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Convention Secretary

Opening Session

December 28

The thirteenth national convention of Alpha Phi Omega was called to order at 9:30 a.m., December 28, 1954. The National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl (Alpha Gamma), presided.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Edward J. Drummond, S. J., Academic Vice President of Marquette University.

The flag of the United States of America was presented and the group assembled joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The singing of the National Anthem followed.

The Convention Secretary called the roll of chapters. (The roster of attendance is published in this report beginning on page 20.)

Brother Victor Mutter (Upsilon) extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. He spoke on behalf of the Arrangements Chairman, Brother Harry C. Barnett (Beta Beta) and the eleven host chapters which included Upsilon of Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, Eta Rho of Marquette University, Iota Nu of University of Wisconsin Extension, Epsilon Upsilon of Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh, Beta Theta of University of Wisconsin, Alpha Nu of St. Norbert College, Eta Lambda of Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, Eta Kappa of The Stout Institute, Lambda Zeta of Ripon College, Kappa Gamma of Wisconsin State College at La-Crosse, and the Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter. He pointed out that the hosts desired to give full service in making the convention a great success and mentioned that red coats did not indicate Northwest Mounties, just the host chapters. The coats were made possible by the Milwaukee Braves and were worn by all Wisconsin chapter delegates while on duty as hosts to the convention.

President Den Uyl then called upon Brother William S. Roth (Rho), Convention Program Chairman, to present and outline the program for these three days. Bill told that the printed program in the hands of all delegates was the result of months of advance planning and emphasized the four basic objectives of the convention: first, to report the progress of the past two years; second, to discuss service plans for the future; third, to enact such legislation as may be desired; and fourth, to provide fellowship among delegates from all parts of the nation.

Brother H. Roe Bartle, Past National President, was presented to address the convention.

Keynote Address

"ALPHA PHI OMEGA, TODAY AND TOMORROW"

By Dr. H. Roe Bartle (lota)

President Den Uyl, brothers and friends: I want to do several things in the brief time I have. First of all, I want to give you a bit of history about Alpha Phi Omega, for I realize that many of you here are attending a National Convention for the first time.

I recall vividly the first National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in the Hotel Jefferson in St. Louis, Missouri. There were only twenty-one individuals who participated in that convention. But there was one thing in evidence in that small group of Alpha Phi Omega brothers—the spirit of helpfulness, the spirit of co-operation, the desire to go the extra mile in order that we might build and build firmly on a foundation that would stand the acid test. It has been my rare privilege to participate in every National Convention of our beloved fraternity. I have seen arguments and heard debates and have noted men almost to fever heat in their discussion of the items at hand, but when the final gavel had been sounded, there was peace, harmony, and a real spirit of brotherhood in evidence. I want to say, first of all—I pray with

all the sincerity of my heart that the real spirit of Alpha Phi Omega will be found in the hearts, minds, and souls of all brethren here assembled. I pray that you have here arrived with courage, vision, faith and determination. I most earnestly hope that every one of us will leave the great City of Milwaukee at the end of this convention believing in our hearts that we have made some contribution to the well-being of our fraternity and that we have been a part in the making of plans that will cause our fraternity to grow and thrive and prosper in the days ahead.

There was a day when Alpha Phi Omega was as poor as a church mouse-and that's pretty poor! Today we stand before you with an excellent balance, with reserve that we can use to further build this fraternity. I recall that in 1940, in Indianapolis, we had an earnest discussion as to whether or not we would throw aside the \$5.00 initiation fee and the \$2.00 annual fee. I had advocated that we set up a \$10.00 fee, and when a man had paid that \$10.00, whether he was a freshman or doing post-graduate work, that he would no longer be asked to pay any further dues for active membership. I recall some brothers saying You will bankrupt Alpha Phi Omega, You cannot possibly build a fraternitly on a ten-dollar bill." My only answer was simply "If men would have missionary spirit in their hearts and hold high the torch of Alpha Phi Omega and attract large numbers of men to our chapters, we would have sufficient funds to build well a sound fiscal structure." The record today proves that those who advocated the \$10.00 fee were right in their judgment.

Yet I want to point out to you this morning that a \$10.00 bill in 1940 would be worth \$5.20 on today's money market. Take the dollar of 1940 and put it against the dollar today, and its true value is 52 cents. And yet, with a dollar only worth 52 cents, up until two years ago we were able to keep high our service to our chapters and yet at the same time set a wee bit

aside for the rainy day.

When you take a look at the financial report, you will see that we have been required to dip into the reserves to the tune of \$2,500.00 in order to pay our bills. I, for one, as a member of the National Executive Board, would not apologize for going into the exchequer for \$2,500.00 in order that we might keep full faith with our brothers and existing units of Alpha Phi Omega. With a reserve of \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00 in our national treasury, if it becomes necessary—I repeat, if it becomes necessary—in order that Alpha Phi Omega continue to move forward—that first of all we do not alter the \$10.00 fee in this convention. In spite of the fact that we have an economic picture today foreign to that which faced the convention in 1940, I recommend that we adhere to the \$10.00 fee and not make any move in this convention to increase the fee.

One reason Alpha Phi Omega has grown, first of all, is that we were built upon the right foundation. We do not think in terms of I, myself, and me; we think of others and in terms of how we might serve. APO has prospered because it has been built on the foundation-stone of service to Almighty God, to students, to the campus, to the institution, to the community in which the institution is found. It has thrived because all of us have had a rich background that relates itself to the greatest youth movement in the world—the Boy Scouts of America. Any man who is not proud of his relationship to Scouting needs to confer with a psychiatrist. (I can wear shorts, and with dimpled knees I am still proud to be a Boy Scout.)

Some men have been brought into our fraternity who have had very little experience in the Boy Scouts, and I have heard it advocated occasionally that we waive the requirement and that we just take anyone who comes along—but I, for one, would say to you that Alpha Phi Omega has been built, and built well, and we have been able to harmonize personalities because we have lived under the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. Whenever we no

longer do this, that is the day I want to be put on the retired list. My heritage has come from the Boy Scouts of America, and I am willing to put into an adult organization the spirit that I learned as a twelve- to fifteen-year-old kid wearing the khaki of

the Boy Scouts.

In our service projects, we have traveled far. The spotlight has been thrown on us with a great degree of regularity. Campuses have been toned up because of the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega found in the student body. Ugly Man contests are well named from what I have seen of the ugly men on the campuses of America. At Michigan State and at California, more than \$2,500.00 has been raised in Ugly Man contests. It proves you can take a little plan of action and raise money for worthy causes. On the campus where I once served as president, a per capita gift in excess of \$4.00 per student went into the Ugly Man contest, raising over \$1,200.00 from 300 students.

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When I look at the University of Texas, I am proud of the spirit of integrity and efficiency of Alpha Phi Omega there. The Dean of Student Life a decade ago was disturbed because the campus elections were said to have been stolen. And yet since elections have been held under Alpha Phi Omega, never has there been a man in the ranks of APO who has had his integrity

challenged as he officiates at an election of that kind.

CCNY takes \$10,000 worth of books every semester and bring seller and buyer together to save students money. Every chapter here represented could point with a finger of pride to service projects extraordinary that have made campuses cleaner and finer places to live and study and get an education.

I am thrilled with the growth of a number of our chapters. I checked the record the other day, and believe it or not, here is the story at Purdue University. When you initiate seven more men, you will have had 1,000 men in the chapter at Purdue since your founding. You are a pace-setter! And then I discovered that Texas needs only thirty-eight men. Surely you Yankees can stay ahead of those braggarts down in Texas! Penn State, Marquette, Seattle, have large chapters. I recognize what they are doing and the magnificent job they have done. Then I look at small institutions and realize that some of our small institutions have a higher percentage than the large universities so far as cutting across lines is concerned and bringing in available manpower.

When I talk about cutting across all lines-for sixteen years, I traveled north, south, east, and west, and in talking with college presidents and deans, faculty members, and workers in the professional ranks of Scouting, I discovered that they had a genuine heart interest in Alpha Phi Omega and were willing to help us grow, because this is a truly great American fraternity. You see, we are living in a world filled with chaos and turmoil and strife on every hand. There are those who would deprive us of our freedom and would deprive our grandchildren of the richness and fullness of life that were ours. There are forces of evil in our own great republic as well as those behind the iron curtain. Alpha Phi Omega is the only fraternity I know anything about where a man can come in regardless of race, color, national istic background if his heart is clean and his hands are ready for service. If the day ever comes when selfishness of men will dominate this fraternty and we look over our glasses to see the color of a man's skin or to look beneath the garment a man is wearing to see what kind of religion he has, then I say Alpha Phi Omega will be as dead as a dodo bird full of buckshot over Lake Michigan. There are 44,782 men who have come to the point where they were willing to say, "I am proud to be a man of Alpha Phi Omega, and I will be a brother to the 44,781 other guys!" What a record! You have a right to point to it with a finger of pride!

I have been thrilled with the enthusiasm of educators for Alpha Phi Omega. I remember when I went to college, and the Eta Beta Pi's tried to dominate the campus. Sometimes a particular Greek-letter group has tried to dominate Alpha Phi Omega. Now I go onto campuses and see balanced groups. There are outstanding social fraternity men. There are also dynamic leaders of Alpha Phi Omega who are independents. Administrators will love and respect any organization that can cross lines and still hold their own front without flinching.

There has been much discussion about alumni of Alpha Phi Omega. So I want to say a word about alumni. I have seen alumni groups that have been very active and dynamic and have helped local chapters on campuses to carry out projects. I have seen other alumni groups that would sit and twiddle their thumbs and reminisce about what happened when they were on the campus. I have seen others composed of a group of men like Ananias of

old—they would see how big stories they could tell about what happened when they were active in their chapters.

I would not for a moment discount the worthwhileness of this thing called "alumni" in Alpha Phi Omega. The day will come when someone besides an oldster will be national president of Alpha Phi Omega. It is a fine thing to have seasoned men who have had experience in education, religion, finance, commerce to stabilize the fraternity in its early days. But when we are a quarter of a century old, we had better dig down and use some of those who have proved themselves as active members.

I brought George Charno with me, the legal counselor of our fraternity for over twenty years. His son today is a key leader of the Boy Scouts of America in my town—a great barrister in my town. He is chairman of the camping and activities committee that will camp 6,500 to 7,000 kids every summer. I also brought Stanley Levingston, a former president of the Tulane University chapter. Here he is today part of this fraternity. He is

the head of five banks.

I think of Max Schneider of Buffalo, who gave leadership to his own chapter in Buffalo and helped establish Scouting in the Crippled Children's Home. Among educators, I think of Dr. Elmo Stevenson, today president of Southern Oregon College at Ashland, Oregon. When I take a look at Ralph Frede from the University of Texas, today the state head of the infantile paralysis program trying to give new hope to warped bodies, twisted through no fault of their own, again I am proud of what our alumni are doing.

And here is Marion Disborough. I remember when I came to Indianapolis to install the chapter on the campus of Butler University. I remember when he was first president of that chapter at Butler, and today he is the very able Scout Executive at Louisville, Kentucky. We have thousands of men in every field of activity who reflect well their experiences in our beloved

fraternity.

I want to touch on one thing and then I am through with this speech. (I will never be through with Alpha Phi Omega as long as God Almighty gives me breath!) I am worried—disturbed. The volunteer spirit of carrying this torch to other campuses is not now in evidence. I am going to read you the record. Put these figures down—I don't care whether you agree with these figures or not. This is on the basis of my analysis. In our fraternity today, in my judgment, we have 143 chapters we can point to with a finger of pride—real chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. We have sixty-six chapters that we don't have to apologize for, but they are nothing to brag about. We have thirty-two chapters that are so weak they need a real shot of adrenalin. They need to be reorganized, revitalized. And we have thirty-four that are just plumb dead. We ought to do one of two things: give honorable "burial" or rebuild those chapters.

Then there is one chapter which had its charter withdrawn. I want to pause here for just a moment. We took a charter away from a chapter because they decided this was going to be a social fraternity. I would like to go on record: if there is any chapter here represented who feel they ought to be a social fraternity, then we ought to kiss them on both cheeks, wish them every blessing, and tell them to go look up a social fraternity to take them in. I do not think Alpha Phi Omega should be anything besides what we tell the world we are—a service fraternity. We are not a social fraternity. If I am asked, I am going to vote that they go social if they want to, but the only way to go social is in some other fraternity than Alpha Phi Omega.

We need to re-kindle the spirit of volunteer service of carrying the torch of service afire. This fraternity was built by men who were willing to go the extra mile to carry Alpha Phi Omega onto the next campus and into the lives of men. We are permitting chapters to die within a stone's throw of live, active, pulsating, dynamic chapters. We seem to be thinking too much of ourselves and not getting the spirit of service to others in our program of activity.

This fraternity was not built by one man or two men. The best thing I have ever done was to go out to Kansas State to get a man to become National Secretary of this fraternity. His consecrated service has proved that it was a great day when Sid North became the National Secretary of Alpha Phi Omega. We have only one man on the payroll.

President Den Uyl has never said no in the four years he has been president. He has gone wherever he has been invited. No job has been too menial. If he thought he could help build Alpha Phi Omega, he would go anywhere. But a half dozen board members cannot build Alpha Phi Omega. If our fraternity will be alive two years from now, it means that you and you and you

and you and I will have to carry this torch. It means we will have to inaugurate on many campuses that await us that do not have APO today. If it is good for your campus, it is good for somebody else's campus. It is your responsibility and mine to do everything within our power to give other men the same

glorious heritage and privileges that have been ours.

The greatest story of World War II came out of China. Japan's army had moved the people backward for three and onehalf years. The military strategists of China decided they needed a slogan that could be stamped indelibly into the minds of the people. They agreed on only one man, a humble teacher who had been endowed with American education and had returned to his homeland, to China, and had poured out his heart in serving the Chinese. They said, "Dr., from your lips we want this slogan." He said, "Men, I cannot give you a slogan; you are the gems of my Chinese army. I am a Christian and I should like to pray." Calmly he looked up and said, "O, God, revitalize my China—but, O, Lord, please start with me." Today every one of us, if we take a look at the facts the recent of the said. of us, if we take a look at the facts-the record-so much of which to be proud-can point with a proud finger to things that have happened during four administrations. And there are many phases of our program that need to be revitalized. Maybe you have looked to President Dan to reorganize and revitalize these. Perhaps you have looked to Sid North, just one humble human being in the national office, to do it. My brothers, if you love this fraternity, if you believe in this convention that there are new horizons before us and we ought to achieve those horizons, then I would beg you to pray the prayer of the Chinese philosopher, paraphrasing it a bit—cry from your heart, "O, God, revitalize Alpha Phi Omega, but Lord, please start with me"—and then mean that prayer by giving your God-given tal-ents, dedicating them to making this fraternity the most glorious fraternity to prosper in the greatest land in the greatest day the world has ever known.

Fellowship Luncheon

Brother A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu) was toastmaster. The luncheon was dedicated in honor of Brother Frank R. Horton (Alpha), founder of the fraternity, who is a Past National President and a lifetime member of the National Executive Board.

The invocation was by Rev. Robert J. Payne (Omicron), Pastor

of the Methodist Church, Cos Cob, Connecticut.

After a fine luncheon, the delegates joined in group singing.

Delegates from Philadelphia presented Revolutionary War style hats, which were the symbol of their delegation to Professor Daniel Den Uyl and Sidney B. North.

Greetings from the City of Milwaukee were expressed by the Honorable Frank P. Zeidler, Mayor of Milwaukee. He said:

"Members and friends: I am very much pleased to be here today to represent the people of the City of Milwaukee. I am also pleased for a rather personal reason—it is the first time I have had an opportunity to greet friends of Dr. Doren Wehrley, who first brought me in contact with the program of Alpha Phi Omega at Milwaukee State Teachers College, where I became an honorary member. I have not had an opportunity to gather with local chapters. I do get the magazine and find time to read the good articles.

"Here is an episode which defines Milwaukee spirit. We have a school in Milwaukee known as North 81st Street School, which has two doors of the same size. One is for kids of the third grade and up, the other door is for the kindergarten kids. Little children can't push the big doors open, so they have made a special door for the little children. That marks the characteristics of the city which you are in. You have to be here for some time to realize the depth of culture and background.

"It will take you some time to appreciate the great reserve of Milwaukee's background in this city of 108 years of age. It was founded by French Canadians who came up the St. Lawrence River from Canada. Subsequently, a great wave of true Yankees came into this community about in the '40's, and at the same time in Europe there was a great turmoil going on—those were days for the greatest expression of democracy in central Europe—those countries sent waves of immigrants into this country, and into this community—so today the largest population composition is represented by the persons of Germanic extraction. The second largest population group is the Poles, also a large population group of Italians. There are forty-five different national groups represented in our city. The people brought from Europe a tremendous scientific culture; we have the eighth industrial place in the country. The beverage industry is only the seventh or eighth

in importance in the total industrial picture. Leather, electrical equipment, etc., exceed the beverage industry in value of produce and in number of persons working in those industries. Heavy machinery is also important in this city. We have succeeded in producing one of the most magnificant industrial complexes in the entire nation.

"One of the things we are principally proud of—we maintain in this community good local government. We are exceeded by no other city in our capactiy for good local government. Our police and fire departments are the first in America. Fire insurance rates are as low as you can find anywhere in the country in cities of this size. Our school system leaves little to be desired, except in the number of new buildings that must be created for the oncoming generations. The election machinery is free from corruption. The park system is one of the most magnificent to be found in any of the larger American cities-all brought about by the same ideal that motivates Alpha Phi Omega—the ideal of service. It has been brought about by a great many men, who, after their working hours, go to committee meetings to sponsor these things. Go along the water front-eighty miles of parkways where children who live in dense parts of the city can go out on Sundays and get better acquainted with nature. It means much to the children who otherwise would be raised on the sidewalks of a crowded city. So the motive of service has done much to give this city the reputation it enjoys at the present time.

"Many of you will be asked to take community leadership. You will be busy in business, active in raising your families, active in maintaining yourselves in the stream of economic life—but there must be a portion of your time to spend in service to the community. We will need devoted and dedicated men and women to solve the problems if we are to have national peace. So I hope the people of Milwaukee will inspire each of you to go back to your universities and to your homes and communities determined that you will give some measure of service to your community to

make it a better place in which to live.'

The appointments of legislative committees and discussion group leaders were made by President Den Uyl. The legislative committees included the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee, Time and Place Committee and Appreciations Committee. The discussions groups included topics of Service Projects, Membership and Pledging, Meeting Programs, Executive Committee, Chapter Calendar, Publicity, How to Plan a Conference, Presidents and Vice-Presidents Responsibilities, Secretaries Responsibilities, Treasurers Responsibilities, Historians Responsibilities, Advisors Participation, Ritual Team Responsibilities and Alumni Activities. (Names of committee members and leaders of discussion groups appear at the head of each committee and group report on pages which follow.)

To introduce the principal speaker for this luncheon session, the toastmaster called upon Donald B. Abert, President of the Milwaukee County Council, BSA, who said:

"I am here with two brief messages. First, to welcome you on behalf of the Milwaukee County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and to tell you how happy we are that you are in Milwaukee. You have heard about our fine city. I can tell you about another thing we are proud of—the Milwaukee Council of Scouters. I know you will be hearing about that from your members who are members of our staff. We are proud to have five of your APO alumni and advisors on the staff of the Milwaukee County Council. We, 22,000 Scouters—Scouts and their adult leaders—are extremely happy to have you here in our town for your convention this year.

"Secondly, I want to say that I congratulate you on your affiliation in Alpha Phi Omega. There are some very distinctive features about your organization that are very impressive and significant—one is that you fellows who are bonded together in fellowship, pledge to service, have your roots in that feeling of the spirit of service in Scouting itself before you ever get to college. That is a very distinctive thing about Alpha Phi Omega. Your ideas about serving your fellow students, campus, and nation make a very impressive pledge that you take when you join Alpha Phi Omega.

"But I have another very happy privilege—to introduce our speaker for this fellowship luncheon. It is a rare privilege, because he usually introduces me! H. G. Zion, Scout Executive of the Milwaukee County Council. He has been in professional Scouting most of his life. He was a charter member in Lansing, Michigan, of the first Scout unit back in 1912. After serving as a tank man in World War I, he went to Washington to take a job with the government. But there was a pull back to Scouting.

When opportunity came in 1920, he went back to Lansing to take up professional Scouting as a career. He has served Scouting in Escanaba, Michigan, until 1922; in Evansville, Indiana, from 1922 to 1937; and then in 1937 Milwaukee was extremely fortunate in securing him here to be our Scout Executive. It is his job to keep them busy and to keep them on the straight and narrow. One of the things he is proudest of is the staff he has built up here in Milwaukee. We are all proud of our staff of professional Scouters."

Address "A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE"

By H. G. Zion

Guests and fellow members of Alpha Phi Omega: Being in the dairy state of Wisconsin, you can understand when I say we consider oleomargarine a substitute for butter. My being a substitute for the scheduled speaker (Father O'Donnell) is even more pronounced.

I am sure that today as the lengthening shadow of Frank Horton is reflected in educational institutions in this land he must be happy and proud indeed of his brainchild. Due to the fact that in the realm of nature, adaptation to environment is the price of survival of the species, this adaptation is the handmaiden of nature.

In the lower realms of the animal kingdom, the young never recognize the parents from which they spring. Born in a habitat conducive to safety, they seek their food and grow into adulthood by instinct. As we ascend the scale, the longer the period of protection of the young by the adults.

The story is told of a family of eagles that built a nest high on the rocks. The young eagles were born. Down was replaced by feathers of adolescence. Parents in ever-widening circles sought food to satisfy the appetites of the young. So they grew and prospered, and then one day unrest was apparent in the nest. The male bird toppled the young bird over the edge of the nest, and he fell. It seemed that this young eagle was about to be smashed to death on the rocks beneath and the old eagles dived beneath the young one and brought him back to the nest. This was repeated. Finally the day came when the young eagle was able by his own effort to support himself in the air and sent forth a clarion call to the blue. He had arrived in God's scheme of things.

Every bud on the apple tree is potentially an apple. Yet science has not devised a way in which this process can be dispensed with. So with youth. Youth is not an incident in life. It is an essential part of life. It is during youth that the philosophy-the platform of life, if you please—is crystallized that determines pretty largely the attitudes, ideals, and habits of adults afterward. Whose responsibility is it to raise youth? Primarily the responsibility rests on the parents. But to state it thus is to ignore the facts. Youth is tremendously influenced by three things: 1) Companions with whom youth associates. One live hero is worth several dead ones.

2) What youth does. The language of youth is the language of action. Habits formed determine largely one's outlook and outreach in the world about him. 3) What he sees. Actions of others. Radio, television, printed page-because through the stories which youth reads, he identifies himself with the characters of the story and has a tendency to take on the characteristics of the characters he most admires. In a very real sense, youth is the responsibility of all in the community. It especially rests with the citizens of the town in which you live. It is the particular responsibility of the members of Álpha Phi Omega.

Some years ago, in another state, we had numerous requests in Spencer County, Indiana, for the organization of Scout troops. With the assistance of the superintendent of schools, surveys were conducted among the boys of the schools of the county. One question was "Name the one man you most admire." Another was "Give one reason why you admire this man." I was amazed to discover from these men that not a single boy in the county had named a second-rate man as the citizen he most admired. Given the choice, youth will always pick the best. In due course, the superintendent sent invitations to those judged the best men to attend the meeting, and in each letter it was stated that this man had been named as the man most admired by one or more boys . . and that when the man attended the meeting, he would be informed who the boy or boys were. Many men came. As the meeting convened, a man in his early 40's, a well-dressed, aggressive man, came into the room. He said, "I think this meeting is a phony. I want to know the name of the boy who admired me.' I produced the name of the boy. The man was very sober and then visibly moved as he saw that boy after boy had named him as the one he most admired in this little town. "He always has time to give me a ride to school." "Takes time to help me pump up my bike at his garage." "Helps me with my dog." "Do you fellows know what the boys have said about us? If we have that much influence without trying, what influence could we have if we really tried?" He said, "We will do anything we can to help these boys realize their ambition." He became district commissioner of Scouting in that county . . . with great distinction of office and pleasure to himself. Tragedy is that sometimes unwittingly we slip a rotten p.ank in the platform of life. It was my custom for years at council camps—a custom to ask any boy at campfire who had a problem he wanted to discuss with me to stay after the fire was over. One 15-year-old boy stayed one night. I asked him to tell me what was on his mind. "Gee, if I don't get my badge; I have taken automobile repairs in high school . . . I know how to take care of cars . . . and I can drive one better than dad." And then he went on to tell of a hunting incident when he had gone with his dad, and his dad got more than he thought was the legal limit. He asked his dad about it, and his dad replied, "A number of men go hunting many times during the season, and they can get their limit many times, but I can go only twice . . . so that way it evens up." This boy was develop-ing his standards—his philosophy of life, if you please—and his dad slipped a rotten plank in the platform.

There used to be a couple that sat near us in church on Sunday morning. The man's face never changed expression-there was never any evidence whether he approved or disapproved of what was said. It used to be my custom to greet this man-always courteous but scarcely cordial, for it was always my impression that he was there as a satisfaction to his wife. There came an opening in Rotary Club. I remember the cynicism with which he listened as we tried to explain the spirit of Rotary. His heart was not in it. There came a time months later when he was appointed to a place on the boys' work committee of that club. He was a successful printer; he had a reputation of being honest. He was respected by many but loved by few. The membership of the boys' work committee had undertaken the rehabilitation of handicapped children in the city, and a little lad needed attention, so they asked this man to take the boy on a business trip to Indianapolis and to leave him there for help. Because of frequent trips to Indianapolis, this man used to call on the boy frequently, take him gifts, write him letters, and after a long period of recovery, the boy was able to go back home. This man took him back home. Somehow on that return trip, the loneliness of a boy physically handicapped and unable to play with other children, and the barrenness of a man who had never been able to have children of his own reached out for each other-and got all tangled up. The boy said, "Do you suppose I can learn to ride a bike?" Uncle Charlie replied, "You can learn, and I will see that you have a bike." The boy replied, "I don't have an uncle. My dad works long hours; would you mind if I called you 'Uncle Charlie?" The man said, "I would be very proud if you would call me Uncle Charlie." A conversion took place. Uncle Charlie became obsessed with the need to help physically handicapped children to recover both spiritual and physical capacity to adapt to the environment of which they were a part. Ultimately, he sold his business and gave his whole time to children in that county. After eleven years of unselfish service in that county, his health failed. He became "Uncle Charlie" to everyone in the town as well as to the children. He could no longer attend the meeting of Rotary. Someone thought how grand it would be to have a birthday party at one of the regular Rotary meetings. He discovered more than seventy of "his children" that he had helped from age six to twenty-six sitting among the Rotarians in that room. Spontaneously, the group rose and sang "Happy Birthday" to Uncle Charlie. The boys came forward, and each one deposited some gift for Uncle Charlie . . . each one a gift of love and appreciation to the man who had helped them adjust to their environment.

In responding, Uncle Charlie said, "The sands of life are fast running out. Remember me kindly if you can when I am gone." Speaking of the tremendous good he had done, someone said, "Charlie, it is a pity that you can't live forever." And he replied, "The Lord has been good to me; think what a tragedy it would have been if I had died eleven years ago. I would have missed eleven of the most crucial years of my life. The Lord owes me nothing." This one man had helped many, many children to adapt themselves to physical environments.

I suggest that there are at least three things that we can do to be counted on the positive side in citizenship in our respective communities: 1) Live decently. It isn't too much to ask each of

us to be aware of that responsibility and opportunity which is ours to live decently as examples to youth. 2) Whenever you find a man or woman volunteer agency of any kind that you contribute to that person—give them the respect and appreciation they deserve, so it might enhance the position they occupy as a vital force in the life of the community. 3) When you finish your formal education and establish yourselves in business and your homes, that you accept the invitation which the Mayor extended to you to invest a portion of your life in behalf of youth. There may be among those in this room some who can qualify for professional service of one of the major groups of this land. Out of thirty-five years of experience, I can say that if you want to make an investment that will pay good dividends the rest of your life, then invest your life in youth. Is this too much to ask when the stakes are as high as they are in our time? Is this too much to ask of this fraternity? The answer rests with you.

Afternoon Session

December 28

Brother H. F. Pote (Eta Beta), member of the National Executive Board, presided at this session. In his opening remarks he enthusiastically complimented Alpha Phi Omega on the excellent program carried on by the chapters. He called upon the national officers to present their reports, which follow:

Report of National President

By Professor Daniel Den Uyl (Alpha Gamma)

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president. I would like to make one point clear: My time, my efforts are just as volunteer as yours. I am not on the payroll except at Purdue University. I work in Alpha Phi Omega because I want to . . and so it has been for the past four years traveling thousands of miles.

Our fraternity is in excellent condition. Our activities and accomplishments testify to that. We are active. We have many excellent chapters. As I have been able to observe, I think we are a strong fraternity. We are in an extremely good position. We have achieved positive results in the past years.

The pay for me since the 1952 convention has come from such comments as "Thanks for your personal interest in meeting as a brother in Alpha Phi Omega." I hope each one of you will receive the satisfaction of serving others and occasionally express your appreciation to those who work with you and assist you. We are all volunteering our time carrying on the program of Alpha Phi Omega. Good luck to you.

Report of National First Vice-President By Dr. R. H. Bolyard (Beta Phi)

"Invest in tomorrow today." That's what I have been trying to do in Alpha Phi Omega and in my work voluntarily with the American Humanics Foundation at Missouri Valley College this Fall.

Now let's look at some facts. "Extension Chairman"—that's been my responsibility as first vice-president these past two years. In 1953 and 1954 a total of eighteen new chapters have been established. Eleven in 1953—Kappa Tau, The Citadel; Kappa Upsilon, East Carolina College; Kappa Phi, St. Lawrence University; Kappa Chi, Creighton University; Kappa Psi, Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina; Kappa Omega, The Cooper Union; Lambda Alpha, East Tennessee State College; Lambda Beta, Houghton College; Lambda Gamma, Manhattan College; Lambda Delta, Newark College of Engineering, and Lambda Epsilon, St. Cloud State Teachers College.

Seven in 1954—Lambda Zeta Chapter, Ripon College; Lambda Eta, Hunter College; Lambda Theta, Columbia College; Lambda Iota, New Mexico A. & M. College; Lambda Kappa, Loras College; Lambda Lambda, Shippensburg State Teachers College, and Lambda Mu, Los Angeles State College.

There has been a leveling off of the number of new chapters, which was expected after our rapid growth following World War II. Now we should start climbing again. You heard Dr. Bartle's challenge this morning. He brought to our attention the responsibility and opportunity which rest upon your shoulders and mine.

It was pointed out that there are about 400 four-year colleges and universities in the United States which do not yet have chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. Will you stop and think whether there is a college or university close to you which does not yet have a chapter. Will you help organize one there?

(At the conclusion of his report, Dr. Bolyard had delegates suggest locations for new chapters. He asked them to write their names and the name of school near them. This information was assembled for extension use).

Report of National Second Vice-President

By Dr. Henry Miller (Gamma Omicron)

Upon being elected at the Columbus Convention I was assigned the special job of service committee chairman. My job is to stimulate a good vigorous life in our existing chapters. At the 1952 convention we set our goals to strengthen our chapters rather than add many new ones . . . and when we sought new chapters our purpose was to bring in strong groups which would survive. After fifteen years of effort we managed to get Columbia College in on a sound basis.

I took upon myself the task of writing to every member of the National Executive Board and to every Presidential Representative, asking them to visit chapters in their areas and to boost their activities in every way possible.

I was in contact with ninety-three chapters of 226. Seven were weak, one dead, two supposedly inactive. All of the rest were functioning. That is not a bad percentage.

What is responsible for a weak or dead chapter? Often it is caused by too much emphasis on the social side of our program. The minute you try to compete with social fraternities in Alpha Phi Omega, you're on the wrong track. You should never tell a pledge that he should join Alpha Phi Omega to satisfy his desires for a social life on the campus. We are a service fraternity primarily. We should have fellowship in Alpha Phi Omega, but service is paramount, first, last and always.

Another difficulty is leadership. Good leaders graduate and unless others are being trained to follow them you have a lull in chapter leadership.

Still another difficulty is tradition. Some colleges have had service groups for many years, and it is difficult for APO to become established. We must be patient, and work to show the authorities we can do the work and do it well.

Possibly in the past you have heard you should pick administrative officers for Faculty Advisors—but very often they are very busy in other things and they become just a paper part of Alpha Phi Omega. I would say not to pick advisors on the basis of whether they are "wheels" on campus. Pick a man who is sincerely interested in Alpha Phi Omega and will give his interest to our fraternity. Why do we on the National Executive Board give our time to APO? Because we enjoy it, and we believe in it. We love it—and I hope we may continue working in it for many years to come.

Report of National Third Vice-President

By M. R. Disborough (Alpha Tau)

The alumni organization of Alpha Phi Omega has been doing some work in the past two years. The situation of alumni is this:

The 1946 National Convention put this fraternity on record as favoring the establishment of alumni chapters. The 1948 convention amended the constitution to bring in alumni chapters. The Chicago Area Alumni Chapter was the first organized. At Columbus at the 1952 convention, two notable things were put into the record: (1) adding a section concerning national alumni membership and (2) a section was added requiring an annual fee for national alumni membership.

In 1952 the convention asked me to serve as National Third Vice-President and said, "Your job is to study the whole alumni situation and make recommendations for solutions of our problems at the next convention." First of all, I want to thank all of the fellows who corresponded with me and assisted in this work.

Since the 1946 convention, we have issued twelve alumni chapter charters. They are Chicago, Milwaukee, Houston, Kansas City, Southern California, Philadelphia, Omaha, Youngstown, Buffalo, New York, San Francisco and Santa Clara. In approaching the situation of the a.umni chapters we sent questionnaires to all alumni chapters and to all board members and committee members. This questionnaire asked for their opinions about the pur-

pose of alumni chapters, our place in the convention, the national dues, chapter activities, projects, etc. There was fine response. Next we queried the Scouting Advisors in the communities hav-

ing alumni chapters. Then we corresponded with thirty top social fraternities asking them questions about their alumni structure. And also we wrote several hundred personal letters and talked personally to many persons.

At the present time, only two of the twelve alumni chapters have paid their dues for the past two years as set up by the 1952 convention. Three others paid the dues for one of the two years, and the remaining seven have paid no dues. We have received the annual national alumni dues from only 117 alumni members in the various chapters, this from a membership of over 44,000 alumni throughout the nation today.

My recommendations to this convention are contained in the suggestions which have been presented to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and were sent to all chapters prior to the convention. Regardless of the outcome of these recommendations, our greatest opportunity for alumni as I see it is to serve as participating citizens in the communities in which we live and I hope you will go out from this convention and take your place in community life later on, regardless of the alumni situation, and keep the service motives of APO in your heart and mind. Alpha Phi Omega stands for service.

Report of National Treasurer

Joseph Scanlon (Eta Xi)

Brother Scanlon presented the audit report of national finances for the years of 1953 and 1954, copies of which were available for inspection by the delegates. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by the convention.

In his report, Brother Scanlon brought out the fact that numerous chapters had been slow in sending in membership applications after initiating new men and he urged a more strict policy in this regard. He emphasized the need for strengthening the membership of all chapters as a means of increasing our program.

Report of National Secretary By Sidney B. North (Pi)

I come to you humbly this afternoon as I realize that this is your report and not just something I may bring you.

First, and as always, the most significant achievement of Alpha Phi Omega in the past two years is our service program. This morning Brother Bartle mentioned several of the prominent projects. Let me call to your attention the fact that in the early years of APO the service projects were small. We were just feeling our way, and even in some places some were skeptical as to whether this kind of organization was feasible and could be successful.

As time has passed the projects have become increasingly important in the campus life of America—big projects as well as small ones which affect the entire student body. More than 400 different kinds of projects have been developed and carried out by the chapters.

Our program is unique and each of you here should be proud of your part in building this program. Probably no other campus organization is more highly respected for its activities than Alpha Phi Omega. Letters of appreciation from college officials, Scout leaders, civic leaders and others arrive frequently complimenting the work of Alpha Phi Omega.

In membership in the past two years 6,551 new active members have entered Alpha Phi Omega and 331 new Faculty and Scouting Advisors have been brought into the work of our fraternity.

It has been the desire of our National Office to render prompt service to chapters at all times, in correspondence, in sending material which you request, and in registering new members and pledges. In the past few months the volume of correspondence has been so great that with our limited staff we have sometimes found difficulty keeping up, and in any instance where there has been a delay in any communication to your chapter, I express regret and sincere apologies.

Our office records have been continued as agreed upon at pre-vious conventions. We keep a chapter file of the actual applications of all members, and we maintain an alphabetical file of all members who have entered APO since the beginning. In the addressograph file we keep plates for officers and advisors for mailing the national bulletin and additional plates for active members to receive the magazine.

Sixteen issues of the "Torch and Trefoil" have been published since the 1952 convention according to our regular schedule of eight issues per school year. We have tried to make these increasingly interesting and valuable to you.

The Question and Answer pamphlet is our popular booklet for

giving information to prospective new members and 55,000 copies

have been distributed in the past two years.

The Manual of Administration has continued to be useful to officers and advisors and the Pledge Manual as you know is the booklet used by pledges in their preparation for active member-

The National Bulletin has been published as needed and is our means of communication with chapter officers and advisors

I wish to pay tribute to the leadership of our National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl, and the members of our National Execuitye Board. We have a "working" board—men who are consecrated to the welfare and growth of Alpha Phi Omega.

Above all, I wish to pay tribute to the chapter officers, active members and advisors who have given so effectively of their time and energy and leadership. It is a pleasure to work with you.

We have real opportunity for further advancement in Alpha Phi Omega in 1955 and with everyone working together we can build our fraternity to new heights.

I salute all of you who have given a large portion of your Christmas vacation to devote these days in the interest of the organization we all love. I believe in Alpha Phi Omega as a tremendous force for constructive purposes on college campuses. I believe in all-out program of growth in 1955, not only in numbers but in accomplishments. I believe in you and your sincerity as a brother in our fraternity.

May God give us strength and guidance as we continue this

program of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Evening Session

December 28

Presiding at this session was Dr. R. H. Bolyard (Beta Phi), National First Vice-President, who introduced the four speakers of the evening, as follows:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

By Jim Kenkel (Epsilon Mu)

It was my privilege to attend the Ninth National Conference on Citizenship last September. I am sure you know as little as I did then about the Conference. So, on the invitation of our program chairman, Bill Roth, I would like to tell you what the Conference has been doing.

The National Conference on Citizenship had its origin toward the close of World War II when a small group of men and women met in Philadelphia to see how the spirit that had united our nation could be preserved for the future so that in peacetime, as in wartime, all citizens of the United States might dedicate themselves to upholding continuously the American concepts of government and democratic way of life. Over 1,000 public and private organizations and agencies have participated in the annual conferences. They represent all sections of our country and reach most of our people, making their influence felt in practically every wholesome aspect of American life.

At the time of its inception, the National Education Association was engaged in an extensive program of recognition for youthful citizens as they became new voters. At the same time, the Department of Justice was carrying on a program to emphasize the significance of citizenship particularly in relation to naturalization proceedings.

The organization is not a super-American organization. It goes deeper than that. Membership ranged from such organizations as the American Bar Association to the Daughters of the American Revolution, down to the younger members such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Alpha Phi Omega was there on the invitation of the Boy Scouts, and we served this year as one of their delegates. It is my hope for Alpha Phi Omega to become a member of this conference in its own right.

In 1953, President Eisenhower signed the bill granting this conference a federal charter, so it has national recognition and national membership. We were addressed in conference by such dignitaries as Attorney General Herbert Brownell and Solicitor General Simon Sobiloff; also by the winners of the "I Speak for Democracy" contest and the American Legion Oratorical contest. When we divided into discussion groups, we discussed how delegates could take back to their numerous organizations ways of becoming better citizens and spreading better citizenship throughout the country. As a member of Alpha Phi Omega, I could take justifiable pride in that our organization, of all those represented, was doing this aiready through our program of leadership and service. Whereas others were talking about ways of helping youth and serving other people, I was able to tell them of ways in which we were already doing that. Remember, one of our fields of service is to our nation as participating citizens and also to the youth of America. That is how I feel APO can take a definite part in the Conference in future years.

I believe one specific challenge that a number of chapters in large cities could take up is the idea of helping the naturalization proceedings gain a little more respect and dignity. Even in Washington, it has been only recently that these ceremonies have been marked with any public notice or dignity whatsoever. To these foreigners coming in, it is one of the biggest days of their lives. They are renouncing any former nobility claims and any former citizenship which they might have had. It is only fitting that their becoming citizens of the United States should be marked with a little more dignity and respect.

We had the privilege of having the District Court of the District of Columbia come into the Statler Hotel where naturalization proceedings were held with what they consider model pomp and pageantry. They had various color guards, the Marine band and an inspiring ceremony. And yet frequently people take that Oath of Citizenship in surroundings that are almost completely opposite from what we saw. In particular, for us to expand our program of service to the nation—service in such ways as through getting out the vote, is one of the bases of our government.

Students should help raise politics from the derogatory sense it has in some countries to a higher level in our government. And for ourselves to become better and more enlightened citizens—to know our government. For as you know your government, you will love your government.

Brother North will recommend to the National Executive Board that Alpha Phi Omega submit a bid for membership in the National Conference on Citizenship. I believe it would be a fine thing for APO. We have a lot more to offer them, as we have already been doing so many of these works in the field of citizenship.

WHY I BELIEVE IN ALPHA PHI OMEGA

By Paul C. Wargon (Alpha Gamma)

Basically, I have three reasons for believing in Alpha Phi Omega. Be a Leader; Be a Friend; Be of Service.

I know these three are not any different from yours, because we are all in one great big organization, but I would like you within the next few minutes to go back with me, fit yourself into your organization, re-evaluate your feelings and your relationship to Alpha Phi Omega.

My first awareness of APO came while I was stationed in Alaska temporarily. We transient personnel were handling the Scouting. We tried, when we became due for rotation, to get a local person to take over the Scout troop in Anchorage. Through the Anchorage Daily News, we finally found that there was one merchant who would give us the time. He came down to the office and stated that he was a fellow interested in service. I did not know then that he was an APO. He stated he had spent time at a college in Southern California with a Service Fraternity. He was willing, after all these years, to come back in and give leadership in Scouting.

Later, I heard of Alpha Phi Omega when I went to Philmont. I have been in my chapter as long as I have been in school—a year and a half. I joined because of the friendship and because of the service. Also connected with my belief in the three basic ideals is the fact that I also believe in you. I am planning to enter the field of professional service of the Boy Scouts. Therefore, my future depends on you—my brothers—that when I come into your council, when I graduate, I want to be able to call on your leadership, your friendship, and your service.

We have a common bond as Alpha Phi Omega brothers: our friendship. It is a fraternity that literally cuts across all lines. It is the bond that comes from within—from the heart. It is stated that school and college are broadening—there is no place else within this world that a man can get any better broadening into manhood and into life than he can in Alpha Phi Omega.

As I said, I will call on your leadership, friendship, and service. I want you to feel free to call on me any time for my leadership, my friendship, and my service.

A FACULTY ADVISOR SPEAKS

By Dr. Jack Stellwagen (Epsilon Epsilon)

A faculty advisor is a funny sort of animal. In the first place, with the exception of a man who is an administrator, a faculty advisor is a college professor. You have suffered under plenty of them; so have I. But did you ever stop to think that a co.lege professor is a man who is dedicated to a lonely life? His professional success and advancement depends on the extent to which he can lead a lonely life. In solitary meditation, in study, in research, and you can't do that in the middle of a group; you have to do it by yourself. And then he has to be almost a professional schizophrenic. He has to turn around and try to pass on h's enthusiasm for what he is doing himself in his own study-what he is learning-to someone else. He has to have something of the qualities which make him a good faculty advisor for APO. He has to be able to combine a love of his students with a love of his work. Why the gang at Valley have been re-electing me over and over for the last five years, I haven't the remotest idea. All I know is that they have been doing it. You know that you should have faculty advisors. What should you expect of them? Three things that the chapter should expect of a faculty advisor are these: (1) attendance at meetings; (2) advice; and (3) work.

Attendance. The advisor has to go to meetings and take part in them. If he does not, he does not know the men in the chapter and what they are doing.

Advice. That does not mean direction! In his classroom, he has to give direction—has to tell people how to do things. He gives advice only when asked. Usually there is nothing that people pay less attention to than advice they don't want. I would say the big value is in knowing when to keep judiciously silent! But occasionally something will come along when advice is needed that isn't asked for. Perhaps action appears likely that may have unfortunate results. The advisor has had an opportunity to acquire a little more of the components of judgment. He might be able to help you. Or perhaps there is good chance for leadership or for service or for display of friendship which the chapter seems likely to overlook. There an advisor can help you. How? Not by telling you to do it, but by offering you a suggestion—perhaps in the form of a question. Are you sure you want to do that? Don't you think such and such may happen?

Work. Work on chapter projects. A faculty advisor who is too good to work on a chapter project is not a member of APO. It seems to me a prerequisite. He should say the ones he likes. For some strange reason, I seem to enjoy wrapping hot dogs! I just seem to like doing it. The point is that any particular project may appeal to one advisor and not to another. I think a chapter advisor should read the "Torch and Trefoil." Our hard-working National Secretary puts a lot of time and thought and effort into it and there is a lot of valuable material in it. I wonder how many active APO members read it through? You might be missing something if you do not.

Attendance, advice, work—that is what you have a right to expect from your advisor.

Now, the other side of the picture. How about the advisor? What is he entitled to expect? Courtesy. Stop and think a minute. Here is a man who's not as young as you are; he does not have your pep. He has a home sometimes some distance from the campus. He gets up from a perfectly good dinner and his soft, easy chair or study desk, puts on his coat, and goes out in rain or snow and comes to your meeting. He is not living in a dormitory on the campus. He does not have to come just a few hundred feet or yards. Courtesy—he is entitled to that when he gets there.

Attention. If he has something to say that is worth listening to, that is not the time for a caucus in the back corner of the room.

Appreciation. Your faculty advisor, remember, is not working for pay; he is doing it because he enjoys it—because he likes you—because he believes in Alpha Phi Omega. A word of appreciation does not hurt, and it doesn't cost you a nickel. Ask your advisor to come to your meetings. That is particularly important on a big campus. On a little one like ours, I know what goes on; but even then something happens that I don't know about ahead of time. It is courteous to tell him when your meetings are going to be held, where, and what is up for discussion. Ask him to work with the committee of your chapter that he likes.

To those of you here who are faculty advisors, I would say that you are in a wonderful position to give a well-earned pat on the back when it is due, also. The big point is that you are doing it because you like it. You don't expect anything out of it. It is the eternal lesson of growth and more growth through

A SCOUTING ADVISOR SPEAKS

By J. D. Armstrong (Alpha Upsilon)

It is my responsibility on this program to somehow interpret the position of the local Boy Scout Council in relationship to Alpha Phi Omega. Probably these remarks are somewhat superfluous in view of the presentation this noon and this morning which gave a philosophy of Scout work in its kinship to Aipha Phi Omega by Roe Bartle and Curly Zion. We thrilled to those remarks, and yet it is still my job to pin-point a few suggestions.

We, too, have been thrilled with the leadership of H. F. Pote and of Ray Wyland. We are much impressed to see men like Armand Spizzirri, Marion Disborough, Joseph Scanlon, Bill Roth, George Cahill, and others, who have grown with and for and in the fraternity. All of these men speak eloquently and convincingly of the relationship between the local council and Alpha Phi Omega, because now they are strong leaders in the career of Scouting.

First of all, let's bear in mind that though APO was founded upon the concept of the Scout Oath and Law and the philosophy of the good turn, there are still Scout Executives in America and local council staffs who do not know much about us. In twentynine years, some have not had the opportunity and others have not taken the opportunity for our fellowship. Oftentimes, circumstances have just not led to the place where the Scout Executive could become a brother in APO. Relationship is up to you who know the mission of the fraternity. Don't wait for the local council to come to you in the chapter. Please do not imagine disinterest on the part of the local council office until you have taken the loud and bold first step with the local council. The local executive will appreciate that, and then you can advance in proper relationship with you on the offensive. Remember, he is as much a neophyte as the newest and greenest pledge you have on the campus. He is not going to come into your organization until vou invite him.

Second, I hope that we expect the local Scout Executive to underscore service to youth and the community with the same logical bias and spirit with which the dean of your college would emphasize service to the students and faculty. He is eminently qualified to make suggestions on projects in this channel of service.

Third, realize that the Scout Executive is a busy man. Let him know that you know he is busy. He is not looking for more meetings. He must be selective in his schedule. Community demands and requirements of his job are pretty tough. He appreciates your telling him just when you want him-advising him in plenty of time when and where your meeting is to be held. If an emergency occurs, explain to him; he will oblige if he possibly can. Be fair to him. I don't just mean to give him notice of a routine meeting the day or two before the meeting. Advise him plenty early so he can put it on his schedule

Fourth, I would suggest very emphatically that we take on community projects that are going to give your chapters credit and recognition beyond the campus. Of course, campus recognition is of the paramount importance, but a complete public relations program would give coverage for the public as well. The pledge class for next year and for the year after next is not reading your campus newspaper. More than likely they are exposed to the public press, regardless of television. Use these channels; they are of great consequence.

In this same vein, as the fifth and final suggestion, exercise every contact that you can through your local council officecamp staff—Order of the Arrow, etc., that you may know about in the interest of building your chapter. Here your Scout Executive can help most of all. We could talk objectively about the relationship of the local council office to Alpha Phi Omega for any length of time. The local council is eager to help in any way it

This isn't my first APO convention. I have been to five of them! In all five of them, I have noticed a certain undercurrent of conversation that somewhat implies that there is competition between our fraternity and the social fraternities-national or local. Sometimes it is said this competition almost borders on

jealousy. I contend this point is absolute nonsense. In the first place, there can be no competition because we are not even in the same market.

The challenge for service—our prerogative at the campus where we go to school. I don't pretend to know what goes on in campus life today. And yet I take every chance I can to go over to Cedar Falls to Iowa State Teachers College, to Wartburg, Luther, Upper Iowa University as well. Of course, I am impressed by the marvelous building programs and facilities and by the zeal of the student body to prepare for their chosen work. And yet I am a little suspicious that there is an undertow that leads us to be reluctant to serve-lack of enthusiasm to carry out the beautiful philosophy of APO. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the few remaining bulwarks of voluntarism in our over-mechanized and under-specialized community. Our forces in Scouting are to be counted. APO assumes much the same role on the campuses of our land, where thinking young Americans are fast molding their concepts and philosophies-either to give or to get. Therefore, our work is of great consequence because our campuses are presenting to the communities tomorrow's leaders. APO is on the campus today with greater strength and enthusiasm, greater strength through fine leadership we have had these twenty-nine years-and greater challenge than ever before. My earnest hope is that Scout Executives of America will want to be on your team. I am certain that they do want to be on it, to enjoy opportunities we have for service in common. We want to help get this important job

The Ritual of the Fraternity

The ritual was conducted by the degree team of Lambda Zeta Chapter of Ripon College, Pledges who had been certified for initiation at the convention were inducted into active member-ship. The ceremony was beautifully and impressively performed.

As part of this ceremony, the nationwide Fall pledge class was officially dedicated as "The Daniel Den Uyl Class" in honor of the National President. A plaque was presented to Dan by Brother George H. Charno (Beta Eta), National Legal Counselor, with expressions of gratitude and congratulations for his service as national leader of our fraternity.

Coffee Klatch

Following the ritual, a session of fun and fellowship was held. A free drawing for prizes was conducted with Brother William S. Roth (Rho), Convention Program Chairman, officiating. Prizes consisted of a crested billfold, fountain pen, lighter and other

Morning Session

December 29

Brother M. R. Disborough (Alpha Tau), National Third Vice-President, presided at this session and called upon the following discussion groups to present their reports:

Report of the Service Projects Discussion Group

Myron Kjos (Alpha Lambda), Chairman Professor Kent D. Shaffer (Kappa), Advisor James B. Harrington (Lambda Kappa), Consultant Don McCullough (Gamma Eta), Recorder

The chairman gave the group several minutes to read the section on service in the Manual of Administration, and the advisor pointed out that projects will differ at each college and universtiy. Then the chairman asked that one member of each chapter represented mention a few of the service projects carried out on his campus. They are as follows:

Beta Chapter, University of Pittsburgh-Give exams to incoming students twice yearly, print and distribute the student di-

Alpha Iota Chapter, Ohio State University-Give leadership to a Scout Troop at the Ohio State School for the Blind, including twenty boys, Ugly Man Contest, and the annual Mistletoe Dance.

Gamma Epsilon Chapter, CCNY—Handle blood bank and drive, supervise student government elections.

Zeta Kappa Chapter, Bowling Green State University—Work with Red Cross blood mobile unit, handling the sign-up sheets, master sheet and parental release forms.

Zeta Chapter, Stanford University—Handle the blood bank, relief drives, aid student government, usher at dramatic productions.

Beta Zeta Chapter, University of Georgia—Give service at registration, infirmary visitation, Scout conclave, Ugly Man contest, Christmas party for Negro employees, March of Dimes, Campus Sing, Easter Egg hunt, and assist in Scout leadership.

Eta Pi Chapter, University of Detroit—March of Dimes with dance with theme "Let's dance so others may walk."

Gamma Iota Chapter, Brooklyn College—Book exchange, ticket bureau, charity campaigns.

Alpha Rho Chapter, University of Texas—Assist cerebral palsy center, put on training conference for Scouts, assist school for blind, aid Scout troops which are in need of temporary leadership.

Gamma Omicron Chapter, Queens College—Book Exchange, blood drive, ticket bureau, ushering at dramatic performances, tree planting on campus, aid social welfare conference, aid Scout troops, student mail service, maintain student activities room, March of Dimes.

Kappa Gamma Chapter, Wisconsin State College at LaCrosse— Swimming and life saving program for Scouts, book exchange.

Lambda Lambda Chapter, Shippensburg State Teachers College—Assist at Scout camporees, guide tours of the campus.

Alpha Lambda Chapter, North Dakota State College—YOU (Yearbooks Offer Understanding), physical exams at registration, snow sculpturing contests.

Kappa Chapter, Carnegie Institute of Technology—Elections, Spring carnival, decorations for dances.

Kappa Iota Chapter, Hanover College—Aid Campus Chest, handle parking lots.

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Missouri Valley College-Blood drive, teen-age club.

Alpha Nu Chapter, St. Norbert Co.lege—Christmas baskets for needy families.

Alpha Theta Chapter, University of Omaha—Sweeties Pan contest.

Beta Beta Chapter, Michigan State College—Car pool for rides. Eta Rho Chapter, Marquette University—Manage the homecoming parade, help handle crowds at big events.

Delta Epsilon, Illinois Tech—Messages to friends around the world by ham radio operators, TB X-rays.

Alpha Gamma Chapter, Purdue—Time and Life sales to earn money for service work.

Alpha Delta Chapter, San Diego State—Lost and Found service.

It was pointed out that the projects mentioned above are just a few of the activities conducted by each chapter. Brother Kent D. Shaffer suggested chapters share project information with all who desire it.

Report of the

Membership and Pledging Discussion Group

Robert C. Eberhart (Alpha Alpha), Chairman A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), Advisor Clarence J. Mann II (Delta Omicron), Consultant Percy R. Patterson (Zeta Beta), Consultant Norman Essner (Gamma Delta), Recorder

Certain problems and situations were presented regarding each individual chapter. The following suggestions and recommendations were made:

1. Those chapters which do not have membership extension committees should formulate if possible the same in accordance of page seven of the Manual of Administration.

2. Use of open meetings to familiarize college men with the principles and program of Alpha Phi Omega. The use of Scout census cards and personal contact were recommended.

3. There was discussion regarding previous Scouting experience, and it was the unanimous opinion of the group that the present requirement Article III, Section 2 of our constitution should be continued.

4. There was some discussion regarding pledge projects and active signatures as requirements of pledgeship and it was the feeling of the group that the requirements should be left to the discretion of the individual chapters.

5. Regarding the ritual teams it was decided that when an officer is elected to office, he must assume the obligations of being

a member of the ritual team.

6. The problems of the size of pledge groups and active chapters were discussed and it was agreed upon that the basis for taking in new members should be placed on *quality* and not *quantity*.

7. By the consensus of opinion it was agreed that the active members and pledges should fulfill the obligations of the service projects equally—however, pledges are *not* to be on equal status with the actives in matters of voting and chapter business.

8. Due to the limit on time for this discussion no action was taken on the proposal which came at the end of the session by Gamma Psi Chapter that a Membership File Card be adopted. Further details of this proposal will be brought on the floor at the legislative meeting.

Report of the Meeting Programs Discussion Group

Richard E. Klein (Nu), Chairman Eugene A. Kulesza (Eta Pi), Advisor Donald M. Cook (Delta Omega), Consultant Donovan Merry (Zeta Nu), Consultant Paul Williams (Delta Theta), Recorder

There were no changes recommended by the group in the chapter meetings programs as outlined in the Manual of Administration. However a discussion was held on sub-topic three, roll call. It was mentioned that in the large chapters a roll call was an extremely time consuming element, hence identification badges should be used. Through this method, the participating members of the meeting would wear the badges to facilitate identification. The remaining badges would indicate to the secretary who were absent from the meeting. In the small chapters the oral roll call seemed to be feasible.

Next the group considered the advisability of alternating business and program meetings. After due consideration the group felt that it was not advisable to alternate the meetings because (1) many chapters hold their meetings bi-weekly, alternating the meetings would only give them one meeting a month to consider and conduct the necessary business of the chapter; and (2) it would be extremely difficult to schedule interesting program meetings

without repetition.

Among the many suggestions for attractive features to help bring good attendance the group felt: (1) Movies should be shown once a month. (2) Speakers with interesting hobbies should be sought out to discuss and demonstrate their hobbies to the group. (3) Dinners should be arranged once a semester at which a speaker from the community or the college or university should be the principal feature. (4) Activities should be arranged with the service sororities. This would necessitate attendance for the members to avail themselves of the information about the particulars of the activity. (5) A meeting should be well planned in advance with enough business topics and pertinent information to hold the interest of the chapter and secure the feeling of achievement. This planning could be accomplished by the Program Committee or during the regular meetings of the Executive Committee

In its discussion of the participation of the pledges in chapter meetings and advisability of holding separate pledge meetings the group felt: (1) Pledges should be allowed to discuss minor activities at the meetings, but in regard to pertinent business should not be allowed to make final statements which would alter the thought and discussions of the active members on the matters. (2) At the beginning of the pledge period the pledges should conduct their meetings separate from the chapter. After they have learned the procedure and contents of fraternity meetings they should then be allowed to sit in on the active meetings and have the rights as mentioned above.

Further, the group felt that it is most imperative for the Program Committee or the Executive Committee to plan the schedule of meetings well in advance to help the members plan their ac-

tivities and participation at the meetings.

To facilitate the attendance of the members at the meetings the group felt that the corresponding secretary should: (1) Have a schedule of meetings of the forthcoming semester printed up and distributed to the members. (2) Send post cards to the members

announcing the forthcoming meeting. (3) Post notices on the official bulletin boards. (4) Post notices in the school paper especially if it contains a "meetings and events" column. (5) Also, the group felt that personal contact is the best method and means of communicatating with the members about the future meeting.

Report of the Discussion Group on Executive Committee

Richard Corwin (Epsilon Epsilon), Chairman Dr. Henry Miller (Gamma Omicron), Advisor Robert N. Rickles (Epsilon Zeta), Consultant Keith Hey (Kappa Chi), Recorder

As to the duties of the Executive Committee, in some chapters we found that the committee set the policies, not just recommended them to the chapter. In most chapters the committee was purely of an advisory status. The general consensus was that the committee should set up the financial budget for the year and outline a full calendar for projects.

Frequency of Executive Committee meetings varied from one every week to one a month or less. It was found to be better to have quite frequent meetings in those chapters having a large membership and fewer meetings in smaller chapters. The number of meetings cannot be definitely set, but as many as needed for an efficient organization should be held.

Another point brought up was that of the past officers connections with the Executive Committee. Some chapters had a picnic or dinner as a get-together for old and new officers to discuss the problems and duties. One chapter had a retreat shortly before the Fall term opened at which all the members attended and a discussion was held on the coming year's projects and activities.

For closer connection with the advisors, some chapters set up one certain advisor for each officer, making a personal relationship for discussion of problems. One chapter had a rotating dinner, given once a month by one of the advisors, at which the officers and advisors could talk over activities and plans.

It was felt that the past officers and advisors are of vital importance because of their experiences. They can pass on very valuable information which can make the jobs of the present officers much easier.

The last matter of discussion was that of disciplinary powers of the committee. Some chapters seemed to have little need of such powers because of spirit. In others we found powers ranging from only recommendations to the chapter to finis and expulsions. We feel, though, that the best way is to create interest in a positive position instead of negative methods. One way of doing this was a little brother's setup. Each pledge acted as a little brother for one of the members and could call him present at a meeting as long as the excuse was valid. Active participation in projects was another way of relieving the problem.

The discussion closed with the sentiment that the Executive Committee, being of the chapter and composed of its members, should so function for the betterment of the organization as a whole. It should act to better carry out the chapter program as well as make it easier to conduct.

Report of the **Chapter Calendar Discussion Group**

John L. Miller (Phi), Chairman Arthur Harrington (Zeta Alpha), Advisor David Larson (Beta Sigma), Consultant Carl Hoffman (Beta Psi), Recorder

In our discussion group we used a questionnaire which had been prepared in advance by the chairman. It asked questions of each chapter represented concerning the Chapter Calendar and its

Of the fourteen chapters represented in the group, seven reported operating under a chapter calendar (one a yearly calendar, five by semester calendar, and one by quarter) and the other seven function fairly successfully without it.

It was pointed out that the calendar is a tentative guide, prepared by a committee and submitted to the chapter for ratification.

The semester calendar seemed to the group to be most successful

The question of how the chapter handles "last minute" projects, brought out that chapters use various means of notifying members, including telephone committee, bulletin board and

The question was asked whether the calendars used by chapters in this group were in the list form or in the monthly calendar form with appropriate holidays and campus events marked. Two reported a monthly calendar form, and five use a list of activities.

It was mentioned that the chapter calendar should be presented to the Faculty and Scouting advisors for their information and approval. The calendar should also be cleared with the university or college calendar, which may be an aid in obtaining favorable dates and provide further publicity.

The group recommended the monthly calendar form with space for personal dates and campus events as well as chapter events carefully marked. This enables the member of Alpha Phi Omega to use the calendar as a daily desk calendar.

Report of the **Publicity Discussion Group**

William E. Raymond (Eta Pi), Chairman Joseph Schlosser (Beta), Advisor Kenneth Varker (Alpha Psi), Consultant Richard C. West (Delta Beta), Consultant Alvin G. Tenner (Epsilon Chi), Recorder

Opening statement of the chairman to the group: Today in the business world, both on a professional and amateur basis, publicity has come to play an important part in the focusing of attention on major and minor events. It has become so important that few activities are ever able to be a real success without publicity. Of course, this publicity must necessarily include a certain degree of good will, public relations and advertisement.

The good will is necessary if the organization is to continue to function as it should. Without this, it becomes practically impossible to build up a reputation which people will look up to, for, in our case, service is what we are giving, not selling.

Public relations is similar in nature, insomuch as we are continually dealing with the public, either in small groups or of the magnitude of the entire campus, city and environs. We, then, are what may be called voluntary public servants, functioning for the people.

Advertisement, in itself, can be rather ambiguous, insomuch as we have to differentiate between purchased and donated advertising. Little value comes from haggling over this point, as, in this world today, advertising is important.

Thus, we will proceed with the agenda which you have before

Each publicity committee should have at least four members, with each member assigned to a specific job, i.e., one person to be in charge of campus newspaper and local paper. Methods of informing the students of APO before they enter college were as follows: conducting visitations of the campus, contacting the high school seniors, informing the Boy Scout troops in the community.

In the campus newspaper, a good initial line was suggested, with the details of the story to follow. By being of service to the paper, by having a reporter assigned to the chapter from the paper, by preparing the articles a week or more in advance so the story could have space.

It was reported the best way to get articles in the town paper is to have reference in the story to a home town boy.

The yearbook page depends upon being able to pay cost of

A few of the gimmicks used on the campus to advertise the chapter were: costumes on the campus to advertise a dance, parades, announcements on the blackboards in the classroom in colored chalk. Since most students going to school have very little money, a list of restaurants where the food is good and the price is low should be published. The chapter should go down to the restaurants and show them that their place is suggested for college students and have the place put up signs which say that this place is suggested by APO. The restaurants are willing to cooperate since it does not cost them anything and it is free publicity for them.

When working on projects, APO sweaters, jackets, arm bands, etc., should be worn to let the people know that the chapter is doing the project.

Another good publicity angle is the pledge sign-up table. A

good location where all the freshman students must pass is the best place.

It was strongly suggested and urged that more information about Alpha Phi Omega be included in the text of *Handbook for Boys*, and endeavor to secure more publicity in *Boys' Life* and *Scouting* magazines. It was also suggested that a study be made of a means of recognition of Alpha Phi Omega on Scout uniforms.

Recommendations: It was moved that the duties of the Publicity Committee as stated in the Manual of Administration be accepted as is and that the use of such committee be left to the discretion of the individual chapters.

Report of the

"How to Plan a Conference" Discussion Group

Richard Barth (Zeta Theta), Chairman Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J. (Theta Xi), Advisor Fred Helling (Lambda), Consultant E. H. Stech (Omaha Alumni), Consultant Frederick C. Roettger (Gamma Beta), Recorder

The group believes a pamphlet should be developed by a committee appointed by the National Executive Board to show how to plan and conduct a conference. Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J., presented several points: To advise chapters to stick closely to the sectional lines set up by National for each conference, because it will work a hardship if you try to cover too large an area, and to let the National Office know well in advance of plans for the conference so they can assist in the preparations, program and publicity.

Delegates from Lambda Zeta Chapter of Ripon College suggested making sure that all chapters attend the conference by

helping weaker chapters get to the conference.

A problem brought out by delegates from one section is that there are forty chapters in the area and that is too many for most colleges to handle as hosts. It was suggested that in some sections maybe the area needs to be divided.

It was mentioned that Air Force bases can be used as conference sites if the Scout Council is asked to help make the arrangements for use of Air Force facilities.

In numerous places dormitories and social fraternity houses have been used as housing for APO conferences. In other instances hotels and motels have been used as housing, with the conference sessions being held either in the hotel or on the campus of the host chapter.

Selecting a suitable date is important. It was recommended avoiding holiday or vacation dates. In most instances in the past the most successful attendance has been on week ends during the term—that is so delegations can drive direct from their respective campuses to the conference site and return to the campus after the meeting is ended.

A good way to select a date is to choose two or three possible dates which will be suitable to the chapter appointed as host and then take a poll of chapters in the section giving all chapters opportunity to vote.

Cost of the conference is also important. By keeping the cost as reasonable as possible for housing and meals you have better opportunity to attract good attendance.

Speakers for the conference should be invited well in advance and should be informed as to the amount of time they will be given.

It was suggested that the alumni in many instances can be helpful in planning a conference and in arranging for facilities.

Each conference should have a recording secretary so that a report will be prepared of the business of the meeting, and also each discussion group at the conference should appoint a recorder to take minutes of the discussions.

Delegates from Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Oshkosh State College suggested that a conference chairman be appointed early and then he would delegate different host jobs to members of his own chapter and delegate program jobs, such as discussion group chairmanships, to members of other chapters throughout the area.

It was pointed out that a dance at a conference is too expensive and time-consuming and is not within the main purpose of the conference.

The purposes of a Sectional Conference were listed as (1) to show what different service projects are being done and assist

chapters in developing more service, (2) inspiration to provide incentive for greater activity in the chapters, and (3) fellowship and acquaintanceship among men from all chapters in the section.

Afternoon Session

December 29

This session was called to order by President Den Uyl. He introduced Brother J. Richard Wilson, Past National Secretary of Order of the Arrow, who brought a fine message of greetings to Alpha Phi Omega from the Order of the Arrow. Brother Wilson, who was formerly an active member of Epsilon Sigma Chapter at the University of Buffalo, expressed a spirit of cooperation between the two organizations and extended congratulations to APO and good wishes for the future.

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The next order of business was the Round Table Discussion on Alpha Phi Omega Affairs. It was led by a "Board of Experts" composed of chapter officers and advisors. The chairman was George Yanda (Kappa), and the others on this panel were Joe Paul Tupin (Alpha Rho), E. Ross Forman (Zeta Theta), Alfred Dufour (Iota Chi), Ardean Rystad (Epsilon Theta), Ronald E. Neupert (Delta Psi), David E. Stahl (Zeta Delta) and John

Ayres (Zeta).

In this roundtable discussion all delegates who desired were given opportunity to present any ideas or questions or problems and these were discussed so all in the assembly gained from the ideas presented.

President Den Uyl then called upon Dr. Henry Miller (Gamma Omicron), National Second Vice-President, to preside at presen-

tation of reports of discussion groups as follows:

Report of the

Presidents and Vice-Presidents Responsibilities Discussion Group

Russell Taylor (Kappa Omicron), Chairman Dr. Glenn R. Barr (Zeta Delta), Advisor Stephen J. Horvath, Jr. (Eta), Consultant Ronald J. Stein (Lambda Theta), Consultant Richard W. Jones (Beta Zeta), Recorder

The fact was emphasized that the president must be a spark to the group as a whole. In other words, he must have good leadership qualities.

The duties of the officers were read from the Manual of Administration. Next, we discussed Executive Committee meetings. Although the frequency with which this committee should meet varies with the size and activity of the respective chapters, it was agreed that the more often the Executive Committee met the more efficiently the chapter operated. At these meetings, the business for the next chapter meeting is discussed and organized.

The next topic was how the president coordinates the work of all officers and advisors. According to reports from various chapter representatives, the consensus of opinion showed that the president should act mainly in a supervisory capacity, checking regularly on what he had assigned to be done by his fellow members. Plenty of advance planning is, of course, necessary before the responsibilities are assigned to the various committees. In any event, as many as possible should take part in the projects, because more interest is stimulated by participation.

Our next topic for discussion was whether to have one or more than one vice-president. The majority of the chapters represented had two, and a few had three. A very few had only one vice-president. With more than one vice-president, the usual po icy was to assign one to membership and the other to service projects. In the chapters where there is only one vice-president the majority of the work is handled through standing committees. It was decided that this aspect should be left to the individual chapters, as the constitution allows for some variation in chapter offices.

The following suggestions were submitted in order to give each member a specific responsibility in the chapter program. Before the new school term the Executive Committee prepares an outline of the various committees to be used for the coming year. Then this list is distributed at the chapter meetings so that the members may volunteer for certain responsibilities. Afterwards, the appointments are made by the president, upon consulting with each man and basing his selection on the interest and ability shown by each. Another suggestion was the preparation of a calendar, showing whom the president had scheduled for different events.

This can prevent the possibility of too few members doing all the work. It was also suggested that an S O P folder be prepared for each project. This would outline all the work involved and thereby facilitate the selection of committees for the project.

The responsibility of past presidents was discussed. Briefly, we decided that the past presidents should advise and assist the incoming president and help him become acquainted with the job.

The subject of nominating committees was next. A straw vote showed that nearly every chapter represented uses such a committee. The chapters not using this system claimed that it was unnecessary, because the candidates could be nominated just as well from the floor. However, those chapters using the nominating committee claimed it to have many advantages. Among these are the fact that the committee has more time and is more capable of reviewing the qualifications of each candidate. The committee submits its slate of candidates, but other nominations can be made from the floor in addition.

Lastly, the group made the following recommendations:

1. That each brother present at the discussion group discuss with his own chapter what was said at this meeting.

2. That all presidents should commend his workers for their

participation in the projects.

3. It was resolved that each officer should more thoroughly familiarize himself with the Manual of Administration.

Report of the

Secretaries Responsibilities Discussion Group

Robert Jernigan (lota Rho), Chairman Irwin H. Gerst (Epsilon Chi), Advisor Robert N. Duggan (Theta Xi), Consultant Stanley Jacobson (lota Beta), Recorder

The group discussed the duties of the Recording Secretary. The secretary should keep an accurate account of members on (1) attendance at meetings; (2) performance at meetings; and (3) service participation.

Discussion was held of duties of the Corresponding Secretary, including (1) keep in touch with members by mail or cards, and (2) National Office should receive reports from chapters.

It was recommended that the Corresponding Secretary should submit a complete report at the end of every semester to the National Office; that a standard file card be used for the recording of material for alumni members so as to eliminate the accumulation of back log material.

Ways of building up prestige for APO.

- 1. Sending letters of appreciation which should be punctual.
- 2. Notify school newspapers so they know what the chapter is
- 3. Keep letters of appreciation received by chapter on file for
- 4. Chapter members should exert discretion when wearing APO

It was recommended from floor that a type of pin be made for actives and pledges that is of clip-on nature.

It was recommended that retiring secretaries submit a written report to new secretary concerning past transactions.

Recommended that when significant issues arise before the chapter the corresponding secretary send a statement of this question to each member of the chapter and also the meeting time and place of necessary discussion and final action.

Report of the

Treasurers Responsibilities Discussion Group

Lawrence Williams (Delta Sigma), Chairman Joseph Scanlon (Eta Xi), Advisor G. Winston Anderson (Zeta Epsilon), Consultant Richard C. Crain (Delta Pi), Consultant Robert Parsons (Delta Lambda), Recorder

We discussed the following duties of the Chapter Treasurer:

- 1. To receive all money of the chapter and keep an accurate record thereof. (All of the chapters represented keep books and give receipts for payments received.)
- 2. To deposit funds where possible with college comptroller or business officer or in chapter bank accounts. (All chapters deposit money either at school or local bank.)

3. Upon proper authorization make all payments of chapter accounts by check (the check to be countersigned by one additional chapter officer as designated by the chapter.) Most chapters have established a petty cash fund and vouchers are signed by person taking money out of petty cash.

4. Much time was spent discussing budget. It was agreed that a budget as a plan should be used. Budget should be flexible and general. Some chapters use a finance committee to draw up budget. Treasurer should speak up against any project which the treasury

cannot afford

5. Some chapters found it difficult to collect dues. Some chapters were able to solve their problems by putting members with unpaid dues on inactive list; grades were held up until paid; not allowed to vote; dinners were given by chapters out of dues and only those paid were able to attend. Some chapters send out bills to unpaid members.

6. It was suggested that the national office send out information for federal return. Most chapters have their books audited

at end of school years.

7. Information is wanted about standard bookkeeping system. Favored having an accounting major as treasurer where it is possible.

- 8. It was proposed that the treasurer send initiation fees to national office in advance of initiation so that cards could be presented in the ritual.
- 9. This committee has deemed it wise to recommend that chapters restrict the financing of social activities to income from dues and assessments.

Report of the

Historians Responsibilities Discussion Group

Richard Bradley (Gamma Phi), Chairman Roy F. Stein (Eta Upsilon), Consultant Folsom Givens (Lambda Alpha), Consultant Alvin G. Tenner (Epsilon Chi), Recorder

The duties of the historian of the chapter were read from the Manual of Administration. A discussion then followed as to the upkeep and material that goes into the scrapbook. Epsilon Chi Chapter showed its scrapbook and told how it is maintained. The pictures in the book are bought and paid for from funds received from the brothers when pictures are sold to them. The pictures are sold above the cost of the purchase and developing. The extra money is then used to purchase pictures for the scrapbook and slides, projector and screen.

In the scrapbook, all clippings, pictures, letters, etc., should be kept.

Charles Harrison moved and Robert P. Walthen seconded, that the Manual of Administration be changed to read that the historian be a member of the Publicity Committee. The motion was carried.

Chapter prestige was discussed and it was decided that the scrapbook in tip top shape is important. The sending of articles to the Torch and Trefoil is also a very good way.

Pledges should take an active part in keeping up the scrapbook in order to obtain a working knowledge of the chapter and of the fraternity.

Report of the

Advisors Participation Discussion Group

Professor M. Buford Blair (Zeta Beta), Chairman Professor Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr. (Zeta Eta), Recorder

The outline furnished by the National Office included a review of the advisor's duties as outlined in the Manual of Administration, ways the Advisory Committee assists in the chapter program, frequency of committee meetings, responsibilities the chairman of the committee has in addition to those prescribed for other advisors, ways the advisors aid in recruiting new members, and extension to other campuses.

Considerable discussion was given to these major points. The group recommended the continuation of the duties as outlined in the Manual of Administration.

It is further recommended that the following duties be added to the Faculty Advisors and Scouting Advisors list in the Manual of Administration: To assist the chapter by any means apppropriate in membership extension.

b. To aid in extending Alpha Phi Omega to other campuses. The requirement that the Chairman of the Advisory Committee make a report three times a year in writing to the National Office was discussed at length. It was concluded that some sort of guide or outline is needed to assist the chairman in preparing his report so as to reflect such information that will be of benefit to the National Office and the National Executive Board. After much discussion a subcommittee was appointed to draw up a "Guide for Preparation of Advisor Chairman's Report to National Office." That guide is included below.

It is recommended that the tri-annual report from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee be in the form of a letter and that the

check list be used as a guide in its preparation.

It is not intended that this report become a dull, statistical fact sheet but rather that it be a personal, chatty newsletter from the advisor to the National Office.

Its adoption is recommended. Distribution to be by the National Office to Advisor Chairman. It is also recommended that the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a reminder to the chairmen in the National Secretary include a secretary incl

tional Bulletin prior to due date of the report.

The group discussed the point that the chapter should include in their convention expense fund provision to insure the attendance of at least one Faculty Advisor at each National Convention. It is very strongly recommended that this practice be encouraged in all chapters.

The question was raised as to how to get advisors to participate more in chapter activities. Considerable discussion was held on this point. Many suggestions were advanced. Some are:

a. Advisors should be notified of all meetings and activities.
b. Advisors should be invited to join in the chapter activities

as much as possible in order to better understand the students' problems and also to get to know the students better.

Send copy of minutes of chapter meetings to advisors to

c. Send copy of minutes of chapter meetings to advisors to keep them acquainted with chapter activities.

SUGGESTED LIST TO GUIDE ADVISORS IN THEIR REPORTS TO NATIONAL OFFICE

- 1. List campus service projects
 - a. under way
 - b. completed
 - c. planned
- 2. List community service projects
- a. under way
- b. completed
- c. planned
- 3. List fellowship events
- 4. Are chapter meetings:
- a. interesting?
- b. well attended by members?
- c. well attended by advisors?
- d. burdened by unnecessary business which should be handled by committees?
- e. planned in advance by committees or Executive Committee?
- f. well conducted by officers?
- 5. Are chapter meetings as a whole planned in advance?
- 6. Does chapter have a good pledge program, and how long is pledgeship?
- 7. Are there any special chapter problems?
- 8. Is there any chapter near us that needs help?
- 9. Are the Scouting Advisors active?

Report of the

Ritual Team Responsibilities Discussion Group

Howard Mesh (Alpha Pi), Chairman Kenneth Plante (Kappa Beta), Consultant Jay F. Guyer (Lambda Lambda), Recorder

The vice-presidents of the various chapters are the brothers who take charge of the ceremony and it is their responsibility to make sure that all members of the ritual team are present. All brothers are expected and even required to be in attendance. Some chapters fine their members for failure to attend the initiation ceremony.

The selection of the place for the ceremony depends on many factors, some of which are the size of the university, size of the chapter, size of the pledge class and type of ceremony. The usual procedure is to have a meal with the ceremony, either a banquet or buffet dinner. The recommendation of the discussion group is

that whenever a meal is served, it be served following the initiation ceremony rather than before so that all in attendance at the meal will be brothers of the fraternity and not some brothers and

some pledges.

It is the consensus of the group that the parts of the ritual should be memorized whenever possible, but the formality of the ceremony should not be overlooked in memorizing the parts. If necessary, some method of hiding the ritual books, such as behind a scroll or on a podium, may be used. The hall is darkened for the ceremony so therefore reading of the ritual will be more difficult than reciting it from memory. The entire ceremony should be practiced before the initiation so that an easy and smooth rhythm may be developed. This also is true for the physical actions of the ceremony and wherever possible a complete rehearsal should take place before the initiation, even if it is just an hour or so before the ceremony.

All props for the ritual should be kept in good condition and when the candles become worn down, new ones should be secured.

Electrically lighted emblems are the best to use in the ritual but other suggestions are carved wooden emblems with candles and some luminous paint with ultraviolet light. Of the chapters represented at the discussions 40 per cent used electric emblems, 50 per cent used candle lighted emblems and 10 per cent used no lights at all.

Th majority of the chapters use handkerchiefs for blindfolds, but some have special blindfolds which they give to the new

brothers as a memento of their initiation ceremony.

Most of our chapters use dark robes for the ceremony. Many secure these from their college or university, but some have gotten them from the national office at no cost other than postage.

There seems to be very little difficulty in the ritual with the sections where the body must respond to the President. All brothers are informed beforehand and all know when they are to speak.

The recommendation of the group is that in notifying Scouting and Faculty Advisors and Honoraries considerable advance notice

be given so that all may be in attendance.

All chapters appear to have two ceremonies a year regardless of whether they are on a semester system or the quarter system. They also appear to have special ceremonies for any holdovers from pledge classes.

It is the general consensus that most chapters are uniform in

their initiation ritual.

Report of the

Alumni Activities Discussion Group

Kenneth Styber (Delta Epsilon), Chairman George H. Charno (Beta Eta), Advisor Morton Gelb (Gamma Omega), Consultant Douglas M. Harris (Philadelphia Alumni), Consultant Glenn B. Fatzinger (Alpha), Recorder

This group concentrated its discussion on the purpose, duties and methods of accomplishing the duties of the Alumni Secretary.

The purpose of the alumni secretary is to keep the undergraduate chapter in close contact with its alumni. Through the alumni secretary, the undergraduate chapter should realize and utilize the great wealth of experience available through the chapter's alumni.

How can this be done? The committee discussed several methods whereby active participation of the alumni may be obtained. A chapter newsletter sent to the alumni can help maintain alumni interest in the activities of the undergraduate chapter. The chapter and the alumni secretary should develop a program whereby the alumni may participate, giving aid to the chapter when practicable and when asked. As an example, it was brought out in the meeting that the chapter should invite the alumni to the smoker where prospective pledges consider joining APO. The presence of the alumni will show that Alpha Phi Omega does not end upon graduation from college, but rather that APO is a lifetime experience.

In publishing a newsletter for the alumni, the committee agreed that an accurate card file of alumni addresses be kept. These addresses can be used in various ways other than just sending the newsletter. Knowing that a given alumnus resides in a certain city where an alumni chapter is located, the alumni secretary should write to the alumnus informing him of the location of the alumni chapter, and also send a copy of the letter to the alumni chapter so that the proper contacts may be made. In addition, the alumni secretary should write to the Boy Scout Council in which the alumnus resides informing him that an APO brother is available

for Scouting work.

The alumni activities discussion group also heard a proposal by the Minnesota delegation in which items one and two of the proposal were voted to be presented to the convention.

Item three of the proposal, in which alumni chapters submit an annual report to the National Office, and items four and five, in which a national alumni directory be published, are to be pre-

sented to the National Alumni Committee.

The group also suggested that a committee on alumni affairs be established within the undergraduate chapter to encourage alumni participation. The undergraduate chapters must realize that the alumni are not interested in returning to chapters who dominate them. One of the purposes of our great fraternity is to develop leadership, and the alumni do not wish to interfere with this development in any way. For this reason the undergraduate chapter must request alumni participation in the form of advice and guidance. The alumni have a great wealth of experience to offer and need only to be asked to help. This, the committee felt, is one of the most important duties of the alumni secretary.

Visit to Marquette University

Through the courtesy of Eta Rho Chapter, a reception was held for delegates at the Marquette University Student Union. Many visited the campus and attended the reception.

Convention Banquet

December 29

The convention banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Schroeder Hotel. Brother George F. Cahill (Alpha Gamma), member of the National Executive Board, was toastmaster.

The invocation was given by Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J. (Theta Xi), Faculty Advisor and National Executive Board member.

Singers for the program were detained because of the snowstorm, and Mrs. Terry Mehail, wife of a Milwaukee alumnus, graciously consented to sing. Her wonderful renditions were greatly appreciated by all and added immeasurably to the banquet program. She was ably accompanied at the piano by Bernard Blum (Kappa Omega).

The attendance award was presented by President Den Uyl to Alpha Rho Chapter of the University of Texas, whose thirteen representatives traveled over 15,000 man-miles to participate in

the convention.

Brother Irwin H. Gerst (Epsilon Chi) told of the development of Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines and expressed the good wishes of the convention for the continued success of our brothers across the Pacific. He emphasized the wonderful opportunity we have for international good will through Alpha Phi

To introduce the speaker of the evening, the toastmaster called upon Brother Paul H. Love, Regional Scout Executive of Region VII. He presented to the convention Dr. William Harrison Fetridge, Chairman of Region VII, who is a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and Executive Vice-President of Popular Mechanics magazine.

Address

BY 1980, WHAT?

By Dr. William Harrison Fetridge

I am highly conscious of the honor you have paid me by inviting me to be your speaker tonight, but I promise that only an organization such as this could take me from my home and fireside, my wife and children during this Christmas week.

I am delighted to be here. It is always a very warming thing to be in the midst of an undergraduate group and I must admit that a Scouting group stirs me much the same way. Therefore, to appear before an audience that combines the two-college students who are Scouters and former Scouts—makes this for me,

at least, a very special occasion.

There was no Alpha Phi Omega when I was in college, but I have heard much praise of this great service fraternity. For instance, at lunch one day President Samuel Stevens of Grinnell College told me that Alpha Phi Omega was a great force at Grinnell and that he depended upon its members to give moral, spiritual and civic leadership to Grinnell's campus life. What a tribute this is! I congratulate you and urge you all to bend every effort to deserve this accolade.

Now I must here admit that I accepted this assignment with some timidity. I had grave doubts that I had within me a message that would merit your attention. Then I remembered that it was exactly twenty-five years ago that I sat where you sit-a college undergraduate-and that certainly in that quarter century, a period that has seen a very bad depression, great prosperity, two wars and a doubtful peace-I have learned something that should be of value to at least a few of you. I trust this is the case.

Accordingly, tonight I want to talk to you-not about the past twenty-five years, but about the next twenty-five years and of some of the changes I expect you will see and about some guideposts that you have at hand that can make those years rich in

happiness, success and achievement.

This is quite a world you fellows will soon be stepping out into. It is a brawling, boisterous, bewildering world that sometimes seems made more of muscle than of head and heart.

It is a war-weary, peace wanting world—but a world sitting on the very edge of its chair because a few men of great power apparently have itchy trigger fingers.

It is the awesome and awful world of atom power

It is the growing, the ever growing world of quickly multiplying populations.

It is the world of tensions and class warfare and petty hatreds

and, for young men like you, of army service—but— It is also the world of magical medical discoveries—of miraculous new inventions-of new freedom from backbreaking toilof more time for play and reflections-a world of richness and opportunity for those who are prepared.

Yes, it is quite a world—but despite the terrifying possibilities of war and holocaust-despite the mournful head shaking of your elders-how thrilling and mystifying-how challenging and stimu-

lating is your prospect!

Let's talk about a few subjects that concern us all.
Will there be a war? I don't know—certainly I hope not—but I do know that if there is it will eventually end and we will then shake away the debris and begin building a more glorious future.

I say this emphatically because I have personally witnessed the courage and determination of human beings to go forward despite the ravages of war. I speak particularly of Germany and of the magnificent recovery made there. I went through Germany in 1949 and it was a heart-breaking sight—rubble everywhere and despair rampant. I could not believe that any people could arise from such misery—but the German people did. Last year I revisited the same cities—Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg—and on the very ashes of war, great new apartment houses and factories stood. There was no "dispersal" here—no fear of hydrogen bombs. These people were making a new and better life and hope was again triumphant over fear and despair.

What of atom power in the years ahead? Will it be used for destruction? Yes, it probably will—just as airplanes and ships and radio and television have been used in war-but like these things, the peaceful uses of atom power will far transcend its war use

and humanity will be the beneficiary.

And the other things—class warfare, petty hatreds, tensions—they will all be with us as unfortunately they have always been but I hope for great gains on these fronts in the next quarter

And as for army service, accept it as an opportunity. I promise I would not trade my Navy experience—it was a most rewarding one. I'm glad, in effect, that I made the team; and I am sure that each and every one of you will react similarily.

What about 1980-twenty-five years from now-a quarter of a century! What will the world be like then? I asked our editors for their prognostications and certainly they are on top of new ideas and plans-here's a synopsis of their thinking:

Air Power will continue to grow and serve humanity. For instance, at Popular Mechanics we foresee the following by 1980:

Air lines, piloted by jets, possible nuclear fission or rockets, will fly at 1000 mph. making the flight from Los Angeles to New York in three hours—perhaps two hours by picking up east-bound, high altitude jet streams which then will be charted daily just as present-day weather is mapped.

Another two or three hours will take you to Europe. Military aircraft will be almost entirely in the missile, or pilotless stage. Actually, our editors observe that today the pilot is the most obsolete feature of the jet fighter or bomber and they predict that the leader of a bombing raid a quarter century hence may never leave his Pentagon desk!

Aerial freight trains will carry all perishable cargo. One piloted freight plane will be accompanied by a group of unmanned cargo planes guided by controls in the mother plane; planes with cargo destined for intermediate stops will be turned over to the control

tower of local airports for landing while the rest of "train" proceeds.

Helicopters and convertiplanes will serve the increasingly distant suburban life and many city office buildings will have rooftop heliports. Quite possibly vertical takeoff will have reached the stage that will make airports as we now know them unnecessary.

There are big things in store for industry:

By 1980 we predict industrial power from the atom will be old stuff and that the big story in science will be new ways of converting ordinary sunlight into power and heat.

We believe there will be thousands of solar heated homes in 1980. (Significantly, the American Glass Company has developed

and patented glass shingles for this purpose.)

Automation will be commonplace in the industrial field. Automation is the system by which synthetic brains direct a combination of machines to perform a series of operations. Automation has already taken over operation of some chemical and petroleum-processing plants. In a huge, modern refinery, for example, a change of shifts may involve only a dozen men. During the past year, three business magazines serving automation have come into being. And as recent as this month an "automatic chef" operated by a tape recorder has been announced. To set up this machine, a human chef turns on the recorder and then, at proper intervals, turns dials to indicate the right amount of flour, shortening, baking powder, etc. The tape is then rewound. When it is played back, the ingredients fall in measured amounts into a mixing bowl, the mixer is turned on automatically, and after an interval of baking, the machine delivers a fine cake. You can hook up enough different lines to this machine so it will deliver a hundred, a thousand or a million cakes simultaneously. We anticipate these automatic factories may turn out everything from cars and refrigerators to ladies' lipsticks.

Atomic or solar power plants will generate most of the nation's electric power, and railways, carrying almost nothing but freight,

will be electrified.

TV will be world-wide . . . all telephones will have a TV viewer of callers . . . and a personal telephone receiver transmitter will be carried in your pocket. Curiously, we do not see the same spectacular development for the automobile and we predict it will look much like the car of 1955 except it will be lower, longer and faster-perhaps with a free piston engine with bodies of plastic or a light alloy. Automobile telephones will be standardand as the possessor of that useful device already, I assure you it is a most desirable feature. Other things we foresee are elimination of smog by scientific means (Los Angeles, have patience!)
There will be jungle drainage and clearance, coupled with irri-

gations of desert areas to bring millions of acres into food pro-

There will be tremendous advance in medicine resulting in far longer life.

And finally, there will be a four-day work week with new and

very wonderful opportunities for leisure.

There, young men, is your world—as exciting as my seventy-sixyear-old father's experience which spans the gap of horses to jet plane, of gas lighting to television, of fireplace cooking to radar heated hot dogs. What a glorious anticipation should be yours

But you know in these exciting twenty-five years that lie ahead, some of you will succeed and, alas, some of you will fail—for despite the fact that our population will increase by many, many millions with all the resultant opportunities that will accrue from such fantastic growth-despite the opportunities offered by new industries, new needs, new construction and a shrinking world-some of you will fail because you do not follow old, old rules of conduct and life.

For amidst all of the violent, tempestuous change of many centuries certain principles that make for a full, rich, happy and successful life have remained stolidly, stubbornly unchanged and

in my opinion they will always remain thus.

What are these principles? You may note a familiar ring to them. I firmly believe if you adhere to them that in 1980 you will look back from the summit and say, "I have lived well I have lived happily.' I have lived successfully

Here are these principles:

Tell the truth and always be dependable.

Be faithful to your country, your God, your friends and your

associates, and aid them when and how you can.

Be generous of heart to your fellow creatures and gentle in manner to young and old, to man and woman, child or animal; accept laws willingly-the laws of your country and community, your faith and society.

Live with joy in your heart and express it readily.

Conserve your funds, recognizing that economy is a virtue. Face life and all its tasks unflinchingly, strong of heart, firm

in your purpose.

Keep your thoughts, your body and your life sparkling and untarnished.

And finally, give yourself into God's hands and with humble-

ness know that He will care for you. I think you all know that all I have done is to say far more awkwardly what the founding fathers of Scouting with beautiful clarity and simplicity called the Scout Law.

They said it this way:

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent . . . and what magnificent rules they are-not only for Scouts but for you and for me and for all the world to live by.

And this I promise—and it is no new promise for I have made it time and again to midshipmen I taught in the Navy-you will

find no better guideposts anywhere.

And that, young men, is my message to you. Face the future unafraid-the next twenty-five years will be trying ones but they will be great ones, too. Follow the Scout Law and no man will have a richer life.

Evening Session

December 29

Presiding at the evening session was President Den Uyl, and he called for the reports of three legislative committees which were given as follows:

Report of the

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Joe Paul Tupin (Alpha Rho), Chairman M. R. Disborough (Alpha Tau), Advisor Sidney B. North (Pi), Advisor James G. Stevenson (Eta Epsilon), Recorder William A. DeShazer (Beta Pi) Sheldon D. Eizen (Zeta Pi) Bernard S. Blum (Kappa Omega) Roger Yike (Gamma Lambda) Benjamin F. Fay (Philadelphia Alumni)

The proposals previously submitted to chapters were acted upon by the committee as follows:

ITEM I: Recommended an acceptance to read: The National Executive Board "shall consist of twenty-nine members, plus all Past National Presidents. . . ." (The other wording in this section Past National Presidents. . to remain the same.) The additional six members would be elected at this convention in this manner: two for two years, two for four years, and two for six years. Reasons: (1) Six members to facilitate rotation; (2) Better coverage of sparse areas.

ITEM II: Not recommended. Reasons: (1) Students eligible now; (2) Causes factions; (3) Lessens student acceptance to other offices; (4) Hard to fulfill obligations created.

ITEM III: Not recommended.

ITEM IV: Not recommended. Reason: (1) Difficulty of available advisors.

ITEM V: Not recommended. Reason: (1) Quality not quantity: (2) Rising enrollments.

ITEM VI. Recommended. New section to be added to the National Constitution to read: "Each chapter must mail pledge applications and pledge fees to the National Office within three days after the pledge ceremony is conducted. Each chapter must mail active applications and initiation fees to the National Office ten days before conducting the initiation ceremony, and receive the identification cards in advance to be presented in the ritual. Any initiation conducted without such advance registration shall be considered null and void." The above new section to become effective February 1. 1955.

ITEM VII: Recommended as follows: Suggested revisions in constitution in regards to alumni chapters. Delete all references to alumni chapters from all sections of constitution except as follows: Article V, Section 1, Clause 4; Article VI, Section 5: Article VII, Section 5; Article IX, Section 1. Include all alumni material except that referred to above in one article (an alumni article).

Article-Purpose of Alumni Chapters. The purpose of Alumni Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega shall be:

(1) To continue the threefold program of Leadership, Friendship, and Service into the adult, business and social world in which our members have graduated.

(2) To stimulate and extend the program of Alpha Phi Omega. (3) To promote the alumni program and encourage the growth

and activities of alumni chapters.

Article, Section 1-Alumni.

Clause 1. Petition for Charter of Alumni Chapter. Alumni charters shall be granted only upon a formal petition of fifteen or more members, all of whom have had previous membership with a collegiate chapter. The application shall be made to the National Fraternity through the National Third Vice-President.

Clause 2. Area of Chapters-Chapters shall be granted on a geographical basis, the area to be defined by the National Third

Vice-President with approval of the National Executive Board. Clause 3. Action on Petitions—If a petition is approved by the National Alumni Committee, it shall be submitted to the National Executive Board and to each chapter, both collegiate and alumni, together with the minimum information as required in Article IX, Section 1, Clause 2. The chapters and board members shall thereafter mail their votes to the National Secretary within a period of thirty days.

Clause 4. Issuance of Charters-Charters shall be issued by the National Executive Board only after an affirmative vote of twothirds of the active Chapters, both collegiate and alumni, and the

National Executive Board.

Clause 5. Names of Officers—The officers of alumni chapters shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by the individual chap-

Clause 6. Terms of Office-Officers of alumni chapters shall be elected annually.

By-Laws-Alumni Operations:

Article, Section 1. Meetings-Alumni chapters shall hold a

minimum of four business meetings a year.

Section 2. Annual Membership Fee. Clause 1. There shall be an annual national alumni chapter fee of \$50.00, payable to the National Treasurer. This payment to be made annually by November 1. (Starting November 1, 1955.)

Clause 2. New chapters shall pay their current annual fees

with their charter fee.

Clause 3. Membership Minimum. There shall be a minimum of

ten active chapter members.

Section 3. Alumni Petitioning Group. A group petitioning for an alumni chapter shall satisfy the following requirements: Reason for wishing to become an alumni chapter.

Name of proposed chapter.

3. Area (proposed geographical boundaries).4. Potential alumni members available in proposed area

5. How long and under what name has group been operating as a petitioning group?

6. List activities, including service projects, social functions,

and organization meetings while preparing to affiliate.

7. Complete program and objectives for first year including service and social functions planned and arrangements for a minimum of four business meetings a year.

8. List permanent address.

9. List of alumni members and previous chapter affiliation.

10. Financial condition of petitioning group. Section 4. Annual Review. Each alumni chapter shall make an annual report of all the chapter's activities to the National Third Vice-President, who shall submit it to the National Alumni Committee for its consideration and suggestions. Lack of report, or reports deemed unsatisfactory (by the committee), for two consecutive years, shall be cause for revocation of an alumni chapter's charter.

Report of the **Time and Place Committee**

James L. Compton (Gamma Xi), Chairman E. Ross Forman (Zeta Theta), Advisor Al Jirele (Eta Nu), Recorder Leonard Zinn (Gamma Omicron) Charles Linsey (Chi) Paul Diller (Kappa lota) Bob Hall (Beta Beta) Kenneth J. Cox (Alpha Rho)

The last day and a half the members of the Time and Place Committee have spent more than six hours in session. Two hours of this was spent in obtaining information from various brothers who appeared before the committee. Members of several New York chapters and of California chapters presented many volumes of material on locations for our next convention. We thank these gentlemen for their very fine presentation of facts. We also extend our thanks to Dean Nowotny, Dr. Bolyard, Dr. Miller, Dr. Wyland, and Professor Den Uyl for their very enlightening information both on time and place.

In discussing the place of the next convention, the committee especially considered the following points: (1) amount of previous preparation by local chapters wanting the convention and the ability of these chapters to serve as hosts to a convention; (2) the benefits which would accrue to the fraternity from holding a

convention in the various locations.

The hotel facilities and costs are approximately equal in both

New York and Los Angeles.

After much deliberation, the committee voted to recommend that the National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega of 1956 be

held in the City of Los Angeles, California.

In considering the time for the next convention, the committee considered the benefits and practicability of holding a convention in the early Fall before school starts. Some of the reasons given in favor of such a plan are the ease of traveling by highway at this time of the year and advantages of using the convention as a springboard to the school year and the chapter program. The committee considers these reasons, among others, as valid. The Time and Place Committee therefore recommends the changing of the time of the convention to within the last week of August and the first two weeks in September.

(The delegates voted that the 1956 Convention shall be held in the Los Angeles area, and that the date be chosen by mail vote of board members and chapters after study of facilities and dates.)

Report of the

Nominating Committee

James W. Thomas (Lambda Mu), Chairman Dr. H. Roe Bartle (Iota), Advisor Dean Arno Nowotny (Alpha Rho), Advisor James Gabriel (Gamma Psi), Recorder Robert Lisi (Delta Zeta) Martin Banner (Beta Iota) Charles Bretzke (Zeta Gamma) John Atherton (Alpha Delta) Robert Ropp (Eta Beta)

The Nominating Committee presents the following recommendations for the National Officers and members of the National Executive Board:

National President, M. R. Disborough, Louisville, Kentucky. National First Vice-President, George F. Cahill, Cincinnati,

Ohio. National Second Vice-President, Irwin H. Gerst, Hawthorne, California.

National Third Vice-President, E. Ross Forman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

National Treasurer, Joseph Scanlon, Yakima, Washington.

Six-year terms on the board: Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Lafayette, Louisiana; Dr. Henry Miller, Huntington Station, New York; Harold F. Pote, New Brunswick, New Jersey; William S. Roth, Raleigh, North Carolina; Manfred O. Aws, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Prof. Robert J. Bradshaw, Chattanooga, Tennessee; James W. Thomas, Arcadia, California.

Four-year terms on the board: Stanley Levingston, Ruleville, Mississippi; Stephen Horvath, DeKalb, Illinois, and Benjamin F.

Fay, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Two-year terms on the board: Dr. Max A. Schneider, Buffalo, New York; Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, Chicago, Illinois; Rev. Robert . Payne, Cos Cob, Connecticut, and Joe Paul Tupin, Austin, Texas.

A few nominations were made from the floor. Some declined. and addresses of recommendation were made for others. All nominees named above were elected.

Sectional Meetings

The final morning of the convention, sectional meetings were held of delegates from the several parts of the nation. Discussions at these meetings included plans for the next sectional conferences, opportunities for establishing new chapters and other matters pertinent to the activities of Alpha Phi Omega in those

Final Session

December 30

A movie in color of Philadelphia Area Alumni Chapter activities was shown. It was taken by Benjamin F. Fay. It gave a fine understanding of activities of the chapter.

Report of the Appreciation Committee

Sheldon Pollins (Gamma lota), Chairman H. F. Pote (Eta Beta), Advisor Robert Fink (Zeta Alpha), Recorder Carl G. Johnson (Epsilon Lambda) Frank Bills (Delta Xi) Ronald P. Koch (Epsilon Sigma) Laurence A. LeShay (Gamma lota)

The Appreciations Committee presented the following resolutions:

To ask the National Fraternity to extend our appreciation:

- 1. To the Presiding Officer and General Chairman, Prof. Daniel Den Uyl, National President; William S. Roth, Program Chairman; Arrangements Chairman, Harry C. Barnett; Rev. Robert J. Payne, Convention Secretary; to the host chapters, Upsilon Chapter, Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee; Eta Rho Chapter, Marquette University; Iota Nu Chapter, University of Wisconsin Extension; Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh; Beta Theta Chapter, University of Wisconsin; Alpha Nu Chapter, St. Norbert College; Eta Lambda Chapter, Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire; Eta Kappa Chapter, the Stout Institute; Lambda Zeta Chapter, Ripon College; Kappa Gamma Chapter, Wisconsin State College, La Crosse; and Milwaukee Area Alumni Chapter for doing a splendid job as our convention hosts.
- 2. To Dr. H. Roe Bartle, H. G. Zion, the Honorable Frank P. Zeidler, Irwin H. Gerst and Dr. William Harrison Fetridge for the inspirational addresses which they gave.
- 3. To the National Officers, and National Executive Board members, both past and present, for the way they presided and contributed at our sessions and meetings of the convention and its committees.
- 4. To discussion group members and legislative committee members for their outstanding work and participation in their meetings and the added efforts (which is always present in APO) put into the fine reports presented to the convention.
- 5. To the Schroeder Hotel management and staff for their excellent accommodations and service.
- 6. To Professor Daniel Den Uyl for his outstanding leadership, devotion and service to the fraternity through the years and also as presiding officer of this convention.
- 7. To Frank R. Horton to whom our Fellowship Luncheon was dedicated, our everlasting gratitude for making the existence of our fraternity possible.
- 8. To Scouting and Faculty advisors of the chapters for their time, inspiration and support.
- 9. To the administrators of the colleges and universities for their support.
- 10. To Dr. Arthur A. Schuck and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for their splendid cooperation in maintaining our links between Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega.
- 11. To the Order of the Arrow and Knights of Dunamis, Scouting organizations, and to all other service groups to be found on college campuses.
- 12. To those chapters who attended this convention, and deep regret to those chapters which could not be represented.
- 13. To Mrs. Terry Mehail for her wonderful singing at the banquet, which enriched and relaxed this convention.
- 14. To Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Dr. Henry Miller, M. R. Disborough, past national officers, and the past members of the National Executive Board for their wonderful services rendered during their terms of office.
- 15. Since we cannot mention everyone's name as we would like to, we wish to express our sincerest thanks to all the chapters who

have attended this convention, to those who have worked behind the scenes, the work which is so necessary to assure the success of this convention.

Address

"ALPHA PHI OMEGA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE"

By Dean Arno Nowotny (Alpha Rho)

Our keynote speaker told us a lot about history. It is important that we know the history of Alpha Phi Omega. A boy in history class was asked by the teacher who was the first person who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. "I don't know and I don't care," he said. The teacher told the boy's folks. They called Johnny in and said, "Come on now, Johnny. If you signed it, be man enough to admit it."

Alpha Phi Omega in 1975.

I would like to take a text: Whoever compels you to go with him one mile, go with him two. Recall the setting. Here was the great Roman Empire! It got ambitious and spread out. I can imagine on some lonely road in Israel some tough soldier told some lowly Jew, "Carry my pack a mile." The Great Teacher told him, "Go with him two miles; it is good for you." There is no greater lesson. We can learn a lot from that simple philosophy. No psychology book has any greater teaching in it in human relations.

If I may quote another bit of history: Greece had a great empire, but they got like some of us get—a lot of sectionalism. Each city-state was a rugged individualist. You don't hear about the Greek Empire any more. Now or in 1975, we must think in terms of our local rights and local conditions, but also we must look to national. There must be a balance between the two.

You know, we have had four national presidents of Alpha Phi Omega—two Scouters and two Educators. Now we have a Scouter as new president. One thing which embarrasses a college man is to have this fraternity referred to as a "Boy Scout Fraternity," not because he is not proud of Scouting, but because it is an implication that he is not an adult. This is a National Service Fraternity. I am on the Scout Troop committee of my church and will be on it as long as they will let me.

There must be a balance between the national office and each local chapter. We must always think in terms of what is best for the fraternity as a whole. The first mile is the mile of obligation. But we need to go the second mile—further than we are obligated. We would rather develop in this fraternity great personalities than just great friends or great Scouters or great civic leaders. I believe we have intelligence to do that not only in 1975 but also in 1955 by being dedicated in our ritual. A lot of fraternities are still wrestling with the race and color question, but we have done that so long ago that we have forgotten about it. We have learned how to live with it and practice it. In 1975, I hope to see one thing—we will have a national project where every member and every chapter will be able to say, "I have had a part in this national project."

I could not close this part of the prediction without expressing my personal appreciation for the only other man who has been president from an educational institution—Dan Den Uyl. When you have been on the Purdue campus and have seen the chapter as I have, and have met the members—seen the chapter with strong faculty advisors—I hope we always have Dan Den Uyls in Alpha Phi Omega, because to me he epitomizes the finest educational process when you have that sort of faculty-student relationship that Dan has with those members. I hope we have dozens of them by 1975.

This fraternity in 1975 must continue to be a laboratory in human relations. It does not take any intelligence, any character to hate a man. It does take intelligence and character to pick out some guy you don't like and make him your friend. Something happens to you as well as to him. There is always one little bit of philosophy I have about when I meet a guy in the office or in the fraternity—some guy it looks like I just can't get along with. I ask myself the question, "Could it be me?" And I find out it usually is. Part of the second-mile philosophy—examine ourselves in this laboratory of human relations. A closed mind is the first sign of mental death. Keep your minds open—it is a part of this laboratory.

I had a Japanese roommate back in the '20's. He told me he did not know whether the story of Washington and the cherry tree was true or legendary, but he first heard it from his mother. If you have not already been to Springfield, it is worth a trip. See the Lincoln Memorial—the words, "And now he belongs to

history." It's one of the greatest shrines you should see. Anyway, this Japanese boy had heard the Washington story. The philosophy

and integrity of that story is great in any language.

A Scout is trustworthy; I am glad that is the first law. It is fundamental. I hope that this laboratory will teach men moral toughness—nobody can flatter or bribe you into doing anything that you don't think is right. This is the kind of a laboratory that APO must continue to be in 1975. Old-fashioned idealism is still fundamental, no matter how fast you want to go. I am glad that in our ritual there is reference made to the American flag and loyalty to our country. We know that we are free men in that way. In 1975, APO must continue to be a great laboratory in human relations.

Most of you will see the year 2000. We have been told how fast we can get to Europe. We have been told we will have fourday work week. You can hitch-hike a ride in New York and be in Los Angeles in two hours. Whether it is the philosophy of Abraham and Isaac or the carpenter of Galilee, all of them agree that it is right to share. We measure a brother now or in 1975 not by the number of servants he has but by the number of people he serves. You can't become president of a factory unless you communicate with labor in that factory. You can't become a college president unless you communicate with the students. Likewise, nobody can become president of the United States unless he learns how to communicate with people.

A boy came to my office one day who had some notes written out. He was fighting; he was mad! He started reading me the rules and regulations. I said, "Keep reading." He couldn't understand it. But we were communicating to each other. That is what

all of us must do.

There is a new word in the dictionary used just the last four or five years: "empathy." It does not mean sympathy or that you feel sorry for a man. To empathize means to have the ability to put yourself in another man's shoes, whether it is New York vs. Los Angeles, or whatever—to be objective with fairness and patience in whatever you are doing. That is something we have to learn more and more in this laboratory of Alpha Phi Omega. It is not easy. I don't know any short cuts, but it is something that deserves the attention of all of us. In other words, constant patient work at this business of empathy is good human relations.

A great proverb says, "Man has been given two ears and one mouth." The philosophy of the big ear and the small mouth! I have listened to a good many people before I have made up my mind what to do. You have to be a good listener in order to be a good chapter president. Joe Tupin is great to listen to every man in the fraternity before he starts kicking. He listens first and then acts. That is good philosophy in 1955 as well as in 1975. Learn to live with people.

We must learn to be good losers. Once our office moved. For four or five days they were painting, fixing buzzers, etc. Someone telephoned, "Is this the gas company?" I replied, "No, you have the wrong number." "Who is this?" "This is the Dean of Student Life at the University of Texas." "Well, I didn't miss it far, did We need the philosophy to learn to live with people. Another thing—I never lost faith with a student by telling him I did not know the answer. The bigger the president, the bigger the dean, the more important it is for him to admit readily when he has made a mistake.

This may not be a very dramatic way to close a convention or this part of it. Let us think of the other guy in the other region, in the other section.

We can close by saying this: I like shrines: Monticello, Springfield, the Alamo. I hope you will take time to go to Easton, Pennsylvania to see the birthplace of our fraternity. "Life, liberty, Pennsylvania, to see the birthplace of our fraternity. and property"-words that Thomas Jefferson, a good college man, gave to America. "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." I think this will continue to be a workshop for building leadersa seminar for making deep and lasting friendships—a laboratory for service projects. In all our relations, may we love the truth and seek it and learn the right and good.

Installation of Officers

Dr. Ray O. Wyland (Alpha), one of the original Scouting Advisors of the Mother Chapter at Lafayette College, officiated at the installation of National Officers and National Executive Board members. He charged them to carry out their duties and responsibilities with love and understanding and to serve Alpha Phi Omega to the fullest extent. All officers and board members accepted the posts to which they had been elected by the Convention. Brother M. R. Disborough, new National President, assumed the

gavei in a vigorous manner and expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in him by the fraternity. He made three appointments immediately: George H. Charno (Beta Eta), to continue as National Legal Counselor; A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), to serve as National Editor; and Sidney B. North (Pi), to continue as National Secretary.

President Disborough challenged all delegates to build our fraternity to greater heights and to work diligently in increasing our program.

Closing

The ceremony to close the convention was in charge of Brother George F. Cahill (Alpha Gamma). He spotlighted the Past National Presidents who were in attendance including Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Dean Arno Nowotny and Professor Daniel Den Uyl, and urged the delegates to follow their examples of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

With the singing of the Toast Song the convention was adjourned.

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