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### Opening Session

December 28

The twelfth national convention of Alpha Phi Omega was called to order at 9:30 a. m., December 28, 1952. The National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl (Alpha Gamma), presided.

The invocation was pronounced by Brother C. J. Carlson (Chi).

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

The roll of chapters was called by the National Secretary. (The roster of attendance is published in this report beginning on p. 19.)

Brother David Andrews (Alpha Iota) extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. He spoke on behalf of the eight host chapters which included Alpha Iota of Ohio State University, Zeta Kappa of Bowling Green State University, Zeta Delta of Miami University, Zeta Rho of Wittenberg College, Theta Upsilon of Case Institute of Technology, Delta Gamma of Ohio University, Theta Beta of Fenn College and Epsilon Psi of Kent State University. He expressed the desire of the hosts to give full service in making the convention one of great value, inspiration and enjoyment for all in attendance.

President Den Uyl called upon Dr. Henry Miller, Convention Program Chairman, to present and outline the program for the three-day meeting. Brother Miller emphasized the basic objectives of the convention: first, to report progress of the past two years; second, to discuss plans for the future; third, to enact such legislation as may be desired; and fourth, to provide fellowship among brothers from all parts of the nation. He pointed out that the printed program in the hands of all delegates was the result of much advance planning and he requested all participants to endeavor to adhere closely to the time schedule.

At the conclusion of the opening session the delegates attended worship services in the churches of their choice in downtown Columbus.

### Fellowship Luncheon

The luncheon was dedicated to Professor D. Arthur Hatch who was one of the first faculty advisors who assisted in the founding of Alpha Phi Omega and served more than twenty-five years as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Alpha Chapter. Brother George F. Cahill (Alpha Gamma) was Toastmaster.

A series of talks was given by delegates from the four corners of the nation. Representing the Northeast was Robert Witham (Eta Delta), speaking on "Campus Service." He emphasized the great part which campus service has in the program of Alpha Phi Omega and told of some of the projects of his chapter.

Speaking on "Community Service" was Stratton M. Frank (Alpha Pi), representing the Southeastern part of the nation, and he pointed out the opportunities for community service in a well-rounded chapter program.

Representing the Southwest, Harvey Prokop (Alpha Delta) spoke on "Leadership," and emphasized the need for strong leadership in Alpha Phi Omega and the opportunities which our fraternity offers for development of leadership abilities.

From the Northwest, Hal Mahon (Delta Eta) spoke on the subject of "Fellowship," and pointed out the important place which fellowship has in the entire program of our fraternity.

An Ugly Man mug was presented to Sidney B. North, National Secretary, by Dr. Norman O. Long, on behalf of Gamma Mu Chapter of Evansville College.

Address

### "THE SCOPE OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA"

By Joseph Scanlon (Eta Xi)

There are so many things that should be said for which we neither have the time nor occasion that I want to disregard this as an attempt to make a speech, but I want you to share with me some thoughts about this fraternity to which we all belong.

I wonder if you had an experience comparable to mine Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Eve, as it chanced, my wife and children were on the way home, and for about an hour I had to wait until my wife could come back downtown and I could go home with her. We wanted to get the little ones to bed early—and hoped that they would sleep! (Of course they didn't!) I waited on the corner and watched the lights of Christmas Eve go out. I began to understand how it is possible that on a campus of 15,000 students, men, too, can stand and watch lights go out for them and wonder whose hand will be extended in front of them. They ask the question, "Is it necessary that I should walk alone?" If there would be but a few to reach out to give a hand in fellowship and friendship!

I have stood on Times Square with thousands on the street on election night and felt very much alone in a vast crowd because I saw no one who meant anything personally to me. That is the feeling men on every campus possess at some time in their lives. As I stood on Christmas Eve, I reached into my pocket, and my hand came on my fellowship button of Alpha Phi Omega—and I knew I never again could be alone.

I looked back to the Convention in 1930, saw Roe and others on that occasion . . . began to think of their desire to do something in service to other people. I could walk with them. I could think with them. I could see others walking with them just because of another man in this fraternity—and these men have come in ever-increasing numbers in years past to share Alpha Phi Omega, and yet as I stood there and held this pin, I could not avoid feeling a sense of shame that many men on campuses represented here today do not have it. We should not say we possess it; we only hold it in trust to share with others.

I had confidence and faith that when we would meet in Columbus we would leave Columbus with the determination to share and not to keep. There is too much possession in the world; too little extension of it in the world. We have the one priceless thing—the real scope that makes it a living faith and an understandable thing the rest of a man's life—not just a few years in campus life. We can't lose the coin we possess in the values of Alpha Phi Omega; we can't get in coinage what we get in another man's friendship and faith. You can't get more than you yourself seek to give.

I have never gone to a convention and gone away without feeling a great deal of strength and belief that what we seek to do in Alpha Phi Omega is so fundamentally right that any man can acknowledge the goodness of another man without being a bit ashamed of what he believes.

This morning we went to church. Each prayed his own way, but He who heard all of us—no one said that he alone possessed the One who heard what we said. Look at the man across from you—next to you. Was the scope of Alpha Phi Omega limited to a section of the country . . . to things to which you personally believed . . . by just what you were able to think and believe and able to raise out of your own mind and experience—or did you willingly and rightfully say, "I like him for what he is; I accept him for being what he appears to be; he must be the right sort of a man because he is here, too?"

If you live in another man's heart and soul, the impression we



can give each other—fundamentally so worthwhile that it is worth taking priceless time to do it—if we will raise our horizons and shove them back beyond the attainable point of a lifetime, we can still attain a better thing—we can make Alpha Phi Omega what it ought to be for all who choose to do . . . not for those who merely seek, but for those who already have and are willing to share with someone else! I have never seen joy in an A. Phi Omega chapter that was self-centered. I have never seen anyone wear a badge and possess title of office use it without feeling a sense of shame because he had something so worthwhile to give and he did not know what to do with it. How can a man say he believes in freedom and in the rights and privileges and responsibilities of others and dare to say to himself, "I am one of the fortunate few who belong to a fraternity that recognizes similarities in people and not proclaim differences"? Others can find sense of worth by belonging to a fraternity such as ours. I have never seen a man successfully hold that kind of thinking, because after he was in the midst of a group of Alpha Phi Omega men for several days, he went away with humility that others had, too, something to give that he did not possess. A universal gift is your best—and our universal possession is the best all of us have to give.

You will see many who have traveled in Alpha Phi Omega before your time. First lesson we have learned in APO is this: Someone takes a candle and lights it. Someone takes off a blindfold and sees it. Let there be light, and let there be light between us and let no man in APO say to himself that the light he raises and sees in the presence of another man is what he determines it shall be. But if the candle gets shorter, if your light represents what APO ought to be, don't worry about who gets the credit for what you do. Never mind who is looking at you and what they are thinking about you. Let your example be such that those who see grasp and understand their way from what you have to give. Because when you light the candle, all men look in the direction of it—whether they want to or not. They cannot help themselves from looking at it and searching toward it.

None of our conflicts can disturb our sense of American unity so long as men will give a spark of credit toward others. If you possess willingness to think of other people—share their doubts and despairs and assist in sharing their triumphs, you have made Alpha Phi Omega coinage which lasts a lifetime. Let us think of this as a lifetime job—not as something you belong to for a time and then cast off as you do a garment . . . but something you possess forever. Because only God can give life and only God gives light. I have seen men walk in the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega, and sometimes you ask, "What contribution have I made or have you made?" Only God can judge it.

But as I stand here and think of a fellow just 18 who shortly before had received an Eagle badge and was coming into a chapter being formed in his college, undertaking to step out of line and assume responsibility that called for a lifetime of courage—when I think of Stan Leedom and others like him, I see that the light he lit is not something I can talk about, but it is something we can all understand. He lighted something that would outlast temporary life, because he chose eternal light with which to do it. Those of us who come into APO and seek it together, if we lift the light higher, is it for us to say who saw the light or who lifted it or lit it—or is it for us to carry it and represent it so well that others will see it and seek it? I pray we can go out of here as missionaries; if I have Alpha Phi Omega only for myself, it is best that I put my pin away and keep it in my thoughts. So long as I wear it, I am saying to another man, "I am willing to be your friend—try me; ask me. Let me share." Let the light we show in APO be one which, like the eternal light, will be for those now in Alpha Phi Omega and for those who will take our places hereafter so written in good deeds and good lives that anyone who has it will share it, and anyone who sees it will pursue it. We'll sail over vast gulfs created when men permit little things to be left undone so they become a source of irritation throughout the nation for all men.

Seek and find; knock and it shall be opened unto you; carry light in your own hand and give Alpha Phi Omega in your place on the campus the place which it has in every man's heart, and then whether you stand on the corner and the lights of Christmas go out, you know in faith that as the world rolls around and the light of a new day spreads across the universe, you know God is still in His heaven and everything is right for your world, if you have left for another man a light through which he can see and grow in wisdom and understanding. God give us understanding to do it and make us fearless in the effort. There is no failure in the effort, and there is no success apart from it.

## Afternoon Session

December 28

Professor Kent D. Shaffer (Kappa), member of the National Executive Board, presided at this session. He called upon the National Extension Chairman, National Treasurer and National Secretary to give their official reports, which follow:

### Report of the National Extension Chairman

M. R. Disborough (Alpha Tau)

Brother Disborough reported that thirty-three new chapters had been established since the previous convention. They are:

- Iota Mu*—University of South Carolina, Columbia S. C.
- Iota Nu*—University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Iota Xi*—Edinboro State Teachers College, Edinboro, Pa.
- Iota Omicron*—Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.
- Iota Pi*—City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, Cal.
- Iota Rho*—Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Iota Sigma*—Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- Iota Tau*—St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
- Iota Upsilon*—Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Pa.
- Iota Phi*—University of California, Davis, Cal.
- Iota Chi*—Northern Michigan College of Education, Marquette, Mich.
- Iota Psi*—University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Iota Omega*—Brockport State Teachers College, Brockport, N. Y.
- Kappa Alpha*—Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Tex.
- Kappa Beta*—Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Kappa Gamma*—Wisconsin State College, LaCrosse, Wis.
- Kappa Delta*—The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Kappa Epsilon*—Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y.
- Kappa Zeta*—Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla.
- Kappa Eta*—Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- Kappa Theta*—Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.
- Kappa Iota*—Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.
- Kappa Kappa*—New Mexico Western College, Silver City, N. Mex.
- Kappa Lambda*—Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.
- Kappa Mu*—The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
- Kappa Nu*—Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia.
- Kappa Xi*—Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, La.
- Kappa Omicron*—University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.
- Kappa Pi*—Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.
- Kappa Rho*—Seattle University, Seattle, Wash.
- Kappa Sigma*—Sacramento Junior and State Colleges, Sacramento, Cal.
- Kappa Tau*—The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.
- Kappa Upsilon*—East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.

Four petitions for new collegiate chapters were presented for action by the convention delegates. These were from St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York; Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska; The Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina; and The Cooper Union, New York, New York. The delegates voted unanimously in favor of granting charters to these petitioning groups.

An alumni petition was presented from Buffalo, New York, and the delegates voted to issue an alumni charter to this group.

Brother Disborough emphasized that extension includes growth in the existing chapters as well as the addition of new chapters. He suggested that all chapters enlarge their membership in the months ahead.

He also invited all chapters represented at the convention to assist in the formation of new chapters at nearby colleges. Several chapters readily volunteered to help in this extension work.

### Report of the National Treasurer

Frank D. Wood (Gamma Zeta)

Brother Wood presented the audit reports for the years of 1951 and 1952, copies of which were available for inspection by the delegates. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by the convention.

Strengthening of the membership of all chapters was urged by Brother Wood as a means of increasing our program on all campuses.



## Report of the National Secretary

By Sidney B. North (Pi)

I am pleased to come before you this afternoon and bring you this report of activities in our fraternity.

Brother Disborough has given you the report of extension of Alpha Phi Omega in the past two years. It is significant that our fraternity continues to grow in numbers of chapters year after year.

Brother Wood has reported to you concerning the income and expenditures of the National Fraternity, and has given assurance that we are in sound condition.

In the few minutes which are mine I will endeavor to relate the progress in other phases of our program achieved in the past two years. At our 1950 National Convention there was skepticism in the minds of some as to the future progress of our fraternity. The Korean War had started just a few months before, and there was fear that this would hamper the work of Alpha Phi Omega. But today, we know that despite the lower enrollments, due to the drafting of men and the virtual end of GI students of World War II, Alpha Phi Omega has continued to grow in service achievements and in value to college campuses. Alpha Phi Omega has lasting qualities. Of all chapters ever chartered in our twenty-seven years history, 93% are still active.

As always, the most significant achievement in Alpha Phi Omega is our service program. Just a short time ago I received a statement from Chancellor R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina, in which he said that "Alpha Phi Omega is indispensable at the university" and he went on to say that Alpha Phi Omega has lifted the morale of the entire community. Dr. Glenn Nygreen, of the Office of Student Affairs at the University of Washington, says Alpha Phi Omega does not wait to be asked to serve, they find things that need to be done and do them. Dean Arno Nowotny, past national president of Alpha Phi Omega, who is Dean of Student Life at the University of Texas, has said that our fraternity is the most unselfish group with which he is associated.

Those are but a few statements from college officials, and they express a feeling which prevails among college officials throughout the nation. They testify to the great success of our service program.

I have the privilege of reading all of the annual reports which are received from your chapters, and I always admire the extensive service which those reports show. Of course, some are better than others, and it behooves us to strengthen every chapter in the year ahead. We have a unique program, and you men assembled here today are the leaders in that program. You should be proud of the accomplishments of Alpha Phi Omega.

In membership growth, more than 6,000 new active members have entered APO since our 1950 convention, and more than 650 new Faculty and Scouting Advisors have entered our brotherhood.

Our National Office has endeavored to give prompt service to all chapters, in correspondence, in the registration of new pledges and members and in the shipping of materials which you have requested. For the margin of error which has crept into our office work, we are truly sorry.

The volume of mail has been great, giving rather close contact by mail between your chapters and the office.

Sixteen issues of TORCH AND TREFOIL have been published since the last convention and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending in the news items and pictures which appeared in the recent issues. Our magazine is a medium of exchange of ideas about projects, and from its pages many chapters have found suggestions for new services to be put into effect on their campuses. We invite you to continue sending material which you feel would be interesting to our entire fraternity.

Now, I would like to say a few words about my twenty years as National Secretary. It was in December, 1932, that I had the good fortune of being chosen by the national board to serve on a full time basis as National Secretary. Dr. H. Roe Bartle was National President at that time, and probably his desire was the greatest factor in the choice, so I am particularly grateful to him.

I was selected on a temporary basis, for a period of four months. Somehow, those four months have stretched into twenty years.

In December, 1932, we had 29 chapters in Alpha Phi Omega. Today we have over 250 chapters including those voted in this

afternoon. So I have had some small part in bringing into being 220 chapters, and I never cease to thrill at the installation of each chapter because I believe that an organization which has proved its worth on so many campuses is a good thing for many, many more colleges and universities.

Possibly you would be interested in the development of our national service to the chapters. Back in 1932, the pledge manual and our magazine were the only two publications of Alpha Phi Omega. Then came the National Bulletin for officers and advisors. Then came the Manual of Administration which was first written and published in 1937. Following that, there was need for an information pamphlet which could be distributed at open meetings. For this purpose the Question and Answer pamphlet was developed in 1939 and has since had vast distribution on the college and university campuses of our nation. Later we added other printed material such as the census card, pledge bid and active bid. The most recent addition to our material is the schedule card. Our magazine was started as a mimeographed paper and is now a twelve-page printed publication.

I mention these materials to point out that our National Office and National Executive Board have constantly tried to increase the tools which would make it easier for you to do a good job in Alpha Phi Omega on your campus. These materials are given free to the chapters, instead of being sold as is true in many organizations.

And with all of this, there has been no increase in the initiation fee. We are trying to give you the finest service possible for the money you paid when you became a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

I wish to extend particular tribute to the vision and leadership of our National President, Professor Daniel Den Uyl, and the members of our National Executive Board. Time does not permit me in this report to mention all of the avenues of leadership in which your board members have given so generously of their time and assistance, but let me say, as I have said at previous conventions, we have a "working board." They are not a group who sit idly by; they are actively participating in the leadership of our fraternity.

Above all I wish to pay tribute to the chapter officers, active members and advisors who have given so generously of their time and work and leadership. It has only been through your efforts that we are able to report real accomplishment in Alpha Phi Omega for the past two years. I wish to express appreciation for your excellent cooperation in all relationships with our National Office. Your loyalty has been 100% and your unselfish service has been responsible for the continued growth of our fraternity.

I salute all of you who have given a large part of your Christmas holiday to devote these days in the interest of the organization we all love. I have utmost confidence in the continued progress of Alpha Phi Omega as a service fraternity. May God give us strength and guidance as we continue this program of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

## Evening Session

December 28

This session was called to order by Professor Daniel Den Uyl, National President. He introduced Dean Merle M. Price (Eta Kappa) to address the assembly.

Address

### "WHY I BELIEVE IN ALPHA PHI OMEGA"

By Dean Merle M. Price (Eta Kappa)

It is a tremendous thrill to be a part of a group like this. I know you have all felt that thrill. I am very well aware that the power of words is overestimated and underestimated. I think many of us overestimate the power of words, those of us who are preachers and teachers, particularly, and we go on at some great length hoping that these pearls of wisdom will be somehow fashioned into a chain. I am perfectly aware that to a large degree many of you are not going to pay much attention to what I am going to say now and that within a very short time you are going to have forgotten it. And yet I would not have you underestimate the power of words, either, because there is always a chance that from each other we can learn something, we can get a bit of inspiration, we can catch hold of an idea that we can carry with us.



I am always a little leary, too, about this matter of the power of words because of the way in which they can be misinterpreted and misunderstood. You know, at times we don't communicate too well, partly because of our lack of understanding, in some cases because of a difference in culture.

"Why I Believe in Alpha Phi Omega." The subject set me back on my heels a minute. I asked myself, "Well, why do you, anyway?" Then I realized that the answer to it was not very simple. There were a lot of things bound up in that, many more than I am going to answer tonight. But as I sat and thought through the question as to why I believe in this great fraternity, I think I reached an answer, at least in part. So I want to talk with you and to share with you some things connected with my belief in Alpha Phi Omega.

I believe in it, first, because I believe in the dignity of man and the value of the human individual. I am deeply convinced of that—and it seems to me that nowhere in the fraternal life I have experienced have I come into association with a group of men who are better examples of that belief in the dignity of man and the value of the individual. You and I are here together. We have spent this Sunday together. This morning, many of us went to church together, but we did not go to the same churches, and there are some who did not go to a church service today. And it just happens that the two members of my own chapter who are with me did not go to the church to which I went and I had not realized until yesterday that they were of a different faith. That is what I mean. We are interested in the individual regardless. It isn't what he brings with him nor his wealth; it isn't whether or not he has an automobile; nor whether or not he has the right association. It is a question of whether or not he is interested in his fellow men, and I am very sure that no one of us would have stayed affiliated with this fraternity as long as we have if we had not had the impetus of the deep respect for the dignity of man. So I believe in Alpha Phi Omega, first, because of that.

Secondly, I believe in Alpha Phi Omega because I believe in the Golden Rule. I know sometimes we are flippant about the idea; you do unto others as you would they would do to you. Sometimes we turn it around a little bit and say, "Do them before they do you"! Yet here is that great underlying principle, background not only of this fraternity, but background of the whole movement of Scouting with which we are so closely allied—the idea of service, not with the idea that the man you help is going to come back and help you in a material sense . . . not that someone on the campus is going to pat you on the back, because you know most of the time they do not. The Scouting people come and suggest there is something you can do for Scouting and you don't do it with the idea that you can then get Scouts to come over and rake your lawn or shovel your snow. It is with the idea that you can serve them. I don't believe anyone can believe in the Golden Rule with a sense of practicing it without believing fundamentally that it is something going out from him, and he is not basically interested in what is coming back to him. Yet certainly those who have served have come to the realization that that is the best way to get real satisfaction. No one has ever performed service for which he did not receive compensation. Sometimes it is hard to find what it is, but if you dig around a little, you can find it. So if you put emphasis on this point of service, I think you are serving the fraternity, and I think you are serving yourselves—and I hope that never is there any letting up of the idea that Alpha Phi Omega has as a fundamental purpose of its existence this tremendous ideal of serving others.

Then I have a third reason why I believe in Alpha Phi Omega, and it is because I believe in education and I believe in youth. If I did not believe in education and if I did not have faith in youth, I should not have spent thirty years in teaching. I should not have spent twenty-five of them associated with college youth. There are people who spent their lives amassing fortunes of money. There are people whose prime purpose in life is that of the acquisition of power—and there are people who seem to have as the basic purpose of their lives the having of a good time, whatever that may mean to them. But I can't think of anything that would bring to an individual the richness of twenty-five years of association with college men. I have had that, and over the years I have made hundreds—and I suppose thousands—of lasting friendships among those students, and I would not trade that for any man's wealth of money, for his power, or for his position. I stand before

you and tell you that I think I am a wealthy man, wealthy in what they have given to me. Maybe that is another way of reverting back to that point of service. But I am getting back to this point that I believe in education—and I do know that not all the educating is done in the classroom, certainly not in mine!

I have this habit of giving periodic tests, and I have never given a test yet without being forcibly reminded that not all the education is done in the classroom. Sometimes I am staggered at the facility my students have for forgetting everything I have said to them! I believe a great deal of the educating of the individual is done outside of the classroom. I refer back to the fact that my own son is a university freshman this year. Last year he was a high school senior, full of dignity. This year he is Joe College, and I am very certain that no one of his professors at the University of Wisconsin sold him that horrible looking brickbat he insists on wearing. Not only is he satisfied with his jacket; he went out and got one of those caps! They are not quite as gaudy as some you are wearing, but believe me they are brighter! They are cardinal red!

What I am trying to say to you is he is a freshman in college. I have been interested in seeing who his professors are. I think he has chosen wisely in the courses he has taken. I have had a chance to talk with him off and on this fall; I think he is learning something in his classes, but most of the evidences I have had have been of things he did not learn in classes. I discovered to my amazement that he was one of the local campaign managers for Pogo! In self-defense I read *I Go Pogo!* I discovered that he is learning a great deal from the men with whom he lives. He has been lucky. They are men who are contributing positive things to him, and I have seen college men ruined not by their teachers but by their outside education—by their associates. I have seen that educating that is being done by the churches he attends. I go back to our own campus, and I realize there that these experiences that you and I have that flood in on us from outside the classroom are among the most potent educative forces that we have. I believe most of us who are college teachers and administrators are increasingly aware that we must tie in these co-curricular activities with our curricular work—and I know of nothing that can contribute so positively, that can contribute so constructively to the education of you men as your association in this fraternity, with its ideals, with its history, with its dynamic and challenging leadership, with the associations that you have with each other, and I think in that sense you are to be congratulated.

The fourth reason—because I believe in America and in democracy—and you don't develop democracy in a vacuum. And you don't develop it by having somebody come up and lay down the law, either. I like to tell in one of my classes of the school superintendent who went to a convention and heard an inspiring speech. He came back and called his faculty together, stood up to address them. He said, "I have just returned from a convention and there I heard a tremendous talk on democracy in the school, and I have decided that we are going to have it, and this is the way we are going to do it." I don't know that this is a democratic approach! I know it is not the approach that I use with my own chapter. I believe in America; I think it is a good thing for us today to stand up once in a while and say that. I believe in democracy and I believe it is a good thing for us once in a while to realize that. We are in troublesome times, and I don't care what people tell you about the story of history, or the heroes of the past, I am interested primarily in the heroes of today and in the history that is being written now.

My brothers, you and I are not going to preserve America, the democratic way of life, by sitting back and thinking about it. And I don't believe it is going to be preserved for us by some great providence. Thus we are willing to attack the job ourselves. I think it is one of the greatest jobs that we have—and I hope Alpha Phi Omega is helping you in your preparation for democratic living. I hope it is contributing to you as an American citizen—and I would suggest that one of the things that you might well consider in your chapter would be a program that would tackle these ways in which we can develop a participating and intelligent citizenry. I know in some cases you have joined with Scouts in getting out the vote—but that does not finish the task; it is a continuing thing. One of the best ways you and I are going to be good citizens in an adult community is to learn to be good citizens in our college community. Here I am glad to see that the great principle of Alpha Phi Omega is the principle of leadership.



We need consecrated, devoted, understanding leaders, but also equally intelligent, consecrated and understanding followers. But those followers must be critics of their leaders. It is only because it is a leadership subjected to careful criticism that it is really responsive. So I give you my fourth point that I believe in APO because I believe in America and I believe in democracy.

I have a fifth reason for believing in this fraternity. That is that I believe in God. I said at the outset that we are not worried about each other's creeds. But we opened this convention with an invocation, and I am glad we did. And in the program this morning there was time set aside where you and I could go to the churches of our own faith and there worship our God. Again, may I say to you in all sincerity I think it is time we stood up and were counted. I think too many times you as college youth and you as faculty advisors are a little bit shy on this matter of your belief in deity. And yet most of us believe deeply, profoundly. I hope the time never comes that APO will hold a convention without first invoking the blessing of deity—or that the time will never come when they will have a convention when they do not allow time for worship. I hope there will never come a time in your life when you are ashamed to stand up and admit your belief, whatever it may be. And there again, I think APO has made a tremendous contribution in your lives. Let us not forget that element in our belief.

I told you I did not want to talk to you but with you. I hope I have contributed something to your understanding of this great fraternity. May you have God's blessing.

### Coffee Klatch

Featuring the Instrumental Ensemble of Alpha Pi Chapter, University of Miami, this was a session of fun and fellowship. The ensemble entertained the assembled group with several selections and then led in group singing.

A free drawing for prizes was conducted with Brother A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu) as master of ceremonies. Prizes consisted of an Alpha Phi Omega pin, crested billfold, fountain pen, lighter and other fraternity items.

### Sectional Meetings

At 9:00 a. m. Monday, December 29, Sectional Meetings were held of delegates from the several parts of the nation. Discussions at these meetings included plans for establishing AΦΩ chapters in other colleges, plans for the next sectional conferences and other matters pertinent to the activities of Alpha Phi Omega in those sections.

## Morning Session

December 29

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

### Report of the

#### Service Projects Discussion Group

Ted Storlie (Gamma Psi), Chairman  
Dr. A. C. Zumbunnen (Epsilon Epsilon), Advisor  
Richard Crager (Zeta Gamma), Consultant  
James C. Dean (Iota Psi), Consultant  
Raymond J. Stumberger (Gamma Delta), Recorder

I. No recommendations were made for alterations or additions in the Service Committee's duties as set forth in the Manual of Administration.

II. Report from chapter delegates—The following services are those which either are working exceptionally well or are new services as reported by members in this discussion group:

Zeta Beta—Book exchange, blood drive, Community chest drive.  
Gamma Psi—Campus Carnival, sale of auto license plates.

Zeta Theta—Campus Chest, work with orphanages, providing parties and excursions to ball games.

Zeta Iota—Laundry kit service.

Alpha Omicron—Building of summer camp facilities—dams, bridges, roads, benches and tables, etc.

Beta Phi—Ugly Man contest, Ugly Faculty contest.

Gamma Omicron—Book Exchange, ticket service, blood bank drive, coat checking at social affairs.

Gamma Epsilon—Lost and Found, conducting high school students on campus tours, community sings.

Beta Iota—Clothes collections for Koreans.

Phi—Campus Cleanup, blood drive, infirmary visitations to patients at school hospitals and running necessary errands for patients.

Zeta Kappa—Coat checking service, proceeds used to set up loan fund for students.

Eta Epsilon—Car pool share-the-ride plan, teacher rating forms.

Kappa Beta—Dance instruction class.

Alpha Rho—Sponsoring and planning Senior Scout Bivouacs.

Alpha Delta—Prepared student directory and social calendar.

Epsilon Mu—Official coat and coke concessions at all school social affairs.

Zeta Delta—Luggage service to and from train.

Gamma Iota—Mailing school newspaper to servicemen, Records test-books on Soundscreeper for play-back to blind students.

Gamma Delta—Book Exchange, theater ticket service, veterans book drive, assistance to Student Life Department.

Zeta Gamma—Weather bureau provided information before vacations and week ends.

Eta Nu—Awarding trophies to outstanding seniors, sponsoring X-ray unit, supervising school beach activities, building of dock and raft.

Epsilon Sigma—Provides assistance to Scoutmasters, crippled childrens groups, hospitals.

Gamma Eta—"Honor Buckboard," a loan system whereby money is placed in a special bulletin board. If a loan is desired one can take the cash and mark down his name. Funds are returned within a few days.

Alpha Upsilon—Luggage service, Christmas parties for underprivileged children.

The services mentioned above are those which are working exceptionally well or are new ideas; they do not comprise the total service activities of any of the chapters mentioned.

### III. Planning a project.

#### A. Discussion of how to undertake project.

1. Discussed by service committee, then presented to whole chapter.
2. Ask only those who could work on it to vote for that particular service.

#### B. Determining manpower needed.

1. Experience.
2. Requesting estimates from Dean of Men.

#### C. Responsibility for services falls on chapter president, projects chairman and individual committee chairman. Committee chairman should be picked from those who are interested and qualified.

#### D. Publicity for Services.

1. Posters, boardchalking, school newspaper.
2. Set up a publicity committee to handle all service publicity.

#### E. Final reports. A complete report should be filed with the chapter by the committee chairman upon completion of his job. This provides a working guide for the future chairman.

IV. When working on projects brothers should be suitably identified by wearing pins, sweaters, or armbands when it is helpful.

V. The projects chairman should train his successor in the operation of the service program.

VI. Girl Service Groups—If information on girls service groups is desired, you may contact Miss Marvyn J. Bennett, Apt. 106B, 243 West Tulpehocken St., Philadelphia 42, Penn., or Thomas R. Glover, 3344 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia 4, Penn.

VII. Recommendations—That a series of projects be nationalized and one common project be recommended by national each year. Regional conferences may decide whether the project would be applicable in its area.



### Report of the Membership and Pledging Discussion Group

James P. Morrissey (Alpha Gamma), Chairman  
 Prof. W. Ira Bull (Beta Beta), Advisor  
 James E. Kenkel (Epsilon Mu), Consultant  
 Richard W. Schuler (Alpha Beta), Consultant  
 Robert Reinke (Delta Omicron), Recorder

#### I. Prescribed duties of the Membership Committee.

This committee is charged with the responsibility of furnishing the "manpower" necessary to carry out the program of Alpha Phi Omega. It is a serious and important job, vital to the success of your chapter. The duties of the committee are outlined as follows:

1. To make a census of the male students on the campus to determine who are eligible for membership in Alpha Phi Omega.

The members of the discussion group endorsed the use of some type of census cards to obtain the names of prospective members. There was, however, a difference of opinion regarding the best method of using the cards. Most of the chapters passed out the cards at orientation or at registration and contacted the new men later. Several of the chapters regarded this method as too impersonal and recommended a more personal system of distributing the census cards. They were in favor of having chapter members hand out the cards directly to the students and, if possible, give the recipients a short explanation of the purpose of the cards. The census should be followed up by a personal or mailed invitation to an open meeting, with the personal invitation preferably being given by an active member.

2. To work in connection with the Program and Publicity Committees in holding open meetings of the chapter at frequent intervals, to which prospective members may be guests.

In most of the chapters present, the Membership Committee fulfilled this duty as stated. There was a discussion about how frequently the open meetings should be held. Some chapters hold open meetings monthly, while others hold only one open meeting per semester. Several chapters hold two or three consecutive open meetings at the beginning of each semester with an aim of both attracting prospective members and of acquainting active members with the prospective members.

3. To check the qualifications and eligibility of new men and then recommend them for membership.

Most of the chapters favored a rigorous pledge program, which would include work on service projects, the duties listed in the Pledge Manual, and other requirements determined by the chapter. It was felt that such a program, which each pledge must complete before becoming eligible for active membership, would effectively eliminate anyone not sincerely interested in the work of Alpha Phi Omega. The question was brought up of what to do about men who would make good members of the fraternity, but who had not been Scouts. Some of the chapters suggested that these men be enrolled as leaders in local Scout troops, and that after they had served a reasonable period of time, they could be accepted for pledgship.

4. To train the pledges in the fundamentals of Alpha Phi Omega and prepare them for active membership in the chapter.

Almost all of the chapters present require their pledges to work a stated number of project-hours and to fulfill the pledge duties as stated in the Pledge Manual. In addition to this, several chapters require the pledges to obtain the signatures of the active members and to complete an all-pledge project. The "Big Brother" system is also used by numerous chapters to better acquaint the pledges with the active members.

5. To see that the chapter maintains a well-trained ritualistic team.

6. To work in collaboration with the Program Committee in planning and executing the formal initiation ceremonies for new members.

7. To plan and carry out membership campaigns and work toward definite membership goals.

It was felt that this duty had been sufficiently discussed under items one and two.

8. To place special emphasis on the pledging of freshmen and sophomores; and endeavor to maintain a "cross-section" membership, including Greeks and non-Greeks and men from all departments in the college.

Most of the chapters agreed that the Membership Committee should do its utmost to fulfill this duty.

9. To assist in the establishment of Alpha Phi Omega in other colleges and universities.

Several chapters told how they successfully carried out extension work by first contacting a member of the faculty of the school or the Scout Executive near the school where a chapter might be established. Then an open meeting was held. This was followed by advice and guidance for the petitioning group to help them to develop a worthwhile program.

#### II. Methods of recruiting new members (Manual of Administration, pages 14 to 16).

A. Use of "Campus Scout Census" cards.

See Section I above, paragraph 1.

B. Other means of contacting eligible men.

See Section I above, paragraphs 1 and 2. Several chapters recommended having actives attend freshman orientation and registration to talk APO to the freshmen.

C. Types of rush parties and methods of invitation to rush parties.

See Section I above, paragraphs 1 and 2. One chapter suggested that instead of an open meeting or smoker, the chapter hold an outdoor meeting with games and other entertainment to supplement the regular open meeting program.

D. Follow-up methods and means of extending bids to pledgship.

In some chapters, a two- or three-week trial period is used during which the prospective members are given several assignments to complete. This trial period also gives the actives an opportunity to meet the candidates and to observe their participation in completing the assignments. Then the actives vote either to accept or reject the prospect pledge. Many of the chapters use the pledge bid available from the National Office.

E. Selection of pledges.

A difference of opinion existed as to whether or not all who desired to pledge Alpha Phi Omega and met the basic requirements should be allowed to do so. Several chapters preferred to have the active members screen the applicants, but most of the chapters recommended extending the opportunity of pledging to all and depending on the amount of participation in the pledging program to determine those to be admitted to active membership. See Section I above, paragraph 3.

#### III. Study the pledge duties as listed on page 6 of the Pledge Manual, and make a list of any recommended changes or improvements in the list.

Recommendations:

1. Add an item between the present items 3a and 3b to read: A general history of the local chapter, including the date of founding and major service projects.

2. Change the present item 3c to read: Know the names and titles of national and chapter officers.

3. Change the alphabetical listing of Section 3 to conform to any additions to the section.

IV. Survey the pledge training program as carried out this Fall by the chapters which are represented in this discussion group.

The pledge program followed by most of the chapters this Fall consisted of participation by the pledges in chapter service projects, fulfillment of the pledge duties set forth in the Pledge Manual, plus additional requirements established by the individual chapters. See Section I above, paragraphs 3 and 4.

A. Determine the most general types of projects in which pledges have participated this Fall.

No truly general type of project could be determined in the time allotted, and no new or unusual projects were discussed.

B. Determine the percentage of chapters which have the pledges elect their own President and Secretary.

Approximately 50%.

C. Determine the percentage of chapters which require pledges to carry out certain projects under their own leadership.

Approximately 40%.

V. Responsibility of the membership chairman and pledgemaster to help train their own successors.

Three suggestions were made to improve the training of a successor by the pledgemaster. One proposal was to elect a pledgemaster for two semesters; during his first semester in office, he would act as assistant pledgemaster, and in his second semester, he would be the pledgemaster. Another proposal was to hold chapter elections early enough so that the newly elected pledgemaster could serve under the old pledgemaster during the last few weeks of the pledge period. The third suggestion was to elect the



pledgemaster from among the members of the last initiated pledge class. The advantage claimed for this suggestion was that a recent initiate would have the best available knowledge of the good and bad points of the chapter's pledge program.

### Report of the Meeting Programs Discussion Group

Hal Mahon (Delta Eta), Chairman  
Dr. Norman O. Long (Gamma Mu), Advisor  
John S. Mowatt (Epsilon Sigma), Consultant  
Paul M. H. Lienhardt (Alpha Psi), Consultant  
Carl J. Link (Zeta Theta), Recorder

No changes were recommended in the wording of pages eight and nine of the Manual of Administration.

Most chapters had business and program meetings on alternate weeks. Some chapters held few or no fellowship programs. Nearly all were in agreement that fellowship and business meetings should receive the same stress. Some chapters held joint meetings with fellowship including refreshments and possibly a movie or a speaker following the business portion of the meeting. Some delegates mentioned that their fellowship meetings were not as well attended as the business meetings.

Features which were thought to help promote attendance: Well-planned agenda, regular meeting time, singing sessions, concise discussion of service projects and a mimeographed outline of the meeting program.

Most chapters held separate pledge and member meetings with the degree of difference in the amount of time the pledges also spent in the members' meeting. The pledges, in these cases, were well versed with the content of the Pledge Manual. The chapters having a joint pledge-member meeting only a few times before initiation sought to develop leadership among the pledges, while those having the pledges at more of their chapter meetings were stressing the method of conducting meetings. There were other chapters which gave pledges and members almost equal rights, holding closed business meetings only for voting.

All chapters were in agreement with the method of scheduling program meetings in advance and thought it important.

Methods of publicity used by chapters were the campus newspaper, telephone and personal contact, postcard, notices in public places and on the college activity board or calendar, and a notice in a common meeting spot that pledges and members were required to sign periodically, indicating that they had read the notice.

### Report of the Executive Committee Discussion Group

Jerry Wohlford (Alpha Rho), Chairman  
Dean Edward Pollock (Alpha Iota), Advisor  
John Sittler (Beta), Consultant  
Robert Littlejohn (Epsilon Zeta), Consultant  
C. Robert Howard (Eta Lambda), Recorder

A general discussion was held on the topics included in the outline prepared by the National Office. As a result of this discussion the group would like to make the following recommendations:

It is recommended that the Executive Committee consist of the President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The following may be included: past-presidents active in the chapter and chairmen of committees concerned with pertinent business.

It is recommended that the Executive Committee serve as the coordinating body rather than a policy-making body.

It is the recommendation that the Executive Committee meet previous to each regular chapter meeting.

In the course of the discussion it became apparent that very few of the chapters actually follow the recommended committee setup, and that there are several instances in which the duties of the program committee, the fellowship and social committee and the executive committee conflict or overlap. Therefore it is recommended that the National President appoint a committee to make a study of the committee set-up of various chapters and recommend to the next National Convention any changes that it feels are desirable in the committee duties listed in the Manual of Administration and in the Standard Chapter Constitution.

### Report of the Standard Accounting Discussion Group

J. Anton Jungherr (Delta Sigma), Chairman  
Frank D. Wood (Gamma Zeta), Advisor  
Bill Haggerty (Gamma Xi), Consultant  
Barry Berkowitz (Kappa Beta), Consultant  
Wade D. Hiltabidel (Delta Iota), Recorder

At the Eleventh National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1950, the Treasurers Discussion Group recommended that a "standard system of bookkeeping should be set up to be used at the option of the chapters." This is being developed.

There are three reasons why a standard bookkeeping system should not be made compulsory for all the chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. First, some chapters are required by state law or college regulations to follow certain accounting procedure; second, some chapters have adequate bookkeeping systems now; and third, it is difficult for any national convention to establish a system which would be applicable in all local situations.

However, there are many chapters which would benefit from a standard system. New chapters that enter our fraternity (not included in the exceptions above) would not have to go through the evolutionary process of developing a bookkeeping system. Existing chapters which now have inadequate systems would be helped to establish a sound one.

The Standard Accounting Discussion Group wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. That a standard bookkeeping system be adopted for use at the option of the chapters of Alpha Phi Omega, to account for the financial operations of the chapter.
2. That we accept the multi-column journal system as approved by the Standard Accounting Discussion Group.
3. That the cost for this standard bookkeeping system be borne by the chapters using it, excepting new chapters entering our fraternity. These new chapters would be given a free set of these forms if the National Office considers it feasible, and if the new chapter requests the forms.
4. That this system be ready for use by the local chapters at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year.

### Report of the Chapter Publications Discussion Group

Robert Murphy (Alpha Chi), Chairman  
A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), Advisor  
Thomas E. Flanigan (Eta), Consultant  
Noel Berman (Gamma Epsilon), Recorder

It is the recommendation of the committee, stemming from the success achieved in those chapters now having publications, that a publication such as a chapter newsletter is of great assistance in informing alumni, active and pledge membership of future projects; in building a sense of brotherhood and spirit; as an outlet for the creative impulses of the brothers and as a means of acquainting pledges with the fraternity. The success of this undertaking will depend to a large extent upon the frequency of publication.

Since frequency of publication is dependent upon the method of reproduction used together with the availability of chapter funds to underwrite the cost involved, it is obvious that the lower the production costs the more often an issue can be published.

Four types of reproduction are possible for chapter use. They are: 1. Type-set printing. 2. Photo offset. 3. "Ditto" and similar processes. 4. Mimeographing.

All four systems have some inherent advantages and disadvantages. Type-set is the most versatile but its cost is prohibitive for all but very special occasions. Offset will do a very good job and is considerably cheaper than type-set printing but still too expensive for normal chapter publications.

Ditto machines can be used to reproduce several colors but a good cut must be made for the good reproductions. Also, this type of machine is not generally as available as a mimeograph. One chapter reports purchasing a used Ditto for about \$35.00 which gives satisfactory results. If available, the Ditto is as inexpensive as a mimeograph to operate and, thanks to a new invention, photographs can be reproduced on a Ditto machine. There is no method at present to reproduce photographs on a mimeograph.



For satisfactory inexpensive reproductions the mimeograph is still the most popular method of duplicating. Most chapters have access to a machine of this type. Stencils are easy to cut, paper is cheap, the machine is easy to operate and the results are good even when turned out by someone with little experience.

At present, the only method of financing publications is chapter funds, although other sources are available. On special occasions when printing or offset methods are used, advertisements from local merchants could be solicited to lower the cost to the chapter. Another possibility is charging of a subscription fee for the newsletter or sending alumni news to alumni members willing to subscribe.

As for contents, the committee did not wish to suggest the percentage composition but the following items were suggested: 1. Announcement of current and future service projects. 2. General fraternity news. 3. Editorials. 4. Pledge information. 5. Literary items (poetry, etc.). 6. Minutes of previous meetings. 7. A listing of chapter officers could be included if the chapter desired.

To provide continuity and a sense of meaningfulness, a suitable masthead should be prepared, comprising name, date, volume, and issue number.

Several methods of publishing were suggested. They are: 1. Successive editorship. 2. Group participation. 3. One-man staff. 4. Using participation of pledges on this committee to partly cover pledge project requirement. Of the four, successive editorship seems to be the best solution of those presented. In this system, one man is responsible for one part of newsletter publication. After he finishes, the material is passed on to the next man. Thus, each man can complete his work on his own time and does not have to agree upon a time for a group meeting.

Group participation has the advantage of publishing the newsletter at one stipulated time and not running the risk of publishing delays due to illness of a member that the successive editorship has.

The one-man staff was felt to be the least efficient system.

Having pledges participate in the project brings them into closer contact with the chapter than otherwise would be possible. It also helps them become acquainted with all the members rather than just the officers.

The following recommendation was unanimously agreed upon by the committee for submission to the National Executive Board: It is hereby recommended that the National Office publish a chapter publication manual which would include the various methods of publication together with helpful aids and ideas received by the National Office from the various chapters.

#### Report of the

#### Chapter Calendar Discussion Group

Wilfred Sterzik (Beta Beta), Chairman  
Prof. Robert L. Wehe (Gamma), Advisor  
Marvin Skudin (Beta Iota), Consultant  
Vincent O'Reilly (Gamma Eta), Recorder

The discussion was started by asking how many of the chapters present had a planned calendar in some form or another, with the result being two-thirds. The majority of them set up their calendars on a semester basis with the principal projects on a yearly calendar. Most of these chapters believe in a flexible calendar for additions or removal of projects or events.

The schools with the larger enrollment tend to use a set calendar more than those schools with smaller enrollment due to the amount of activities going on at the school.

Most colleges represented stated that their calendars were made up by a committee formed by either the officers or the different chairmen or both. This tentative calendar is then presented to the members for ratification. This method was stated as being necessary if the events were to work out to a fairly high degree. This is especially true in the larger colleges.

The merit of long-range scheduling was then discussed and was thought to be the best method of preparing a chapter calendar, especially for the larger projects and events. Some of the reasons given were: Better preparation, thus causing smoother operation of the project; it gives the members a chance to plan their time for the project, and more favorable dates can be secured by this method.

Most calendars were reported to have been scheduled after consulting the school calendar as to its social events, exams and vacations. However, some chapters make up a tentative calendar and then compare it with the school calendar.

In reference to last-minute projects, they were handled in various ways by the different chapters. Some chapters had the project presented to the project chairman and let him decide to accept it or not and how to work on it. Other chapters stated that they sometimes called on other service organizations to help them. Still other chapters reported that they communicated with the members directly, or called a special meeting.

Each chapter had a different way or a variation on how to contact the members. Some of the methods reported were phoning, class schedule cards, newspapers, and bulletin boards. One college has a painted ash can which they use for a place to post notices. They stated that it really drew the attention of not only the members but the students and faculty.

To keep the members posted of the coming events of the chapter, various means were presented. Post cards, items in school publications, mimeographed sheets were a few of these. The chapters that have a permanent room or office use some form of chart or calendar on the wall by which the members can obtain the information about the project and also sign up to help on it.

Recommendation: A chapter calendar is very important if we are to have the cooperation of the members. The type of calendar should fit your situation. Make it flexible.

#### Report of the

#### Publicity Discussion Group

Don E. Corder (Alpha Lambda), Chairman  
Prof. Kent D. Shaffer (Kappa), Advisor  
Bruce H. Brown (Alpha Upsilon), Consultant  
Joseph Kieselbach (Eta Nu), Consultant  
Norman Folse, Jr. (Alpha Epsilon), Recorder

Publicity is salesmanship. Channels of publicity include personal contacts, campus and city newspapers, radio, printed matter.

Chapters should make it a point to give news stories to the campus and city newspapers about projects, meetings and other activities.

Radio publicity may include disc jockey programs concerning the campus, interviews concerning campus activities and a college station program sponsored by the chapter.

A statement of the purpose and history of Alpha Phi Omega in the college catalogue is valuable and the chapter picture in the year book is also recommended.

Printed matter which provides good publicity may include posters, census cards at the registration table, blotters, directories, book covers, athletic programs.

A question such as "Have you ever been a Boy Scout?" on the registration sheet of the college is useful and is one of the best ways of securing names of men eligible for membership.

In appointing a Publicity Chairman, care should be taken to secure the best man available for the job, someone interested in publicity, newspaper work, photography, etc. When appointed, he should work in close cooperation with the chapter officers and committee chairmen in publicizing the events in the chapter program.

More contacts should be made with Scouts before they arrive on the campus. Personal contacts with Scouts of high school age through summer camp, Order of the Arrow, Courts of Honor and Scout Visitation Days are helpful.

#### Report of the

#### Alumni Chapters Discussion Group

E. Ross Forman (Philadelphia Alumni), Chairman  
Ed Stech (Omaha Alumni), Recorder

A complete discussion of the growing pains which face the alumni program was held by the Alumni Discussion Group. The following questions were analyzed and recommendations made:

I. Service Projects: The alumni chapters should support all service projects of the active chapters in addition to having those of their own and assisting in those deemed worthy in the community.

II. Social Events: The alumni chapters should have a joint social event with the active chapter at least once a year, and possibly more often as local conditions warrant. All alumni social events should not be joint affairs.

III. Contacts with Campus Chapters: The discussion group felt that the alumni should act in an advisory capacity when called upon and should not try to influence the active chapters' usual activities.



IV. Improvement of the Alumni Program: Realizing that the alumni should have a program and objectives of their own, the group was inclined to think that extension work and help to weak chapters should be added to the service projects of the alumni chapters. The program might further be improved by having the alumni chapters endeavor to have as many alumni from as many undergraduate chapters as possible represented in their membership.

V. Contacting of Alumni: The group decided that experience has proved that the two best ways of contacting alumni is by a series of letters and personal contact.

VI. Miscellaneous: The group discussed at length and came to no decision on the question of the limitation of the alumni chapter names to the metropolitan area which they serve.

The alumni activities discussion group strongly recommends that the following recommendations be considered by the Convention and the National Executive Board:

I. The Alumni Secretaries of the active chapters have failed in their purpose of keeping in touch with the alumni. This should be corrected.

II. There should be an additional part added to the national membership applications, this section to be filed in the alumni files upon receipt of notification of separation from the school by the brother.

III. The alumni chapters should supply each other with the names and addresses of known life members who have moved or are residing in another alumni chapter area.

IV. The names of the members of the National Alumni Committee should be published.

V. All of the chartered functioning alumni chapters should be represented on the National Alumni Committee.

The alumni activities discussion group makes the following recommendations on the constitutional proposals pertaining to the alumni:

I. The alumni should have the power to grant honorary membership.

II. No recommendation is made on the proposed amendments for two types of life membership because of the hazy wording of the amendment.

III. The alumni are in favor of a yearly payment of \$5.00 (five dollars) to the National Office. This is to be a fee paid by each chapter.

IV. The alumni do not favor the appointment of a separate National Alumni Secretary at this time.

As part of this report, it was moved by the alumni petitioning group of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, that they be chartered by the national fraternity as the Paul Bunyan Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. The motion was made by John Ludwig, representing the group. It was seconded by a delegate from Zeta Epsilon Chapter. The motion was not carried. Other motions to name the group the Gopher State Alumni Chapter and the North Star Alumni Chapter also were not carried.

The Alumni Chapter represents the newest branch of the fraternity. We plan to grow and to take the fraternal bonds of Alpha Phi Omega into our graduate life in a broad program of service and fellowship.

## Afternoon Session

December 29

This session was called to order by President Den Uyl and the first order of business was a round table discussion on Alpha Phi Omega program and problems. This was led by a "Board of Experts" composed of chapter officers and advisors. The chairman was William S. Roth (Rho), and others on the board were Ira O. Whittenberg (Alpha Omicron), Noel R. Lykins (Delta Theta), Professor James W. Shannon (Beta Mu), and J. Edward Minister (Kappa).

In this round table discussion all delegates who desired had opportunity to present questions and ideas and these were thoroughly discussed so that all in the assembly benefited from the ideas presented.

### Visit to Ohio State University

During free time for sight-seeing, many delegates took the opportunity of visiting the Ohio State University campus and were guided in a tour of the campus by members of Alpha Iota Chapter. Many visited the chapter room in the new Union Building on the campus.

## Convention Banquet

The convention banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. Dr. R. H. Bolyard (Beta Phi) served as Toastmaster.

The invocation was given by Dr. A. C. Zumbunnen (Epsilon Epsilon).

Group singing was led by Brother A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), and enthusiasm ran high throughout the program.

Appreciation for the loyal and devoted leadership of Professor Daniel Den Uyl as National President was expressed by three brothers. Speaking on behalf of the active members was Frank Doherty (Eta Pi). Speaking for the advisors was Dr. Norman O. Long (Gamma Mu), and on behalf of the National Executive Board appreciation was expressed by George H. Charno (Alpha Eta), who presented a pearl-studded pin to President Den Uyl.

Two gifts were presented to President Den Uyl and Sid North. Theta Upsilon Chapter gave them plaques bearing large replicas of the fraternity key produced at Case Institute of Technology. These were presented by Charles W. Johnston. The chapters in Philadelphia gave large caps to them. The colorful gold and blue caps were presented by E. Ross Forman (Philadelphia Alumni).

## A Message from Across the Pacific

By Dr. Roy P. Villazor

Representing Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines

Members and Brothers: I wish to read to you a message from the National President of the Alpha Phi Omega of the other side of the Pacific "Lake":

"Greetings to Alpha Phi Omega in convention in Columbus, Ohio. The Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines is happy and proud to salute you on this, your 27th anniversary, and to extend to you our most cordial fraternal greetings. We wish to assure you that your fraternity and its ideals have always been our inspiration and guide in organizing our own fraternity chapters. Your brilliant record has urged us to greater effort to establish chapters in all parts of our country. . . . The symbols of service and selflessness and the efforts of our members in spreading friendship and good will serve in a small way to combat evil forces. Our hope is that APO will spread all over the world so that its ideals of friendship and service may benefit all peoples. In 1950, when you had the national convention in Des Moines, we had only one chapter. At present there are four more. Two other chapters are completing requirements for charters. Again, we express felicitations to all our Alpha Phi Omega brothers in America in your twelfth national convention."

This communication does not adequately express the true sentiment our brothers of the Philippines feel for you. It transcends our national boundaries and binds our two nations as one. Fifty years of American influence have made us love and respect your flag as much as our own. It was with much feeling in 1946 that we stood at attention and watched the Stars and Stripes lowered. You will be glad to know that it was lowered gloriously and will be enshrined forever in the hearts of Filipinos as a symbol of freedom and of a great and generous nation.

Address

## "THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ALPHA PHI OMEGA"

By Dr. H. Roe Bartle (Iota)

Since last I appeared before the National Convention two years ago, when I was privileged to be the banquet speaker, I have taken off this tired frame 112 pounds and 13½ inches around the waist. And if you represent any institutions of higher learning that are paying well for fullbacks, see me after the banquet tonight, please. (Someone yelled "Illinois.") Illinois needs a good fullback.

Tonight, I do want to be quite serious, and it is true that the very able chairman of the program committee, Dr. Miller, did not in any way prescribe what I should say or how I should say it—and what I shall say will come from all the sincerity of my soul.

This is a thriving, pulsating group that has proven conclusively in the world that we are interested in the ideals to which we subscribe. When I sat here and saw this map of the U. S. A. and saw all the chapters that have been established in the short span of



twenty-seven years, it almost overwhelms me to realize what has transpired. I recall so vividly when I assumed the presidency of Alpha Phi Omega in that first convention, there were twenty-seven delegates from six chapters—but I can say to you tonight that they had in their hearts and minds and souls the same spirit that has been in evidence here in this convention. They had courage, faith, determination, and they believed Alpha Phi Omega was destined to go some place and to fulfill a need on the college and university campuses in America. The way in which we have expanded overwhelms every one of us.

I realize you are here on an important mission. A moment ago, I saw fellowship in its finest form. I thought for a moment we would rekindle the War Between the States! I noticed there were some from the South, North, East, and West—and some uncouth neighbors of mine from the Midwest! (I insist that the delegation be polled!) After all is said and done, Alpha Phi Omega has been able to thrive because of one fundamental reason, in my humble judgment. I speak tonight as one who is proudly associated with a social fraternity, a member of a professional fraternity—as one who may be honored in an honorary fraternity, but every Greek-letter organization I know anything about has as its fundamental purpose the building of the lives of an inner circle. It is centered around self, and Alpha Phi Omega has been able to move forward with vigor and has been able to fulfill its mission because the men of this fraternity, whether they be advisors of the faculty, Scouting advisors, or students, they have put aside selfishness, envy, and greed, and as a result, they have projected personalities and have given their talents in generous measure to help others. And in a world filled with chaos, turmoil, and strife—when we have this war that confronts us at every turn of the road, I say to you that if there is anything needed more than everything else, it is to pump selfishness and greed out of the hearts of men so we can live in harmony regardless of race, creed, or nationalistic background.

My wish is that the young men of America, whose hearts are clean, whose minds are keen, and who have earnest desire to make the world a decent place to live—if I had my wish, we would eliminate this thing called war. War destroys—it breeds hate. War takes away everything that we strive to give to the generation that is younger and weaker—and the man whose birthday we celebrated a few days ago proclaimed that there should be peace on earth and good will to men, and a new philosophy came to the world—and yet since then, we have had 2,682 wars of historic record. There is no peace, and when there is no peace on the international horizons, there can be no peace insofar as our domestic situation is concerned. No wonder we have perplexities and problems on campuses today. No wonder we find people clashing over insignificant things. As we associate ourselves with Alpha Phi Omega, we are bound to catch a spirit so that when you go out in the world as a leader, in whatever field you go, you can give new hope to your neighbors and to your neighbors' children that the world can become a decent place in which to live. Tonight, I am not a pacifist, and I was stirred indeed as you were stirred when you heard the learned man from across the Pacific say, "If it becomes necessary, my country will stand beside you and your neighbor to preserve the freedom of the world." We knew that statement to be sincere. I recall those lines, "We are the babbling bastards of Bataan—no father, no mother, no uncle, shame." Why? Because America was unprepared. We had no way to take arms, munitions, war materiel to men who were courageous, and hence the fall of Bataan.

Certainly I want preparedness! But when we talk about preparedness, when we think in terms of the evils of communism, when we are determined in our own hearts that a group of mobsters who preside over the Kremlin shall not dominate the world, we think in terms of the war materiel turned out in industrial plants, we think in terms of the inventive genius of mankind—that we can reach out and create weapons that destroy so that it overwhelms us.

But the preparedness we need in Alpha Phi Omega is to prepare our own hearts and minds and souls so we can go back to our campus and make it a cleaner and finer place to go and pursue our higher education . . . whether we live in village or hamlet or great metropolitan center, that we will be able to give liberally of talent and energies and things that really count. Because that is the kind of preparedness, in my humble judgment, which my America needs as it has never needed it before. Thoroughly convinced am I that my America is a divided nation. We went through a national election, and unfortunately in America, we have degenerated to the point that we hear words used in vocabularies of men in high places that should never be used in political campaigns, no matter

how heated they may be. We find some people who think America has gone to the dogs because they did not win the election. May I say to you I am a registered Democrat, and may I further say to you that General Eisenhower on January 20 will be my president, and so long as he is my president I shall not throw rocks—I shall do everything within my power to give him and those who are in power what is necessary to build a strong and united nation. We take so seriously those things we think are fundamental. Neither the Democrat nor Republican party has built the United States of America; the people of America have built America.

You talk about your religion—but I have found men today, unfortunately, who think their particular church is the only church and everyone else is on a toboggan going to hell. Sure I am a Presbyterian; it is not a cheap religion either; you have to take folding money when you go to that church. One nice thing about my religion is that it doesn't keep you from sinning; it just keeps you from enjoying your sin! Today I know that people are so interested in their religion that they devote all their time to trying to destroy someone else's religious convictions; they are making attacks on other people's religious practices. I have been exposed to a lot of religion. I went to a Baptist boarding school, and it did not hurt me any. There are a few Baptists who can read and write. I attended a Methodist university because they were paying more for football players than anyone else. I sang in a Christian church choir and gave them the loudest bass they ever had. I have attended the Catholic Church. I courted an Episcopal girl for about seven years. If I were to name my best friends, I would include some Jews as well. Yet, on the basis of Christian ethics, many of my Jewish friends are better Christians than I am, though I am an elder in the church. The Babe whose birth we celebrated on Christmas was born of a Jewess.

The reason I love Alpha Phi Omega is the fact that we are the most American institution found on college campuses today. We don't ask a man whether he is a Republican or Democrat, Catholic, Methodist, or Jew. We say that Alpha Phi Omega believes in leadership, friendship, and service, and we are going to build Alpha Phi Omega on our college campuses on a foundation stone that is purely American, 100 per cent. In my judgment, the day has arrived when you and I must stand up and be counted. I heard that from this platform last night. We Presbyterians are not supposed to say "Amen," but I would say "Amen" to that.

Two simple words I would beg you to take to your heart: "I believe." I know what I believe—and you know in your heart what you believe. But what about those who are 'round and about you? Do the men on your college campuses know what you believe and what you stand for—or have you got a yellow streak up your back? Have you got any guts to live? Are you willing to stand up and be counted even if you are in the minority? Are you willing to be heard about the things you think are fundamental in life and living? Do you stand up and be counted when election day rolls around? Are you willing to stand up for what you believe is honorable and right and for the best interest for your institution or do you take the role you have because of self-interest? Remember when you came into Alpha Phi Omega and you heard quoted to you, "To thine own self be true." When the day comes that we are, we will give happiness and satisfaction to our classmates and associates—and in our own hearts we will have an abundance of satisfaction in the knowledge that we have been honest, courageous, and at the same time, have lived brotherhood in its finest form.

This fraternity has gone through growing pains. I have seen you give Brother North a real ovation. I don't care how loud or prolonged your ovation is, it still isn't enough. I remember when I had judgment enough to invite him to be the National Secretary. For years he made \$75 a month. He got married on \$75 a month. He had two children on \$100 a month. If ever a man poured his heart and soul unselfishly into Alpha Phi Omega, it has been Brother Sid in his role as National Secretary. As far as I am concerned, I hope he is going to be the National Secretary for years and years. I want him to live to be 100, and then I want to be pallbearer at his funeral.

If you are willing to stand up and be counted, and if you are willing to say to the world, "I believe," then the final thing I would ask you to take tonight is an open heart and an open mind. If there is any one thing that has built this fraternity down through the years, it has been because men have open hearts and open minds. People go through life saying, "I inherited a prejudice." Nobody inherits prejudice . . . no, but you acquire it very early in life. And unfortunately sometimes this prejudice is put into our blood-



streams by those who love us best—by our mothers who are willing to go to the brink of death to give us life—by our fathers who toil from morning to night to put clothing on our backs. But Mom and Dad had a prejudice, and they passed it on to us. Sometimes it came from well-meaning individuals who thought they were crusaders. There is nothing wrong with APO tonight that cannot be righted in the session tonight if we come in with open hearts and minds. Tell your brethren to keep open hearts and open minds; there are always new arguments that can be given that can change the complexion of every situation—yet we go around with closed minds and pull down the intellectual curtain and say, "I know what I believe; I have my convictions." If we believe something we should have horse sense . . . should have enough factual data at hand to convince others that we have a right to our conviction—but when you stand up and are counted and say, "I believe," keep that mind and heart open for every situation, whether that be organization-wise or strictly personal.

We are fighting Communism; I think it is time to quit fighting Communism. I am getting fed up with people who are beating the drums against Communism. I sat on the Loyalty Board and heard men who had sold the country that had given them life. They were willing to sell their America down the river. I saw them march. No one has less respect for Communism than have I. There isn't anyone who detests Communism more than I. I have held citizens up to public ridicule because in my judgment they were trying to destroy the nation that I love—the nation that is my heritage—the nation I have a right to build into a cleaner and better nation for my grandchildren and their children. But I have decided this business of going out damning Communism ought to stop in America. If we are loyal, faithful citizens of our America, let us start building the United States of America. Let us quit damning anybody, but let us build America! My America happens to be in Kansas City, Missouri—where I live and pay taxes . . . if I can make enough to pay them. That is my America. Your college campus where you are living and the home town which you proudly call your community—that is your America. And if we will take the principles of strong and independent leadership—strong and honest friendship, and the spirit of unselfish service, into our communities and project them into the lives of others, there will be a great America. It can't be a decent America unless Cincinnati, Ohio, becomes a great place—or until Marshall, Missouri, becomes a great place. When you and I will build great crossroads towns as well as great metropolitan centers and make them clean and build them great, you are going to have a great America, no matter whether Republicans or Democrats are in control of the Congress of the United States.

Have you faith? Do you believe in this thing? You do or you would not be here.

I close with this story. I would like to give you the faith and courage of a six-year-old kid because I would like to have it for my very own. Back in 1940, it was my privilege to bring from war-torn London two gorgeous babies—Dennis Brown, age 6, and his sister, Jennifer, age 9. I took them out of London because their home had been bombed. I had never seen the children, but they were still the creation of Almighty God and when people ask me why I took those children—and some people did not like it—I said, "If I could take two babies out of Tokyo or Berlin or Rome, I would take them!" Those children were not responsible for the war in which many of you and your fathers were involved. They were still children of Almighty God and were entitled to protection. I am not the father of any boys; I had to send to London for a boy! This little fellow, aged 6, had something in his heart. I can remember how Americanized he became so quickly. His sister was 9. Because I was partial to the boy, I did everything for the girl. I was to drive them to school one morning. Jennifer bounced out of the house and asked if she could sit in the front seat. Dennis sat in the back seat. I asked her how she was getting along in school. Here was a girl, age 9, who had a vocabulary better than some Ph.D.'s—and had the poise of a woman 25. She replied, "Oh, I am getting along lovely, don't you know. I do appreciate my school very much and I should like to take advantage of this opportunity to express appreciation for this opportunity to attend school and for the privilege of being in America." And then I turned to Dennis in the back seat and asked how he was getting along, and to show how he picked up the American spirit, this is what he replied: "Okay, dokey, Uncle, okay dokey."

He sang a song everyone in England was singing that day—that had been put into their hearts by a great leader, Churchill:

"There'll always be an England, and England shall be free,  
If England means as much to you as England means to me."

I remember one morning when Dennis got into the bathroom ahead of me. Can you fellows imagine how I felt when I heard Dennis singing the same song with the same tune—

"There'll always be an America, and America shall be free,  
If America means as much to you as America means to me."

I have always felt I had nerves of steel—that my emotions would not take me over—but I can assure you that morning when I heard that, I knew my kid, Dennis Brown, had the spirit of my America. Tonight, I would like to give you the spirit of a Dennis Brown and I would paraphrase that song in another way. I don't mean in words; talk's cheap! It is actions and dynamic leadership that really counts! It is standing up and being counted that really counts! It is to be able to say "I believe" that really counts! If you believe in Alpha Phi Omega, in this brotherhood of man, in the ideals of this fraternity, I would have you, by word and action and deed, when you go back to your campus and your chapter, I would have you say,

"There'll always be an APO, and my fraternity shall be free,  
If APO means as much to you as this fraternity means to me."

### The Ritual of the Fraternity

The ritual was conducted by the degree team of Zeta Delta Chapter of Miami University of Ohio. Pledges who had been certified for initiation at the convention were inducted into active membership. The ceremony was beautifully and impressively performed by the ritual team.

### Evening Session

December 29

Presiding at this session was Professor Daniel Den Uyl, National President, and he called upon four legislative committees to present their reports. They are as follows:

#### Report of the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Ted Wuerthner (Gamma Pi), Chairman  
Joseph Scanlon (Eta Xi), Advisor  
Sidney B. North (Pi), Advisor  
Werner Baer (Gamma Omicron), Recorder  
Benjamin Fay (Philadelphia Area Alumni)  
Harvey Prokop (Alpha Delta)  
John Courtright (Alpha Theta)  
Henry Moore, Jr. (Alpha Rho)

I. In Article IV, Section 1 of the National Constitution, add after the words "twenty-three members," "and all past national presidents."

II. In Article III of the National Constitution:

A. Add a new Section 8: "National Alumni Membership: National Alumni Membership shall be granted to any alumnus of any collegiate chapter, who is associated with an active alumni chapter in good standing, upon payment of the annual national alumni membership fee as set forth in Article III, Section 4 of the By-Laws."

B. Renumber the present Section 8 of Article III of the National Constitution to Section 9.

C. Renumber the present Section 9 of Article III of the National Constitution to Section 10.

D. In Article III, Section 3 of the National By-Laws delete the word "alumni" from the title of the section.

E. In Article III, Section 3 of the National By-Laws after the words "this fee shall be," strike out the words "five dollars," and insert the words "twenty-five dollars."

F. As an amendment to Article III of the National By-Laws, add a section 4 to read as follows: "Section 4: National Alumni Membership Fee: There shall be an annual national alumni membership fee of two dollars payable to the National Treasurer by alumni members in consideration of membership in an active alumni chapter."

III. Change Article IV, Section 3 of the National Constitution so that the title "State Chairman" be changed to "Presidential Representative," both in the heading and in content of the section. In addition, make the same change of title in Article V, Section 2 of the National Constitution.



IV. Change Article XI of the National Constitution to read: "The order of business for the National Convention shall be decided upon by a special committee appointed for this purpose by the National President, and shall be subject to the approval of the National Executive Board."

V. In Article IX of the National By-Laws, change Item A to read, "Name of college or university and size of regular enrollment." In Article IX of the National By-Laws change Item E to delete the words "weekly chapter meetings" and add "a minimum of two meetings a month."

VI. This committee recommends that the National President appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of subsidizing travel expenses of delegates to national conventions.

VII. Section 4, Article IX of the National Constitution, change to read: Time and Place. The National Convention shall be held biennially in even-numbered years. The time and place for the succeeding convention shall be nominated by the Time and Place Committee and presented for ratification by the delegates, bound by the following rotation plan:

A. There shall be three convention areas, the areas to be defined as follows: Eastern—All Atlantic Seaboard states and the states of Vermont, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Midwestern—Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Western—All Pacific Seaboard states and the states of Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

B. The conventions shall be planned in such a manner that in every eight-year period the convention shall be held once in the Eastern area, once in the Western area, and twice (not to be consecutive) in the Midwestern area.

C. The 1954 convention shall be considered the first convention under this plan.

#### Report of the

#### Time and Place Committee

Peter Way (Delta Zeta), Chairman  
C. J. Carlson (Chi), Advisor  
William S. Roth (Rho), Advisor  
Otto Glaser (Delta Omega), Recorder  
Gilbert Hosmer Winter (Gamma Gamma)  
William Weiss (Upsilon)  
James G. Evans (Iota Rho)  
Charles Wildy (Zeta Nu)

We, the members of the Time and Place Committee of the 12th National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, upon due deliberation of the offers presented to that committee, do hereby nominate the Midwest Area as the site of the 13th National Convention to be held on the most convenient three days between December 26 and 31, 1954; this place and these three days to be decided by a committee appointed by the National President.

We also recommend that bids for sites of National Conventions shall be submitted to the National Office at least 60 days prior to the pending National Convention and procedure for ratification shall be that as employed for amending or changing the National Constitution or By-Laws of the fraternity.

#### Report of the

#### National Song Contest Committee

Abraham C. Halpern (Gamma Iota), Chairman  
A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), Advisor  
James Trail (Delta Sigma), Consultant  
James Weiss (Delta Zeta), Consultant  
Tom Glover (Zeta Theta), Consultant  
Sheldon Weil (Gamma Iota), Recorder

Discussion was opened with the question of the necessity of having a national song contest. It was agreed that APO, because of its ranking as the largest collegiate fraternity and in keeping with its ideals of leadership, should have a song of its own—that is, an original tune and words.

The type of song to be stressed would be a fellowship song, although other types would be welcome. This is not to say that the present toast song would be discarded but, rather, that such a fellowship song supplement the present toast song.

The contest would be open to all APO members, past or present. Applications would be submitted with the individual's name and chapter.

It was emphasized that the words and tune be original, but express the cardinal principles of the fraternity. The publicity for such a contest should be through the medium of the TORCH AND TREFOIL as well as bulletins to chapter presidents.

While this committee has set forward the aforementioned suggestions, it is the committee's proposal that an interim committee be chosen by the National President. This committee, to be known as the music committee, shall have sole discretionary powers as to the setup, judging and rewarding of the winning song, the results of which shall be announced at the 1954 National Convention.

We therefore submit to this convention the proposal that a National Song Contest be announced to select an original fellowship song and other songs.

#### Report of the

#### Nominating Committee

Roy Henderson (Zeta Delta), Chairman  
George F. Cahill (Alpha Gamma), Advisor  
Robert Bentz (Beta Sigma), Recorder  
Stanley C. Carlson (Alpha Xi)  
John S. McKenty (Zeta Theta)  
O. A. Thomas (Delta Beta)  
Philip Lester (Epsilon Chi)

The Nominating Committee presents the following recommendations for National Officers and membership on the National Executive Board:

National President, Prof. Daniel Den Uyl, West Lafayette, Ind.  
National First Vice-President, Dr. R. H. Bolyard, Lafayette, La.  
National Second Vice-Pres., Dr. Henry Miller, New York, N. Y.  
National Third Vice-Pres., M. R. Disborough, Louisville, Ky.  
National Treasurer, Joseph Scanlon, Yakima, Wash.

National Executive Board

4-year Terms: Dr. Ray O. Wyland, Glendale, Calif.; James G. Evans, Tallahassee, Fla.

6-year Terms: C. J. Carlson, Riverside, Calif.; Prof. Kent D. Shaffer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. J. J. Higgins, S.J., East St. Louis, Ill.; E. Ross Forman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Glenn P. Barr, Oxford, O.

Permanent membership on the board by reason of their past service as National President:

Frank R. Horton, Bangor, Pa.; Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Kansas City, Mo.; Dean Arno Nowotny, Austin, Texas.

Three nominations were made from the floor. One of these withdrew himself and addresses of recommendation were made for the other two.

Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Past National President, presided over the election. All nominees presented by the Nominating Committee were elected.

Two members were recommended by the committee to be considered in the event of a vacancy occurring in the next two years. They are John M. Russell of Washington, D. C., and Calvin McNeal of Buffalo, New York.

## Final Session

December 30

Presiding at this session was A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), and he called upon the discussion groups concerning officers' responsibilities to present their reports. They are as follows:

#### Report of the

#### Presidents and Vice-Presidents Discussion Group

Al Lane (Iota Mu), Chairman  
James F. Brubeck (Delta Psi), Consultant  
Richard A. Freudenberg (Epsilon Epsilon), Recorder

Prescribed duties of the chapter president and vice-presidents.

A. Study of duties in Manual of Administration:

1. These were read by James Brubeck of Delta Psi Chapter of Eastern Illinois.
2. Discussion of the use of two or more vice-presidents—



one to be pledgemaster or in charge of membership, the other to be in charge of service projects.

- a. Along with this was the discussion of which was first vice-president and which was second.

- (1) Many examples of chapters using both methods.

- b. Straw vote taken on those chapters using first vice-president in charge of pledging—about 20. Those using second vice-president in same capacity was about 16.

- c. Straw vote taken of those chapters using more than one vice-president—by show of hands almost unanimous.

- d. Also brought up to have an assistant pledgemaster.

- (1) Two methods—elect a third vice-president to serve in this capacity or appointment of one by president and pledgemaster.

- (2) Decided it is desirable to have assistant pledgemaster.

#### B. List of Recommendations:

1. Executive vice-president as set up by Zeta Iota Chapter—no vote taken on this. (See below.)

2. To install a pledgemaster and take away the name of vice-president in this case.

3. Use of executive committee.

- a. To meet before meetings to plan agenda and discuss points and make recommendations to chapter—this saves time and much can be accomplished.

4. How president should coordinate the work of all officers and advisors: At a dinner meeting to talk things over; also at executive committee meetings.

5. Giving every member a specific responsibility in chapter program:

- a. It was concluded that a good leader will always give any man a chance to become a leader, and a good committee chairman will see that each member is given a job.

6. Building prestige for APO on campus.

- a. Do many projects and do them well—report them to school paper, this helps gain prestige.

- b. Have men on newspapers, student council, etc., if possible.

- c. Attitude of individual members toward school and other campus organization. If good, this will help to gain prestige.

7. Responsibility of Past Presidents

- a. To train successor—feeling was expressed he doesn't need training if came up through ranks—better to leave him alone.

- b. To cooperate with new administration—decided very important and to do what he can.

- c. To be a mainstay in chapter activities—to be an active member and do what you can to better your chapter.

Recommendations: It is recommended to have separate discussion groups for presidents and vice-presidents at the next National Convention.

Recommendation of Zeta Iota, Temple University:

Executive Vice-President: The executive vice-president shall perform all presidential functions in the absence of the president. He shall carry out all other assignments that the president may assign him. He shall act as an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall act as a chapter representative on any school organization requiring the chapter's representation. In the absence of a specially elected delegate he shall act as chapter representative at any meeting other than the National Convention, for which there must be a special election. He shall have the power to bind the chapter at any such meeting.

#### Report of the

#### Secretaries Discussion Group

Robert Wade (Epsilon Lambda), Chairman

Charles McCullough (Zeta Iota), Consultant

Ronald Steiner (Gamma Omega), Consultant

Charles J. Weber (Eta Kappa), Recorder

The group talked over the different ways that the chapters handled the jobs listed under Recording and Corresponding Secretary in the Manual.

It was recommended that Article 5 be dropped from the list of Corresponding Secretary duties and that 6 be moved up to 5. This was done because it was felt that it was a duplication of jobs with the Publicity Committee. Present Article 6 is to be changed to read "To perform such other duties as the chapter shall provide."

Letters of appreciation should be sent to people who assist the chapter. Publicity for the chapter should be handled by the Publicity Chairman. Insignia, sweaters or any form of identification for APO should be worn when performing a service project.

Pledgeship and membership application blanks are approved as they now stand. It was felt that the chapter should also keep on file copies of life membership applications.

One of the important jobs of the Secretaries is to be in constant contact with the National Office.

The retiring secretary should act in the capacity of a consultant in training the new secretary. The training should be done after the election of officers and before the installation or it could be done after the installation of officers.

During this discussion many of the brothers told what their chapters do on these points.

#### Report of the

#### Treasurers Discussion Group

James G. Maheras (Alpha Pi), Chairman

A. G. Spizzirri (Alpha Mu), Advisor

Otto Stierle (Beta Phi), Consultant

James A. Nigl (Epsilon Upsilon), Consultant

Stratton M. Frank (Alpha Pi), Recorder

#### I. Dues and Assessments

A. The amount of the dues is left up to the individual chapters to decide.

B. Various methods of collecting dues were offered.

#### II. Checking Accounts

A. Most chapters use a checking account in a local bank.

B. Some chapters use a school banking system and some of these chapters must use the school facilities, that is, these chapters are required to do so by the school authorities.

C. The school banking system seems to be feasible, but many complaints stem from the amount of red tape involved in obtaining the money.

D. We urge that the standard system proposed be established and used.

#### III. Recommendations

A. The auditing of books each semester is recommended, but should be done at least once a year as prescribed by the constitution.

B. We recommend that chapters set their constitutions with the provision that a treasurer to be elected must have a term of school left after his term of office terminates.

C. The executive committee of each chapter should serve as the budget committee of that chapter.

D. We recommend that it be stated in the Manual of Administration that the filling out of Internal Revenue reports be a duty of the treasurer so long as they are required to do so by law.

#### Report of the

#### Historians Discussion Group

Lawrence Balka (Alpha), Chairman

Roy G. Hatcher (Kappa Nu), Advisor

James S. Davis (Rho), Consultant

George A. Churukian (Eta Epsilon), Consultant

Almon Joe Hallock (Kappa Kappa), Recorder

The committee discussed the work and the means to carry out the job of a Historian.

In making a history of the chapter during a term of office, the Historian should work with all the officers and committee heads. The committee felt this a necessity in order to establish a true history of the fraternity. Alumni historians should keep their records as prescribed in the Manual of Administration. Their records should be separate from those of the chapter.

We discussed the keeping of a scrapbook to further the tradition of the chapter. A scrapbook should contain pictures, newspaper clippings, and letters of appreciation. Some chapters keep a pledge scrapbook helping to unite the pledge class. One chapter has an audio-tape record of happenings with their scrapbook. The commit-



tee felt that the maintenance of a scrapbook was an important part of a chapter.

In order to train the successor Historian in his duties we felt chapters should elect their officers early enough that the old Historian can train the new one. Some chapters have an assistant to help the Historian. This trains a man in his duties and makes the Historian's job an easier one.

We suggest that the office of National Historian be established. His duties would be to edit the TORCH AND TREFOIL, maintain a history of the national fraternity and to establish a permanent book explaining the founding of each chapter. We suggest this be a paid office if need be and possible.

#### Report of the

### Alumni Secretaries' Discussion Group

Charles D. Dutill (Eta Iota), Chairman  
Dr. Wallace H. Maw (Delta Zeta), Advisor  
William French (Iota Xi), Recorder

The first point that was brought before the group was that the Alumni Secretaries are not very active. In some chapters they are just a name.

It is the duty of the Alumni Secretary to secure the addresses of all the former members and to keep in touch with them. One way to keep in touch with them is through a newsletter. This newsletter should be up-to-date and have some alumni news in it. Include a guest writer each issue.

Another way to help to get interest from the alumni is to invite them to be speakers at APO dinners and invite them to homecoming and other activities, and recognize the alumni for outstanding accomplishments after graduation.

We recommend that a standardized card be printed and sent to each Alumni Secretary by the National Office for use in keeping alumni records. We also recommend that APO recognize the necessity of assisting the chapter Alumni Secretaries in all possible ways . . . that contact be kept with the Alumni Secretaries and problems exchanged through a bulletin or TORCH AND TREFOIL.

#### Report of the

### Meeting of Faculty and Scouting Advisors with the National Executive Board

Prof. M. B. Blair (Zeta Beta), Chairman  
Robert J. Bradshaw, Jr. (Zeta Eta), Recorder

The Faculty and Scouting Advisors met jointly with the Executive Board on Sunday evening, December 28, 1952, as scheduled in the program.

Considerable discussion took place with the duties and responsibilities of advisors being the main item. The following recommendation was adopted by the group for representation to the convention.

Recommended that: an "Advisor's Handbook" outlining duties and responsibilities of the advisors be prepared for distribution through the National Office.

The National President appointed a committee to collect and prepare the material, with Rev. J. J. Higgins, S.J. (Theta Xi), as chairman.

It was heartily and unanimously agreed that the practice of holding a joint meeting of advisors and executive board members is a positive, progressive step for the fraternity convention and it is recommended to the incoming administration that this meeting be included in future convention programs.

#### Report of the

### Advisors' Discussion Group

Dr. Daniel Crowley (Zeta Kappa), Chairman  
Bill Denman (Zeta Psi), Recorder

I. Discussion of the participation of an advisor both from undergraduate and advisory view

A. Two-way affair—both chapter and advisor must contribute to strengthen the bonds between the two.

1. The Advisor's role

a. He must take the attitude of being a "member" to the end that he does not expect a special invitation to become and stay active.

- b. He should attend all meetings and functions possible and there should be always at least one faculty advisor at each major chapter function.
- c. He must be effective—not simply active.
- d. The extent of his participation in a given function must be determined by the situations involved.

2. The Chapter's role

a. Make the advisor feel "he belongs."

b. Give him something to do.

B. Specific suggestions to chapters and advisors to facilitate better cooperation.

1. Firesides once a month among executive committee and faculty advisors preferable at an advisor's home.
2. Luncheons at least three times a year for the advisory committee.
3. Replace ineffective advisors immediately. Maintain the constitutional level of five at all times.
4. Draw advisors from all branches of four fields of service plus all categories of the college and university.
5. Use advisors to locate competent interested freshmen and new students for Alpha Phi Omega.

II. Recommendation that at 1954 Convention there be held:

- A. A meeting of advisors and National Executive Board for the purpose of discussing the role of the faculty advisor.
- B. An additional meeting of chapter delegates for purpose of discussing the role of advisor and role of chapter in maintaining and facilitating good advisory relations.

Motion in Connection with Advisor's Reports:

Due to the pertinence of the proposals dealing with advisor's responsibilities of the two previous committee reports, I make a motion that the National Executive Board call over these reports and incorporate those points felt to be most pertinent into the Manual of Administration. This is not a motion to supersede the proposed Manual for Faculty Advisors. Submitted by Herbert M. Wall (Gamma Epsilon). Motion was seconded and carried.

#### Report of the

### Ritual Team Discussion Group

Edward Dillingham (Theta Alpha), Chairman  
John M. Russell (Zeta Mu), Advisor  
Ronald Klein (Iota Nu), Consultant  
Emmanuel Fusco (Beta Lambda), Recorder

This discussion group wishes to make the following recommendations to the convention:

1. That every chapter have at least one rehearsal of the ritual before each ceremony.

2. That the members of the ritual team whenever feasible memorize their parts in order to add greater effect to the ceremony. When this is done, a fully prepared substitute should be available for each part.

3. When it is not feasible to memorize the ritual the Secretary and Alumni Secretary should have other members point out the parts of the badge and coat of arms while they read their parts.

4. That robes be worn by all members of the ritual team at every ceremony.

The consensus of the discussion was that the wearing of robes adds greatly to the effectiveness of the ritual. The national fraternity owns three sets of robes which will be loaned to any chapter with no charge except shipping costs. These three sets are not enough to fill all requests, however, so on occasion they may not be available. If you wish to borrow a set of robes, write to Sid North.

A number of chapters have arranged for the use of robes belonging to the college or nearby churches. Either graduation gowns or choir robes are suitable. The robes may be decorated with the coat of arms of the fraternity pinned on.

Some chapters may be able to get together and buy a set of robes for the use of chapters in a certain area. The robes could be kept in that area, and high shipping charges would be avoided. A set of robes costs about \$150.00.

Finally, the group recommends that any chapters not now doing so give serious consideration to using the formal opening and closing ceremonies at all business meetings.



### Report of the Sergeant-at-Arms' Discussion Group

Daniel Estell (Alpha Iota), Chairman  
Dr. Fred Davies (Kappa Gamma), Advisor  
Alan Grossberg (Gamma Iota), Consultant  
Richard T. Parry (Eta Mu), Consultant  
Kenneth A. Peart (Alpha Alpha), Recorder

Only one recommendation was passed that is as follows: The first duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Article II, Section 8 of the Standard Chapter By-Laws be changed to read, "To guard the portal and perform such disciplinary and parliamentary procedures as are deemed necessary by the President."

### Report of the Appreciations Committee

William M. Balentine, Jr. (Kappa), Chairman  
Prof. Kenneth S. Sherman (Theta Beta), Advisor  
Ralph Bieber (Zeta Iota), Recorder  
Wilbur Smith (Epsilon Theta)  
Robert J. Trenga (Iota Zeta)  
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The appreciations committee presented the following resolutions:

I. To ask the National Fraternity to extend our appreciation:  
To Alpha Iota Chapter, Ohio State University; Zeta Kappa Chapter, Bowling Green State University; Zeta Delta Chapter, Miami University; Zeta Rho Chapter, Wittenberg College; Theta Upsilon Chapter, Case Institute of Technology; Delta Gamma Chapter, Ohio University; Theta Beta Chapter, Fenn College; Epsilon Psi Chapter, Kent State University, for doing such a good job as our convention hosts.

To Dr. Henry Miller, Program Chairman; Prof. Harry C. Barnett, Arrangements Chairman, and Rev. Robert J. Payne for their part in planning this convention. To Brother Joseph Scanlon, Dean Merle M. Price, Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J., for the inspirational addresses which they gave. To Discussion Group leaders and legislative committee members for their constructive work.

To the Deshler-Wallick Hotel management and staff for their excellent accommodations and service.

To Prof. Daniel Den Uyl for his splendid leadership as National President and his service as presiding officer of this convention.

To Prof. D. Arthur Hatch as the first Faculty Advisor and to let him know that the Fellowship Luncheon was dedicated to him.

To the Faculty and Scouting Advisors of the chapters, and to the administrators of the colleges and universities for their aid, counsel and support.

To the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for its confidence and helpfulness in the work of Alpha Phi Omega.

To Dr. Arthur A. Shuck, Chief Scout Executive, for his helpful interest in Alpha Phi Omega.

II. We express regret to all those chapters who were not able to be present at this convention, and to Brothers I. H. Gerst, M. C. Hayes, A. E. Jenner, H. F. Pote, A. L. Thomas, Ray O. Wyland and Dean Arno Nowotny, members of the National Executive Board, who were not able to be with us.

III. We greet the Order of the Arrow and the Knights of Dunamis, National Scout organizations. We greet also the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity of the Philippines.

IV. We would also like to express our appreciation and thanks to all who have attended this convention, to those who have helped with entertainment, and to all those who have done the behind the scenes work which is so necessary to assure the success of this convention.

### Address

#### "THINKING AND DOING"

By Reverend John J. Higgins, S. J. (Theta Xi)

I always think of Jimmy Jackson, who was asked by his grandmother to go out and get the morning groceries. When he came back, his grandmother said, "It was nice of you to get the groceries this morning; you will get your reward afterward." "Oh, Grandma," was the reply, "won't you give it to me now; I don't want to

run all over after it." Jimmy got a lecture from his grandmother about having the right kind of motivations.

Little Jimmy Jackson was exemplifying a simple and basic thing in psychology—that we have a chooser inside of us that we call the human will. And the way God made us, we all simply agree that we have a chooser that goes for the things that are represented to us as good—as beneficial to us—as promoting our own purposes in life. That is a simple, basic psychological fact—that we grab for, we take the things that are represented to us as good and beneficial to us.

When we have a little dog down the street and show him a piece of steak, he does not have to argue about it; he smells it, he tastes it, he grabs it. There is no thinking there; it is instinct. God made him so he grabs things that taste and look good to him. We have the same kind of sensitive appetite, but there are a lot of values in life we can't smell, we can't taste, we can't see; we have to do some thinking on them if they are going to be represented to us as good. That is a simple, basic, downright practical fact, and when an insurance salesman tries to sell you security for your wife and children, he can't bring a piece of food to show you what will come out of the insurance policy after you are dead; he has to argue and get you to represent his policy to yourself as something good and beneficial. Those are simple, basic facts about the psychology of thinking and doing.

We must represent these things in Alpha Phi Omega, our service, our doing good to our fellow men, the self-satisfaction we get from it, the reward we get in the hereafter—all of those things have to be represented to our minds somehow, by some kind of practical thinking—we have to get it through our schools, not by smelling service or patriotism or friendship or leadership—we have to see it and then go ahead and do it.

The Psalmist of old said, "The earth has become an abomination of desolation for no man thinketh in his heart." Of course, modern advertisers and salesmen use that trick on us all the time—signs get us to think about their product and by a little practical contemplation we get a feeling that it is good for us. All right, now, we must do some of the same things in Alpha Phi Omega if we are going to do some practical thinking and then going out and doing it. The difference between practical thinking and day-dreaming and hot-air merchandising is that we just stop at it—somebody throws out a lot of hot air—day-dream about it, and it stops there. If we are doing practical thinking, we are thinking about benefits to us and to our fellow men that service and friendship and leadership bring to us and then we put it into action—into doing things. That is what I mean by practical thinking. It is meditation, descriptive reasoning, contemplation, looking at the great men before us who have done great things. We want to compete with them, to beat them, to do at least as well as they have done.

The great leader who founded our spiritual corporation about 1540 was a hard-boiled soldier of the Spanish army—but a practical, down-to-earth soldier—and when he was knocked down at the Battle of Pampeluna and carried home by French soldiers who had such respect for his bravery, he sat at home waiting for a broken leg to heal. He told his servant, "Bring me something to read; I am going crazy without something to do." Jose came back and said, "Master, there are none of the books you asked for in the house. None of the Spanish romances are in this place. All I could find was a copy of the New Testament and the Lives of the Saints." So Ignatius Loyola read them and when he saw spiritual leaders who had gone before him, he said, "If St. Francis and Thomas Aquinas can do these things, why can't I?" So he put aside his knighthood of the day and clothed himself in spiritual garb and went out to convert the world to better thinking—so by 1733 there were over 25,000, and as it was revived in 1814, now again there are 30,000 men that are following his leadership. But he did it with a little practical thinking—he had been a worldly man and had gotten nothing for himself, but because he was forced by his confinement to do a little practical thinking, he not only got into that kind of thinking, he did something about it.

The whole Christian world uses his great manual of practical thinking. The greatest commentary on the Spiritual Exercises was written by an Episcopalian clergyman. All faiths have adopted worship houses—not only that, but university chapels have been founded and built as meditation chapels because they realize we all have to do a little practical thinking and keep before our eyes the real values which can't reach through our thick skulls except by thinking.



Now, for every man there are a thousand ways to do that. We can do it by calling a spade a spade—when Abraham Lincoln called a man a two-timer, he meant it! When I call a spade a spade, I call it the "Abe Lincoln Technique." When something is downright wrong, it is a violation of the moral law and we should call it that. If laziness has crept into our chapter, let us call a spade a spade. If someone is putting out a lot of hot air merchandise, let us be honest and call it that. You put a thing out and let it be known and seen as it actually is, and not a lot of misrepresentation. I don't mean we should be indiscriminate or uncharitable to our fellow men, but to ourselves if we are heels and not doing a job, let us call ourselves heels or quitters or anything else that expresses the right idea.

A man once left a city and went out to a little place outside of Sussex, N. Y., and asked the Superintendent of Schools if he could not educate his children at home. With the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, he did, but he found that the only way he could get the kids interested was that he gave them an appetite for what he wanted to teach them. He gave them the values ahead of time and got their mouths watered for what he wanted to teach them—then they were prepared for what he called "educational contact." When a person wants to know what you have to give to him, and you finally give it to him, then you have educational contact—a simple fact of educational psychology. This man did an effective job of educating his children because he knew the value of practical thinking—keeping the values of what he wanted to teach them before his children.

P. T. Barnum was a great trickster. He had a knack of keeping before our eyes things that are interesting by having a little variety in life. Another simple technique of keeping before yourselves and your chapter things that are interesting and that you want them to get. Don't be feeding them the same thing with the same dressing on it year after year.

Another simple thing concerning the pledge that you take. Do a little practical thinking—read it over to yourselves slowly as you do the "Our Father." We say "Our" because we mean "our"—because we are all children and brothers under the same God and Father. Let us work together because we are brothers under the Father. Let us give Him in return some service so we are paying rent for the space we occupy. "Who art in heaven"—that is our Home—let us do the work we can while there is time to work. We have all eternity to rest and sleep—why do it in this life? That is where we are heading for. You can make a simple second method of prayer on the "Our Father" or your pledge or your purposes. Read slowly the things you know you ought to be doing. You can think out loud about it. What does every word in the "Our Father" mean? Do some practical thinking and then go out and do something about it. Now, the fighting we can all do—the fighting spirit Knute Rockne could get into his men instead of the fighting that is all hate, greed, and selfishness. If we all had a little more fight in us, we would do a lot better job in Alpha Phi Omega. I know we are doing a wonderful job—just the fact that there is such a large crowd here is evidence. But we could all do a lot better than we are doing if we could get some of that fight into us—even industry realizes that competition is a practical motive within it. Parker Pen shows what competitors on the outside are putting out; they put fight into their men to battle their competitors—in a good, honest, Christian way all the way through.

In 1910, when St. Louis tried three times to get a new charter for their city, they needed a psychologist to tell them the trick. They asked a man to write up a pageant to get some spirit into St. Louis, so they would vote a charter that was so badly needed. When Percy McKay wrote "A Substitute for War," he describes how they did it. War makes us look up and work up and beyond our capacities—it gives us hardihood and virtue we don't ordinarily show in peacetime. He wrote a story about this substitute for war. What was there in peacetime that we could use to get these people into action by some tricks of psychology that would bring them up to the hardihood that they display in wartime? So he showed that this fight, this appeal to their dramatic instinct—his pageant which over 250,000 people saw—it got their spirit—through appeal to dramatic instinct—uniform, music, etc., and showed them the history of St. Louis. It gave them a bit of practical contemplation. If these men before them were such pioneers and hard workers, why can't we of St. Louis do something about our charter now? Within six months they had their charter. So William James wrote an essay called "The Moral Equivalent of War"—nothing else but a bit of practical contemplation showing

how to use uniforms, music, hero worship to help them to see things that are worthwhile that they also ought to want to do.

There is no progress unless we measure and control our daily achievement. In business we have cash registers, balance sheets, etc. In Alpha Phi Omega we have reports of our committees, reports to national office and reports to chapter meetings. Those are simple ways we can check on ourselves—we measure our daily achievement—and then we control it. In business we have advertising. If Macy's are running long on girdles, they put in a big ad and they control the sales—they get rid of the things they don't want. Salesmanship does the job. We all have to be salesmen to ourselves. We have to sell service, leadership and friendship of APO—show ourselves that it is something of value. It means something to us; it has value.

One little item we all should remember—God made us in a very special sense, we are basically selfish. We can't help but grab for things that we know aren't good for us. That is the way we are made and we are a fool if we try to think of anything else. We can't grab for an unmixed evil. A man in a sane mind cannot choose hell. We are built to choose the things that are good for us. The thing we have to grow up in is that we have to grow out of the infantile idea that I have to have it now. "Mommy, give me this now." We grow up—become adults and quit being children and infants. We do that by advertising to ourselves—we control our daily achievement by keeping the things that are of value before us and building them up to the real value that they are.

One last basic principle of business—I give away what I value less for what I value more. I can't digest a fifty-cent piece—so I give it away for fifty cents worth of food—because I value that food more than I value my fifty-cent piece. That is true of all our work in Alpha Phi Omega. I give away my time and pleasure and sacking out in the sack half of the day because I value those personal pleasures—those selfish pleasures—less than I value the services and self-satisfaction I get out of serving my fellow men. That is a basic principle. Any man who gives away what he values more to get what he values less is crazy and ought to be in an insane asylum. Even a business man puts up a "Sacrifice Sale" sign. He has some stock on his shelves occupying valuable space he is not getting his money out of, so he sells at less than cost because he values that space and the immediate money more than he values the little loss he is taking on the merchandise. He is giving away what he values less to get what he values more. That is the way with all of our work. We all have to get out and do a service job. Let us get some down-to-heart horse sense and practical thinking in our service world. We value service and friendship and leadership more because it is of more value to us now and in the future and for all eternity. It is a basic principle we all ought to get into our heads and get it now.

Let us get some practical thinking, let us do it all the time. We have good leadership in the organization; we have *esprit de corps*, helped by this convention. Now, let us do some thinking every day on the reasons for our work.

### Installation of National Officers

Brother George H. Charno (Alpha Eta), National Legal Counselor of Alpha Phi Omega, officiated at the installation of National Officers and Executive Board members. He charged them to carry out their responsibilities to the fullest extent, and all officers accepted the posts to which they had been elected by the convention.

### Closing

President Den Uyl closed the convention, saying, "Gentlemen, I accept the responsibility of continuing another term as your National President. That in itself is enough inspiration for one man. I have had, during the past two years, the inspiration that every one of you and your brothers have given me as I have gone around the country attending conferences, conventions, bull sessions, chapter meetings, banquets, and everything else that is associated with Alpha Phi Omega in our meetings together. I promise you today that I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability. With your cooperation, and with leadership, friendship and service on the part of all of us, we can make the next two years finer than any previous period in the history of our fraternity. Let's work together building Alpha Phi Omega."



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