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### MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

There is a trend in Alpha Phi Omega. It seems that many chapters, too many chapters, are beginning to rely upon alumni as advisors.

To be sure, alumni volunteers fulfill a vital role in Alpha Phi Omega, including offering guidance to the chapters. But when chapters seek that guidance solely from alumni to the exclusion of advisors from the faculty and administration, they do themselves and their Fraternity a disservice.

The Alpha Phi Omega undergraduate experience is part of the educational process that goes well beyond the mere acquisition of technical skills learned in the classroom. If the purpose of a college education is to prepare one for life, then it must encompass more than technical skills. It must include "people" skills, such as the ability to work in groups, to manage time effectively, to motivate others.

More importantly, education must instill values that are essential in a participatory democracy. One of these values is the great American tradition of people helping people.

Alpha Phi Omega offers opportunities in all of these areas and, therefore, is part of the overall educational process. Recognizing this "partnership" with higher education, the Fraternity presents charters to the host academic institution when a chapter is founded — not to a particular group of students.

Thus, when chapters need advice, they should not exclude faculty advisors whose profession is to edu-



Gerald A. Schroeder National President

cate. APO alumni may perhaps be more accessible but it would be rare that they could bring the experience, professionalism and skills to the overall process that a professor or administrator could.

Thus, it is not an accident that each chapter is required to have at least three faculty advisors. If a chapter does not have these advisors or has them but does not contact them, it is not using available resources wisely. Try that in the job market and see how long you last!

It is for this reason that I have consistently refused to serve any chapter as its advisor. They deserve better. One need only look to the advisors who have had national pledge classes named after them in the last several years, including the current honoree, Dr. Kenneth E. McDiffett, to understand the enormous advantages of involving the faculty in the APO portion of our "education."

Yes, alumni can have a critical role in advising chapters, but that role should not operate, even out of convenience, in a way that excludes another very vital resource — the faculty and administration. Education is their job.

### ABOUT THE COVER . . .

UNICEF Day was October 26, in Kansas City. Brothers of Gamma Xi, Rockhurst College, and Alpha Eta, University of Missouri-Kansas City, joined together at Snoopy's Pumpkin Patch to help distribute 20,000 pumpkins to children who came to the UNICEF Halloween Party.

### **UNIQUENESS**



by Wilfred M. Krenek National Vice President

As I sit in the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport on my return trip from the Region V Conference, I am trying to come up with a topic for my article for this issue of the Torch & Trefoil. It definitely should be inspirational - what good would it be unless it makes the reader move into a new frame of reference or at least clarifies an existing idea? It should be timely since current events are so rapidly having an effect on not only us but the world around us. It also has to be a topic all readers can relate to or find relevant to what may be happening in their chapter. So today I am going to write a few words about uniqueness.

Our Fraternity is a mixture of people — a melting pot of diverse individuals. These individuals come from different backgrounds whether it be religious, socio-economic, or political. We are drawn together during a specific time period, those four or more years we spend getting the higher education we need to make it in the outside world. For each, this learning experience may be for a career in teaching, engineering, social work, or one of countless other areas (yes, quite possibly even accounting, like me) that we hope will bring us financial security. In seeking this education, our hope is to fulfill our needs as we enter the world as participating citizens.

By drawing this mixture of individuals together, Alpha Phi Omega provides something we do not share in common with other organizations. As members we have the opportunity to work beside, to lead, to follow and to make friends with people who may be like us in only one way, the desire to serve our fellow man.

I have seen the uniqueness of the Fraternity in the sectional and regional gatherings I have had the great fortune to attend this fall. Whether it be titled as a conference or a conclave, as in Section 95, each gathering draws members from the various chapters together who wish to exchange ideas, to meet new

friends or to renew old acquaintances. All of the gatherings have had educational experiences, whether in the form of seminars or workshops, or even the topical three-minute brainstorming idea-sharing sessions as in Region IX. Some may have a banquet or merely a formal Regional business meeting as in Region V, where chapters and Brothers are recognized for their contributions through awards like the H. Roe Bartle Award, the Joseph Scanlon Membership Award or even Regional Distinguished Service Keys, as was presented to Kay Hairgrove by Region VII. And of course, there are always the service projects which have ranged from painting murals at a recycling center, to a blood drive, to collecting books to be donated to a hospital as a National Service Day literacy project.

These differences, along with our open membership policy, make Alpha Phi Omega the unique Fraternity that it is. It is through this uniqueness that each chapter, section or region fulfills the needs of our members. And it is through this same uniqueness that Alpha Phi Omega will continue to thrive as we provide opportunities for leadership, friendship and service.

### ALPHA GAMMA IOTA

This past spring 20 brothers of Alpha Gamma Iota Chapter at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, our 657th chapter, took the oath of membership. Some of the service work they completed in their chartering process included planning and conducting a multicultural workshop for incoming freshmen, providing tutors for the Philadelphia Public Schools, participating in a "Scout for Food" drive, setting-up a voter registration booth, and giving assistance to new voters. Even social events include service. On one occasion when celebrating their accomplishments with a pizza/pictionary



party, members pitched in money for pizza and sodas and gave leftover funds to Ronald McDonald House. For further information contact Alpha Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, c/o Paul Carnes, 43rd & Woodland Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.



### CHI ZETA

This past April Chi Zeta Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin, held its 30th annual "All-Sing." This is a fun-filled work-intensive event. This year the chapter raised \$6,400 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital located in Memphis. There are three singing divisions: open, fraternity, and sorority. Each participating group pays an entry fee which helps pay for the event expenses; plus, fund-raising road blocks are held in local area towns. There is a charge for admission and all proceeds go to a chosen charity. Preparations for the event are started as soon as students return to school in the fall. An important decision for success is the theme. This past year the chapter chose "A CELEBRATION OF ANIMATION." Music from Alice in Wonderland, Pete's Dragon and Charlie Brown was presented during the program. Awards are given in each division and a Best of Show trophy is given to the group that has the highest points overall. This event takes a lot of time, determination, and patience. For further information contact Chi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, University of Tennessee-Martin, P.O. Box 104, University Center, Martin, Tennessee 38238-0001.

### KAPPA UPSILON

The third annual "Leo Jenkins Memorial 24hours Against Cancer" proved to be a big success in the Greenville-Pitt County area of North Carolina this past April. The event was co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the Kappa Upsilon Chapter at East Carolina University. The ACS received an incredible \$5,800, thanks to 10 teams, several local businesses, and the hard work of the participants and volunteers. The event lasted a long 24 hours for the Brothers, and they feel the rewards and memories will live forever. Kappa Upsilon will co-sponsor the next "Leo Jenkins Memorial 24-hours Against Cancer" in the Spring of 1992. For further information contact Stephanie Skeen, President, Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, East Carolina University, P.O. Box 2634, Greenville, North Carolina 27836-0634.



# A HOME IS NOT RECESSABLE.

#### NU XI

This past spring the Brothers of Nu Xi Chapter at Birmingham-Southern College participated in a national event, "Hunger Clean-up." Activities of the day included cleaning up shelters, working in soup kitchens, painting and construction work. One of the larger activities of Nu Xi Chapter was the completion of a wall mural. Brandy Ray, Chapter Historian, said, "It's hard to believe that what we did was actually service because it was so much fun - not that service isn't fun - but I feel as though I really benefited from what was accomplished." Pledgemaster Melissa Book was the event coordinator for the entire college. For further information contact Melina Oei, Recording Secretary, Nu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Birmingham-Southern College, P.O. Box A-30, Birmingham, Alabama 35254-0001.



### ETA LAMBDA

This past spring the Eta Lambda Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire received the "Distinguished Service to Community and Campus Award." Only two campus groups are recognized each semester. For further information contact Deb Nimis, Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 123 Davies Center, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701.



### **DELTA OMEGA**

Special Olympics is a year-round sports program for all mentally retarded children and adults. Last April, Delta Omega Chapter at the University of Houston volunteered at several of the Houston area events. Their efforts were so appreciated that they were voted to receive the "Distinguished Service Award for a Service Organization." Also honored at the event was Belton Lim, Section 44 Chairman. He was awarded as the "Johnny Lam Jones Spirit of Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year." For more information contact Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, University of Houston, P.O. Box 104, University Center, Houston, Texas 77204-0001.

### ALPHA GAMMA MU

New Jersey may have been the 41st state to start the Adopt-A-Highway program but the Alpha Gamma Mu Chapter at William Patterson College in Wayne was the first service organization to claim a mile of highway in North Jersey. By assuming cleanup rights and putting in a lot of service hours, the chapter has its name emblazoned on a highly visible highway sign. For further information contact Alpha Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, William Patterson College, c/o Don Kaiser, Advisor, P.O. Box 944, Attn: 11, Wayne, New Jersey 07474-0944.



#### Iota Rho Chapter at Florida State University, Tallahassee, sponsors an annual food drive called "White Christmas."

This event is intended to get the campus and community involved in a mass collection of food and clothes. The items are then given to the United Way in support of 50 other organizations. The Fall 1990 program was very successful in



that over \$5,000 in food was collected. A program to conclude the event featured a local choir, an entertainment skit, a guest speaker, as well as the lighting of the APO Christmas tree, and a visit from Santa himself.

The program was basically geared toward the campus with all chapter Brothers participating in the collection of food. There was an information booth in the Student Union where students could drop off canned goods. Additionally members of the chapter went door-todoor among the Tallahassee neighborhoods and campus apartment complexes for community support.

For further information contact the lota Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Florida State University, P.O. Box 66666, Tallahassee, Florida 32313.





### SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

A unique Scouting leadership experience can be realized in the European Camp Staff Program. Each summer, the European Region of the World Scout Bureau accepts applications from Scout leaders around the world to serve in summer Scout camps in European countries. Those leaders who participated in past years expressed great enthusiasm for the program and felt it was one of the most rewarding experiences they had ever had.

An applicant must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and be between the ages of 18 and 30.

The application is processed through the International Division of the BSA; however, the final review and determination of acceptance or rejection is done by the European Region office. Applications for the 1992 season are available from the local council or the International Division, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079, phone 214-580-2405.

The deadline for applications to reach the International Division is March 1, 1992.



### **NU SIGMA**

The Brothers of **Nu Sigma** at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, make service an important part of their chapter activities.

In the fall and spring, the Brothers sponsor bathtub pulls for the American Heart Association. This fund-raising project raises an av-

erage of \$2,500 each year.

Each Labor Day, Brothers work the phones for the MDA telethon in Nacogdoches. Camping trips to BSA Camp Pyrtle include tent-camping and outdoor cooking while the Brothers conduct service to scouting.

At an annual Halloween party at Pinecrest Day Care Center, the Brothers, in costume, provide a party and prizes for the children. They also participate in "putting out the letters" at every home foot-

ball game.

Each year at homecoming the chapter is responsible for building "The Bonfire." It takes two days to build with the help of many. A must with this project is camping out the night before the event to

discourage any early lighting of the bonfire.

For further information contact Stephanie Belland, Chapter Historian, Nu Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Stephen F. Austin State University, P.O. Box 7081 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-0001.









On Sept. 29, the Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was reactivated on the campus of Murray State University, located in Murray, Kentucky. Xi Omega was presented its charter by Regional Director Jack McKenzie and Sectional Chairman Michael Colletti. The chapter first received its charter in the fall of 1963 but went inactive in 1978. The Xi Omega chapter began its reactivation process in 1988 when five M.S.U. students learned about Alpha Phi Omega from a nearby university. From 1988 to 1991, the chapter grew in membership from five members to a 32-member organization. Xi Omega also organized and performed a number of service projects during this time period. One of Xi Omega's major service projects is the now annual "dis-ABILITY AWARENESS WEEK." This is a week established so the student body can realize the difficulties that disabled people must encounter in the world today. For any additional information about the Xi Omega Chapter or its projects, please write: Alpha Phi Omega, 2329 University Station, Murray, Kentucky 42071.

### XI OMEGA



# "... WELD TIGHTLY EVERY LINK — THAT BINDS US IN BROTHERHOOD ..."



by Chuck Bowen National Chairman, Scouting Relations Committee

This excerpt is familiar to many of us who are active in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's service Brotherhood. Like Alpha Phi Omega, the Order of the Arrow can be considered a fraternal organization since certain common elements and heritage are shared by all Arrowmen.

All Brothers in Alpha Phi Omega and those of us who are Arrowmen have pledged an oath to provide service to those in need. It is incumbent upon us in fulfilling this oath to adopt a philosophy shared by many similar organizations, such as UNICEF, in that the need of the individual or individuals outweighs any political or corporate philosophy.

Recently, the National Office of Alpha Phi Omega received a letter from a Brother indicating that, due to recent changes in certain policies of the Boy Scouts of America, he would no longer participate in any service project that benefited Scouting.

No doubt there are times when we all question certain conclusions made by decision-makers. This is the true American way of life and the extensive debates that occur at Alpha Phi Omega's biennial Convention are testimony to our belief that every Brother has a right to speak out on an issue relevant to the Fraternity.

But, the policies of organizations other than Alpha Phi Omega should not directly influence the service we render. Stop and think. Is an 11-year-old Tender-

Stop and think. Is an 11-year-old Tenderfoot Scout usually aware of the corporate decisions being made at the national level? All he knows is that the Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega who are taking his Troop camping for the weekend will help him earn his Second Class Scout Award.

As Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega who share a common heritage in the principals of Scouting, we should continue providing service to those in need. First (and foremost) we should not base our actions on whether we agree or disagree with corporate or political philosophies.

Remember, the young people of Scouting, both boys and girls, need our leadership and the service we render in helping them to grow and develop. This should always be our first priority.

# 1990-91: A FISCAL REVIEW



by John Wetherington National Finance Chairman

Each year Alpha Phi Omega provides its membership with many items, including Service Day materials and the Service Hotline; membership brochures and pledge manuals; the Leadership Series for chapter officers and the Sectional Resource Manual; materials for Leadership Development Workshops and Chapter President Workshops; jewelry, such as service pins, along with awards and certificates; materials for use at various Scouting conferences and jamborees and national public relations support. The Fraternity provides communication such as the Torch & Trefoil to many of our alumni, materials to volunteers who support individual chapters and extension materials to prospective chapters. Behind the scenes, Alpha Phi Omega (through its National Office) provides administrative support to chapters and manages efforts necessary to meet federal, state and local requirements necessary to carry on its non-profit status.

To carry on these and many more functions requires substantial financial resources. I am pleased to report to you the results for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1991. The assets including cash reserves have grown and we have for the first time completed and occupied our own National Headquarters. Based upon strong membership reporting (up 8.7% from the 1990 fiscal year), improved fund-raising and a successful National Convention, revenues exceeded budget

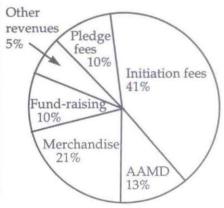
by \$87,533 during the year and grew to \$496,458. Based primarily on higher convention attendance and expenditures related to above budgeted membership, expenses exceeded budget by \$26,557. The net result was that revenues exceeded expenses by \$31,976, which was \$60,976 higher than budget. Additionally, transfers from the development campaign of \$30,394 exceeded budget by \$1,394. A portion of these favorable balances have or will be used to pay down the mortgage on the National Headquarters (as of 8/31/91 the principal balance was \$120,000), improve cash reserves and allow for purchase of new brochures and merchandise available to student and alumni members.

The Fraternity is entering the current year in an improved position, but there remains much to be done. Efforts are underway to accelerate payment of the mortgage on the National Headquarters, build up the reserves to assure a strong future, and decrease the share of operating funds provided by undergraduates through increased alumni donations and other donations. All of this is to be accomplished while supporting increased membership and expanded services to chapters. The Board of Directors and the Finance Committee are continuing efforts to accomplish these tasks.

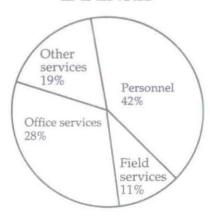
The accompanying financial statements have been audited by Deloitte & Touche, a national Certified Public Accounting firm retained by the Fraternity to examine our financial records and to prepare the annual financial reports.

We have completed a successful year financially. Alpha Phi Omega enters the new year in a stronger position, better able to meet the needs of our growing organization. However, much work remains to provide the financial wherewithal to fund expanding membership and increase the Leadership, Friendship and Service our Fraternity provides.

### REVENUES



### **EXPENSES**



## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

BALANCE SHEETS August 31, 1991 and 1990

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE						
GENERAL FUND: 1991 1990			Years ended August 31, 1991 and 1990				
Current Assets:  Cash and interest-bearing deposits  Accounts receivable  Merchandise for sale, at the lower of	\$117,624 6,476	\$ 85,597 4,871		1991 <u>Actual</u>	1991 Budget (unaudited)	1991 Over (Under) Budget (unaudited	1990
cost (first-in, first-out) or market Printed materials and supplies Prepaid convention expense Postage meter	25,831 47,117 497 636	14,948 21,325 480 11	REVENUES: Initiation fees Pledges fees Annual active membership dues	\$165,390 39,900 56,464	\$150,000 36,000 54,400	\$ 15,390 3,900 2,064	\$150,275 37,355 53,151
Other	1,382	418	Subtotal	261,754	240,400	21,354	240,781
Total Current Assets	199,563	127,650	Capital Campaign	43,601	25,000	18,601	
Fixed Assets: Land	93,000	93,000	Sale of jewelry and supplies, net	83,715	66,000	17,715	60,477
Building and improvements Equipment	216,791 65,503	61,778	Convention revenue	85,832	52,975	32,857	
Furniture and fixtures	16,516	13,653	Other revenue	21,556	24,550	(2,994)	33,012
I are a second violated demonstration	391,810	168,431	Subtotal	107,388	77,525	29,863	33,012
Less accumulated depreciation	59,042	44,334	Total Revenues	496,458	408,925	87,533	334,270
Construction-in-process	332,768	124,097 189,418	EXPENSES:				
-	222.760		Personnel services: Salaries	152,111	147,950	4,161	134,456
Total Assets	332,768	313,515	Hospitalization insurance Payroll taxes	2,258 10,884	4,000 10,385	(1,742) 499	1 <i>,77</i> 0 9,310
TOTAL ASSETS	\$532,331	\$441,165	Disability insurance	1,045	1,045		1,045
Capital Campaign Fund — Cash	<u>*</u>	\$ 5,689	Total personnel services	166,298	163,380	2,918	146,581
Development Campaign Fund — Cash	\$ 22,393	\$ 22,332	Office services:	24 227	27 500	(1.0(2)	21 000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALAN	ICES		Printing Telephone	26,237 7,402	27,500 7,200	(1,263) 202	31,908 5,663
GENERAL FUND:	1991	<u>1990</u>	Postage Rent	26,206 1,135	19,000 1,750	7,206 (615)	20,568 20,723
Current liabilities:			Auditing and accounting Office supplies	2,550 4,838	2,550 4,600	238	2,360 4,803
Account payable — chapters	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,652	Bookkeeping	3,600	3,600		3,600
Account payable — vendors Accrued real estate taxes payable	22,369 3,000	4,095	Data processing Equipment maintenance	4,141 5,185	3,000 6,000	1,141 (815)	4,417 5,150
Wages payable Payroll taxes payable	2,843 2,656	2,583 2,539	Insurance Copier expense	3,011 10,567	3,000 10,300	11 267	2,226 10,289
Accrued vacation	1,581	1,581	Moving expense	2,000	2,000		10,207
Interest payable Deferred revenue — history book	6,605 14,594	3,209	Building utilities Building maintenance	3,377 3,748	5,250 5,020	(1,873) (1,272)	
Current maturities of notes payable	16,812	6,250	Real estate tax	3,000	2,000	1,000	
Total current liabilities	74,098	23,909	Total office services Field services:	106,997	102,770	4,227	111,707
Other liabilities:	6,706	6,971	Chapter visitation — staff Torch and Trefoil	8,859 22,949	9,500 21,000	(641) 1,949	8,829 19,594
Funds held for inactive chapters Notes payable — Endowment Trust	121,938	148,755	Certificates and awards	5,879	5,500	379	3,027
Total other liabilities	128,644	155,726	Alumni report Member marketing program	<i>7</i> 1 571	3,000 3,000	(2,929) (2,429)	
Total liabilities	202,742	179,635	President's discretionary account Leadership development	759 969	3,000 6,000	(2,241) (5,031)	1,625 3,275
	<u> </u>	===,	Board meetings, net	476		476	(8)
Fund balance: Designated by the Board of Directors			Total field services	40,533	_51,000	(10,467)	36,342
for an update of the membership files	2,000	2,000	Other services: Professional fees and subscriptions	600	600		565
Undesignated	327,589	259,530	Purchase of jewelry and supplies	36,900	29,500	7,400	31,953
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	329,589	261,530	Fund-raising Life membership sales campaign	1,265 4,011	3,000	1,265 1,011	7,543 4,268
			Miscellaneous expense Unemployment expense	4,014 2,071	1,500	2,514 2,071	2,734
TOTAL	\$532,331	\$441,165	Depreciation Convention expense	14,856 72,195	15,925 52,975	(1,069) 19,220	9,149
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Capital Campaign Fund — Fund balance	£ 22 202	\$ 5,689	New office dedication	2,929	2,000	929	
Development Campaign Fund — Fund balance	\$ 22,393	\$ 22,332	Total other services	150,654	120,775	29,879	<u>59,940</u>
			TOTAL EXPENSES	464,482	437,925	26,557	354,570
			EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	31,976	(29,000)	60,976	(20,300)
			Transfers from: Capital campaign fund	5,689	20.000	5,689	154,346
			Development campaign fund	30,394	29,000	1,394	23,896
			TOTAL TRANSFERS	36,083 261,530	29,000	7,083	178,242
			FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	261,530 \$329,589	<u> </u>	\$329,589	103,588 \$261,530
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### **BOSTON CALLS!**



by Fred C. Heismeyer National Alumni Chairman

A special alumni event is being planned for next summer in Boston, July 10-12, 1992.

Boston is the place to be in the summer of 1992 for Alpha Phi Omega Alumni. The National Alumni Committee is planning a special meeting of all Fraternity alumni to be held in connection with the summer meeting of the National Board of Directors. The purpose of the Alumni meeting will be to seek your ideas and participation as we plan future alumni services and activities. Discussion topics

will include the following: the general purpose and structure of the National Alumni Association, services the National Fraternity can provide local alumni associations, and funding the National Alumni Association. The structure of our meeting will consist of small work groups as well as general sessions.

Besides the business sessions, much time will be allowed for you and your family to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Boston. Additionally, a reception is planned so visiting alumni can meet the National Board of Directors. Conference registration is \$50 per person, and the Park Plaza Hotel rate is \$41 per night (single, double, triple, or quad). The conference registration will be in the next (Winter/Spring) issue of the *Torch & Trefoil*, or call the National Office (816-373-8667) for further information.

### THE NATIONAL ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Throughout the year the National Alumni Committee is busy with many activities. Here is a brief update:

- Work is progressing on two publications: a revised version of the Alumni Questions and Answers, and a new brochure that will suggest opportunities for continued involvement with the Fraternity after graduation.
- Continued communication with local alumni associations is happening through an alumni newsletter

focusing on current events within the Fraternity.

- Development of a questionnaire for assessing the needs of alumni is being finalized.
- Refining parts of the "Articles of Organization" including the stated purpose and structure for the National Alumni Association, programs for local alumni associations, and plans for financing the National Alumni Association are under consideration.

### IN MEMORIAM

On Oct. 31, Brother Berkeley P. Duncan, known throughout the Fraternity as "Dunc" passed away in Ann Arbor, MI. Dunc became a brother of Alpha Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1946. He served as the Region VI representative, member-at-large on the Board of Directors, and was elected National Vice President. Dunc had received the Region VI Distinguished Service Key and, at the 1986 National Convention

in Houston, Texas, he was presented with the National Distinguished Service Award. Dunc was a professional scouter all his life, serving with the Wolverine Council in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as program director prior to retiring. He was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, an Eagle Scout, and a member of the Koshare Indian Dancers in La Junta, Colorado.

### ALUMNI NEWS . . .

The Alumni publication of the Lambda Nu Chapter, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, reports in its newly revised publication that alumna Jeanne Nielsen, 1991, placed 30th nationally at the 1990 William Lowell Putnam Competition and has begun Graduate School in Mathematics at Duke . . . Timothy Spong, having served in "Desert Storm," has returned to Raleigh, North Carolina, and Heather Heath has given birth to a second child and soon will finish her ophthalmology residency at Duke.

Alpha Chi Alumni Association reports . . . a number of Alpha Chi (MIT) alumni met at a community recycling center in September to build a platform and stairs, to make it easier to deposit materials to be recycled in the recycling center bins. For further information contact Nancy Goldberg, Alpha Chi Alumni Newsletter Editor, 270 Auburndale Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02166.

Theta Rho Alumni Association reports . . . several social events that included an alumni reunion at the Sam Houston State 1991 Homecoming and a Texas Barbecue at the annual St. Louis Day campout at Castroville, Texas. For further information contact Neal Scott, Theta Rho Alumni Newsletter Editor, 9927 Gold Cup Way, Houston, Texas 77065.

Central Ohio Alumni Association . . . held a social dinner in October, participated in the Alpha Iota Chapter, Ohio State University's Thanksgiving dinner, and plans a Christmas dinner Dec. 15th in Columbus, Ohio. For further information contact Daniel Roberts, 5462 Blue Ash Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

Wayne E. Bingham, J.D., LL.M., Eta Omicron 1970, is currently National President of the National Eagle Scout Association. Brother Bingham also serves as a member of the Alpha Phi Omega National Scouting Relations Committee, and recently, was appointed Legal Counsel for the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund.

Brother Alan K. Bridgewater, Epsilon Omega, 1977, University of Mis-

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### GAMMA KAPPA

This past summer, the executive council of the Gamma Kappa Chapter at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, met for their annual Executive Retreat. Lasting approximately seven hours, the board discussed active member retention, increasing correspondence with alumni and other chapters, and improvement of communication between actives and officers. They reviewed the requirement of pledges in acquiring active status and how to better publicize rush within the entire campus community. Gamma Kappa set its calendar for upcoming events, including both social and extensive service commitments. While fostering leadership, promoting friendship, and providing service, Gamma Kappa's leaders filled their stomachs with lasagna and garlic bread, topped off by chocolate chip cheesecake. A gourmet retreat to remember! For further information contact Brien Bergner, Corresponding Secretary, Gamma Kappa Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Texas Christian University, P.O. Box 32085, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.



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sissippi, is still stationed in the Middle East. He is assigned to the 251st S&S Co, APO NY 09734.

Several Brothers are still working and serving in Saudi Arabia. Brothers Keith B. Franklin, Chi Zeta (University of Tennessee at Martin), 1974, former Section 70 Chairman; Brother Ernie Horton, Nu Sigma (Stephen F. Austin State University), 1966, and J. Rocky Wilbur, Zeta (Stanford University), 51, are with the Vinnell Corporation, Unit 61322 Box 1627-R, APO AE 09803-1322.



Brother Keith Franklin works as an advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard.

### RHO GAMMA



This past spring Rho Gamma at California State University, Long Beach, helped raise money for the school by working a "Kaleido-Karnival" booth during the school's annual Kaleidoscope Carnival. Over 100,000 attended the event and saw Rho Gamma's first place prize winning booth (for best decorated) among 18 other entries. The event

paid off with Rho Gamma netting \$170 for the chapter and acknowledgement for participating in the carnival. For further information contact Kristy Di Cario, President, Rho Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, California State University-Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Boulevard, USU Box #72, Long Beach, California 90840.

# L, F, & S — A WORKING PHILOSOPHY

### **EDITORIAL**



by Patrick Burke National Executive Director

The letter below is really an article I wanted to write about our three very important principles. My intent was to philosophize on our principles individually and collectively, showing how your chapter can grow and prosper through the efforts of following them as you go about being a good active chapter of APO. But, Alpha Beta Xi did it for me.

Their leaders are planning and organizing semester activities. Members and pledges are sharing the responsibilities and duties. Service to school, community, state, and nation is evident in their schedule of events. Friendship and fellowship is intertwined at every opportunity. Please read their letter.

October 31, 1991

Dear Brothers:

Well, Alpha Beta Xi has been busy this past month with fellowship and, of course, service projects. We did induct 15 pledges on Sept. 28, 1991. Pledging has been going very well. The pledges have just about completed all their requirements and are eagerly waiting for the day when they will become brothers of Alpha Phi Omega.

In the aspects of fellowship, Alpha Beta Xi has had several activities. Weekly activities include meeting on Fridays at 5 p.m. at a campus dining hall for pizza and wings. Sometimes we go all out and journey to Pizza Hut. Also, at every meeting, our fellowship chairs announce birthdays of the week and pass out b-day cards. Once a month, the fellowship chairs celebrate the birthdays by coordinating a birthday dinner. The fellowship chairs also try to plan a fellowship activity after most service projects. The next big fellowship activity being planned is Alpha Beta Xi's birthday on Dec. 6, 1991.

Alpha Beta Xi has been very busy with service projects as well. Here is a list of service projects of the past, present, and future. If anyone wishes to participate in any of our service projects, you can contact Melanie Snider at (716) 243-5633.

Projects for October, November, and December:

October 19: St. Mary's Soup Kitchen October 20: Crop Walk (walk for hunger)

October 27: Artists Fighting AIDS Walk-a-Thon

October 28: OATKA — Halloween decorating for a male juvenile home

October 29: same as the 28th

October 31: Halloween Shaving Fest for Geneseo High School students November 1: Scouting Project — Ice cream social (chaired by pledges) November 2: National Service Day

- Community Child Day Care Painting with Xi Zeta
- Security for hockey game at R.I.T. with Xi Zeta
- Raking leaves for Geneseo Community

November 7-8: RAMS 150 Bike Tour

November 12-16: Canned Food Drive with Geneseo area Boy Scouts

December 2: Toy Tractor Day with Boy Scouts

Rose Day Sale for Arthritis Foundation

December 8: Migrant Center

Prospective Sectional Service Project:

December 14: Christmas Caroling in Geneseo with fellowship to follow.

Please do call Melanie Snider for more information . . . other service projects do get planned outside of the schedule.

I almost forgot to mention that pledges will be inducted into the brotherhood the week of Nov. 10. For questions concerning the date, please contact Nisha Ferry at 245-6647. All brotherhood meetings are held on Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Fraser Lounge.

What did everyone think of the sectional fishbowl idea? I am willing to start it if chapters wish to participate. Corresponding secretaries, please let me know if you wish to participate as soon as possible.

Everyone: Have a Happy Halloween!

In L, F, & S, Dawn Sutton

Alpha Beta Xi is our 638th Chapter. They were chartered in December of 1986.

I'm sure my article would have worked. It might have taken more space to develop and I might not have said it as succinctly as the Alpha Beta Xi letter. So, I thank the Brothers of Alpha Beta Xi for sharing their philosophy concerning our principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service!

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