

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



America's Hero

Let's Keep Faith

By H. Roe Bartle

National President

There is one American today for whom every man who reads this column would gladly lay down his life if needed. General Douglas MacArthur will live in the hearts of every American as a hero of the age, a man loved and honored by a grateful people. The spirit of Douglas MacArthur is the spirit of friendship, leadership, and service sincerely exemplified.

A few days ago I chanced to see a few lines written by an American now in Australia, lines penned beneath a sketch of a soldier's face: "Should ye mourn me, write but one line in epitaph: 'He died because the shift took holiday'."

Too much is at stake for us to take lightly our responsibilities. This war is not only a battle of bombs. It is a battle of governments, of peoples, of life patterns. You say that America has never lost a war. I say to you that Japan has never lost a war. Two mighty forces are face to face in a terrific struggle. Far-reaching is our every

act today, for we know not who may be depending upon the success of the task which is ours. Work left undone may cost a life laid down in needless sacrifice.

We can't all be MacArthurs, but on our campus front and our home front and our work front we can with the same selfless devotion and earnest faith project ourselves in the tasks which are ours. We can live the principles of leadership, friendship, and service, whatever our environment or our role to play. We can give others courage as he did, in the fox-holes of Bataan. We can take whatever circumstance may be ours and imbue them with a gallant spirit. We can emulate his tirelessness, his concern for others, his patriotism, whatever our tasks may be. In building a fraternity or in building an ocean liner we are building for America and the tomorrow we want to fashion.

With earnest and prayerful intent, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the determinations that were ours when we first took membership in our brotherhood and repeated the obligations of leadership, friendship, and service. I am glad and proud to be a brother in such a fraternity. In the spirit of America's man of the hour, I charge you to keep faith, today and tomorrow and all the tomorrows just ahead, with these things we cherish and hold dear. Keep faith with the American way, the MacArthur way.

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MAN OF THE MONTH

(Nominated by Gamma Chi Chapter)

George T. Hagood



George T. Hagood of 1939, and finishes his Pre-Med course in three years. In June he will enter the University of Alabama medical school and has ambitions of establishing an Alpha Phi Omega chapter there.

Brother George has made Alpha Phi Omega his principal love and activity. He is a square, clean-cut, hard-working brother who puts his best into every responsibility he undertakes.

Interestingly enough, George is night watchman at Smith Hall, the girl's dormitory at Howard, and is affectionately known as "Papa" by all the girls. Needless to say, he is envied by all the other fellows! Also, George works at a men's clothing store every afternoon and yet finds time for his studies, classwork, Alpha Phi Omega responsibility and other activities on the campus.

At the Founders' Day banquet, May 4, the members of Gamma Chi Chapter expressed appreciation to George by presenting him a fraternity key. Throughout all the years, the chapter will be indebted to this dynamic, loyal, energetic brother. The TORCH AND TREFOIL joins with the men of Gamma Chi in extending congratulations and thanks to Brother George.

PASS IT ALONG

Those of us who have worked wholeheartedly in Alpha Phi Omega during this school year have experienced the immense satisfaction which comes from rendering service and the enjoyment which comes from fellowship in a loyal gang of chapter brothers. Alpha Phi Omega has become a part of our way of life . . . so let's "pass it along" and be sure our friends know about our service program.

Let's "talk" Alpha Phi Omega to prospective members we meet either back home or on the campus this summer. All of us have reason to be proud of the service record made by Alpha Phi Omega during 1941-42. Each year our fraternity continues to do more than ever before to deserve the unique title of "National Service Fraternity." This year is marked as a year of intensive growth in our four-fold service program.

So let's let others know about our fraternity. Let's "pass it along" and help open the way for others to get the fun and benefits we are experiencing in Alpha Phi Omega.

We Pause to Honor . . .

- - - Our Brothers in Military Service

In the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Corps, several hundred of our Alpha Phi Omega brothers are serving Uncle Sam. Our brothers are now in England, Ireland, Iceland, Australia and China and possibly other countries, as well as at many training posts in the United States. These men who have rendered service during college days are now rendering supreme service to our nation. They are carrying out to the fullest our fraternity's objective of "Service to the nation as participating citizens." Our National Office endeavors to secure and maintain a complete roster of the brothers in the armed forces. The Torch and Trefoil is being sent regularly to all now on the service list to help keep them in touch with the activities and growth of our fraternity. We have deep and lasting regard for the brothers who are so nobly doing their part for the welfare of our democracy.

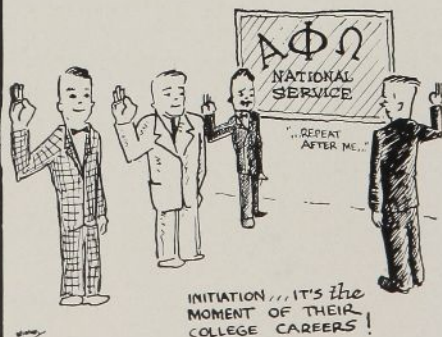
- - - Our Brothers in the Graduating Class

This month, more than five hundred active members of Alpha Phi Omega will complete their undergraduate studies and receive their sheepskins. Many will enter the military service, others will go into various fields of business, professional, defense and governmental activity. Alpha Phi Omega is proud to honor these brothers whose leadership and service and devotion have advanced our fraternity. We know that you who are graduating look back with satisfaction upon your Alpha Phi Omega experiences. May you always be interested in the growth of this national service movement. Letters from you to the National Office will always be welcome, and we extend best wishes for your success and happiness in the years ahead.

1942 National Convention to Be Held in Kansas City

It's decided! The chapter votes have been tabulated in the run-off ballot, and it's 61% for Kansas City as the location for the ninth biennial national convention of Alpha Phi Omega. The meeting will be held December 28 and 29, 1942.

Begin now making plans for a delegation to attend from your chapter. Every chapter should send two official, voting delegates, one an active member and the other an advisor. Begin now building up a "convention fund" in your chapter treasury to send your two official delegates to this important meeting.



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GAMMA PSI CHAPTER INSTALLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The first chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in the state of Minnesota was officially established on April 18, 1942, after two years of preparation. It is Gamma Psi Chapter at the University of Minnesota.

Brother Don Finlayson, chapter president, interestingly describes the proceedings:

"Our long-awaited installation started with a bang when that big package of dynamite, National President H. Roe Bartle, got off the train in Minneapolis early in the morning of the eighteenth of April. We were awaiting him at the station and spotted the biggest man there, with cigar in face and proudly wearing a Stetson recently presented by the men at Texas Tech.

"After conferring with the president of the university, Dr. W. C. Coffey, and other officials, our hustling leader lunched with Dean Comstock, senior faculty advisor, and other advisory members.

"At two o'clock, the ceremonies officially began. The school of instruction for officers was followed by the ritual and the installation of officers. Dean Comstock presided at the banquet which followed the initiation. Brother Kenneth G. Bentz, Regional Scout Executive; Brother L. D. Cornell, Minneapolis Scout Executive; Brother Dr. Edwin C. Johnson, National Treasurer; and Brother Bartle, the members and their dates attended the dinner at which Brother Johnson presented the coveted charter. President Bartle challenged the group in an inspiring address.

"It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are now brothers in the finest fraternity on American campuses. We of Gamma Psi chapter feel highly honored to carry the name of Alpha Phi Omega on the Minnesota campus and we pledge ourselves to the three principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service which we are responsible for maintaining at this university."

The officers installed to serve the new chapter are:

Don Finlayson	.....	President
Henry Dahl	.....	First Vice-President
Keith Davidson	.....	Second Vice-President
Wallace De Buhr	.....	Secretary
Steven Stonich	.....	Treasurer
Robert Jesness	.....	Historian

ARBOR DAY TREE-PLANTING AT DEPAUW



When a "blight" recently attacked the majestic Elms on the DePauw University campus Alpha Phi Omega and Delta Phi Eta jointly sponsored an Arbor Day project. As a result of their efforts, 32 young saplings were planted March 21 at points where replacements were deemed most necessary. Each tree was given by a fraternity, sorority or University hall. Principals in the planting episode illustrated above are: Margaret Williams of Delta Phi Eta and Brother George Lockwood of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, co-chairmen of the Arbor Day Committee; Howell H. Brooks, university comptroller and Dr. Truman G. Yuncker, head of the Botany department. (This photograph appeared on the cover of the "DePauw Alumnus," March, 1942, and is published here by courtesy of the editors.)

FIRST CHAPTER IN MINNESOTA



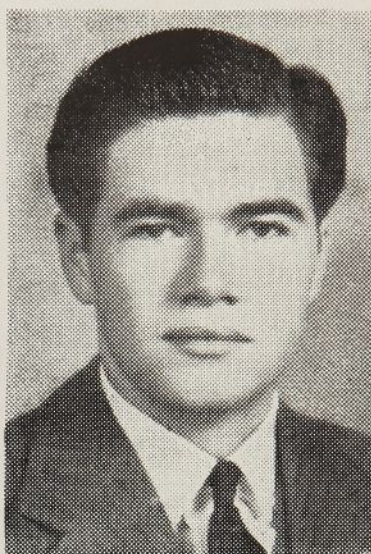
The charter members of Gamma Psi Chapter, installed April 18 at the University of Minnesota.

THREE BROTHERS OF ALPHA RHO CHAPTER ELECTED TO PROMINENT OFFICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS



Bill Barton

... Elected president of the Student Body.



Dolph Briscoe

... Elected editor of the "Cactus," yearbook.



Jack Adkins

... Elected editor of "The Texas Ranger," humor magazine.

Congratulations to these Texas brothers on their selection for these important responsibilities. And as Brother Bill Clark, chapter president, explains it: "We aren't dabbling in campus politics even though the results may indicate it. We still supervise the student elections and must keep clear of any political entanglements. The results of this election are purely an indication of the high calibre of men in Alpha Rho Chapter."

Gleanings from Chapter Correspondence

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Our Chapter has recently conducted guide service for open house weekend and we have plans under way for fingerprinting and photographing all freshmen next fall."

—Geo. M. Betterley, Vice-President.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Mu Chapter's Annual Eagle Scout Convention was held April 25-26 and was a fine success."

—Weir Mitchell, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Our services at present in Beta Theta include a Use The Walks campaign, campus guide service and conservation of electricity in university buildings."

—Bill Boelter, Secretary.

ALABAMA TECH

"We have already increased our membership 225% since the beginning of the first semester, and our service program has increased correspondingly. The personal evangelism system of pledging has worked wonders and we recommend it to all other chapters."

—Malcolm Cain, Past President.

CENTRAL Y

"At the present time our chapter is engaged in civilian defense work in First Aid. We have four instructors teaching classes and others in the chapter taking training to obtain Red Cross instructors' certificates."

—Leonard Dishman, Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"As I look at Alpha Phi Omega's position on the campus, it is just what we have been working for through past years. Our Fraternity is highly respected, and it is an honor to be asked to pledge. We are getting the best men on the campus and this will insure a strong and successful future for our chapter. We are featured with two full pages including four pictures in the 1942 yearbook. We have a cross-section of the entire student body and all are working in close cooperation in the services of Alpha Phi Omega."

—Harry Rinehart, Past President.

WASHINGTON STATE

"Our Use The Walks campaign has just been completed, and we are now making extensive plans for our Annual Boy Scout Weekend in the fall."

—Stanley R. Larsen, Secretary.

KIRKSVILLE OSTEOPATHS

"Our current projects in Alpha Omega Chapter are bloodtyping, sales of Defense Bonds on the campus, and furnishing flowers for the Nursing Home. Our semi-annual banquet in honor of the graduating Seniors was held May 17."

—M. F. Achor, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO STATE

"We are now conducting a housing survey in the area near the college and have recently handled the student elections and furnish ushers for the Senior play."

—Keith Dixon, Secretary.

TEXAS TECH

"We have several projects under way in Beta Sigma Chapter including collection of needed commodities for war use, hospital calling service, painting parking signs on the campus, and blood-typing for emergency transfusions."

—George Bradley, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Campus-wide fingerprinting is well under way. This is being conducted through the organized men's houses."

—Kenneth A. Harwood, Historian.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS INSTALLED

Gamma Omega Chapter was installed on May 9 at the University Heights College of New York University, with Dr. Ray O. Wyland of our National Executive Board officiating.

Installation ceremonies were conducted for Gamma Rho Chapter at the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas, on May 17. Dean Arno Nowotny officiated on behalf of our Board.

The full stories of these installations will appear in the September issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL.