



All over America, citizens in every walk of life pause at this season of the year to return thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings which have been enjoyed. We of Alpha Phi Omega have reason to be thankful for the opportunities availed us for unselfish service, for the splendid cooperation we have received from many sources, for the measure of success which our efforts have achieved and for the satisfaction which has come to us in serving others.

We are thankful for the American way of life, that gives us the privilege to study, see and hear what we choose, to worship as we please, to express our opinions openly, to vote for what and whom we please, and gives us a constitutional right to trial by jury and protects us against search and seizure. We are thankful for unprecedented opportunities for higher education and for the sense of responsibility which we have to render service to our fellowmen.

May divine blessing shine upon our future efforts to extend Leadership, Friendship and Service as a powerful force in every college and university in our nation.

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The 1946 National Convention Will Bring Delegates From All Parts of Nation

From the north, south, east and west will come chapter delegates to the ninth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in Kansas City, Missouri, December 28 and 29. By many means of transportation, men of Alpha Phi Omega will make their way to the Heart of America to invest two full days of their Christmas vacation in the fraternity which gives us the joy and satisfaction of unselfish service to others.

Advance interest in the coming convention gives assurance that over 500 delegates will be in attendance. "I'll see you in Kansas City" has become a popular slogan in correspondence and in fraternity contacts.

PURPOSES

First, to review the achievements of Alpha Phi Omega since the previous convention, and receive progress reports from the chapters.

Second, to plan the future development of Alpha Phi Omega and formulate policies which will govern and guide the growth of the organization during 1947 and 1948.

Third, to provide good fellowship and personal acquaintanceship among chapter representatives from all chapters throughout the nation. For many this will be a reunion and a renewal of friendships established at previous meetings.

PARTICIPATION

Two official delegates from each chapter will have power to vote on questions which come before the convention assembly.

In addition, each chapter is welcome to send as many non-voting delegates as can come.

Visitors are also invited. College officials, Scout leaders and students interested in forming new chapters are welcome to attend the convention as visitors to learn first-hand about Alpha Phi Omega's service program and administrative policies.

COSTS

There is a "bulge" in convention prices the same as in everything else. However, the prices obtained at the President Hotel for our A-Phi-O convention are moderate in comparison to other quotations received. Here they are:

Luncheon, December 28: \$1.50

Banquet, December 28: 3.00

Lodging, December 28: 2.75 average, depending upon type of room.

Luncheon, December 29: 1.50

There will be no group breakfast arrangements, all delegates being on their own for breakfast. The Coffee Shop in the President Hotel and several nearby cafes serve breakfast at reasonable prices.

Parking for cars is available in the hotel garage at 75c for 24 hours, or \$1.00 for in-and-out service each 24 hours.

All overhead expense of the convention, including registration, exhibits, entertainment, and similar items will be paid by the national fraternity, so the expense to the chapter representatives will be only for actual costs of hotel, meals, transportation and personal incidentals.

Residents of Kansas City or other delegates who have relatives or friends with whom they may stay (thus eliminating the lodging expense) will be permitted to buy separate tickets for the luncheons and banquet.

Early arrivals. Delegates who find it advisable to register at the hotel the night before the convention opens, or stay the night after the convention closes, must necessarily notify the national office to insure adequate reservations.

RESERVATIONS

Each chapter has been asked to report to the national office its selection of voting delegates and its list of non-voting delegates. Advance registrations are necessary because of the crowded hotel situation. Get your name in the pot early!

"OUR FRATERNITY"

By Robert J. Payne

Omicron Chapter

(This is an introductory program presented at the first meeting this fall in Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa.)

"Here's to Alpha Phi Omega, Loyal Brothers, We. . . ."

But wait . . . our toast song says "Loyal Brothers." That's the keynote of a real fraternity relationship all right. But I wonder how often we overlook the real meaning and worth of that relationship. Ours is a real privilege to be affiliated with an organization where our fellow members are real brothers in thought and action.

". . . True to self and to each other. . . ."

That's right. When we're loyal brothers, we are naturally true to each other. That should go without saying. Yet, when we examine ourselves honestly as to our past attitudes, each one of us can resolve sincerely to be true to each other in a more dynamic and cooperative sense. That firmness of brotherly devotion proceeds from a fundamental recognition of the worth of all fellow men—of the values of the very thing we call "self." Therefore, we must be true to ourselves as well. A wholesome evaluation of the self will make us more selfless and should help us to extend ourselves in real brotherly help to one another.

And only by that sort of interdependence, that sort of cooperation, can we expect to fulfill the great opportunities of the program which is spread before us. Only by being true to self and to each other can we cooperate to discharge the sacred duties of the offices and responsibilities to which we have pledged ourselves.

Well, gang, that means only one thing. There certainly isn't any room in our organization for petty selfishness, for unkind acts or even unkind thoughts against one another. We have to be devoted to the tasks that are ours, with no thought of jealousy or malice toward our fellow workers. Otherwise, we cannot be fellow-workers. "Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service" calls us to the highest de-



mands of character. Gone are the days of unhealthful factions and selfish interests. It is time for us to learn the lesson that even a pair of mules have long ago known: we don't accomplish anything by pulling in opposite directions, but only by pulling together.

"Firm in loyalty. . . ."

That's another important need in our program. Not only loyalty to each other, but loyalty to the great aims and ideals upon which our organization has spread to the far campuses of the United States. We have more than a particular campus binding us; we have more than economic or social or racial bonds. The bond of service to which we are all dedicated transcends and crosses all these other bonds. Sure we're all busy. Classes from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for some of us. Some of us are straddled with other activities. It's fine to know that our Alpha Phi Omega men are leaders in widely varying activities throughout the campus. Others of us have jobs which are necessary to give us the opportunity of a college education, and, indeed, of Alpha Phi Omega itself. . . . But there will be times when we must

realize our allegiance to Alpha Phi Omega and remain firm in loyalty to its call when our help is needed. Here again, only by cooperation—working together—can we accomplish the kind of service we can be proud of, the kind of service that has remained the backbone of Alpha Phi Omega since 1925.

"Daily working, daily striving. . ."

That's right—DAILY! That doesn't mean we have to give a certain amount of our time every day to performing A-Phi-O projects, but it means we must live constantly that our character and personality may mark us as a fit follower of Alpha Phi Omega. Our every concern must reflect our keen awareness of human values and needs. It must reflect our alertness to every opportunity for service—personal or group service.

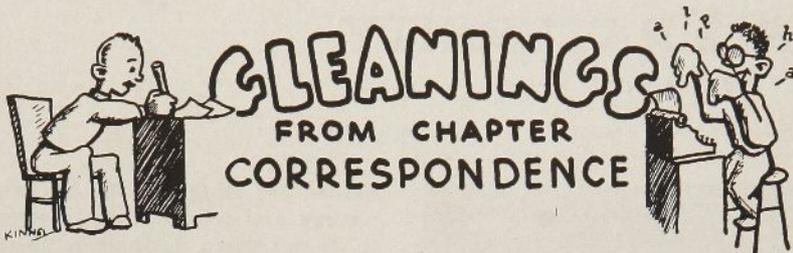
"Ever more to be men of Alpha Phi Omega. . . ."

Ever more to be! That's it. There is the challenge for us as we start out on a new year's activities. We are all prepared to face the problems before us with renewed vigor and fresh insight and to lick the obstacles before us, with that same cooperative spirit we've been talking about. It isn't enough to say these things. We've got to burn them in our minds and live by them. Let each man ask himself, "Will my every thought and deed this year be worthy of the name 'Alpha Phi Omega'?"

". . . . Our Fraternity."

. . . . "Our fraternity." It is our fraternity, all right. What a great heritage we have, if we can only make ourselves aware of it and live up to it. The challenge for this year is truly great. The future of our chapter rests with you, fellows, and with me. Let's not kid ourselves . . . we can't let Joe do it . . . come to the meetings and go to the paper drives and help at the hospital . . . no, we can't be sure anything Joe does will ever get

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

We conducted a two-week fingerprint coverage of the campus for the local police. The fingerprints will be part of the civilian files of the F.B.I. We were furnished the equipment by the local police and set up a booth in the Student Union. The school paper gave us wonderful coverage and the student-body was very cooperative. Police estimate that 95% of the student body and faculty have now been fingerprinted.

Our chapter has undertaken the policing of all student elections, the elections are run by student senate, we furnish the necessary personnel to check student identification, keep order, and count votes. To date we have covered two large elections, Kampus Kilroy contest, and the combined Freshman Class Officers and Freshmen Senate Representatives for each school.

Our chapter conducts the Lost and Found Department of the Student Senate and hopes to shortly relieve the Senate of this department. The articles are collected from each of the campus buildings each week and the owners notified if possible. Valuable articles are advertised in the school paper. Lost and Found Auction Sales are held each semester and are quite a campus affair, each sale nets the Senate about \$100.00.

—Norman V. Benedict, President.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

The Alpha Eta Chapter has completed plans for their annual "Turkey Hop" to be held November 27. The "Turkey Hop" is a free, all-school dance sponsored by this chapter. Twelve new members were formally initiated into the chapter October 9 and another group of men is being prepared to take the pledge vows. These men will be initiated at the completion of their indoctrination period. Along the social lines, a hayride was held for all members and pledges on October 18.

—Frank Royer, Corresponding Secretary.

ALABAMA TECH

Our latest group of pledges constructed a bench at the entrance of the college for the use of students who are "thumbing a ride home" for weekends.

—John S. Bath, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Delta Alpha Chapter is now reorganizing after being inactive during the war. We have recovered our chapter property and have set our own quota of 25 new active members to be included in "The H. Roe Bartle Class."

—Alfred E. Isaac, Reorganizer.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

As a result of our recent open house, twenty-seven new men have been pledged. For our second project, the service committee is assisting the university authorities in completing the necessary records for a student directory, and our latest undertaking is the selling of license plates to the students for the highway department. We are granted a commission of 25c for each license sold and expect a nice chunk of revenue from this source.

—Alton P. Warren, Secretary.

MILWAUKEE STATE

Upsilon Chapter is making great strides. Upsilon is like a pendulum on the upswing. Our advisors are good and sincere men, and our new members are sensing their responsibilities, and the campus is loaded with prospective pledge material. This will be a banner year for Alpha Phi Omega on the campus.

—Ben E. Lane, Vice-President.

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

Gamma Beta is all set for a big school year starting with our information and census booth. We have the Bindex again and we will distribute a copy to every student. This year should be a great year not only for Gamma Beta but for every chapter from coast to coast. With the capacity enrollment in most colleges and universities every chapter should have its membership quota filled. With the many more students the opportunities for service will increase many-fold.

—Ed Carman, President.

HOWARD COLLEGE

We now have nineteen pledges whom we are expecting to complete their pledge projects and belong to "The H. Roe Bartle Class." Our main project for this quarter is getting out the student directory. This project is nearly complete. We have added 126 boxes to the campus post office to meet the needs of a greatly enlarged student body. The boxes cost us \$150. The school loaned us the money which we are to pay back by next May.

—William T. Edwards, Jr., Secretary.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

At the first meeting of Beta Xi Chapter this fall, our six available active members were present plus twenty-four prospective members.

—Richard Wilhelm, Secretary.

TEXAS TECH

The activities for this semester are well underway and all indications are that it will be a great one for Beta Sigma. Our rush party will be held October 13 in the Hilton Hotel and we are expecting to pledge about 30 men this semester. We have about 70 members on the campus which will give us a very large chapter to work with.

In regard to the establishment of the APO chapter at West Texas State College at Canyon, I can report that it is progressing. We hope to have the chapter installed before December so that they may have representatives at the National Convention.

—Howard Loveless, Vice-President.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

At the first open meeting of Lambda Chapter for the fall of 1946, we had 140 men in attendance. This was a result of personal calls at the social fraternity houses inviting former Scouts to attend, plus the mailing of 250 invitation cards and an announcement in the University newspaper. Dean Henry Werner, Dean of Students, was our speaker and he gave a very challenging message to all. We now anticipate a pledge group of between 50 and 65 men to be initiated in "The H. Roe Bartle Class."

—Robert Dale Judy, President.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Twenty-five new men were pledged in Tau Chapter on October 10 and they have been assigned two projects. The first is conducting the polling booths for class elections and the second is conducting registration booths for alumni during homecoming. Both of these projects are of utmost importance to the entire University, and I am pleased that our chapter has been able to accept these assignments. We are forging ahead under full power.

—Thomas M. Parker, Jr., President.

C.C.N.Y.

The service program of Gamma Epsilon Chapter during the Centennial Year of C.C. N.Y. will include participation in the centennial exhibition, relabeling of the campus trees, freshman elections, Friday night dances, labeling the portraits in the school, faculty hobby exhibit, lost and found booth, Christmas sing, intramurals, faculty wives exhibition, school elections, New York state geological convention, centennial ball, Dean's freshman reception, club activity exhibition, registration survey, alumni exhibition, building of coat racks, dance survey, March of Dimes drive, annual student hobby exhibition, ushering at special centennial functions, war relief clothes drive, departmental exhibits, and aid in freshmen orientation.

—Don Peaceman, Secretary.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Our service projects thus far this fall include continuance of our campaign of sending books to European Universities, participation in the Community Chest Drive in St. Louis, and a city-wide swimming instruction program for Scouts at our campus pool.

—Arthur Greiner, Past President.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

We have solved the financial matter of sending Phi Chapter's delegates to the national convention. At the suggestion of the Social Director of the University, several of our members are to work as ushers at various university functions and also work in the check room at university dances for which regular pay will be received and will be turned into the chapter treasury. Our chapter has been engaged in the local Community Chest Campaign, and at our first open meeting we had thirty-two interested prospective members in attendance.

—Robert E. Temple, Past President.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS STATE

Dean Ernest E. Hanson, who was originally initiated as an active member of Eta Chapter in 1927 and later returned as Dean of Men, is this year proceeding toward a Ph.D. at Michigan State College and is counselor at the Mason Hall there.

During the time Dean Hanson will be away, the acting Dean of Men is James G. Meldrum, also a former active member of Eta Chapter who entered the fraternity in 1932. Dean Meldrum has for the past nine years been located at Woodstock, Illinois, in high school administrative work and has taken graduate work at the University of Chicago.

—Charles R. Burden, Alumni Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

The roster of Gamma Rho Chapter now includes 57 men and I would say that about 50 of these are really active. When I say active, I don't mean they just come to the meetings once a week, but they have the fraternity uppermost in their minds all of the time. We are going to sponsor an all-college "Sadie Hawkins Day" dance. The Chat will give us front page coverage on the event.

—R. Wesley Brock, National Reporter.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE

Our members are really interested and are pushing APO to a top position of service on the campus. They are certainly giving it all they have. One of our projects is conducting Scout swimming instructions in a campus pool. We have plenty of other projects up our sleeve which will be reported as time passes. We are a new chapter but we are on the job.

—Warren Coffey, Secretary.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY

Alpha Omega Chapter started this semester by joining with the Student Council in sponsoring an all school mixer in honor of the incoming Freshmen. It was a get-acquainted party for everyone in school with dancing to records, and movies in the school projection room.

In our program of service to the school, APO men are always available to act as guides for visitors on our campus.

At our last meeting Dr. William Kelly, one of our advisors, installed our new president, C. B. Jackson.

—Ralph L. Willard, Historian.

INDIANA STATE CONFERENCE A FINE SUCCESS

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, representatives of six Indiana campuses and one in Ohio assembled at Butler University for their annual conference. A lively discussion was held, including reports of projects, fellowship, membership and methods.

Represented at the conference were Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue, Alpha Upsilon Chapter at DePauw, Beta Lambda Chapter at Indiana State, Alpha Iota Chapter at Ohio State University, and preparatory groups at Wabash College and Ball State Teachers College.

Brother Delmer H. Wilson, State Chairman of Alpha Phi Omega for Indiana, conducted the meeting in his masterful way.

A special feature of the occasion was an address by Dr. J. M. Gallardo, a Scouter from Puerto Rico who is now on the faculty at Wabash. He emphasized the world friendship values of Scouting.

"Our Fraternity"

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done. We can only be sure that what we do will be done. Maybe during the year we can widen our horizons a bit and meet with some of the other fellows in the state who are bound up to the same great ideals of service. December will bring a chance for some of us to meet nationally other fellow Alpha Phi Omega men. Yet, it is indeed "OUR FRATERNITY," so again, let each man ask himself, "Will Alpha Phi Omega be a better organization at Iowa this year because I am a member?" If he can't say "Yes," without reservation, he needs to re-examine his motives and purposes for belonging to Alpha Phi Omega.

Let us think in silence for a moment about the big job we have to do and try to organize our thinking in hopes that we might carry forward Alpha Phi Omega to a really significant year.

AT THE "MARCH OF DIMES" DANCE AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Feature of the March of Dimes dance sponsored by Beta Eta Chapter is the election and crowning of the "First Lady of the Ball." Shown here is Charles Decker, then chapter president, presenting the trophy to Miss Sylvia Morrill, a senior at Stephens College, while the runner-up candidates look on. The winner is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrill of Minneapolis. Dr. Morrill is new president of the University of Minnesota. Girls from Stephens and Christian colleges and the University of Missouri participated in the competition. The campus campaign in support of the infantile paralysis fund was highly successful last year, topping all previous records.



The first National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, with 23 delegates, seven chapters. This meeting was held in St. Louis in 1931.

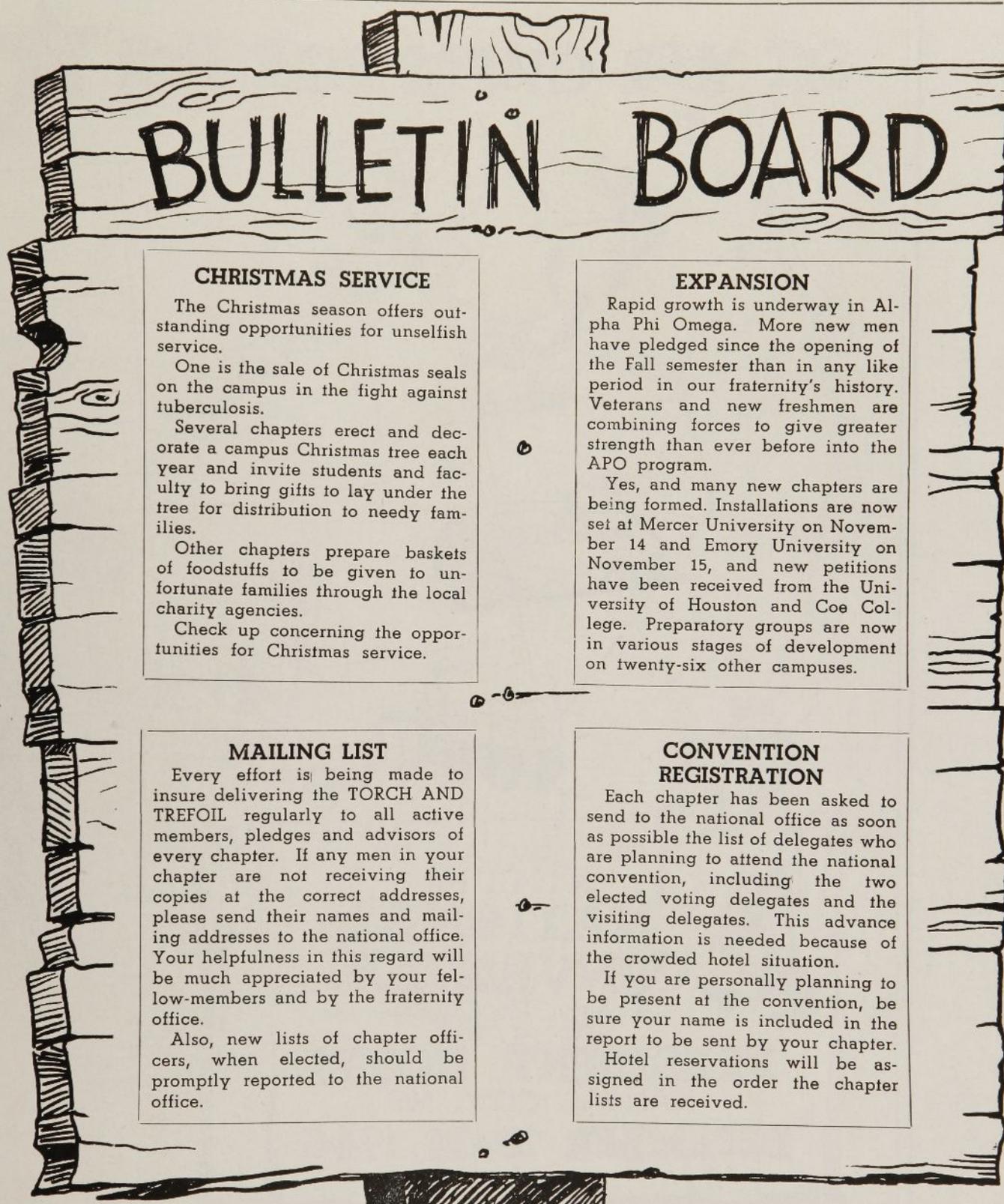
An
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The eighth National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega, held in Indianapolis in 1940, with 354 delegates representing 61 chapters.

Over 500 delegates are expected to attend the ninth National Convention, in Kansas City, Missouri, December 28 and 29, 1946. Will you be among them? This conclave offers you an opportunity to meet men of Alpha Phi Omega from all parts of the nation, and to help plan the future activities of the fraternity.

Treat yourself to this interesting experience if you possibly can. Imagine the thrill of rubbing shoulders with APO men from all parts of the nation and discussing with them your projects, fellowship, membership and methods used in your own chapter. Carry back to your campus the values which come from this important national meeting.



BULLETIN BOARD

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Christmas season offers outstanding opportunities for unselfish service.

One is the sale of Christmas seals on the campus in the fight against tuberculosis.

Several chapters erect and decorate a campus Christmas tree each year and invite students and faculty to bring gifts to lay under the tree for distribution to needy families.

Other chapters prepare baskets of foodstuffs to be given to unfortunate families through the local charity agencies.

Check up concerning the opportunities for Christmas service.

EXPANSION

Rapid growth is underway in Alpha Phi Omega. More new men have pledged since the opening of the Fall semester than in any like period in our fraternity's history. Veterans and new freshmen are combining forces to give greater strength than ever before into the APO program.

Yes, and many new chapters are being formed. Installations are now set at Mercer University on November 14 and Emory University on November 15, and new petitions have been received from the University of Houston and Coe College. Preparatory groups are now in various stages of development on twenty-six other campuses.

MAILING LIST

Every effort is being made to insure delivering the TORCH AND TREFOIL regularly to all active members, pledges and advisors of every chapter. If any men in your chapter are not receiving their copies at the correct addresses, please send their names and mailing addresses to the national office. Your helpfulness in this regard will be much appreciated by your fellow-members and by the fraternity office.

Also, new lists of chapter officers, when elected, should be promptly reported to the national office.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Each chapter has been asked to send to the national office as soon as possible the list of delegates who are planning to attend the national convention, including the two elected voting delegates and the visiting delegates. This advance information is needed because of the crowded hotel situation.

If you are personally planning to be present at the convention, be sure your name is included in the report to be sent by your chapter.

Hotel reservations will be assigned in the order the chapter lists are received.

SET YOUR CHAPTER-STAR FOR



SEE YOU AT THE NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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DEL. JAY FINNEY