

Torch & Trefoil

Fall/'70

***APO Heads for the
Lone Star State . . .***

**21st Annual
Convention**

December 27-29



His family includes his wife, Louise, his son, Larry, an alumnus of Pi chapter, and two married daughters, Marsha and Carol. He is an active member of the Methodist church, and of various civic organizations in Evanston.

TWENTY-FIRST

National Convention

Student Chairman Mike W. Maloney, Alpha Omicron, Southern Methodist University, will call to order the opening session of Alpha Phi Omega's 21st National Convention, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 27, 1970. More than 1,500 chapter representatives, delegates and friends and alumni are expected to attend the three-day convention, to be held in the Marriott Motor Hotel, Dallas.

Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, the National President, will deliver the keynote address. During the day, delegates will be registering in from chapters as far apart as Alaska and Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Maine.

The Sunday program will include a meeting of the national officers and Board of Directors, a general session in which Convention Rules and the Order of Business will be adopted, and a briefing for Convention Committee members.

Sunday evening the opening Fellowship Banquet is scheduled. Astronaut James A. Lovell, Jr., Beta Theta, '47, University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been invited to speak. Brother Lovell has spent more hours in outer space than any living person. He wore his APO pin when he circumnavigated the moon on the historic Apollo 8 mission.

Fellowship gatherings will follow the dinner.

The busiest and most occupied student leaders at the convention will be those serving on National Convention Arrangements Committees and those designated to serve on the committees considering Nominations, Time and Place, Amendments to the By-Laws and Resolutions. The chairmen of the various Arrangements Committees are listed in the table on the next page.

Those in charge of the other committees are yet to be designated by the national president. All of them will include representatives from each of the ten regions.

Monday morning, December 28, there will be a general session. The theme for this will be "Reality of Service." Dr. W. Walter Menninger, Zeta, '50, Leland Stanford University, is expected to be the guest speaker. He is one of America's best known psychiatrists.

Monday afternoon a twofold program is planned. Study commissions will report and Convention Committees likewise, if they are ready to do so. In addition, for the first time in APO history, Brothers will have an opportunity to engage in significant Service projects, selected and planned by the host committees. Action will be the order of the day. We will perform a variety of Services, not just talk about them.

Fun and fellowship will feature

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the Tuesday night chuck wagon Texas-style barbecue. Food in quantity and quality is guaranteed by the Marriott management.

Prominent alumni will be there to greet you. Music and laughter and song, APO style, will make this a most memorable occasion.

Committee	Chairman	Chapter
VIP Hosting	Ron Smith 303 Live Oak College Station, Tex. 713-846-4908	Xi Delta Texas A&M
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Events on the final day of the convention, Tuesday, December 29, will include the election of the national president, the national vice president and five national executive committeemen. The convention also will elect two trustees to serve on the National Endowment Committee.

The ten regions will hold separate business meetings. Regions 1-3-4-5-7-9 will each elect one representative to the national Board of Directors. A Region 4 election will be held to fill a vacancy. The terms of representatives from Regions 2-6-8 and 10 do not expire until 1972.

By unanimous action the Convention Committee has invited Dr. H. Roe Bartle, senior past national President and spokesman extraordinary of A Phi O, to deliver the challenge at the closing Awards and Recognitions Banquet. The newly elected president will receive the gavel from the outgoing president.

The National Distinguished Service Award will be conferred. This is the fraternity's highest distinction and calls for Service over and beyond the call of duty in APO.

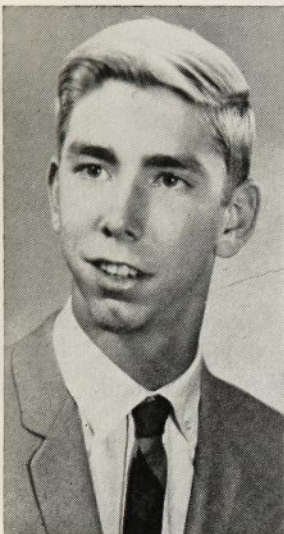
The top 52 chapters will be recognized and so will a number of Brothers who have been outstanding in leadership and service through Alpha Phi Omega.

The success of the convention will depend upon the participation of each and every chapter. Every chapter is entitled to two voting delegates. Every pledge and active member and advisor of the fraternity is eligible to register and attend and so are life members and alumni.

See you at Dallas, December 27-28-29.

Men of Alpha Phi Omega:

Michael W. Maloney, Convention '70 Student Chairman, Alpha Omicron, S.M.U.



Several weeks ago the Student Committee Chairmen for the 1970 National Convention met at the convention site here in Dallas. At that time we discussed what tasks need to be done to make this Christmas Convention one we will always remember. Since our job is enormous, I invite all of you to write me or any of these men with any ideas or questions you might have.

Now we all realize that conventions meet to conduct important business, but we, the Chairmen, have set our

principal goal—to insure that everyone has a terrific time, whether they be involved in business or pleasure. While doing this we are ever-mindful that the active chapters of our fraternity consist of students; we are the reason for having a convention, and I assure you, the 1970 APO Convention will be organized and run by students.

I have one important idea to share with you before I close. As our Service Fraternity moves into the Seventies, we would like to do some-

thing especially appropriate—together. We would like to conduct a service project on a grand scale here in Dallas, while the convention is in session. Plans for such an undertaking are already underway, and I would appreciate your reaction to such an experience.

I am anticipating a big turn-out here in Dallas come convention time.

Fraternally,

Mike Maloney
Student Chairman

An Open Letter From The President . . .

Our fraternity owes great gratitude and appreciation to the man who has served as our Executive Director for the past eleven years: to Brother Joseph J. Scanlon. Lawyer, Scouting professional, community leader—from these exceptional skills and experiences Joe has helped bring APO to a position of strength and acknowledged influence, a base upon which continued future growth can build effectively.

Brother Scanlon has now passed his 66th year and has indicated his wish for the fraternity to consider the question of new professional leadership for its national organization. The National Executive Committee has received

this advice with understanding and has recommended to the entire National Board of Directors that it accept Brother Scanlon's retirement with an effective date sometime after January 1, 1971, and not later than August 31, 1972.

The Executive Committee is prepared to receive nominations and to respond to inquiries concerning the post of Executive Director. These may be directed to the National President at the address shown below. The Executive Committee will gather materials and with the National Board of Directors will review candidates with the intention of presenting the Dallas Convention with an action creating a succession.

The job description and conditions of employment are the responsibility of the National Board of Directors. The National Executive Committee is the functioning committee for purposes of nominations and screening.

Respectfully and
fraternally yours,

Dr. Glen T. Nygreen
National President
97 Highland Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Convention '70 Topic . . .

Leadership

By Aubrey B. Hamilton
National Vice President and Legal Counsel



Three years ago Alpha Phi Omega faced up to the need to put its national house in order.

The fraternity accomplished this through the work of chapter delegates assembled in a specially called Constitutional Convention. Now the fraternity faces the need to put its house in order on the chapter level. Chapter officers are confronted with problems now that did not exist three years ago. Our entire program of what constitutes Service is going through the wringer of campus opinion on what is significant, and what is truly helpful to people in need on campus and off. Unless we tackle this problem and learn how to master it, we may find ourselves in the limbo of organizations that have been great in the past, but are out of step with the times.

Convention '70 is the place to take action on the development of a Leadership Guidance Program for chapters and sections.

6 There are those who feel the answer is to hold a National Leadership Development Conference. We might do this at the Kellogg Center at Norman, Okla., where we held the Constitutional Convention or at a facility available on a campus such as Colorado State University, just to mention two places. Those who favor this plan envision a gathering of chapter representatives and known experts in the field of training and guidance of men for positions of leadership and trust. We could call in authorities in such fields as community service and from organizations that rely on volunteers to assist in their work with the mentally retarded, underprivileged youth, and the like. There is much to be said for this approach. The fraternity would have to invest funds to do this and chapters

would have to devise ways and means to send representatives, preferably those on the sophomore and junior class level.

Others feel we need to develop Leadership Guidance by training our ten regional representatives and at least two carefully selected competent undergraduate Brothers from each region and use them as a cadre to set up guidance in their respective regions. This plan would envision an appropriation to pay the expenses of the approximately 30 or more persons involved.

Regardless of the method we select, the important thing is to take action at the Dallas Convention. We have talked about this long enough. The fraternity has the talent to get this job done, if we are determined to do it.

Alpha Phi Omega has been years ahead of campus organizations through its concentration on meaningful Service as the best reason for men to associate together in a true sense of Brotherhood. It is very evident today that this is precisely the direction which informed college men are taking. Let's stay in the lead.

Editor's note: *Brother Hamilton serves both as National Vice President and Legal Counsel for Alpha Phi Omega. He is a distinguished member of the American Bar Association, a National Director of Child Welfare and for twenty years he served as Corporation Attorney for the City of St. Louis. He is especially proud of the fact that he was the founding father of Alpha Phi chapter, Washington University, March 13, 1936.*

Let's Help Break Down . . .

At the National Convention, Architectural Barriers (AB) will be proposed as a National Service Project. If accepted, what will this project mean to your chapter?

First of all, your involvement

will depend on the size of your chapter. Actually, AB is a composite of many individual projects, all dedicated to helping the disabled through the elimination

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Architectural Barriers . . .

a national issue



Architectural Barriers Continued

of Architectural Barriers (see article in Spring *Torch & Trefoil*). A complete project can consist of constructing several ramps, or symbols that indicate an accessible entrance or with enough manpower, a survey of some or all buildings on campus can result in the publication of a guide for disabled students.

Several chapters have already requested information on various aspects of the project. A bibliography of pertinent literature concerning AB has been compiled and is available to all chapters.

Many inquiries and letters of support have also been received from professionals and prominent public officials. Aware that this project may be carried out on a national scale, these people realize the potential impact and have displayed great interest resulting in much favorable publicity for our fraternity. APO has been cited for its efforts in

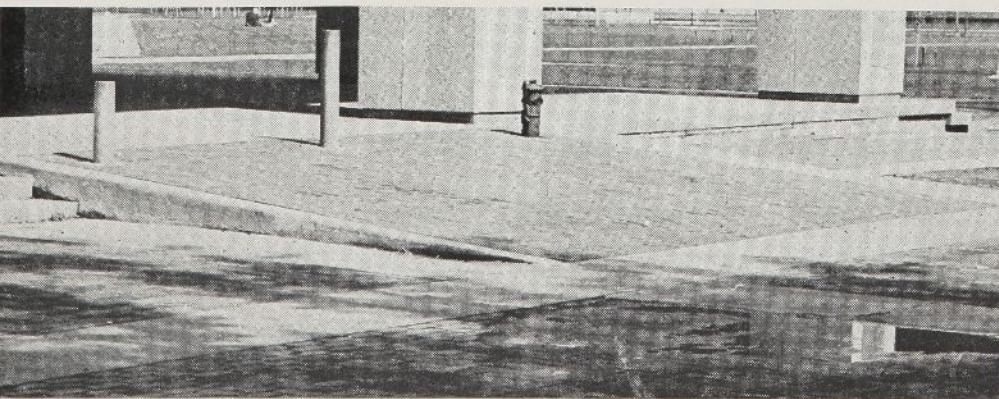
AB in both houses of Congress, most recently by Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. He had this to say in a letter to us:

"I was very pleased to learn of this project. . . . I wish success in your endeavor to eliminate Architectural Barriers and hope that your National Convention will ratify the adoption of this project in December."

By accepting this project, the fraternity will be united in a service to the permanently and temporarily disabled citizens. Each chapter will develop their own AB service program sharing their experience and drawing on the experiences of other chapters, furthering the use of inter-chapter communications.

AB is a diverse project for a diverse fraternity. Together we can help break down Architectural Barriers while improving our image as *the* National Service Fraternity.

*Architectural Barriers Committee
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Phi Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega
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Syracuse, New York 13210*



X-81-Room A:

A Room Out of Darkness

By Jim Phillips

**Beta Sigma Chapter
Texas Tech University**

For the past several years, the Brothers of Beta Sigma Chapter have been actively engaged in helping the blind students enroll at Texas Tech by taping the required educational materials for their use, at no charge to them, and by providing volunteer readers who help the blind students with their individual academic needs.

However, due to other service projects, these services were not effectively carried out. Therefore, in early 1969, the chapter decided to expand the project in the following ways:

- By involving the student body of Texas Tech and the people of Lubbock actively in the program of service to the blind students.
- By obtaining financial aid from interested church and civic groups which will enable the program to be maintained.

In February, 1969, approximately 240 letters were mailed to individual organizations at Texas Tech (sororities, fraternities, dormitories, etc.) and to civic groups in Lubbock (Lion's Clubs, Optimist Clubs,

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etc.), in which definite aid was asked in two areas:

- Volunteer Workers—Individuals who would be willing to help either tape the required materials or act as readers for the blind students.
- Financial Assistance—Including tapes and tape recorders.

Shortly after sending out the letters, contact was made with the area supervisor for the Texas State Commission for the Blind. He was informed of what Beta Sigma was trying to accomplish. He promised full cooperation from the commission, and offered his services to the cause. The supervisor, Mr. Richard Pflug, has been a great help to the program.

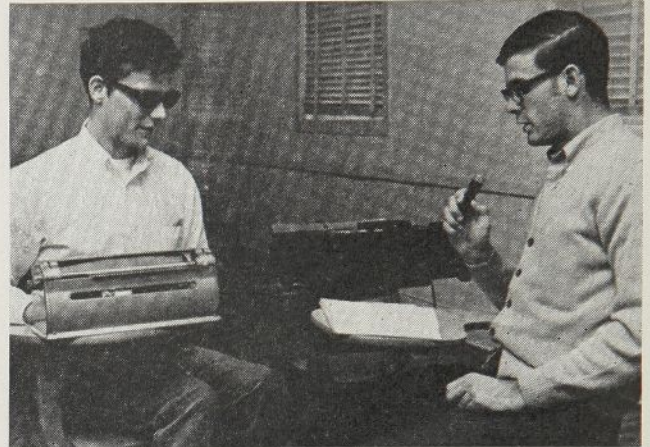
Next, a meeting was arranged with the chairman of the Texas State Commission for the Blind, Mr. Asher Thompson. He agreed to present a program of the necessary items needed for the project to the university. Also, it was decided to hold monthly meetings with the blind students of Texas Tech, in which problems common to them would be discussed and solutions to these problems sought.

About three weeks after sending out the letters, several of the larger and more prominent civic clubs were contacted and a direct appeal was made to them for aid. This "oral presentation," combined with the written appeals, were instrumental in gaining assistance from them.

Finally, letters were written to the respective radio and television stations asking them to publicize this undertaking. Several of these stations have daily or weekly "human interest" shows which could provide exposure to the public. Also, a letter was written to the feature editor of Lubbock's daily newspaper, *The Avalanche-Journal*. In the letter, publicity was requested in the form of newspaper articles and pictures discussing and explaining the program of service.

The results so far have been very encouraging. Financial aid and assistance totaling nearly \$400, with several other sources of income possible in the near future have been received. Several volunteer groups, both at the university and in the city of Lubbock have offered their services as recorders and readers. Beta Sigma Chapter last fall established an open end fund of \$1500 underwritten to the tape project and is to be used for the support of the Blind Student Service Center.

The administration at Texas Tech, upon receipt of



the letter from Mr. Thompson, expressed a sincere interest in helping the program in any way possible. In the fall of 1969, through consultation and consent of the administration a room in a barracks-type building, X-81-Room A, was made available to Beta Sigma for use in creating a Blind Student Service Center. Within X-81-Room A, it is hoped to establish a permanent tape library, reading and recording rooms, tape equipment, supplies and storage areas in 1970. The Special Education Department, Speech and Hearing Clinic, and the Texas State Commission for the Blind, have all offered to help by supplying needed equipment and reading rooms for the blind students.

The Texas Tech Ex-Student's Association publicized the work in several of their newsletters. Finally, state and national organizations have sent catalogs listing taped and recorded educational materials, used by their organizations, along with price lists of equipment which is of help to blind students.

In the summer and fall of 1969, members of the chapter spoke to as many school, church, and civic groups as possible in Lubbock and the surrounding area explaining the program to them and asking for aid. For the present Beta Sigma Chapter is planning several projects which will help to maintain services to the blind students once these services have been established and functioning properly.

Beta Sigma is willing to assist any chapter within our brotherhood which want to set up or improve upon a similar program of service. In addition, any chapter or individual having any questions, comments, or criticisms, should let us know, for we are all united in one common bond—that of Service to our fellow man.

Advisory Council Helps Zeta Alpha

The word is "go" at Bradley University with Zeta Alpha's recently formed citizens advisory council, which consists of prominent Peoria businessmen. The objective of the council is to direct the chapter toward meaningful projects which will improve the Peoria community and serve to improve relations between the campus and the city. The following are projects the chapter is working on:

- ***Bradley Drug Alert Council***

A council consisting of one representative from each major organization on campus. Members are working in conjunction with Peoria representatives to hold seminars to present factual information to high school students in the community.

- ***Tutoring Drop-Outs***

The YMCA and the Caterpillar Corp. have organized a program to allow high school drop-outs work an eight-hour shift at Caterpillar and then attend class for three to four hours a day. To supplement this program the chapter is providing tutoring services for the drop-outs who are below the academic levels of their classmates.

- ***First Offender Counseling***

Courts in Peoria and the YMCA has started a program for first offenders to work out their fines rather

than sitting in jail or just paying the fine. They feel the program will show the individuals a more meaningful direction in life. Zeta Alpha members plan to supervise and council these individuals while they work.

- ***TIP***

This program is under the direction of the Peoria Chamber of Commerce who sends individuals from the police department, and the Negro, business and college communities to a retreat for a weekend. They assemble in small groups and discuss today's problems. The chapter has been asked to send representatives to a session. It is hoped that this will help the chapter aid the dean of students in a similar program involving administration, faculty and students.

- ***Rap Sessions***

The Brothers from the chapter attend "rap" sessions with students and faculty who have divergent views.

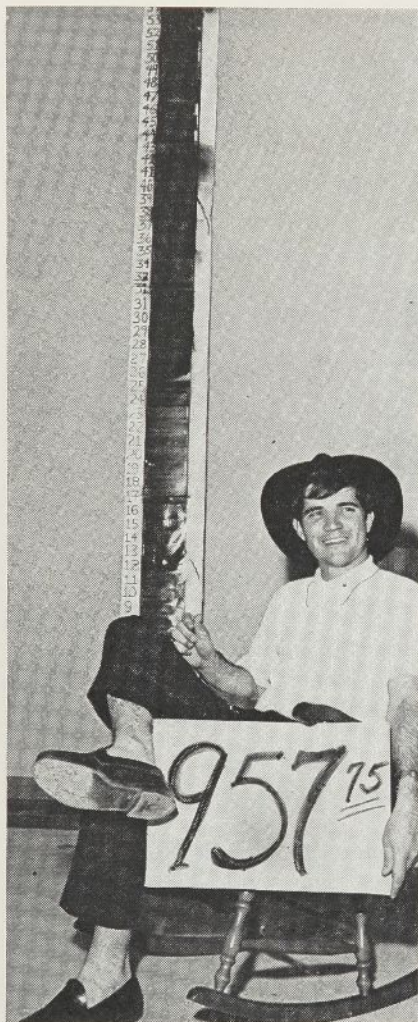
- ***Red Cross Blood Bank File***

Chapter members are helping the Red Cross and a local hospital to set up a file of rare blood types on the university campus.

Other chapters can benefit from Zeta Alpha's method of finding worthwhile projects. Contact local city officials and see if a similar advisor council exist.

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56 Hour Rock Yields \$957



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A rocking chair, Upsilon Nu Pledge Bob Andrise, the help of other pledges, Brothers and girls of Alpha Chi Sigma teamed to come up with \$957 for Easter Seals last spring. Andrise rocked continuously for 56 hours and 20 minutes in upper 30's temperatures with rain at a local shopping center. The girls and members used colorful Easter buckets to solicit funds from spectators as Andrise and the chair rocked away the hours. Upsilon Nu is located at Wilmington College, N.C.

An Example for Nation's Youth

The chairman of Lily Tag Day, a curb-side solicitation effort for the Crippled Children's Center in Peoria, Ill., writes APO National thanking the members of Zeta Alpha chapter at Bradley University. "Their assistance," the chairman wrote of the Brothers, "in the Lily Tag campaign is typical of many instances where the Alpha Phi Omega men have earnestly supported community services. If only all our nation's youth would follow their example!"

"House of the Rising Sun"

The theme of the January rush program at Bowling Green State University in Ohio was the "House of the Rising Sun." With the rush based on this theme the Zeta Kappa Brothers enlisted 18 pledges. Sung to the tune of the "House of the Rising Sun," the members composed the following pledge song:

There is a pin in Bowling Green,
The one with the Rising Sun.
It's worn by men with pride and
loyalty,
And God, I know I'm one.

Service is our goal,
Next comes Leadership,
Add to this the friends you'll
make
When you wear our pin.

So, men, go and tell your friends,
To do what I have done.
To pledge and join our Fraternity,
The one with the Rising Sun.

Sing for Charter



The members of Phi Rho chapter at Westminster Choir College sang their charter during installation ceremonies last spring. The college is located in Princeton, N.J.

Cancer Society Thanks APO

The Berks County unit of the American Cancer Society in Reading Pa., congratulated and applauded APO national last spring, "on having the enthusiastic Mu Eta members as part of . . ." APO. The letter followed work the chapter members did for the society in helping distribute literature and helping with an industrial gift crusade. Mu Eta chapter is at Albright College.

There's Hope at Maryland



It's the award ceremonies for what obviously has to be the "Miss Campus Chest Queen" contest of the highly successful UMOC-MCCQ held each year at the University of Maryland, College Park, by the Brothers of Epsilon Mu. This year the fraternity raised \$29,300 in their contests. In the photo, taken by first vice president of Epsilon Mu, Bob Hope presents the winners of the contest. Later in the ceremonies he accepted checks for the U. S. Olympic Committee and USO. Other funds from the contests went to Muscular Dystrophy, March of Dimes, American Tuberculosis Society and the American Cancer Society.

UMOC Yields \$2,600

It was a busy year last year for members of Mu Upsilon at the Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn., as members raised more than \$2,600 for the Easter Seals Society with their Ugly Man on Campus, and another \$300 from another project for the Heart Fund. Other projects included work with the Boy Scouts with members serving as assistant scoutmasters, taking troops on hikes and helping with Scouting projects. Chapter brothers helped with a community book sale and ushered for a number of campus and community functions.

Outstanding Service in All-American City

Members of Beta Upsilon at Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, more than doubled last year's take from UMOC when they collected \$6,824. As a result of this and other community activities the chapter was awarded a certificate for outstanding service by city officials following *Look* magazine's designation of the town as an All-American City.

Usher at American College Festival

The Brothers of Theta Chi, George Washington University at Washington, D. C., served as ushers last spring for the second annual American College Theatre Festival. The festival is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institute. The chapter supplied ushers for performances at the University's Center Theatre and at the famed Ford's Theatre.

Honored by Big Brothers

Members of Omega at Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, were awarded the 1970 Outstanding Service Award by Big Brothers. The president of Big Brothers in the city said that the fraternity men were "directly and primarily responsible for the recruitment on the Drake campus of more than 20 Big Brothers. They also assisted us on numerous special projects during the past two years."

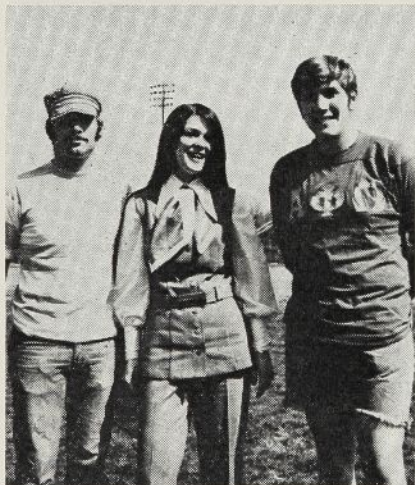
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Gen. Paxson Officiates At Reactivation



General H. O. Paxson, member of the National Board of Directors, represented the National Officers and fraternity at the reactivation ceremonies of Kappa Kappa, Western New Mexico University last spring.

Host Explorers



APOers David Edwards and Gaines Perez pose with Sarah Hatchell following an Explorer Olympics for the Palmetto Council at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. Hosting 50 Explorers on the campus, Pi Iota included a program on choosing a career and afternoon track events.

Paint Campus Curbs



A few of the Iota Phi Brothers at the University of California at Davis took time out to clown for the above picture during a recent work project. They helped the campus maintenance crews by painting curbs on the campus. In another project the Brothers found a spring party for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped rewarding.

APO Member Recognized

Life-time APO member from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Captain Michael J. Howley, was recently honored at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center for his contribution in landing the first man on the moon. Captain Howley distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a flight systems engineer with the Center. He was awarded the Meritorius Service Medal by Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., who was lunar module pilot for Apollo 11.

Third Puerto Rican Chapter Installed



Phi Sigma, the third chapter in Puerto Rico, was installed at Catholic University in Puerto Rico, Ponce, by Jorge A. Camacho-Vega, sectional chairman. Ritual teams from Omicron Nu, University of Puerto Rico, and Upsilon Mu, College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, helped in the installation.

Values "Taught & Caught"



Alumni Director Marion Edens of Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., recently praised the pictured group of Sigma Psi for all their work at the college. He said, "These students are young men with the same ideals and values that have been 'taught and caught' at Tusculum through the years . . ."

Phi Pi Installed



Rickey L. Gist, president of Phi Pi, accepts the new chapter's charter during installation ceremonies on campus of Langston University. Other ritual participants include (standing) Willis L. Brown, advisory committee; Ron Wayland, Scout executive; Leslie R. Austin, dean of men and Scouting advisor; Russell L. Studebaker, sectional chairman; (seated) Thomas J. Humphrey, first vice president; Carmen Butler, sweetheart; and Charlie Phipps, installation ceremonies toastmaster.

40 Years of Service

The Brothers of Mu chapter at Indiana University, Bloomington, celebrated their 40th year of service last year.

**See
You
In
Dallas!**

Midshipmen Take APO to the World



Midshipmen at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine are shown during a spring clean-up in the city. The Phi Epsilon advisor reports that the chapter's recently founded Boy Scout troop is thriving under the Brothers' leadership. The midshipmen are building a display on APO which will be carried aboard the school's craft and viewed by citizens in the ports of Dublin, Rotterdam, Copenhagen, Bergen and Oslo.

Check for Camp

David Brookshire of the Cape Fear Area Council Camping Committee recently accepted a check from Upsilon Nu President Edward Boylan from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The check made possible a camping trip at Camp Tom Upchurch for several Scouts who would ordinarily not have been able to attend.

Here's . . . Cheryl



The first UMOC contest at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., by members of Upsilon Alpha Chapter yielded the above winner, Miss Cheryl Pugh, and more than \$700. The money went to a scholarship fund and Action for Youth, Inc., an organization which helps children from broken homes.



***The Marriott Motor Hotel
Welcomes APO to Big "D"***