

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



*"Serve and Conserve
To Speed Victory"*

With Courage We Forge Ahead

By H. Roe Bartle
National President

"Total war implies a reorganization of the lives of every member of the nation," says President Conant of Harvard University. In Alpha Phi Omega this means we cannot be content with "service as usual" - we must promote "more service than usual."

These are strenuous days, busy days for everyone. College men, who were already the busiest men in America, are now busier than ever. Many uncertainties confront all of us, but we must become skillful in living in uncertainty. The college man of purpose and character is applying himself fully to this responsibility and is giving a full measure of service on the "campus front." The tempo of life has stepped up to all-out activity.

The work of Alpha Phi Omega continues with increased significance. The enthusiastic reports in this issue evidence our Nationwide V Program to be in full swing. We are forging ahead. Despite the handicaps which are ours in the loss of many men to the armed services, those left on our campuses are doing an effective job, are carrying a double load, for themselves and for the brothers "out yonder." Aggressive action is at the helm in our chapters all over the nation. The number of new men pledged this fall is the largest in our history. Our chapters have recognized the need for more manpower and it is apparent that they are selecting quality as well as quantity, for our early fall projects, especially those in connection with the war effort, have been exceedingly successful.

With the coming of the 18-19 draft, our colleges will feel even more keenly the call of war. Like other businesses, our colleges and universities must gear their activities more closely to the nation's war effort and adjust their programs to the wartime need. But it does not follow that higher education must be halted for the duration. What of trained men and women for the future at a time when the highest possible degree of intelligence and education is our urgent need? What of technicians, engineers, scientists, doctors, and others in a post-war world? Obviously the colleges must be retained as great training centers for future needs, despite the necessity of drawing upon their personnel for the needs of the hour as well. The highest commendation is due our institutions of higher learning, for they have in magnificent fashion placed themselves at the service of the nation. They are not wasting time in deploring the inevitable, but are giving even greater emphasis to the opportunities which are theirs.

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Benson R. Bieley

Ben is twenty years old, entered Gamma Omicron Chapter at Queens College as a member of the petitioning group, admitted to full membership at the installation, December 15, 1940. He has been president the last two semesters, and before that he served as treasurer and secretary. He headed up the annual Christmas drive, an APO peace time project. He plays clarinet in the college band, introduced sale of war stamps on the campus as APO project. In summer he is a counsellor at the Boy Scout Camp at Narrowsburg, New York.

Ben was appointed chairman of the War Committee of the Student Council, of which he is a member, because he and APO were the only people on the campus who had a program ready for student war activities. APO under his leadership has been months ahead of the campus in visualizing what the war means to college youth and how they can serve while they are still on the campus. Naturally the Student Council turned to someone who was already doing a bangup job on the campus.

As chairman of the War Committee, Ben Bieley has worked out a program, such that all extracurricular activity should have some worthwhile war purpose behind it—the war should be the theme and inspiration of out-of-class activity. He is planning a monster rally on November 17th for International Students Day, for which he has invited a very prominent speaker. He is trying to get into the ground force of the Army Air Corps in spite of poor eyesight. Ben is a real campus leader. The campus knows him and likes him—an old story to the men of Gamma Omicron.

Another sidelight on Ben: When his chapter had trouble finding a hall for a dance, Ben suggested his cellar and it worked! He gets things done!

Congratulations and good wishes, Brother Ben Bieley!

Promote the sale of War Bonds and
Stamps on your campus. Back
our brothers with bullets.

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Unfortunately, our colleges and universities at the moment find it necessary to await forthcoming government decisions. I know that every man on America's campuses today is anxious to know how best he can serve his nation, how best he can proceed in his life plan.

Large numbers of students—yes, hundreds of Alpha Phi Omega men—are now in the reserve branches of the military services. Student reserves in colleges are now being built up rapidly. The latest statement reports the navy's purpose to maintain its student reserves until the required training has been completed.

Many are the problems, but an over-all program will undoubtedly be forthcoming soon from Washington, and it will open the way for all colleges and universities to fit more completely into this total war. Until then, I would recommend a five-point course of action for all college men to follow:

First, get into the reserves if possible, so your status will be defined.

Second, stay in school as long as the need of the armed forces will allow.

Third, study hard to get the most out of your educational work.

Fourth, take part in recreational, healthful and social activities.

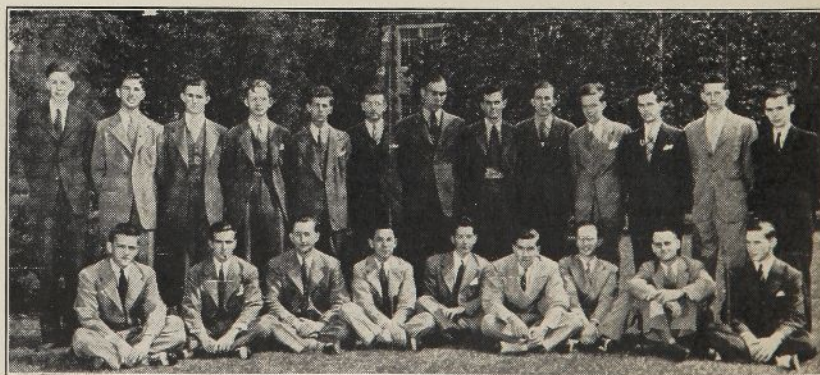
Fifth, serve your nation as a civilian in an organized series of valuable projects.

Alpha Phi Omega and its Nationwide V Program offer an unparalleled opportunity to render the utmost service on every campus. Its plan of action is **in action**. Hundreds of new pledges are now preparing for active membership and will soon be initiated into our ranks. Hundreds of other men are ready and eager to take part in our constructive service program, and should be given an opportunity to so do. Every chapter should keep constantly alert to membership opportunities, for the man of character wants to make use of every minute of his civilian hours in the best possible fashion. He needs Alpha Phi Omega and Alpha Phi Omega has need of him.

New men may be given assurance that their connection with Alpha Phi Omega will continue even if they are called into active service with the armed forces. Chapters and the national office alike maintain fellowship with these men on the training and fighting fronts. Thus the investment the new man makes in Alpha Phi Omega is more than a current one—it provides a continuous fraternal relationship, a brotherhood with those who serve America best.

Yes, even in the face of uncertainties Alpha Phi Omega is forging ahead—and there are service opportunities yet untouched. Let's continue to put into action our Nationwide V Program with all the manpower available. Let's carry on!

DELTA BETA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA



Charter members of Alpha Phi Omega at University of Oklahoma, installed May 24, 1942.

Nationwide V Program Is In Full Swing

The Basic "Five Points to Victory" Are Being Emphasized by Alpha Phi Omega Chapters in All Parts of the United States

Enthusiasm runs high in our Nationwide V Program. These fall weeks are filled with many service projects, fellowship meetings, pledging and initiation ceremonies. Yes, in every phase of our fraternity activity, growth is in constant evidence as shown by the V Program Reports in this issue. December 16 (our national birthday) is the great day on which this V Program will be climaxed with celebration of a job well done.

Plan Now for a big anniversary meeting in your chapter on December 16 to induct your fall pledges, review your past accomplishments, announce your plans for the future and commemorate the seventeenth birthday of our national brotherhood!

V PROGRAM AT MINNESOTA

By Don Finlayson,
President, Gamma Psi Chapter

Building a program around "V for Victory" is certainly appropriate for Alpha Phi Omega. We are a very vital part of the home fighting front and unless our job is done to perfection, victory is just that much removed. Gamma Psi Chapter is up to its neck in projects related to the war effort in addition to the everyday projects.

Our Service Men's Scholarship Fund drive is a very important war service. The goal for this year has been set at \$1000, but the sum total at present is over \$800 and by the time this is published, the goal will have been passed. In addition to this project, we are continuing the Conservation of Resources Campaign which worked so well last year. These are the type of services the campus really appreciates.

Following the second point in the "V" program, our services to campus and community have been greatly accelerated. Men of Gamma Psi are members of or chairmen of every special event on the campus including Homecoming, Sno Week, Dad's Day, Freshman Week and many others. In addition to this, we have taken over the leadership of the Micheal Downing School for Crippled Children. These projects must not be disregarded in favor of the more spectacular and publicity-favored war projects.

In regard to the third point, we have found

that the committee system is the only system on which to administrate a program. We have also found that the advisors are more than willing to advise committees and by referring to an advisor, many snags with the "powers that be" are avoided and precious time is saved. Men who are constantly at work on committees keep active in the fraternity. A chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has no use for an inactive man. We are an active bunch! We do things!

More manpower to do a bigger job. I am happy to report that at our last rushing meeting we pledged twelve men. These are all freshmen and have had a good background. These are the men we are going to trust with the future of Gamma Psi. Dick Aberg, our membership chairman is hot on the trail of at least that many more freshmen to swell the ranks. A goodly share of our chapter are seniors in the enlisted reserves and when we leave school, it will be a comforting thought to know that capable men will be at the helm.

More fellowship and fraternalism is indeed a vital point to be stressed. The meetings must be snappy and well-spiced with the feeling of friendship and fun. We realize that we are not a social fraternity, but social activities cannot be neglected. Stags, dances, card nites, bowling feuds, dinners and parties

make the work just that much easier. After all, we don't expect to be a modified work gang. A lot of satisfaction is gained from being of service, but social fun is like dessert after a hearty meal. More of that dessert at the meetings and outside meeting time means more and better service rendered.

This brief summary of what we are doing in the north at the present time is enough to show you how Gamma Psi has geared its program to a victory speed.

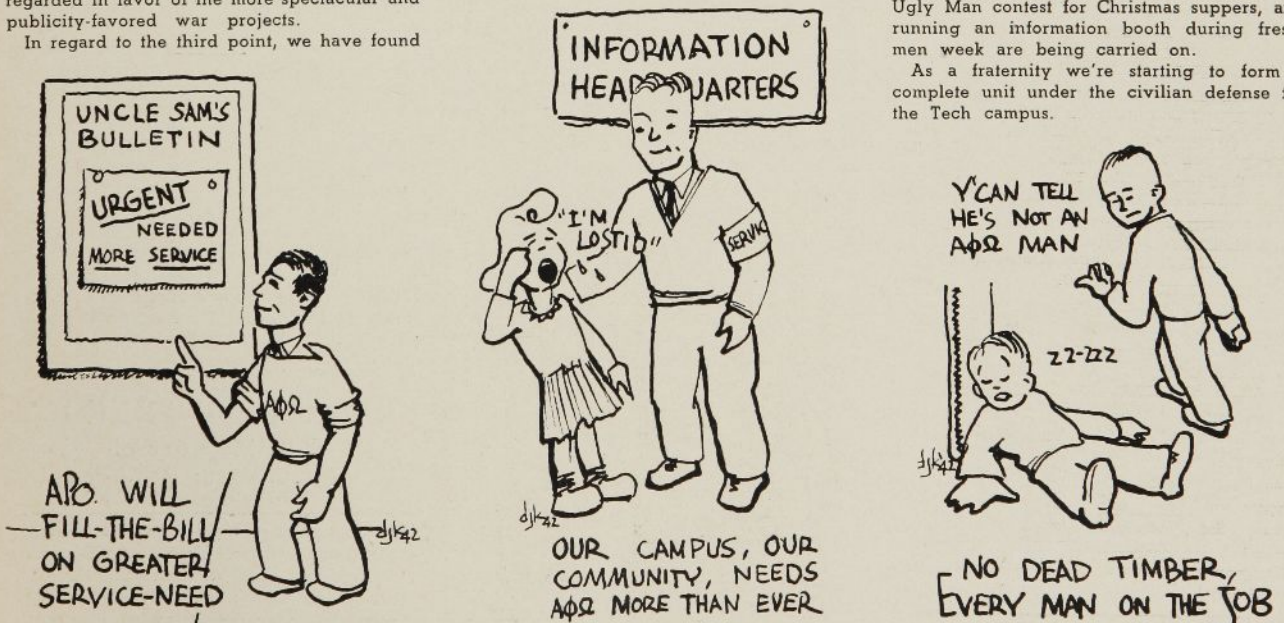
V PROGRAM AT GEORGIA TECH

By W. C. Kouns,
President, Gamma Zeta Chapter

We of Gamma Zeta have planned the following in APO Nationwide V Program: We are cooperating with the Interfraternity Council to have all Tech men give a pint of blood to the Red Cross. We are still operating our blood bank. APO is going one step farther in making it possible for each student and faculty member to know his blood type. We are preparing an Honor Roll for Tech men who have given their lives for our country. A large concrete bulletin board given by one of the graduating classes will be put into use for that.

Our old projects of keeping the post office bulletin board in order, staging our annual Ugly Man contest for Christmas suppers, and running an information booth during freshmen week are being carried on.

As a fraternity we're starting to form a complete unit under the civilian defense for the Tech campus.



1. More service in the war effort to speed victory.

2. More service to the campus and community.

3. More use of the committee system to get things done.

V PROGRAM AT SYRACUSE

By Carl A. Gardner,
President, Phi Chapter

Phi Chapter of Syracuse has already fulfilled one of the basic requirements for carrying out the Nationwide V program. We have just finished pledging twenty new men so that our membership is now at full strength. There is now being organized at Syracuse University a Campus Chest Fund drive to which APO is giving its fullest cooperation. This drive entails all of the points set forth in our fourfold program of service. It involves financial aid to needy students in foreign countries, rehabilitating American-born Japanese students who have been dislocated because of wartime policies toward the Japanese, aid to our students, and to the local community chest.

We feel that this project is a definite service and are using it to start this year with a 'bang' and to make it a banner year.

V PROGRAM AT SOUTHERN METHODIST

By Jack Harkey,
President, Alpha Omicron Chapter

Our annual freshman rush party tonight was a big success. Prospects are great for the best pledge class yet.

As for our projects along the "Defense Line" this year, we are putting on a big drive next Monday to type as many students' blood as possible for use in our blood corps as well as furnishing the students with important information in this war time. Our Victory Ball promises to be the biggest event of the year on our campus. It is scheduled for December 5, in our new gymnasium. Coming up in about three weeks is our campus-wide fingerprinting project. Materials have been obtained and as soon as men can be trained in the art, we'll cut loose with it. We are also taking over the sale of war bonds and stamps in the near future.

Alpha Omicron, as in the past, is playing an important role this year in positions of responsibility on the SMU campus. Brother Jimmy O. Smith, past treasurer of our chapter, is president of the Student Body this year, while Brother Trevor Rees-Jones, this year's social chairman of our group, holds down the vice-presidency of the students. The editor of the annual "The Rotunda" is Brother Bob Claxton, past secretary of our chapter. Also the associate editor and the three assistant

editors are men of APO. Also in the field of publications are Brother Jim Willson and myself as president and vice-president of the SMU Students' Publishing Company. Other Alpha Omicron brothers holding important offices are: Frank Boutwell, president of the "Y"; Bob Watkin, our vice-president this year, who is president of Phi Eta Sigma and chairman of homecoming; John Godbey, president of the Independent Students' Association; Jimmy Williams, our treasurer this year, president of Alpha Kappa Psi; and then there's Claxton again with the presidency of Blue Key which incidently is represented by eight of our brothers. All of these men were pledged to APO when they were freshmen at SMU. We have a strong policy of never pledging a man after he has already become a "Big Shot" on our campus.

V PROGRAM AT MILWAUKEE STC

By Robert Uber
President, Upsilon Chapter

Here comes our V Report! At the present time we are deeply involved in pledging activities. At the last count, our chapter numbers nineteen active members (the treasurer was just drafted), so we hope to pledge between ten and fifteen men within the next three weeks. Our first pledge function was so well attended that we will have no difficulty selecting that number of desirable men.

We too have felt the need for simplifying and streamlining chapter organization. However, our chapter constitution was so out of date and vague that it hindered a speed-up. For that reason it is being rewritten by the president and secretary. The new version was presented to the group last week and will be acted upon at the next business meeting. In this version, the standings of neophytes, pledges, and actives are precisely defined along with their responsibilities toward the chapter. Committees, their membership, officers, and duties have been more clearly defined.

Especially, emphasis has been placed on the elimination of duplication of duties. A single committee will plan the program for chapter meetings, another will handle all social gatherings, while a third will direct pledging activities and give pledges an opportunity to serve. All of these changes are in line with the recommendations set forth in the V Program.

We are working closely in cooperation with our college president and the deans in performing services on the campus. Off the campus, we are registered with the state council of defense as a service group. Last week the Russian sniper visited our city, and at the request of our college president we supplied a number of ushers for her appearance at the Milwaukee Municipal Auditorium.

We will keep on driving ahead, and with the contacts we can make through brothers who are holding key positions in college government and organizations, should have a very successful season.

V PROGRAM AT BROOKLYN

By Bert Kessler
Publicity Chairman, Gamma Iota Chapter

Gamma Iota Chapter at Brooklyn College is stepping up the tempo of war activities on the campus, and is already started on a vigorous campaign to help the war effort. The Red Cross drive is being handled exclusively by Alpha Phi Omega men, and we also intend to press our idea of making Brooklyn College a sort of get-together place for service men. We are also engaged in salvage drives and first aid instruction.

V PROGRAM AT TULANE

By Gene Usdin
Secretary, Gamma Upsilon Chapter

This fall Gamma Upsilon has been besieged by an amazing number of students desirous of becoming members of our organization. The position which Alpha Phi Omega holds on the campus and the fact that we are now able to select our pledges from a large group of interested men has been very gratifying in that it shows that our year and a half of work on this campus has been appreciated by the students and administration. Our program for this coming year is almost completely outlined. The main purpose of our entire year shall be to boost the war effort. In conjunction with this, we are sponsoring on October 24 a campus-wide war stamp dance with a special name, "The Singapore Sling." We are also publishing the student directory.

V PROGRAM AT TEXAS

By Dale Hewgley
President, Alpha Rho Chapter

Alpha Rho Chapter is putting forth every effort to comply with the National V Program. At present our activities agree with all five points of the program. Our big job now is to do everything in our power to add the word "More" to each of the five points through increased activities. Introducing the National V Program and Alpha Rho's part in it will be the theme of our executive council planning.

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MORE MEN NEEDED
... GOOD MEN!

4. More manpower to do a bigger job.



MORE FRATERNALISM!

5. More fellowship and fraternalism.

BLOOD DONING AT KANSAS STATE



Brother Frank Kaul being blood-typed in the donors service regularly conducted by Pi Chapter. Members are always available for transfusions for needy patients.

V PROGRAM AT IOWA STATE

By Lewis E. Plotkin,
Secretary, Xi Chapter

The Student War Council of Iowa State has given Alpha Phi Omega the responsibility of collecting scrap metal in a campus-wide drive. Excellent publicity has been received in the 'Daily Student' and we had a 15-minute radio program on our college station explaining the arrangements for the scrap drive and telling of the other war services being conducted by our chapter. All scrap collected is to be piled in a vacant lot near the campus until homecoming when the entire mass will be weighed and sold.

V PROGRAM AT FLORIDA

By Ray Pearson
President, Tau Chapter

Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega here at the University of Florida has gotten off to a bang-up start for our greatest year. The opening two weeks of school Alpha Phi Omega put over the best Book Exchange in the six years it has been running. Every member cooperated to the fullest. We are now in the midst of a series of open meetings to acquaint freshmen with some of our activities and our service to the campus, our community and ourselves.

We have started making immediate plans to carry out to the fullest extent our Nation-wide V Program.

1. **More Service to the War Effort to speed Victory.** We have taken a new and important part in the Reclamation Drive on campus. Plans are in progress by

the projects committee for a war stamp drive.

2. **More Service to Campus and Community.** The book exchange was a great success. The infirmity project is under way and a member visits the infirmity each day at five o'clock to take messages out, get books, or deliver letters and notes for sick Florida men. A committee with Wilson Ruers as chairman has completed plans for an information booth on the campus during homecoming. A new standing Boy Scout committee with Brother Fred Hallock as chairman is working on plans for the annual Boy Scout fair and jamboree. A committee with Brother Carlton Bliss as chairman are working on KKK drive plans (Keep Kampus Klean).

3. **More use of Committee System.** You can see from above that some new committees have been appointed. All the old committees are still hard at work.

4. **More Manpower.** Rushing is progressing fine. Letters have been mailed to all presidents of social fraternities about our organization and asking them to make an announcement to freshmen. Articles have been in the Florida Al-

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NATIONAL CONVENTION IS CANCELLED

In Cooperation With ODT

In step with our nation's war effort, the arrangements for Alpha Phi Omega's regular national convention for 1942 have been cancelled. This action is in accordance with the votes of the chapters. In the recent balloting, 86% of our chapters voted to eliminate our convention this year because of transportation difficulties.

This is a sensible and patriotic decision on the part of our fraternity. Although national conventions are an important part of our fraternity program, in these times it is significant that our chapters willingly forego the pleasure of a 1942 meeting in order to devote full energy to the increased number of service projects now before us.

The necessary matters of legislation which would have been presented at the convention will be presented by mail to be voted upon by all chapters. In accordance with Article 18, Section 2 of the National By-Laws, the time is at hand for the chapters and the national executive board to submit proposed alterations, amendments, or additions to the National Constitution and By-Laws. All such proposals should be sent to the national office by December 15, and they will in turn be submitted to all chapters to be voted upon in regular chapter sessions. The voting will close January 15, and the official announcement of any and all new national policies will be published in the February TORCH AND TREFOIL.

All proposed alterations, amendments, or additions to the National Constitution and By-Laws must be the majority action of a chapter or of the national executive board. Any and all proposals which your chapter submits must be presented in advance to regular chapter meetings and receive majority approval of your active members before such proposals are entitled to be included in the nationwide balloting. Proposals of individuals which have not received chapter approval cannot be included in the balloting.

In accordance with Article 18, Section 3 of the By-Laws, an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the chapters shall be necessary to adopt each alteration, amendment, or addition to our national regulations.

With the cancellation of the national convention, all chapters are encouraged to arrange inter-chapter meetings where this is possible without excessive travel. An increased number of personal visits by our national secretary and by members of the national executive board will be included in our winter and spring program, and the convention fund set aside in our national treasury to help finance this year's meeting, will be used in rendering extra services from our national office.



Has all available scrap metal been collected on your campus? If not, put the full force of your chapter into a campus-wide drive for every possible pound of this vital war material!

ligator and the Orange & Blue bulletin each week. Freshmen are being contacted personally who have answered in their freshman questionnaires that they have been Scouts.

5. **More Fellowship and Fraternism.** A big Victory Banquet is being planned for December 16 to top our program. We have definite plans for an outdoor pledging ceremony with a steak roast and Coca-Colas. The men who make up the active chapter are the finest our organization has ever had. Brother Mickey Mixson was elected secretary and treasurer of the sophomore class in recent campus elections. Two men who plan to pledge, Jack Fleming and Jimmy Paine, were elected to freshman class offices. I still hold the position of clerk of Florida's juvenile honor court. Our organization is well represented in campus affairs.



Send
a
letter
to a
brother
in the
service.

BLOOD FOR THE ARMED FORCES

By Walter W. Haller, Kappa Chapter, Carnegie Tech

(This timely editorial appeared in the September 29 issue of *The Carnegie Tartan*, and is reprinted by special permission of the editors.)

The government is asking for thousands of units of human blood a month to be used in transfusions to save the lives of soldiers, sailors, and civilians suffering from shock following injuries, hemorrhage, or burns.

The Red Cross blood donor service is the answer to this request. It is meeting a basic National Defense need. Through this service, volunteer blood donors have an opportunity to take vital part in the war program.

By miracle of modern science, blood donations are so treated that the plasma, or liquid content from which corpuscles have been removed, may now be dried and kept indefinitely. It is thus ready for emergency transfusion even under chaotic conditions of battle, disaster or accident ashore, at sea, or in the air.

The United States is asking for 3,000,000 pints of blood. The quota for Pittsburgh is 2,000 pints a week. Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, is aiding the C. I. T. War Committee in registering blood donors on the campus. Members of both student body and faculty will be requested to give a pint of blood which will be used exclusively for the armed forces. A. P. O. men will register those who wish to cooperate and an appointment will be made for each person at a definite time and place.

This campaign represents a change in policy in that the Red Cross will bring its facilities to the Carnegie campus, and it will not be necessary for those who wish to donate blood to go downtown to the Wabash Building, as formerly. If under 21, the student must have the written consent of his parents.

By giving blood for the armed forces, college students will have an opportunity to contribute to the war effort in a practical and direct way.

V PROGRAM AT DEPAUW

By Don Rehm
President, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Alpha Phi Omega at DePauw is moving forward in long strides this year to give better service and to insure a richer fellowship and to fulfill the five-point V program.

We are now attacking a huge problem with a huge solution. We are organizing a Yeoman Brigade to offer services as farm labor around Greencastle to farmers who are hard-pressed for help. We are going to ask 100 per cent cooperation from every man student to work when called on his free afternoons at wages equal to N.Y.A. standards. Serious food shortage looms on the horizon. We hope to prove that college students can and will toil and sweat to contribute to our nation's war effort.

We have given every member and pledge a committee assignment on the eighteen committees, and we will uphold our standards requiring work on two service projects before a pledge can be initiated.

Fellowship takes a front seat this year. In order to build strong fraternal ties among forty-eight students, each already owing loyalty to his own social organization, we are now holding meetings around the festive board on alternate Saturdays from 12:00 to 2:00, eating together and singing APO ballads between courses. Already we notice a new pride and a new *esprit de corps* in our fraternity.

V PROGRAM AT MICHIGAN STATE

By Robert E. Lenz
President, Beta Beta Chapter

I thought, after reading the five points of the V Program that we aren't doing anything. Then I thought again, and analyzed each point separately. This is what I found Beta Beta is doing to help in our victory program.

1. **More service in war effort to speed victory.** An office of civilian defense was started on campus and Beta Beta not only helped finance it but also has representatives working on all projects. Also, finding a labor shortage to harvest the present beet crop for sugar the authorities called on us to feel out the student body's reaction to harvesting them. Our results were very good. In fact now the men students, yes and some girls too, are out every afternoon harvesting the much needed sugar beet crop.

Beta Beta sponsored a "Slut That Rumor Monger" campaign by placing appropriate signs around the campus.

2. **More service to campus and community.** The previous projects that were mentioned also fall under this classification. However we also sponsor campus projects such as: Women's week registration, Interfraternity Singing, Freshman visitation and a Homecoming Dance, which incidently is Saturday evening, October 24th. The proceeds from this dance go to such things as a loan fund and victory projects that need financing as specified by the college.

3. **More use of committee system to get things done.** We have a very efficient system of committees.

In our setup every man has a definite place in the chapter and there is no guess work as to what he is to do. The committees under the "Projects Chairman" can be used separately or as one combined committee, depending on the scope of the project. The number of these committees depends on the size of the chapter. It is a good idea to rotate them so that one group doesn't do all the work.

Our meetings are conducted according to parliamentary law with a break in proceedings for committee meetings. At this time the committees discuss business on which they will report later in the meeting. Twice a month the executive council meets with the committee chairmen and any problems are ironed out.

4. **More manpower to do a bigger job.** Beta Beta has in the past, and still conducts at least one smoker or get-together for any men interested in joining APO each term. This is our main method of obtaining members, however, we are taking the national office's advice and are going to accept a man any time during the year that he wants to pledge. Also personal contacts provide a good method of obtaining men of quality.

5. **More fellowship and fraternism.** This I believe is one of the most important points of consideration. Although our emphasis may now be on the war and victory, we can't overlook fellowship and fraternism with our brothers. Beta Beta has a name tag for each member which is worn at all meetings. This promotes an easy method of introduction of the men.

Although we have been carrying out the national victory program pretty well, we here at Michigan State aren't satisfied yet. There is still much more to be done and we plan to expand our service still farther.

JAPANESE STUDENTS AID IN SCRAP DRIVE AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



This group of American-born Japanese students sent from the West Coast to Washington University in St. Louis are shown helping gather scrap metal for America's war effort in the recent drive sponsored by Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. In the picture, second from right (in ROTC uniform) is Brother Leonard Wiedershine, president of the chapter. (This picture was published in the October 27 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and was re-leared to the TORCH AND TREFOIL by courtesy of the editors.)

V PROGRAM AT PURDUE

By John H. Eicher,

President, Alpha Gamma Chapter

We have studied the announcement of the Nationwide V Program with great interest and believe that it presents a sincere and comprehensive effort for Alpha Phi Omega men.

The plans of our chapter here at Purdue have been organized around the five points and all new plans and projects will be included under the classification of these five points. I will report in order on the plans now in operation for our chapter:

1. **More Service to Speed the War Effort.** Alpha Gamma has been participating in several projects designed to aid the war effort directly, among which are first aid instruction for students on the campus and for townspeople in co-operation with the Office of Civilian Defense, and also in drives for the collection of scrap. On Saturday, October 17, our members helped direct and work in an all-campus scrap metal collection. All local records were beaten that day, as much as 20 tons of scrap being collected from a single university building. Alpha Phi Omega members did their share on that day. One of the projects of the present pledge class is to collect scrap metal from places out of reach of the other collectors. Our boys are working on scrap at some gravel pits and along railroad sidings, having obtained permission to do so from the authorities.
2. **More Service to Campus and Community.** Most important of the fall's activities in this direction is the administration and instruction work for swimming being given to the Boy Scouts

in the university's pool.

3. **More Use of the Committee System.** The planning and work of this chapter is centered in the executive committee, headed by Coordinator Willis Schalliol. This semester the committee has been getting things done, especially because of the constant advice and interest of our senior faculty advisor, Prof. DenUyl.
4. **More Manpower.** Our manpower is increasing. We have the largest number of old men this semester (55), the largest number of advisors (13), and the largest number of pledges (29), in the chapter's history. We hope that we may be able to accomplish more than ever before.
5. **More Fellowship and Fraternalism.** With the help of the executive committee, Alpha Gamma's second vice president and program chairman, Howard Weaver, has planned a detailed program of fellowship. His program has already included four speakers at regular meetings and an outdoor meeting and hike, together with a picnic supper. Many activities have been planned for the current pledge period and Howard is constantly keeping his detailed plans about one month ahead of date, insuring the proper publicity for our activities and projects.

Thanksgiving and Christmas . . . offer excellent opportunities for service to needy families. It is recommended that your community projects committee contact the local welfare authorities to see how Alpha Phi Omega may best aid in providing baskets of foodstuffs and other necessities.

What's New in Service Projects

CAR POOLING AT MIAMI

By Martin Greenberg,
Secretary, Alpha Pi Chapter

At registration time we originated the idea of car pooling among University of Miami Students. Enrollees were handed cards on which to indicate if they were interested in sharing cars for transportation to and from the campus. The idea caught on quickly and students began making arrangements with each other. Now that gas rationing for the entire nation is not far distant, it might be well for all chapters to encourage car pooling for school travel.

SERVICE MEN INVITED TO ALPHA ETA CHAPTER MEETINGS

By John Mack, Corresponding Secretary

Our chapter at University of Kansas City has just installed a new project which we believe would be worth while for all chapters, especially those in larger cities. We decided to invite all members of APO who are in the armed forces to our meetings. Our first step was to contact organizations where most of the men go when in our city. These included the USO, Canteen, YMCA, and Jewish Center.

Then, we put up posters telling about the weekly meetings, and giving the names and telephone numbers of several members who would know the details of each meeting. The posters are very attractive, with the APO emblem at the top. We are sure this will bring quick response to past members of Alpha Phi Omega, and we hope to show these men an evening of real leadership, friendship, and service.

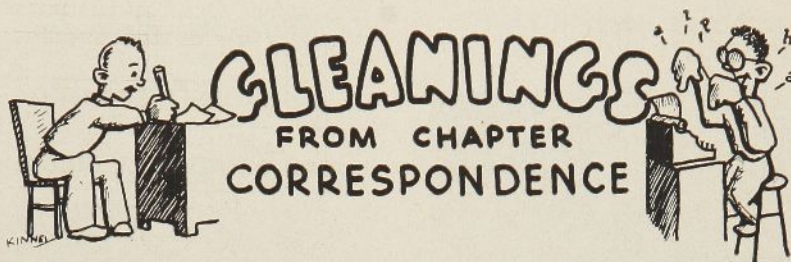
NOVEMBER IS ELECTION MONTH

This month new officers will be elected in most chapters in accordance with our regular schedule of semi-yearly elections. Choose your new officers wisely, selecting the best qualified man for each position of leadership in your chapter! The standard installation ceremony is recommended for installing your new officers in a fitting manner.



NEW OFFICERS,
FRESH STARTS...
RENEWED AMBITIONS

Let's Give them support!



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Alpha Alpha is glad to announce the pledging of 18 new men. Our projects already completed this fall include Boy Scout Day at the Butler-Illinois football game, and served as hosts at homecoming. Our university guide service arrangements are now being completed and we also have plans underway for student-faculty ice skating parties."

—Ed Rinchart, President

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"We have seven good projects underway not counting rushing. Right now we are concentrating on bringing in new members in preparation for an initiation ceremony November 3."

—Gene Wall, Secretary

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"The number of students at school who were former Scouts has surpassed our fondest expectations, and therefore we expect good results in pledging."

—Robert Todd, Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

"We chapters of this national fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, are fortunate in realizing an active and cooperative interest shown by the National Office. You don't give us a chance to lag, which is essential in perpetuating the principles of our organization."

—Harold Brevick, President

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"We have quite a number of good prospects for pledging and I am sure that the other chapters throughout the nation are having the same luck. I am positive we will have a good year."

—Ed Feigin, Editor, Alpha Pi Bulletin

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

"The third victory ball at SLI will be sponsored by Beta Phi Chapter in December. Our veterans scholarship fund, in which all receipts of the victory balls are placed, now totals about five hundred dollars and is being increased each semester."

—Antoine Boustany, Secretary

CENTRAL MISSOURI TEACHERS COLLEGE

"As this is written, over three tons of scrap metal have been secured in our campus-wide drive sponsored by Beta Kappa Chapter, and this is only the beginning."

—John E. Chambers, Secretary

C. C. N. Y.

"Gamma Epsilon's first fall projects include our book exchange, information service and tours for Freshmen, registration aid, "Lost and Found" service, and cooperation with the intramural board and student defense council."

—Sheldon Langer, Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

"With the fall program of Delta Alpha Chapter well underway, our projects of the immediate future include scrap collection, and fingerprinting of students and faculty."

—John R. Moegling, Secretary

HOWARD COLLEGE

"Fourteen men have been pledged thus far this semester in Gamma Chi Chapter, a strong addition to the manpower of our fraternity."

—Robert Woody, Secretary

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"Fingerprinting, book exchange, and scrap metal drive are three major projects conducted by Beta Omicron Chapter this fall. We are also printing an advertising blotter, desk size, to be presented to all students, and the profits from this will be used in our other service projects."

—Edward Gyax, Secretary

SAN DIEGO STATE

"Library tours and registration service, poll work at class elections, and sending newspapers to the men in the service are included in our service projects in Alpha Delta Chapter. We are now at work publishing our student directory and sponsoring the sale of war stamps to students and faculty."

—Keith Dixon, Secretary

MASSACHUSETTS TECH

"The number of former Scouts who have entered M. I. T. this fall is very large, and the outlook of Alpha Chi is most promising. This year should be one of the best in the history of our chapter."

—Morris H. Rosenthal, Secretary

C. C. N. Y.

"I am happy to report that our joint dinner with Gamma Epsilon Chapter, celebrating our anniversary, was a grand success. About seventy persons attended, and several of our brothers in the army were present."

—Norman Oshin, Secretary

NORTHEAST MISSOURI TEACHERS

"Things are really on the upward trend in Epsilon Chapter. Our first fall initiation will be held November 4 at which Dr. Ryle, our college president, and Professor Shain will be inducted as faculty advisors along with the induction of our first fall pledges."

—E. L. Heying, Treasurer

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

"Our activities in Gamma Theta Chapter this year are concerned mainly with the war effort, such as bond and stamp sales, conservation, economy, and reclamation. Ten new men have been pledged and we plan to pledge additional men throughout the year."

—Ben Donsky, President

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Beta Theta Chapter has thus far pledged ten new men and we have a sizeable group of prospective men from which to select additional pledges. Several men this fall have come to us asking how they may affiliate with Alpha Phi Omega and we are pleased that our recent projects have created so much interest."

—Bill Parsons, President

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TEACHERS

"A special committee was formed at a recent meeting of Eta to make arrangements for our fraternity week-end at Dr. Hayes' summer home. Also a committee was appointed to begin plans for selling war stamps on the campus. We really believe in the committee system to get things done."

—Ken Bryson and Don Smith,
Committee of Correspondence

QUEENS COLLEGE

"At present Gamma Omicron is at work on service projects, sale of war stamps, construction of a ditch vault for a commando training course, mailing school paper to men in the service, and distributing advance notices of radio programs given by the college. Right now our immediate project is the dismantling of pin ball machines rounded up by local police. All salvage material, wires, transformers, contact relays, and electro-magnetic hook-ups are made available to the physics classes of the college."

—Saul J. Harris, Historian

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE NYU

"The September projects of Gamma Omega Chapter included freshmen orientation, Red Cross registration for water safety and first aid courses, survey of former Scouts on campus, publishing student directory, blood donations, and sponsoring the scrap drive."

—L. M. Brettschneider, Secretary

WESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

"In the past week we had a visit from Mr. Howard Brawn of the National Personnel Division of the Boy Scouts of America who spoke to the fraternity on Scouting as a vocation and as an avocation."

—Stanley Derby, President

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"Our program in Gamma Iota for October and November includes our pledge smoker, orientation aid to freshmen, roller skating party, open forum meeting, work with the college defense salvage committee (we are now collecting silk for parachutes) and a pledge-brother social to get better acquainted with our new men."

—George Roth, Corres. Secretary

SAN JOSE STATE

"The members of Gamma Beta Chapter are looking forward to a very successful quarter. We anticipate a large pledge class, and with great enthusiasm on the part of our active members, we should really go places this year."

—Ed Carman, Vice President

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Progress is good in Gamma Rho Chapter."

—Lyndon Grant, Scouting Advisor