



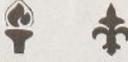
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Town Meeting featured at Regionals

Chapters deal with local issues one year, 11 months, and 26 days, then they arrive at a National Convention and are expected to confront broad national issues for two days and make the right decisions. Town meetings provide a way to discuss national issues. National President Jerry Schroeder or Vice President Wilfred Krenek represent the fraternity at each Regional conference. This cover shows the President at the Region V Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, this past October. The presence of the President or Vice President at a Regional Conference allows students the opportunity to hear firsthand how the fraternity is doing. The informal setting of the "town meeting" makes for easier discussion of national issues such as diversity, gender exclusive language, hazing issues, and our relationship with National BSA.


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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Think back to your high school — let's call it LFS High.

Remember the night the football team finally beat its biggest rival from across the city or county? If your school was like mine, the headline in the next day's newspaper read: "LFS High Celebrates Second Homecoming Victory in School History."

Remember when the debate team placed first in the district tournament? Then the headline was "LFS Crushes Opponents in District."

But who or what was the LFS High, your school, that recorded these triumphs? People said LFS won the game or tournament, but LFS is only a building. The building never threw a touchdown pass or scored a debate point.

Students did. Were they LFS High? I don't think so. At that moment they *represented* LFS High — but only at that moment. No two year's student populations are the same. Each year seniors graduate and new first-year students arrive. Every four years the student body experiences a total transformation. Each yearbook is a unique collection of persons who never before and never again will be LFS High.

Yet it is always LFS High that won or lost the game — in 1973, 83, or 93. LFS High is a montage of all its students, past, present and future.

Alpha Phi Omega is like that.

It has existed for sixty-eight years. It has a noble purpose and reputation. But in no two years has it been exactly the same because its membership hasn't been the same. Each year seniors become alumni and pledges become actives. Its membership is totally recast every several years.

This static yet at the same time dynamic phenomenon means several things. First, all of us owe our APO experience to those who preceded us. Without them, there would be no Alpha Phi Omega for us. As Papa Joe Scanlon used to say, we are warming ourselves by a fire we did not build.

Second, we must keep that fire burning, hopefully brighter, for those who will follow us. Without us, there



Gerald A. Schroeder
National President

will be no Alpha Phi Omega for them.

Membership in our Fraternity is a gift, but not a gift to dispose of as we choose. We hold it in trust for those who will follow us. We must nurture it and pass it on. Alpha Phi Omega is more than *our* experiences and *our* ideas during our brief moment as active members.

Therefore, we have a great responsibility that transcends our own selfish interests and desires. In the words of the Beach Boys, we must "be true to our school."

When we make decisions, on the chapter level or at National Conventions, the question is not what is best for us but what is best for Alpha Phi Omega. Not what is best for today but what is best for tomorrow.

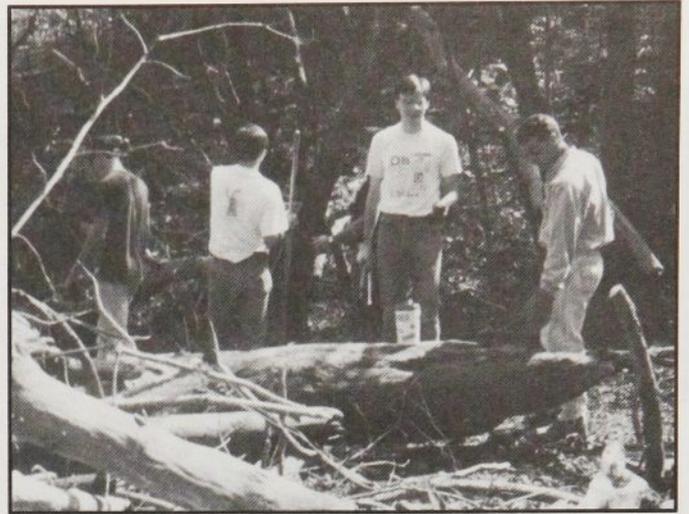
No matter what our short-term interest, we must never do anything that brings discredit to Alpha Phi Omega or its ideals.

Above all, we must properly educate our newest pledge members in our ideals. They are our bequest to a time in APO that we will not see.

When we come back for our APO "homecoming" in five, twenty, or fifty years, the APO we see will be a direct result of what we do today. I think I now understand what the Chief, H. Roe Bartle, meant when near the end of his life he admonished us to "Carry On!"

Pi

Earlier this fall, Pi chapter at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, helped clean up the local Girl Scout camp after damaging flood waters receded. A group of fifteen Brothers combined fellowship with service by camping out Friday night and then getting an early start Saturday. The group cleared trees, leaves, and other debris left on the trails by the flood waters. Pi chapter plans to work at the Scout camp every semester. In the spring the chapter plans to build an orienteering trail at the Scout camp. For more information, contact the Pi Chapter at SGA office, K-State Union, Box 49, Manhattan, KS 66506.



Phi Delta

Recently Phi Delta chapter completed a tough service project. At Palm Canyon behind Cal Poly, Pomona, the chapter cleared and removed manmade debris from the area. Every quarter they plan to repeat this worthwhile project. For further information contact: Chapter President, Phi Delta Chapter, Cal Poly, Pomona Building #26, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768.



Leadership is meant to be shared



Ed Richter
Section 57 Chair

Sharing leadership is something all leaders in Alpha Phi Omega should constantly be striving for if our fraternity is to be a viable organization for college students for the rest of the 1990s and into the next century.

By "sharing leadership," elected fraternity leaders not only delegate authority, but are continually finding or creating leadership opportunities for every Brother in our chapters as well as at the sectional, regional and national levels of the fraternity.

We all joined Alpha Phi Omega because we had a need to fulfill and our fraternity was just the right niche for us in fulfilling that need.

However, that need should not stop at the personal level. It should be extended to the chapter level and for those who desire — expanded to the sectional, regional and national levels. Chapter presidents should work to find ways to involve every Brother in the chapter and give everyone the opportunity to be a leader.

This could take many shapes and forms, from helping or leading a committee or service project, recruiting or training new members, participating on an active basis in chapter activities, or serving as an elected or appointed officer. One could work to bring back a Brother from inactive to active status, or be a student or alumni contact in reactivating an inactive

chapter or start a brand new chapter at a neighboring campus. The possibilities are endless and potential growth is phenomenal.

It seems like we're always looking to our chapter officers to do everything to keep our chapters going. While we should look to them for guidance and direction, we should always take the initiative, whenever possible, to find ways to be a leader in our chapters through active participation.

Think about it, when was the last time you volunteered to do something for your chapter, section, regional or national committees?

It's a two-way street, but if we're going to share leadership in our chapters and make it work effectively, everyone needs to contribute their talents — whatever they may be — to help make our chapters that much better for everyone.

I mentioned a few possibilities already, but I think you're getting the idea. When we combine the chapter leaders who are daily striving and working to find or create leadership opportunities with brothers taking initiative or just becoming active participants in their chapters — everyone ends up fulfilling that need to be a leader, be a friend and being of service to our college, community, youth, nation and our fraternity. It also reinforces that every active has a stake or a share of ownership in their chapter as well as every level of the fraternity.

That's one powerful force which is simply called Alpha Phi Omega.

At the Boston Convention, there were buttons distributed which noted that APO was for everybody, which is absolutely correct. While it's impossible for everyone to be an elected chapter officer or president, sectional

chair, regional director or member at large, national vice president or national president, there are still plenty of opportunities for leadership throughout the fraternity.

Some positions require previous experience, while others don't. Developing your leadership also enables the fraternity to identify future leaders.

Sharing leadership also means sharing obligations and working together to meet common goals as well as supporting and respecting our elected leaders. More often than not, a chapter must meet its goals in order for a sectional chair to meet his or her goals, which the regional director depends on to meet regional goals, which determines if the national fraternity and national committees will meet their goals.

Taking the initiative in taking a leadership role in a chapter committee or a project has the snowball effect of commitment.

As the old adage goes about a chain being as strong as its weakest link — the same thing goes for Alpha Phi Omega. Sharing and creating leadership opportunities and brothers taking initiative can strengthen every level of the fraternity. Basically it's a team effort and all we have to do is remind ourselves of this challenge as well as the oath we took when we were initiated.

We should always be daily working and daily striving evermore to be our very best so that Alpha Phi Omega will remain our beloved fraternity — now and forever.

APO at the Boy Scout Jamboree



This past summer, six Alpha Phi Omega Brothers traveled from different parts of the country to operate an Alpha Phi Omega exhibit at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill, Virginia. The main purpose of their quest was to inform scouters, future college students, and the general public about Alpha Phi Omega and how they could possibly become involved. Alumni Rich Horne, Iota Lambda; John Childs, Alpha Rho; Milton Smith, Kappa; and James Demes, Zeta Sigma, along with active Brothers Howard Wolf, Theta Upsilon; and Jennifer Diaz, Zeta Beta, staffed the booth.

Seniors in high school and current college students were provided information about APO and in turn filled out information cards stating their addresses and the schools they were planning to, or were currently attend-

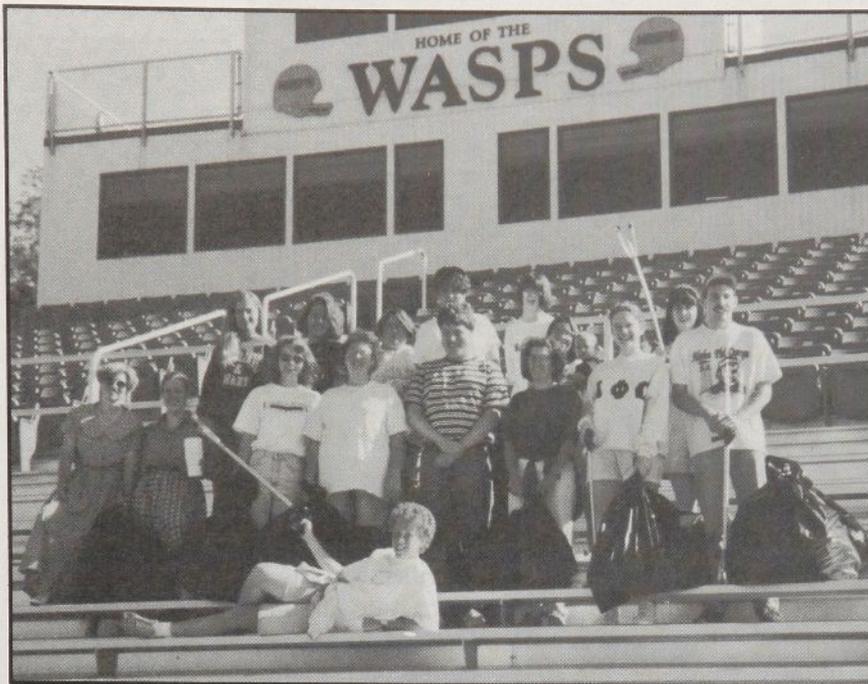
ing. The cards were then sent to the National Office to be distributed to the appropriate chapters. When a prospective member was interested in a school without an active chapter, the staff encouraged looking into reactivating or starting new chapters. Scouters were informed about the possible service local chapters could provide their packs, troops, and posts.

Over 300 actives, alumni, and advisors stopped by the booth, representing over 175 chapters and petitioning groups. Other notables at the Jamboree were Lorin Jurvis, past National President; Gerard Kennedy, National Scouting Relations Committee Chair, and Jim Chandler, BSA Representative to our Board of Directors. A great time was had by all!

Region X goes Disney!

Over 90 Brothers shared in friendship, fellowship, and fun at Disneyland for the Section 1 Fellowship Conference last spring. Members from different chapters were split into random groups and given trivia sheets to answer while roaming the Magic Kingdom. Brothers came from all over the region, including northern California and Oregon. Rho Gamma, California State University, Long Beach, did a great job hosting the conference! The specially-priced park admission tickets also contributed \$3 per ticket to a local elementary school's education program. Service is fun! Section 1 serves Alpha Phi Omega in the Los Angeles and California central coast and the southern valley area. For more information please contact Section 1 Chair Matthew Troth, 6750 Solita Ave. #E, San Diego, CA 92115.



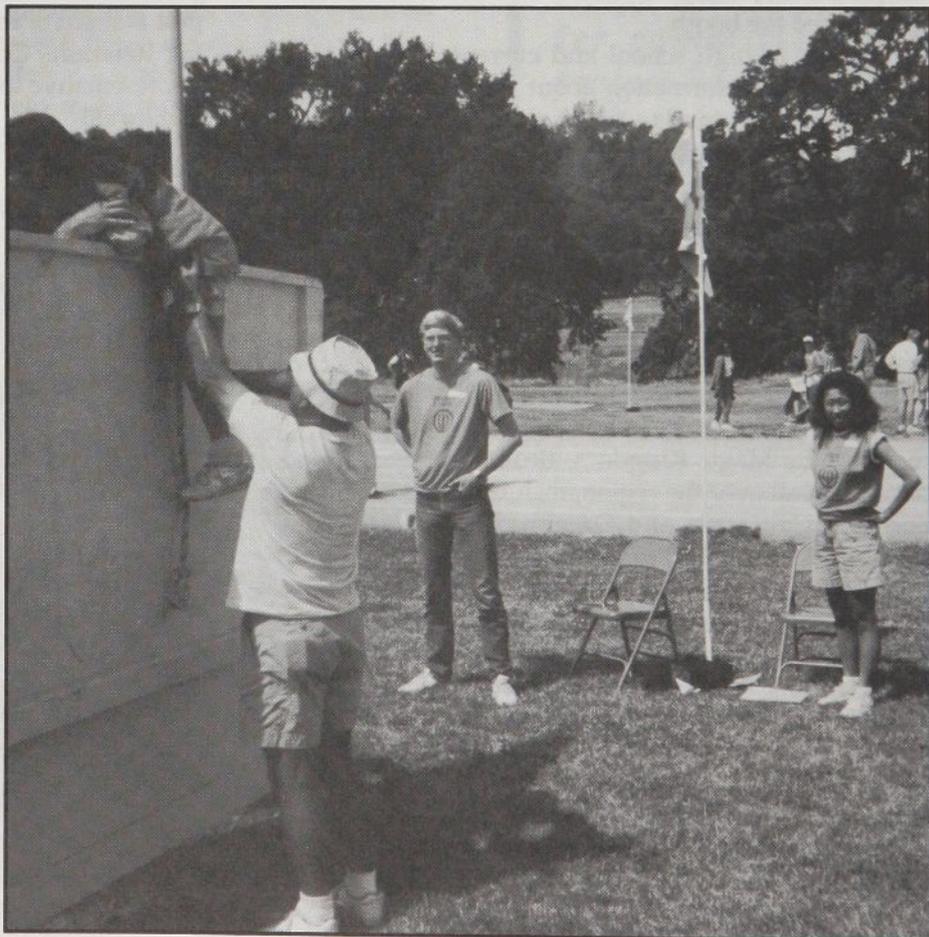


Pi Omicron

Pi Omicron chapter at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia, combined the first home football game with its first fall service project. They cleaned up the football stadium after the game. This is a yearly project. Different organizations on campus agree to provide workers after each home game. The members are very happy in the picture because they are finished picking up trash, they won the game, and they're getting ready to go out for pizza! For more information contact: Chapter President, Pi Omicron Chapter, Emory & Henry College, PO Box 573, Emory, VA 24327-0573, (703) 944-3121.

Kappa Sigma

This fall the Brothers of Kappa Sigma chapter, California State University at Sacramento, got involved with MADD! In October they joined other campus groups in Alcohol Awareness Week. The Brothers of Kappa Sigma set up an information table in the "quad" distributing flyers describing the effects of drinking and driving. They also gave visitors red ribbons donated by MADD. The service project is something the chapter decided on because drinking is popular and partying is big on campus. They felt like the red ribbons might make a person think twice next time they got behind the wheel of a car. Participating in Alcohol Awareness Week is a good way to help the campus. For further information contact: Chapter President, Kappa Sigma Chapter, California State University-Sacramento, Box 45 Student Activities Office, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.





Epsilon Theta

Recently, Epsilon Theta members had the opportunity to unfold the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt during opening ceremonies of its exhibition at the University of North Dakota. The exhibit was the first time the Quilt has been in North Dakota and was one of the larger displays in the region. Members also were involved in set up, quilt monitoring, name reading, and repacking. The NAMES Project's purpose is to provide a positive means of dealing with the enormity of the AIDS epidemic and for the friends and families of those who have been lost to AIDS to deal with their grief. Chapters interested in bringing sections of the Quilt to their college or city may contact: The Names Project Foundation, 2832 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 863-5511.

Iota Rho

In the spring of 1993, the Brothers and pledges of Iota Rho chapter at Florida State University committed to various personal and group fund-raising efforts for the March of Dimes "WalkAmerica." The annual challenges from fellow organizations to raise the most money sparked great motivation that resulted in vigorous car washes, bake sales and other solicitations for donations. After a two month effort, Iota Rho exceeded all challengers by raising a total of \$4,948 and becoming the #1 organization at Florida State University as well as the 9th place group in the entire city of Tallahassee in money raised for March of Dimes. There is no photograph of Iota Rho participating in the "WalkAmerica" on March 13, 1993, since it was cancelled at the last minute due to a freak weather event (the "Blizzard of the Century"). Pictured here are the Brothers and pledges who participated in the March of Dimes "WalkAmerica" in spring 1992. For more information contact: Chapter President, Iota Rho chapter, Florida State University, P.O. Box 66666, Tallahassee, FL 32313.



Theta Mu

The Brothers of Theta Mu at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, have a very busy Service year. Two projects they work on throughout the school year are a merit badge university and a casino night. Last spring the Brothers organized a merit badge university in cooperation with the Boy Scout organizations in the Nashville area. The Brothers offered fifteen merit badges and included such subjects as art, engineering, citizenship in the nation and medicine. Over 165 scouts from twelve troops and six districts attended the merit badge university. Over seventy Brothers registered the scouts, prepared and served lunch, and taught the classes. There was no cost to the Scouts as Brothers found funding for all food and materials.

This past fall the Brothers sponsored a casino night as a fund-raiser for the Leukemia Society of America. Thirty-five Brothers ran the gaming tables. The eventual winners were able to bid on real prizes later in the evening. Some of the prizes included compact discs, meals at local restaurants and a weekend stay at a local hotel. Charities in the past receiving the results of the chapter's hard work were the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Hurricane Andrew Relief effort. For further information contact: Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Vanderbilt University, P.O. Box 7064 Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.



by John
Wetherington
National Finance
Chair

The fraternity met its financial goals and improved its financial strength during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1993. The fraternity's fund balance (assets minus liabilities) adjusted to include the development campaign balance grew 9.9% to \$442,380 from a year earlier. This is an important number because this balance allows us to build assets necessary to support a growing operation to support chapters and national programs.

Results in revenues were mixed. The convention revenue exceeded budget by \$65,331 and the sale of merchandise and jewelry was \$20,341 ahead of budget. Annual active membership dues (AAMD) exceeded budget by \$3,400 or 425 members but initiation and pledge fees were below budget and below the previous year. This drop in new members is a concern for the 1993-94 fiscal year and breaks a long term upward trend.

Expenses were generally in line with the budget with two main exceptions. Convention expenses were \$44,303 over budget due to the large attendance and is more than offset by the revenue noted earlier. Jewelry and supplies were \$24,639 over budget due to above budget sales and a write down of certain overvalued items.

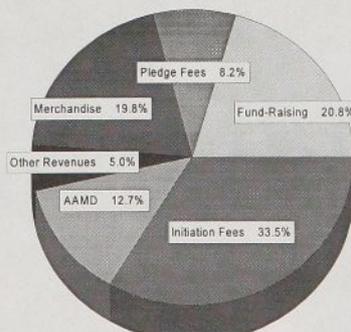
The excess of revenues over expenses was \$21,055 better than the budgeted deficiency of \$5,485. This positive performance is primarily related to the financial results of the Boston National Convention.

The Board of Directors authorized a one time change to the timing of recognizing transfers from the Development Campaign. The Development Campaign, our ongoing fund raising effort, will now be run on an August fiscal year rather than a December fiscal year to allow for better administration of fund raising activities. Of the \$35,330 over budget shown in the financial statements, approximately \$32,000 of this was due to the accounting change. Results were still about 20% over last year due to improved fund raising activities and the generosity of our donors.

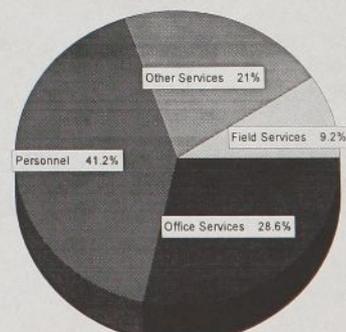
Going forward we have several challenges which continue. We have a commitment to pay off the mortgage on our national headquarters ahead of schedule which has a current balance of \$47,828. The National Convention and the Board of Directors have established significant growth goals, both in membership and programs, that will require major funding to achieve. Increased membership, enhanced fund raising and prudent financial management are necessary to achieve these goals.

The accompanying financial statements have been audited by Deloitte & Touche, a national CPA firm which was retained by the fraternity to examine our financial records and prepare the financial statements. We give our appreciation to the many individuals who made these results possible.

Revenues (excluding convention) *



Expenses (excluding convention)



* Includes Development Campaign

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

BALANCE SHEETS August 31, 1993 and 1992

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, Years ended August 31, 1993 and 1992 With unaudited budget information for 1993

GENERAL FUND:	1993	1992
Current Assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 145,173	\$ 101,637
Accounts receivable	10,781	7,784
Merchandise for sale	40,922	30,672
Printed materials and supplies	45,042	39,342
Prepaid convention expense	143	1,620
Postage meter	735	519
Other	<u>3,421</u>	<u>2,706</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>246,217</u>	<u>184,280</u>
Fixed Assets:		
Property and equipment:		
Land	93,000	93,000
Building and improvements	216,791	216,791
Equipment	62,993	56,130
Furniture and fixtures	<u>12,139</u>	<u>12,139</u>
	384,923	378,060
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>82,623</u>	<u>58,025</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>302,300</u>	<u>320,035</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 548,517</u>	<u>\$ 504,315</u>

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN FUND - Cash	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 30,109</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	1993	1992
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable - chapters	\$ 3,814	\$ 3,360
Accounts payable - vendors	16,401	6,028
Wages payable	3,919	3,529
Payroll taxes payable	3,385	714
Accrued vacation	1,581	1,581
Interest payable	1,880	1,800
Deferred revenue - history book	16,308	15,079
Current maturities of notes payable	<u>18,569</u>	<u>17,663</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>65,857</u>	<u>49,754</u>
Other Liabilities:		
Funds held for inactive chapters	4,768	5,319
Notes payable - Endowment Trust	<u>35,512</u>	<u>76,707</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>40,280</u>	<u>82,026</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>106,137</u>	<u>131,780</u>
Fund Balance:		
Donor Designated - Building Fund	12,502	200
Undesignated	<u>429,878</u>	<u>372,335</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>442,380</u>	<u>372,535</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 548,517</u>	<u>\$ 504,315</u>
DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN FUND - Fund Balance	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 30,109</u>

	1993	1993	1993 Over (Under)	1992
	Actual	Budget (unaudited)	Budget (unaudited)	Actual
REVENUES:				
Initiation fees	\$ 170,045	\$ 180,000	\$ (9,955)	\$ 183,615
Pledge fees	41,600	45,000	(3,400)	43,855
Annual active membership dues	<u>64,400</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>59,824</u>
Subtotal	<u>276,045</u>	<u>286,000</u>	<u>(9,955)</u>	<u>287,294</u>
Capital Campaign	30,497	30,000	497	41,659
Sale of jewelry and merchandise	<u>100,341</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>20,341</u>	<u>71,618</u>
Convention revenue	121,556	56,225	65,331	0
Other revenue	<u>25,262</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>11,762</u>	<u>18,239</u>
Subtotal	<u>146,818</u>	<u>69,725</u>	<u>77,093</u>	<u>18,239</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>553,701</u>	<u>465,725</u>	<u>87,976</u>	<u>418,810</u>

EXPENSES:				
Personnel Services:				
Salaries	173,444	175,000	(1,556)	162,253
Hospitalization insurance	2,040	2,400	(360)	2,441
Payroll taxes	12,357	13,400	(1,043)	12,722
Disability insurance	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Total Personnel Services	<u>188,886</u>	<u>191,845</u>	<u>(2,959)</u>	<u>178,461</u>

Office Services:				
Printing	41,385	37,100	4,285	40,677
Telephone	7,813	8,000	(187)	8,106
Postage	27,966	27,000	966	26,355
Audit	4,500	4,500	0	3,500
Office supplies	6,511	6,200	311	5,062
Bookkeeping	4,200	4,200	0	3,960
Data processing	5,871	6,000	(129)	5,541
Equipment maintenance	8,273	7,000	1,273	6,181
Insurance	3,751	3,700	51	3,620
Copier expense	11,261	12,000	(739)	10,172
Building utilities	3,523	4,000	(477)	4,397
Building maintenance	5,600	5,000	600	5,977
Real estate tax	0	0	0	(1,000)
Bank services	<u>668</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>(132)</u>	<u>777</u>
Total Office Services	<u>131,322</u>	<u>125,500</u>	<u>5,822</u>	<u>123,325</u>

Field Services:				
Chapter visitation - staff	7,429	8,000	(571)	8,636
Torch and Trefoil	25,414	23,645	1,769	23,830
Certificates and Awards	5,327	3,700	1,627	6,892
Alumni services	0	1,000	(1,000)	(145)
Member marketing	726	2,000	(1,274)	875
President's discretionary account	1,366	3,000	(1,634)	1,017
Leadership Development	0	3,000	(3,000)	2,533
Board meetings, net	752	0	752	530
Public relations	0	1,000	(1,000)	35
Scouting relations	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(378)</u>	<u>345</u>
Total Field Services	<u>42,136</u>	<u>46,845</u>	<u>(4,709)</u>	<u>44,548</u>

Other Services:				
Professional fees & subscriptions	1,090	600	490	997
Purchase of jewelry & supplies	58,939	34,300	24,639	31,687
Staff development	1,027	1,900	(873)	0
Life Membership sales campaign	3,890	3,500	390	3,845
Miscellaneous expense	1,739	1,000	739	523
Depreciation	24,599	24,500	99	22,281
Convention expense	100,528	56,225	44,303	0
Interest expense	<u>5,030</u>	<u>6,050</u>	<u>(1,020)</u>	<u>6,152</u>
Total Other Services	<u>196,842</u>	<u>128,075</u>	<u>68,767</u>	<u>65,485</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>559,186</u>	<u>492,265</u>	<u>66,921</u>	<u>411,819</u>
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EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>(5,485)</u>	<u>(26,540)</u>	<u>21,055</u>	<u>6,991</u>
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Transfers from:				
Development Campaign Fund	75,330	40,000	35,330	35,955

FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>372,535</u>	<u>372,535</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>329,589</u>
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FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 442,380</u>	<u>\$ 385,995</u>	<u>\$ 56,385</u>	<u>\$ 372,535</u>
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Eta Psi

The Eta Psi Chapter received an added benefit from their spring service project. The recipient of the chapter's hard work wrote a great letter to the editor of the Oroville, CA, newspaper (see below). For further information on the chapter, contact: Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, California State University-Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0750.

Dear Editor:

Everyday we read how bad our young people are. I want to tell you how good they are. I am a partially handicapped widow. I live on the edge of Oroville in a run-down old house. The people who lived here before me left the place covered with trash. The interior was painted dark and dreary.

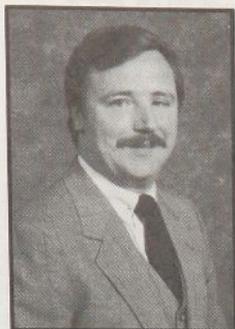
On April 17, young people from Alpha Phi Omega came in and cleaned. They lifted dirty rotten stuff, loaded it into a container and took it away. They painted my living room and kitchen and hall. They got donations of paint and brought the rollers, brushes, everything. In the painting they were helped by the Chico Rotary. As they drove away, wet from the rain and dirty, I wondered what people who saw them would think. They would never know these people were out doing good deeds. There is no way I can say thank you enough to all these people. Every time I walk into my fresh, bright living room, or out into a junk-free yard, I will remember their kindness.



Alpha Delta Alpha

On April 18, 1993, the Alpha Delta Alpha Chapter was chartered on the Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Camden Campus. The chapter received charters from both Alpha Phi Omega and Rutgers University on this momentous occasion. For further information contact: Chapter President, Alpha Delta Alpha, Rutgers University-Camden Campus, Camden Campus Center, CMS Box 72-326 Penn St., Camden, NJ 08102-0000.

Commitment to Service . . . outside of APO



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During the 1992 National Convention a mission statement for the alumni program within Alpha Phi Omega was adopted. The statement says:

The mission and purpose of the alumni program of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity shall be to encourage support of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity; to serve, inform, and involve alumni of the Fraternity so as to foster interaction and friendship among Alpha Phi Omega members of all ages; and to promote civic and professional service by Alpha Phi Omega alumni.

The adopted mission statement sets the course for alumni involvement for years to come. Many important commitments are evident in the mission statement. The Fraternity commits to develop an alumni program that actively seeks to serve the alumni. And, the alumni of the Fraternity commit to actively supporting the Fraternity's primary mission and programs. The alumni program's mission statement is an agreement between our Fraternity and members that should be taken seriously and promoted.

The focus of this article is one

part of the mission statement, the last phrase, "to promote civic and professional service by Alpha Phi Omega alumni," and the adopted Focus 21 Goal that reads:

By January 1995, an ongoing system will be implemented to provide, at effective intervals, all active and alumni members with information that will encourage them to support the mission of the Fraternity as alumni and to practice throughout their professional and civic lives the leadership, philosophical, and ethical tenets of Alpha Phi Omega.

All too often when addressing alumni of the Fraternity, the needs within our own organization become the priority, including leadership and financial needs. However, seldom discussed is the broader role of our continued commitment to service — service to our individual communities and professions outside of Alpha Phi Omega.

Alpha Phi Omega provides leadership skills that serve us well through a future lifetime commitment of service. Productive organizational management, results-oriented goal setting, effective meeting and committee operations, competent program planning, and capable evaluation are but a few of the skills learned through participation in our Fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega provides its membership with leadership programs that include the chapter president's workshop, and sectional staff seminars. The Fraternity publishes and provides leadership guides and resources for chapter officers and other key leaders. And, the Fraternity provides opportunities for active

leadership at every level of operations where members may continue to learn and utilize their leadership skills.

However, community service and leadership does not end when you leave campus. Commitment to community service continues by reaching out to community and professional organizations outside of the Fraternity. Use the skills that Alpha Phi Omega taught you and become involved with a civic service organization, your community's educational system, your professional association, your church's outreach program, or a national organization that promotes a cause you wish to further. The opportunities for continued service are endless. Your talents were learned in, and developed through, Alpha Phi Omega. Now expand and use those talents to benefit others in your community and profession beyond the confines of the college campus.

Alpha Phi Omega members may be recognized by wearing a shirt that has the Fraternity's name, a pin we wear, or a membership certificate hanging on our wall. Yet, more importantly, Alpha Phi Omega members are recognized by the community service we provide and the leadership we offer. Your continued commitment is needed now more than ever. Keep our cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service alive through your participation in community service outside of Alpha Phi Omega!

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