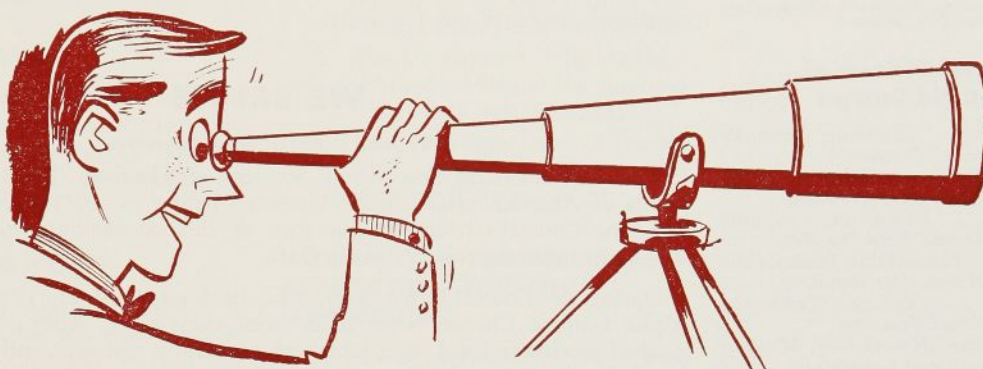




Torch and Trefoil



Take a Look Into the Future

It has been said, "The best way to judge the future is by the past." And so, in Alpha Phi Omega we can predict a bright future. In the past year, our fraternity has grown splendidly, both in numbers and in accomplishments. Eleven new chapters have been added to our brotherhood since the opening of last Fall's semester. Several of the chapters which were weak or dormant have been reorganized. The active chapters have increased their manpower by bringing in enthusiastic groups of pledges.

The service program has been excellent. New highs were reached in the Ugly Man Contest, the Book Exchange, blood donating and in many other projects. Reports indicate that more man-hours were given in service in the school year just closing than ever before. Compliments from college officials bring word that, more and more, Alpha Phi Omega is being depended upon for services vital to campus life. Scout leaders have expressed high praise for assistance given by AΦΩ in local council activities.

As we look into the future, we can anticipate continued growth:

More new groups will apply for charters in Alpha Phi Omega in the coming year (but to expand we need your help in spreading information about Alpha Phi Omega to other campuses).

Membership in your own chapter can be increased. To accomplish this your chapter needs your own effective work at the opening of the Fall term to assist in rushing and pledging new men.

Our service program can be further increased, with the continuation of traditional projects and inauguration of new projects. To do this, your chapter needs your own strong leadership and work to plan and conduct projects of greater magnitude than ever before.

With your help, Alpha Phi Omega will advance to new heights in the coming year. Plan now to give your very best in Fall activities.



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Of Thee I Sing

Congratulations to all members of Alpha Phi Omega who are graduating from their respective colleges and universities this Spring. We compliment you upon your service as active members of Alpha Phi Omega and wish for you the finest happiness and success for the future.

Appreciation is extended to all who are planning to attend the Fourteenth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in Long Beach, California. We realize that delegates will be devoting considerable time and money to participate in this convention and in doing so every delegate is investing in the continued success of our fraternity.

WE SALUTE

By John F. Ritter, Scout Executive

The four thousand Scouts and Scouters of Harrison Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, salute Alpha Gamma Chapter of AΦΩ at Purdue University. The Council's tribute to the men of this outstanding chapter has been well-earned over a period of many years.

During the Council's first Scout Fair, held on April 21, 1956, the men of Alpha Gamma Chapter were to be seen everywhere. They rendered distinguished service and did their jobs both cheerfully and efficiently. Were it not for their efforts we can honestly say that the Fair would not have been such a great success.

Many a Boy Scout and Explorer in this Council has learned both his Swimming and Life Saving skills from the weekly aquatic classes conducted throughout each winter by AΦΩ members.

Each February at the Council's Theatre Party, AΦΩ men can be seen with their blue "pots" giving valuable leadership and helping to make possible one of the anniversary week celebrations.

Numerous Troops and Explorer Posts in our Council are deeply indebted to Alpha Gamma Chapter for the excellent leadership provided weekly. One unit whose membership includes many Scouts from broken homes has shown wonderful progress since an AΦΩ man became its leader a year ago.

Then, too, we could tell of the service Alpha Phi Omega has rendered at our Council Camp, how members help present our monthly roundtable program and many other ways that they render service to the Scouting program.

These are but a few of the reasons that our Council is grateful to Alpha Phi Omega and mighty proud of Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue University.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IS SET

With the Arrangements Committee and the Program Committee now completing their plans, everything will be ready for the arrival of the chapter delegates at the National Convention. As you undoubtedly know from previous publicity, this fourteenth convention of Alpha Phi Omega will be held at the Wilton Hotel, Long Beach, California, August 28 to 30, 1956.

It is important that your chapter be represented at this convention if possible. Why? First, you will benefit from the discussions of chapter projects and methods. Second, you will gain inspiration from the reports and addresses given by national leaders of our fraternity. Third, you will have a part in deciding upon plans and policies to guide Alpha Phi Omega for the next two years and in the election of national officers and board members. Fourth, you can help other chapters by sharing your experiences with them. Fifth, you will enjoy the fellowship with brothers from all parts of the United States.

Attend the convention if you possibly can. You'll be glad you did!

Life Membership

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALPHA PHI OMEGA THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME

WHAT IS LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

Life Membership in Alpha Phi Omega is a means of keeping in contact with the growth and program of our fraternity throughout the years ahead.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Every man who has been previously registered in AΦΩ either as an active member, advisor or honorary member is eligible to subscribe for Life Membership.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The fee for Life Membership is \$25.00. This fee was established by vote of the delegates at the 1952 National Convention. This is separate and apart from the pledge fee and active initiation fee.

HOW IS THE MONEY USED?

The money received for Life Membership fees is deposited in our Endowment Fund, from which the interest is used to pay the cost of service to the Life Members.

HOW LONG HAS THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN BEEN IN OPERATION?

This was established in 1936 by vote of the National Convention.

WHO IS THE FIRST LIFE MEMBER?

Dr. M. C. Hayes, who served for many years as a national officer and board member and was Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Eta Chapter at Northern Illinois State College until his retirement, was the first brother to subscribe for Life Membership and is honored as the Premier Life Member.

HOW MANY MEMBERS HAVE SUBSCRIBED FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

More than 1,000 members have subscribed and the number is steadily growing.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

1. It provides a permanent subscription to *TORCH AND TREFOIL* and thus gives the member regular news about Alpha Phi Omega throughout his lifetime.
2. The fee paid for Life Membership contributes to the financial stability of our fraternity.
3. It offers a fine group of friends who make up Alpha Phi Omega's lifetime roll.

HOW MAY A MEMBER MAKE APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

A special application form is provided for this purpose, and can be secured by writing to our National Office. It requires certification by your Chapter President. If you cannot conveniently present it to your president for signature, mail your application to the National Office and we will take care of requesting the signature.

HOW IS PAYMENT MADE?

You may send the full amount of \$25.00 if convenient with your application. Or if more convenient for you, send a partial payment and we will credit that amount toward your Life Membership until you can send the remainder . . . or send it in installments, say five payments of \$5.00 each.

MAILING ADDRESS

Each Life Member is expected to keep our National Office informed of his mailing address for use in sending the *TORCH AND TREFOIL*. Only by having up-to-date addresses can we deliver the magazine correctly. This publication is your best way of keeping in touch with Alpha Phi Omega news after college years have ended.

You'll enjoy being a Life Member!

Subscribe Now!



SAY,
DID YOU
KNOW?

—That eleven new chapters have been installed in Alpha Phi Omega in the academic year just closing. They are:

LAMBDA RHO CHAPTER, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois; LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER, Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; LAMBDA TAU CHAPTER, Salem College, Salem, West Virginia; LAMBDA UPSILON CHAPTER, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania; LAMBDA PHI CHAPTER, Eastern Michigan College, Ypsilanti, Michigan; LAMBDA CHI CHAPTER, Memphis State College, Memphis, Tennessee; LAMBDA PSI CHAPTER, Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colorado; LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State Teachers College, California, Pennsylvania; MU ALPHA CHAPTER, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; MU BETA CHAPTER, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York; MU GAMMA CHAPTER, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland.

—That the eighth edition of The College Blue Book has just been published and contains up-to-date listing of colleges and universities. Probably your college library has a copy which you can use for reference to check concerning neighboring colleges which do not yet have chapters of Alpha Phi Omega.

—A patch is now available of our Alpha Phi Omega pin emblem suitable to be worn on the Scout Leaders or Explorers uniform. It could also be attached to a school notebook or used in other ways. Orders may be sent to our National Office. The price is 35c each.

—The pledge pin and recognition pin can be secured with pin back instead of the post-type back. The price for this style is 60c each, plus tax.

—35mm color slides pertaining to service projects are requested for use in a collection being assembled by the National Office.

*A Feature Project . . .***GETTING THE NEWS THROUGH**

**An important service to the student who is
admitted to the Infirmary**

By Dick Bloss

**Corresponding Secretary, Gamma Pi Chapter
University of Michigan**

Late in the Fall of 1955, Dr. Morley Beckett, the Director of the Student Health Service of University of Michigan, contacted the President of Gamma Pi chapter and asked if he might help with a problem that confronted Health Service. With 20,000 students, Health Service found it impossible to notify all the housemothers and landladies of the students who were admitted to the Infirmary. Many students live in areas with no phones, others live in dorms with phones that are constantly busy. Consequently, notification was very time consuming for Health Service. Dr. Beckett had heard of Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity, and so he called to see if we could help.

Plans for AΦΩ to handle the notification were laid out in several meetings between Mal Leibowitz, Gamma Pi President, and Dr. Beckett. The system finally set up was as follows: Between 1 and 5 P.M. Health Service calls the Gamma Pi chapter office and leaves the names of all students admitted that day. The office men on duty try to contact the housemothers by phone. The calls not completed by

phone are reported to the President who distributes the calls to members in his dorm and gives the calls with no phones to one of the two members with cars for them to deliver in person.

Nights and week ends, Health Service contacts the President directly to give him the names of students admitted. These calls are then handled in the same manner as those left over at the end of office hours each day.

To allow the President a few evenings off, members are assigned to spend one evening each week in the President's room. The evening assignments are in addition to the two-hour weekly assignments which are taken by ten members in order that the office be open from one to five each week-day.

Complete records are kept of the names of people admitted and the person who receives the final notification. This clears the chapter if any question arises.

Although the project has not been in operation very long the results have been great. In the past when a girl went into Health Service her housemother was sometimes up half

the night trying to find out why the girl had not returned on time. Housemothers have voiced their appreciation and the Dean of Women has expressed thanks for all the women's dormitory staffs for this service.

Health Service has been very happy because they have been relieved of the worry of making calls, and AΦΩ can make the "in person" deliveries to places with no phones which in the past had gone unnotified. The project does not take too much time but only requires that the system be reliable. There can be no slips because often the person who isn't notified is the one that needs to know but didn't find out.

The chapter also received credit in an article in the MICHIGAN DAILY about the service. The benefits to the campus have been many, and the chapter has received added spirit and pride among its members from the satisfaction of carrying out a useful and needed service.

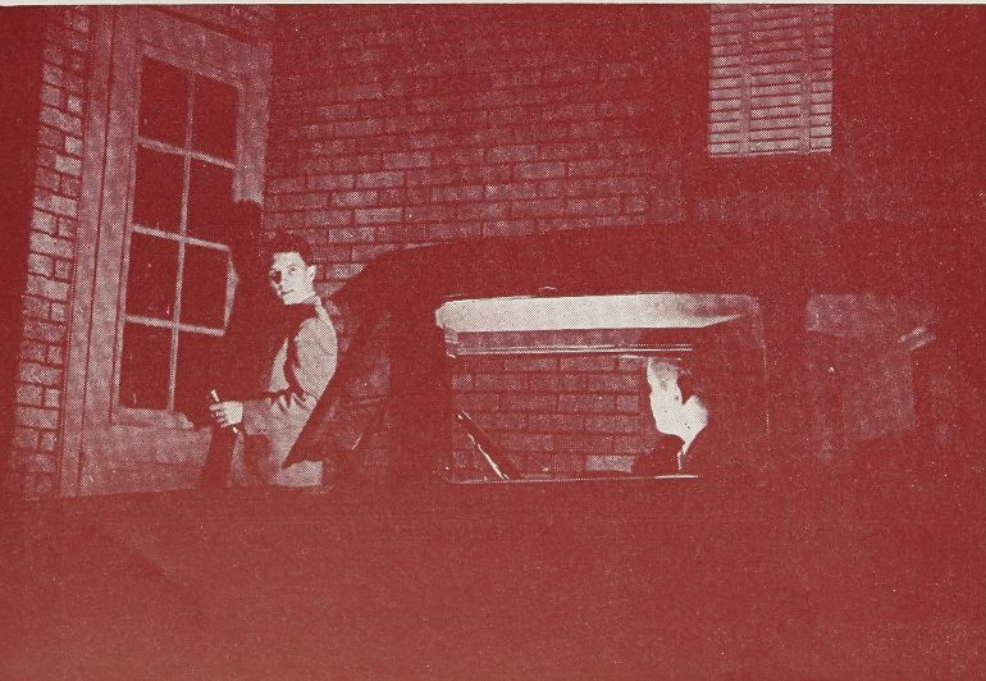
Any chapter that desires more information as to how to set up such a notification service may write to Gamma Pi Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Editor's Note: Numerous chapters of Alpha Phi Omega give infirmary service in various ways. This is of great benefit to confined students. If your chapter is not yet serving in this way, we urge you to look into this opportunity.

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This picture shows George R. Keefer and Richard P. Bloss making a night notification in Gamma Pi Chapter's aid to the Health Service of the University of Michigan. This is a particularly important phase of the service described in the accompanying article, getting the news through even to a location where there is no telephone.

In many instances only a call is required, but the chapter follows through on the more difficult notifications, too, even those requiring the use of a car to go to the address.



A Tradition . . .

THIRD BIENNIAL PILGRIMAGE

By Wilson H. De Camp II

Alpha Chapter, Lafayette College

On April 14 and 15, more than fifty representatives from a dozen chapters attended the Third Biennial Pilgrimage to Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Several national officers were present, along with other prominent $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ personalities.

The delegates arrived in Easton on Saturday morning, and registered at Hogg Hall on the Lafayette campus. The remainder of the morning was spent in getting acquainted and in touring the campus.

Following lunch, the delegates gathered in Hogg Hall. After being welcomed by Glenn Fatzinger of Alpha, the chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee; Martin Cohen, the president of Alpha Chapter; and Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, the president of Lafayette College, they were greeted by Brothers E. Ross Forman, Benjamin F. Fay, Kent D. Shaffer, and Robert J. Payne, who represented the National Executive Board. At the conclusion of these opening ceremonies, the attending chapters and special guests were introduced.

Then a panel discussion of Alpha Phi Omega's three objectives, "Leadership, Friendship, and Service," was held. Brother Sidney B. North, National Secretary, led the panel, which was composed of Brothers Forman, Henry Miller of Queens College, and Kent D. Shaffer of Carnegie Tech, all from the National Executive Board, Jay H. Willet, Deputy Regional Executive for Region III, B.S.A., and Brothers Lembhard Howell, Alvin Grieb, and Robert Venner of Alpha Chapter. The leadership angle of $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ was emphasized by Brother Forman, who pointed out that industry looks for leadership more than any other single quality in prospective employees. He stated that men of Alpha Phi Omega invariably are the campus leaders in many respects. Brother Howell began the discussion of friendship in $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ by posing the question of to what extent chapters should engage in social activities in order to sponsor friendship. Representatives of several chapters stated that their groups held oc-

casional social functions. Several members urged that the social activities of a chapter be kept in balance, lest they become the primary object of the group. Brother Miller ended the consideration of friendship by suggesting that the amount of social activity of a chapter be decided by conditions on the chapter's campus.

Short talks by various chapter representatives comprised most of the discussion of service. Various projects were described, among them being the used book exchange, visitations to college infirmaries, and work at various churches.

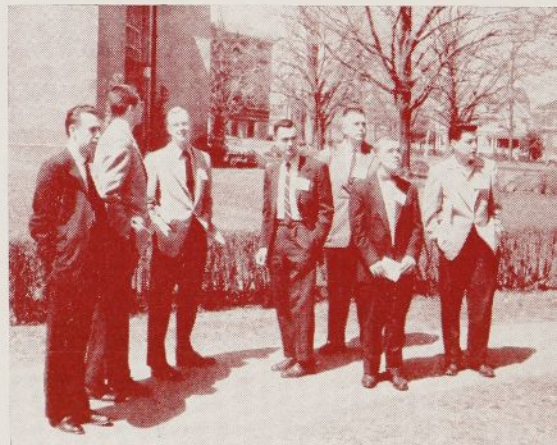
Saturday evening the delegates ate dinner in Hogg Hall. The evening's program was initiated by Ronald Rudderow of Alpha, who led the group in several Scouting songs. Next Brother Fatzinger spoke on the history of Hogg Hall, formerly known as Brainerd Hall, the Student Union Building on the Lafayette campus. Brother Peter S. Wendell of Alpha then saluted Frank R. Horton, the founder of the Fraternity. Brother Horton, following a standing ovation, delivered the keynote address of the week end, "Alpha—the Beginning." At the outset of his talk, he mentioned the three questions which had been most often asked of him about the fraternity: How did he first get the idea? What was the actual process of founding? And why was the particular name "Alpha Phi Omega" chosen. He proceeded to describe vividly the

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In the upper picture, Frank R. Horton, Founder of Alpha Phi Omega, is shown addressing the pilgrimage banquet, telling the brothers about how our fraternity was started.

In center, Dean Robert G. Crosen, Dean of Faculty at Lafayette, speaks to the delegates at the Sunday session. He is holding a plaque presented to Alpha Chapter by the Past National Presidents showing the photographs of all of the original founders.

At right, Al Grieb and Robert Sloan of Alpha Chapter, second and third from left, conduct a tour of the campus for James Cumming, David Hines, Joseph D. Limber, Joseph Natale and Robert Costa of Zeta Upsilon Chapter.



Early Planning for

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Insures Success

By Kenneth E. Kline

Past President, Delta Sigma Chapter
University of Connecticut

Even before the new freshmen arrive on campus this coming September, the brothers of Delta Sigma Chapter will return and start work to aid the freshmen and transfer students in the process of entering a new school. Upon the new students' arrival, our men will have all the necessary information to direct them to their housing units, to their testing centers, and to all of the buildings and activities set aside for their use during one of the most hectic and memorable weeks of their lives.

In the Spring, our Freshmen Orientation Committee Chairman meets with the University Administration's Chief of New Student Orientation, Mr. James Burke, and plans the Chapter's duties for the F-O Week. He comes to the next Chapter meeting and presents the plan to the members, who are asked to arrange their Summer work accordingly. Near the end of the Spring semester, brothers are asked

to sign the Work Sheet schedule and to make a copy of it. The committee chairman keeps in close contact with Mr. Burke during the Summer to insure a successful program. In the middle of August, the F-O committee sends a copy of the Chapter's activities to each member who signed up in the Spring. By doing this, our men know in advance of Freshmen Week exactly what is to be done and how the work will be executed.

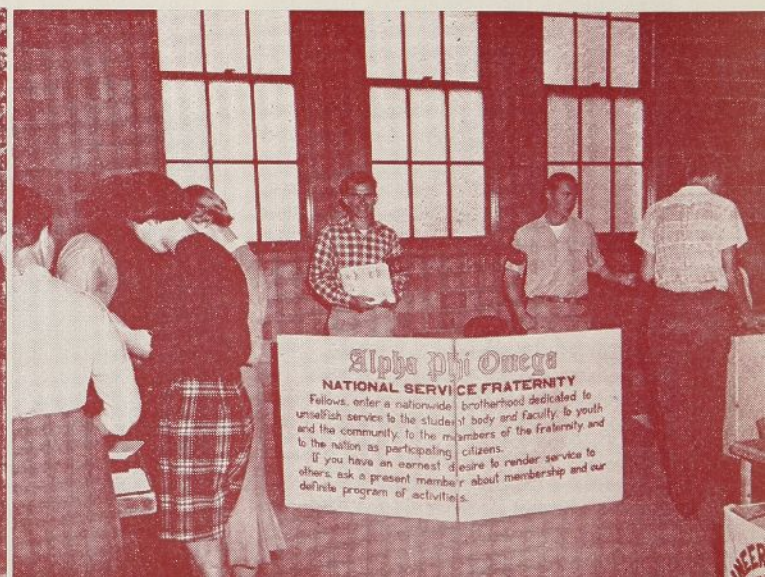
On campuses where there is no one specifically representing the Administration in this work, the chapter chairman may contact the following men or their equivalents: Director of Student Personnel, Dean of Men, Director of Student Housing, Campus Police, Student Governing Body, Student Union, Registrar, and the President of the University. These officials can oftentimes help the chapter in the interpretation of regulations and the formation of plans for freshman orientation.

Some of the duties of our Chapter this Fall will be:

1. Maintain information booths during the period of new student entry to campus.
 - a. Distribute maps of the campus with important buildings marked.
 - b. Show destination, using aerial photo.
 - c. Hand out listing of dormitory assignments to students who have forgotten theirs.
 - d. Material from the Director of Student Personnel or the Registrar may be handed out at this time.
2. Make and erect building and direction signs on campus.
3. Aid the campus police in controlling traffic while new students are arriving on campus.
4. Help move trunks into dormitories.
5. Conduct tours of the campus showing the location of classroom

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ORIENTATION SERVICE AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY



In the left picture above, members of Zeta Gamma Chapter are shown assisting the Traditions Committee at Valparaiso by selling caps to the freshmen. This is handled for two days at the opening of the Fall term. At right, chapter members describe Alpha Phi Omega's program during organization day as part of Freshman Week.



Scouting for Shut-Ins

IOTA PSI CHAPTER at the *University of Utah* has been taking Scouting to shut-ins through films and has recently shown films of activities at Camp Steiner as well as of Colorado River trips. The chapter handled a concession stand at the Scout-O-Rama, May 4 and 5, from which profits are to be used for service projects and to help send delegates to the National Convention. This is reported by Michael C. Stark, Alumni Secretary.

Results

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER at *San Jose State College* has been receiving numerous inquiries from other chapters as a result of the sample copies of the Bindex which were mailed to all chapters several weeks ago. The Corresponding Secretary, Herb Effron, is answering the inquiries, giving further details about this project to those chapters.

Aid Band Contest

The final activities of the Spring semester of TAU CHAPTER at the *University of Florida* are assistance given with the North Florida State Band Contest and the sponsoring and conducting of the second annual Scout swim meet on the campus. This is reported by Wallace Sterling, Publicity Chairman.

Beta Zeta Chapter Conducts Party for Children

Members of Beta Zeta Chapter at the *University of Georgia* are shown at left and at far right as a girls' choral group entertains at the chapter's Christmas party for children. The party was a fine success with plenty of fun, gifts and refreshments. It is one of many excellent service projects conducted by the chapter during the past year. This is reported by Professor R. L. Brittain, Chairman of Advisory Committee.

Growth in Contest

With its first Ugly Man Contest in 1954 bringing in \$38.00, LAMBDA ZETA CHAPTER at *Ripon College* has steadily increased this project until reaching \$270.00 worth of pennies, dimes and dollars this year. Eight candidates covered the campus with posters, pictures and slogans in a furious week of campaigning and balloting to win more than \$100.00 worth of merchandise prizes offered by Ripon merchants. The proceeds have been given to the scholarship fund and will be used to help a deserving incoming freshman in the Fall. This is reported by Edward A. Kappus, President.

Patrolling Parking Lots

With 9,000 students and not nearly enough parking space, the Student Court of *San Jose State College* asked GAMMA BETA CHAPTER to take over the job of patrolling the college parking lots. Working through the Dean of Men the chapter is issuing warnings to those people who are violating the parking privileges on campus. This is reported by Herb Effron, Corresponding Secretary.

Campus Aid Drive

ZETA BETA CHAPTER recently completed a very successful campus aid drive at *Virginia Polytechnic Institute* in which the chapter collected more than \$3,400.00. The methods used included donations, selling of senior military ranks to freshmen, Ugly Man Contest and a Charity Ball. This is reported by Prof. M. Buford Blair, Chairman of Advisory Committee.

Big Contest

In its Ugly Man contest, DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER at *Emory University* brought in \$3,164.35 for the Community Chest drive. More recently the chapter has published a notebook divider to be given to all incoming freshmen next year without charge. The profit from the ads will be used as a scholarship fund to be awarded to an outstanding freshman and will be given at Honors Day Ceremonies. The chapter is also distributing schedule cards at the beginning of each quarter thus saving students much time during the first days of the quarter rush. This is reported by Howard S. Schneider, Corresponding Secretary.



Newsletter Clips

MEN OF THE FUTURE (And it ain't Science Fiction)

From the newsletter of Gamma Omicron Chapter, Queens College

As most of the brotherhood knows by now, we have been blessed with fifteen bouncing, eager pledges. These boys have come into AΦΩ starry-eyed, naive, and surprisingly enough with some very good ideas for improving our chapter. However, more of that later.

Formerly, each pledge has been required to seek out a personal project, preferably one in the community in or around Q. C. This move has increased the scope of AΦΩ Service.

We are now, believe it or not, coaching a Little League team in Lynbrook, actively working with three Scout troops, doing service for Red Cross, Multiple Sclerosis, and in the near future we will be helping the Explorer program in District 10 establish an athletic program.

I say "we" because these pledges are an integral part of AΦΩ. They are working as hard, if not harder, than any brother in the chapter. And they are eager to get to know and do service with the brothers.

Due to the exigencies of fate they have not really had the chance.

The pledge class project this term is the revamping of C 5, turning it into a headquarters for AΦΩ, GSS, and Sigma Alpha. There's a heck of a lot of carpentry work and painting to be done. Here is one place where the brotherhood can pitch in and lend a hand.

Aside from service a separate pledge team has entered this term's intramurals. They played their first practice game last Wednesday and lost to an experienced fraternity team by one run, after a booming five run lead in the first inning. They lost because they hadn't had enough fielding practice together as a team. It would help if brothers who have been working and doing service together as a team for some terms would show up at their practice sessions and games to encourage and give them any help they can.



It is the job of each brother to get to know these boys, to sign up as advisors and really work at it. I cannot emphasize enough how eager these pledges are to get to know you, socially and service wise.

So let's really harken to the good old days and organize a real pledge-brother service day, and a real pledge-brother party. Remember, they're looking to you for leadership and acceptance. Let's not drop the ball, for the future of Gamma Omicron lies in their hands.

Mike Fischer, Pledge Chairman

APO AND YOU A Coed Writes About Alpha Phi Omega

From the newsletter of Lambda Zeta Chapter, Ripon College

On your way to class this morning, you probably saw signs tacked up on tree trunks or placed on the walls of Ingram or the Union. UMOC—what does this stand for? What is in back of these four letters? To discover this is to uncover the service activities of an organization well known to you as AΦΩ, namely, Alpha Phi Omega, the campus's national service fraternity. Do you realize that everyone here has been served, either directly or indirectly, but nevertheless served by this fraternity? The chapter renders service in four major fields: to the students and faculty, to youth and community, to members of the fraternity, and to the nation as participating citizens. Through such service projects ranging all the way from helping out in the registration of new students and freshmen orientation, to conducting campus clean-up and beautification, arranging blood typing for students and faculty, and finally to providing ash trays and butt containers, AΦΩ has served you.

Do you not all agree that the development of friendship and the promotion of service to humanity are important needs today? The world is in definite need of friendship. The world is in need of unselfish service that brings benefit to its people. Many times we find people in need of help,

aid, assistance. Service may bring great benefit to them.

APO strives to render service to humanity wherever needed and to develop the friendship that is so necessary in today's world. Lambda Zeta Chapter, as Ripon's chapter is called, is but one of about 280 chartered chapters of the national service fraternity. The first chapter was founded in 1925 at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania "by a group of former Scouts who recognized the need to carry over into campus life the ideals and principles they had adopted as Scouts in their boyhood days." Since then, the fraternity has steadily grown throughout its thirty years. The Ripon chapter was chartered in 1953 and has within its short period of existence been of service to students and faculty and to the community. Its membership, which consists of a group of Scout-trained men, has proved its unselfish interest by serving others.

These college men, in the fellowship of the Scout Oath and Law, have rendered service to those in need through a series of service projects. The Ugliest Man on Campus contest, or more briefly UMOC, is one of its many projects. Each organization on campus may put up a candidate for the "honor", and then the fun begins. Campaigns which consist of speeches and posters and an atmosphere of competition follows. "Penny a vote" is the slogan and money pours in. The candidate who has raised the most money in this popularity contest is declared the winner and is rewarded with a showcase of prizes.

The proceeds go to a scholarship fund to be awarded to an incoming freshman with Scouting background. This is merely one example of how this service fraternity gives aid. There are others. Take for example something we as freshmen are all familiar with. At the beginning of this year, if you will recall, we were provided with a map of the campus which gave us directions. Along with this was a sheet familiarizing us with the town—telling where we could go to get things repaired and, generally, what Ripon's town section had to offer. This certainly proved to be a big help to a green freshman in a strange town—I know. A service like this, although small, shows how the fraternity attempts to help its fellow students. Besides these activities already mentioned, the chapter works hand in hand with the townspeople to carry out projects, thus promoting friendship

and good relations. It sponsors Red Cross blood donor drives, works with the Boy Scouts in the community by sponsoring Scout Week, assists in Camporees, and conducting of a work project for Scout Camp. It secures and donates Christmas baskets for the needy of the community. Among other things, AΦΩ also seeks to promote cooperation among other campus organizations in order to broaden the scope of service. As many of you know, AΦΩ presents a service trophy annually to the fraternity that has done the most service to the campus. All of these projects exemplify the service and friendship that AΦΩ seeks to promote. The chapter accomplishes a twofold aim in carrying out its projects. It renders service and, at the same time, provides opportunity for its members to serve.

So you see how AΦΩ attempts to carry out its purpose which is "To assemble college men in the fellowship of the Scout Oath and Law, to develop friendship, and to promote service to humanity." This organization has proved to be a vital role in both campus life and community life. It is a national fraternity organized to serve you, the students and faculty, and the community. It is always ready and willing to do anything which could be of service to humanity, so believe in it, support it, and let its principles of service guide you!

Barber Shop Quartet Contest

On May 4, ETA BETA CHAPTER held its annual Barbershop Quartet Contest at *Simpson College*. The proceeds went toward equipping a recreation room for the campus and helping rebuild the Methodist Church which was destroyed by fire in February. This is reported by Pat White, Chairman.

Attend OA Conference

"The Red and Black," campus newspaper of the *University of Georgia*, reports that ten students and one faculty member attended the 1956 Order of the Arrow Conference held at the Scout camp near Clayton. One of the students, Fleming Weaver, was awarded the Vigil Honor, highest honor in the Order of the Arrow. Another student, Ronald Brown, serves as Area Chief for the lodges in Georgia and South Carolina. They are members of BETA ZETA CHAPTER.

LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER INSTALLED AT WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE, STEVENS POINT



This fine group was recently chartered as Lambda Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point. Officiating at the ceremonies was Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, member of the National Executive Board. The ritual was conducted by Lambda Zeta Chapter of Ripon College. We sincerely welcome this new chapter.

Good Cooperation

In the latest news from KAPPA MU CHAPTER at *Johns Hopkins University*, Phil Rierson, President, reports, "This year the chapter meeting attendance and cooperation has been good and we hope this will continue for the remainder of this year and will extend into next year, too. Let us try to extend our present projects and add several new ones for next year."

Bowling Match

Chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area met in March for their first annual bowling match. It was an event for interchapter fellowship attended by thirteen members of GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER of the *University of California*, eight members of IOTA PI CHAPTER of *San Francisco City College*, and four members of the preparatory group at *San Francisco State College*. The match was won by Gamma Gamma Chapter and a "good time was had by all." This is reported by Ken Henry, President of Iota Pi Chapter.

Entertain High School Seniors

On March 5, IOTA CHI CHAPTER at *Northern Michigan College* was host to 600 high school seniors who were on the campus for a day's visit. The chapter provided numerous guides to show this large group around the school. A good time was had by all and many new friendships were started. Another project started recently is an annual plan to send a needy Boy Scout to summer camp. The chapter will pay the camp fee plus incidental expenses. This is reported in the chapter newsletter.

Excellent State Conclave

GAMMA PHI CHAPTER served as host for a fine state conclave of Alpha Phi Omega held on the campus of *Western Michigan College*, April 20 to 22. In charge of arrangements was Ken Spaulding and the program went off very successfully. The group voted to continue the conclave on a regular basis as a means of exchanging ideas about chapter projects and operation and to maintain fellowship among all chapters in Michigan.

A BIG SERVICE TO SCOUTING

By Lorin A. Jurvis

Past President, Delta Nu Chapter

"Can you come up to the office for a few minutes this afternoon? I have an idea that might interest your Chapter." In response to this message, I climbed to the second-floor office of Frank Savino, Assistant Scout Executive for the Quinnipiac Council, and went in. After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Frank began. "Several men of your Chapter are working in troops as Assistant Scoutmasters, and they are doing a fine job. But how would you like a Scouting project that the whole Chapter could get behind?" With this, Frank explained the need that existed in New Haven for new units, especially Cub packs. He also explained the operation of the council's Organization and Extension work to bring new units into existence. The role our Chapter could play in this was to send out O & E teams to different schools, churches, and other institutions interested in having a Cub pack, and help them to get one organized. "Well, what do you think of the idea?" I liked it—and so did the Chapter.

Within two weeks, a meeting was held on campus of about twenty men in the Chapter who expressed an interest in participating in O & E work. Frank and Norm Lee, the New Haven district executive, came to explain to us the procedure and to train us in the fundamentals of organizing a Cub pack. We acted through an organizational meeting from getting everyone registered to operating the filmstrip projector and leading discussions. The important thing was that we were only to act as aids to the committee of parents which would be selected at this first meeting. From then on, they did the work, we offered help.

In like manner we held two other meetings of our O & E teams in preparation for going out on our first assignment. According to plan, the

two-man team could accomplish its task in four meetings with the parents and unit committee, covering a period of one month to three or four months. Our goal—organize one pack per team.

Preparation was the important thing. George Reisner, our Chapter's Scouting Activities chairman, carefully outlined the work of each team at each meeting. Working with materials furnished by the Scout office, everything was put down pat. The two-man teams were carefully organized with an eye to future continuity. A freshman or sophomore was usually paired with a junior or senior. Each had become a specialist in certain phases of the activities. Many of us who had never had any Cub training learned a great deal about it in very little time. The whole Chapter was enthusiastic in its support of the O & E program.

Finally, the first teams were sent out, with curious spectators from the Chapter and the Scout office. Practice in the field brought increased confidence and better results. This all began over a year ago. Since then, the Chapter has helped in the organization of five units. There is a prepared organization of O & E teams ready to go to work whenever needed. More units are on the way through help being given currently. The activities have been extended to Scout troops and Explorer posts organizations as well. The program has helped our Chapter by giving us a solid Scouting project to get behind and providing us with interesting activities in the field. It is even contributing to improved cooperation between Town and Gown. But most important, it is bringing Scouting to boys who need and want it by promoting well-organized, strong, and efficient units. Our program is growing, and so is our goal. We haven't met that goal yet—but we will.

Contest for Naming

In seeking a name for its newsletter, the TWIN CITY AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER has announced a contest among its members inviting everyone to suggest a name. A Selection Committee has been appointed and the winner will receive a steak dinner for two. This is reported by Manfred O. Aws, National Executive Board.

Big Blood Drive

The Yale blood drive, sponsored by DELTA NU CHAPTER, collected 804 pints. The bloodmobile was set up in the rowing tanks of the Payne-Whitney Gymnasium and the university gave full cooperation. Phil Ashton was coordinator of the drive. This is reported by William Schaffner, Publicity Chairman.

Wide Publicity

Pictures of the candidates in BETA CHAPTER's recent Ugly Man Contest appeared in the "Detroit Free Press" on March 28, thus bringing news of this contest to the readers throughout the Metropolitan Area as well as the publicity on the Michigan State University campus. This is reported by Prof. Harry C. Barnett, member of National Executive Board.

Share-A-Ride Plan

KAPPA RHO CHAPTER at Seattle University is conducting ride service during this Spring quarter. Their share-a-ride plan was devised by Don Cain, vice president in charge of projects. He obtained maps of the city and suburbs, divided the area into zones and numbered each. The project was then given publicity in the school paper. As the program got underway passengers and drivers signed up giving their addresses and zone numbers. After all had registered, Don contacted all passengers and drivers and made sure that all desiring rides were properly cared for. We look forward to increasing this worthwhile project especially in the Fall quarter when students are looking for passengers or a ride to school, reports William O'Connell, Corresponding Secretary.

Enthusiastic Visitor

"On a visit to DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER at the University of Connecticut a short time ago I found it is indeed a live-wire chapter. I am enthusiastic about the quality of Leadership, Friendship and Service that I found there. The chapter is growing and they report numerous excellent service projects.

"The Extension Committee for New England, which was formed at the Sectional Conference last Fall, is taking an active interest not only in forming new chapters but also in strengthening some of the existing chapters in the vicinity. One of the contacts made toward new chapters is at Brown University, and also we have an excellent prospect for a new chapter at New Haven State Teachers College." Rev. Robert J. Payne, member of National Executive Board.

Honor Past Presidents

LAMBDA CHAPTER, University of Kansas, held a dinner April 29, honoring the Past Presidents of the chapter. It was a fine success.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

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buildings, post office, administration building, etc.

6. Sponsor freshmen "Get-Acquainted" square dance.

(Our men have worn their armbands to these functions and thus contacted many good prospects for pledging.)

7. Wear AΦΩ armbands while on campus so that freshmen can recognize aid if needed.

8. Assist in proctoring placement tests.

9. Assist at functions operated for the freshmen such as teas, assemblies and other social affairs.

10. Act as guides in the dormitories.

11. Assist at registration:

a. Distribute registration material to the dormitories.

b. Act as checkers at registration.

c. Distribute material at registration.

d. Maintain order and straight lines (Freshmen tend to do this themselves; transfer students are not so likely to do so.)

e. Act as messengers.

12. Talk to the Director of Student Personnel to include a description of AΦΩ in the directions to new students. This has been unsolicited by Delta Sigma Chapter, as the Director has included it in the information and instructions for the past two years.

As J. Anton Jungherr, a Past President of our chapter, said:

"The successful completion of the project will bring a feeling of satisfaction to all those who worked on it. The incoming freshmen will benefit from your service and the chapter program for the coming year will benefit. An opportunity will be provided for the officers of the chapter to plan the entire year's program. The chapter will be successfully launched on another year of providing service to the students, college, community, and nation."

PILGRIMAGE

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circumstances of the inception of the idea and the evening of December 16, 1925, when he finally put his plan into action, and some of the difficulties which were faced during the early years. He told of Alpha Phi Omega becoming a national fraternity by the establishment of Beta Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh, and how the movement went from there on to

other campuses. He concluded his address by speaking briefly of the meaning of the name "Alpha Phi Omega" and of the significance of its relationship to the fraternity motto, "Leadership, Friendship, Service."

At the conclusion of Brother Horton's address, the representatives adjourned for an initiation ceremony, which was followed by a re-dedication service conducted by Brother Paul M. Leininger, a former Faculty Advisor to Alpha Chapter. The evening was closed by a social hour, which was featured by entertainment by a local gymnastic group, the "Teen-Age Tumblers," who are an offspring of an Alpha Chapter project of a few years ago.

On Sunday morning, the delegates attended church services at Colton Memorial Chapel on the Lafayette College campus which were conducted by the Reverend Frederick B. Crane of the First Presbyterian Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The Third Biennial Pilgrimage was concluded with a banquet in Hogg Hall. The featured speaker was Brother Robert G. Crosen, Dean of Faculty at Lafayette. Brother Crosen, the Scout Commissioner of the Delaware Valley Area, has maintained a strong interest in Alpha Phi Omega for many years. He addressed the assembled delegates on the subject of keys. He brought out the point that the giving of keys not only grants a privilege, but also includes some responsibility. He stated that this applies not only to keys to doors, but also to the keys which we wear signifying our membership in Alpha Phi Omega. The possession of these keys gives us the privilege of being considered brothers in Alpha Phi Omega, but also burdens us with the task of upholding and preserving all the principles which our fraternity stands for. This, maintained Brother Crosen, is the duty which we must accept if we are to be true brothers in Alpha Phi Omega, and if succeeding generations of brothers are to realize the full values which are possible from our brotherhood.

The 1956 Pilgrimage was attended by representatives from twelve different chapters with a grand total of 64 men. Chapters present included Alpha (Lafayette College), Kappa (Carnegie Institute of Technology), Phi (Syracuse University), Alpha Psi (Lehigh University), Gamma Omicron (Queens College), Epsilon Psi (Kent State University), Zeta Theta (Drexel

Institute of Technology), Zeta Upsilon (Boston University), Eta Iota (Millersville State Teachers College), Theta Psi (University of Bridgeport), Kappa Rho (Seattle University), and the Philadelphia Area Alumni Chapter.

Following adjournment, a member of Alpha Chapter stated, "The Third Biennial Pilgrimage was a great success. We are highly gratified to see such a good turnout for it. We realize that, because of distance, many chapters were unable to send representatives. However, we would like to thank them for their numerous telegrams, wishing us the best of luck. We have hopes that, through the continued co-operation of the many chapters within easy traveling distance, the next Pilgrimage will be even better than this one. Such an inspirational week end is a time well spent."

Note: Those desiring to secure prints of pictures taken at the Pilgrimage are asked to write to Wilson H. De Camp II, Box 275, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Do You Wear an Alpha Phi Omega Pin or Key?



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

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

National Office Is Open Throughout Summer Months

ON THE JOB TO SERVE YOU IN PREPARATION FOR THE FALL TERM

Maybe you have wondered what the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega does during the Summer months when chapter activities are at a minimum. Our office remains on the job to prepare for the next school year. Here are a few of the things we will be doing this Summer:

Correspondence from chapter officers and others will be promptly handled.

Registrations of new members received in the Summer will be recorded and certificates and cards will be issued.

Annual Activities Reports from chapters will be received and studied to determine how we may better serve your chapter and the others in the future.

A new edition of the Question and Answer pamphlet will be published to be ready for use among prospective new pledges in the Fall. Stocks of other supplies furnished to chapters will be replenished so your orders can be quickly filled in your preparations for the new year.

Bulletins will be issued in the late Summer to offer suggestions for a flying start in your Fall activities.

Preparations will be continued for our Fourteenth National Convention to be held at Long Beach, California, August 28 to 30, 1956. Lists of delegates have arrived from numerous chapters, and additional lists will be properly handled as they are received.

If you observe any way in which our National Office may assist you during the Summer months in your chapter's plans for 1956-57, please feel free to write. The office is on the job to serve you!

BULLETIN BOARD

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Recommended summer activities are:

Continue active or partial program in chapters which have a sufficient number of members on the campus during the Summer session.

Prepare for the Fall program, outlining objectives in all phases of AΦΩ activities.

Keep up contacts by mail among officers, members and advisors to coordinate plans for the new year.

Aid Scouting in your home town this Summer.

Write to brothers who are in the Armed Forces to keep them informed about AΦΩ.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Plans have been started for next year's issues of TORCH AND TREFOIL and we hope to make them of increasing value to the entire fraternity.

We invite all chapters to send news reports about recent service projects for use in Fall issues.

Pictures are especially desired—pictures showing members and pledges in action on service work. Those offer the best means of letting other chapters know about your projects. They will tell your story much more vividly than just words. Please send pictures whenever they can be secured in connection with your chapter projects.