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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

(The following article is reprinted with permission from Iota Kappa Chapter's newsletter, At Your Service. It was written by Alison Reyher as she completed her term as chapter president. I have "stolen" her article because her message is better than any I could have written.)

The Lamplighter
He has taken his bright
candle and is gone
Into another room I
cannot find
But anyone can tell
where he has been
By all of the little
lights he leaves behind

Thinking back to when I pledged Alpha Phi Omega, I remember how much energy we had at our pledge meetings and how it was understood that if there was any way that mountains were going to be moved, the brothers of Alpha Phi Omega were the ones to do it.

And why not? Alpha Phi Omega



Gerald A. Schroeder National President

offers a set of tools and experiences to do exactly that.

In spite of our aspirations, sometimes it is easy to get caught up in what doesn't work well in our organization. Often I think that we bang our heads together trying to move that mountain all at once when in reality all we need to do is light a path to the top.

So I direct your attention to the Lamplighter.

You may recall that when your participation in Alpha Phi Omega began, there was but little light, only the spirit of service. Each of us has of-

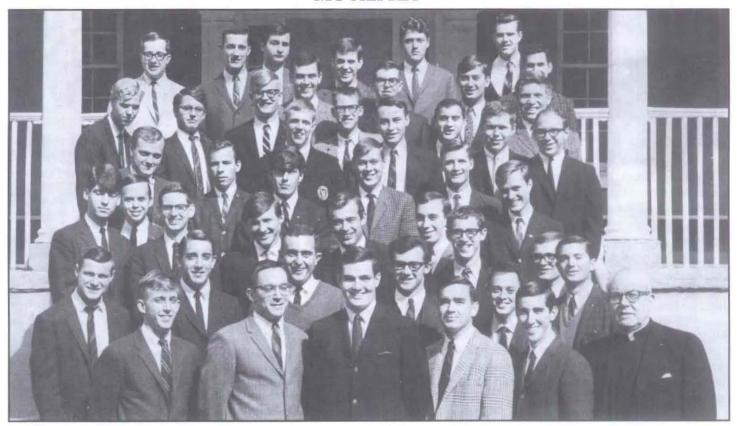
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ABOUT THE COVER . . .



"Sacking groceries" for the needy is a regular service project of the Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. At the Section 21 Conference this past March (hosted by Omicron), about 25 brothers from other chapters attending the conference joined in the Service to Community project. The conference ended on a social note as brothers kicked-up their heels with a good old-fashioned square dance (above)

MU ALPHA



Old photos are always interesting. This 1967 photo of Mu Alpha Chapter at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, is no exception. Can you find two rather noteworthy brothers? The answers are found on page 9 (upside down — naturally). Mu Alpha chapter was founded on February 8, 1956. During its 11th year, Mu Alpha ran the Transportation Corps at Freshman Orientation. They transported new students from the airport, train and bus stations to campus, and provided ushers for lectures, convocations, and other special events. The Ugly Man on Campus project provided money for the Orphan's Fund, which was used to support transportation and recreational facilities for orphaned children. For more current information, contact the Mu Alpha Chapter, Georgetown University, Box 2275, Hoya Station, Washington, DC 20057-0001.

President . . . (continued from page 2)

fered our spirit of service. Each of us is a lamplighter.

Every time we take part in a service project we carry that light with us. But direct your attention not to who carries the light but to whom it illuminates.

Sometimes those lights illuminate smiles found during a round of bingo at a nursing home or during a walk on the grounds.

Sometimes it's lots of screaming children who leave the haunted house terrified and later crack a smile, wanting to go back in and scare us. Sometimes it's lots of brothers, pledges, Red Cross volunteers and the Dominos man who get together one afternoon to collect over 300 pints of blood. Sometimes it's dancing with someone who hasn't been asked to a formal in 40+ years and then maybe learning a thing or two about the Charleston.

Sometimes it's picking up a highway or building a playground. Sometimes it's the graduate student who, relatively unnoticed, delivers "Meals on Wheels" and finds himself just in time to save a woman's life. As you know, the list goes on. Remember — you created those smiles. You made some difficult situations a little more comfortable. Your support and commitment make the difference. I challenge each brother not only to continue his/her commitment to the spirit of service but to improve on that commitment. Do an extra hour, join a committee, improve your brotherhood. Spread the light of service.

In the end, each of our lights contributes to a very wonderful, well-lit path to the <u>top</u> of the mountain. The smiles will show where our lamplighters have been.

Boston in '92

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere," memorable words from the exciting exploits of a famous American. To many of us, Longfellow's poem has always been just a piece of literature — mainly because we have never been to Boston. Well, listen my Brothers, we have a reason to go to Boston! It's time for our 31st National Convention! That's right — it's Boston in '92.

The opportunity to see Paul Revere's house, or the old North Church — "One if by land, two if by sea," plus so much more, is impossible to pass up. And, in case you didn't know, Boston is probably the biggest college town in the nation with over 250,000 students attending more than eight major universities. Entertainment in Boston is naturally directed to college students.

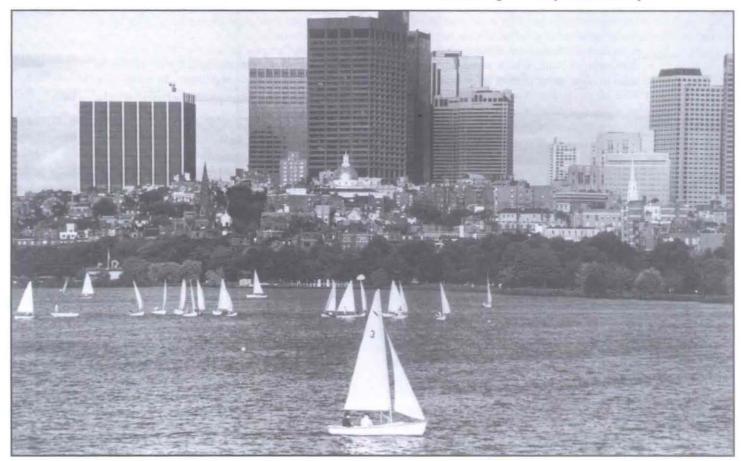
The National Convention will offer you Leadership Development workshops, personal improvement seminars and many chapter-related workshops. Each of these opportunities will enrich your life and the life of your chapter.

Anyone who has ever been to "Nationals" will tell you that it is absolutely true that convention attendance allows you to experience the good life of fellowship and friendship, and opportunities to renew old acquaintances and meet many new friends. This will also be a convention for alumni to attend as they will have a planned agenda of activities, workshops, and the entertainment of Boston!

Begin making plans today to be in Boston. (The Park Plaza Hotel, December 27-30, 1992.) Registration forms will be in the Fall issue of the *Torch & Trefoil*.



Paul Revere and the Old North Church. The Old North Church is the oldest church building in Boston (1723). It is in this church that the lanterns were hung "one if by land, two if by sea."



Boston Skyline as seen from the Charles River.

National Convention — National Service

When we became brothers of Alpha Phi Omega, we quickly realized that our supreme purpose was service. Each of us in our own time, in our own chapter, has participated in many opportunities for the development of social awareness, friendship and leadership. But it is always service that we come back to — it makes us a unique organization.

In our pledge manual we find "four fields of Service" in which a chapter should be involved. They are: Service to campus, Service to youth and the community, Service to the nation, and Service to the members. It is the fourth field of service — Service to members — that I would like to address in this article.

As a member of Alpha Phi Omega, each of us provides service to our chapter daily. This service may be given as a chapter officer or a committee member as we lead others in the accomplishment of specific tasks or goals. This service may be as a big brother or sister as we set an example for a pledge who will soon be an active member of the Fraternity. This service may be as a member who participates in service projects and in chapter meetings. Whatever we do, each of us is providing a service to our chapter. But service to our Fraternity and to our chapters goes further than just these activities.

Every two years our Fraternity gathers in a National Convention. As the governing body of our Fraternity, each chapter provides service to the organization by being represented and taking part in the education, fellowship and legislative aspects of this meeting.

Prior to the convention, every chapter should review our national bylaws, rituals, ceremonies and standards to determine if the needs of their members and the chapter are being met, for it is only at a National Convention these documents can be changed. As provided in the national bylaws, any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the National Executive Director at least 90 days prior to the first legislative session of the convention. For the 1992 convention, all legislation must be submitted and received in the national office by September 30, 1992. Chapters and members should begin this review early to provide for adequate analysis. After quick compilation at the national office, all proposals submitted are forwarded to each chapter 80 days prior to the convention. Each chapter has the right to have two voting delegates at the legislative sessions to represent their views on any proposals submitted.

Our National Conventions have a four-fold purpose:

- (1) To enact legislation for the development and expansion of the Fraternity.
- (2) To create fellowship among Brothers from all sections of the nation.
- (3) To develop the leadership ability of the Brothers in attendance,





through service on committees and participation in seminars and workshops.

(4) To exchange ideas for service projects and chapter operations by meeting Brothers from across the nation.

During the National Convention, primary business is conducted by:

- (a) Receiving reports and recommendations from the reference committees, including proposed amendments to the National Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standard Articles of Association, suggestions for the time and place of the next convention and nominations for office.
 - (b) Taking action resulting in:
- Adoption or rejection of proposed amendments.
- (2) Adoption of pertinent resolutions.
- (3) Selection of site and date of the next National Convention.
- (4) Election of National Officers.

So, what better way to provide service — to help set the direction, the rules, the rituals and the ceremonies of our great Fraternity. It is your right and duty as a member and as a chapter. This year our National Convention is in Boston, Massachusetts, December 27-30, 1992. I hope to see you there!

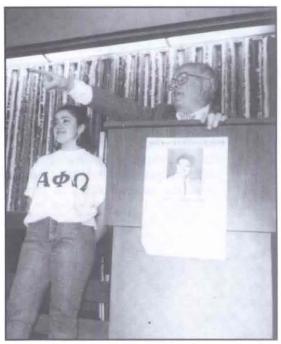
In Memoriam

On March 29, 1992, Brother Paul D. Arend, the 1987 Fall Pledge Class Namesake, passed away in Independence, Missouri. Paul was a charter member in the Gamma Xi Chapter at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri, which was founded in 1940. He served his chapter as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for over 40 years. He was the first Chairman of Section 34 in Kansas and later the first Chairman of Region VIII. He was awarded chapter and sectional Distinguished Service Keys and was the first recipient of the Region VIII DSK. Professionally, Paul had been the Registrar at Rockhurst College, serving in that position almost 40 years. Paul also had a long career in Scouting; he had been an adult Boy Scout leader since 1938. Throughout his years in Scouting he was a member of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. In 1982 he was elected presiding Chieftain in the Mic-O-Say Tribe. He received the St. George medal and Silver Beaver Award. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Citizen Award and Key to the City from the City of Independence.



OMICRON IOTA

This year the members of the Omicron Iota Chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, have joined in campus efforts to save a life. In 1990 a student at WPI was diagnosed with aplastic anemia; a bone marrow transplant is needed. The campus-wide effort began when the Omicron Iota Chapter sponsored rides to the student's hometown for a (bone marrow transplant) donor drive. This sparked other student-run organizations to get involved. The campus had its own testing day, and APO pledges and brothers were there to help. The chapter sponsored a very successful fund-raiser — a servant auction. Letters were sent to the administration and faculty. Posters were placed all over campus. The response was overwhelming. Over 60 servants went up for auction. After the bidding stopped, Omicron Iota Chapter had raised more than \$1,500. Over 400,000 match attempts have been made. The test for compatible donors is very simple, only two tablespoons of blood are drawn for analysis. Though the testing procedure is simple, each test costs \$65. The WPI campus still is working hard to raise money for the student, and to help find a match. For further information, contact Jennifa Gosling, Omicron Iota Chapter, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Box 5566, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609.



NU PSI

The Nu Psi chapter at Montclair State College in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, has been very active with many service projects over the past few months. Some of the projects have included a bi-annual blood drive on campus; clothing, food and book drive; feeding the homeless on holidays; and volunteering monthly at a community food bank. In the month of April, they worked on a Bowl-A-Thon for the National Asthma Foundation and also the Adopt-A-Highway project. For further information, contact Nu Psi, Alpha Phi Omega, Room 406-Student Center, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043. Phone (201) 893-5431.



RHO

This past December the Carolina Campus Cares Committee and many other volunteers found themselves standing in Ramshead Parking Lot packaging food and carrying it to the cars of the University's lowest-paid employees. The plan was to make a holiday meal possible for the University of North Carolina's working poor. A fund-raising campaign allowed the volunteers to purchase truckloads of food (turnips, potatoes, onions, apples, and cabbages) from the North Carolina Farmer's Market. The committee had representatives from community and campus organizations such as the University Women's Club, University Retired Employees, Faculty Council, and Human Resources. Only two student groups were represented: Student Government, and members of Rho Chapter. The members of Rho played an integral role in making this special holiday effort possible. The brothers called student organizations to help solicit money. As a chapter, Rho brothers donated \$750. With the leftover money, the same type of event was planned for February 14. Brothers provided a lot of the volunteer help and packed boxes and boxes of chickens, grits, apples, pinto beans, and cabbages. Hopefully an impact was made on many people's lives. For more information, contact the Rho Chapter, University of North Carolina, Box 7, Carolina Union 065A, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5210.





ZETA



On National Service Day 1991, brothers of **Zeta** Chapter at Stanford spent the morning and afternoon at the Palo Alto Children's Library. Brothers encouraged younger children to read, and aided older children in selecting books and reading. They played educational games with and read aloud to the children. Brothers hoped to spark an interest in reading for fun among the children of the community. For more information, contact Zeta Chapter, Stanford University, P.O. Box 3058, Stanford, CA 94309-3058.

ETA PSI



Newly reactivated Eta Psi Chapter quickly became involved in community service. Cleanup of a local roadway in East Chico, California, was the target. Through good publicity the chapter received help from members of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the Chico community, Chico High School, Order of the Arrow, and a local Cub Scout pack. It was a "fun" cleanup day that included a hot dog lunch. For further information, contact Mark Smith, Eta Psi Chapter, California State University, Bell Memorial Union, Box 229, Chico, CA 95920-0750.

Alumni News

Metro NY/NJ Alumni Association

Members of the Metro NY/NJ Alumni Association are joining Alpha Phi Omega chapters and other service organizations to celebrate Christmas in April. This is an opportunity to help elderly people fix up their homes. Volunteers will bring their toolboxes and paintbrushes and find plenty of work awaiting them. Also, the Metro annual banquet will be held on May 15th. For more information on Metro's activities, contact Dan Rauch, President of Metro NY/NJ Alumni Association, 39 Seward Street, West Orange, NJ 07052.

Central Ohio Alumni Association

Besides general announcements and gossip (good natured), the alumni of Central Ohio have set monthly alumni dinners from January through December 1992. From picnics to fancy restaurants — you can get more details from Dan Roberts in Columbus, Ohio, 614-888-9877.

Central Florida Alumni Association

Editor Rick Moss reported that the Central Florida Alumni Association met in December for the end of the year banquet. He also mentioned the schedule of meetings for the spring — the January meeting would include a discussion on single-eyed Irish Salmon, directions to the February meeting required the use of a password and the March meeting (as of January) lacked a meeting place. Very interesting! For more information, contact the new editor, Jaimie Edidin, 5427 Endicott Place, Oviedo, FL 32765.

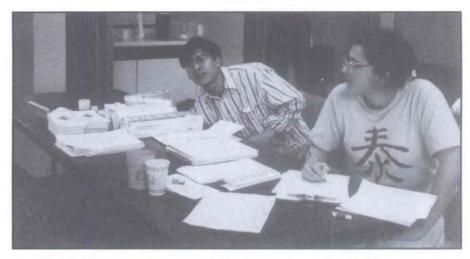
Zeta Nu Alumni Association

Newly formed in the fall of 1991, the Zeta Nu Alumni Association is seeking to expand. Any member of Zeta Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Omega since its inception at S.I.U. in 1948 is automatically a member. Those wishing to be "active" should contact Jim Young at 1046 Gunderson Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304.

Epsilon Mu Alumni Association

Another newly-formed group is the Epsilon Mu Alumni Association at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. They number about 40 members strong and still are looking for lost alumni. Epsilon Mu is celebrating its 45th anniversary and Epsilon Mu Alumni Association is celebrating its first anniversary. Brothers are planning a picnic this spring. For further information, contact John Roberts, President, Epsilon Mu Alumni Association, PO Box 366, College Park, MD 20741.

ALPHA GAMMA NU



On May 18, 1991, Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter was installed at the University of California at Santa Cruz. The chapter was initially founded by several Boy Scout summer camp buddies who attended UCSC. Service projects included work at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation, Trick or Treating for Canned Food, several blood drives, activities with the elderly (including a dance!) and a bowl-a-thon for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The Spring Pledge Class project was a Bone Marrow Donor Drive. The chapter was sponsored by Zeta Chapter of Stanford University. Currently the chapter has 15 actives and 18 pledges. For further information, contact President Sara Verrilli, Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter, Student Center Box 99, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

ALPHA GAMMA PI



On September 14, 1991, eighteen brothers of Alpha Gamma Pi were initiated into Alpha Phi Omega. They had been a very active petitioning group for three years at the University of Maine at Farmington. Projects include blood drives, affordable housing project, an auction to benefit the Franklin County Animal Shelter, clothing drives, project Identification, helping the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and visiting a nursing home. For further information, contact Alpha Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Maine-Farmington, Oleson Student Center Box 5, 5 South Street, Farmington, ME 04938.

MU ALPHA (Photo quiz from page 2)

The noteworthy brothers are: Top row, second from the right, Governor Bill Clinton; second row from the top, third from the left (black glasses and striped tie), National APO President Jerry Schroeder.

PHI EPSILON



Phi Epsilon Chapter

The Phi Epsilon Chapter of APO was founded in the early summer of 1969 at Maine Maritime Academy. It was the second chapter to be chartered at a military institution (after The Citadel). The chapter has stayed relatively the same size since its inception; it usually numbers about 10% of the student body. The brothers of Phi Epsilon not only exercise the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service within the chapter, but within the Regiment of Midshipmen on campus, where a special bond of being a classmate, shipmate, and an officer are cherished. Phi Epsilon sponsors many service projects that cover a variety of

themes. Three are of special importance to the brothers. One that occurs every fall is the Girl Scout Sail-Away weekend. Scouts come from all around Maine to learn about oceanography, astronomy, and the academy. Second is the Boy Scout Klondike Derby where scouts come to see how much speed they can get out of their makeshift sleds, practice their basic instructions of scouting, and learn how to work with each other. Finally and most unique is the international service project. Every year half of the chapter must go on the annual training cruise aboard the training vessel State of Maine where the brothers take a little of their port time to

help a local orphanage by donating clothing, kitchen utensils, showing movies, and serving ice cream. The most important component of Phi Epsilon is their first and current Advisory Chairman, Phyllis Tenney. Everyone who knows her calls her "Mrs. T". She was one of the founding brothers of the chapter although she could not officially be called a brother until our national bylaws allowed female members. In 1985, "Mrs. T" was honored as the Fall Pledge Class Namesake. For more information, contact the Phi Epsilon Chapter, Maine Maritime Academy, Box 502, Castine, ME 04469.



The MMA Mess Hall served good food!



The State of Maine housed those attending the Section 95 Conclave this spring.

GAMMA LAMBDA



Members of Gamma Lambda Chapter at Clemson University display a \$500 check for Clemson's general scholarship fund. The local blood center made the donation in honor of Clemson's victory in the 1991 blood drive competition between Clemson and the University of South Carolina. Gamma Lambda sponsors Clemson's participation in the contest, which is held each November during the week before the Clemson-USC football game. The trophy in the foreground stays with the winning school from year to year. More than 2,100 pints of blood were donated on both campuses during the '91 competition. For further information, contact Jack McKenzie, Region IV Director, PO Box 1382, Clemson, SC 29633-1382.

ALPHA GAMMA XI

On December 18, 1991, our 662nd chapter, Alpha Gamma Xi, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, was officially recognized. The brothers have been involved in various service projects and activities that include: Valentine's Day deliveries; operating a carnival event at a campus dance marathon; campout and clean up of the "Buckeye Trail;" and collecting aluminum cans for cash to benefit burn victims. For further information, contact Alpha Phi Omega, University of Dayton, 110 Liberty Hall, Dayton, Ohio 45409-0408.



Board action

The Winter Board meeting of the National Board of Directors was held in San Jose, California, February 8, 1992. The following actions were taken:

- Suspended the charter of Theta Rho Chapter at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, with the recommendation of charter revocation to the 1992 National Convention.
- Declared the following chapters inactive due to the nonpayment of Annual Active Membership Dues:

Sigma Rho, Elon College, Elon, North Carolina Phi Mu, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia Tau Mu, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Psi Epsilon, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, Louisiana

 Postponed similar action on the following chapters until the July 1992 Board meeting:

Alpha Alpha Beta, Long Island University, Greenvale, New York

Alpha, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania Upsilon Eta, University of Texas, El Paso, Texas

- Approved the following applications for charter: University of Rochester, Rochester, New York as Mu Lambda
 - Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida as Alpha Gamma Rho
 - University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, Illinois as Sigma Sigma
 - Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, as Zeta Mu
- Approved Deloitte Touche of Kansas City to conduct the 1992 audit for the National Fraternity.
- Appointed the 1992 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Selection Committee: Wilfred Krenek, Chairman; members, John Anderson, Allen Wong, Fred L. Pollack, John Wetherington, and Charlie Zimmerman.
- President Schroeder announced that Chuck Bowen, Member-at-Large and Chairman of the National Scouting Relations Committee, has resigned as head of his committee and also from the Board of Directors. Mr. Schroeder appointed a nominating committee to report to the Board of Directors at the July 1992 meeting.
- Approved Certificates of Recognition to Chuck Bowen and Don Adkins (former National Boy Scouts of America representative to the Board of Directors).

DELTA SIGMA



Just before Thanksgiving of 1991 the Brothers of Delta Sigma assisted the University of Connecticut and the Willimantic, Connecticut, Area Boy Scouts in their "Scouting for Food" drive. Over the course of one Saturday the brothers helped sort and pack over two hundred boxes of food to be distributed to area families. Delta Sigma has been involved with this particular project for the past four years. This project drew volunteers from the pledge class, executive board, and even alumni! The seven brothers pictured were the ones left at the end of the afternoon. A little tired of making, packing and stacking boxes, they turned the project into a "happening." Boxes were designed to show their "personalities." To set up a project like this, contact a local Boy Scout Council and ask if they need help with their "Scouting for Food" drive. For more information, call Delta Sigma Chapter, University of Connecticut, Student Union, Box U-8AP, Storrs, CT 06268.

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