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Homecoming Float

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"As unkindness has no remedy at law, let it be with you a point of honor."

—H. Ballou

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The Great Miracle

The other day at our weekly meeting of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Queens College, something happened to make me very happy that I am connected with Alpha Phi Omega. It has happened before and it will happen again, but it is always a great thrill and a minor miracle.

This year our group is relatively young. We lost an unusually large number of able seniors last June. A young group seems to make more mistakes, to feel its way sometimes blindly toward desired goals. One of these young men spoke at the meeting the other day and gave every indication of "growing up" in the best traditions of Alpha Phi Omega. I have watched this particular young man for all the years he has been in our chapter—young, handsome, vigorous and quiet, doing all the things a very young man does—a good member of AΦΩ, but not outstanding.

On this occasion, the chapter was debating the problem of "deadwood" and service in our fraternity. During the debate, which included some fine speeches by our members, the young man I had been noticing spoke and the miracle happened. From the lips of this young man came words of wisdom. A stillness came over the meeting—you could hear a pin drop. This brother explained the spirit of service in AΦΩ better than I had ever heard it explained before in beautiful, thoughtful language that the spirit of unselfish service for others is our ideal in AΦΩ and you can't measure it in hours, projects or lines of publicity in a newspaper. I relaxed a bit then, because I felt the chapter was again getting its feet on solid ground, the young men were "growing up" and our chapter was headed unmistakably toward the highest ideals of our fraternity. Also I had the feeling that this young man, so typical of AΦΩ, would carry on into his adult life the fine ideals he has developed in our fraternity. Given time, these young men absorb ideas sometimes slowly, but usually with a final maturity that repays all the delays, disappointments and difficulties.

Dr. Henry Miller

*National Second Vice President
of Alpha Phi Omega.*

ON OUR COVER

The float with a Scouting theme was entered by Beta Sigma Chapter in the recent homecoming parade at Texas Technological College. It depicts four levels of Scouting, showing Cub Scouts, then Boy Scouts, and on the third level Explorer Scouts. At the top, members of Alpha Phi Omega are shown holding a globe, with streamers going to each of the other groups to symbolize the close work and cooperation which is present in our organization. The chapter received praise from many people for this float. The picture and information were received through the courtesy of Harry Neel, Reporter of Beta Sigma Chapter.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS

The Thirteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega will be held in the next Christmas holidays. The city has not yet been decided, but each chapter will soon receive a ballot to vote on the convention location. Brother William S. Roth, Chairman of the Time and Place Committee, is now completing the information to send to all chapters for voting.

Even before the site is known, we hope your chapter will start your Convention Fund (if you have not already started it for the coming convention). It is important that you accumulate a sum to help pay the expenses of sending delegates to represent your chapter.

This convention will surely be bigger and better than any previous convention of AΦΩ. Start your plans now so your chapter will definitely be represented.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

By Bob Rakel

President of Delta Alpha Chapter
University of Cincinnati

The Christmas Toy Drive is a project which was started at the University of Cincinnati by Delta Alpha Chapter in 1952. In this year's second annual drive, used, broken, or new toys were collected from the students and, after fixing and wrapping them, they were distributed to the underprivileged children in the county.

Perhaps the most important factor determining the success of such a drive is that it be well-planned in advance. We first sent letters to each fraternity and sorority announcing the drive which was to begin the following week. In addition to this, many posters were placed around campus containing the dates of the drive, a picture of a toy or a lonely, ragged child without one, and with an adequate caption overhead. The drive lasted for five weeks, from November 9th to December 12th. This gave adequate time for the collection, repair, and distribution of the toys. Every Saturday was designated as a workday on the toys.

The drive began on a Monday. During the previous week-end cardboard boxes were obtained from a grocery store, covered with plain paper, accompanied by a sign, and distributed to each fraternity and sorority house

Editor's Note: This article is presented as a report on this very successful project of Delta Alpha Chapter and it also offers suggestions about planning and carrying out this kind of drive. In past years several other chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have conducted toy drives, and in publishing this article we wish to compliment all chapters which have brought joy to children in this manner and recommend that other chapters consider this as a splendid opportunity for service next Christmas.

to receive and hold the donations. In addition to these, a large box topped by a large sign was placed in a prominent spot on campus for the donations of the independent groups and faculty. In our case it was put in the Student Union in front of the snack bar. When the boxes were distributed each house group was told again that a collection would be made every Saturday. Boxes were also placed in nearby grade and high schools. There is also a possibility of Boy Scout troops in the campus vicinity assisting with donations. A committee should be set up dealing with the distribution of all of these boxes and the collections made from them.

Previous arrangements must also be made for storing and repairing the toys. In our case the University Build-

ings and Grounds Department was a great help. They furnished a room in which to store and work on the toys. When the collections were made the donations were taken there. If adequate funds are not available the chapter may solicit donations from local paint firms for the paint and brushes. We contacted just one firm and they were very cooperative. The paint, however, must be free of lead since the children have a tendency to bite or chew on the toys.

Some very effective publicity is possible with this type of drive. One clever stunt which may be done on the first day of the drive is to have every member of the chapter carry a toy of some type to all of his classes. This arouses much curiosity and many questions are asked. Usually the students remember the incident and likewise the drive. Some of the pledges walked around the campus with signs on their backs so that all observing would know the method to their madness. They also walked through the Student Union and through the cafeteria at lunch hour, pulling behind them some type of noise-making toy. Publicity in the school paper is usually

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Here are two pictures from Delta Alpha Chapter's 1953 Christmas Toy Drive. In the left picture, members are shown repairing and painting toys. They are, left to right, Phil Mellen, Morgan Bryan, Roy Halstenberg, Don Boebinger and Cedric Chang. In the picture at right, sorority girls are shown wrapping toys.

VIEWS FROM THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA OF THE PHILIPPINES



On September 13, 1953, Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines held its first National Convention. A story of the meeting appeared in our November issue, and we are glad now for the opportunity to present the above pictures.

In upper left, Dr. Manuel L. Carreon, Director of Private Schools, is shown addressing the convention. He told the delegates that Alpha Phi Omega is to be lauded for its leadership and its unity for brotherhood and service. Left to right in the picture are Eulalio Bacani, APO advisor for the University of the East; Exequiel Villacorta, Chief Scout Executive of the Philippines; Dr. Carreon, Ignacio Sevilla, newly-elected APO president; and Attorney Perfecto Laguio, executive board member of the Manila Boy Scout Council.

The upper right picture shows part of the delegates at a general session. Notice the earnestness and intense interest shown on their faces.

In the lower left, Prof. Juan Canave of the University of the Philippines installs the newly-elected officials of Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines. Left to right are Prof. Canave, Ishmael Buyco, Eulalio Bacani, Board Members; G. P. Neric, National Secretary; Rosalino Reyes, Jr., National Third Vice President; Dr. Romeo Y. Atienza, National First Vice President; Ignacio J. Sevilla, National President; G. R. Padolina, National Second Vice President; A. de los Reyes, National Treasurer; and C. C. Hilario, Bonifacio Calayag and Santiago Dumlaog, Board Members.

In the lower right picture is shown Ignacio J. Sevilla, new National President of Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines, delivering his acceptance speech. It was a fine convention.

The chapters in the Philippines have the same purposes of Leadership, Friendship and Service as we have in our chapters. They carry on service projects much the same as our projects and are very enthusiastic about APO. Within the short span of four years that Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines has been established, it has become a prominent constructive force on college and university campuses. We wish continued success for our brothers in the Philippines.

Announcing . . .

SECOND BIENNIAL PILGRIMAGE
to the
BIRTHPLACE OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA
Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania,
April 24 and 25, 1954

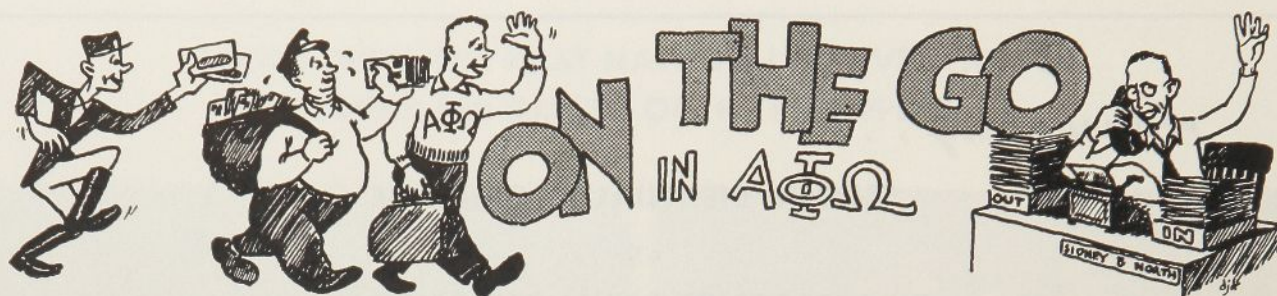
All active members, advisors, honorary members and alumni who can attend are welcome to participate in this pilgrimage to honor the founders of our organization. Meet Frank R. Horton, Founder and first National President. Tour the campus where Alpha Chapter carries on its program. See the building in which the first APO meeting was held. Hear our National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl, 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



For the first time, this past Christmas the broad walk at the University of Illinois was decorated for Christmas. This was a project of Alpha Alpha Chapter. Shown in the picture at left are two pledges putting up decorations on lamp posts. Another Christmas service of the chapter was a party given at the Huling home for Children, Rantoul, Illinois. The picture at right shows members watching some of the children open presents.



Television Program

THETA SIGMA CHAPTER at *Oklahoma A. & M. College* has completed plans for a 30-minute television program on WKY-TV in Oklahoma City for National Boy Scout Week. The chapter also has made plans for a radio program over KSPI in Stillwater.

A permanent office has recently been secured by Theta Sigma Chapter in the Student Service Building for use in conducting the Lost and Found project. Procedures have been worked out and the office is now functioning well. This past Fall the chapter conducted an Ugly Man contest from which more than \$400.00 was given to the Campus Chest Drive. This was the largest contribution of any group on the campus. This news is from Tom Lilly, President.

Two Lights

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER at *Washington University*, St. Louis, lighted two bulbs on the Salvation Army Christmas tree by contributing \$200.00 from its recent Ugly Man contest. Paul Sabin, then a pledge, was honored for his particularly outstanding work on this project. This is reported by Richard B. Sandefur, Past-President.

Entertain Canadian Students

GAMMA CHAPTER conducted guided tours of the campus of *Cornell University* for a group of students from Canada, November 13 and 14, 1953. This was part of the program of an exchange week-end with Canadian students. Also in November, the chapter had a very successful outing at the local Scout Camp. In December the group put up the annual Christmas tree on the campus. This was reported by Dave Coward, President.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR OLD FOLKS

It takes lots of turkey to serve over 90 people, but through the efforts of DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER of the *University of Houston*, all residents of St. Anthony's Home for the Aged had a real Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

"This is the first time in the 65-year history of the Home that anyone has donated a complete dinner," said Sister Mercedes, Mother Superior of the Home.

The Fall pledge class of the chapter decided to do this as one of their projects. An allotment of \$100.00 was given from the chapter treasury and 125 pounds of turkey were purchased for the occasion. After the meal, the old folks tapped their feet to music from square dance records played for them by the pledges.

A three-column picture showing some of the old folks eating their Thanksgiving dinner appeared in *The Houston Chronicle*. It was an excellent project, the old folks really enjoyed it, and the ΑΦΩ men gained a great deal of satisfaction from doing it.

Donate Movie Projector

The biggest project of BETA PI CHAPTER at the *University of Tulsa* this past Fall was the Ugly Man contest. This very successful event paid for a new movie sound projector for the university. The project chairmen were Dave Crowell, Keith Miller and Rick Wysocky. This year's contest led to Varsity Night. The program is held bi-weekly in the Union and is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. The chapter shows movies, operates a snack bar, and provides ping-pong and other games. The purpose behind Varsity Night is to make the Union function more for the student body and bring all students together. This news is from Rick Wysocky, Historian.

New Student Center

The new *University of Tennessee* Student Center will be ready for use in the Spring. IOTA ALPHA CHAPTER has undertaken the project of acquainting students with the many services to be offered at the center so they will make full use of it when it

is opened. The chapter is continuing its care of the campus bulletin boards, removing notices when they are no longer of significance and members helped manage a week-end camporee for the Scout troops of North Knoxville last Fall, taking charge of the waterfront and assisting at camp fires. The chapter is sponsoring a Cub Pack in an underprivileged section of the city. This is reported by Myron Peck, Jr., Historian.

Well-Balanced Program

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER at the *University of Texas* has had an unusually fine semester. They have had a very excellent, well-balanced program throughout the Fall, reports Dean Arno Nowotny, Faculty Advisor and Past National President of ΑΦΩ. The December meeting of the Executive Committee of Alpha Rho Chapter, 17 strong, was held at the Nowotny home where the group had supper and carried on through the evening with its business. The chapter raised almost \$2,000.00 from the Ugly Man contest and donated this amount to the Campus Chest.

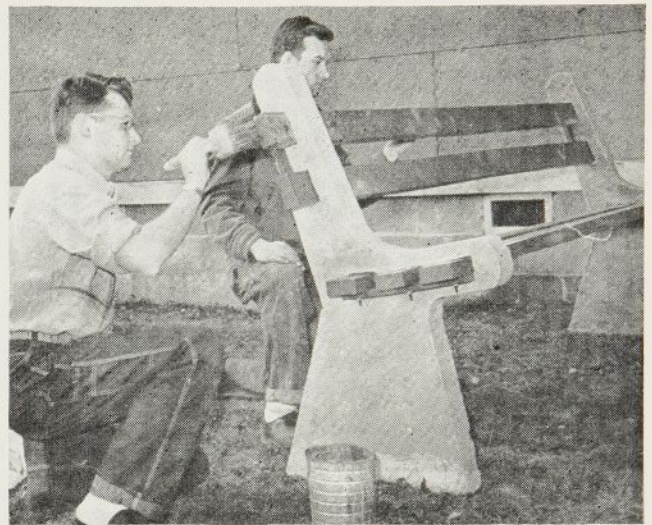
CONSTRUCTING BENCHES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

For many years chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have conducted projects for campus beautification and improvement. Some have sponsored a "Use the Walks" campaign to help keep the grass growing. Others have aided in

securing and planting new grass seed and shrubbery. Still others have helped repair driveways and parking areas, furnished containers outside buildings for cigarette butts, labeled trees for easy identification, helped clean up af-

ter parades or similar big events, and aided in many other ways.

On this page we are pleased to present a report of construction of benches by Delta Sigma Chapter, described in the caption below the pictures.



Recently Delta Sigma Chapter completed a project which was about two years in the making. In the Fall of 1951, John Bentley started working on the idea of constructing benches of a durable nature to be placed at strategic spots around the two lakes on the University of Connecticut campus. Upon his graduation, Harold Law, Alan Curtis and William Pohlman took over the project, and during the next Summer constructed forms for pouring of the cement ends. Then in the Fall of 1952, the actual pouring of the ends began. Working week-ends and at odd moments between other projects and between classes, Chairman Pohlman and an ever willing crew of brothers and pledges turned out eight seven-foot benches which when placed around the lakes brought praises from faculty and students alike.

The pictures above indicate some of the work entailed in this project. In the upper left picture, Ken Kline and Adrien Allard are shown preparing 2 x 4's for the backs and seats. In the upper right picture, Dave Beli and Bill Pohlman give the benches a final coat of paint before they are ready to be set in place. In the lower left picture, Dom Pestone, Ken Kline, Larry Williams, Faculty Advisor Eugene Kovacs and Bruce Ficke offer advice to Bill Pohlman as he digs a hole for base of the bench. In the lower right picture, Chairman Pohlman checks bench to make certain it is level while Dom Pestone, Ken Kline, Bill Cramer and Larry Williams await the decision. These pictures were made available through the courtesy of James A. Trail, Past President.

Any other chapter desiring to take on a similar project may secure further details such as plans, approximate costs, and necessary man-hours needed for the project, by writing to Delta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Student Union Building, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

NEW SCORE BOARD AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY



Zeta Phi Chapter recently presented a new score board to Howard University and it was dedicated during halftime program of the annual Homecoming game on November 7, 1953. This score board is operated by pledges during all varsity and inter-class football games. The project was financed not only by money-raising campaigns on the campus, but also by personal contributions of chapter members. About 200 manhours of labor were put into the work on the score board. The above picture shows those who participated in the presentation ceremony. Left to right are David Winston, Chairman of Advisory Committee; Lloyd A. Johnson, Treasurer; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, President of the University; Elliott Heard, Paul N. Cunningham, President; Melvin Jackson, Second Vice-President; S. Cortez Kibble, First Vice-President; and Willie J. Davis, Corresponding Secretary. The picture and news concerning this project were received from Brother Willie J. Davis.

Inter-Chapter Visit

Twelve members of BETA THETA CHAPTER at the *University of Wisconsin* went to Minneapolis for the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game where they were guests of GAMMA PSI CHAPTER of the *University of Minnesota* for the week-end. Lodging was furnished for them in one of the dormitories. Last year, Gamma Psi Chapter made a trip to Madison for the game, and the two chapters have decided to make the annual exchange trips a tradition between the two schools. The visits give opportunity to see AΦΩ in action on another campus. Beta Theta Chapter has also announced plans for assisting in the formation of several new chapters in Wisconsin. Colleges with which they are in contact include Milton College, Whitewater State Teachers College and Platteville State Teachers College. This news is from Tom Bauer, President.

Infirmiry Equipment

BETA ZETA CHAPTER at the *University of Georgia* secured \$690.00 from its Ugly Man contest held in December and has started using this money for several service purposes. Of this amount, \$350.00 was given to the university infirmiry for the purchase of auxiliary equipment. The remainder has been earmarked for a scholarship fund, Christmas party for children, Easter egg hunt for children. The Christmas party was held on the afternoon of December 12 and was very successful. The administration of the university was especially impressed by this activity. The chapter has given the faculty of the university copies of the Question and Answer pamphlet as a means of further acquainting them with the program and purposes of Alpha Phi Omega. This is reported by R. L. Brittain, Faculty Advisor.

Train Scout Leaders

EPSILON UPSILON CHAPTER at *Oshkosh State College* has conducted training classes for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters under the direction of the local Scout Council. The sessions held on a Saturday afternoon included subjects for Scoutmasters such as troop camping, program planning, organization leadership, troop meetings and hiking. Cubmasters heard explanations of Cub Scout achievement plans, conducting Pack and Den meetings and pack administration. The chapter members who took part in the training include Daryl Wendt, Thomas Hansen, James Weiland, Philip Rose, Bert S. Baxter, James Nigl, Dennis Titzkowski, James Cannon, Emory Safford, Walter McCanna, Bruce Weideman and Donald Marheine. Proceeds for the chapter's very successful Ugly Man contest were turned over to the Public Welfare Department of the City of Oshkosh to help underprivileged families in the Christmas holidays. The winner was decided by the usual one cent per vote and the announcement was made during halftime at the Oshkosh State-Milwaukee State basketball game on December 12. An Ugly Man key was awarded. This news is from Jim Nigl, Past President.

Care of Flag

KAPPA IOTA CHAPTER is in charge of flying the flag of the United States from the college flagpole each day at *Hanover College*. Other projects have been aid to visiting groups on the campus, conducting tours on the campus, providing keep off the grass signs, working with local Scout and Cub groups, and numerous other projects. The chapter is now in process of securing a meeting room for its own use on the campus. This news is reported by Morton S. Prime, Secretary.

Newsletter

IOTA PI CHAPTER at *San Francisco City College* has published a newsletter, the first edition having appeared in January. It is for the purpose of keeping members informed of chapter activities and this issue was edited by Dave Auyong and Ralph Libby.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

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easy to obtain if pictures are furnished of some of the above-mentioned incidents.

If the chapter is too small to handle all of the work entailed in the collection and repair of the toys, help can usually be obtained from other organizations at the university. Since we collected approximately five hundred toys this year we needed such help. To satisfy this need and also to keep the spark of the drive alive in the social fraternities and sororities, the campus Interfraternity Pledge Council and Pan-Hellenic Council were approached. We chose the IFPC because in the first week of the drive they had planned a city-wide workday for the pledges of all the fraternities. They delegated a crew of twenty men and since there were few toys collected at this early date and therefore few to repair, the men went out to the surrounding neighborhoods and solicited from house to house. Although many a donation was received with a child clinging to it yelling "I can still use that, Mommy" the results were very gratifying and this provided a wonderful start for the drive. The Pan-Hellenic Council pledged two members of each sorority to assist in the repair of dolls, the making of doll clothes, and the wrapping of the presents. When wrapping each toy, a tag was attached designating the sex and age group of the child best suited to receive the toy. It is best to schedule the fraternities near the beginning of the drive for the collection or repair of the toys, and the sororities near the end to assist in the wrapping of repaired toys. Some organizations consisting mainly of out-of-town students went to stores and bought new toys to give to this drive.

When the collections are made they should be separated immediately into groups designated as (1) painting, (2) dolls, (3) major repairs, (4) parts needed or small defects. For distribution the toys can be given to the County Welfare Agency.

Thank-you notes should be sent to all concerned, the administration, fraternities, sororities, etc., mentioning the success of the drive and how they contributed to it. If they remember it as a great success, they will look upon it favorably the next year and be quick to support it again.

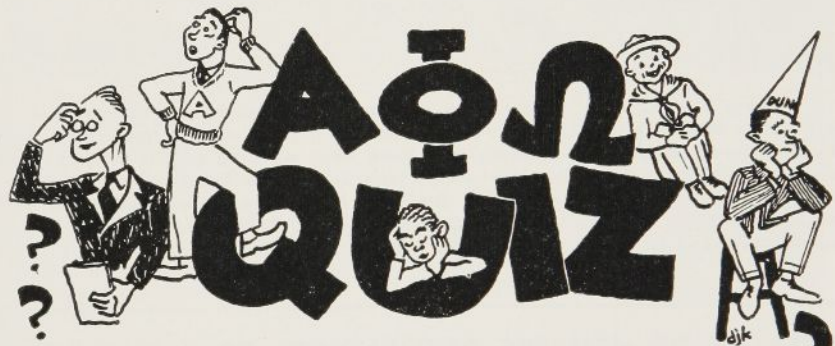
Service During Football Season

Throughout the past football season, KAPPA OMICRON CHAPTER at the *University of Massachusetts* was busy in many ways. At each of the football rallies held on the campus, some of the members carried torches in the parades for the Redmen Band and the University of Massachusetts Precisionettes. At the rally preceding the Rhode a ram of papier-mache, approximately lifesize, which was placed at the top of a 75-foot bonfire. Also, in co-operation with the university cheer team, the chapter mimeographed and distributed copies of school cheers and songs at one of the first football games. At all home games, the chapter conducted a Lost and Found department, with members circulating behind the bleachers to pick up and attempt to

return any lost articles. The group has continued this service and is now carrying this on at each basketball game on the campus.

Recently the chapter folded and inserted in envelopes 3,000 letters for the Poetry Department. They received special thanks for this work because the department would have been unable to reach its mailing deadline without this help.

In the Campus Chest drive last Fall, the chapter solicited contributions from all of the faculty members of the university and was able to collect a larger amount than had ever been given by the faculty in recent years. The chapter has also taken full charge of all public university bulletin boards, a service which is greatly appreciated by the administration. This news is from Donald W. Hanson, Corresponding Secretary.



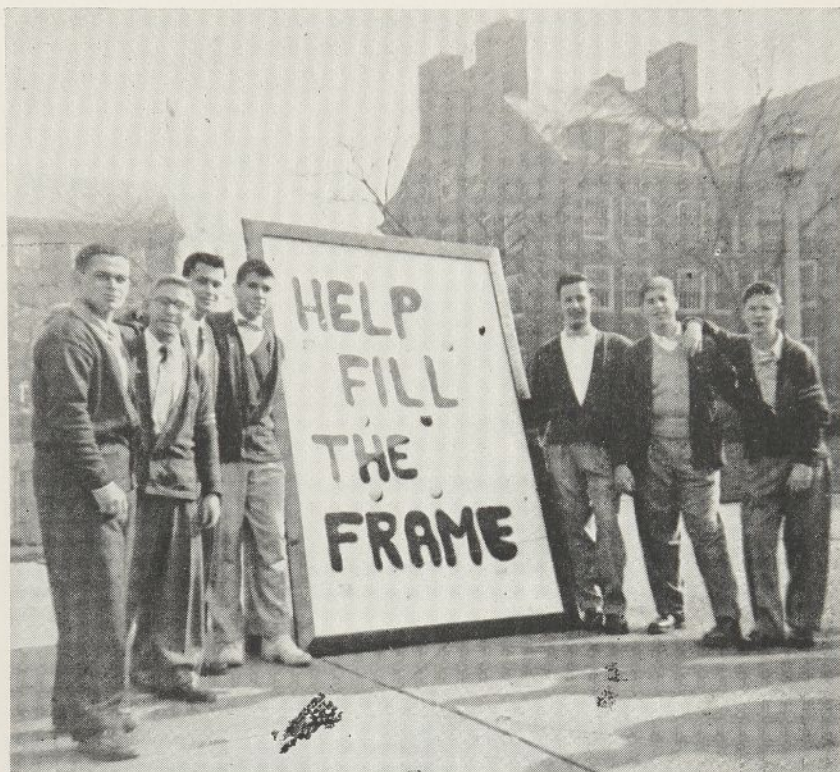
By Joseph Scanlon

1. What may you do to help establish a new chapter of Alpha Phi Omega?
2. Is any college eligible to have a chapter?
3. How many men are required to establish a new chapter?
4. How long does it take to secure a charter?
5. What activities must be carried out by a new group before being installed into APO?
6. Who decides whether a new group is well qualified?
7. How is a new chapter installed?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

RAISING MONEY FOR PORTRAIT



Gamma Iota Chapter at Brooklyn College is raising money to purchase a portrait of Walt Whitman for Brooklyn College's new Walt Whitman Hall. The above picture shows seven brothers who have been working on the project. Left to right are Marvin Goldfried, Mort Levy, Ivan Zung, Karl Bernstein, Len Speiser, Mal Zaretsky and George McCarthy. The sign in the frame was made by the chapter's publicity chairman, Jack Katz, and it stands in the center of the quadrangle. This news is from Karl Bernstein, Corresponding Secretary.

STATUS OF MEMBERS AND PLEDGES OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

In your contacts with prospective new pledges in the Spring term, it is important to give them assurance that Alpha Phi Omega will wish to keep in contact with them if they are called into the Armed Forces. Even if their education is interrupted, they will benefit from being affiliated with AΦΩ. Our policy concerning this is as follows:

Pledge applications are kept intact in the National Office for pledges who enter the Armed Forces, if this is desired by the individuals and the chapter. Pledges who completed requirements for active membership before departure may become members in absentia, if this is desired by the individuals and chapter.

Active members who enter the Armed Forces are entitled to continue active status in the fraternity. Their addresses will be continued on the mailing list for TORCH AND TREFOIL when the National Office is notified. Those men should also receive the chapter newsletter regularly.

Upon return from the Armed Forces, those men are entitled to resume active membership on the campus as soon as they re-enroll in college.

Homecoming Service

During homecoming week-end at *Millikin University*, ETA EPSILON CHAPTER again directed traffic resulting from people viewing the homecoming decorations on the Friday night preceding the football game. Members also directed traffic during the Saturday parade and before the game Saturday afternoon. They served as ushers for the variety show which is presented annually during the homecoming festivity. As usual, they decorated the float for the homecoming queen and her court. This year the float was a copy of the float which appeared in a rosebowl parade in a previous year and featured real red roses. The sale of the homecoming pins which is the chapter's annual first semester money-making project was successfully carried out. A new feature this year was the filming of the parade and house decorations which was shown on the evening news from Decatur's new television station, WTVP. The chapter received many complimentary remarks concerning this TV show and hopes to make it a part of its annual homecoming service. This news is from Don Killpatrick, Corresponding Secretary.

Many Projects in Fall Quarter

KAPPA PSI CHAPTER started the ball rolling in the Fall quarter by helping the *Agricultural and Technological College of North Carolina* handle the orientation of over 1,000 freshmen. During this period, the chapter helped administer entrance examinations, assisted in keeping order for physical exams, and provided guide service to various places. Other projects reported by the chapter include guides for high school senior day, decorations for stadium for homecoming, a float in the homecoming parade, visits to the convalescent hospital and donation of magazines to patients, distribution of yells at football games, soliciting for the Community Chest drive, donation of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to two needy families, serving at the annual Christmas breakfast along with the several social organizations on the campus, and ushering at concerts. The cooperation of the members has been wonderful, reports T. W. Williams, Corresponding Secretary.

Newsletter

The seventh issue of its newsletter was published in January by ETA IOTA CHAPTER of *Millersville State Teachers College*. It is an excellent issue, ten pages in length. It covers all phases of the chapter program, including campus projects, community projects, finances, election of officers, fellowship, alumni news, and an editorial.

Answers to APO Quiz for January

1. If you have a Scouting friend who is enrolled in a college where we do not yet have a chapter, personal contact with him would be an excellent way to begin toward forming a new chapter. Send a copy of the Question and Answer pamphlet. Ask him to read it and discuss it with other fellows who have been affiliated with Scouting.
2. Only accredited colleges and universities are eligible to establish chapters of APO. The college must be accredited by a recognized agency. All types of colleges may have chapters, including state colleges and universities, private colleges and universities, church colleges and teachers colleges.
3. A minimum of twenty-five students, five faculty advisors and two Scouting advisors are required to receive an Alpha Phi Omega charter.
4. The length of time depends upon how diligently a new group works to establish a well-organized program. Usually a group works for seven or eight months or more in developing its activities before applying for a charter.
5. A new group must carry on several service projects in keeping with the fourfold program of Alpha Phi Omega before being considered eligible to receive a charter. The group must also have its officers and committees functioning for a reasonable length of time before chartering.
6. When a petition is received for a new charter, it is reviewed by our National Extension Chairman and after it receives his approval the information is sent to all chapters and national board members for voting.
7. After the voting, plans are made for the installation ceremony for the new chapter. A member of the National Executive Board (usually the one living nearest the location of the new group) is appointed to officiate at the ceremony, and a nearby chapter is invited to furnish the ritual team. By our regular initiation ritual and the presentation of the charter the new chapter becomes officially a part of our nationwide fraternity.

Ride Service

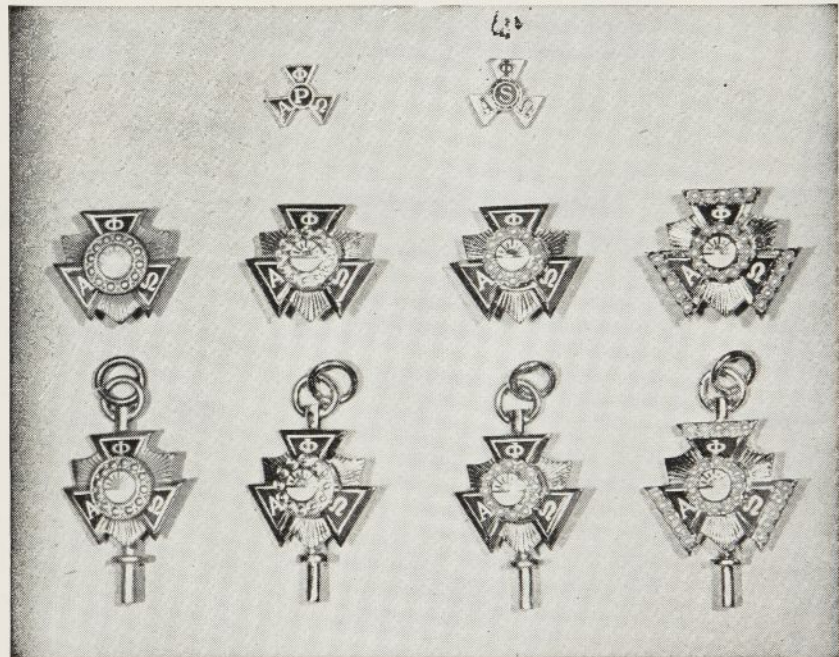
This past semester, according to several old-timers, ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER had the best Christmas car pool of any previous year on the *University of Southern California* campus. The chapter matched about 150 rides and riders to places as far away as New York City, Boston, Mexico City, Miami and, of course, other closer points. Another project has been a record board for the new track upon which the SC track records are posted. The chapter also gave small Christmas trees to the Deans of each school and to secretaries of the Dean of Students and Dean of Men. More and better publicity has been obtained in the *Daily Trojan*, and Jerry Andes, President, reports that it has been a great semester.

Scout Visitation Plans

This spring, LAMBDA CHAPTER will again sponsor the Annual Scout Visitation to be held the week-end of the K.U. Relays. Last year approximately five hundred Scouts and Scouters attended. This will be the second time in the current school year Scouts have assembled on Mt. Oread. Last fall the chapter sponsored the first annual Explorer Encampment at the *University of Kansas* which was attended by about two hundred Scouts. They saw the K.U.-Oklahoma A. & M. football game, visited Dyche Museum of Natural History, and saw films.

The campus toy drive turned out to be very successful this past Christmas as enough toys were collected to send to three Children's Homes in the state. This is reported by Lawrence Klempnauer, President.

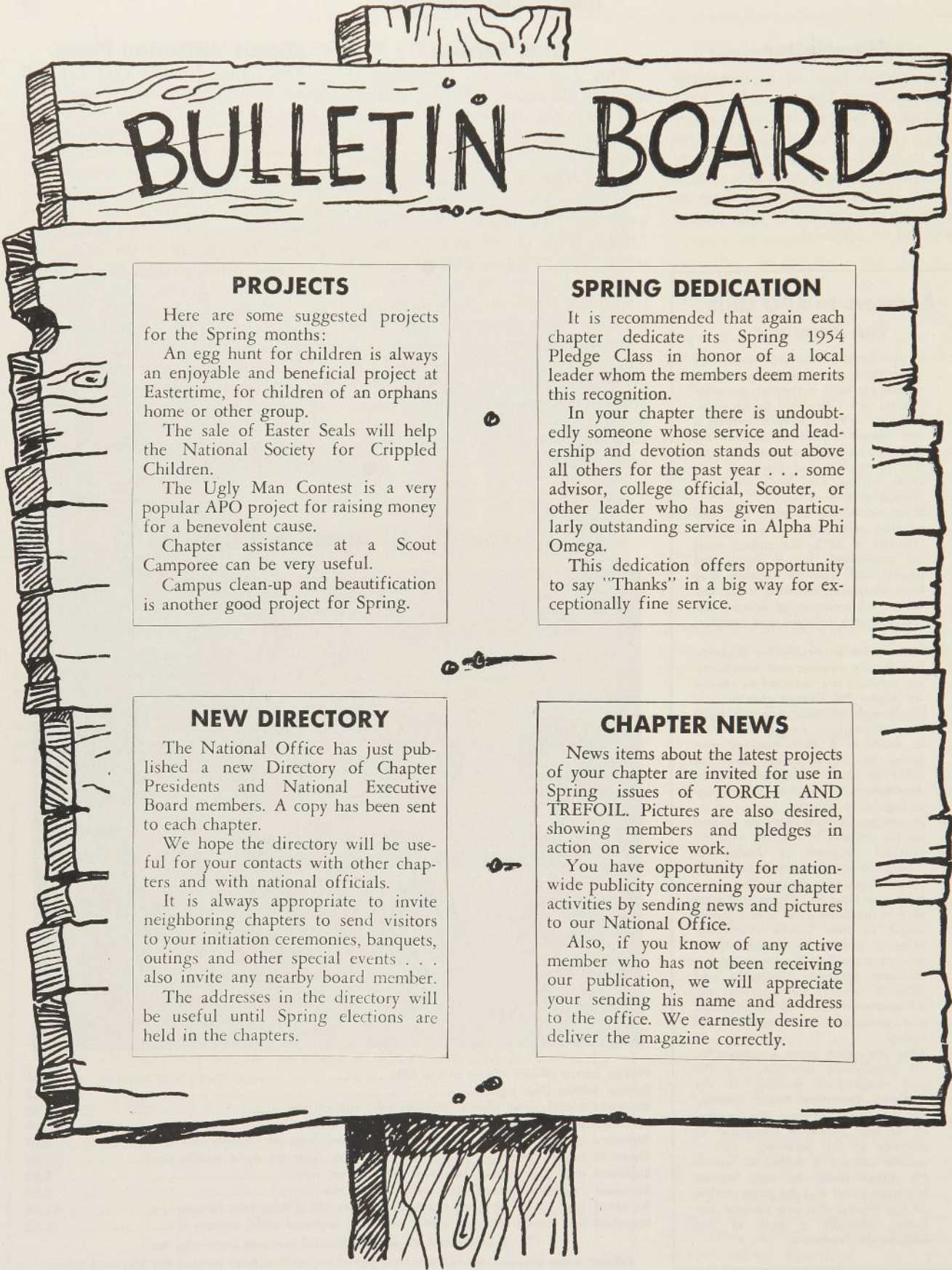
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Standard key, crown set pearl center and arms (extreme right, bottom row).....	26.00

(To all prices add 20 per cent federal tax, and state sales tax.)

Official order blanks are available from your Chapter Treasurer or from the National 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 orphan's 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.

SPRING DEDICATION

It is recommended that again each chapter dedicate its Spring 1954 Pledge Class in honor of a local leader whom the members deem merits this recognition.

In your chapter there is undoubtedly someone whose service and leadership and devotion stands out above all others for the past year . . . some advisor, college official, Scouter, or other leader who has given particularly outstanding service in Alpha Phi Omega.

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

NEW DIRECTORY

The 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.

CHAPTER NEWS

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

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

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