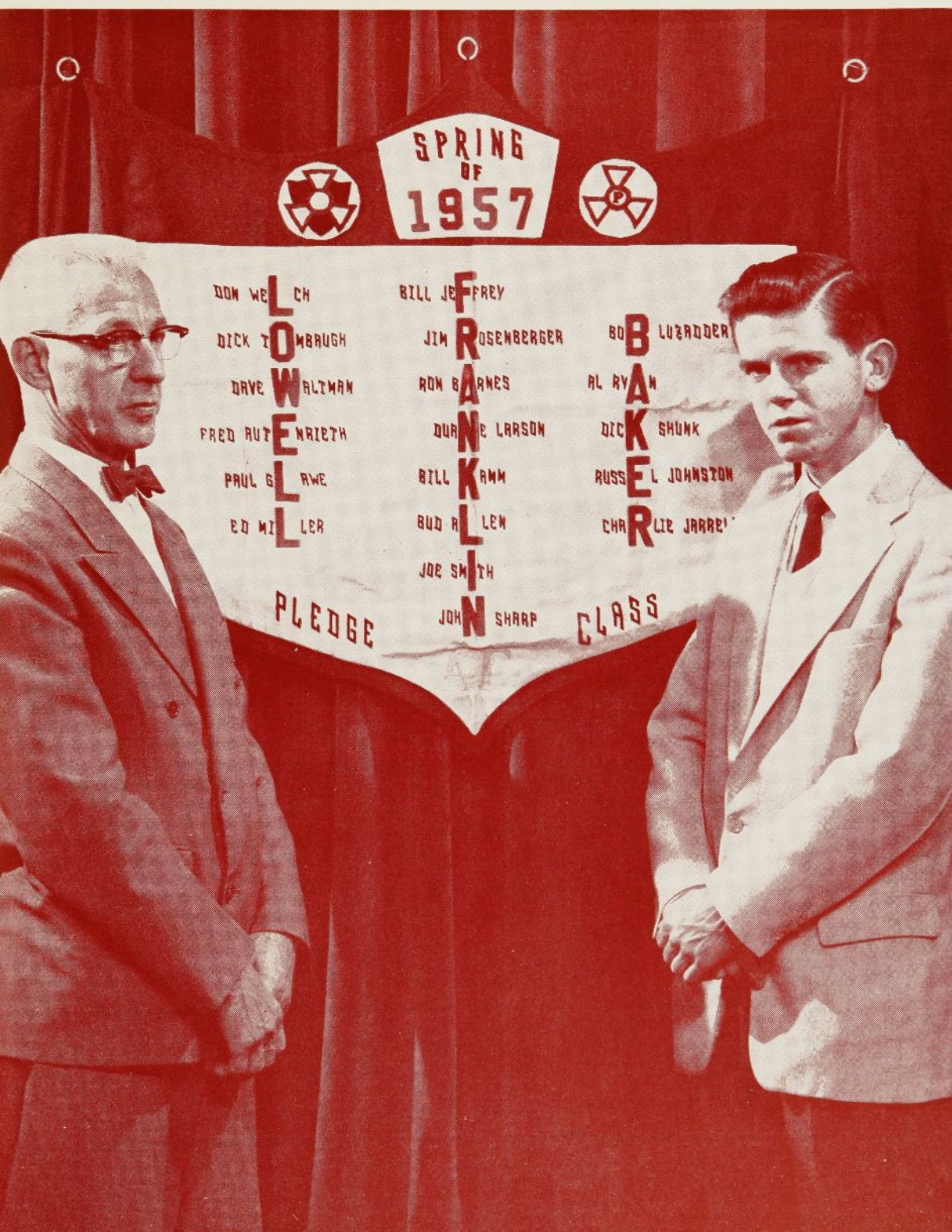




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REPUTATION OR CHARACTER

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; what you believe determines your character. Reputation is what you are known to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is a manufactured thing, rolled and plated and hammered and brazed and blotted; character is a growth. Reputation comes over one from without; character grows up from within. Reputation is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation may be learned in an hour; your character may not come to light for a year. If you want a position, you need a reputation; if you want to keep it, you need character. Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

—The Triad

Wide Walls

Give me wide walls to build my house
of life . . .
The North shall be of Love, against
the winds of fate;
The South of Tolerance, that I may
outreach hate;
The East of Faith, that rises clear and
new each day;
The West of Hope, that e'en dies a
glorious way.
The threshold 'neath my feet shall be
Humility;
The roof—the very sky itself—Infi-
nity.
Give me wide walls to build my house
of life.

Ordinary?

There is no ordinary man. At least
no man should permit himself to be
ordinary. The individual man is dif-
ferent—maybe only slightly so, but
different—from his brother. He can
do something worthwhile a little bet-
ter, perhaps a great deal better, than
another person can. That is, he can if
he tries, because God made him that
way. God put this power in man's
being; it is up to each man to develop
it to the highest level of expression.

—Buzz Saw

ON OUR COVER

Each Spring every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has opportunity to dedi-
cate its Spring pledge class in honor of a local leader whom the members deem
merits this recognition.

At Purdue University, the dedication includes presentation of a special
flag, and we are pleased to portray on the cover of this issue the Spring, 1957,
pledge class flag of Alpha Gamma Chapter. At left is Professor Daniel
Den Uyl, Past National President, and at right is Don Mead, Fall Semester
President of the chapter.

The class was dedicated in memory of Lowell Franklin Baker, who served
as first President of Alpha Gamma Chapter and was graduated in 1934. He
was a Captain in Artillery in World War II and was killed in action in France
February 28, 1945.

Note that in this instance there were just the same number of members in
the pledge class as letters in the name of Lowell Franklin Baker and each
pledge's name appears on the flag.

The designing and preparing of a flag in dedication of each Spring's
pledge class is a fine tradition in the Purdue Chapter. Why not start this same
tradition in your chapter?

The TORCH AND TREFOIL joins the Purdue leaders in recommending this
as an excellent feature of your Spring class dedication.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Douglas Blevins
Active Member and Past President,
Lambda Alpha Chapter, East Tennessee State College

1957 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS AT PEAK

An all-time peak enrollment of 1,755,103 full-time students and a grand total of 2,415,214 this year at more than 1,000 campuses of accredited universities, four-year colleges and technical schools is reported by Dr. Raymond Walters, President Emeritus of the University of Cincinnati, in his thirty-eighth annual American college-university enrollment survey for *School and Society*, educational journal.

Dr. Walters points to this Fall's record enrollment with 2.7 per cent increase in full-time students and 8 per cent increase in part-time students for 4.2 per cent in grand total enrollments covering 896 institutions reporting comparably in 1956 and 1957, as evidence that "America is sold on higher education."

Full-time students include 1,084,664 men—1.5 per cent more than last Fall; and 540,717 women—5.2 per cent more. There are at least 400,000 more full-time students now in accredited institutions than five years ago, coming up from high school classes that were relatively small because of the low birth rate of the 1930's.

"We see here a portent of what is to happen when in a few years campus gates will be besieged by pupils now in the primary grades who represent the pronounced rise in the birth rate which followed World War II and still continues," Dr. Walters states.

Noting that present demands have taxed the physical-plant and teaching-personnel facilities of certain private institutions, Dr. Walters points out that they are now limiting freshmen admissions because of apprehension about continued enlargement. As a result many students are entering institutions of "their second or third choice which can presently accommodate more students," and the "pressure of numbers is causing anxiety among faculties and administrators of those publicly supported universities that have developed undergraduate programs of high grade and research ranking with the best," he comments. Dr. Walters joins other educators who are alarmed at Russia's quantitative and qualitative successes in providing scientific and technological training. He quotes figures showing 71,000 engineers graduated in 1956 from 760 Russian institutions as compared with only 28,835 graduated by 151 accredited American institutions. He warns also that although enrollment is up this Fall in American teachers colleges, the number of such students is far too small to mean anything effective in meeting future demands for teachers.

In full-time enrollment as compared with 1956, sixty-five public universities have 4.1 per cent more; fifty-seven private universities, 1.7 per cent less; 566 independent arts and sciences colleges, 2.8 per cent more; fifty-five independent technological institutions, 4.5 per cent more; 135 independent teachers colleges, 4.8 per cent more; 8 fine arts, applied arts and music schools, 2.7 per cent less; and ten theological seminaries and schools for lay workers, 5.6 per cent less.

Full-time freshmen in five broad fields of study include 225,463 in liberal arts; 67,918 in engineering; 62,452 in teachers colleges; 41,003 in commerce; and 11,047 in agriculture.

Financial problems are common to both private and public institutions, according to Dr. Walters. Those under private control cannot see how to finance additional classroom buildings, laboratories, and residence halls and how to maintain the scholarly and scientific standards they consider to be their best service to the nation and so many institutions have set up restrictive admission policies, he finds.

The public universities are having trouble in getting adequate financial appropriations from their legislatures and city councils, Dr. Walters states, and as to the future, they recognize the obligations to do their utmost and are going ahead with expansion programs for their home or branch campuses.

This increased enrollment in colleges and universities throughout the nation gives increasing opportunity and responsibility to Alpha Phi Omega. We must enlarge our chapters to meet the needs for service and to give more men the values of participating in our program.



SAY,
DID YOU
KNOW?

Exhibits are an interesting and important part of each National Convention. Shown below in pictures taken by Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr., member of the National Executive Board, are examples of chapter displays at the 1956 Convention.



Now is the time to start assembling material for your chapter's exhibit to be displayed at the Fifteenth National Convention in Austin, Texas, August 30 and 31 and September 1, 1958.

Pictures of your service projects, clippings of newspaper stories and editorials, copies of printed programs used in chapter activities, scrap books, awards—those will be interesting to other chapters. Further information about plans for exhibits for the Austin convention will be sent to all chapters by the Exhibits Committee.

Why not appoint an Exhibits Chairman in your chapter now to plan your display for the convention this coming Summer.

WRITING A CHAPTER PLEDGE MANUAL

By MEL BLACK

Pledge Manual Committee Chairman

Zeta Theta Chapter

Drexel Institute of Technology

One must certainly admit that pledges are one of the most important parts of a fraternity. A well-informed pledge is indeed a great asset to any chapter, for it is the pledge who will carry on the traditions of the chapter as an active member.

The chapter pledge manual can be one of the best ways to have pledges continue in the spirit, the willingness, and the desire to bring the meaning and the work of the fraternity to others. A knowledge of the school, chapter and fraternity gives a pledge information which will enable him to take an active part in the chapter.

Of course, you might say that the National Office publishes a pledge manual free of charge; but let me ask you if it contains the history of the founding of *your* chapter, the deans of *your* college, the map of *your* campus, and certain other phases of *your* chapter's life.

Such a project as writing a chapter pledge manual is certainly worthwhile. The following report will, I hope, be an incentive and a guide to those chapters of our fraternity that wish to give their pledges a guide to the traditions and workings of their chapter.

I. PLANNING THE MANUAL

A. Form the committee—The members of the committee should have an interest in writing and be able to obtain facts and place them in a logical and pleasing order.

B. After all interested men have contacted the chairman of the committee, the chairman should hold a meeting. At this meeting the following should take place:

1. A table of contents for the manual be drawn up.
2. Members of the committee should be asked to contribute specific materials for the manual. Others, not on the committee but having vital information for the manual (Historian, etc.), should be contacted by some member of the committee.

3. A date should be set for all material for the manual to be submitted. This will tend to keep the project from stretching into a long period of time. (Average time is about three months).

4. A cover should be designed by a chosen staff.

II. THE MANUAL

A. After all materials have been collected they should be edited and placed in a format which will hold the interest of the pledge or reader. This format is the direct result of the table of contents.

B. Estimates should be obtained for printing of the manual. A rough copy should be drawn up as soon as possible for this purpose.

C. The manual should be proof-read several times before it is submitted to the printer.

The Manual Committee of Zeta Theta Chapter awarded the contract to print the manual to the Drexel Print Shop. They submitted an estimate of \$70.00 total cost for 200 copies of our twenty-page manual. This printing was by multilith process. Other estimates for typesetting were in the range between \$150.00 to \$250.00.

The paper used was 60 lb. Mohawk vellum for the pages, and the cover paper was 20 lb. Ariel stock. This was approximately \$20.00 of the total cost. However, after the manual was run off, sufficient paper was left to print another substantially large number of manuals.

Folding and stapling was done by committee members. This was so, because additional money would have been required at the bindery. The process of folding and stapling the manuals is a very simple task once a system is set up. The total time for the above took six hours.

The multilith process was accomplished by typing on regular paper the copy for the manual. This copy was then photographed by a special ma-

chine. The negative was then transferred to a special plate or stencil and run off. These plates cost approximately \$1.30 each. One 8½ x 11 page can be run off on one stencil. This makes two pages when in the folded final form. The labor of making the stencil was included in the \$1.30.

III. OUR MANUAL

The table of contents for our manual is as follows. The discussion on each of the headings follows the table of contents:

FOREWORD

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ZETA THETA

PLEDGE DUTIES

SONGS

KNOWING YOUR CAMPUS

REQUIREMENTS OF A BROTHER

HOW ZETA THETA CHAPTER IS GOVERNED

CHAPTER FINANCE

CHAPTER PROGRAM

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

RULES OF ORDER

1. *Foreword*: This is a brief word of welcome to the pledge. This should be on a friendly basis and should be intended to give the pledge a true feeling of welcome into pledgship of the fraternity. The foreword should also briefly state to the pledge why he was accepted to pledge, standards, etc.
2. *Brief History*: This can be very easily written by the chapter Historian. However, it must be written in a manner pleasant to read. If the history is not written in a pleasing manner, the manual will definitely lose value.
3. *Pledge Duties*: A pledge's duties are very important. Although these are covered in the national manual, which we still continue to distribute to our pledges, it was felt that the duties should be repeated and placed on a chapter level.
4. *Songs*: On this page the Alma Mater of the college was placed along with our Toast Song.
5. *Knowing Your Campus*: This page includes the names of landmarks, deans, and officers of

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SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

Illinois, Penn State and Purdue Hold Special Meetings Commemorating Twenty-Five Years of Service

Recently Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a combined anniversary banquet and initiation ceremony. The chapter was originally chartered on March 31, 1932, by eighteen students and advisors. Five of these founders returned to attend the anniversary banquet. The pledge class was dedicated in honor of one of the advisors, Robert S. Chamberlain.

At Purdue University, Alpha Gamma Chapter celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, the chapter having been officially installed May 20, 1932.

Four of the founders were present at this commemoration and the pledge class initiated was dedicated in memory of Lowell Franklin Baker.

Professor Daniel Den Uyl, Past National President, and Sidney B. North, National Executive Secretary, were present and addressed both the Alpha Alpha Chapter and Alpha Gamma Chapter silver anniversary meetings.

Finals or No Finals

Were you to ask any student at The Pennsylvania State University how he plans to spend May 26 of any year, most invariably the answer would be "study for finals," and rightly so for no one seems to have time for anything else. The story was somewhat different in the case of Francis Ventre, Alpha Beta Chapter's Alumni Secretary, who, with the assistance of pledges, was determined that the chapter would celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on its founding date last May 26, finals or no finals. After much discussion of the possibilities, Fran was given the chapter's full support.

Thus, on May 26 when Dr. Eric A. Walker, new president of the university, was initiated into Alpha Beta Chapter as an honorary member, he was doubly honored by having the Spring pledge class dedicated to him and being himself initiated on the chapter's twenty-fifth anniversary. Dr. Walker was so honored because of his

fine administrative ability as President of Penn State and his activity in community affairs before he became president. Writes Wayne Lippman, Historian, "It can be truthfully said of him that he has given wonderful service to both the student body and the community."

At the conclusion of the impressive initiation, Ernest Gackenbach, a member of the first pledge class, read the charter which was presented to Alpha Beta Chapter at its installation twenty-five years ago. Several short speeches followed; one by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Professor H. Norton Cope; one by Dr. Walker and several by charter alumni who returned for this important occasion.

Continuous Service

These three chapters have rendered excellent service to campus and community throughout the past quarter of a century and some of the projects which they developed in other years have become widespread services of AΦΩ throughout the nation.

Some of the recent projects of Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois include open house during Freshman Week, assisting in the Campus Chest Drive, guided tours of the campus, decorating the broadwalk at Christmastime, display at high school circus, Mother's Day open house, scholarship fund established through Ugly Man proceeds, Christmas party at an orphanage, leadership in the Boy Scout "Learn to Swim" program, Spring clean-up at Camp Drake, assistance at the Council camporee and other projects.

Looking back on a quarter century of service at Penn State, Alpha Beta Chapter has a strong service record. Some of the projects have been the annual Easter Egg hunt, a tremendous Hungarian Relief drive last year, fund-raising activities for the Campus Chest, Cancer Research and Heart Fund, assistance during Orientation Week, work at the Seven Mountains Boy Scout Camp, annual Keep Off



Recognition pin of Alpha Phi Omega is presented to Dr. Eric A. Walker, President of The Pennsylvania State University, following his initiation as an honorary member. The ceremony was part of the 25th anniversary program commemorating the establishment of Alpha Beta Chapter in 1932. Shown making the presentation is Robert W. Koehler, then Recording Secretary. Dr. Walker was a Scout in his boyhood years and later served as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

the Grass Campaign and numerous other projects.

At Purdue University, Alpha Gamma Chapter's service program has long been outstanding. Some of the projects in the twenty-five years' history include handling campus elections, running the scoreboard for football games, selling identification buttons for homecoming, conducting all-campus tours, assistance to the Scholarship Office, aid to crippled students,

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A College President Writes

Dr. W. S. Paul, President of Gettysburg College, wrote recently:

"I want to personally commend to the attention of the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity the fine record the Gettysburg College chapter has achieved here on campus.

"A recent Asian flu epidemic pointed up again, to all of us, the valuable service this group gives to the campus. A total of 230 man-hours of time was donated by the Gettysburg College A.P.O. during the emergency. We are grateful for their willingness to help, not only in time of great need, but at all times they stand ready to assist in any college enterprise.

"We use them regularly as guides for campus visitors; for able assistants when the Freshmen arrive each fall; for ushers at big college functions in our Chapel and Gymnasium; for help during Registration, and for many minor functions. I want you to know we appreciate what they do and for the cheerfulness with which they do all their tasks."

Active Recruiter

Pledge Paul Orr, working as a one-man recruiting team, introduced to THETA BETA CHAPTER seven of the winter quarter pledge class of eight members. The class is named the "G. Brooks Earnest Pledge Class" in honor of the President of *Fenn College*. This is reported by John A. Baird, Vice President.

Aid Children's Home

This work team at the Easton Children's Home is made up of members of ALPHA CHAPTER at Lafayette College. Left to right are Guy Seeley, Al Grieb, Glenn Fatzinger and Wilson DeCamp. The chapter recently did extensive work beautifying the grounds at the home. This picture is by courtesy of G. D. Hartman of the Ingersoll-Rand News Staff.

Conduct Elections

ETA NU CHAPTER at *St. John's University* in Minnesota supervised the voting booths for campus elections for positions on the Student Council. The pledge class, with Jerry Pierre as Pledgemaster, has built two picnic tables and repaired and painted many other tables for the campus picnic grounds. During football games the members supervised parking of cars.

Growth at Miami

This year ALPHA PI CHAPTER is making great advances on the *Miami* campus. For the Ugly Man on campus the chapter installed a "Kickoff Assembly" which featured the introduction of all candidates. Besides this there was a jazz quintet and a fraternity quartet to supply entertainment. This assembly held in the Student Union was just the impetus needed to make this year's contest a huge success, both in contestants and in profits. The chapter is thoroughly convinced that this was so good that it will be a yearly attraction to the UMOC.

Canoe Trip

On October 6, ALPHA CHI CHAPTER members and pledges at *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* met to go on a canoe trip. In a convoy of seven canoes they peacefully paddled up the Concord River for about an hour and a half, stopping only to see the Minute Man statue, before taking a break for lunch. Then the fun began. Numerous battles were engaged in, and five valorous warriors were washed out. Then, tired and happy, and soggy, they returned to the boat-house. This is reported by Robert Berk in the *Apocrypha*, chapter newsletter, and he invites members to plan now for the next canoe trip.

Movie Program

IOTA TAU CHAPTER sponsors a movie program at *St. Olaf College* and anticipates about \$200.00 for their scholarship fund. The chapter is assuming full responsibility for management of the project which has potential of earning a large amount for deserving students.



Texas Tech Homecoming

The 1957 Homecoming at *Texas Tech* was a great success from all aspects. This success was the result of long planning and arranging by members of the BETA SIGMA CHAPTER of Alpha Phi Omega with the help of other organizations on campus. The undertaking of the tremendous project by Beta Sigma Chapter reflects the close working of the brotherhood of the fraternity upon the Tech community. It is an example of how men who work and plan together can accomplish a great feat, each doing his own part that goes together with all of the parts of the other members to make one large production which is seen by many persons.

This year something new was added to the Tech Homecoming—a Freshman School Spirit Conclave for all freshmen. It was pioneered with the leadership of AΦΩ members and was termed as a success by the administration and is expected to become a regular part of Homecoming, helping give freshmen better ties with the Tech family.

The outcome of the careful planning was highlighted with the coronation of the Homecoming Queen and colorful parade with some thirty-six floats, numerous bands and ROTC units. Homecoming was topped off with the half-time activities at the football game and dance.

The Exes also saw the workings of Beta Sigma Chapter in a luncheon for them and in setting up registration booths for them to register and receive information.

Even though this year's Homecoming at Tech was a great success we learned many ways in which we can greatly improve our Homecomings of the future, reports the chapter.

Assist in Epidemic

IOTA OMICRON CHAPTER rendered fine service to *Gettysburg College* during the recent flu epidemic. This is one of many services being carried out this year as reported by Dean J. Sell, Past President.

Ugly Man Publicity

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER'S Ugly Man Contest at the *University of Minnesota* has received coverage in the *Minneapolis Star*. Pictures of six contestants appeared in a recent issue of the newspaper.

UNITED FUND DRIVE



Iota Chi Chapter at Northern Michigan College sponsored a Community Chest booth as its contribution to the United Fund drive. Shown in the picture from left to right are George Truckey, President, and Ted Harske, Treasurer, receiving a contribution from one of Northern's students. The booth was very well received by the student body judging from the money contributed. Letters from several other campus organizations were received by the chapter complimenting Alpha Phi Omega on its initiative in setting up the booth. This is reported by Tom Nyquist, Publicity Chairman.

"MR. LEGS" CONTEST AT EMPORIA STATE



Shown here is the voting in process in Epsilon Alpha Chapter's recent "Mr. Legs" contest. This is a variation of the popular Ugly Man contest and was held in connection with the Community Chest drive. At one cent a vote Alpha Phi Omega sparked the campaign, bringing in more money than all other organizations combined. The placard in front of the table shows the kind of publicity posters used by candidates. At the microphone, keeping this campaign before the attention of the students, is Clyde Goulden, Past President.

Campus Editorials

KUDOS

All too rarely around here something really warm and unselfish happens that restores, at least for the time being, one's faith in the decency and charity of human beings. A story on the front page last week records just such an incident.

In offering much needed transportation from the Health Center to the infirmary, the members of Alpha Phi Omega have made a real, effective, and needed contribution to the general welfare of the community.

Operating in self-imposed obscurity, APO describes itself as a service fraternity (motto: "altruism in action"); one can only wish that its activities were more widely recognized and its aims and attitudes more widely shared.

We naturally urge the Health Department to expedite approval of APO's patently needed aid.

The above editorial from the Yale Daily News is a fine tribute to a new project of Delta Nu Chapter. The University, not having an ambulance to take emergency cases to the hospital, Delta Nu Chapter volunteered the car of its Vice President, Tom Price, on a full time basis for such service. The chapter provides drivers, gasoline, and pays all expense of this service. The President, John Foreman, assigned Ed Brown, Service Chairman, to obtain required permits from the Deans, the police, and the Department of University Health. With everyone cooperating, the car is now in service.

A FUNNY GROUP

Alpha Phi Omega begins rush tomorrow evening. Pound for pound and activity for activity, AΦΩ is the finest organization, social or otherwise, on the UNM campus. It's a funny group. It does the dirty work.

It puts out the student directory, an agonizing chore. It grinds out the student handbook during the summer vacation. It organizes the football card stunts. It places thousands of luminaries for special events, and cleans up the mess at dawn the day after. It visits the infirmary with material aids for the patients as well as a friendly handshake. It sponsors a Toy Dance for needy children.

Alpha Phi Omega does nothing glamorous. It is actually hard to see why anyone would want to devote his time to a service group with so few rewards. Maybe a couple of dozen campus spirited men will pledge AΦΩ at the end of the week. Every single one of them will contribute more than any other single student to the welfare of UNM. We hope they pledge 200.

This editorial from the student newspaper of the University of New Mexico is a fine tribute to the program of Delta Tau Chapter.

Rider Service

EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER at *Teachers College of Connecticut* has established a rider service to bring together drivers and passengers and a coat-checking service for campus events. This is reported by Professor John B. Bulman, Chairman of Advisory Committee.

Aid Freshmen

LAMBDA EPSILON CHAPTER at *St. Cloud State Teachers College* assisted with freshman orientation at the opening of the Fall semester. An all-college picnic was sponsored to raise money for the campus chest. During homecoming the chapter sold balloons to be released at a kick-off, reports Bob Johnson, Past President.

Blood Drive

DELTA ETA CHAPTER at *Oregon State College* started the past Fall season with an opening meeting featuring Guy Miller, Scout Executive. Shortly after the rush meeting a picnic was held for prospective new members. A project new to the chapter was the sponsoring of an all-campus blood drive, and despite obstacles of inexperience and the flu-plagued student body, the drive was the second largest collection in history and Roger Wood, who served as chairman, deserves highest compliments for his leadership in it.

Another new project participated in by the chapter was the distribution of the booklet "Careers for the College Man" to engineering and science students. This netted the treasury about \$45.00. A scout swim rounded out the Fall term activities. This is reported by Richard Williams, President.

Blood Typing

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER at the *University of Minnesota* had Josef K. Mestenhauser, of Epsilon Rho Chapter at Eastern Washington College of Education, as guest speaker at its Fall initiation banquet. Brother Mestenhauser is Director of the Foreign Student Program at the University of Minnesota while working toward his doctorate. The chapter has recently conducted a major campus service project by typing the blood of students. This is reported by Manfred O. Aws, member of the National Executive Board.

Weekly Swimming Instruction

LAMBDA PSI CHAPTER at *Colorado State College* has reported an excellent list of projects conducted in the Fall quarter. These include swimming instruction for Scouts every Saturday morning, maintaining a lost and found service, working with freshmen on bonfire and torch parade, distributed programs for homecoming, helped Boy Scouts set up for bean feed, assisted at square dance festival, aided the health service with X-rays and polio shots, and gave information to students at the University of Wyoming toward establishing a new AΦΩ chapter. This news is from Earle K. Behrend, Presidential Representative, who reports that Lambda Psi Chapter is highly respected and is firmly established on the campus.

HOW TO DESCRIBE ALPHA PHI OMEGA TO A PROSPECTIVE NEW PLEDGE

When a prospective pledge asks about Alpha Phi Omega, how should you define our organization?

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity, composed of college and university men who are or have been previously affiliated with the Boy Scouts and who have joined together to render service.

What are the requirements for membership?

There are three requirements for membership in Alpha Phi Omega: (1) Previous training in Scouting. (2) Desire to render service to others. (3) Satisfactory scholastic standing.

What Scouting experience is necessary to be eligible for membership?

For membership in AΦΩ, one must have been affiliated with the Boy Scout movement. He must have taken an active part as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer or Scouter.

What are the two purposes for open meetings in the chapter?

The two main purposes of chapter open meetings are: First, to greet and welcome new former Scouts; and second, to explain to them the program and activities of your chapter and the national fraternity.

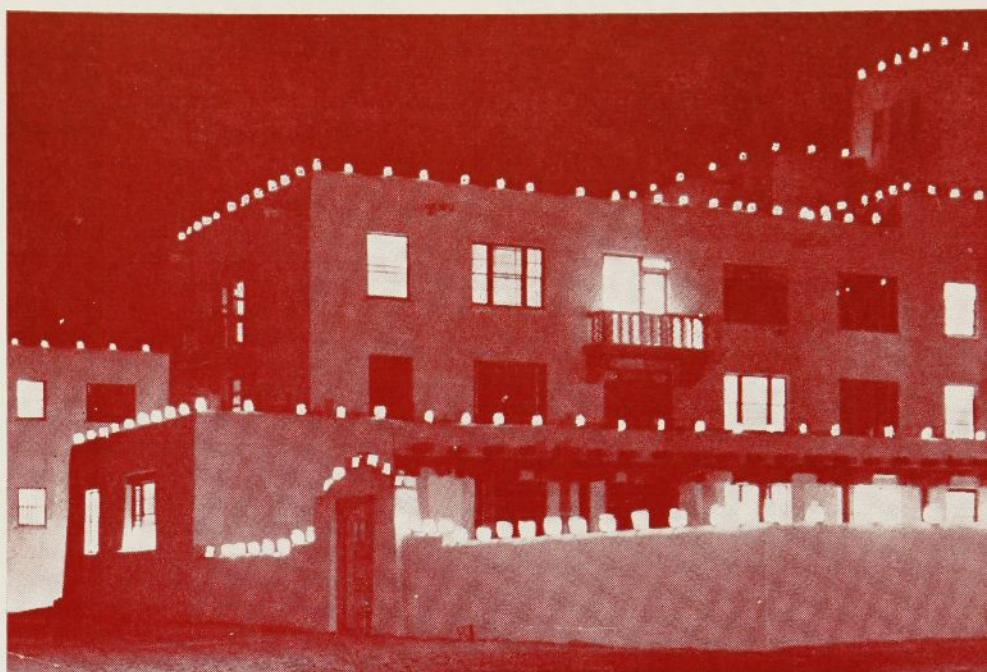
What is the reason for a period of pledgship in Alpha Phi Omega?

Pledgship in AΦΩ is for the purpose of introducing each new pledge to the history, traditions and principles of our brotherhood, and to give the pledge opportunity to prove his desire to serve in our four fields of endeavor.

Does affiliation with other fraternal groups preclude membership in Alpha Phi Omega?

No, affiliation with other fraternal groups does not affect membership in AΦΩ. Members of other honorary, social and professional organizations are welcome to become members of Alpha Phi Omega upon meeting the chapter and national entrance requirements.

LUMINARIES AT NEW MEXICO



Delta Tau Chapter provides luminaries for the men's dormitory at the University of New Mexico the night before homecoming. Above is shown the brilliance of the scene with candles shining in paper sacks.

Alpha Phi Omega Members at 198th National Training School for Scout Executives



Shown here are members of Alpha Phi Omega who attended the 198th National Training School for Scout Executives at the Schiff Scout Reservation. Left to right, standing, are A. Robert Maurice, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Missouri Valley College; Dillard B. Shieler, Zeta Xi Chapter, Southern Oregon College of Education; Robert F. Etheridge, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Missouri Valley College; Warren E. Mead, Lambda Phi Chapter, Eastern Michigan College; Edward Wilson, Beta Sigma Chapter, Texas Tech; Gerald M. Plessner, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Missouri Valley College. Kneeling, left to right, are Paul C. Wargon, Alpha Gamma Chapter, Purdue University; and Raymond Kobald, Zeta Alpha Chapter, Bradley University. This picture is by courtesy of Paul C. Wargon.

Newsletter Clips

From ZETA IOTA CHAPTER's newsletter at *Temple University*:

Open Letter to a 1957 Pledge

Dear Pledge:

It too often happens that the prospective pledge gets the idea that the pledge period is a time when he must carry on extra-heavy burden of unpleasant chores. However, this is not the case in Alpha Phi Omega. In $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ the pledge period is a type of orientation period during which the pledge learns the history of the fraternity, its traditions, its songs, and fully participates in all of its activities. Perhaps most important of all it is the time when the pledge gets to know the brothers; it is the period when he may be molding life-long friendships.

The required fifteen hours of work for the pledge during the semester is not intended as a punishment or hazing, but as the time when the newcomer to the fraternity can get his hand into all of the projects and actually participate rather than merely stand aside and watch. I might mention that there is no hazing or other juvenile behaviour in Alpha Phi Omega. Pledges are not required to render personal services for any of the brothers.

The pledge in $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ is expected to attend all chapter functions. This includes service projects, athletic events and social activities.

Yes, the newcomer in $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ can look forward to the pledging period as a time of some work, loads of fun, and getting to know the brothers who make Alpha Phi Omega the great fraternity it is.

—Past President Mel Yudis

In the Cause of Science

Here is an amusing anecdote arising out of LAMBDA THETA CHAPTER's Ugly Man Contest:

Professor of Physics Allan M. Sachs, who is *Columbia College's* Ugliest for 1957, was lecturing to his class on the atomic composition of the elements when he realized that he needed a piece of silver to bombard



with neutrons in order to demonstrate a point. He began to ask the class to volunteer a silver half-dollar, but then he thought again and reached into his pocket. He placed the small silver Ugly Man medal he had won two days before on a hook and lowered it into the neutron source.

While the Geiger counter ticked off the radiation count at a rapid pace, Professor Sachs asked for questions about the demonstration of the conversion of silver into cadmium. One of the chapter members worriedly raised his hand and asked, "Does the medal remain as cadmium or can you convert it back to silver?"

The Ugly Professor gloatingly replied, "Yes! It remains cadmium!" Any other questions?

The chapter member was heard to mumble, "It's all for the cause of science—even our silver Ugly Man medal."

This is reported by Jerry Wacks.

Praise for Strong Program

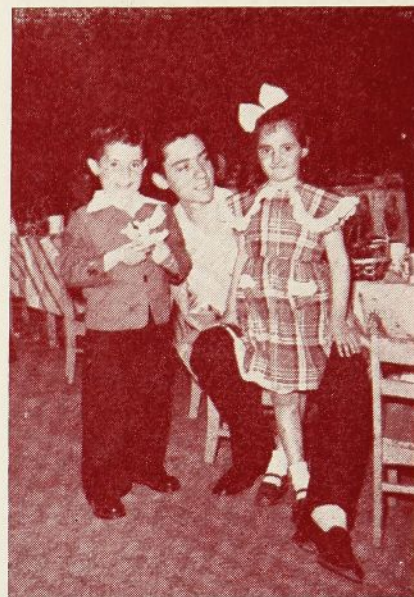
The immediate past Editor of *Aponauc*, the newsletter of DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER at the *University of Connecticut*, writes:

"It is customary for the Editor to be a graduating senior and for him to write an editorial for the last edition. This editorial has always been by tradition a statement of the faults of the chapter.

"I fortunately must break this tradition, for I feel that, for as far back as I can remember, there has been no year quite as successful as this one. It seems as though everything we have touched has turned to gold (the truth of this is borne out by our bank-book). Our success, of course, cannot be judged by our ability to get funds alone, but must be judged more by our degree of success in fulfilling our goal of service.

"The cynical may say, 'What success?' I find no difficulty in answering this question. This year old projects including the bloodmobile, registration, elections, Scouting, tours, concessions,

PARTY FOR CHILDREN



Kappa Epsilon Chapter at Wagner College entertained seventy-five children of St. Michael's Home at an Easter Party last Spring. Easter baskets were assembled by the members who also furnished motion pictures, games, prizes and an Easter Bunny. Shown above is Don Crocitto with two of the children.

benches, and others too numerous to remember took on a new prominence due to their increased activity. We have added new projects of which we should be proud: Jonathan's Kennel, sad for want of repairs, will be rebuilt by Delta Sigma Chapter. After poor handling by other organizations, $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ was handed the auditorium concession and has shown how to do a good job. Recently we have taken on a project which makes me exceptionally proud, this project being that of providing the personnel, at our expense, and handling the administrative matters of giving the students on campus the opportunity of obtaining Salk polio vaccine. The Community Chest Carnival, an old project, to be sure, proved quite successful. The Book Exchange has shown possibilities in spite of great difficulties, and the Ride Service has built a bulletin board in the Student Union.

"Now maybe you see why I can't condemn, but only praise. With a good balance in the treasury, even more may be done in the future. It remains, I presume, for the next Editor to condemn or praise, depending on how well this money is used in the next semester."

Alumni Opportunity

Listed below are the names and addresses of the Presidents of the eight alumni chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. Brother Manfred O. Aws, Chairman of the Extension Committee for Alumni, requests that the collegiate chapters notify these leaders concerning alumni living in or near the cities in which the alumni chapters are located.

Buffalo Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. Richard Couch
45 Crescent Road
Grand Island, New York

Chicago Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. Ralph J. Godzicki
3101 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Greater Los Angeles Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. Charles F. Veden
1349 Thompson Avenue
Glendale 1, California

Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. Morris Selsky
2330 West Roosevelt Drive
Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin

Philadelphia Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. Carl Link
3047 Stony Creek Road
Norristown, Pennsylvania

San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. John S. McKenty
480 Francisco Street
San Francisco, California

Santa Clara Valley Alumni Chapter

Mr. George L. Michaelson
3374 Fowler Avenue
Santa Clara, California

Twin City Area Alumni Chapter

Mr. William H. Hawes
3612 53rd Avenue North
Minneapolis 22, Minnesota

Active-Pledge Game

From the *Arapout News* of ALPHA RHO CHAPTER at *University of Texas* comes this story about the football game at the Fall picnic of pledges and actives:

"Unfortunately, the score of the Pledge-Active football game was not as great as that predicted in the *Arapout*. But the final was a whooping 26-6 victory for the fighting, active chapter. The actives used a single platoon with a few defensive plays to thwart two platoons of lowly pledge players.

"The actives scored twice in the first half and thrice in the second, featuring the flinging of Marshall Thompson and the catching of Guy Robinson and Fritz Schlather. The lowly pledges managed only one marker in the first half."

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conducting a traffic census for West Lafayette, Ugly Man contest for the Community Chest, conducting swimming and lifesaving classes at the YMCA, setting up a gateway at the Girl Scout camp, furnishing leadership at the local community center and many other fine projects.

Our fraternity heartily congratulates these three chapters upon the tremendous service they have rendered to campus and community for the past twenty-five years.

CHAPTER PLEDGE MANUAL

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Drexel. A space was left after each title to allow the pledge to write in comments or the name of the office holder.

6. *Requirements of a Brother:* Essential to a manual is this feature. Every pledge should know what is expected of him if and when he enters into brotherhood.
7. *How Zeta Theta Chapter is Governed:* In this short section is brought out the fact that we have a constitution, bylaws and rules. A few words describing each were written.
8. *Chapter Finance:* Money is very important to the proper operation of a fraternity. It takes funds to run a chapter. Therefore, the pledge should be informed as to what will be expected of him in this phase of fraternity obligation. This section also states how our budget is drawn up. Definite amounts and dates of payment are plainly stated.
9. *Chapter Program:* An entire page is devoted to this subject. Only headings of our four fields of service are printed. The blank spaces after each heading are for the pledge to write in the projects he participated in for that field. This teaches the pledge what projects we have and helps him learn the four fields of service.
10. *Chapter Administration:* On this page a list of officers and standing committees are placed. After each title a space was left for the pledge to write in the name of the official. This also provides a memory aid. The blank space after the title does not date the manual by having permanent names in the spaces.
11. *Rules of Order:* The last item in

the manual is a Simplified Rules of Order (parliamentary procedure). Our Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman wrote this. Every pledge should fully understand parliamentary procedure, since it will enable him to speak up at a chapter meeting or pledge meeting respecting the rights of others while protecting himself.

On the very last page of the manual the names of those who contributed to the success of the manual were recorded.

I sincerely hope that this report will enable and spur you on to see that *your* chapter has its own pledge manual, and that *your* pledges will bring praise and pride to *your* chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

If any chapter desires a copy of our manual they should write to Mel Black c/o Zeta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Do You Wear an Alpha Phi Omega Pin or Key?



If you have not yet purchased a pin or key, get one as soon as convenient. You will enjoy wearing APO insignia. Above is pictured the standard pearl center key which costs \$16.25, plus ten per cent federal tax and any state and city tax which applies in your locality. Other qualities of pins and keys are priced from \$2.75 to \$28.00.

An illustrated list is available upon request to our National Office. Also, if your chapter treasurer does not have Balfour order blanks on hand, a supply can be obtained by writing to our office.

Safety Service

Here's a project of timely importance for every Alpha Phi Omega Chapter

President Eisenhower has urged the Boy Scouts of America to adopt Safety as a service project for 1958. He said, "In our land each individual is of inestimable worth, yet in no other land do accidents cause a more terrible loss of human life and limb. This fact cannot be passively accepted. We must seek new ways to save the basic resources of our nation: its people. Let's alert the public to the urgent need for reducing the tragic toll of accidents."

In past years numerous chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have promoted safety through projects on the campus and in the community. Now we have further opportunity to serve along with thousands of our younger brothers in emphasizing the importance of safety.

Here are suggestions of how your chapter can render service: (1) Conduct a survey of fire hazards for the college. (2) Promote traffic safety on the campus in cooperation with the buildings and grounds department and campus police. (3) Through publicity cause the entire campus to be conscious of safety in the laboratories, in the swimming pool, in dormitories and houses. (4) Boost the Scout safety good turn through cooperation with your local Scout council.

Alpha Phi Omega will be represented at the Fifth National Conference on Campus Safety, to be held at Pasadena, California, March 24 to 26, 1958. A few of the topics to be discussed include: Research and Developments in Traffic Safety, Organization and Prevention of Fires, Architects View on Building Safety, Latest Developments in Safety Equipment and Clothing, Safety in the Swimming Pool, Safety in the Laboratories, and Operations of a Fire School.

BULLETIN BOARD

PROJECTS

Here are some suggested projects for the Spring months:

An egg hunt for children is always an enjoyable and beneficial project at Eastertime, for children of an orphans home or other group.

The sale of Easter Seals will help the National Society for Crippled Children.

The Ugly Man Contest is a very popular $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ project for raising money for a benevolent cause.

Chapter assistance at a Scout Camporee can be very useful.

Campus clean-up and beautification is another good project for Spring.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Does your chapter make effective use of its Executive Committee? This committee, made up of the Chapter Officers, Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Scout Executive, has a real responsibility to coordinate chapter functions, outline the chapter calendar in advance, advise with the operating committees concerning their responsibilities, analyze any problems and plan their solution, and set up the chapter budget.

Planning by your Executive Committee is important.