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### Chapter service – From wildlife to child life

This past fall, more than 60 brothers and pledges of the Lambda Nu chapter of Duke University went on a retreat to Alligator River Wildlife Refuge in Manteo, North Carolina. The service projects at the retreat included mulching nature trails, cleaning up a hunting site, and laying down a path through muddy terrain. Path construction included moving pallets, (each weighed almost 2,000 pounds) and forming "nature trails" which extended hundreds of yards into the swamp and a couple of feet underwater. The project was a scene straight out of Apocalypse Now. Nobody went crazy, however, and despite the name Alligator River they did not encounter any reptilian friends. The real danger was man himself, for the retreat coincided with the opening of deer season. A couple of deer were picked off but luckily no brothers.

Through its annual fundraising efforts the chapter also was proud to donate over three thousand dollars to Morehead Elementary School. This Durham school was the chapter's selected charity for the Spring 1993 semester. Morehead Elementary School serves a low-income area of Durham, and used the money to buy supplies and to expand the library. Furthermore, they funded a Thanksgiving banquet for the elementary school students. For further information please contact: Alpha Phi Omega, Duke University, P.O. Box 99336, Durham, NC 27708.





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### A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL President



Gerald A. Schroeder National President

1994 is a Convention year. Next December delegates from our chapters will gather in Dallas to make the decisions that guide Alpha Phi Omega into the twenty-first century.

National Conventions are unique, wonderful and uplifting experiences for many reasons. But, most of all, they are the vehicle through which *you* students govern *your* Fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega is singular in this regard — a national student organization governed by students.

You decide what your Fraternity should look like, what it should feel like, what it should do, and what it shouldn't do.

You elect your volunteer leaders and, thereby, define its vision.

In Dallas, many significant choices will be made. It might be a compromise on the Toast Song, a change to our Ritual, an alteration of our membership standards, a long range plan, a national alumni association. And beneath every choice is an ideal, a dream, to be realized.

Every decision must be rendered not on what is best for us as individuals, but what is best for Alpha Phi Omega — not what is best for today, but what is best for tomorrow.

Alpha Phi Omega is *not* our chapter. It is *all* chapters. It is not *us*. It is *all* its students — past, present and, most importantly, future.

We will not always agree on exactly what to do. But our differences can be enriching if we first establish what we have in common: an agreement to look for solutions and an acknowledgement that we all are genuinely interested in the long-term best interests of Alpha Phi Omega. In this way, we stitch our differences together in the colorful quilt of friendship.

And, because all the choices are made by students, and because each choice translates visions into reality, there exists a great responsibility to Alpha Phi Omega and to those we serve to participate in this democratic process.

Every chapter has an *obligation* to be represented. Every delegate has an *obligation* to be informed, prepared and open-minded. The gift we hold in trust for those who will follow us demands no less.

It needs our leadership now, for it is we who find ourselves representing Alpha Phi Omega in all of its majesty and promise when it is time to speak and act on its behalf.

It is we who are asked for the highest form of service to our Fraternity and, as true friends to those who will follow us, we must nurture, shape and strengthen the APO of tomorrow without hesitation or reservation.

What we do at the Convention will be our gift to them. It must be given unselfishly and thoughtfully. It must be worthy of us and of those to whom we send it. Above all, it must be given by all of us.

Let all chapters resolve now to be represented in Dallas. Let us begin now to plan how we will get our delegates there, even if we must raise money to do so. Let us inform ourselves of the issues, and, most of all, let us dream about what APO really means to us and what it can mean to the students of tomorrow.

Then, let us follow that dream to Dallas!

## **Confessions of a two-timing pledge**



by Jack A. McKenzie, Member of the J. Franklin S. Mc-Mullan (Fall '73) and Earle M. Herbert (Fall '93) Pledge Classes

In the fall of 1993 a remarkable event occurred in my life: I pledged Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

Sure, a few thousand other people also pledged the Fraternity last fall, but the circumstances of my pledgeship were a bit different from most. I was already a Brother. In fact, I was a 38-year-old alumnus, chapter advisor and member of the National Board of Directors.

But I became a pledge all over again and lived a challenging honor that I will forever cherish.

It happened because the fall of '93 marked my 20th year in the Fraternity, since I pledged the first time during the fall of 1973. To help me celebrate this milestone, my chapter, Gamma Lambda at Clemson University, invited me to pledge again.

"We could just give you a plaque," said chapter president Jeff Kolb, instigator of the pledge-again plot, "but we figured you'd want to do something more, something really special."

And so, on Sept. 2, 1993, 12 rushees and I became Gamma Lambda's second consecutive Earle M. Herbert Pledge Class. (Earle was Gamma Lambda's spring pledge namesake as well as the National Fraternity's fall honoree.)

Being in a pledge class named for Earle Herbert, one of my longtime heroes and role models, was a thrill I can't begin to describe. The thrill was intensified manyfold when during the pledge induction ceremony I turned around to meet my Big Brother and found none other than Jeff Kolb, not only the chapter's president, but also a dear friend and excellent Brother. During the next 10 weeks, I attended the Sunday night pledge meetings, took the pledge tests (earned a 100-plus average, thank you), arranged personal visits with the Brothers and collected their signatures in my pledge manual, participated in chapter service projects, helped with the pledge service project, sold programs at Clemson football games (a chapter fund-raiser), made my Big Brother a commemorative paddle, and took my turn for the monthly pledge evaluations and final pledge interviews.

In short, I did everything expected of a pledge in Gamma Lambda.

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And I must have done okay, because on Nov. 11, 1993, I was reinitiated into the Brotherhood of Alpha Phi Omega.

It just doesn't get any better than that.

Looking back on this experience, two profound thoughts and two personal highlights come to mind.

The first profound thought is that pledging is hard work. It was tough at times making all those meetings and projects and arranging all those one-on-one appointments.

However, the results were definitely worth the effort, for the meetings were important and necessary, the projects were fun and rewarding, and I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent with each Brother.

The other profound thought is that a lot of assumptions are made about pledges — about what they know or should know, do or don't do. Being "on the other side" for a semester reminded me that pledging is truly a learning adventure that at times can be confusing. As a Brother, I'm going to try harder to help pledges understand the terminology of the chapter and the Fraternity, the background and purpose of projects and other events, and the expectations and goals of pledging.

As for highlights, one was getting to know my pledge brothers. They were — and are — an awesome bunch.

A particularly fond memory is the pleasant dinners and broad and deep Fraternity discussions that pledge class president Jerry Horstmann and I had at the local Mexican restaurant.

Another highlight was when my Big Brother presented to me the lettered jersey that has been in our Big Brother family for at least four generations. I know that may seem hokey, but I think it's really neat.

I also think it's neat that our Big Brother family tree includes two of my best alumni friends, both of whom are still in the Clemson area and one of whom chairs Gamma Lambda's advisory committee.

Would I pledge again tomorrow? Probably not.

Pledging is a wonderful experience, and so was repledging. I think it would do every Brother good to rediscover the Fraternity from the fresh perspective of a pledge eager to learn about and become a part of the Brotherhood we too often take for granted.

But Alpha Phi Omega is not about perpetual pledging.

Pledging is but a membership process leading to something much more wonderful, much more significant, much more demanding: becoming a Brother and fulfilling our solemn and personally binding promise to each other that we will practice the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service in all that we do, wherever we go, and for as long as we journey upon this earth.

I was proud to become a pledge again, but I am even prouder to be a Brother.

# National Service

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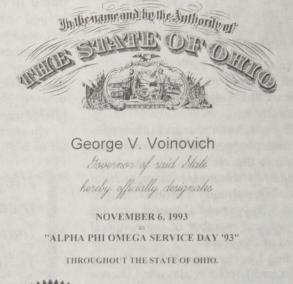
November 4, 1993

Greetings to everyone gathered in cities across the country to celebrate the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Day. It is fitting that you have selected 1993 as the year to focus your work on heightening AIDS awareness on America's campuses and in our communities. Our society now recognizes that AIDS is a disease that, in one way or another, affects all of us.

As you well know, government alone does not make Azerica work -- people do. The real strength of our nation stems from the energy of people who. Jike you, take responsibility for their families, their communities, and their nation. Your work in helping to involve young people in the fight against AIDS exemplifies the best of that American spirit. Working together, the youth of this nation can make a positive difference in helping to shape our future.

I commend you for your important efforts and extend my best wishes for a successful day.

Rie Clinton





IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO BE AFFICED, AT COLUMBUS, THIS SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE.

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### Members promote awareness of HIV/AIDS

National Service Day — a day to focus on serving others, a day to focus on giving of your time and energy to a worthy cause, and a day to focus on celebrating what our Fraternity does for our college campuses and communities through the collective efforts of our individual members, our chapters, our sections, our regions, and through our national organization.

National Service Day is celebrated in many ways across the country. One celebration was a Tri-Sectional Conference (Sections 32, 33, and 34) held over the weekend of November 5-7. The underlying theme of the conference was on our national emphasis of service for the year — AIDS Awareness. The conference included written material about HIV/AIDS in each participant's packet, an educational keynote address by Donna Reed, HIV Prevention Coordinator for the University of Arkansas, regarding the current trends in HIV/AIDS research and what the audience could do to prevent further transmission. A workshop session followed up on Ms. Reed's comments, moderated by Dwain Lamb, board member of the Washington County AIDS Task Force, which allowed for discussion and questions on this topic. The highlight of the conference was the showing of "And the Band Played On," the HBO movie chronicling the worldwide outbreak of the virus and the efforts made to discover a reason for the virus.

It was evident that the members of Alpha Phi Omega attending the



conference were interested in and wanted to know more about the topic of HIV/AIDS Awareness. The keynote and follow-up session gave members a unique opportunity to learn up-to-date information about HIV/AIDS in a clinical and personal way. HIV/AIDS remains a major health concern for the United States and the world. Focus on the topic should not end with National Service Day 1993.





### Nu Theta

On November 10, 1993, Nu Theta Chapter at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, sponsored a blood drive in connection with Alpha Phi Omega's National Service Day. The chapter surpassed a goal of 160 pints, collecting 183 pints of blood for the Red Cross. Co-chairs of the event, Shannon Connell and Kristy Miller, noted there were 87 volunteers in connection with planning, recruiting donors, and working at the blood drive. In addition, at the blood drive, there was an AIDS and HIV information table. That same evening, Nu Theta chapter sponsored a free campus and community wide showing of the movie, "And the Band Played On," a movie promoting AIDS/HIV awareness and understanding. For further information contact: Nu Theta Chapter President, Luther College, SPO 1, Decorah, IA 52101-1039.



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### Delta Upsilon

On December 7, 1993, the Delta Upsilon Chapter at East Stroudsburg University, completed its annual Unique Person on Campus Award by presenting Jennifer Bedwick, Division Director of the NEPA March of Dimes, with a check for \$110.00. The project is a variation of the Ugly Man on Campus and is run by having each of the student organizations nominate persons from their organization that they feel deserves the honor of being ESU's Unique Person. The university community votes for their favorite unique person by placing money in that person's jar. All of the money collected goes to the winner's choice of charitable organization. Voting took place over two days at the University Center. Nominees were from the residence halls, Panhellenic Council, fraternities, sororities, and the Residence Hall Association. Each nominee provided a picture, a short biography, and a charity organization to sponsor. This year's winner of the event was Tyrone Comunale from Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He was able to raise over \$55.00 in his jar during the voting period. For more information about this project please feel free to contact Delta Upsilon Chapter at East Stroudsburg, c/o University Center, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

Additionally, Delta Upsilon helped to sort part of the 47,000 pounds of food brought in by Boy Scouts in the Pocono District of the Minsi Trails Council as part of the *Scouting for Food*, National Good Turn project. Other East Stroudsburg University fraternities and sororities helped to sort the food as well, They included Delta Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities and Phi Sigma Sigma and Lambda Iota sororities. For more information about the *Scouting for Food* Project contact the Boy Scout Council in your geographical area.

### Nu Epsilon

Georgia Southern University's Nu Epsilon Chapter co-sponsored with the American Cancer Society of Statesboro, Georgia, a fund-raiser called Jail and Bail on October 28th and 29th. The goal for this event was \$10,000.00. Due in part to the chapter's great efforts, a grand total of \$11,970.00 was raised! Nu Epsilon's President, Eric Haymans, was one of the many people arrested. He successfully raised \$524.00 for his bail. The chapter had a great time and the project was a tremendous success. For further information contact Nu Epsilon Chapter President, Georgia Southern University, Landrum Box 12363, Statesboro, GA 30460.





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#### Nu Lambda

This past fall, Brothers from the Nu Lambda Chapter at Moravian College raised money to help defray the cost of an expensive bone marrow transplant for a Walnutport, Pennsylvania, woman suffering from leukemia. During a football game between Moravian and Albright College, the Brothers of Nu Lambda served hot dogs, candy, coffee, and soda to a crowd of over 1,500 fans. Collection jars were placed at the concession stand and entrances to the football field. Nu Lambda President Greg Hess said "I consider the fund-raiser a success thanks to the generosity of students, faculty, and alumni."

"When we were told about the bone marrow transplant cost, the brothers felt that we could and should so something to make a difference," said Vice President of Service Chris Elser. After visiting the woman with leukemia, the brothers of Nu Lambda organized a fund-raiser that would take place during the Moravian College Family Day at Steel Field.

A presentation of a \$750 check was made immediately after the game and included Nu Lambda President Greg Hess, Player of the Game Mike Natale, and Moravian College President Roger H. Martin.

"I was really touched by Alpha Phi Omega's commitment to the needs of this particular human being, and I commend them for organizing this fundraiser," Martin said. After the final tally of funds, the chapter had raised and contributed \$925 from the one-day fund-raiser. For more information please contact the Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega



at Box 10, 1200 Main Street, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Other fall service projects of the Nu Lambda Chapter include Monte Carlo Night for the benefit of Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Thanksgiving Basket Donations, Service to the Moravian Museum, Vesper Ushers, donations to the Association for Retarded Citizens, Red Cross for victims of the Midwest Floods and Earthquake relief fund totaling \$300.00.



#### Beta Sigma

This past fall, the Brothers at Beta Sigma chapter, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, sold souvenir programs at all home football games. Funds raised go into a chapter endowment that allows the chapter to support various projects during the year. For further information contact: Chapter President, Beta Sigma, Texas Tech University, Box 4333 Tech Station, Lubbock, TX 79409-0001.

### Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Every once in a while a great letter accompanies an article and photo describing "Service" rendered by our chapters. The letter below reflects the positive results of a chapter in action.

- Editor

#### Dear APO:

I write to bring to your attention the involvement of members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, in a community service project called the Saturday Respite Program. Saturday Respite is a service program of the Disabilities Board with a two-fold mission:

- to provide mentally and/or physically challenged individuals with the opportunity for experimental learning and exposure to individuals within our community; and
- to provide caregivers of mentally and/or physically challenged individuals with an opportunity for much needed rest and relaxation, and a chance to spend quality time with other family members who may be feeling neglected.

Members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter donated many hours during scheduled Saturdays to involve participants in such activities as fishing, beach walk, museum tour, swimming, arts and crafts, and safety awareness. These student volunteers gave the precious gift of their time and enthusiasm. It was this interaction with the participants that made this year's Saturday Respite Program an overwhelming success. Participants, staff of the Center, and parents were greatly impressed with the volunteer efforts, and have asked that we keep student involvement as an integral component of the program.

Recently, a great deal of national attention has focused on the area of service learning — enrichment of the classroom experience through handson involvement in community service. The concept of service learning is by no means a "trendy, new-age" concept. Volunteers are the lifeblood of such programs as Saturday Respite. The Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter deserves recognition for a job well done. Their efforts reflect great credit on your Fraternity's principle of Service."

> — Tracy L. Baran Saturday Respite Coordinator







### CHAPTER News & Notes

#### Iowa floods renew spirit

I've always had this interpretation of humanity. I felt that if you put forth a large part of yourself and your soul that some good would come out of it. Throughout my daily life I try to help others and I felt going to Iowa was something I needed to do. I looked at all the destruction and heartache that the people were going through. They had no control over the situation. It wasn't their fault that nature handed them these problems. I felt like it was my job as a person, as a human being to give a little. I feel today in our society too many people take for granted all they do have. Life isn't to look at what you don't have, but what you do have. I met a lot of people out there who like myself dropped everything and went out to Iowa. These strangers restored my faith in the human spirit and the renewal of others helping others. I gained a lot from my journey to Iowa. Anyone who has the time and opportunity to do something for someone else should do it. People shouldn't always have a "me" attitude. Something like this puts your life in perspective. It makes you look at what you have, who you are, and what knowledge you can gain and grow from such an experience.

— Danielle Sabatelle Bloomsburg University Xi Lambda Chapter

#### Adopt-A-School

The Zeta Alpha Chapter at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill, began it's Adopt-A-School program which matches organizations with inner-city schools in an effort to provide assistance and new and different experiences for the school children. Zeta Alpha officially adopted Franklin Elementary School in a ceremony in October. Members helped the kindergarten through fourth grade children with after-school tutoring, computer supervision, an art outreach program, a gymnastics demonstration, pen-pal letters, tours of Bradley's campus, a Halloween party, and a musical showcase. The members spent more than 130 hours with the kids in the first two weeks alone! Franklin School administrators have been delighted with the members work. The program may be expanded to include a second school in the coming year. For more information please contact: Adopt-A-School Chairperson, Alpha Phi Omega, 415 Sisson Hall, Bradley University, Peoria, IL 61625.

#### Size XXL

Additionally, the **Zeta Alpha** chapter has nearly doubled its size with the largest pledge class in its history. More than 100 students came to the rush information session at the beginning of the semester, and the chapter recently activated 52 new members. Zeta Alpha, which had about 20 members four years ago, now boasts a membership of 128, at a university of only 5,000 undergraduate students. Chapter meetings now pack one of the campus's largest lecture halls, and activation had to be held in the sports arena. Zeta Alpha's members logged more than 4,000 hours of service in the fall 1993 semester.

### Mu Tau challenges you



The many disasters that have plagued our country in recent years have taken their tolls on the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The victims of Hurricane Andrew, the Great Midwest Flood of 1993, the fires in California, and most recently the January 1994 earthquake in Los Angeles, are still trying to rebuild their lives. Many people count on the Red Cross during these times of crisis. The Red Cross needs help from all of us not affected by a particular disaster. This past fall the **Mu Tau** chapter at West Virginia Tech raised funds for the Red Cross flood relief program. We challenge you, fellow brothers, to raise at least one dollar for every active brother in your chapter this spring. If we all work together we can make a difference for the Disaster Relief Fund. Please contact your local Red Cross on how and where to send your contributions. Also, ask about becoming trained as a disaster volunteer. They are always looking for people with generous hearts.

### Preparing for leadership



In the summer of 1993 the Fraternity sponsored six Chapter Presidents Workshops (CPW's). Over 150 brothers attended the conferences, preparing themselves for leadership roles within their chapters. Pictured above is the CPW held in Denton, Texas. The 1994 CPW schedule will be in the Spring '94 Torch & Trefoil.





### Luzader recognized

Region VI Director, Bobby Hainline, Brothers from Alpha Gamma Chapter and National Alumni Chair Fred Heismeyer recognize Warren Luzader with the presentation of the National Alumni Distinguished Service Key. Brother Luzader was the 1988 Fall Pledge Class Namesake for the Fraternity. For 37 years he has volunteered as chapter advisor to the Alpha Gamma chapter. He has shared valuable wisdom and always encouraged achievement in each brother. He was truly deserving of this recognition.

#### Alpha Chi Alumni

The most frequent alumni association newsletter arriving at the National Office is one in which the title changes monthly but still reflects our Greek letters "APO." In the past three months the National Office has received "Aerial Poultry Overhead," "Agitated, Panting and Overheated" and "Arizona, Pennsylvania and Ohio." John Kohl, Editor and Section 94 Chair, probably has a lot to do with these monthly anticipated changes. Each issue lists activities, service opportunities and personal happenings in the lives of the association members.

For more information contact John Kohl at (508) 663-3453.

#### Chaparral news

The Chaparral Alumni Association returned to active alumni service in the fall of 1993. The expressed purpose of the Chaparral Alumni Association is to provide an opportunity for networking among fellow graduates, and of course to continue to support the activities of the Fraternity. John McGlynn, editor of the Chaparral News, wrote an article, "Why Get Involved?" to attract alumni in Southern California. But this editor believes it is a message to all alumni. It is reprinted on page 11.

#### Metro NY/NJ

Members of the Metro New York/New Jersey Alumni Association have been involved with a variety of service projects over the past several years that included a Bowl-a-Thon for BSA, and a Walk-a-Thon for the Diabetes Association. Fellowship events have also been important: picnics, banquets, and comedy show nights. For those alumni looking to become involved, contact Dan Rauch at (201) 325-0712.



### Proud to feature ...

**Togo D. West Jr.** was initiated in the Zeta Phi Chapter at Howard University in Washington, D.C., May 31, 1961. He remained an active brother throughout his undergraduate years. The Fraternity is proud to recognize Brother West in his new appointment as Secretary of the Army.

Brother West was sworn in as the 16th Secretary of the Army on Nov. 22, 1993. He received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Howard University in 1965, and in 1968 completed a juris doctorate degree from the same university, graduating *cum laude.* 

Mr. West first joined the federal government as a legal intern with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the summer of 1967, and then returned to federal employment in 1968 when he accepted a judicial clerkship in the Southern District of New York. In 1969 he was commissioned in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is an honor graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer basic course. He served on active duty with the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) until 1973. He then joined the Department of Justice as Associate Deputy Attorney General in 1975 and was appointed to serve as the Department of the Navy's General Counsel in 1977, a position he held

until 1979. He also served as the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense (1979-1980) and was appointed General Counsel of the Department of Defense on Jan. 29, 1980. For his military service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal, and for his public service, he was awarded the Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. He is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. He is married, has two children and resides in Washington, D.C.

# Why get involved?

#### by John McGlynn

You would think that getting people to join the **Chaparral Alumni Association** would be easier than recruiting new actives. After all, there is no rush to plan and no pledges to train. Best of all, you don't have to give that speech on "What Alpha Phi Omega Is All About." My experience in trying to recruit alumni, however, has made me long for those days of rush tables and open meetings.

When recruiting alumni, there are two major obstacles. The first is finding them. Brothers who have been away from Fraternity activity for some time are generally difficult to find. While National records are some help, one is generally reduced to tracking lost alumni through word-of-mouth.

New alumni are easier to find, since they are usually active with APO until they graduate. Most local chapters keep pretty good track of their graduates for at least the first year after graduation. The trouble is that many of these new graduates leave the local area for jobs or school elsewhere.

Once you've found these alumni comes the second major obstacle: convincing them to join. I always feel like I'm trying to get incoming freshmen to pledge when I talk to prospective alumni members. You

### Lambda Phi

Pictured at right is the recently formed Lambda Phi Alumni Association at its first annual business meeting that included a picnic. The new group formed in Ypsilanti, Michigan. For further information contact Steve Sindlinger, 1335 River Dr. #21, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. get the same questions: "What's it all about?" "Why should I join?" "How much work is involved?" You also get all the same responses: "My schedule's really busy." "I don't have a lot of time." "I can't do too much."

Why should you get involved with the Chaparral Alumni Association? It's very much the same as when you were first pledging: your reasons for joining are ultimately very personal, and your hopes are that in some way this organization can help you forward yourself and your beliefs through life.

In college, as active members, much of what we did in the Fraternity was to prepare us for life after college. This does not mean that once we graduate, we are fully prepared to get on with the rest of our lives. We are constantly needing to learn and grow. As active brothers in college we were given a good foundation in which to start our postgraduate lives. Just as we can never leave learning behind, the ideals of APO cannot be left behind.

As a member of the Chaparral Alumni Association, you can help continue to develop the spirit of APO. Our Association is designed to develop with your needs. We have no formal program or requirements. You can be involved as much or as little as you like. We can get you in touch with chapter members if you would like to advise an active chapter. We can get you in touch with Sectional, Regional, or National Staff if you would like to serve in a more active role. Or, you can just come to our picnic or one of our other outings to talk with old friends. Our mission is not to pressure you into playing an active part. We want you to join so you can at least keep in touch with your old friends and your Fraternity.

Why we decided to pledge is generally because something within the organization and its people filled a need that was personal. We all have our own reasons for joining. It's no different with the Alumni Association. All I can do is to give you my reasons for joining, and hope that my experiences will inspire something within you to at least come and check out our group.

As an alumnus of APO, you already know what the Fraternity is all about. Come visit with us and see how Leadership, Friendship, and Service can still be a part of your life.

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