

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Spring Training

The great football teams are now in spring training preparing for next fall's campaign. At large schools and small, those teams are planning for the offensive of next September, October and November. Many a thrilling end run, many a 70-yard punt, and many a victory touchdown is having its beginning on practice fields these warm spring afternoons.

Yea, this same sense of preparedness is important in Alpha Phi Omega. The reason our chapters elect new officers early in April is to allow a period of six weeks or more for "spring training." This gives the new chapter leaders an opportunity to study their responsibilities under the guidance of the old, and it gives them the benefit of adjustment before school adjourns for the summer.

An equally important phase of spring training is the preparation to be made by each chapter for the re-opening of activities in the fall, for the service to be rendered in the orientation of freshmen, for other service projects for the early weeks of fall, for taking a Scout census of incoming freshmen and for recruiting new members. Your attention is called to the suggestions on page 5 of this issue for thorough spring training.

All these and other vital considerations are needed to close each chapter's spring activities in full preparedness to carry forward the traditions and services which make Alpha Phi Omega a vital part of the college life of our nation.

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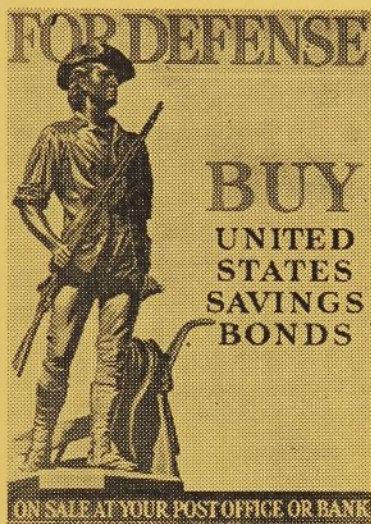
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HELP START THE DEFENSE BOND CAMPAIGN!



National defense bond posters such as the one shown above are being distributed in every city, town and village in the United States. Will your chapter aid in placing these posters on college bulletin boards and in near-campus banks and stores? This is an immediate valuable service in the interest of national defense. Ask your local postmaster where to secure posters for display on your campus! Alpha Phi Omega chapters are co-operating in many ways in defense preparedness, such as contributing to blood banks, fingerprinting students and townspeople and furnishing bundles for Britain. Let's all do our part!

From a Nebraska Bulletin Board:

Emily Poster:

Hello is easy to say. The habit of saying it easily will pay you surprising dividends.

QUOTATION FOR APRIL

Our responsibility is to be useful, not just according to our desires, but according to our powers. — Ameil.

A Letter to You From the National President

My dear Brothers:

Last night it was my cherished privilege to participate in a dinner meeting of the five Alpha Phi Omega chapters situated in Kansas City and the immediate vicinity. From these chapters at Park College, Rockhurst College, William Jewell College, Kansas City University, Central Missouri State Teachers College, and the Medical Unit at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery there came 104 officers, advisors, and active members to the first meeting of its kind ever held in this area. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and the reports presented by the chapter presidents brought a stimulating assurance that these Alpha Phi Omega chapters are rendering a very real service to their respective campuses.

As I reflect upon last night's meeting I feel confident that our other chapters in all sections of the United States are writing a like record of achievement. In reviewing from time to time the service reports received from our chapter secretaries and historians all over the nation I am further assured that this school year just nearing its close will be the greatest year of service thus far in Alpha Phi Omega's history.

In the few weeks that remain in this term I commend to your careful consideration the ideas for "spring training" which are presented on page five of this issue. As we put the finishing touches on our year's work for 1940-41 I believe we must earnestly consider the preparation which should be made if we are to insure the future success of our chapters. Two especially important matters deserve our immediate attention.

First of all, we should make sure that complete plans for our chapter service activities for at least the first month of next fall's term are outlined and definite responsibilities assigned before school closes for the summer. Along with this projected program, definite arrangements should be made to have all chapter members contacted several times during the summer months by the chapter secretary and the president so that all will be well informed and ready to swing into the work of Alpha Phi Omega at the very opening of the fall term.

Second, and also very important—our recruiting forces should be put into operation to pledge and initiate another sizeable class of new members in each chapter before commencement. With some of our members already having left the campus for service in the armed forces of the nation and many others expecting to be called this summer, we need to give special attention to adding new members to our ranks. We need additional members not only to replace those who are leaving but to further increase our usefulness as a service fraternity.

The time is short and I charge you to renewed effort to increase the strength and service power of your chapter in these few final weeks of school by bringing in to the bonds of Alpha Phi Omega a new group of initiates to help carry on the traditions and useful activities which constitute our four-fold fraternity program.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

National President.

April 21, 1941.

TOPS IN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Twelve chapters have distinguished themselves in membership growth in the present school year. Twelve have initiated and registered fifteen or more new members each and have thus added strongly to the service-power of Alpha Phi Omega on their campuses. And the strength of numbers has been proved in these chapters by the increase in service which has been made possible by having constantly increasing manpower available to carry on the fraternity program.

Top honors go to Beta Psi Chapter at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, which has inducted 28 new active members into Alpha Phi Omega this year. Under the forceful direction of Brother Marlin Remley, president, and Prof. Oliver M. Skalbeck, senior faculty advisor, Beta Psi has thus advanced to new heights of achievement.

The twelve chapters now in the top bracket of membership growth are:

Beta Psi, Southeast Missouri.....	28 new members
Gamma Zeta, Georgia Tech.....	25 new members
Iota, Park College.....	24 new members
Alpha Rho, Texas.....	23 new members
Alpha Upsilon, DePauw.....	21 new members
Eta, Northern Illinois.....	19 new members
Alpha Eta, Kansas City U.....	19 new members
Mu, Indiana.....	18 new members
Gamma Beta, San Jose State.....	18 new members
Alpha Xi, Washington State.....	17 new members
Beta Sigma, Texas Tech.....	15 new members
Alpha Pi, Miami U.....	15 new members

Most of these chapters also have more pledges now preparing for induction.

Ten additional chapters are outstanding in the number of new men pledged this year but have not yet initiated and registered all of them into active membership. They are:	
Beta Gamma, Central Y.....	30 pledges
Alpha Delta, San Diego.....	29 pledges
Upsilon, Milwaukee Teachers.....	23 pledges
Alpha Alpha, Illinois.....	17 pledges
Beta Mu, Southwest Missouri.....	17 pledges
Alpha Lambda, North Dakota State.....	17 pledges
Beta Kappa, Central Missouri.....	16 pledges
Tau, Florida.....	16 pledges
Alpha Omega, Kirksville C. O. S.....	15 pledges
Beta Upsilon, Northwest Missouri.....	15 pledges

Heartiest congratulations to all 22 of these chapters which have visioned the need of stronger manpower and have brought these sizeable numbers of new men into the work of Alpha Phi Omega on their respective campuses.

The time is right for other chapters to give special attention to membership expansion.

THIRD CHAPTER IN LOUISIANA



The Charter Members of Gamma Upsilon at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, installed March 23, 1941.

WHAT'S NEW IN SERVICE PROJECTS

Lambda Aids Blind Students

By Arthur Johnstone, Historian

John Urich, a blind, second-year law student, was in need of \$25 to finish paying his fees for the spring semester. At the suggestion of Dean Henry Werner, Advisor of Men, and the Men's Student Council, Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega arranged for Urich and his wife, also blind, to present a program with their "Seeing Eye" dog in the auditorium of the university administration building.

The chapter took the full responsibility of selling tickets to the performance. Sales were slow at first, the day before the program was to be given, the chapter was still considerably short of its goal—100 tickets at 25c each. By the next evening, however, the goal had not only been reached, but passed. The members of the fraternity (with the help of a few friends) sold a total of 136 tickets.

These sales, together with \$7.10 in contributions, made a total of \$41.10, \$16.10 over the goal. The excess will go toward Urich's next semester fees.

(This is a new feature to appear monthly in the Torch and Trefoil as available material will permit. In this column titled "What's New in Service Projects" will appear rather full descriptions of new services inaugurated by chapters. Information as to new types of projects will be secured through the regular analysis of the Chapter Secretaries' monthly reports.)

GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER INSTALLED AT THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

By David A. Warriner, Jr., Historian

On March 23, Gamma Upsilon, the third chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in Louisiana, was installed at Tulane by Dean Arno Nowotny, official of the National Executive Board, and the degree team from Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas.

Officers of the new chapter profited by two hours of explanation and advice from the members of the installation team about officers' duties, meeting programs, projects, pledging procedure, fraternity ideals, and other pertinent matters. Contributions to this round-table discussion were also made by the representatives of Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Louisiana State University and Beta Phi Chapter at Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

The formal official ritual was then conducted by Bill Barton, president of Alpha Rho, assisted by Ralph Frede, George Dacy, and Thomas Sligh, officers of the same chapter. Immediately after the formal ritual, certificates of membership were presented to the twenty-nine initiates and nine advisors. Then the culmination of the two years of effort to organize a chapter at Tulane was at last realized when the chapter charter was presented to J. H. Randolph Feltus, executive assistant

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PLEDGING SYSTEM OF ETA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Northern Illinois State Teachers College

As Described By

Don C. Warner, Past President

(Editors' Note: This system of pledging was studied by several committees at the Indianapolis convention and was recommended for the consideration of all chapters. The pledging system of Alpha Rho Chapter of Texas and the pledge rules of Beta Gamma Chapter of Central Y are also soon to be presented in the Torch and Trefoil for possible adaptation to general use.)

Eta Chapter has inaugurated a system of pledging which is to be truly democratic. By this plan, new members are taken in on merit alone; voting, and its accompanying petty prejudice has been abolished. The following is a copy of the pledge rules:

Eligibility—Scouting record, "C" average; social desirability.

Contacting Pledges—The Pledgemaster shall call a mass meeting for all men who are eligible to join Alpha Phi Omega. At this meeting he will explain about the membership fee and the pledge projects. He will then assign projects to those eligibles who wish to become members of Alpha Phi Omega, and will explain to them the system of project-points by which they will be rated.

Length of the Pledgeship Period—

The period of pledgeship shall be six weeks from the date of the assigning of pledge projects. If for any valid reason, a pledge feels he cannot make 60 points in six weeks, he may appeal to the Pledge Committee.

Pledge Projects—Divisions:

Major Project: Ten points shall be awarded for each major project which is satisfactorily completed.

Minor Project: Five points shall be awarded for each minor project which is satisfactorily completed.

If a project is not completed satisfactorily, no points shall be given.

The Pledge Committee shall be responsible for keeping check on all pledges, and shall decide whether projects have been satisfactorily completed. A majority of the committee must agree as to the proper completion of each project. The Pledgemaster shall have the

authority to appoint other members, not on the Pledge Committee, to assist the committee in conducting and checking on pledge projects.

At the end of the period of pledgeship, each pledge who has accumulated a total of sixty project-points shall automatically become a member of the fraternity, after he has been through the initiation, unless some old member shall move to reject him. Before being allowed to make such a motion of rejection, however, the old member shall be required to state specifically his reasons for wishing to make the motion of rejection. To reject a pledge, a three-fourths affirmative vote of all members shall be necessary.

The working out of pledge projects shall be left to the Pledge Committee, assisted by the other members of the fraternity.

If, at the end of the pledge period, a pledge feels that he has received an unjust decision from the Pledge Committee, he shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee, which shall consider his case and render final recommendation to the chapter.

Membership Fee—The pledge has two alternatives:

(1) He may pay the entire sum of \$10.00 at the beginning of the pledge period (during the first 3 days)

or

(2) He may pay only the \$2.00 pledge fee at the beginning of the pledge period, and pay the remaining \$8.00 at the rate of at least \$1.00 per week.

If the pledge should be rejected by the chapter at the end of the pledge period, any money that he shall have paid toward his fee shall be refunded by the chapter.

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE PLANNED

As this issue of the Torch and Trefoil goes to press, the arrangements are being completed for the third annual conference of the Alpha Phi Omega Chapters of the State of Michigan. The meeting will convene Saturday and Sunday April 26 and 27 at Camp Newkirk, Dexter, Michigan. This year the new Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan is serving as host to the state conference, with the helpful

guidance of Beta Beta Chapter which has so effectively entertained the conferences in the two previous years. A report of the conference will appear in the May issue of the Magazine.

GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER

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to the president of Tulane University, Robert D. Crow, Scout Executive, Dr. Paul C. Taylor, senior faculty advisor, and Addley H. Glad-den, Jr., chapter president, who represented the university, the New Orleans Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the faculty advisors, and the chapter members, respectively.

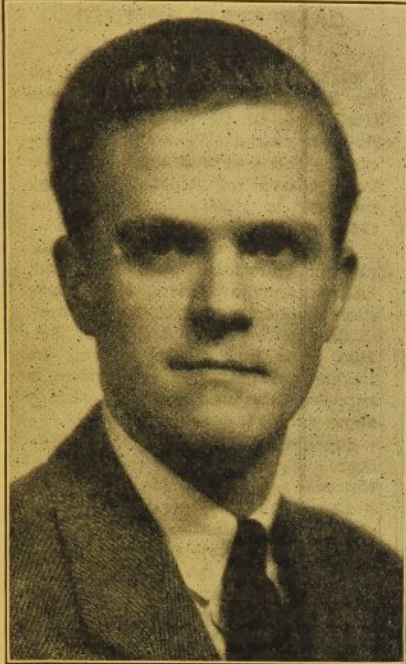
Probably the most enjoyable feature of the evening was the address by Dean Nowotny. In his inimitable way, the Dean challenged the chapter to action in the Alpha Phi Omega program and admonished us of difficulties and pitfalls which would beset us. But he hastened to enumerate some of the many benefits of the leadership training and some of the satisfying experience that make the work of Alpha Phi Omega such a pleasure. A liberal sprinkling of the Dean's excellent anecdotes were interspersed with his valuable exhortations.

The evening's program was concluded with a banquet at which the new members learned several of the Alpha Phi Omega songs. Sheets of paper were circulated among the tables to secure for the chapter archives the original signatures and chapter names of all those attending the ceremony.

The president and mainspring of Gamma Upsilon is Addley H. Glad-den, Jr. The other officers are August F. Fischer, vice-president, James H. Fortson, secretary, Jay G. Weil, Jr., treasurer, Edward A. Rogers, alumni secretary, and David A. Warriner, Jr., historian. Faculty advisors are Dr. Paul C. Taylor, senior faculty advisor, Lowell P. Dawson, C. J. Morrow, J. H. Randolph Feltus, and Kendall H. Cram. Scouting advisors are R. D. Crow, Winnie Rodrigues, C. L. Ganus, and Charles Fletcher.

Gamma Upsilon Chapter pledges its loyalty and zeal in cooperating with the other chapters and with the national officers and in extending the Alpha Phi Omega program.

MAN OF THE MONTH

**Jack Kimball**

Serving as president of Alpha Phi Omega at the University of Kansas City, Brother Jack Kimball has led Alpha Eta Chapter to new heights of service and manpower. Under his direction the chapter has just recently conducted its fifth annual benefit Bridge Party in which over 500 students and townspeople participated to help secure funds to continue the \$100 university scholarship presented by Alpha Eta Chapter annually to a worthy Scout of the Kansas City Area.

Graduated from Westport High School in 1935, Brother Kimball attended the Kansas City Junior College two years before entering the university. He is to be graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas City this spring. Many major responsibilities have been carried out by this Alpha Phi Omega brother during his two years at the university. He served as president of the Junior Class, was presented the university athletic award in 1939, was a member of the University News staff in 1939, represented the Senior Class on the Student Council in 1940, is a member of the Student Christian Association, and is the immediate past president of the Student Council.

Brother Kimball is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," is a member of the M. A. A. (athletic association), the Easy Chair Club, and the Bounders Club. He is majoring in English and has an outstanding scholastic record.

He has been an aggressive leader in Alpha Eta Chapter throughout his two years of active membership.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends congratulations and commendations to this outstanding leader of student affairs and of Alpha Phi Omega at the University of Kansas City.

(Photograph courtesy Bailey Studio, Kansas City, Mo.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOSING THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND PREPARING FOR FALL

The TORCH AND TREFOIL offers the following suggestions to all chapters for closing this school year's activities with the best possible record of achievement and for preparing to open next fall's program with real enthusiasm at the very opening of school in September.

1. It is recommended that all chapters which have not already elected new officers in April do so immediately in order to give the new officers a sufficient period of time before this term closes to become acclimated to their jobs and to have a hand in planning for fall activities.
2. A special executive meeting should be held of all old officers and all new officers under the guidance of the Senior Faculty Advisor. In this meeting each old officer should be asked to fully explain his responsibility to the new officer who is to take over the job, and in explaining each officer's responsibility at this group meeting, all other officers will learn just how the duties of all chapter leaders should be coordinated in the best interest of the entire fraternity program.
3. Service projects which have been in the process of planning the past weeks should be carried to completion before commencement in order to finish this year with the greatest possible service attainments.
4. In membership expansion it is recommended that initiation ceremonies be arranged promptly for all present pledges who have completed the necessary requirements. In addition, it is recommended that the pledging processes be set in motion to secure an additional group of pledges for initiation before commencement. Furthermore, it would be wise to secure still another group of pledges who will be carried over for initiation in the fall, thus giving the chapter a group of men ready for induction at the very opening of the fall term. New members who are pledged and initiated at this season of the year will add greatly to the stability and forcefulness of the chapters' opening activities in the fall.
5. A definite outline of fall activities should be prepared by the new chapter officers before they leave the campus for the summer so there will be a specific program upon which to start when the fall term opens. This outline should include plans for assistance in freshman orientation, for information service for new students, and all other activities which are to take place within the first month of the fall term. Definite assignments should be made to committee chairmen and others who are to be responsible for the leadership in freshmen orientation and other early fall projects. By making assignments this spring the members will have an especially good opportunity to prepare for these activities.
6. Some means should be decided upon for the chapter officers to be in contact with all members and advisors at least three times during the summer. This might best be in the form of a bulletin from the chapter secretary—one about July 15, another early in August, and a third about the first of September. In these bulletins further details of plans for fall activities may be made known to the members thereby maintaining a definite interest on the part of all members throughout the summer.
7. It is recommended that officers and members who are on or near the campus during the summer arrange to have meetings as frequently as desired, principally for fellowship. Also, it is recommended that members who are available on the campus during the summer maintain as best they can some of the service activities of the chapter, especially along the lines of guide service for summer school students and visitors.
8. As a long range preparation for new projects it would be well to have a committee contact the president of the college and the deans before the closing of the present school term to solicit suggestions from these college administrators for new projects which can and should be carried out by Alpha Phi Omega next year.

KANSAS STATE CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

The second annual conference of the Alpha Phi Omega chapters in the state of Kansas was held April 20 on the Kansas State College campus at Manhattan. Forty-one chapter representatives entered eagerly and enthusiastically into the panels and general discussions of the day. The delegates included officers, advisors, and members from Lambda chapter at the University of Kansas, Beta Tau chapter at Washburn College, Pi chapter at Kansas State, and a guest delegation from Alpha Eta chapter at the University of Kansas City.

Dr. Hugh G. Wales, Senior Faculty Advisor of Beta Tau chapter and State Chairman for Kansas presided at the conference. He ably led the discussions as the officers of the chapters gave their reports concerning service projects, administrative policies, membership, and the other phases of chapter operation. Brother Sidney B. North, National Secretary, represented the National Executive Board at the meeting.

The conference luncheon was held at the Wareham Hotel in Manhattan with all of the other sessions of the meeting convening in the administration building on the campus.

The principal address of the conference was given by Dr. F. D. Farrell, President of Kansas State College. He commended the worthwhile nature of Alpha Phi Omega's program and he offered six suggestions for service for the consideration of all chapter representatives. First, that all chapters sponsor "Use the Walks" campaign to help eliminate unsightly paths across campuses. Second, that all chapters assist as their means and time will permit in promoting local Scout activities. Third, that all chapters aid in the protection of college properties against defacement. Fourth, that all chapters sponsor a permanent campus guide service for the benefit of convention groups and other visitors. Fifth, that all chapters sponsor a tutoring service for the benefit of backward students. Sixth, that all chapters consider giving aid in a physical way to nearby farmers who are in need. (This suggestion was prompt-

ed by the similar project now being carried out extensively by about 100 men of Dartmouth College in assisting poor farm people near Hanover, New Hampshire.)

Included in the program was an initiation of new members in the three Kansas chapters. The Lambda chapter degree team conducted the ritual under the direction of Brother Stanley Clark, president.

Plans were discussed at the conference for completing this year's activities in the Kansas chapters with the greatest possible achievements in service and with the greatest possible membership to be made available for further activity next year. Plans were discussed for opening next fall's activities at the very beginning of the school term and being prepared to forge ahead with all phases of Alpha Phi Omega's activity throughout 1941-42.

In the field of extension the conference accepted the responsibility of carrying the benefits of Alpha Phi Omega to the Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg and the Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia during the coming year.

The arrangements for this state conference were masterfully carried out by Pi chapter. Brother Frank Kaul served as general chairman of the arrangements, Brother Bob Bronson served as chairman of the program and Brother Phil Kaul, chapter president, coordinated all of the preparations.

GEORGIA TECH PLANS SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Advance preparations are now under way for the first southeast district conference of Alpha Phi Omega to be held at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, next year. Gamma Zeta Chapter will serve as hosts, and the officers are already planning the arrangements and program.

Announcements are soon to be sent by the Georgia Tech brothers to all chapters in the southeastern section of the nation, including Tau at Florida, Alpha Pi at Miami, Gamma Lambda at Clemson, Beta Zeta at the University of Georgia, Delta at Alabama Tech, Rho at the University of North Carolina, the petitioning group at Howard College and preparatory groups at Emory and other near-by schools.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAMP STAFF POSITION THIS SUMMER?

Leaders are now being selected by the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York for its several camps for the 1941 season. We are glad to announce that a special opportunity has been offered for Alpha Phi Omega members to submit applications for the available positions.

The positions include campmasters, program directors, naturalists, craft leaders, aquatic leaders, hikemasters, stewards, clerks, accountants, provisional Scoutmasters and doctors. Salaries range from \$75 to \$200 for the season. The period of employment is approximately nine weeks, beginning about June 24.

Experience in camping as a Boy Scout or Scout Leader is preferred. However, special training in administration, accounting, medical work or program specialization may qualify men without previous camping background for some specialized positions.

These leadership positions offer varied fields of experience as well as enjoyable associations. Members of the fraternity who wish detailed information should write to Mr. William G. Keough, Assistant Director of Camping, Boy Scout Foundation, 120 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

CORRECTION

One of the new songs by Brother David S. Mosesson, Gamma Delta Chapter, was incorrectly published in the March issue of Torch and Trefoil. Sorry! We reprint it here in its proper arrangement.

JINGLE

(Tune: "Jingle Bells")

Brothers, gathered round,
On this we agree;
To each other bound
By one loyalty,
For in every heart,
Warmed by friendship's glow,
There's a corner set apart
For old A. P. O.

Chorus:

A. P. O., A. P. O.
Stands for loyalty—
Be a friend, a hand extend
To a brother's plea.
Our ideals, each one feels,
Ever wider grow,
This refrain, sing again—
Long Life to A. P. O."

Brothers, gathered round
In true amity,
Let us make these walls resound
To our song of glee.
Bound by friendship's ties
Which we'll ne'er forego,
Sing of things we symbolize
In the letters A. P. O.

Same Chorus:

FROM THE POET'S CORNER OF ALPHA RHO

*Our Motto: Rime without meter, or twenty
cents anywhere in town.*

Respectfully dedicated to
H. Roe Bartle

Here's an ode to one Roe Bartle.
He telleth jokes that maketh us
chortle.
He's three hundred pounds of bone
and brawn,
And he spreads sunshine like the
coming dawn.
From Kansas City he doth hail.
At least that's where he gets his
mail.
His mental genius is known by all,
You'll never find him behind the
Eight Ball.
He travels by train, he travels by
air.
He is a one-man county fair.
He speaks at conventions far and
wide,
And takes them all within his stride.
We'll ne'er find words to praise our
Prez',
And all the soothful things he sez.
So hail to thee, head of APO,
From the Poet's Corner of Alpha
Rho!

*By S. L. Norris,
Newton Rabensburg,
Jack Adkins,
Manuel Palmer.*

THE JOY OF BEING EDITOR

Getting out this magazine is no
picnic,
If we print jokes people say we are
silly,
If we don't they say we are too
serious,
If we clip things from other mag-
azines
We are too lazy to write them our-
selves,
If we don't we are too fond of our
own stuff.
If we don't print contributions, we
don't appreciate true genius,
If we do print them the magazine is
filled with junk.
If we make a change in the other
person's write-up we are too
critical,
If we don't we are asleep.
Now like as not someone will say
We swiped this from some other
magazine.
WE DID.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

Have you ordered your new recognition
button?

SERVICE TO THE NATION IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

Many members of Alpha Phi Omega have joined the armed forces of the United States in the present strengthening of the defenses of our nation. Some have entered through the Selective Service Act, others with the National Guard, others with the Reserve Officers and others have volunteered. Letters have been received from many quarters telling of the activity of our members, and the National Office has now asked the secretary of each chapter to make available a complete list of members who are now in government service, along with information as to their present locations. With the lists which are received, arrangements will be made to keep these brothers in touch with the activities of Alpha Phi Omega by means of the Torch and Trefoil and other communications. Means will also be provided for all brothers at the several camps and forts to become acquainted with each other and enjoy continued fellowship in the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega.

Quoted below is an interesting letter received by President Bartle from Brother Bill Parks, past president of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of DePauw University:

Headquarters Co.
Fort McPherson, Ga.
Feb. 27, 1941

Mr. H. Roe Bartle
National President, Alpha Phi Omega
510 Land Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
Dear Brother Roe:

Although it's been a long time since I wrote you, I haven't in the least forgotten about you. During the week of Christmas I kept thinking about you and APO and wishing that I could be in Indianapolis. I was there in spirit.

Well, I'm in the Army now! And have been since January 15. It's a great place and I'm really having a fine time. I looked forward to it with misgiving, but I'm sure glad that I had to go through with it.

Perhaps my enthusiasm is due to the fact that I landed a good job here in the main Reception Center for the fourth corps area. I am in the classification section. Every man who is drafted in the State of Georgia or the State of Alabama passes through our office. It is our job to interview the man and during that interview find out all about his past history and the details of every job that he has held and then on the basis of these facts classify him in one of 273 classifications and give him a rating as skilled, semi-skilled, or unskilled. It is a real job in personnel work. The majority of the men we are getting from these two southern states are below the average in intelligence and working ability and education. We are running at least 10 to 15 per cent totally illiterate! You see each of us takes a man and talks to him. We put down all the essential information on a large card and then pass him on to the next section. After he has gone we classify him and then pass the card along. It is a gigantic mass-production project, but I think that it will make the army more effective than ever before. We are supposed to spend 15 to 20 minutes with each man and the department (12 interviewers) is supposed to handle 300 a day. We haven't been able to reach that mark yet. I have been averaging about 25 men a day myself.

The fort is located just a few minutes outside of Atlanta by bus and we are free to go into town any night we are not working and so it is a rather nice set-up. Also the discipline here is very lax.

If you happen to have a copy of the TORCH AND TREFOIL with the details of the convention in it, I'd sure appreciate having it. I have been meaning to buy a life-membership in APO so that I could participate and get the TORCH AND TREFOIL, but now that I'm in the army it looks like another year will pass.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Bill Parks.

Service in the armed forces of the United States is definitely related to the four-fold service program of Alpha Phi Omega in our objective of "service to the nation as participating citizens." This is one of the rights and obligations of citizenship to assist in maintaining the principles of democracy as the basic element in the life of our nation. This is also one of our privileges and responsibilities in helping to maintain the spirit of Americanism which we believe to be the most wholesome and enjoyable system for ourselves and for those who will follow us.

Let us always keep in mind the strong and forceful statement made by Theodore Roosevelt when he said "In matters of right and wrong, never be neutral." This spirit should always guide the activities of men of Alpha Phi Omega as participating citizens of the city, state, and nation, and as citizens who are interested in spreading goodwill and understanding throughout the world.

Gleanings from Chapter Correspondence

TEXAS

"While sitting in on a discussion the other night, meddling over a few political fences, I heard several of the outstanding boys on the campus redefine what an APO pin means on this campus, and in no uncertain terms, either. 'They'll do anything under the sun, and do it right.' . . . 'No harder working bunch of boys anywhere.' . . . 'To be a member of that group is not so much an honor as an indication of ability and character.' . . . These and other comments pointed out to me that I was affiliated with the best bunch of men in these parts, and podner, that means a lot to me. I know that it will to you, too, so I pass it on to you."

—Bill Barton, President

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

We have been carrying on an intensive "Keep off the Grass" campaign, building a sign for our gate, and acting as guides to visitors on our campus. We plan to carry on some new projects this spring.

—Harold Twedten, President

C. C. N. Y.

"I saw in the February issue that members of the National Executive Board will visit the various chapters. We will welcome such visits by the National Executive Board and also by any brothers who happen to be in New York during the school year. Gamma Epsilon's chapter headquarters in New York are at 417 West 141st Street."

—Jack B. Lowenbein, Secretary

MICHIGAN STATE

"You requested some information about our placing of magazines in the college hospital. For the past two years we have subscribed to the Life magazine and had it sent to the hospital. Last term we added subscriptions to the Saturday Evening Post and Readers Digest to this. The head nurse at the hospital places "Courtesy of Alpha Phi Omega" on the covers and the magazines are then circulated throughout the hospital. We have received several letters from the hospital staff thanking us for this service."

—William Konde, Cor. Secretary

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

"We have just completed a housing survey which incidentally showed that the student housing will be a critical problem in Rolla next fall. Also, we have our campus benches now under construction and we hope to have them completed in the near future."

—William Pollock, Secretary

TULANE

"The total receipts of the British-American Ambulance Corps talent night that we worked on and presented the first of this month reached approximately \$280. It was truly a great success."

—Addley Gladden, President

GEORGIA

"On April 1 and 2, our chapter aided in the arrangement details for the Region Six Scouters Training School held here at the university. We made all hotel, dining, and properties arrangements. We registered the 150 Scouters, acted as guides, and helped in many other ways."

—J. T. Bradbury, President

MIAMI U

"Our projects are becoming more and more recognized and our much recent publicity is not due to self-publicity methods. The students are recognizing our projects."

"As I begin my second term as Alpha Pi's president we are gaining more and more "ground" on the Miami campus. The boys are all busy but when they are given an APO project they do it and do it well. With only one member graduating we are looking forward to next year and a few more steps toward making APO bigger and greater."

—Harry Rinehart, President

GEORGIA TECH

"Up to the present date Gamma Zeta's blood bank has given over 40 transfusions. We have conquered our financial difficulties by finding a generous soul. Fortunately, it wasn't at all hard when he heard what it was for and he gave us twenty-five dollars the first time and told us to come back if we needed more. Well, we just got twenty dollars more from him which will tide us over to next fall. We use the money for transportation of the boys to and from the hospitals for transfusions."

—Lewis F. Stern, Vice-President

KANSAS U.

Lambda chapter is participating in the all-university Dandelion Day to completely eliminate the dandelions from the K. U. grounds. I have the welcome responsibility of serving as general chairman of the arrangements and we are looking forward to a great occasion. All classes will be dismissed for the entire day. The morning will be given over to digging dandelions with all organized and independent groups throwing their full forces into the project. Then in the afternoon there will be a carnival and street dance with a crowning of a Dandelion King and Queen. Each organization on the campus will be represented in the carnival and Lambda Chapter will have a trick concession as a means of earning funds for the chapter treasury.

Several film companies and magazines have been contacted and we expect to have a radio broadcast of the King and Queen ceremonies. There are two purposes of the day. One is to get better acquainted with all fellow students and the other is to rid the campus of dandelions. Plenty of fun is in store for all.

—Charles Wright, Jr., Past Vice-President

TEXAS TECH

"Our clean-up campaign was well received and "went over with a bang." We have received many gracious comments of appreciation. The first convention of the spring was held the following day, consequently, the authorities were glad to have our campus more attractive. We hope we have established a tradition."

"We are happy to report that our hospital calling service, which was begun in December, has proved a success. Each week two members, who have volunteered or have been appointed by our president, call at the hospital where college students are placed, and visit all students who are allowed visitors and volunteer for any service that will in any way help these sick students out. This is making the spirit of APO more widely known every day."

—R. C. Harris, President

—Willard McCloy, Secretary

OKLAHOMA CITY U.

"Beta Chi Chapter has accepted the job of digging the pit for an all-university barbecue and celebration on the occasion of Old Settlers' Day."

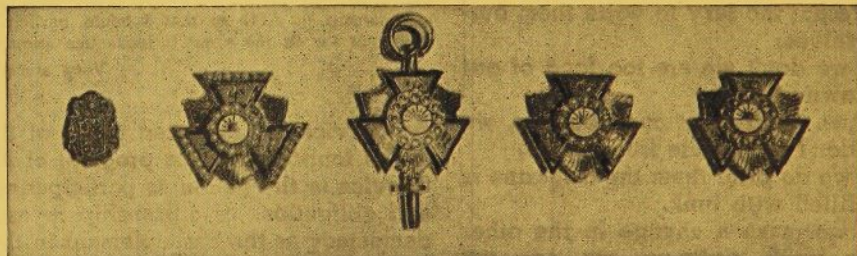
—W. Don Johnson, President

KANSAS STATE

"Since starting our blood typing and donors service in February, members of Pi Chapter have given four transfusions, three of which were to one person. We are glad for the opportunity of rendering this vital service to needy persons."

—Phil Kaul, President

The Insignia of Alpha Phi Omega Price List



Standard key, gold plated	\$ 3.25
Standard badge, gold plated (shown above, at extreme right)	2.50
Standard badge, 10K	6.50
Standard key, 10K (shown above, in center)	8.50
Standard badge, crown set pearl center plain arms (shown above, fourth from left)	13.25
Standard badge, crown set pearl center and arms (shown above, second from left)	24.25
Standard key, crown set pearl center plain arms	15.00
Standard key, crown set pearl center and arms	26.00
Recognition button, sterling (shown above, at extreme left)	1.00
New-style recognition button (not shown in picture)	.25