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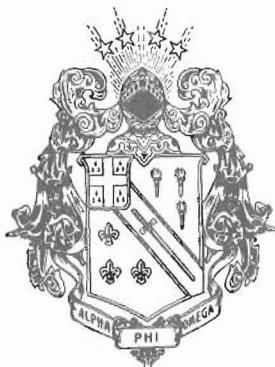
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The Brothers of Rho Gamma Chapter at California State University, Long Beach, California, joined forces with the associated student recycling center on campus to paint barrels to aid in campus cleanup and recycling.

National Service Day

November 4, 1995, Alpha Phi Omega Chapters from coast-to-coast celebrated National Service Day by sponsoring many projects embracing the theme of "Recycling and Green Projects." At this writing, over 40 Chapters have responded with photos, stories, and adventures in their National Service Day reports. Our Chapters performed thousands of service hours on projects including street, park, campus and beach cleanups, tree planting and recycling. The Governors of California and Georgia officially proclaimed the importance of Alpha Phi Omega's National Service Day.

Pi Epsilon at Drew University in New Jersey conducted an entire week of service. Chi Gamma at James Madison University in Virginia hosted other Chapters for a service weekend. A petitioning group from Montana State University, joined with a local Chapter of R.E.A.C.H. to build a park for the disabled. And, Zeta Beta at Virginia Tech even sent a chunk of asphalt to the National Office as testimony of their tree planting labors.

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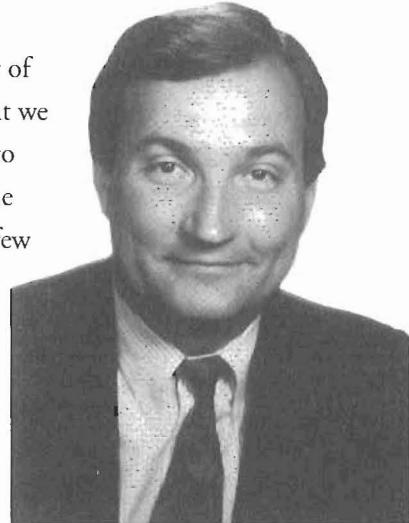
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY WILFRED M. KRENEK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Every morning when we wake up, we begin the day by assessing any number of factors and how they may affect us in what we do during the rest of the day, and even into the future. Do I hit the snooze button one more time (or even turn it off) and get a few more ZZZ's, or do I get up and make that early class or business appointment on time? As I drive through the school zone, do I abide by the 10-mile-per-hour speed limit, or speed through hoping not to get caught? Do I work late to finish that term paper for class, or analyze that budget report for the boss, or risk putting them off to go out with friends? Each time we make a decision of this type, we are assessing the risks that different types of behavior will have upon ourselves and the people around us.



"Risk" and "risk management" have been topics of significant importance recently in the media, in businesses and on college campuses. Also, within the Fraternity these topics - and how we should deal with them - have been on the minds of many. Over the past year a committee of the National Board of Directors has been working on a proposed "Risk Management Policy" for the Fraternity for submission to the 1996 National Convention. At each Regional Conference this past fall, the vice president and I met with groups of interested members to discuss areas that should be covered in the proposed policy. This input - along with data gathered from many other sources including colleges, other fraternal organizations, and businesses - is being used to assist with this project. The proposal for submission to the National Convention will be completed and available in the next few months.

Like risk management in our daily lives, risk management for the Fraternity is simply responsible behavior - providing a safe environment for taking care of ourselves and persons we encounter, careful planning of our activities and programs, and abiding by the laws of the Fraternity and of our campuses, communities and nation. By being more imaginative in planning events, taking a few precautions and preparing for the well-being of everyone, our service projects, our fellowship events, and our leadership functions will be safer and more enjoyable for all our members.

Wilfred

ALPHA BETA BETA

**St. Bonaventure
University**

Celebrating National Service Day one week late due to snow, Brothers, Pledges, and an advisor ventured into Francis Woods, which is an on-campus forest, and removed litter and brush from the trails. Participants removed more than 10 bags of trash.



PI UPSILON

Drew University

Instead of having just a National Service Day, Pi Upsilon extended their events to a week-long project. Brothers started the week by cleaning up a park. The following day they taped candy to each individual's room in every dorm. Then a Halloween party was held with the children in the campus daycare. In keeping with the theme, Brothers also held a recycling drive for three days in which they collected clothes, dishes, and bed linens. At the collection table they provided educational information about recycling. To conclude the week a campus and city clean-up was held.

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Heidelberg College

Alpha Gamma Pi
University of Maine-Farmington

Alpha Gamma Mu
William Paterson College

Alpha Gamma Nu
University of California-Santa Cruz

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Albion College

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Chi Sigma
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Chi Nu
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St Edward's University

Rho Theta
Capital University

Rho Epsilon
Savannah State College

Rho Gamma
California State University Long Beach

Pi Chi
Duquesne University

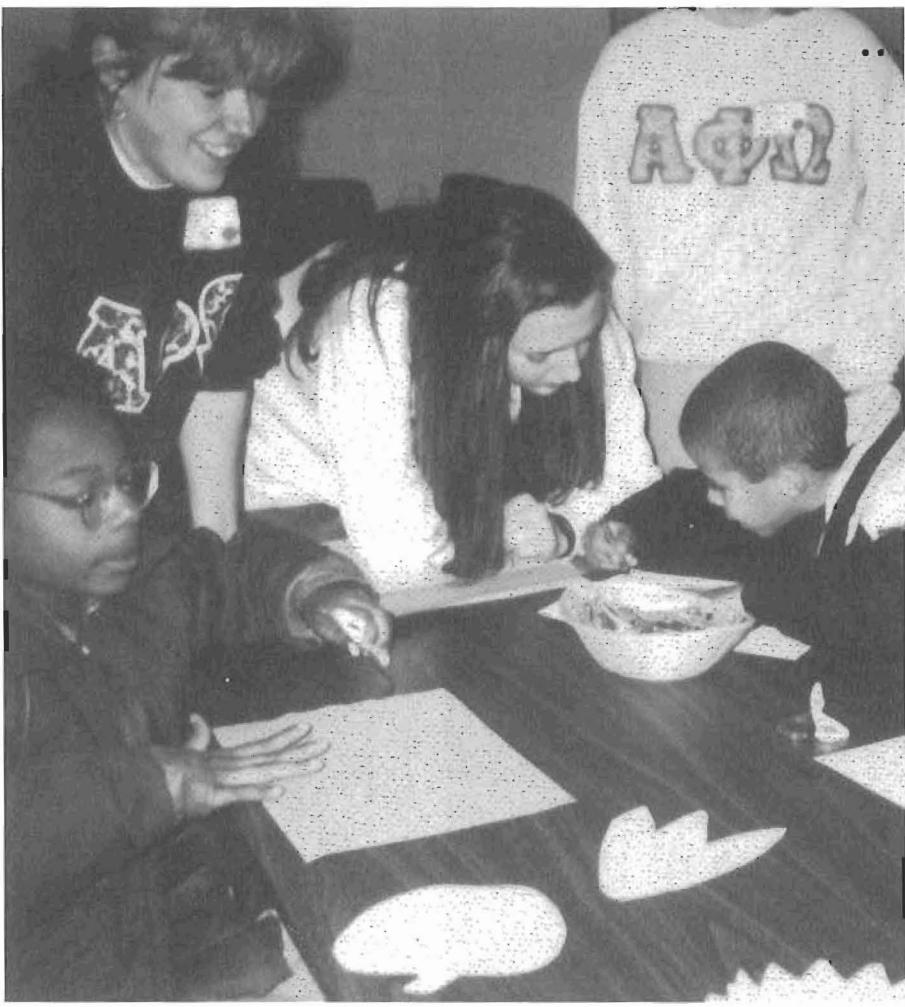
Pi Rho
Rider University

Pi Upsilon
Drew University

Pi Omicron
Emory & Henry College

Pi Iota
Wofford College

More Chapters to be recognized in the spring issue.



CHI GAMMA

James Madison University

On the weekend of November 3-5, 1995, 101 leaders of service converged in Harrisonburg, Virginia, to participate in Chi Gamma's Fall Service Weekend. Brothers from Chi Gamma were joined by alumni; members of Circle K International and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Brothers from Alpha Delta Iota and Nu Rho and members of the Shenandoah University Petitioning Group; as well as Sectional Staff Members Michael Leahy and John Conover. During the two days, these leaders completed 405 hours of service to the Harrisonburg and James Madison University community.

ALPHA GAMMA KAPPA

Southwestern University

This year Alpha Gamma Kappa Chapter will be celebrating its 5th birthday. In the past five years, this Chapter has grown from a small petitioning group to the largest organization on campus. Alpha Gamma Kappa Chapter has approximately 120 members, constituting 10 percent of Southwestern University's student population. The Chapter offers service opportunities to the members weekly, including several ongoing projects such as walking dogs or eating lunch with 6th graders who need some extra attention. Some major accomplishments include providing hurricane relief in Louisiana and helping to fund and build the Georgetown Playscape, a community playground.



MU THETA
Luther College



The Mu Theta Chapter at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, has proven that a cent can make a dent. The Chapter completed the "APO Million Pennies" drive in the spring of 1995. The drive raised \$10,000 in five months to establish the new Oneota River Trail, a community recreation trail. The total 1,000,000 pennies were displayed in a 3' x 2' x 5' glass-sided showcase on campus which weighed over two tons. Members of the Mu Theta Chapter voted to channel their energies toward the project because they felt it met the cause of a worthwhile, focused, visible, lasting, and community-oriented service project.

HISTORY FACT

In 1935 two groups of university students were simultaneously petitioning Alpha Phi Omega at The University of Texas at Austin and Southern Methodist University. Each group wanted to be the first Chapter in the state. SMU was granted the name Alpha Omicron on May 6, 1935, and UT was granted the name Alpha Rho on May 7, 1935. On May 25, 1935, UT was chartered followed by SMU on May 26; therefore, both Chapters could claim to be the first in Texas.



ALPHA DELTA DELTA

**George Mason
University**

The Alpha Delta Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega participated in the National Service Day on November 4, 1995. Alpha Delta Delta helped Fairfax Relief, a Fairfax City based non-profit organization, plant seedlings and trees on Route 123 in McLean, Virginia. Sponsored by GEO, a car manufacturer, the Alpha Delta Delta Chapter was able to plant over a hundred seedlings and trees provided by the National Tree Trust and the Virginia Department of Forestry. The Chapter had twenty-one members, four alumni, and one advisor participate in the event.



Smiling faces attest to the camaradrie of the CPW held at North Texas University in Denton, Texas this past summer.

At the Chapter Program Workshop at the University of Iowa, July 28-30, 1995, Dave Emery, International/Public Relations Chair shares his APO experiences with CPW attendees.



What exactly is a Chapter Program Workshop?

By definition the Chapter Program Workshop, more widely known as the CPW, is an interactive educational program designed for Chapter officers to help answer questions that most Alpha Phi Omega Chapters deal with on a daily basis in their activities.

Historically, the CPW was just for Chapter Presidents. It was an opportunity for Chapter leaders to interact with the leadership of the Fraternity, for young members to benefit from the elders' expertise and experience. Over the years delegates at National Conventions questioned the exclusivity of the CPW, because all officers in a Chapter could benefit from such a program.

The 1994 convention delegates recommended a change for the CPW. The name was changed from Chapter Presidents' Workshop to Chapter Program Workshop in order to reflect a new interpretation of the subject matter to be more inclusive. Now, all elected officers are encouraged to attend a CPW because all will benefit greatly from the experience.

Dr. Allen Wong, National Leadership Development Chair, said attending a CPW "will develop a leadership infrastructure for the person and the Chapter. Students will gain from the interaction, networking and invaluable experience. The CPW allows for Chapter-to-Chapter linking and for a

stronger fraternal bonding for individuals."

The CPW continues to be an evolving leadership program. Interactive subjects allow for the development of effective decision-making skills, increased understanding of the responsibilities of leadership development, and a greater awareness of leadership styles. Students will receive guidance and expertise as to setting goals for Chapter operations. They will review all resources available to assist Chapters in their activities, that will in turn provide a greater understanding of the National Fraternity.

LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

National Program of Emphasis

The subject of this article could be good fodder for a future trivia contest. What is our current National Program of Emphasis? Answer: The Environment. How did the concept of an annual National Program of Emphasis get started? Answer: A brainstorm of Past National President Dr. Stan Carpenter, way back when he was the National Service Chair.

This program began 17 years ago, in 1979. For years the Fraternity had been emphasizing one annual National Service Project. However, this had become increasingly difficult to accomplish because it was

to come up with one specific service project that every Chapter could coordinate the same way. There were now too many differences among our Chapters — too many different size Chapters, on all types of campuses, in every kind of community. To overcome these difficulties, the National Program of Emphasis was established. This way, every Chapter could do projects that best suited its needs, yet each Chapter's activities would still be united around a common cause. This allows Alpha Phi Omega to make a national impact through a massive outpouring of service in one specific arena on an annual basis.

Our National Service Chair, mrs Tomusiaik, commented that, "The Program of Emphasis not only encompasses National Service Day, but also provides inspiration for other projects over the two years between Conventions. It's another way for Chapters work together while maintaining their economy." From January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1996, the National Program of Emphasis is "The Environment." Consider the Program of Emphasis

when planning your service program. The general theme focuses on Recycling/Green Projects for 1995, and some of those National Service Day projects are featured throughout this issue. And on November 2, 1996, Chapters across the country will lead projects that emphasize Natural Disaster Preparedness and Personal Safety.

Every even numbered year the Fraternity feverishly prepares for its National Biennial Convention. The National Executive Director eagerly receives legislative proposals and changes to bylaws, rituals, Chapter Articles, and other corrections or new considerations — one of which will be a recommendation for our next Program of Emphasis. At the Convention the Service Reference Committee will evaluate all suggestions and then make a recommendation to the Convention Delegates. Then at the legislative assembly, the Voting Delegates by their determination, will lead us forward in service for the next two-year period.

Next Issue:

Does your Chapter plan specific activities to promote the cardinal principle of friendship? If so, drop us a note and let us know about them. Whether it's a Chapter study hall, intramural sports, or spaghetti suppers, if it's working for your Chapter, maybe other Chapters can benefit from your ideas. Send your Friendship Activity Ideas to: T & T Editor, c/o Alpha Phi Omega, 14901 E. 42nd Street, Independence, MO 64055.

HOUR POWER

This is an estimate of the number of hours that Alpha Phi Omega Chapters have dedicated to the areas noted below. The estimate is based on reports and articles submitted by Chapters during 1995.

Project	Hours
Blood Drives	156,000
Housing for Others	7,900
Disaster Relief	8,600
Food Pantries/Hunger	92,000
Fund Raising for Charity	40,000
Scouting & Youth	19,000
Campus Events	136,000
Community Cleanups	122,000

This is just a sampling of the type of impact our Chapters make each year in various areas of service.

In the next issue we will show the impact our Chapters make on the environment with an estimate of service hours from last fall's National Service Day. If your Chapter has not sent in its National Service Day Project Sharing Form, please do so immediately, so your Chapter can be included in the results.



ALUMNI

It is a fact that Leadership, Friendship and Service can still surround you after graduation. Here are the stories of three Brothers who have careers based on our principles.

**Pam Malone, Beta Sigma
Texas Tech University '81
Community Relations Specialist
Houston Light & Power, Houston, Texas**

Pam Malone coordinates the Volunteer Program and Blood Drive Program for Houston Light and Power, the 9th largest electric utility in the United States. In 1994 the Volunteer Program involved 2,000 employees who volunteered 53,600 hours of service. A sampling of their efforts include walk-a-thons for the March of Dimes, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the United Negro College Fund. Pam oversees quarterly employee blood drives at 36 separate facilities. Houston Light & Power has been a "Top Corporate Donor" for 9 years straight and averages 6,000 units a year.

Did her undergraduate experience in Alpha Phi Omega help her in her career in volunteerism? "Without a doubt," Pam says. "APO gave me the confidence and leadership skills to take on these projects and expand them. The whole spirit of Alpha Phi Omega is volunteerism - and you never lose that. Every once in a while it feels like I'm still doing APO projects - the only difference is I'm being paid!"

**Lori Tsruda, Alpha Chi, MIT '89
Volunteer Coordinator
Cambridge Cares About AIDS
Boston, Massachusetts**

When Lori Tsruda graduated from MIT in 1989 she continued following our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service in her professional life. Besides working as the coordinator for "Cambridge Cares About AIDS," she is also the founder of "People Making a Difference Through Community Service, Inc."

continued to be a rewarding adventure for all. Each weekend a project may focus on hunger, HIV awareness, mental health, house painting, or conservation. Lori's life still reflects our principles. She started a volunteer program because she saw a need. She keeps it going because she has made it fun and available to all.

**Phillip Deal, Mu Mu
Oglethorpe University '86
Regional Representative
ALFAC/ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Dallas, Texas**

Phil Deal has worked at St. Jude for most of his career since graduating in 1986. Phil laughed when he answered the question, "What has your APO experience done for you?" "I have the same job today that I had in college when I was the VP of Service for Mu Mu; however, today I get paid! My duties in the Chapter involved planning fund-raising projects to go along with service projects." Today, Phil has the overall responsibility for fund raising and public and media relations for St. Jude Hospital in five Southern states. Since graduation he has found time to serve as Sectional Chair for Georgia. He also helped his wife, Maureen (Rowe), also a brother of Mu Mu Chapter, when she played a large part in the reactivation of Delta Kappa Chapter at Emory University in Atlanta. Phil has also served on the National Finance Committee. He counts his APO experience as a positive influence on his personal and professional life.

Turn your APO experience into a real job after graduation.

"After graduation I found others in my community looking for opportunities to do community service," she says. "Well, APO gave me the tools to do something about it." Going through the process of becoming a not-for-profit company is a lot of work, but Lori was successful. Her project uses the format of "Saturday Projects," a continuation of an idea that worked in college. The Boston community responded and the project has

Career Connection/ Job Database

by Eleanor Gabrielli, Region X Representative on
National Alumni Committee

Attention undergraduates! Now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do with yourself after graduation. Many of you may be wondering how you go about finding a job in your field of expertise. One way is to talk to people currently working in your field of interest.

Alpha Phi Omega has created an opportunity for you to do just that.

Through the Sustaining Membership Program of the National Alumni

Association, the National Alumni Committee has created a database of alumni in a number of different careers. These Sustaining Members have agreed to be available to answer questions undergraduates may have regarding their future careers. This is a great opportunity for you as an undergraduate to network and create new business contacts.

The process to gain the needed information from this database is very simple. Contact Eleanor Gabrielli, Region X Alumni Representative, to obtain a list.

Eleanor Gabrielli
5622 McAdoo Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819
916-455-9946 - evenings
916-446-5880, ext. 134 daytime
916-446-1370 - fax
Email - elgab@aol.com

When requesting a form, please include your name, address, phone, Email (if applicable) and your field of interest. Please be as specific as possible on your field of interest. You can mail, phone, fax or Email this information to Eleanor. Your request will be processed as soon as possible, but please allow a minimum of five days turn-around time for the information to be sent to you.

Currently following professions are represented in the Sustaining Member database: Business, Education, Engineering, Health, Physical Science and Math, and other professions in Law, Government and the Military.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

*Alpha Chi Chapter Alumni Association
Arlington, MA*

*Connecticut Area Alumni Organization
Enfield, CT*

*Western Europe Alumni Association
APO, AE*

*Alpha Beta Alumni Association
Cranberry Township, PA*

*Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association
Troy, NY*

*Mu Omicron Alumni Association, Inc.
Monroe, CT*

*Phi Chapter Alumni Association
Syracuse, NY*

*Alpha Gamma Chi/Western MD Alumni
Organization - Rawlings, MD*

*Piedmont Triad Alumni Association
Greensboro, NC*

*Triangle Area Alumni Organization
Raleigh, NC*

*Atlanta Area Alumni Association
Forsyth, GA*

CUAPOAS - Clemson, SC

*Central Florida Alumni Association
Goldenrod, FL*

*Central Ohio Alumni Association
Columbus, OH*

*D.Fishback/Greater Louisville Alumni
Association - Louisville, KY*

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Bridgeport, WV*

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*Beta Rho Alumni Association
Fayetteville, AR*

*Washington, D.C., Area Alumni
Organization - Potomac, MD*

*Alpha Alpha Xi Alumni Association
Antioch, CA*

*Eta Psi Alumni Organization
Carmichael, CA*

*Iota Phi Alumni Association
Davis, CA*

*Kappa Sigma Alumni Association
Sacramento, CA*

*Omicron Zeta Alumni Association
Hayward, CA*

HISTORY FACT

*Reported in the March 1955, issue
of the Torch and Trefoil. Gamma
Phi Chapter at Western Michigan
College . . . instead of sending
Christmas cards this past holiday
season the Chapter used the money to
send a CARE package for a needy
family in Europe. The Chapter also
went Christmas caroling with
YMCA girls, and visited two homes
for the aged, after caroling they
stopped by for a snack at Chapter
Advisor, Dr. Seibert's home.*

Why we're glad to have an APO chapter on our campus.

by President of Clemson University, Constantine W. Curris

One of the founding sponsors of what has become the largest blood drive in the State of South Carolina each year is Clemson University's Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

The public transit system recently established jointly by the City of Clemson, S.C., and Clemson University is an outgrowth of a Gamma Lambda service project.

As these examples suggest, having a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on campus can produce tremendous benefits for a college or university.

For more than 55 years, the Fraternity has been a dynamic force for good at Clemson. Today it is one of our most active and productive student organizations, and its members are outstanding ambassadors on campus and in the community for the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Perhaps Alpha Phi Omega is best known at Clemson because of the annual Clemson-Carolina Blood Drive Competition. Gamma Lambda has conducted blood drives at Clemson for more than 20 years, and in 1985 the Chapter agreed to sponsor Clemson's participation in an annual blood drive contest with the University of South Carolina. Since then, more than 24,000 units of

blood have been collected during the Clemson-Carolina Blood Drive Competition, which has become the largest blood drive in our state each year.

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Alpha Phi Omega also was instrumental in starting a campus shuttle service that has evolved into a citywide transit system. As a service to students, Gamma Lambda began operating the "APO Shuttle" on our campus in the fall of 1973. The service proved to be so useful and popular that it eventually became a full-fledged university operation. The campus shuttle system, in turn formed the nucleus of the newly established Clemson Area Transit System, which provides public transportation throughout the City of Clemson as well as on campus. This is an excellent example of the long-term impact that a well-

conceived and well-executed student service project can have on a community.

In addition to their service contributions as students, many Gamma Lambda members continue to give generously of their time, talents and resources as alumni. Some of Clemson's most prominent alumni leaders have Alpha Phi Omega backgrounds. These alumni include Clemson University President Emeritus Philip H. Prince, for whom the Fraternity's Fall 1995 Pledge Class was named.

Early in my career as an academic administrator, I had the honor of working with Alpha Phi Omega. That experience introduced me to the Fraternity's principles and purpose. Now as president of a university with a strong and energetic Chapter, I am even more favorably impressed by how Alpha Phi Omega can enhance a student's educational experience and improve the quality of life on a campus and in the surrounding community.

I commend you, the members of Alpha Phi Omega, for your dedication to Leadership, Friendship and Service and for all that you do to make your campuses and communities better places in which to live, work and study.

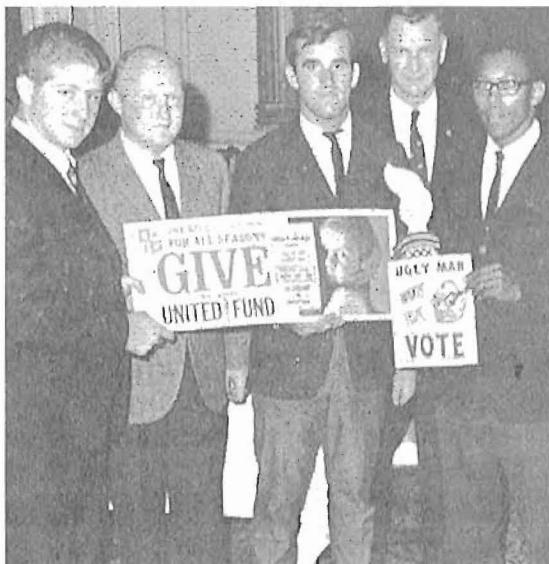
A PAGE IN HISTORY

For over 70 years Alpha Phi Omega has been going strong. Here's just a few of the many reasons why.



1949 Alpha Zeta Chapter of the University of Kentucky conducted a drive among fraternities and sororities for food for the needy last Thanksgiving. In this picture three members, Bob Meader, Bob Hepburn and Michael Yackowsky, are preparing the baskets for delivery. (Picture courtesy of the Lexington Herald-Leader.)

1966 The Ugly Man on Campus contest was sponsored October 24-28, 1966, by Epsilon Sigma, State University of New York at Buffalo, to raise money for the United Fund. The entire project was a great success.



65 years ago

May 10, 1931 - Vol. 6, #1
The third National Convention was held in St. Louis in the Jefferson Hotel on March 1st and 2nd. Twenty-three delegates from nine Chapters were in attendance.

50 years ago

March 1946 - Vol. 21, #3
What a wonderful feeling it was to walk in on the first meeting of Gamma Omicron with the new term to see the room filled with the old familiar faces of young men we haven't seen for two, three, or four years! They are back from Germany, Saipan, Tokyo and India. Some won't come back—too many in our Chapter.

35 years ago

Winter 1976 issue
The Torch & Trefoil reported that Alpha Phi Omega was recognized at the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy for raising more than \$31,000. Beta Mu Chapter, Southwest Missouri State University, presented the check to Jerry Lewis on national television at 3:30 a.m., September 8, 1976.

Q&A

Everything you ever
wanted to know about
Alpha Phi Omega
and finally got around
to asking.

Q Is there a National Alpha Phi Omega WWW page, and if so, what is the address?

Tim Dady, Psi Omega

A Not yet. But, in order to further assist the Fraternity on the "Information Superhighway," a committee, chaired by Region IX Director Charlie Zimmerman, is preparing a long-range plan for APhiO publications, communications and the Fraternity in general to use current electronic technology most efficiently now and in the future. Plans are already in place to publish the Chapter Bulletin on APO-L, thereby supplementing the US mail distribution. This long-range plan will probably include plans for official home pages and electronic distribution of most Fraternity publications and documents. Stay tuned!



Q Have we thought about expanding Alpha Phi Omega through the student exchange program?

*Monica Spinnenweber,
Alpha Iota*

A No. Currently there are only undergraduate Chapters and national Alpha Phi Omega organizations in the United States and the Philippines. Right now, we are sending delegations to each other's national conventions.

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These delegates are mainly National Board Members. Maybe this is a program that the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO) could consider. The next meeting of ICAPO will be at our National Convention in Phoenix this December.

Q What is the origin of the Dobson Award?

A The Dobson Award, given to a Chapter or individual instrumental in establishing or reactivating a Chapter, was named after Dobbie Dobson, one of the Fraternity's founding brothers. Fred L. Pollack, Former National Membership and Extension Chair, created this award to recognize this founder, because Dobson helped form the first Chapter (Alpha).



Q Why was the Torch and Trefoil so named?

*Andrea McAtee
Alpha Zeta*

A Since Frank Reed Horton died a number of years ago, we will never know the exact answer. But it was Frank Reed Horton's dream that said, "As Scouting is worldwide, so should Alpha Phi Omega be worldwide."



Q Are any efforts being made to use the Olympics to further the expansion of APO International?

*Brooks Moore
Delta Kappa*

A Not at this time. Possibly the local Georgia or Region IV Chapters may wish to take advantage of this opportunity.



Q How many founding Brothers are still alive?

A One - Donald L. Terwilliger who resides in Englewood, Florida.

A checklist for success in 1996.

by Jack A. McKenzie, National Vice President

This being the beginning of the new year, it is a good time for making New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you already have resolved to study harder, exercise more or watch less television.

How is the Fraternity reflected in your 1996 'to do' list? There will be many opportunities during the months ahead for you to improve yourself, help your Chapter and enjoy the benefits that Alpha Phi Omega provides for its members.

With that in mind, here are some Fraternity-related resolutions for inclusion in your personal plans for the coming year:

In 1996, I will:

- Recruit at least one new person to join the Fraternity.
- Help my Chapter recruit at least one new advisor from our faculty or administration.
- Participate in at least one of the leadership development programs sponsored by the National Fraternity.
- Take a leadership role in my Chapter.
- Participate fully in my Chapter's service program.
- Ensure that my Chapter conducts a Chapter Program Planning Conference.
- Ensure that my Chapter registers its pledges/initiates with the National Office within 10 days after each induction/initiation ceremony.



"How is the Fraternity reflected in your 1996 'to do' list?"

- Ensure that my Chapter submits at least one article (with photograph) to the new and improved Torch & Trefoil.
- Recruit at least one other Brother to join me in becoming a Life Member of the Fraternity.
- Ensure that my Chapter nominates a candidate for the

Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honor by the May 1 deadline.

- Ensure that my Chapter communicates regularly with our Sectional and Regional staff and participates fully in Sectional and Regional programs and activities.
- Ensure that my Chapter conducts a National Service Day (November 2) project based on the theme "Natural Disaster Preparedness/Personal Safety" and shares the results with all other Chapters by submitting a Project Sharing Form to the National Office.
- Ensure that my Chapter submits its Annual Active Membership Dues and Charter Reaffirmation Form to the National Office by the November 15 deadline.
- Attend the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, December 27-30 and ensure that my Chapter is represented at the Convention by, at a minimum, two voting delegates.

Supplement these resolutions with goals tailored to you or your Chapter's specific activities or unique circumstances. The result will be a useful "checklist for success" in 1996 - success for you as an individual member and for the Fraternity as a whole.

WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 8 - 9

Section 40 Conference
Region VII
Host: Alpha Delta Zeta
New Mexico State University
Carlsbad, NM

Section 74
Region IV
Host: Iota Rho
Tallahassee, FL

March 22 - 24

Section 79/80 Joint Conference
Region III
Host: Kappa Theta
Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, NC

Section 54 Conference
Region VI
Western Michigan University

Section 68 Conference
Region IV
Host: Xi Sigma
Jefferson City, TN

Section 23/27 Conference
Region IX
St. Olaf College
Northfield, MN

March 29 - 31

Section 52 Conference
Region VI
Ball State University
Muncie, IN

Section 82 Conference
Region III
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Section 35 Conference
Region VIII
Hosts: Gamma Xi/Alpha Eta
Rockhurst University UMKC
Kansas City, MO

Section 97 Conference
Region I
Host: Kappa Beta
Polytechnic, NYC

Section 67 Conference
Region V
Host: Alpha Zeta
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

April 12 - 14

Section 56/59 Conference
Region V
Host: Zeta Lambda
University of Toledo
Toledo, OH

April 12 - 14

Section 90 Conference
Region II
Host: Alpha Gamma Alpha
Dickinson College
Carlisle, PA

Section 7, 8, 14 Conference
Region X
Pullman, WA

Section 94/96 Conclave
Region I
Host: Delta Nu
Yale University
New Haven, CT

Section 84 Conference
Region III
Host: Epsilon Mu
University of Maryland
College Park, MD

Section 41 Conference
Region VII
Host: Xi Omicron
Tarleton State University
Stephenville, TX

Section 72 Conference
Region IV
Mercer University
Petitioning Group
Macon, GA

April 19 - 21

Spring Conference
Section 88/89
Region II
Host: Epsilon Nu, SUNY-Oswego
Oswego, NY

Section 48 Conference
Region VI
Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

Section 61 Conference
Region V
Host: Mu Tau
West Virginia Institute of Tech.
Montgomery, WV

Section 99 Conference
Region I
Host: Nu Theta
Rowan College
Glassboro, NJ

April 26 - 28

Section 1 Conference
Region X
San Luis Obispo, CA

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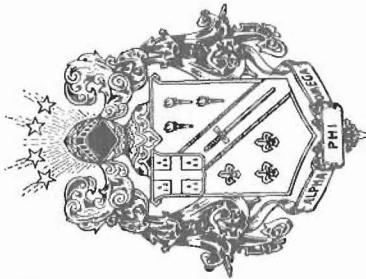
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CHAP'TER REPORT



ZETA BETA

**Virginia
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On National Service Day, November 4, 1995, Brothers, Pledges, and two members' parents planted trees in the parking lot and grounds in front of Slusher Tower, a dorm on the Virginia Tech campus.

The Slusher parking lot was repaved last year, so all the previous plant life had been moved during the repaving. As a result, there was a long strip of barren dirt in the middle of the parking lot, so the Chapter chose this site for the project. In all, Zeta Beta planted nine Macho Cork and six Lilac trees. In some areas Brothers had to dig through asphalt in the parking lot in order to plant the trees. A similar project was sponsored earlier in the semester including our prospectives who helped plant trees around the campus Duck Pond.



ALPHA RHO

University of Texas

Alpha Rho recently celebrated its 60th anniversary by gathering on the weekend of October 20-22, 1995, to celebrate 60 Years of Lone Star Service. More than 275 Brothers came from far and wide, including some from Alaska and Virginia, to join the festivities.

Letters to the Editor

Patrick Burke, Alpha Phi Omega National Executive Director and Torch & Trefoil Editor, welcomes your thoughts and comments.

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Dear Editor:

I am an alumnus who loves to be invited to Chapter initiation ceremonies. However, over the past couple of years, I've been asked several times to donate my service pin to new initiates because the Chapter didn't have enough to pin the new actives. I don't mind donating my pin (and purchasing a new one) for a good cause, but how long does it take for a Chapter to order pins for their emonies?

Name withheld
by request

(Normal delivery by UPS is 3 to 5 working days and first class mail delivery is 3 days. Editor)

(The National Office does provide Chapters with the names and addresses of Alumni on request. It should be noted that the National Office has very few telephone numbers for Alumni. Editor)

Dear Editor:

Your Torch & Trefoil (Winter 95, page 2) reference to the (presumably very few) alumni who don't like being asked for money moves me to respond.

As an alumnus, I should know how valuable Alpha Phi Omega is on several hundred campuses. As a once-active member, I should remember how much Alpha Phi Omega added to my own academic career. As an organizer of several Chapters during the 60s and 70s, I've been privileged to learn first-hand how receptive college and university CEOs and administrators are to the values Alpha Phi Omega brings and

how it supports their efforts. And I know that the National Office's support is critically important to continuing success in all of this.

It seems to me that an alumnus who complains about being solicited is somehow confusing form and substance. If I don't want to contribute - or can't afford to, now that I've been "down-sized" out of my job - I won't. That doesn't make Alpha Phi Omega any less than it has been; it doesn't in any way suggest the fraternity doesn't need additional sources of revenue.

Those of us who can only cheer from the sidelines should be glad to help financially, if our circumstances allow.

Yours in Service,

Walter M. Schwenger
Beta Theta Alumnus
Reading, PA

Dear Editor:

It occurred to me that alumni, such as myself, might be drawn back to APO activity if National would provide local Chapters with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of alumni in their vicinities so that they might invite those close-by to their annual dinners and award functions. What do you think?

Jules Cass, D.V.M.
Alpha Iota Alumnus
Silver Springs, MD

