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Onward... For God and My Country

46TH ANNIVERSARY 1956 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12, marked the 46th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, observed throughout the nation by more than four million boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 24,000,000 boys and men have been members. This anniversary sees the organization carrying on a vigorous program under the theme of "Onward . . . for God and My Country."

Members of Alpha Phi Omega are proud of their Scouting background. Our fraternity congratulates the Boy Scouts of America upon its great record of service to youth for the past forty-six years.

Of Thee I Sing...

A new national committee has been appointed by Brother M. R. Disborough, National President. It is the National Membership Committee. Those appointed to serve are Dean Arno Nowotny, Chairman, Prof. Harry C. Barnett, Dr. R. H. Bolyard, C. J. Carlson, H. F. Pote, Prof. Kent D. Shaffer and Dr. Henry Miller. We congratulate these brothers upon entering into this new responsibility.

Sidney B. North, National Secretary, has been elected as a member of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow and received appointment as a member at large of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Alpha Phi Omega

National Service Fraternity

National President

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February 1, 1956

Dear Brother:

The Spring term is an excellent time to increase the membership of Alpha Phi Omega. We can grow by conducting a strong rushing and pledging program in the weeks ahead. Our fraternity, and your chapter, can well use additional men to strengthen our service program on the campus.

Here is a suggestion: Will you personally bring one prospective pledge who is a former Scout to the next open meeting of your chapter? (I use the word "bring" advisedly—meaning to invite a guest by phone or in person, set a time to go to his residence and bring him to the meeting and introduce him to the entire group. In this way you can really make your rushees feel welcome.)

Then the follow-up is equally important. Be sure that qualified men receive invitations to come to a second meeting and prepare for the pledging ceremony.

Graduation will take a large number of APO members at the close of the Spring term. Let's find new men now and train them and initiate them before the seniors leave.

In this expansion plan, we should stick to our basic standards and pledge only men who have been previously affiliated with Scouting and are definitely interested in our Service program.

The time is right to increase your chapter manpower and activities and to build our fraternity nationally more strongly than ever before. I am counting upon your personal help.

Fraternally yours,

M. R. Disborough

National President

A Feature Project - - -

PASSING ALONG TO OTHERS . . .

By J. B. Rives, Jr.

General Chairman, Junior Leader Training Conference,
Alpha Rho Chapter, University of Texas

Last Spring, ALPHA RHO CHAPTER at the *University of Texas* sponsored a Junior Leaders Training Course for the Capitol Area Council, comprising Austin, Texas, and fifteen surrounding counties. From all reports, the conference was a huge success. This was the second such conference to be sponsored by the chapter, and the previous attendance records were broken with attendance as follows: 378 Scouts and Explorers, fifty leaders, and about thirty-five $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$'s.

This event was sponsored entirely by Alpha Rho Chapter and a member of the chapter was General Chairman of the conference. He worked with the Junior Leaders Conference Committee and the local Council in co-ordinating all planning toward a successful conference. Our part of the program—aside from sponsoring the event—included the following duties: Serving as runners and general assistants during registration, operating camp trading post, planning and executing programs for two evening campfire sessions, advising and assisting with Scouting Skills demonstrations, doing clerical work, preparing and serving two snacks following the campfire programs, cleaning out the dining hall and adjoining kitchen thoroughly, and helping serve the Sunday lunch.

One of our big duties was the planning and execution of an Adventure Trail on Sunday morning. The purpose of this event was to give the Junior Leaders a chance to try out the skills they had learned at the conference proceedings. The Scouts went to various stations where they were given problems to carry out, and they were

judged and graded by $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$'s at each station.

We believe the ideas which were implanted in the minds of the Scouts and Explorers attending will influence Scouts in units of the Capitol Area Council for months to come. This was one of our larger projects of the semester, with approximately 450 to 500 man-hours being devoted to it during the three days of the conference alone.

We feel that this type of project by $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ would be welcomed by almost any Scout Council. It gives the chapter a chance to work closely with the local Council on a project that will be of great benefit to Scouts and Explorers. It is of inestimable help to local units in the training of their Junior Leaders. This is an annual project in our chapter, and one which we feel is very worthy. We recommend it to your chapter.



Shown in the upper picture is the Scouting Skills demonstration on rope work. Nine such demonstrations were set up at the conference and groups rotated to attend each session. The Adventure Trail was one of the highlights of the program, and in the lower picture Scouts are shown working on a problem in trailing and trail signs. The pictures are by courtesy of Michael Wiley.

LONG BEACH IN '56

LET'S GO TO THE FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Irwin H. Gerst

Convention Arrangements Chairman,
National Second Vice-President

As America's growth and expansion of today, never before equaled by any other civilization, it is indeed proper that the next National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega be held in the state and area which has come to be the symbol of our dynamic country.

On August 28, 1956, our National President will bring down the gavel opening the 1956 National Convention. For the first time the fraternity will cross the great Western Plains, the Rocky Mountains, the High Sierras, Death Valley, the route of the California '49er, to convene on the shores of the Blue Pacific, at the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach, California. This is our opportunity to get new, fresh, dynamic ideas to take back to our campus, to meet our brothers in the Golden West.

Let's answer this call by making our personal plans soon to attend. Perhaps you have a convention fund in your chapter to help pay delegates' expenses. If you do not have one, how about starting one?

The Host Chapters in California are going all out to put on not only a National Convention, but *the* National Convention. All California Chapters have contributed to a fund, now reaching the \$500.00 mark, to be

used for "Special Events and Things." Men of Alpha Phi Omega in California invite you to a National Convention which will long be remembered.

The Wilton Hotel and the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach have long been associated with important conventions. Our accommodations will be of the finest, at the largest hotel in Long Beach.

Highlight your AΦΩ career by sharing your experiences with the representatives of the other chapters at Long Beach, August 28, 29 and 30, 1956. You'll never find a better place to see Leadership, Friendship and Service in action—nor a better gang of fellows to be with.

With large exhibit space, displays of all phases of AΦΩ activity will be one of the convention highlights. In this pictorial report of each chapter there will be enough valuable tips to alone make your trip to the National Convention worthwhile. Here's where you can find new ideas for service projects, meeting programs, publica-

tions, rushing and pledging, to mention just a few.

In addition to the new ideas found by viewing the chapter exhibits, you'll find that the entire convention program is for the purpose of helping you improve your chapter. Valuable tips will be gained from every new friend you meet, and there'll be a lot of them from almost every state in the nation.

Each of the fine speakers will leave us with the will and way to do a better job of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The group meetings will be another good source of new ideas of furthering the work of AΦΩ on your campus. The inevitable bull sessions will give you one of the finest opportunities to find out how they do it from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida.

Enthusiasm

As you can well imagine, when all these Alpha Phi Omega men get together from all parts of the nation, the enthusiasm generated is terrific. As friendships are cemented and ideas

Meet These Leaders at the National Convention

One of the values which comes to each member at each National Convention is the opportunity to meet and be associated with the national leaders of our fraternity. Shown at right is a group at the 1954 convention, left to right, Dr. Ray O. Wyland, member of the National Executive Board, who has been serving in Alpha Phi Omega more than thirty years; Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Past National President; Professor Daniel Den Uyl, Past National President; M. R. Disborough, National President; Dean Arno Nowotny, Past National President; and Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr., one of the newest members of the National Executive Board.

Meet these national leaders and many others at Long Beach, California, August 28 to 30, 1956!



are exchanged, spirit runs high. As these men begin to get their greatest insight into the possibilities of Alpha Phi Omega for their campuses, community, and nation, there can be nothing but the greatest of enthusiasm.

It is this enthusiasm which, when carried back to the rest of your chapter, will mean much in determining the quality and extent of your program in the years to come, making your chapter a more vital dynamic force on your campus and in your community, and making our fraternity nationally the great moving force it can be in a time when a whole world is crying for leadership. These brothers begin to look at service to others in a light far greater than what they have before imagined, at enlightened leadership as a vital necessity, and at friendship as the binding force that makes us what we are and can be.

It is this sort of thing that moves us to go back to our chapters, roll up our sleeves, and spread this enthusiasm to all our brothers. It is a contagious thing which we cannot miss, which we, in turn, transmit to all those with whom we come in contact.

Inspiration

In addition to rubbing shoulders with our fellow delegates from other chapters, we come in contact with the great figures who guide the fraternity nationally, who have had so great a hand in forming and building our fraternity through its history. These men lend inspiration and tone to the convention as no one else could.

How would you like to have a chat with the man who first conceived of the idea of a national service fraternity of college men who have been associated with the Scout Movement, to hear our National President and our past presidents? Many others like them will be there and you will find each of them just as much a brother of yours as any of your fellow chapter representatives. Not only will you be able to talk informally with them, but many such leaders will deliver messages of tremendous importance for all to hear. From our distinguished brothers we can learn more about the true meaning of membership in this unique fraternity.

All this is waiting for you in Long Beach in August. It is a meeting you would hardly like to miss under any circumstances.

Legislation

One of the functions of the convention is to enact the legislation which will guide our operations. It is important that your chapter have a hand in formulating the policies which will be adopted by the National Convention. To this end, each chapter is entitled to two official voting delegates and as many other delegates as can attend.

The two voting delegates should be elected by your chapter this Spring and these delegates should discuss with the chapter the legislation that is coming before the National Convention so that they might truly represent the whole chapter's feeling on these matters. In accordance with the national constitution, all proposed amendments to the constitution will be sent out to each chapter at least fifty days before the convention. In this way, the brothers who are not fortunate enough to be able to attend the convention will be able to have an indirect voice in the matters that are taken up at Long Beach.

Leadership

No less important to the welfare of the fraternity is the selection of the men who will guide us throughout the coming term through the election of our national officers and executive board. This election is conducted as part of the business of the convention and should reflect the serious thought and consideration of all of the delegates. A dynamic national board is essential to the welfare of such a large fraternity which always strives to increase its accomplishments. We must have men with the foresight to see even greater potentiality in our program.

At Long Beach, you will really get the vision of the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service in action. These principles will permeate everything that is said and done. As we have said, friendship and fellowship will be evident from the first moment you encounter a brother on the way or at the convention. Just set foot in the Wilton Hotel the first day of the convention and you will feel the AΦΩ spirit filling the air.

The whole convention will be an experience in leadership as evidenced by chapter members leading legislative committees and discussion groups. Our top-flight national leaders will be setting the pattern for our services to our

campuses. We will all be profiting by learning more of how we can take more leadership in the affairs and projects of our individual chapters.

Service

Also, much in evidence will be the demonstration of service—the keynote of our fraternity. We will see the result of service done in the past and will learn new ways for us to perform greater service in the future. How to conduct certain projects will be explained to us through demonstrations and presentations. You will even see daily reminders of service as we all pitch in to help each other in every way.

Make sure that your chapter has all the men possible in attendance so that you might see every phase of Leadership, Friendship and Service so that you can take back to your chapter everything possible from this great experience. Your chapter should not be content with having just two delegates present. Rather you should aim at having many members in attendance.

Plan Now

If your chapter and those near you have not yet begun definite plans and preparation to attend the Fourteenth National Convention, the time to start this planning is when you finish this article; time's a-wastin'. Check about automobiles the brothers and advisors will have available. Check the public transportation rates. Get out the road maps. But most of all, plan that *you* will be among those lucky men who will take part in this great experience. Talk it up. Spread the word so that you and your chapter will get the maximum benefit from this unequalled opportunity. Get together with nearby chapters and plan to cooperate in obtaining transportation—and get them enthused over the idea, too.

Although, as we have pointed out, the great return from this experience is all out of proportion to the cost, a certain amount of money will be required. We can hardly think of any phase of your planning and preparation so important as getting the required amount of money. You can hardly afford to take this matter for granted. *Plan* that your chapter will have enough money to send its official delegates. Get out those money-earning ideas and go to work. Set aside, if you have not already done so, a convention fund, and make it grow.

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Annual Award

As a weekly service project, IOTA TAU CHAPTER shows movies on the *St. Olaf College* campus on Saturday evenings. Profits from this are used to maintain a yearly \$100.00 scholarship which the chapter awards to an outstanding former Scout in the freshman class. Recently the chapter prepared food and served lunch to more than 300 Luther League visitors on campus and conducted the Christmas Seal campaign. In February the chapter is to conduct its annual Explorer Social to which Explorer Scouts of Southeastern Minnesota and their dates are invited. This is reported by Forrest Glick, Historian.

Scholarship Plaque

IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER'S Scholarship Plaque at *Midwestern University* continues to be an effective award since its establishment in the Spring of 1953. It is presented each semester to the men's organization having the highest scholastic average.

New Projects

At the present time GAMMA BETA CHAPTER at *San Jose State College* has many new service projects which will be carried out this semester. The chapter believes these will be the most successful yet, reports Herb Effron, Corresponding Secretary.

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January 9, 1956

Mr. Sidney B. North, National Secretary
ALPHA PHI OMEGA
419 Columbia Bank Building
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. North:

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis appreciates your very generous help in spreading the message of the March of Dimes.

Such help is especially valuable in this climactic phase of the long fight against polio. The response of your readers and many others will enable us to continue the medical research which is producing such heartwarming results. It will also provide continued care and treatment for thousands of polio patients for whom the Salk vaccine came too late.

Polio is not licked yet, but thanks to all America the victory is now in sight. Thank you for doing your part.

Sincerely yours,

Bazil O'Connor
President



The letter shown above is an expression of appreciation to all chapters which participated in the 1956 March of Dimes campaign. Every chapter which served in this drive should have a deep feeling of satisfaction for having helped in a very worthy cause.

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TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE

A Sense of Belonging

In a school classroom in Lubbock, Texas, one afternoon this month, 17 teen-agers gravely went through a ritual familiar to Boy Scouts the world over. After chorusing the Scout oath (" . . . I will do my best . . . to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight"), they settled down to an afternoon of studying the silent signals used on hikes. What distinguished the meeting was the fact that few of the boys were likely to put into practice what they learned in the classroom: they were all members of a troop of physically and mentally handicapped Scouts.

The Lubbock troop was organized in 1953, after the mother of a 13-year-old retarded boy went to the local Boy Scout office with the suggestion that Scouting instruction might give her son and others like him the sense of belonging that they so desperately needed. A group of Texas Tech students who were members of Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity of former Boy Scouts, agreed to take over the instruction of

a group of handicapped youngsters. Lucian Thomas, a local jeweler who had been confined to a wheelchair for 16 years, sponsored the troop. The A.P.O. members scheduled two meetings a week, one for physically handicapped youngsters and one for the mentally retarded.

Although other cities have organized more than 450 troops, patrols, or small groups for handicapped youngsters, Lubbock's Scout leaders found that there was all too little published material to guide them in their work. "We felt our way along," says one official. "We had to learn everything the hard way." Gradually, the A.P.O. leaders developed a program tailored to the capabilities of the handicapped.

Most of the boys have learned to identify trees and to tell directions in the woods. Although many of the physically handicapped are confined to wheelchairs with cerebral palsy, polio, arthritis or paraplegia, they have proved remarkably adept at mastering certain basic normal skills, e.g., tying knots, which some of the boys can do only by using their teeth. The mentally retarded boys have learned the

simpler stages of first aid, how to build a fire in the open, and hobbies such as basketry.

EARNED ADVANCEMENT

The instruction takes longer than it would with nonhandicapped boys. In the two years since the troop was founded, all the boys have earned Tenderfoot ratings. A few are Second Class Scouts. The most significant thing about their accomplishment, Scoutmaster Alan Conley believes, is that all of them have genuinely earned their advancement; the program has been modified, but not simplified, for their benefit. "We have learned," says Conley, "that these boys crave responsibility. Before, they were always treated like babies. No one gave them responsibility because it was felt they did not want it. Now they are thankful for what they have, and they are happy."

Officials at Lubbock's School for Exceptional Children have noticed that the new sense of responsibility is reflected in the boys' schoolwork; after several months in the Scouting program, their interest in what they are studying invariably picks up. "It has given my boy a desire to live and to do different things," says Mrs. R. W. Pope, whose 16-year-old son spends much of his time in a respirator as a result of polio. Adds another mother: "The main thing he has learned is that he is not forgotten, that he can do things that other boys do. You can see it in his eyes."

Editor's Note: The above article appeared in the January 2, 1956, issue of TIME, The Weekly Newsmagazine. We are grateful to the Editors of TIME for giving nationwide publicity to this important project of Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Texas Tech and for the privilege of reprinting the article. The National Office, BSA, thought so much of the article that they sent copies to all Scout Council offices throughout the nation.

Work on Dam

ALPHA XI CHAPTER at Washington State College recently put in 120 man-hours of work on the dam at the council Scout camp and contributed \$200.00 to the camp from its Ugly Man contest. The group has also participated at Courts of Honor for the district. This is reported by Robert Post, Presidential Representative.



This picture by Kenneth May appeared in TIME magazine, showing some of the members and leaders of the Troop for handicapped boys. Second from right is Alan Conley, Past President of Beta Sigma Chapter, who is serving as Scoutmaster.

Minutes Published

KAPPA MU CHAPTER at *Johns Hopkins University* is mimeographing its minutes after each meeting and copies are furnished to all members. The latest issue of the minutes mentions a report of the Christmas Seals Committee showing that more than \$200.00 worth of seals were sold; a report of the Blood Committee indicating that on January 5 several students affiliated with the emergency donation program went to the Hopkins Hospital and gave blood for a patient who needed it badly; a report on the pledge class given by Dick Greaves, Pledgemaster; and a report of the Perry Point Hospital Committee indicating that on a recent Sunday evening a delegation visited the hospital and one of the members put on a magic show which was very well received. The chapter minutes also include a financial report and plans for future activities as well as a report of the delegates who attended the Sectional Conference.

We extend compliments to Kappa Mu Chapter upon publishing its minutes for the benefit of all members.

Christmas Service

The Projects Chairman of the OMAHA AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER recently published a projects bulletin which brings news that one of the activities of the chapter in December was the contacting of all Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer Units in Omaha to remind them of the opportunity to do a Christmas good turn by providing baskets of food and toys for needy families. The chapter also adopted a Christmas family and presented a generous contribution of food and clothing.

Student Directory

EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER has recently distributed the new student directory compiled and published by the chapter for the use of all at *Michigan Tech.* The group is providing ushering at hockey and basketball games, is operating the college book store again this year and conducted a snowshoe hike for local Boy Scouts a short time ago. Before Christmas the chapter conducted a drive to raise money for needy families and turned over the proceeds to the Salvation Army. This is reported by Chris Hauge, Corresponding Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

Remington Schuyler

Honorary Member, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter
Missouri Valley College

A brother of superb artistic ability, he had rendered exceptional service in Alpha Phi Omega. We mourn the loss of this fine member.

DONATION TO NEW STUDENT LOUNGE AT WAGNER



Kappa Epsilon Chapter gave money for furnishings for the recently completed Student Union lounge at Wagner College. Shown in center receiving the check is Dr. David M. Delo, President of the College. At left is Donald Burry, Vice President of the Chapter; and at right is William Laing, President. This news and picture are by courtesy of Peter Suchman, Co-Chairman of Publicity.

MEMBERS AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY JOIN "CONFEDERATE ARMY"

Shown below are Jack Champion and Donald Nugent of Iota Rho Chapter as they stop a car full of "Yankees" entering the FSU campus and extract the proper amount of "bail to guarantee good behavior." These goings-on were part of the chapter's campaign for the Campus Chest for the aid of the poor and needy.



30th ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA COMPLIMENTED BY THE INTERFRATERNITY RESEARCH AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

The January 13 bulletin of the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council, edited by Dean Fred H. Turner, recognized the anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega by the following article.

"The 30th Anniversary issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL, the magazine of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, is attractive. It sets forth once again the four fields of service of the organization, namely, to student body and faculty, to youth and community, to nation, and to the members of the fraternity. The growth of this organization is phenomenal. Two hundred eighty-two active chapters have initiated 48,000 members during the life of the fraternity."

Dean Turner has been very helpful to Alpha Phi Omega in many ways and is an honorary member of Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois.

Newsletter Clips



Letter From the President

(Reprinted from the first issue of Kappa Omicron Chapter's Newsletter.)

Since KAPPA OMICRON CHAPTER was founded five years ago, it has been a growing organization in membership and responsibility until now it is a leading service group on the University of Massachusetts campus.

With the increase in activities we find it desirable to summarize our achievements and to publish them in a report to be sent to our brothers, both past and present. By this paper we intend to inform the alumni of the growing group they left behind.

Some of our present projects are Homecoming Week End, lost and found at basketball and football games, bulletin boards, Mount Toby, and many other campus and community activities that will be discussed in a history being prepared. Such activities as Square Dances and get-togethers in our regular meetings are going a long way in uniting our group.

We have our membership in positions such as senators, council members, president of a social fraternity, and chairmen of important campus committees. Through AΦΩ these men have become leaders on campus aiding the student body and administration in many ways.

Fraternally,
Jack McCann

"What's Been Going On"

The latest edition of "Dragon Tales" the newsletter of ZETA THETA CHAPTER at Drexel Institute of Technology is an excellent publication. Under the title of "What's Been Going On" the lead article tells about the numerous meetings and activities conducted by the chapter before the Christmas vacation. Another article points out ways of improving the Campus Chest Drive. This issue was published under the editorship of Dick Babcock, and the new editor for the Spring term is Bill Bedesem.

How a Newsletter Got Its Name

DELTA BETA CHAPTER at the University of Oklahoma is sending its monthly newsletter, the "De Bee," to all chapters in the Southwest Section in addition to its members and pledges. This is a fine idea for exchange of chapter news.

Here's an interesting story of how the "De Bee" got its name.

Why is this called the DeBee? It all happened when three of us were out on the North Canadian river bridge looking at the part that had washed out during the last rain. We had been down in the river bed that has been dry since that rain, and looked at the pilings. The span was gone for sure. We were just about to

leave when one of the boys noticed a peculiar looking insect on the very end of the bridge.

It was a tall, slender bug, perhaps two inches long. It looked something like a praying mantis except that its forelegs were folded in back instead of before (a backslider, maybe). He was pacing around in circles with his two bulging brown eyes set in a fixed gaze. He must have been a child's pet because on one wing was the initial "D" and on the other wing was "B."

Looking closer, we found that "DB" wasn't pacing in a circle on purpose. One foot was large with some sort of growth and it was all dirty with caked mud. He couldn't move that foot at all, it was so heavy. He paced round and round, twisting it underneath him. When he would get around two and a half times his leg was twisted so that he could go no further. If he were intelligent, he would have started back the other way and untwisted his leg, but he went on. It was slow and painful . . . then his free foot lost hold . . . and he unwound . . . head and forelegs and wings beating the planking on either side . . . clattering like an anxious window shade. What a stupid bug.

But what could the poor bug do? A condition had grown on him that prevented him from doing anything but going around in circles and it takes more than that to keep even a bug alive. "DB" was unfortunate that one member of his body was so important that its inactivity meant the destruction of the whole creature. There were several other members left, each as strong as before, but they couldn't bear the functions of the inactive member. The poor fellow was being literally beaten to death, like a window shade, by his club foot. "DB" was pretty well gone when we got there and it was just a matter of minutes until he fell limp on the planking.

The people of the South put up a statue to the boll weevil. Likewise, this newsletter is dedicated to a bug in the hopes that we may never be threatened by our Achilles heel, the Club Foot.

"BOX SCORE"

Present number of chapters, including petitions approved.....	283
Total number of members since founding	49,276
Number of copies of this issue.....	13,000

HOW TO DESCRIBE ALPHA PHI OMEGA TO A PROSPECTIVE NEW PLEDGE

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

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

What are the requirements for membership?

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

What Scouting experience is necessary to be eligible for membership?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SAY, DID YOU KNOW?

—Our new chapter at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, was officially installed, February 19, 1956. Further information about the meeting will be published in our next issue.

—The petition from Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, for a new chapter of AΦΩ has been approved by vote of the chapters and plans are now being made for the installation ceremony.

—There are openings for leaders for Summer camp work in the coming season. Contact your local Boy Scout office concerning the opportunities.

—The biennial Pilgrimage to Lafayette College is an interesting occasion. See announcement on back page.

—Alpha Phi Omega had a display at the recent annual convention of the National Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, with a map of chapters and literature available to all delegates.

—In the 1956 edition of World Almanac, just off the press, Alpha Phi Omega is listed on page 475. The almanac contains an extensive section on colleges and organizations. It includes a complete list of colleges and universities, showing enrollment figures and names of governing officials. It shows a roster of fraternities, sororities, professional organizations, honor societies and recognition societies.

—Our National Office endeavors to maintain the mailing list accurately so the TORCH AND TREFOIL will be delivered safely to all members. If you know of any member of your chapter who is not receiving the magazine regularly, please send his name and correct address to our office.

—We invite news items and pictures for use in future issues of TORCH AND TREFOIL. Three more issues are to be published before the close of this Spring term. Send your news as a means of spreading information about your projects to all other chapters.

LONG BEACH IN '56

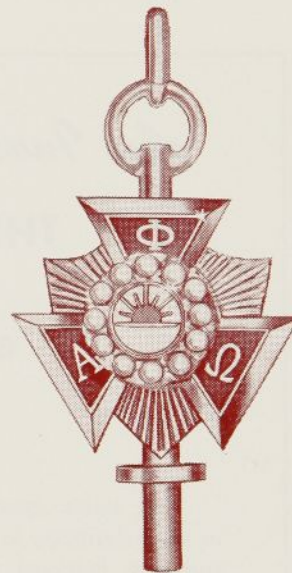
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As an individual you should begin to consider the problem of money for the costs of attending the convention—unless you belong to one of those rare chapters that will have enough money to provide complete expenses for all its representatives! Start saving and planning so that you will know that *you* will be there. You cannot go wrong; you will simply get more for your money than you could in any other way, no matter what.

I am looking forward to seeing *you* at Long Beach this year. Come by automobile, train, bus, plane, or any other way you may choose. The important thing is that you'll be showing up with hundreds of other brothers from coast to coast. My hope and belief is that you will make this the greatest convention ever.

Well, how about it, brother? Will you be on hand in Long Beach for the greatest single experience of your college life? See you there!

Do You Wear an Alpha Phi Omega Pin or Key?



If you have not yet purchased a pin or key, get one as soon as convenient. You will enjoy wearing APO insignia. Above is pictured the standard pearl center key which costs \$15.00, plus ten per cent federal tax and any state and city tax which applies in your locality. Other qualities of pins and keys are priced from \$2.50 to \$26.00.

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

BULLETIN BOARD

PROJECTS

Here are some suggested projects for the Spring months:

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

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

The Ugly Man Contest is a very popular APO project for raising money for a benevolent cause.

Chapter assistance at a Scout Camporee can be very useful.

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

NEW DIRECTORY

Our National Office has just published a new Directory of Chapter Presidents and National Executive Board members. A copy has been sent to each chapter.

We hope the directory will be useful for your contacts with other chapters and with national officials.

It is always appropriate to invite neighboring chapters to send visitors to your initiation ceremonies, banquets, outings and other special events . . . also invite any nearby board member.

The addresses in the directory will be useful until Spring elections are held in the chapters.

An Invitation to You . . .

THIRD BIENNIAL PILGRIMAGE

to the

BIRTHPLACE OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania,

April 14 and 15, 1956

All active members, advisors, honorary members and alumni are invited to participate in this pilgrimage to honor the founders of our organization. Meet Frank R. Horton, Founder and first National President. Tour the campus where Alpha Chapter carries on its program. See the building in which the first APO meeting was held. Hear national leaders address the assembly. Enjoy this occasion to meet members from numerous other chapters.

In announcing this pilgrimage we realize that because of long distances many chapters will not be able to be represented, but we hope all chapters which possibly can will send one or more members. Further details and a program outline will soon be sent to all Chapter Presidents.