

Alpha Phi Omega's

TORCH AND TREFOIL



POP BRINGS JUNIOR FOR A VISIT . . .

. . . during Married Student's Day at the University of Texas, sponsored by the Co-Weds and Alpha Rho Chapter. It was an entire day and evening of activities for wives, husbands and children. Dr. T. S. Painter, President; and Brad Bouiland, President of the Student's Association issued a proclamation. Entire families attended classes, and some of the professors provided candy for the children. "Miss U. T. of 1966" was chosen. Events and entertainment included shuffle board, swimming, dancing, a floor show of campus talent, diaper contest and crawling contest. Baby-sitters included many top faculty people. It was a great success, especially for the kids. It was their day!

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"BOX SCORE"

Present number of chapters,
 including petitions approved.....151
 Total number of members
 since founding.....18,191
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 issue.....10,000

SONS OF TWO MEMBERS LOST

Alpha Omega Chapter has reported deaths of sons of two members. They are

Bernard Stanley Collins, Jr.

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stanley Collins
George Franklin Clough

son of

Dr. and Mrs. George Herbert Clough

We extend heartfelt sympathy to these two families.

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MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE SPONSORED BY ALPHA PHI CHAPTER, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



Members of Alpha Phi Chapter manned a March of Dimes booth in Clayton, Missouri, during this year's campaign. Shown is President Oliver Oertle in front of the booth to accept contributions.

WILLIAM JEWELL STUDENTS GO ALL OUT FOR BLOOD DONING FOR VETERANS HOSPITAL



When the Red Cross requested sixty blood donors at William Jewell College recently, Alpha Mu Chapter accepted the job of recruiting the givers. More than 120 students responded to this request. The above picture shows nourishment being given after the donating. Seated is Jack Pearson, who lost an arm on New Guinea but insisted upon being allowed to give blood for benefit of other veterans. The fellow with the big mouthful of food is Eugene Troop, chapter president. Charles Withaus, activities chairman, receives coffee at left.

Alpha Phi Omega Points the Way

By Thomas F. Neenan

Past President, Omicron Chapter,
University of Iowa

What is Alpha Phi Omega doing for you? Now is the time for you to think of how the fraternity is helping you so that you can take advantage of every opportunity it offers.

You do not need to be told, I'm sure, that Alpha Phi Omega emphasizes Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Leadership is important. After graduation you will be a part of an upper four per cent of the population of your country. But merely by virtue of this, you do not become a leader. You are expected to be one, yes, but only those are leaders who know how to lead. A-Phi-O points the way.

No matter what you might have been taught or how much you might know, success in life requires that you possess the initiative and originality to enable you to apply your knowledge.

This requires a special training, opportunities for which are unlimited in Alpha Phi Omega. You have opportunity to serve on committees, to tackle responsibilities, to participate in group action, to seek and to hold office, to carry out the duties of this office with thought, imagination, initiative, and efficiency. You have the chance to become a leader. A-Phi-O points the way.

Friendship, too, is important. Here is something that is easy to forget under the pressure of modern living. To some, common courtesy is largely superficial. It does not come from within and consequently falls short of the desired effect. Innate and sincere courtesy and friendliness is easily distinguished from the superficial variety.

You are learning to be a friend and to help others. You are finding that there is a good deal of satisfaction to be gained from thinking of others and doing things for them.

You are learning that friendship is not merely a toleration of the other fellow, but is an understand-



Now taking graduate work, the author is current Alumni Secretary of Omicron Chapter after a splendid record of leadership in two presidential terms and in other offices and committee chairmanships. He is president of the Quadrangle Council, largest men's dormitory in the Big Ten, member of the Newman Club, International Club and Inter-Dorm Council. Many of the present activities in Omicron Chapter were originated by Tom. The chapter's Spring pledge class has been named in his honor. He is probably the most active student on the University of Iowa campus. We take pleasure in presenting his timely article on this page.

ing and thoughtfulness and sympathy for his ideas.

You are learning that there are no race lines but that we are all members of the same race and that all religious creeds seek to follow the same God.

When you graduate and go forward to seek life's fortune I am sure that you will find that Alpha Phi Omega has done much toward preparing you for the niche that you are to fill. You will find it necessary to meet all kinds of people in your business and social contacts. You will be well prepared for this because you are now seeking to understand the viewpoints and feelings of men of all walks of life. You

will be the better man because you will seek to understand their interests and ideas and because you in turn will let them share in yours. A-Phi-O points the way.

Service is important. In Alpha Phi Omega you are working with others, giving as well as getting, teaching as well as learning. Participating in fraternity projects has become enjoyable work—work which you soon found you looked forward to doing.

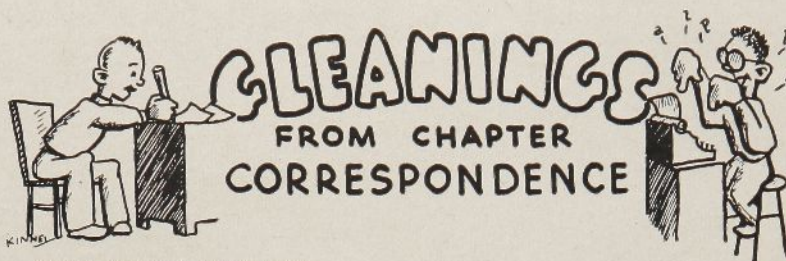
The society in which we live has made a contribution to whatever success each one of us has made. Therefore, it seems to me that each of us owes some personal obligation to the community in the form of participation in some worthwhile group activity.

There is a need for men of service in your home town. The Boy Scouts of America need Scoutmasters and committeemen who are willing to give their time and training to furthering such a worthwhile organization. You will find that there are many things that you can do outside of your working hours, many ways in which you can be of assistance to those who need and deserve your help. You can continue to participate in the service that has bettered your school, your community, and you yourself. A-Phi-O points the way.

Such service will continue to play a part in your personal development as a man after you graduate. You need to meet all kinds of people. You will become stagnant if you limit yourself to your business acquaintances. People will expect you to lead them. Your attitudes toward people, toward life in general, toward the problems of the world about you, all influence the opinion people will form of you. Gaining the respect of our fellow men is important to all of us.

Leadership, Friendship, and Service. A-Phi-O points the way. When

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UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

We have conducted a Student Plebiscite on building a new fieldhouse. We have 11,000 students on the campus and the most that have ever voted in any election in the past was less than a thousand. We were swamped by students, and had to stay open two days, with a result that 3,200 votes were cast. Our lost-and-found department is picking up more lost articles every day. We returned over fifty items to the owners in one week. This work continues to grow.

—Standley Porter, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

In January, Gamma Gamma Chapter put on a meeting for one of the Cub packs in Richmond. It was a joint meeting with the Scout Troop and parents. We included movies, skits to emphasize summer camping, and an explanation of Alpha Phi Omega. In connection with Scout Week at the Berkeley Council, we served as judges for the Merit Badge Exhibit. We have a strong plan of pledging this semester and are using the customary key idea for pledges along with special pledging meetings and exam periods.

—William S. McCullough, President.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Alpha Lambda Chapter recently sponsored snow decorations contest among the fraternities. The houses were invited to model objects or figures out of snow and place them in the front yards of their houses. This was conducted in conjunction with the Jack Frost Winter Carnival sponsored by the Fargo Junior Chamber of Commerce. The contest attracted much campus and community attention. The beautiful travelling trophy for the best snow decorations went to the local chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. Presentation of the trophy was a feature of the carnival's queen coronation ceremonies thus giving the contest public recognition.

Children of the nearby orphanage were feted by the chapter at a Valentines party in February. Members provided entertainment, cokes and candy for the group.

—Bob Runice, Publicity Chairman.

MICHIGAN STATE

Members of Beta Beta Chapter are currently engaged in a youth work project in an unfortunate section of the Lansing area, and plans are underway for the annual Interfraternity Sing to be held May 10th in State's bandshell. We are also preparing our A-Phi-O land float for the traditional college Water Carnival. The project of fingerprinting all MSC students, which was abandoned during the war, has now been reinstated. Over 2,400 sets of prints were taken in the January drive.

—Roland P. Globig,
Corresponding Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Our scholarship fund now stands at \$400.00. One hundred dollars will be awarded each semester to some student who has financial need, high scholastic ability and has been active in Scouting. On February 20, we celebrated the end of our first year of Delta Tau Chapter with a formal ball at which the charter presentation was reenacted. Brother P. V. Thorson, president, received the charter on behalf of the brothers from one of our faculty advisors, Dean Howard V. Mathany.

Two rush parties, climaxed by an early Sunday pledge breakfast constituted our rushing for this semester. The first party was a get-acquainted smoker, and the second a hamburger fry in the mountains. We think our new pledges are tops.

We have been able to secure the bell from the decommissioned battlewagon New Mexico for the bell tower of the university administration building.

—Chain Robbins, Publicity Chairman.

MILWAUKEE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

We continue to have executive meetings at least twice a month, and these are very helpful in our plans for Spring projects.

—Sam P. Cristoplis, President.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

In addition to the Ugly Man contest which brought \$620 for the Red Cross, we are putting on the following projects this semester: Radio Program, half hour, with campus talent and news each week, student poll of campus topics, ushering at alumni spring assembly and handling all booths during elections.

—Jordan Ansbacher, President.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

The distribution of Ice Safety and Rescue posters was done at local grammar schools and at strategic spots along the shores of Lake Massasoit.

—Bob Kurland, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

We are in process of completing "Keep Off the Grass campaign". Instead of the usual signs, we are constructing concrete benches that will be placed along the walk. These benches will have names of the other Greek-letter organizations on them.

—Sheldon Weinstein, Historian.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

The largest pledge class in Alpha Gamma Chapter's history, 55 men, were pledged March 14. This class will be known as the Daniel DenUyl Class in honor of our Chairman of the Advisory Committee who is also a member of the national executive board. A collection of old textbooks is now being made by the chapter to be sent to Europe. Instructional teams in first-aid, signaling and other Scout crafts have been organized to assist local troops, and plans are being made to cooperate in the Cancer Drive.

—Robert Lautzenhiser, Historian.

TWO PRESIDENTS RECEIVE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP



Chancellor Compton of Washington University Receives Alpha Phi Omega Emblem

Brother Oliver Oertle, President of Alpha Phi Chapter, places a service button on the lapel of Chancellor Arthur Holly Compton, Washington University, St. Louis, while Brother Fred Kettelkamp, advisory chairman, looks on. Chancellor Compton, well known nuclear scientist, received honorary membership at a ceremony at which 24 students were initiated.



President Klotsche Receives Honorary Membership at Milwaukee State Teachers College

Shown here is Dr. J. M. Klotsche, President of Milwaukee State Teachers College, receiving a certificate of honorary membership in Alpha Phi Omega. Left to right are Dr. Maxwell Freeman, Chairman of Advisory Committee; Sam E. Christoplis, President of Upsilon Chapter; Dr. Klotsche; Michael J. Brandt, Campus Projects Chairman; and Dr. Harvey Ueber, Scouting Advisor.

C. C. N. Y.

In keeping with our belief in giving service, Gamma Epsilon Chapter has conducted many projects this term. During registration we aided the Hygiene Department with freshman medical examinations, aided blind students through the registration process, helped handle the freshman tours and the freshman reception. The lost-and-found department has been reopened, and we handled the voting and counting of ballots in recent elections on the campus. We collected \$103.00 for the March of Dimes, and we ushered during a presentation by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company of London.

—Stanley Schwam, *Historian*.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Our projects for the present pledge class include working on a paper drive, a keep-off-the-grass project, and placing a book rack and writing pad in the administration building telephone booth. We will celebrate our first anniversary April 15. One of our pledges is from Africa, Dominic Adibrah, who is a Nigerean Boy Scout attending our college.

—Robert Foy, *President*.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY

One of our most active alumni of Alpha Eta Chapter, Glen L. Whitaker, has now established his own law practice after having been associated for six and one-half years with the law firm of Morrison, Nugent, Berger, Hecker & Buck. We wish him full success.

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Delta Kappa Chapter is now at work on a Student-Faculty Directory to be published soon.

—Frank Gay, *Past President*.

CARNEGIE TECH

Kappa Chapter is really on the go. Our latest projects include publishing a supplement to the student directory, listing the members of the various organizations on campus, and setting up a tour guide service for visitors to the school. Our biggest project was given to us when the last student council election was voided. We now have charge of the all-school elections, and just completed the re-election of Student Council without complaints. We are also conducting an intensive campaign for a Spring pledge class.

—Mac Clarke, *Secretary*.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Omega Chapter has been given the responsibility of handling the ballot boxes at the election for the Student-Faculty Council.

—Berkeley Duncan,
Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

On February 23, Beta Mu Chapter celebrated its ninth anniversary with a colorful banquet at the Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Missouri. Two of the charter members and several other alumni joined with the active members and advisors in commemorating the chapter's founding.

—Warren Guibor, *Secretary*.

QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING PUBLICATIONS OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

I. Initiation Ritual

1. Do you like all the rituals and ceremonies (pledge, membership, opening and closing of ceremonies, and installation ceremony) printed in a single volume?
2. Would you like the type larger so that it would be more easily read?
3. Is there any of the phrasing which seems to you to invite modification?

II. Pledge Manual

1. Does the Pledge Manual need to be expanded?
2. If so, what material should be included?
3. Is there any part of it which does not have a usefulness justifying its inclusion?
4. Is the make-up (type, size of page, etc.) satisfactory? If not, make concrete suggestions for improvement.

III. Questions and Answers

1. Are the questions included answered adequately for those who would inform themselves about Alpha Phi Omega?
2. Are there additional questions which such a person might ask and which consequently should be included?
3. Is there material other than "Chapter Activities" and "Roster of Chapters" that might well be included in the pamphlet?

IV. Manual of Administration

1. In what way has this pamphlet served its greatest purposes?
2. Have you found necessary information not included here?
3. Is any of the information included not necessary?

V. Torch and Trefoil

1. Do you like the national magazine, *Torch and Trefoil*, published monthly during the academic year (i.e., September through May) in its present size, or would you prefer a bi-monthly or quarterly magazine of larger proportions?
2. Would you like more pictures?
3. Do you like the section "Gleanings From Chapter Correspondence," or do you feel that it takes up a disproportionate amount of space?
4. Have you suggestions as to how this might serve better as a contact from Chapter to Chapter?
5. Would you prefer several shorter editorial articles to the one long one?

VI. National Bulletin

1. Do you feel that the "National bulletin letter" is a satisfactory method of communication on matters of general importance to national headquarters and the local chapter?
2. Should it appear at regular intervals or appear as the need arises?

VII. Songs of Alpha Phi Omega

1. Would you prefer the words to APO songs in pamphlet or booklet form rather than in sheet form?
2. Would you like songs that are acceptable for group singing and not particular to APO included in such a publication?
3. Do you have a criticism of any of the songs included on the present song sheet?

VIII. General

1. Is there a type of publication which you would like to see added to the list of publications of APO?
2. Do you feel that any one of the publications does not serve sufficient purpose to justify its continued publication?
3. In your opinion might any of the present publications be combined to good effect?

EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER AT MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY



Recently installed is this enthusiastic new chapter at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, Houghton, Michigan. This group received the charter of Epsilon Lambda Chapter last December. Brother C. M. Finnell (sixth from left in second row), member of the national executive board, officiated, with the degree team of Alpha Nu Chapter of St. Norbert College.

EPSILON XI CHAPTER AT COLORADO A & M COLLEGE



Installed last December, this group of brothers at Colorado A & M College has established an outstanding series of projects on the campus. Brother Armand Spizzirri, member of the national executive board (seated at extreme right) officiated at the installation.

INTERESTED IN A CAMP JOB THIS SUMMER?

The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega at the University of Wisconsin offer cooperation to all members who may desire jobs in Scout camps and private camps for the coming summer. Many good jobs are still available. If you are interested in camp leadership, write to Richard K. Hile, 624 Crandall Street, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Alpha Zeta Chapter is continually growing in numbers and in service. Our last pledge class, as its own service project, provided recreation, cleaned and painted rooms, and did other similar work at an orphanage for colored children here in Lexington. These seven pledges were initiated into the fraternity on February 29th, and this project is now being continued by the entire chapter. Three new faculty advisors and a new Scouting advisor were installed February 23rd, and nine new men were pledged on that date. Members of our chapter helped collect funds for the World Student Service Fund drive on our campus.

—Joe L. Craig, Historian.

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

During the short time we have been in existence, we have made great progress and are well recognized on the campus. Good proof of this is that we have been asked to take charge of the acquaintance day program here at the University. On this day all the high school juniors and seniors are invited to the campus to see just what the school has to offer them. We will conduct the tour around the campus. Among other projects we are working on are the current Red Cross Drive, a pledge dance in April, a clean-up campaign and a camping weekend for the brothers.

In the past we have helped to sell Christmas seals, giving a Christmas party for orphans, and have helped during registration. A number of the brothers are still active in Scouting.

Robert A. Mendelsohn, President.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

We are now redecorating our chapter room, which doubles as a student lounge and occasional class room. This will include a new paint job, new fluorescent lights and new furniture.

—Arthur E. Dannin, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Alpha Alpha's Service Projects Committee is really going to town on the annual "Keep Off the Grass" campaign.

—Robert L. Stevens, Secretary.

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

In reorganizing Beta Tau Chapter, we have found many opportunities for campus projects, and we are working on the Red Cross Drive and are looking into the need for blood donors.

—Bill Ransom, Secretary.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Reprinted from the "Journal"
February 11, 1948

I was privileged to attend the installation of Alpha Phi Omega. It was an interesting and inspiring ceremony. I was impressed with the number of times the word "service" occurred in the ritual, as well as by the emphasis upon the fact that this fraternity forbids secret rituals and a "house." Most of all was the oft-repeated admonition that real service needs no press agent. What a power such a philosophy can become on the campus.

—Dr. Walter W. Isle.

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

On March 16 a smoker was held for the entertainment of prospective members in a new membership drive which was recently launched. Also a discussion is planned for the development of a scholarship fund.

—Harold R. Kesler,
Publicity Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Here is another report of our activities and programs of late. For the past month we have contributed about fifty man-hours per week in helping the Office of Student Personnel compile a statistical study of the campus organizations of the late depression years, and immediate pre-war year, and the post-war years. We ran an auction of the unclaimed articles from the Student Union "lost and found," netting about \$300 for the Red Cross and we contacted 110 independent men's lodging houses, helping them to organize a drive for the Red Cross in each of their houses.

—George Shonat,
Corresponding Secretary.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA POINTS THE WAY

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the day comes for you to leave the campus and return to your home town or to another place of your choice I am sure that you will be able to look back on your college days and to Alpha Phi Omega with a great deal of pride.

I am glad that I have had the opportunity to participate as a member of this great, growing organization. I am sure that you too, are glad for the opportunity. When you do go forward to seek your fortune I know that you will continue to Be a Leader, Be a Friend, and Be of Service, for A-Phi-O points the way.

SPRING SEMESTER BOOK SALE AT LEHIGH



Campus projects are common, but it is seldom that one gets so favorable a reaction as Alpha Psi Chapter's book exchange at Lehigh last month. Registration is the time for a mad rush to buy new books, and sometimes the new books become a twenty-dollar item. Many a student finds that a real blow to his finances, yet there was no way he could drastically reduce this expense unless he happened to know someone who had the book he wanted. Recognizing a definite need, A-Phi-O decided on a method to alleviate the situation.

A committee started collecting books before the end of the previous semester. A student wishing to sell a book, put his own price upon it. He gave it to A-Phi-O with the understanding that it would be offered for sale at his price, and if not sold, would be returned to him at no charge. If the text was sold, he was charged ten cents to cover the costs of publicity and paper work. The sale was advertised as non-profit, and the ten cent charge yielded a surplus of only three dollars—pretty close figuring.

—Paul Maleson, Publicity Director.

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



This group reactivated Gamma Alpha Chapter on the campus of the University of Washington last December and is growing steadily in activities and in membership. Brother Joseph Scanlon, (at extreme left), member of the national executive board, officiated at the ceremony with the cooperation of the degree team of Alpha Xi Chapter from Washington State College as shown in the back row.

BULLETIN BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

On May 1, a special form will be sent to all chapter presidents for use in preparing the Annual Activities Report. This report will be for the purpose of recording in permanent form detailed information about what has taken place in your chapter during the academic year of 1947-48, including a list of service projects, record of membership growth, fellowship events, methods of chapter operation, and other facts.

The reports will be studied to enable our national office to better serve the chapters in the coming year.

We respectfully request your cooperation in preparing your report.

PICTURES

Material is now being assembled for a new pamphlet of "Alpha Phi Omega in Pictures," to include illustrations of the many different kinds of service projects being conducted by chapters from coast to coast. This new publication was authorized by the 1946 national convention as an additional means of spreading information about the fraternity's program.

We invite all chapters to send as many pictures as possible showing members and pledges in action on various projects. Get the camera bug this Spring, and send your pictures to the national office.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON PUBLICATIONS

On page five, the National Committee on Publications and Publicity presents a questionnaire which invites your suggestions concerning the several publications of Alpha Phi Omega. It is printed herein as a means of furnishing copies to all active members and advisors.

We suggest that each chapter discuss the questions at a regular meeting and then send your answers, on a chapter basis, to the national office.

We invite your recommendations.

PETITIONS APPROVED

Since the Last Issue

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