five miles because his horse lost a shoe and went lame. Lloyd Futrell, owner of the horses who met us at each night's stopover to look after the animals, took the lame horse to a blacksmith shop to get it shod, so John rode the next day after all.

"Sunday morning early: Dr. Morris joined us a few minutes ago—just in time for breakfast. The menu: pancakes, doughnuts (compliments of Dr. Morris), milk and coffee.

"Early Sunday morning we entered the real wilderness of Shawnee National Forest. Paul Morris maintains we weren't lost; we were simply exploring (ha! ha!!). Most of our day's trip was on old lumbering roads which were seldom used. We got some wonderful views from the tops of the hills. All afternoon we went up and down hills. The scenery was pretty, but—Pemberton earned his wings as a new member of the airman's club by ducking too late for a low-hanging tree branch. Pritchard dismounted involuntarily for the second time. It seemed some fellows just couldn't win.

"We finally sighted Pounds Hollow recreation area about 5 p.m. (three hours late) and raced our horses madly the last quarter mile to our final destination.

"The horses were loaded on trucks and hauled away. The final phase of our journey took place at a cafe in Harrisburg on the way back to the campus in Carbondale. Dr. Morris, who took the day's trip better than most of us, bought us a chicken dinner. The trip ended with everyone singing the $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ toast song."

IN MEMORIAM

Professor H. G. Venemann

Faculty Advisor, Alpha Gamma Chapter
Purdue University

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Honorary Member, Zeta Delta Chapter
Miami University (Ohio)

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Faculty Advisor, Eta Pi Chapter
University of Detroit

Edward Paul Dundon

Honorary Member, Iota Xi Chapter
Edinboro State Teachers College

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Professor Venemann had been a very active advisor since 1932, and was a charter member of his chapter. The others were more recently inducted into our fraternity and all believed wholeheartedly in the principles of our fraternity. We mourn the loss of these fine brothers.

NATIONWIDE SURVEY

Alpha Phi Omega Participates in Vast Research Project, Interviewing Explorers, Leaders and Scoutmasters

The National Council, Boy Scouts of America, is conducting a nationwide study to gather information to enable Scouting to better serve boys of 14 to 17 years of age. The Explorer program for boys 14 and older has reached a membership of nearly 400,000, but the national leaders recognize that there are 4,500,000 boys of this age and that the number will increase rapidly in the next few years.

The Boy Scouts of America feels a great responsibility to do an increasing job among that age group as well as with younger boys.

The nationwide study is under the direction of the Research Service which secured additional services of the Institute of Social Research of the University of Michigan. Some of the steps in this program are:

Preparation of a bibliography of study and research in this field.

Personal interviews with a nationwide probability sample of boys from 14 to 17 years of age.

Personal interviews with a selected sample of successful adult youth leaders.

Personal interviews with a sample of Explorers, Leaders and Scoutmasters throughout the United States.

Questionnaires to samples of Explorer parents and others.

Personal interviews with certain nationally recognized experts in this field.

A series of evaluative workshops.

Alpha Phi Omega has assisted in the fourth phase named above, being that of personal interviews with a sample of Explorers, Leaders and Scoutmasters from coast to coast. Thirty-two chapters located in towns and cities of various sizes were invited to handle interviewing. This work has been accomplished and in-

cluded contacting 291 Troops and 141 Explorer units. The chapters have also interviewed 581 individual Explorers, plus a considerable number of advisors and Scoutmasters, making a total of 986 interviews.

The chapters which were selected by the Explorer Service, BSA, to partici-

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In the upper picture, Kenneth A. Wells, National Director of Research, BSA, is shown giving instructions to Chi Chapter at UCLA about how to carry out the interviews in the Explorer survey. At the desk at right is George Wyman, who was then President of the chapter.

An interview is shown in the lower picture, with Chuck Fisk, left, Past President of Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Colorado, asking questions which are being answered by Explorer Don Hulse. About one hour was devoted to each interview and reports were sent to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America for tabulation and study.



Recordings to Servicemen

GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER at *Brooklyn College* is assisting men in the armed forces by providing messages by tape recordings between the serviceman and his family. Chapter members call at the homes of these men. They use tape recorders belonging to members of the chapter and record statements to be sent to servicemen stationed at bases overseas and in the United States. The vast majority of the bases have facilities to handle tape recordings. When messages cut by men in the armed forces are received at home, a member of Alpha Phi Omega will return and play back what the serviceman has sent. This news is from a clipping received from Karl Bernstein, Morale Chairman.

Serve in Emergency

In the recent impending strike of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, it was evident that there would be a hardship to about 1,800 students who commute to *Carnegie Institute of Technology*. The Dean contacted KAPPA CHAPTER of AΦΩ and said "something must be done!" As usual, when he says this, something was done. The chapter immediately used its share-the-ride plan, signing up commuters who desired this service, stating whether they had room for passengers, or wanted a ride, along with other information including the route to be driven. Many obtained arrangements for rides to and from school through this work of the chapter. Reports Edwin T. Hunter, Past President, "Everything was done so fast we picked up a huge amount of prestige around the school. The students and faculty agreed it was a fine idea and commended the chapter on a good, speedy job."

Chapter Bulletin

Through the instigation of Ronald E. Neupert, President, DELTA PSI CHAPTER at *Eastern Illinois State College* has recently published a bulletin for members, pledges and advisors. The purpose is to present information and ideas which will enlarge the already excellent program of the chapter. It is to serve as a checking system on the members and on the president. There is a familiar quotation "When in writing, there isn't any doubt." The chapter is testing this quotation. The bulletin includes important dates of coming events, describes the committee system, lists the present mem-

bers and pledges, gives a list of the current officers showing their titles, campus residences and telephone numbers so they may be easily contacted by any member. One of the projects mentioned in the bulletin is the "Million Pennies" campaign. The chapter and the Student Association are co-sponsors of this drive which started a few weeks ago. The bulletin urges all chapter officers to study their duties as published in the *Manual of Administration*, it includes a treasurer's report, and invites members to offer suggestions for Spring activities. It is an excellent publication and the group plans to issue it two or three times a year.

TOURS FOR FRESHMEN AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



Shown here is a brother of Gamma Omega Chapter pointing out places of interest to new students at University Heights College, NYU, during the past Fall's freshman orientation period. Other projects recently reported by Harold Messing, Historian, are the ticket exchange, car pool, blood drive, Ugly Man contest, and publication of the student directory. The picture is by courtesy of Irwin Dannis.

News from the Philippines

Twenty-one members of Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines assisted at the first National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines recently held. There was a total participation of more than 6,000 Scouts and Scouters at the Jamboree and AΦΩ played an important role in carrying out the program. National President Aciong Sevilla was a member of the Jamboree Personnel Committee and First Vice-President Dr. Romy Atienza was Deputy Director of the Health and Safety Services. G. R. Padolina, National Second Vice-President, served as Jamboree Executive Coordinator. The Jamboree was an excellent success.

Aid in Toy Drive

ETA PSI CHAPTER at *Chico State College* assisted the Butte County sheriff's office in collecting toys this past Christmas season. Discarded toys were collected throughout the county and assembled at a central point where they were repaired, painted and distributed to needy children. Chapter members helped conduct a house-to-house campaign and also answered calls placed through the sheriff's office from prospective donors. Other recent projects of the chapter include manning the refreshment stand at the local Boy Scout Council Wallagazoo, and assistance at the district jamboree. This news is from clippings received from Norman H. Weitzel, Secretary.

Donation to Campus Chest

GAMMA THETA CHAPTER at the *University of Colorado* donated \$60.00 to the 1954 Campus Chest Fund. Numerous other projects have also been included in the recent activities of the chapter. This news is from a bulletin from Art Bunn, President.

Campus Beautification Drive

KAPPA PSI CHAPTER at the *A & T College of North Carolina* has recently sponsored a talent show, the proceeds going to the Campus Beautification Drive and also presented a culture program for better citizenship. This is reported by Emory J. Reddick, Corresponding Secretary.

RENSSELAER MEMBERS START WORK ON DAM



This picture illustrates the largest project in Epsilon Zeta Chapter's history. Early this fall the members started working on a nine-foot-high dam with a thirty-seven-foot span. The dam provides the swimming area at the local Camp Fire Girls camp. The project consists of removing a dam of field stone, mortar and clay and replacing it with a permanent dam of reinforced concrete. The work is under supervision of William Reilly, a local engineer, and Will Merritt, projects chairman of the chapter. Shown at the top, left to right, are Ivan Fifield, President; Paul Schwartz; Ed Fritz; Bob Juenger; Doug Brown; and Bob Rickles, Pledgemaster. At bottom, left to right, are Frank Griggs, Will Merritt, Len Bergman, Treasurer, Jim Connors, Historian; and Dave Connolly.

Aid in Centennial

During the present academic year the College of Engineering of *New York University* is celebrating its centennial. GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER has given unselfish service in many ways in the multiplicity of activities of this centennial celebration. The Chairman of the Centennial Committee, H. J. Masson, has written, saying in part, "Their cooperation has carried us through some difficult situations and we are very appreciative. We are very fortunate to have such an active and loyal chapter, and we express our thanks accordingly."

Publicizing Alpha Phi Omega

Upon the invitation of the college administration, THETA ALPHA CHAPTER took part in a general open house program on the campus of *Stevens Institute of Technology* last November 17. This was an excellent opportunity

to publicize Alpha Phi Omega and it was carried out with the members wearing armbands. This is reported by John P. Aucock, President.

Constructed Thermometer

KAPPA IOTA CHAPTER at *Hanover College* constructed a huge thermometer and displayed it in a prominent place on the campus to show the progress of the annual Campus Chest Drive, similar to the Community Chest. In addition, the chapter recently furnished men to conduct the traffic control program at the annual Hanover homecoming and for the first time in several years one of the college's numerous evergreens was decorated by the chapter with Christmas tree lights. A project for the benefit of the group itself was the sale of Christmas cards from which the profit has been used to buy a coffee maker which will come in handy at the coffee hour after each regular meeting. This is reported by Morton S. Prime, Secretary.

SOLICITING FOR THE UNITED FUND AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY



Zeta Iota Chapter solicited the night school of Temple University for the United Fund. A goal of \$345.00 was set which was twenty per cent more than collected last year, and the chapter topped the goal by four percent bringing in \$358.47. Those in the picture who assisted in the project are, left to right, Bernie Berkowitz; Murray Battleman; Burt Cohen; Herman Koren, who was then President; Dave Wynne, Stan Schupak, Chuck Atkinson, and Al Packer, Chairman of the Project. This news and picture are by courtesy of Burt Cohen, new President.

LAMBDA MU CHAPTER INSTALLED AT LOS ANGELES STATE COLLEGE



The latest new chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is Lambda Mu Chapter which has been officially installed at Los Angeles State College. The above picture shows part of the members of this chapter. The ritual was presented by the degree team of Epsilon Chi Chapter of Los Angeles City College, and officiating on behalf of our National Executive Board were Brothers C. J. Carlson (at extreme right) and Irwin H. Gerst (second from right). We wish this new chapter the best of success.

Big-Little Brother Project

During last summer the members of IOTA BETA CHAPTER who were planning to return to *Pacific Lutheran College* were each given the name and address of an incoming freshman or transfer student. Then each wrote to the new student welcoming him and inviting him to reply. When the Fall term actually began they met personally and everyone felt welcome and knew someone who could answer questions and introduce them to other students. This worked out very successfully, reports Dick Brandt, President.

To follow up this advance contact system the chapter assisted in the orientation program for freshmen, gave a party for new men to help them get acquainted and operated the book exchange at the opening of the term. Other recent projects of the chapter include ushering at special college events, raising the American flag each day in front of the administration building, publishing a student directory, building two homecoming floats and conducting a Handsome Harry contest for homecoming. One of the pledge duties was a work project in the woods. They gathered materials for the 60th anniversary campus decorations.

Largest Freshman Class

The freshman class this past Fall was the largest in the history of *Central Missouri State College* and members of BETA KAPPA CHAPTER turned out in full force to help conduct the annual Freshman Day campus tours. They made sure the new students became well acquainted with the campus. Publishing the Student-Faculty Directory is another major project carried out by the chapter this Fall and the group had charge of arranging the homecoming parade, including the scheduling, the order of procession and taking care of parking and Parent's Day guests. Says L. A. Wastell, Jr., President, "Our idea is to keep the fraternity strong, to pick the best men on the campus who have been affiliated with Scouting, get them as early as possible so they will take an active part in AΦΩ and be ready for leadership in the future."

NATIONWIDE SURVEY

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pate in this and which conducted the interviews are:

Phi, Syracuse University

Cbi, University of California at L. A.

Alpha Eta, University of Kansas City

Alpha Iota, Ohio State University

Alpha Kappa, University of Southern California

Alpha Lambda, North Dakota State College

Alpha Xi, Washington State College

Alpha Chi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Alpha Psi, Lehigh University

Beta Pi, University of Tulsa

Gamma Beta, San Jose State College

Gamma Epsilon, City College of New York

Gamma Theta, University of Colorado.

Gamma Xi, Rockhurst College

Gamma Omicron, Queens College

Gamma Pi, University of Michigan

Delta Epsilon, Illinois Institute of Technology

Delta Eta, Oregon State College

Delta Rho, Rutgers University

Delta Omega, University of Houston

Epsilon Mu, University of Maryland

Epsilon Upsilon, Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh

Epsilon Chi, Los Angeles City College

Zeta Beta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Zeta Upsilon, Boston University

Eta Delta, Keene Teachers College

Eta Iota, Millersville State Teachers College

Theta Lambda, The Rice Institute

Theta Pi, Indiana Central College

Iota Rho, Florida State University

Kappa Xi, Xavier University of Louisiana

Kappa Omega, The Cooper Union

The Director of the Research Service, Kenneth A. Wells, has complimented Alpha Phi Omega upon its work in carrying out these interviews. The other parts of this nationwide survey are going along well and ultimately there will be much valuable information ready for the use of national and local Scout leaders in activities among boys of 14 to 17 years of age.

All reports indicate the chapters enjoyed taking part in this project. We hope there will be other opportunities in the future for Alpha Phi Omega to assist in research and survey work for the benefit of Scouting.

HANOVER BROTHERS WORK AT SCOUT CAMP



Posed before starting work at the Hoosier Hills Council Camp are some of the members of Kappa Iota Chapter of Hanover College who recently spent a Saturday on the camp property felling trees and sawing them into firewood. Also on the agenda was a general cleanup of one of the cabin sites, followed by a cook-out supper for the members. In the picture, left to right, are Paul Diller, President; Myron Hutson, Morton S. Prime, Secretary, and Pledges John Kennedy, Ron Woods, Peter Neill and Jim White.



By Joseph Scanlon

1. How many Scouting Advisors should the chapter have?
2. Are these Professional or Volunteer Scouters?
3. How are the Scouting Advisors chosen?
4. Should they be initiated into the chapter before being given official status?
5. Do they attend chapter meetings regularly?
6. In what ways can they assist in furthering the chapter program?
7. Does your chapter utilize these men?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11



Do you have a Scouting friend on another campus who could help start a new chapter of Alpha Phi Omega? Here is an outline about

HOW TO ORGANIZE A NEW CHAPTER

Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega may be established in fully accredited colleges and universities in the United States (subject to the college regulations governing student organizations). The preparatory work for the organization of a new Chapter is done by a group of students who take the initiative to form a local service club composed of former Scouts.

The following steps are recommended for the use of students, faculty men and Scouters who are interested in forming a new chapter:

Determine the eligibility of the school to secure an Alpha Phi Omega charter. Only accredited colleges and universities may affiliate.

Read thoroughly the Question and Answer pamphlet and Pledge Manual. These publications set forth the facts about the activities and policies of the organization.

Seek the approval and cooperation of the Dean of Men of the college and the local Scout Executive. Show them copies of the Question and Answer pamphlet and Pledge Manual as a basis for their consideration of Alpha Phi Omega.

Conduct a census of the men on the campus to locate those who are eligible and interested. This is done by means of Campus Scout Census cards furnished by the National Office. Whatever quantity of cards is needed will be sent upon your request.

Call a meeting of those who have expressed interest and eligibility to discuss how Alpha Phi Omega would fit into the campus life of your college. Discuss the information provided in the Question and Answer pamphlet, and review the service projects listed on pages 7 to 11 of the pamphlet. (When you desire to arrange this meeting, a quantity of the information pamphlet will be sent for general distribution to those who attend.)

Elect temporary officers, particularly a President and Secretary.

Effort should be made to include in the group men from all social fraternities and a similar number of non-Greeks, and men from all departments of the college.

Select one or two projects which the group wishes to launch immediately, and assign all interested men to various responsibilities in connection with those projects.

Select Faculty and Scouting Advisors to cooperate in campus and community activities.

Request the necessary application forms from the National Office.

Make arrangements for a suitable meeting room on the campus.

Regular meetings should be held weekly or bi-weekly.

The Requirements

The following are the requirements for securing an Alpha Phi Omega charter:

Twenty-five or more undergraduate students, who have been previously affiliated with Scouting, established in an active local organization.

Five or more faculty advisors and two or more Scouting advisors, including the Scout Executive and one volunteer Scouter.

A suitable program of activities during the preparatory period and an outline of the objectives of the new organization for its first year.

Charter fee of \$25.00.

Individual initiation fees of \$10.00 each for the student members. (There is no charge for advisory membership.)

Letter of approval from the College.

Letter of approval from the local Scout Council.

The Petition

The forms for petitioning include an Application for Charter and individual membership applications in duplicate. Each man in the preparatory group should sign two copies of the Application for Charter, one for the National Office and the other for local historical records. Likewise, each man should fill out two copies of the individual application, the blue copy for chapter use and the white copy for the National Office. Students and advisors use identical forms, with a space provided to indicate the type of membership.

When the petition is received in the National Office, the information concerning it is transmitted to all chapters and Executive Board members for approval.

Installation

After the approval of the petition, a date is set at the convenience of the petitioning group for the installation ceremony. The ceremony is conducted by a member of the National Executive Board with assistance of a visiting degree team from a nearby chapter.

The above outline is the procedure recommended by the National Office for establishing a new chapter. If you know someone on another campus who may be interested, clip out the outline and send it to him. Or if you would prefer to obtain a mimeographed copy for this purpose, please request it by writing to Alpha Phi Omega, 419 Columbia Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

Homecoming Service

At *Graceland College*, ZETA ZETA CHAPTER managed the refreshment stand at the 1954 Homecoming. Says Keith Renbarger, "It was a lot of fun and a real experience to see the new pledges and chapter members working together helping our college during a busy week end." This year's Lost and Found Department at the college was organized and is manned by AΦΩ men. A big credit goes to Theo. E. Boyd for his leadership in this project. Another regular activity is the morning and evening flag services which is under the direction of Jim Herod. In addition, members of the chapter are rendering service at the college infirmary running errands and

doing personal courtesies for the patients.

Award to Advisor

DELTA BETA CHAPTER at the *University of Oklahoma* has presented a distinguished service key to Dr. J. O. Hassler in recognition of his devoted service as faculty advisor. Dr. Hassler was instrumental in the establishment of the original charter group of Delta Beta Chapter in 1942 and has been very faithful in his work with AΦΩ through the years.

Chapter Newsletter

The latest issue of the "Delta Tauker," the chapter newsletter of DELTA TAU CHAPTER at the *University of New Mexico*, is an interesting and useful publication. It mentions plans for several projects and is definitely beneficial to all members and pledges.

Homecoming Mum Sale

ETA BETA CHAPTER is having a wonderful year of service at *Simpson College*, reports Robert Ropp. The homecoming mum sale was the largest ever and the other projects have been going well. The chapter is well represented in all four social organizations on the campus and pledged twenty men this Fall. The group has fine prospects for the future.

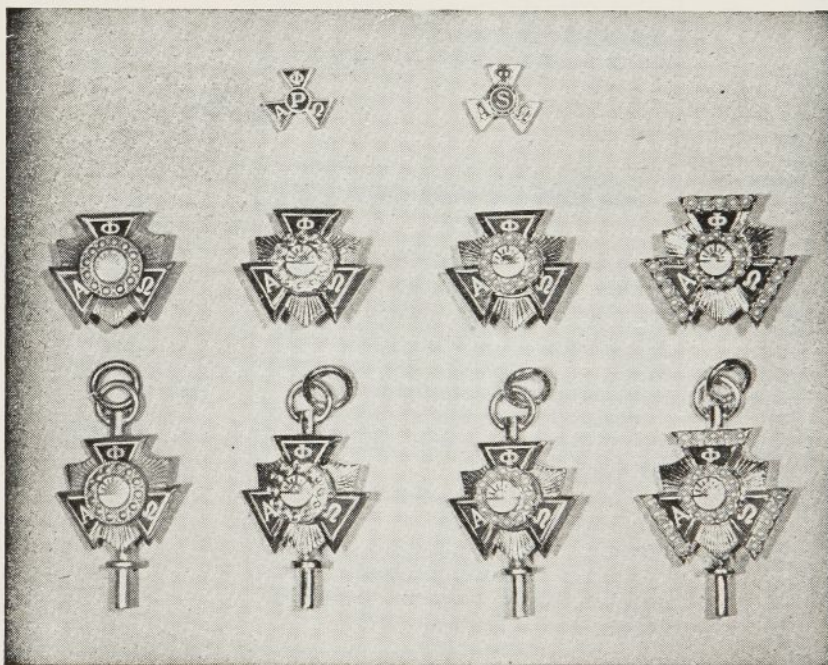
Big Contest

In November, ALPHA CHI CHAPTER at *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* conducted its second annual Ugly Man Contest. "It's the biggest thing that has hit this campus in many a year," reports Donald A. Norman, Corresponding Secretary. Tremendous publicity was given to it. Numerous articles about the contest appeared in "The Tech," student newspaper.

Answers to APO Quiz for December

1. Each chapter of Alpha Phi Omega should have at least two Scouting Advisors in addition to the Faculty Advisors. They are members of the Advisory Committee.
2. By constitutional requirement, one of the Scouting Advisors is the local Scout Executive or a member of his staff designated by him and the other is a volunteer. Over and above those two, additional Scouting Advisors may be either professional men or volunteers.
3. The Scout Executive is an advisor by virtue of his job. The other Scouting Advisors are elected by the active members at any regular or special election.
4. Yes. Advisors must pass through the ritual of Alpha Phi Omega before receiving official credentials of membership.
5. It is among the responsibilities of Advisors to attend chapter meetings as regularly as possible. It is important that the chapter secretary keep these men informed of meeting dates considerably in advance to give them opportunity to mark their calendars for APO functions.
6. Scouting Advisors have opportunity to offer suggestions for projects relating to the community. They can often recommend prospective rush-ees. They can sometimes recommend ways the chapter can earn money, and there are numerous other ways these men can assist.
7. Only you can answer this question. Discuss it in your next chapter meeting and if your chapter does not have two Scouting Advisors definitely on your roster or if you are not utilizing them in your program, make plans for this. Your Scouting Advisors can be a real asset in the future success of your chapter.

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Pledge button (shown above at top left).....	.35
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Standard badge, gold plated (extreme left, middle row).....	2.50
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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

SPRING DEDICATION

It is recommended that again each chapter dedicate its Spring 1955 Pledge Class in honor of a local leader whom the members deem merits this recognition.

In your chapter 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 service in Alpha Phi Omega.

This dedication offers opportunity to say "Thanks" in a big way for exceptionally fine service.

INTERCHAPTER VISITS

Spring activities offer fine opportunities to invite neighboring chapters to send representatives to one of your special occasions, initiation, banquet, or other event. Interchapter visits are interesting and helpful.

A new Directory of Chapter Presidents will soon be issued and will be useful for writing to neighboring chapters. We recommend using the president's name and address for correspondence rather than just addressing a letter to a chapter name.

The opportunity for interchapter fellowship will benefit both the hosts and the guests. Try it!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE KEY

Alpha Phi Omega's Distinguished Service Key is available for award purposes and may be secured by chapters wishing to present special recognition to a member who has given outstanding service in the fraternity.

Orders for this key 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, plus 10% tax.

Further information about the key may be secured whenever desired by writing to the National Office.

CHAPTER NEWS

News items about the latest projects of your chapter are invited for use in Spring issues of TORCH AND TREFOIL. Pictures are also desired, showing members and pledges in action on service work.

You have opportunity for nationwide publicity concerning your chapter activities by sending news and pictures to our National Office.

Also, if you know of any active member who has not been receiving our publication, we will appreciate your sending his name and address to the office. We earnestly desire to deliver the magazine correctly.