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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Simpler Is Better"

As I write this column in mid-April, the world of science is still reeling in hopeful skepticism at the news that table-top fusion has been achieved in a laboratory in Utah. The results have been partially confirmed at Texas A&M and Georgia Tech, but people are still doubtful and speculation is the order of the day. If true and harnessable, this development will revolutionize life as we know it. Cheap, safe power based upon the same power as that of the sun would impact every phase of science, agriculture, economics, transportation, communications, and on and on. Assuming for the moment that the phenomenon is valid, it is fascinating that it has occurred in relatively "normal" circumstances rather than in the place we expected to make fusion progress—fantastically expensive facilities that employ enormous amounts of energy to create artificial magnetic plasma fields.

When I was an undergraduate brother, I was always looking for an Alpha Phi Omega angle in every campus event. It's no different today, and I find an analogy in this technological news. The media are full of reports of concern that current college students are self-centered and money motivated. Efforts are made under heavy publicity pressure by very powerful people to encourage or even require undergraduates to participate in "volunteer" service activities. Predictably, these artificial attempts always result in small amounts of service output compared to the energy and resources necessary to sustain them. These experiments are widely touted as evidence that voluntarism is possible, but difficult to achieve and more resources are poured on. But another, simpler model is available.



Dr. Stan Carpenter
National President

Alpha Phi Omega compares to the table-top demonstration in Utah. Service as we know it began naturally in response to environmental needs and the motivations of normal students, with the catalyst of Scouting principles. As in today's early chemical reactions, the very first try produced more energy than was put into it. And so, the concept was harnessed and expanded. Nearly 64 years later, there are 300+ outlets of this power source and the principles are still the same. We still make opportunities available, using few resources other than those readily at hand. The volunteer energy which flows from these simple processes still amazes onlookers. And all this takes place largely outside the glare of publicity and pressure. For Alpha Phi Omega continues to be a product of its basic components—the individual actives. Maybe those who are worried about this generation should turn away from massive effort and try something that works.

Simpler is better.

About the Cover . . .

Susan Culican, Alpha Phi Chapter President, receives greetings and thanks from President George Bush after offering him honorary membership in Alpha Phi Omega. The President was at Washington University speaking to the student body about his feelings and goals on Volunteerism in America. (Additional photo on page 4.)

ROACH-ATHON WAS A BLAST!

The Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter at the College of Charleston, held their 9th annual Roach-A-Thon this past October and boy was it a success. What is a Roach-A-Thon you ask? Roach-A-Thon is a week long celebration of Charleston's (S.C.) most prestigious (pesky) citizen. The activities include roach safaris, a roach parade, a roach queen competition, roach races, and the most beloved Roach-A-Thon band party finale. The Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter started selling t-shirts 10 days before the band party finale and sold out two days before the party.

Roach safaris consist of: Doing your best interpretation of Rambo, i.e. camouflage, camouflage, camouflage! You can't let the roaches see you coming! **Screamers:** These are the people who find the roaches. They are deathly afraid of them and thus the screamers walk around with flashlight in hand, find one, and scream bloody murder. **Grabbers:** These are the deranged few who actually don't mind touching roaches. These people come running and grab the roaches at the screamers signal. **Bottlers:** These are the smart people. They hold the roach bottles. This job is not entirely safe however as the roaches try often to escape and have this tendency to get out and crawl all over the bottler, who then becomes a screamer.

The safaris are held at night in local cemeteries and throughout the city of Charleston. The roaches are then tagged for a later date. The brothers hold them and stick little numbers on their backs for identification during the races.

The roach parade had a high attendance this year with 18 floats each sponsored by a different campus group. The parade wound through campus led by a number of police vehicles. Many students turned out to watch.

The roach queen competition had 5 contestants also sponsored by campus groups. The voting is done by those who attend the band party finale.

The roach races are a big part of Roach-A-Thon. During the band's breaks at the band party finale the roach races were held. The roach track consisted of an 8 foot circle. The roaches were placed in the center of the circle and the first roach to make it out of the circle won the race. Each roach was bought from Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter for a quarter by those wanting to compete. Prizes were donated by the community such as albums, pizzas, haircuts, typewriters, phones, etc.

The grand finale band party is the biggest event of Roach-A-Thon. A band was



Alpha Alpha Epsilon brothers bask in the glory of a successful "Roach-a-thon".



The chapter float was the lead "roach" in the parade.



Roach-a-thon T-shirt...



Parade roaches....



Roach walking...

hired to play and play and play. Alpha Alpha Epsilon's pledge class sells refreshments every year as their fund-raiser, about 450 people attended the band party.

This year Alpha Alpha Epsilon brothers were sponsored by WXY, a local radio station, and Domino's Pizza. They raised over

\$2,000.00 this year, their third best year. This is their only major fund-raiser and they use it to fund all of their service and administrative functions for the year.

Roach-A-Thon is quite an experience that should be witnessed first hand!

EPSILON GAMMA



The brothers of Epsilon Gamma Chapter got into a mess for one of their service projects. This past October the chapter held a pancake breakfast to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Once past the mess in the kitchen, the project was a success. For further information contact Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Alfred University, Rogers Campus Center, Alfred, New York 14802.

THETA MU

Theta Mu chapter at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee threw a Casino Party to benefit Multiple Sclerosis for their National Service Day project. Having publicized heavily on campus, trained members in the art of various casino games, and solicited over 50 prizes from local stores the chapter entertained over 150 fellow students and raised almost \$400 for multiple sclerosis. Having established the Casino Party as an annual event and taken start-up costs such as supplies and decorations out of this year's proceeds, they hope to raise double, or even triple that amount next year. For a design of play money, rules for various games, and ideas on how to plan a casino party write Jeffrey Long, Theta Mu Chapter, Vanderbilt University, Box 2403-B, Nashville, Tennessee 37235.



ALPHA PHI

Brothers Mark Davis and Melissa Jobe explain honorary membership to President George Bush. The President was visiting Washington University to speak about volunteerism and proclaiming his goal that more Americans should serve the nation and their communities. For more information write: Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Washington University, Campus Box 87, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

ALPHA GAMMA

The Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue University looks forward to an event held each semester called Overnighter. This event serves to enhance our cardinal principles.

The Vice President of Service along with the two Overnighter Co-chairs consult with a local scout camp ranger to set up service projects. Group leaders are then chosen to see that these projects are completed. These service projects begin Saturday morning and continue through the afternoon involving approximately 150 actives and pledges. These projects include: maintaining camp buildings, clearing trails, building fences, and cutting firewood.

While performing this service, friendships grow through active and pledge interaction on a particular project. Following the service projects, there is free time where actives and pledges can play football, basketball, volleyball, or just sit and talk. Then a pledge review session is held where each pledge's progress is evaluated by the active body and the pledges express their viewpoints and opinions of



pledgeship. The review session is followed by pledge and active skits which complement happenings of individuals throughout the semester. A bonfire finishes off the evening where cuddling and singing occur. The event is concluded

by a traditional Scouts Own presentation on Sunday morning. For more information contact: Carolyn Budig, Vice President of Communications, Alpha Gamma Chapter, Box 602, Stewart Center, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

KAPPA



Scout Day in Schenley Park: Fur & Feathers was one National Service Day '88 project for Kappa chapter at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A full day of activities with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts resulted in pride and hard work for the brothers. Races, a tower construction project, and good times made this a project worth repeating.

Also, the brothers participated in National Service Day holding a "Sports by Ability" Fall Bowling Tournament. Sports by Ability is a program for physically challenged athletes to compete in nationally rated competitions. Volunteers were used as scorekeepers, lane attendants, mobility assistants, and as general helpers. For further information on both of these projects contact Conrad Zapanta, Kappa Chapter, Carnegie-Mellon University, Box 100 Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

DENVER CONVENTION—1988

SERVICE ABOVE ALL

by Patrick W. Burke
National Executive Director

Our 1988 National Convention was a tremendous success from start to finish. Almost 1,000 brothers attended and 128 chapters were represented.

Good times were had by all. It was the opportune time to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. The many months of work paid off for Chris Fischer, Convention Chairman and his all important Convention Committee. Activities were nonstop for the many attendees. Reference committees, seminars and workshops and of course the ever present social activities led everyone to comment that a National Convention is an important part of our Fraternity structure.

The Convention was held in the Denver Marriott. The opening banquet featured the Koshare Indians and two gifted speakers in Dr. Richard Rose, President of Rochester Institute of Technology and Chairman of our Endowment Trustees, and Mr. Jay Heim, National Director of the National Eagle Scout Association. (Both are brothers of Alpha Phi Omega.)

Of course, what would our Convention be without one unscheduled event. The first banquet featured a 15 minute presentation by the hotel fire alarm which allowed the brothers to formulate a new "sound" later used at every opportunity with much enthusiasm.

During the Convention the delegates participated in a talent show, casino party and two dances. Those willing to brave the Colorado cold, and who had the time, visited the shopping malls, historical areas and "other cultural" sites. There was a

luncheon for Sectional Chairmen and Chapter Advisors as well as receptions for delegates to meet the National President and National Board of Directors.

Over 100 alumni were in attendance and many of them worked with the Reference Committees, attended seminars and participated in an alumni reception.

Brothers from Alpha Phi Omega Philippines were in attendance and leading that delegation was Carlos "Calloy" Caliwara, APO Philippines National President.

The four day Convention (a result of the 1986 Convention) came to an end all too soon. The final banquet was filled with awards and presentations and fond farewells. The Toast Song at the close was one to remember...800 brothers joined together in an unbroken wave holding 800 lighted candles. In harmony, the Alpha Phi Omega choir began the words of our Toast Song filling every corner of the banquet hall. As our song ended we all stood there lost in silence, thankful that we had been there, grateful to be going home for needed sleep and rest and yet anticipating our next gathering to share Leadership, Friendship, and Service.

CONVENTION PHOTOS

1—National President Stan Carpenter and Convention Chairman Chris Fischer officially open the 1988 Convention. Convention Coordinator John Wetherington is at the left.

2—Boy Scout Troop #72 provided the opening flag ceremony.

3—Registration was well organized and easy...well.

4—PCs were the most necessary items besides our many volunteer brothers—the computers were manned night and day publishing the "Lightbearer" and pumping out legislative materials.

5—The Sergeant-at-Arms undoubtedly were the most active enthusiastic brothers at the Convention. They chased Board members, served subpoenas for various committees, and kept order on the assembly floor.

6—My name is ..., my chapter is..., the opening night party was fun!

7—Chapter Advisors and Sectional Chairmen enjoyed a "free" spaghetti luncheon in their honor.

8—The merchandise store sold Fraternity items and was the pick up point for Convention souvenirs, mugs, and portfolios.

9—The talent show and casino night were highlighted with proceeds of the casino going to the "Make A Wish" Foundation. Canned goods were the entry fee and they were later delivered to the volunteers of America, in Denver.

10—The Koshare Indians entertained at the opening banquet.

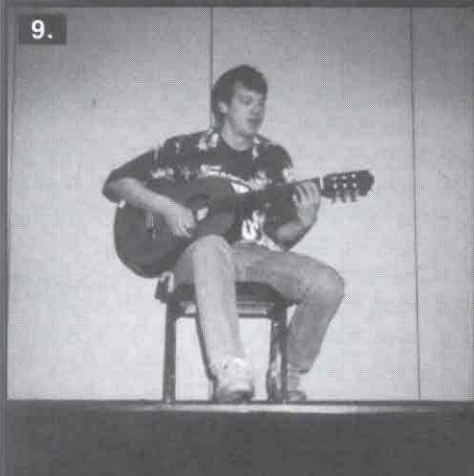
11—This was either a party or the brothers were checking out the very cold weather of Denver.

12—National President of the Philippines Carlos "Calloy" Caliwara joined National President Stan Carpenter at the opening banquet.

13—Distinguished members of the Board of Directors at the closing banquet.

14—The Convention had two dances. Neither one began before 10:30 pm and lasted till... But a great time was had by all!





1988-90 PROGRAM OF EMPHASIS—A CHALLENGE

The 1988 Convention determined that for the next two years the Program of Emphasis for the Fraternity will be "Take Pride in America". In 1989-90 chapters are encouraged to complete "environmental awareness" projects, such as recycling efforts, community beautification, and tree planting.

The Brothers of Psi Omega took the challenge seriously. As a popular radio commentator would say, "This is the rest of the story"....

This year's National program of emphasis is conservation of the environment and the land around us. Who could better help us with this program than local government. So, Psi Omega at the University of Central Florida looked under City Government in the phone book to find the appropriate agencies that deal with these problems.

There were two local agencies that were able to help the chapter with National's directives and in turn the brothers were able to provide service. **Green Up Orlando** is a program to improve the aesthetic and ecological nature of the city through litter control and recycling awareness. The Green Up Orlando program is officially certified by **Keep America Beautiful, Inc.**

Green Up Orlando enlists the participation of businesses, schools, churches, civic and neighborhood groups to help the city preserve and enhance neighborhood parks, flower beds, and treescapes. The director was the same for both organizations and she said, "Before you can Green Up, you must Clean Up"! And, so Psi Omega did.

In January, brothers and pledges went to clean up a drainage ditch that emptied into a lake that is used for city water. This ditch had been polluted by the residents who live in the surrounding city projects.



The maintenance of this ditch had been neglected by the city due to lack of manpower and funding.

When thinking of polluted waters, the brothers envisioned floating bottles and dead fish; however, to their surprise they also found diapers, television sets, venetian blinds, shopping carts and bicycles. After five hours of hard work, one brother noted, "when we finally left the ditch, we noticed that the neighborhood had gathered as we worked, and we left hoping that our efforts would encourage community involvement."

In February, they completed a joint project with the Boy Scouts and helped Green

Up Orlando by transplanting Crepe Myrtle trees from the woods to a lake. This helped retard the erosion around the lake and beautified the surrounding area. With over 50 brothers, pledges and scouts participating in this project, over 200 trees were transplanted.

Psi Omega challenges all chapters to participate in our fraternity's program of emphasis by keeping America beautiful and protecting our natural resources.

For further information, contact Jaimie Edidin, Psi Omega Chapter, University of Central Florida, PO Box 26313, Orlando, Florida 32816-0001.



OUR SCOUTING HERITAGE—A NEW BEGINNING

“We are weary with the slow progress of the Scouting Committee to get back to the “roots” of Alpha Phi Omega.”

by **Chuck Bowen**
Chairman
National Scouting
and External Relations
Committee



The excerpt above is from a letter written by an alumnus to a member of the National Scouting and External Relations Committee clearly identifies one area of emphasis targeted by the new administration of the National Board of Directors and the most recent National Convention. In creating a sixth At-Large position on the Board with duties defined by the President, the Convention recognized that the image of APO, both internal and external needed to be addressed.

Dr. Carpenter assigned the previous duties of the National Scouting Relations and Public Relations Committees to a new committee referred to as Scouting and External Relations. The committee has since been organized into several areas but, **clearly improving our relations with Scouting and returning to our heritage is one of our first directives.**

1989 through 1990 will be an exciting era for Scouting and APO. With the assignment of Jay Heim, B.S.A. Director of Eagle Scout Services to represent the Chief Scout Executive on the APO National Board of Directors, a new spirit of enthusiasm between APO and the BSA has begun.

With 1990 being recognized as the “Year of the Eagle”, APO, the B.S.A. and the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) are making big plans. While a great deal of focus is placed on Eagle Scouts, enhancing the overall relationship between Scouting and APO is being pursued. Some of the many activities planned include:

From many applicants, our “APO Ambassadors” to the 1989 National Jamboree were selected. Both Active and Alumni Brothers representing APO’s finest will be carrying the spirit of service to the Jamboree this summer in an effort to recruit new Brothers and Advisors.

NESA’s National Chairman, Captain James Lovell (retired Astronaut) is also an APO Distinguished Alumnus and is eager to promote APO along with NESA. The “Eagleletter” routinely carries articles about APO and a coupon for interested college students to send our National Office about joining the Fraternity.

The “Year of the Eagle” guidebook, now being prepared by the B.S.A. will have an extensive article on APO and will have a national circulation of 150,000.

The B.S.A. has suggested that the NESA Professional Advisor be designated as the Scouting Advisor for all active, inactive and prospective APO chapters. This not only strengthens the relationship between the B.S.A. and local APO Chapters, but it also revives our extension efforts in activating and re-activating Chapters.

In the upcoming issue of the NESA “Eagleletter”, 120,000 NESA Members will

be asked to indicate if they are APO Alumni as well as asking for volunteers to assist in the establishment of new or re-activated Chapters.

New language about APO including our policy of open membership has been submitted to the B.S.A. for inclusion in the new edition of the B.S.A. *Handbook*.

Every Eagle Scout has begun to receive APO information in the packet of material presented at the Court of Honor.

The B.S.A. has agreed to publicize APO as much as possible in “Boy’s Life”, “Scouting” magazine, the Order of the Arrow *Handbook*, the “OA Bulletin”, and the Exploring supplement of “Scouting” magazine.

“Pro Speak”, the publication for BSA professionals will contain articles on the duties of the Scouting Advisor in an APO chapter.

In addition to what is described above, Service to Scouting now includes Girl Scouts for many chapters. In light of the outstanding relationships developed between many local chapters and Girl Scout Councils, APO has officially established dialogue with the National Office of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Our ongoing discussions between the two National Organizations will enhance the present spirit of cooperation on the local level.

The National Scouting and External Relations Committee will meet in Kansas City in June to review the resources available to both Scout Councils and APO Chapters as well as map out a “Trail for the Future to Return to our Scouting Heritage”.

“Section 45 Conference”



Host chapter for the Spring '89 Section 45 Conference was Chi Upsilon, Dillard University, rechartered during 1988-89. Other chapters represented were Alpha Epsilon, Louisiana State University and Alpha Beta Kappa, University of New Orleans. A petitioning group, Tau Gamma from Southern University at New Orleans was also present. Guests included Wilfred Krennek, National Finance Chairman and Julie Moore, Section 41 Chairman. Section 45 Chairman Morris Welch was reelected and was presented the Sectional Distinguished Service Key. A great after conference party was hosted by the New Orleans Alumni Association.

ALPHA BETA XI



The brothers of Alpha Beta Xi chapter from State University of New York-Geneseo participated in National Service Day by contacting two local Association of Retarded Citizens Homes. They completed extensive yard work and wallpapering for these homes. They also were helped by The Wesley Group from a local church. A total of 45 brothers and church members were involved. For further information contact Molly Cook, Alpha Beta Xi chapter, SUNY-Geneseo, College Union Box 130, Geneseo, New York 14454

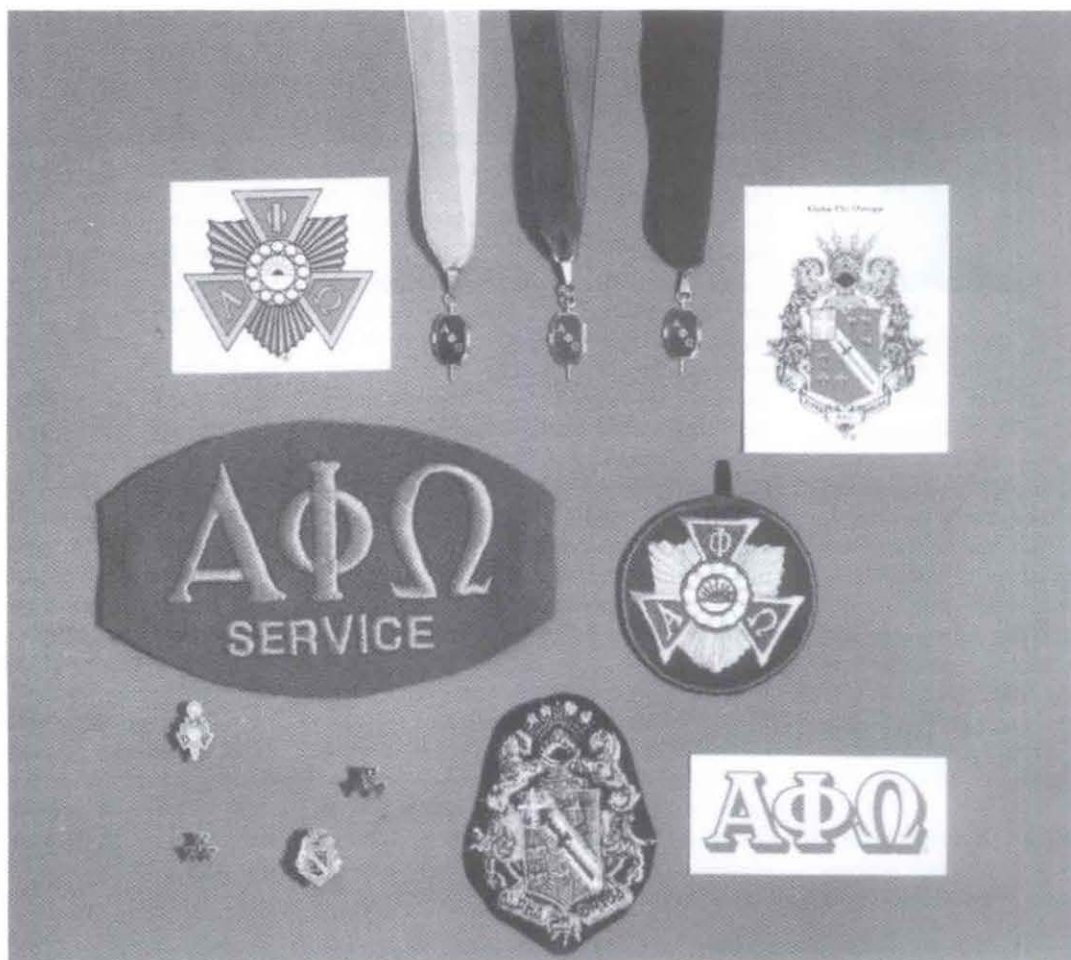


ALPHA BETA MU



The brothers of Alpha Beta Mu Chapter at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, sponsored an inter-chapter volleyball tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society. The event was held on April 7, 1989 on the campus of Grove City College. There were a total of 10 teams from 5 chapters participating in this most enjoyable evening. The schools participating were: Alpha Beta Mu (Grove City College), Alpha Alpha Pi (Westminster College), Upsilon Beta (St. Francis College), Chi Sigma (Allegheny College), Mu Chi (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) plus Rick Martin, Section 63 Chairman.

The tournament was brought about when the chapters in Section 63 kept saying they wanted to get together and do something together. Alpha Beta Mu thought it would be a good idea to get everyone in one place and do something for a good cause. The idea of a volleyball tournament was established. This project brings all three principles of A-Phi-O into one project: Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Everyone had a great time, and the tournament was so successful that Alpha Beta Mu chapter plans to make it an annual event now. The tournament raised \$185 for the American Cancer Society. For more information contact Rob Willhite, Alpha Beta Mu Chapter, Grove City College, Box 2662, Grove City, Pennsylvania 16127.



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APO-MOTIVATION-INVOLVEMENT

Patrick W. Burke
National Executive
Director



Why are we brothers of Alpha Phi Omega? a) Because we seek opportunities to develop our leadership abilities, b) We want to contribute service to others, or c) We seek a better social life while in college. The correct answer is all of the above. And, there are probably 10,000 more answers equally viable. But the bottom line is that there is an Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity because of the motivation and involvement exhibited by the members, past, present and future! What specific reasons we had for joining, become secondary to what happens after we become brothers. For Alpha Phi Omega to continue successfully, it is up to each of us to become motivated and involved. Here are several thoughts you might consider.

—All pledges must feel that they belong to the chapter. It is up to chapter officers to take the lead. One obvious beginning

point of our Fraternity is a strong pledge program. It is important for pledges to gain a thorough background of our history, traditions and principles in order to become the "members for life" that we would expect.

—Active involvement in the chapter is also important. While brothers are in a chapter and participating regularly in all activities they are generally motivated to continue. In order to foster this we share by changing our leadership usually twice a year. Our service projects and other activities require chairmen and committee members, all of which strengthen members and keep them interested. Following the administrative structure of the Fraternity by attending and conducting leadership programs helps the chapter remain healthy and strong.

—Appeal to the interests of all brothers. This will help your chapter keep interests high. Do your programs and projects need revitalization or change? Competition today for time and attention of busy brothers is a necessary action to keep a chapter together. Take time to place brothers on committees and don't forget to recognize

the work they do.

—Current chapter leaders should always be developing other leaders. Your positive action in a leadership role will guide other brothers as they in turn become chapter leaders. It is our spirit of volunteer leadership that has kept Alpha Phi Omega strong.

—Keep chapter programs flexible to the time. There are many different issues facing us today. Being able to focus on current opportunities will be a factor in attracting new brothers in your chapter, besides keeping active brothers more active.

—Communication—This is a concern that is reflective throughout our Fraternity. Besides good communication within each chapter in meetings, service projects, and social events, good communication is necessary at the Sectional, Regional, and National levels. We all work at this.

—Our Fraternity is what we are. It is the image we present on our campus. It is the guiding principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service seen in our actions. To make it all work requires our motivation and involvement.

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS—The life member fee for alumni will increase from \$60 to \$100 on Sept.1, 1989. If you know non-life member brothers, encourage them to write to the National Office for a life member application. Executive Director, 1627 Main, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64108.

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