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1986 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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History and tradition encompass our National Conventions. Each convention adds to the richness of our future. The photos on this page remind us of our memorable past. The photo of 1934 was only the third National Convention. Can anyone remember "spats"? The "Chief," H. Roe Bartle is seated on the couch, second from the right. This year our convention may feature the largest "Toast Song" ever—the 1946 National Convention in Kansas City featured the "Chief" leading the convention in our time-honored song. President Dwight Eisenhower, honored by our Fraternity, received National Honorary membership following the 1960 Convention. In 1962, our founder Frank Reed Horton once again graced the National Convention.

While these photos represent our past, this 27th National Convention in Houston, Texas will establish our future memories. For many Brothers it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience; for others it is the eagerly anticipated event to renew old acquaintances. For all concerned it will be a chance to greet members from all parts of the nation. Important issues brought to the convention will be determined. The future direction of our Fraternity for the next two years will be decided with the election of new leaders. Fun, excitement, and spirited rivalry added to all the above will create another growth ring to the history and tradition of our great Fraternity. Our conventions inspire a strong rededication to the principles for which we profess. At the final banquet of the 1986 convention when all stand in the fellowship circle, it will be a time to reflect that we are Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega and that indeed we are an active part of our History and Tradition.



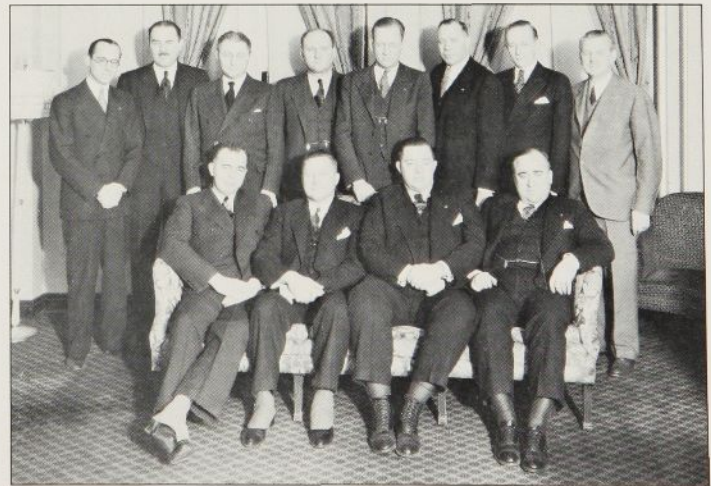
The "Chief" leading the Toast Song at the 1946 convention.



President Dwight Eisenhower awarded Honorary National Membership after the 1960 convention.



Frank Reed Horton and Dr. Ray O. Wyland receive accolades at the 1962 National Convention.



The leaders of the 1934 National Convention.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE THE FUTURE CALLS



It is easy to look back at the friendships which have been built as a result of our Fraternity, the names and faces and events that helped us realize that we were not alone when we faced the perils of college and adulthood. Fellowship with our Brothers showed us that sacrificing time, energy and money for the good of others was not painful; it was actually fun! Relationships were established upon which we knew we could count, even in our darkest hours.

It is easy to look back on the accomplishments which were made possible by our involvement in Alpha Phi Omega: the parks which were rebuilt so that countless others could run, play, or just relax and enjoy; the young, smiling faces of disabled kids who had their first opportunity to retreat from the inner-city and enjoy the wonders of nature; the new-found ease of our fellow students, now able to find their cars in what was once a parking lot wilderness because we had painted row numbers. Projects large and small and everything in between: towing a bathtub all the way across a state to raise money for the needy, or helping an elderly shut-in transform a previously run-down home to one shining with a clean yard and a new coat of paint; yes, we've done them all and enjoyed them all.

We can even recall the challenges which our Fraternity presented us: the necessity to plan and to help direct others in pursuit of our mutual goals; the ability to organize others so that precious labor would not be

wasted; the duty to help show others how to accept their own role as a leader of Alpha Phi Omega, passing on our traditions and our programs to others.

We all remember—we all know—the results of answering the call of Alpha Phi Omega. But this call is not just a warmly remembered echo of our past. The call sounds again, now and in the future.

When you feel that you have done enough, your Brothers will call. When you no longer have the time, the Fraternity will call. For the work which faces Alpha Phi Omega is never done. Humankind, despite all its progress, will always need a supply of leaders to help resolve the problems of our modern age; it will need the compassionate souls who not only sense the need for brotherhood but who practice it; it will need those who are willing to give of themselves in providing those services which are so vitally needed, but cannot be otherwise provided.

Our Fraternity will call again, for it needs Brothers to make decisions, actives to guide its chapters locally and to set its policies nationally. And our Fraternity will call again, for it is not something which ends when you leave college. It will call again, to our alumni for their continued support of our programs. It will call for advisors for our active chapters and key volunteers for sectional and regional staff. And it will call yet again for established alumni willing to seek office on the Fraternity's National Board of Directors.

The Fraternity has called in the past and we have answered. But that is not enough. If "Once a Brother, always a Brother" means anything, it means that our Brotherhood can, and will, continue to call on us. Its future and our future, the future of Alpha Phi Omega, depends not on how well we remember the good times of the past, but on how well we answer the call of the today...and tomorrow.



Fraternity Trivia: Who, Where and Why? The where was Los Angeles Convention 1980; the who are Earle Herbert and C.P. Zlatkovich. The real question is—Why is Earle smiling and C.P. grimacing? No one remembers but it does show you what a great time you can have at a National Convention.

VOLUNTEERISM

by Dr. M. Richard Rose
President, Rochester Institute of Technology

College students are the recipients of excellent learning opportunities. Faculty who devote their lives to the teaching and learning process take the best from our heritage combining that with the most current advances in the sciences and technologies, and pass it along to future generations—thus providing the continuity to our civilization.



A quality education encompasses much, much more than simply learning academic subjects. One valuable additional lesson is in learning how to serve others. Alexis deTocqueville, the French nobleman who traveled this nation in the 19th century, was struck by the simple and yet profound sense of community he found. People helping each other—volunteerism. No one saying they should, no one telling them how, no one passing judgment, and all with no thought of reward or recognition—just people helping people.

This uniquely American tradition has been at the root of the quality of life we enjoy. A concern for others—a willingness to help. We don't really think of it as unusual—it is a part of our culture. It's basic to the American character and too often we take it for granted.

In our educational process the concept of volunteerism needs to be emphasized beyond the theory. It is said that one simple, single living action counts for more than the most noble sentiment. I believe this. Students need to be encouraged to participate, indeed shown, through service projects—projects that help others with no thought of recognition or reward—experiencing the satisfaction derived from knowing they have made a difference. As they develop professional skills in the classroom and laboratory, notions of professional behavior evolve. The opportunity to participate as a volunteer in a meaningful fashion rounds out the professional behavioral model in a critical learning sequence. Learning to serve uses the newly acquired skills and the energy and enthusiasm that abounds in America's great young people.

Volunteerism is a powerful force. We know that knowledge without commitment may become cynical cleverness,

usually self-serving. Commitment without knowledge is all too often just ineffective sentimentality. In like manner, passionate convictions are no substitute for reasoned analysis.

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It is commitment with knowledge, the product of reasoned analysis, that causes constructive change. Most students leaving our nation's colleges and universities have professional skills. They are capable of constructive change. Colleges and universities will not change the human condition—their graduates will, if they choose.

There is no analog to American volunteerism any place in the world. We are the only nation so typified; our society and its institutions have been shaped by it. It has determined the real quality of American life.

As we became more affluent over the years as a nation, the government, at all levels, assumed many of the responsibilities and duties previously attended to by largely non-government agencies manned by volunteers. We became a more mobile society, family structures have weakened, and our rural characteristics have changed and, in many cases, disappeared. With all these changes government has a role, but it cannot and should not be the only means of addressing the needs of those in our midst.

College and university graduates will, by and large, experience higher earnings and hold leadership roles in our society. They need to learn how to give as volunteers, be it time or money or both. Each privilege is attended by a responsibility and our students must be both taught and showed this central truth. We have a national institution, Alpha Phi Omega, the largest and oldest service fraternity in the United

States, devoted to this very American tradition.

On this campus, Alpha Phi Omega is composed of leaders that not only quietly paint a public swimming pool or host parties for less fortunate children, but they set a tone for others to follow. Every fraternity and society at Rochester Institute of Technology has a service project each year, a major one. They raise thousands of dollars for worthwhile endeavors ranging from the American Kidney Foundation to support for children at Strong Memorial Hospital. And quite beyond the cash they contribute is the quality manpower. I am very proud of these students. It is a privilege to be a part of their learning experience and professional growth.

God blesses many of us quite beyond our merit with financial success. It is a Biblical truth and a functional fact that when we die we will take nothing of our material goods with us. We can experience great satisfaction for our hard work and good fortune by giving to help others. As in Silas Marner, we can “count our gold” in the improved lives of others and unlike Silas see it grow and multiply in the lives we touch and help...without knowledge...without recognition...this is our gold.

Volunteerism is an American tradition. We need to work to preserve it, both for those it will help and for ourselves.

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(Dr. M. Richard Rose is currently President of Rochester Institute of Technology; formerly, President of Alfred University; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Education; Coordinator of Regional Programs and Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. Perhaps more importantly, he is a past Alpha Phi Omega member, Chapter President, Chapter Advisor, and remains active at the national level.

Alpha Phi Omega

Chapters in the News

Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor recently sponsored a community project to go to a day care center in Ann Arbor called Perry House. They cleaned, raked, painted and did anything else that needed to be done. A large representation of pledges, actives and alumni attended this project. The Perry House Project is an annual one that has become a tradition for the chapter. "It is a good way to get our pledges interested and give them a great idea of what Alpha Phi Omega is all about," said Debbie Eisenberg. For further information on this project contact Debbie Eisenberg, Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Michigan, 4204 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.

Beta Omicron

As part of a Spring 1986 service project the Beta Omicron Chapter at the University of Missouri-Rolla raised over \$3,500 to benefit the Gingerbread House, a home for severely mentally and physically handicapped children in the Rolla area. The money, to be used in building an extension to the house for children who become sick, was raised through a pizza drive in which Beta Omicron members sold, then prepared and delivered pizzas to members of the community as well as other campus organizations. Such enthusiasm and publicity was created for the project, that aside from the pizza drive, numerous contributions were also received. Beta Omicron can be con-

tacted at Alpha Phi Omega, Student Union, Rolla, Missouri 65401.

Gamma Theta

This fall was a busy time for Gamma Theta Chapter. Many service projects were planned and completed to benefit the campus and Boulder communities. After the Homecoming game, members helped with the campus clean-up. From October 21-23, time was given to help run and advertise the blood drive held on campus. On October 31, a Halloween Carnival was held at the South Boulder Recreation Center. Members dressed in costumes helped run game and candy booths. Members of the chapter also donated their time and energy to help set up and decorate for the Scout Recognition dinner that was held the following day. Service was not the only area of emphasis, as various fundraisers were conducted. During the week of Halloween, pumpkins were sold for carving. For an additional fund raising project, members are selling movie coupon books for a local theater. Fellowship activities were also emphasized to allow actives and new pledges to interact. Food, fun and snow were the highlights of a Retreat held on October 11 and 12. Other activities included a tailgate party and a Big and Little Brother bowling night. For further information on these projects, contact Gamma Theta Chapter, University of Colorado, University Memorial Center, Boulder, Colorado 80309.

by Michael Suhr
National Finance
Chairman



For the fiscal year ending August 31, 1986, expenses exceeded revenues by \$10,491.00, which decreased the fund balance from \$107,000 to \$96,513. Although the Board of Directors knew the 1985/86 year would be one of challenge in many ways, I want to explain in this report several specific items that need attention and corrective action.

In the area of revenues, we recognize the importance of Chapter Membership being the primary source of our revenues for the Fraternity. In fact, this past year initiation fees, pledge fees and Annual Active Membership Dues amounted to 62% of the revenues. Sales of supplies and jewelry were 15%. Development Campaign and Other Revenues totaled 22%. This past year, revenues were \$4,252 above our budget of \$251,025.00.

The toughest part of this report is explaining the expense side of the Budget. As you review the expenses, you will note that more than a few items exceeded the budgeted figures. Printing exceeded the budget by \$8,201.00. The need for printing is a continuing concern for the Fraternity and throughout the past fiscal year, more than a few unbudgeted items had to be printed. Because the Fraternity operates with many written materials, there was no other choice but to print those materials to fill needs and continue timely distribution to our Chapters.

Jewelry and supplies exceeded the budget by \$7,633.00 in anticipation of greater sales. Some volume purchasing for lower costs on some items caused a larger than expected year end inventory. Merchandise purchased did not result in anticipated sales. Inventory control added to this deficit. Other categories over budget were postage, office supplies, equipment maintenance (copier expense) and Chapter visitations by staff. These last particular categories can be attributed to the hiring of new Executive Director, changes in the office operations and more frequent communications with Chapters and Alumni.

As the bottom line shows a noticeable loss this past year, it must be pointed out that in the past three fiscal years, we increased our fund balance \$79,958.00, building a reserve that helps the Fraternity progress through a time like we experienced this past year.

As you would anticipate, many questions were asked and changes have been made already this year to correct actions that allowed such an occurrence. The staff now monitors expenses and

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inventory control more closely and there is greater use of our computer in tracking inventory items such as merchandise and Chapter supplies. The staff will limit the purchase of general merchandise items for sale.

Our annual audit was conducted by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, the certified public accounting firm retained by Alpha Phi Omega to examine financial data and prepare annual financial reports. I am pleased to report that the

administration of our National Office is making positive changes and is working diligently toward improving the administration and operation of the Fraternity. Rest assured that the Board of Directors and staff will continue to implement and develop plans and actions that will provide successful years of financial stability. As I have noted before in my annual financial report, it is important for the membership to strive to derive new ways of providing additional

sources of income for our Fraternity.

In summary, this past year was one of challenge and even improvement despite the financial situation. Our greatest asset is our members. Our highest priority is serving our Chapter needs. We can all look forward to better times with enthusiasm. We do have a very challenging future and it will take all of us to continue to support our Fraternity.

BALANCE SHEET, August 31, 1986

ASSETS		1986	1985
GENERAL FUND:			
Current assets:			
Cash and money market funds		\$ 61,205	\$ 49,103
Accounts receivable (Note 2)		3,490	3,648
Endowment Fund receivable		15,291	15,291
Returned checks - NSF		2,169	1,678
Merchandise for sale, at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market		12,459	13,979
Printed materials and supplies		13,190	18,750
Prepaid rent expense		2,688	
Prepaid 1986 convention expense		1,826	356
Prepaid disability insurance		1,045	
Postage meter		279	279
Other		271	4,511
Total current assets		98,622	107,595
Fixed assets:			
Furniture and fixtures		27,404	26,929
Equipment		26,319	23,860
Leasehold improvements		2,641	2,641
Total fixed assets		56,364	53,430
Less accumulated depreciation		38,384	31,089
Fixed assets, net		17,980	22,341
TOTAL		\$116,602	\$129,936

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND - Cash

\$ 11,771

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN FUND - Cash

\$ — \$ 2,400

SPECIAL PROJECT CAMPAIGN FUND - Cash

\$ 3,179 \$ 2,984

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

GENERAL FUND:		1986	1985
Current liabilities:			
Payroll taxes payable		\$ 3,379	\$ 3,319
Accounts payable - overpayments		4,289	5,214
Accounts payable		4,570	5,177
Total current liabilities		12,238	13,710
Other liabilities - Funds held for inactive chapters		4,296	4,240
Total liabilities		16,534	17,950
Fund equity:			
Contributed capital		3,555	4,982
Fund balances:			
Designated by the Board of Directors for an update of the membership files		2,000	2,000
Undesignated		94,513	105,004
Total Fund balances		96,513	107,004
Total Fund equity		100,068	111,986
TOTAL		\$116,602	\$129,936

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND - Fund balance

\$ 11,771 \$ —

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN FUND - Fund balance

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SPECIAL PROJECT CAMPAIGN FUND - Fund balance

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GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE for the year ended August 31, 1986

	Actual	Budget (Unaudited)	Actual Over (Under) Budget (Unaudited)
REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN:			
Initiation fees	\$ 99,472	\$ 95,000	\$ 4,472
Pledge fees	29,430	30,500	(1,070)
Annual active membership dues	29,965	29,000	965
Sale of jewelry and supplies, net	19,717	42,000	(22,283)
Development Campaign contributions	29,503	30,000	(497)
Development Campaign Fund transfer	2,400		2,400
Other revenue	24,790	24,525	265
Total revenues and transfers in	255,277	251,025	4,252

EXPENSES:

Personnel services:			
Salaries	105,722	106,425	(703)
Retirement	2,768	2,780	(12)
Hospitalization insurance	3,885	7,000	(3,115)
Unemployment compensation			
Payroll taxes	7,294	7,675	(381)
Disability insurance	1,045	1,045	
Total personnel services	120,720	124,925	(4,205)
Office services:			
Printing	20,201	12,000	8,201
Telephone	6,268	6,500	(232)
Postage	15,982	14,000	1,982
Rent and utilities	13,126	14,200	(1,074)
Auditing and accounting	1,700	2,000	(300)
Office supplies	6,719	6,000	719
Data processing	2,948	3,500	(552)
Equipment maintenance	8,549	6,000	2,549
Insurance	2,358	1,900	458
Total office service	77,851	66,100	11,751

Field services:

Chapter visitation, staff	10,860	9,000	1,860
Torch and Trefol	13,492	16,500	(3,008)
Certificates, charges, and awards	2,481	2,750	(269)
Alumni report	395	1,000	(605)
President's discretionary account	1,689	2,500	(811)
President's workshop	780	1,000	(220)
Board meetings	671		671
Total field services	30,368	32,750	(2,382)
Other services:			
Professional fees and subscriptions	743	500	243
Purchase of jewelry and supplies	26,613	19,000	7,613
Life membership sales campaign	2,350	2,000	350
Miscellaneous expenses	1,235	250	985
Depreciation	5,868	5,500	368
Total other services	36,829	27,250	9,579
Total expenses	265,768	251,025	14,743

EXPENSES OVER REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN

(10,491) \$ — \$ (10,491)

FUND BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 1, 1985

107,004

FUND BALANCE, AUGUST 1, 1986

\$ 96,513

1986 Torchbearers

Torchbearers are those special Brothers who believe unequivocally in the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. They want to help kindle the flame of leadership on campus that will grow into tomorrow's torch of outstanding citizenship to community and nation. Carrying forth this Torch, the following Brothers have invested \$50.00 or more during 1985-86 in the future of the Fraternity. They invite you to join them in their commitment.

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OPPOSITES DETRACT

by Dr. Stan Carpenter
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When people do not understand something, they often say: "It's Greek to me." But the words "Alpha Phi Omega" are clearly defined by our purpose, aren't they? Let's take a look.



The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to assemble college students in a National Service Fraternity in the fellowship of the principles of the Boy Scouts of America as embodied in its Scout Oath Law, to develop Leadership, to promote Friendship, and provide Service to humanity; and to further the freedom that is our national, education, and intellectual heritage.

This statement, while straightforward, is open to interpretation, as are all sentences and paragraphs composed of words. Perhaps we could clarify the meaning by considering the opposites of some of the key words in the Purpose.

The opposite of **assemble** is to disassemble or to divide. In our context, we might think of a group that is losing its unity because of a lack of commitment to common goals.

The opposite of **fellowship** is disagreement, friction, factionalization, or intolerance of one another's opinions.

The opposite of **principles** would be a lack of a moral or philosophical rudder, a non-belief in anything significant.

Leadership has for its opposite not follower-ship, for that is a major part of leadership, but irresponsibility. A failure for any reason to contribute to the group in one's proper role and with commitment is the mark of a non-leader.

"The biggest thing that cripples us and contributes to the anti-Purpose is fear. Fear of failure, fear of success, fear of risk, fear of life, fear of others, fear of ourselves."

Enmity and hatred are not the opposites of **Friendship**. Rather, indifference, lack of emotion, and unwillingness to help characterize those who are not our friends.

The opposite of **Service** is failure to care and to act on one's caring. Service means putting legs on ideals; anything less is its opposite.

Freedom, in this context, is the opposite of insecurity, a lack of confidence necessary to be oneself, to actualize potential, to live effectively.

If we substitute these opposites, we can see the opposite of our Purpose:

The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to divide college students by failing to be tolerant and by not believing in

anything significant, to develop Irresponsibility, to promote Indifference to each other, and provide Inattention to humanity; and to further insecurity and lack of confidence in our national, educational, and intellectual heritage.

That's quite a rallying cry, isn't it? Our Cardinal Principles would be Irresponsibility, Indifference, and Inattention.

The biggest thing that cripples us and contributes to the anti-Purpose is fear. Fear of failure, fear of success, fear of risk, fear of life, fear of others, fear of ourselves.

The opposite of fear is . . . Love. Love of ourselves so that we have the confidence to give to others. Love of others so that we can truly share in meaningful ways through our Fraternity. Love of the actualizing of our ideals in Alpha Phi Omega.

The true Purpose is about Love. The anti-Purpose is about fear. To the extent we live our Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, we Love. To the extent that we fail to keep them before us, we contribute to Fear.

*Let us learn not to to fear.
Let us learn to Love.*



National Convention Coordinator and Region VII Representative, Wilfred Krenek, and National Convention Chairman, Molly Malone of Xi Delta, make last minute plans for the monthly convention committee meetings held in preparation for the National Convention in Houston, Texas.

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