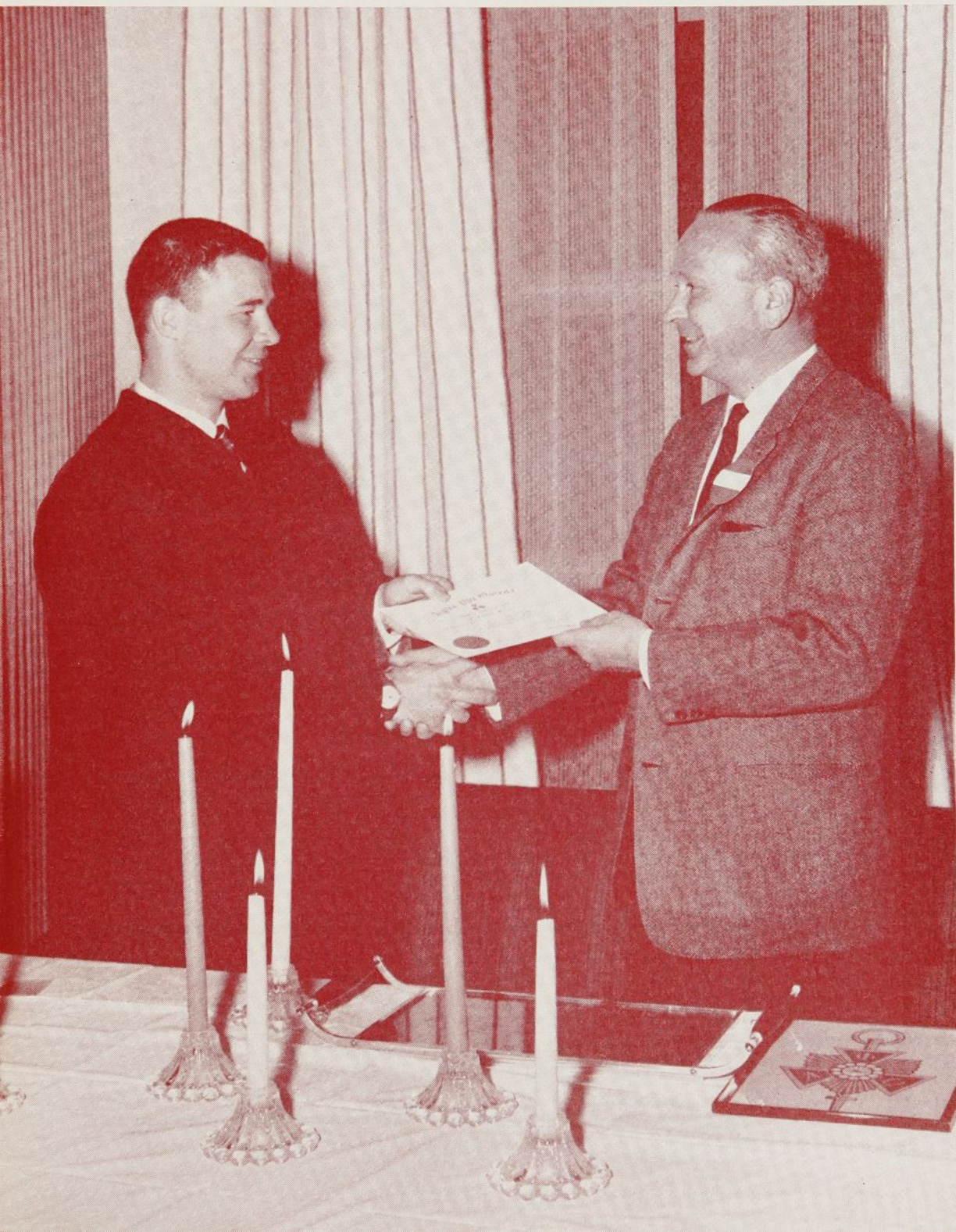




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PRAISE FROM COLLEGE OFFICIALS

In correspondence with Reverend Frans A. Victorson, Chairman of the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting and member of the National Executive Board of AΦΩ, four college officials have praised the work of Alpha Phi Omega on their respective campuses.

Dr. Evald B. Lawson, President of Upsala College, says concerning Nu Chapter, "For many, many years we have had a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on our campus, and I am delighted to have personal contact with these good men. The organization has proved most helpful here at Upsala."

Dean John W. Shainline, Dean of Students at Gettysburg College, writes, "We are very proud of the Alpha Phi Omega chapter on our campus because of the unselfish services they perform in behalf of the student body, faculty, and administration of the college."

Dean W. Ramsay Jones, Jr., Dean of Men at Gettysburg College, writes, "We have splendid feeling here concerning this fine organization. We have Iota Omicron Chapter on our campus and they are now planning to celebrate their tenth anniversary in April. I am pleased to serve as Faculty Advisor."

Dean Harry S. B. Johnson, Dean of Men at Augustana College, writes concerning Lambda Rho Chapter, "I am happy that we have a very active chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on our campus, and I am very proud to have been a charter member of the organization. It has performed, and is performing, many useful functions and I sincerely hope it will continue to grow in influence and service."

TWO NATIONAL LEADERS IN NEW POSITIONS

Dr. Robert G. Gordon, National First Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega, has recently been appointed as National Director of Educational Services of the American Red Cross, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. He was formerly Dean of Students at the University of Southern California.

Robert J. Hilliard, who for the past two years has been Director of Residence at Temple University, Philadelphia, has moved to Lubbock, Texas, and is now Assistant Dean of Men in charge of men's housing at Texas Tech. He is a member of the National Executive Board of AΦΩ and is Chairman of the National Service Committee.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Three more brothers have subscribed for Life Membership since the previous list was published. We welcome:

Paul A. Nida, Gamma Pi Dale Brian Hoidahl, Mu Theta
Willis S. Siferd III, Delta Gamma

ON OUR COVER

The picture on this month's cover shows J. D. Quillin, then President of Zeta Sigma at the University of Delaware, presenting certificate to The Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, Governor of the State of Delaware. The governor was recently inducted into honorary membership and has expressed strong interest in the principles and program of Alpha Phi Omega. This picture and news are by courtesy of J. Franklin S. McMullan, Past President of the chapter.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl F. Wood

Scouting Advisor, Epsilon Upsilon Chapter
Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh

Thirty-Four Years of Service

This month our fraternity celebrates its 34th anniversary. On December 16, 1925, Alpha Chapter was established at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. All members have reason to be proud of the tremendous growth which has been made. In the thirty-four years 311 charters have been issued to colleges and universities throughout the United States and the program of $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ has become an outstanding constructive force in campus life.

As we commemorate this birthday we pay tribute to the men whose vision and unselfish determination brought about the founding of our fraternity. The students who signed the original petition for admittance as a campus organization at Lafayette College were Frank R. Horton, Everett W. Probst*, Thane S. Cooley*, William T. Wood, E. M. Detwiler, Lewis B. Blair, Gordon M. Looney, William W. Highberger*, Donald L. Terwilliger, Donald H. Fritts, George A. Olsen, Robert J. Green*, Ellsworth S. Dobson and Herbert Heinrich.

We also extend appreciation and tribute to the first Faculty Advisors of the mother chapter who were President John H. MacCracken*, Dean Donald B. Prentice, Professor D. Arthur Hatch* and Professor Harry T. Spengler*, and to the original Scouting Advisors, Herbert G. Horton and Dr. Ray O. Wyland.

The idea of establishing a college organization of former Scouts was conceived by Frank R. Horton. He spread the plan among friends and fellow students and began developing a group. He selected the name and motto, led in developing the first Constitution and By-Laws, and drew up the original ritual of our fraternity. He was aided in this work by other brothers who constituted the chartering group. He protected the name and insignia by obtaining a copyright through the United States Patent Office.

As founder of the fraternity, Brother Horton was elected as first

* Deceased.



Two symbols of good will: A lighted Christmas tree on the campus of Lafayette College and in the background Hogg Hall (formerly Brainerd Hall) where the first meeting of Alpha Phi Omega was held December 16, 1925.

President of Alpha Chapter, proceeded in the establishment of additional chapters and served as first National President.

The designs of the Alpha Phi Omega pin and coat-of-arms were created by Everett W. Probst and the handclasp was devised by Thane S. Cooley.

Through the years from 1925 to the present time, *service* has been the keynote of our fraternity. With satisfaction brothers of $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ point to many outstanding service achievements that have nationally become associated with our fraternity. Freshman Orientation service, Ugly Man Contest, Book Exchange, Explorer Visitation Day, Lost and Found service, parties for crippled children and orphans and more than four hundred other projects have been carried on by chapters from coast to coast and constitute the vast service program of Alpha Phi Omega.

Succeeding the first National President, Frank R. Horton, the other

brothers who have served as National President are Dr. H. Roe Bartle (Iota), Dean Arno Nowotny (Alpha Rho), Professor Daniel Den Uyl (Alpha Gamma), M. R. Disborough (Alpha Tau), and our current president, William S. Roth (Rho). National Conventions held biennially and Sectional Conferences held in the alternate years have expanded significantly and provide splendid opportunity for training in all phases of chapter operation and for fellowship among $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$ brothers everywhere.

Alpha Phi Omega has grown rapidly and on a firm foundation. Our service program has become well-known to students, educators and Scout leaders throughout America and has become increasingly important to campus life.

Let's enter our thirty-fifth year with thankfulness for our heritage and with determination to increase our program of Leadership, Friendship and Service and build Alpha Phi Omega to greater heights.

Project Feature . . .

EXPLORER CAREER CONFERENCE

**Here Is an Opportunity for a Splendid Service to Youth
and to Your College**

Recently, Alpha Chi Chapter at Massachusetts Institute of Technology conducted an excellent Science and Engineering Conference for Explorers.

Writes Martin Falxa, "In this, the age of technology, science and engineering provide fascinating careers for many young men. Even if one never becomes a scientist or engineer, he is still interested in knowing a little more about such things as electricity and atomic energy.

"Today, as never before, a college education is an important part in the lives of young people and the leaders of tomorrow.

"With these two thoughts in mind—to give young men an introduction to the roles of science and engineering and to give them a chance to visit one of America's foremost colleges—Alpha Chi Chapter invited Explorer Scouts to a Science and Engineering Conference on the MIT campus. Over 2,000 Explorers and leaders from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and New York attended.

"In the opening session Saturday morning the young men were welcomed to MIT by Dean Stevers, Associate Dean of Engineering. Featured speakers were Professor T. K. Sherwood, Chemical Engineering; Professor D. H. Frisch, Physics; Mr. M. G. Clark, Regional Executive, Region I, BSA; and David Staelin and James Cobb, President and Past President, respectively, of Alpha Chi Chapter.

"Later in the morning the Scouts attended a "Special Interest" lecture and demonstration in one of eleven groups of science and engineering. In these groups ample opportunity was given for questions by the Explorers.

"After a lunch of sandwiches, milk, ice cream, and apples, the visitors toured the campus and visited the Van de Graeff generator, the IBM 704 computer, the turbine laboratory, the new nuclear reactor (which is operated jointly with Harvard University) and many special exhibits which had been set up for the Biennial MIT

Open House program which also ran the same day.

"The conference was such a success that MIT has already asked AΦΩ to sponsor a similar program as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Institute in the Spring of 1961."

Nation-Wide Opportunity

Career conferences and Scout and Explorer visitation days have been conducted by numerous chapters of Alpha Phi Omega. Obviously, each university and college has experts and facilities admirably suited to helping young men explore vocational opportunities. Of course, the school cannot be expected to go all-out for small groups such as one or two Explorer units, but a council-wide or intercouncil Explorer career conference has mutual advantages which bring forth the university's best.

Here is a pattern of a successful conference compiled from experience.

The event is a cooperative enterprise between the Alpha Phi Omega chapter, the university, and the one or more Scout councils whose Explorers are to be included. The Camping and Activities Committee or the Exploring Committee represents the council. The Service Chairman or a special committee has charge of AΦΩ's sponsorship of the event. Industries, businesses and government agencies often cooperate.

Program Features

The program generally is held on Saturday, beginning about 9:00 A. M. The conference is welcomed by the hosts, usually the university president or dean, the Scout Executive, and the Alpha Phi Omega chapter president.

A faculty member specializing in educational or vocational guidance orients the Explorers on the purposes and methods of the conferences.

Each Explorer selects before the conference the vocational sessions in which he is interested. A choice of from six to as many as twenty-five has been offered at various conferences. The average is about fifteen. The schedule allows each young man time

for two to four sessions, usually three. The sessions each last from forty-five to ninety minutes.

Session leaders are mostly faculty members supplemented by outside specialists. The leaders give talks and illustrations and close with a question and answer period. Explorers are urged to talk over their conference observations and findings with their parents, teachers, school guidance officials, and with each other.

Some conferences have a closing assembly where a speaker evaluates the program and suggests the next step to take at home.

Careers Covered

A composite list of occupational fields covered in several career conferences is given here:

Advertising	Insurance
Agriculture	Journalism
Architecture	Law
Art	Medicine
Aviation	Military sciences
Archaeology	Ministry
Banking,	Music
investment	Personnel work
Business	Physics
administration	Physical education
Civil service	Professional
Community	Scouting
service	Public relations
Chemistry	Public utilities
Conservation,	Radio and
forestry	television
Dentistry	Rubber industry
Education,	Salesmanship
teaching	Social work
Engineering	Speech
Geology	Skilled trades

Special Features

A guided tour of the campus is a feature of most conferences.

The noon-day luncheon often has a featured speaker such as an athletic star or coach.

Recreation is a special attraction. The swimming pool, rifle range or basketball court may be opened to the Explorers. Depending upon the time of year a conference is held, the Explorers may be guests at a football, basketball or baseball game.

The luncheon is usually held in the Student Union Building or the university cafeteria.

The cost is small, ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.00. The total depends upon the price of the luncheon and whether an athletic ticket is included.

Leadership

An adult, preferably the Scoutmaster or Explorer Advisor, is either required

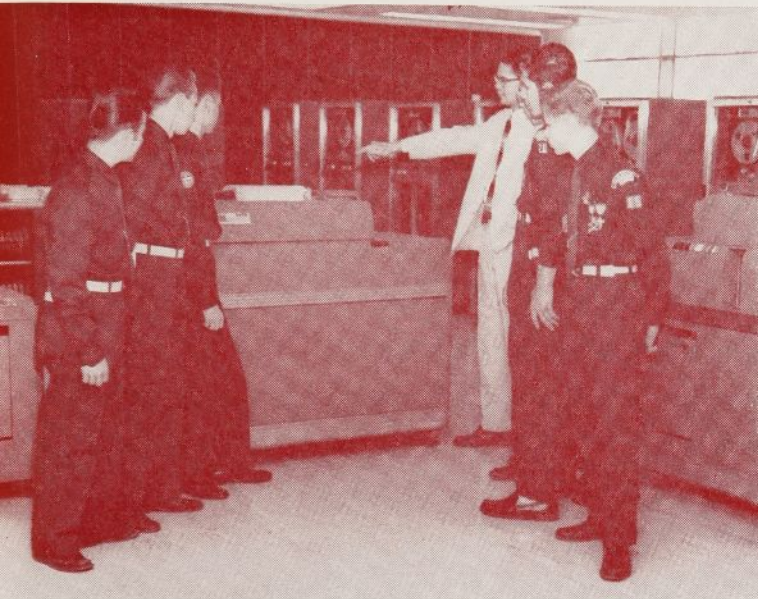
or urged to attend with each unit. Often a special session is held for these leaders where techniques of leadership in vocational exploration are discussed.

Promotional literature is sent out about three months before the conference to Advisors of Explorer units and Troop crews, to Scoutmasters, and to Commissioners. Advance reservations by units and crews for the

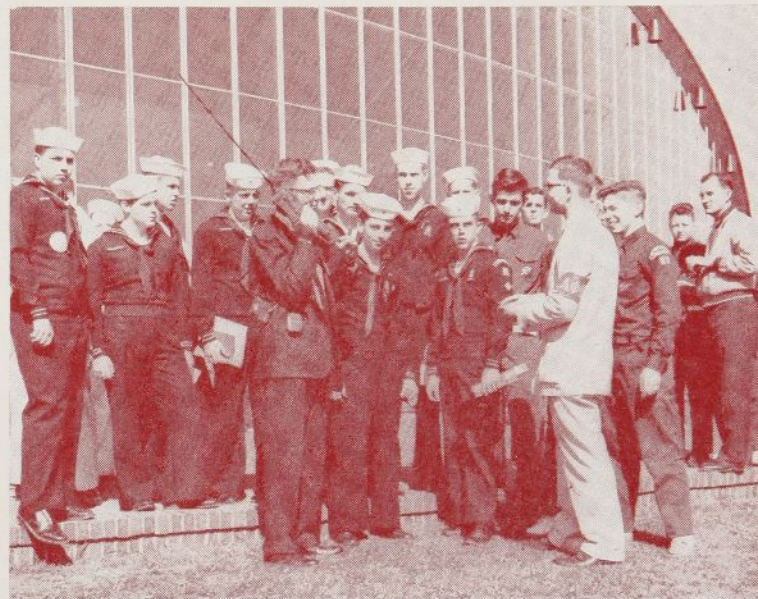
conference is required so the hosts can make adequate preparations for the sessions and the luncheon.

Planning

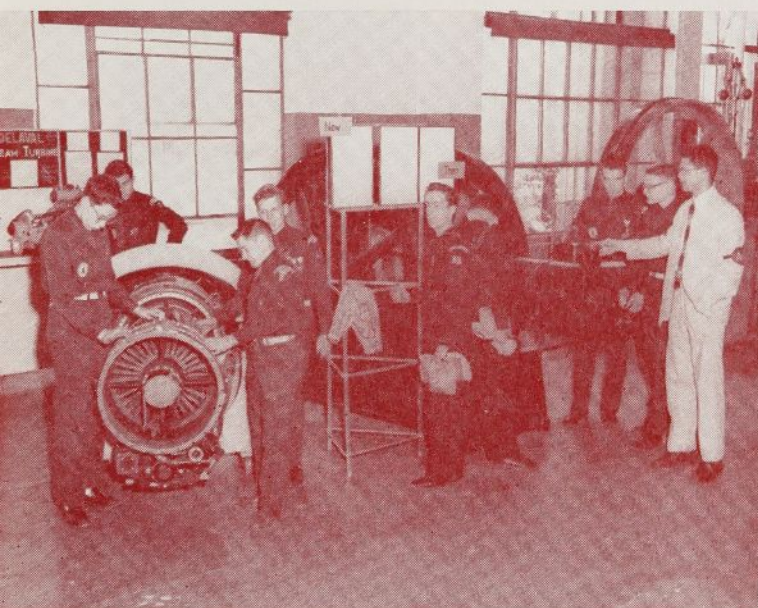
The Explorer career conference or visitation day is an excellent service project and is recommended to all chapters. We suggest contacting the Scouting Advisors of your chapter to discuss opportunities for conducting a conference.



Results of a calculation on MIT's IBM 704 computer are pointed out above by Bruce Fisher. This is the same computer that calculates the paths of the United States and Russian satellites. Note the many magnetic tapes of the memory unit in the background.



Three walkie-talkies were used to coordinate the activities of the 2,000 Explorers at Alpha Chi Chapter's Science and Engineering Conference. This picture shows Martin Falxa (in white suit) Co-chairman of the Conference, relaying the message received by Sam Williamson, Service Vice President of the chapter.



In this picture, Bruce Fisher of Alpha Chi Chapter shows some steam turbines to a group of Explorers.



Explorers are shown here examining the Westinghouse J-34 jet engine at the Science and Engineering Conference.



AID FOREIGN STUDENTS

The "Ugly Man" on the *Boston University* campus is probably the handsomest in the opinion of the University's foreign students because they are benefited by the results of the contest.

From the funds from this annual project of ZETA UPSILON CHAPTER of ΑΦΩ, the foreign students, who frequently have difficulty in financing their education in America, will be able to borrow up to \$50.00 when they are faced with emergency situations. Money for the loans will come from the Alpha Phi Omega Foreign Student Emergency Loan Fund.

In the 1959 contest a total of \$341.28 was accumulated at a penny a vote and this amount has been placed in the fund.

Loan provisions stipulate that borrowing is limited to \$50.00, and that no more than this sum may be outstanding for a borrower at any one time. The provisions also state that no foreign student shall be entitled to borrow more than four times during one calendar year.

This fund, established by the chapter this year, is being administered by Everett E. Hicks, Director of Financial Aid to Students, who is a Faculty Advisor of Zeta Upsilon Chapter.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

Under the title of "Little Blue Book," the 1959-60 directory of students and faculty of *Upper Iowa University* has been compiled and published by MU RHO CHAPTER. This is an outstanding project for this new chapter just installed last May.

For each student the directory includes name and campus address and telephone number and home address. A directory of college buildings is also included.

The book was financed by ads from business firms in Fayette, West Union, Sumner and Oelwein, Iowa.

ASSIST GIRLS

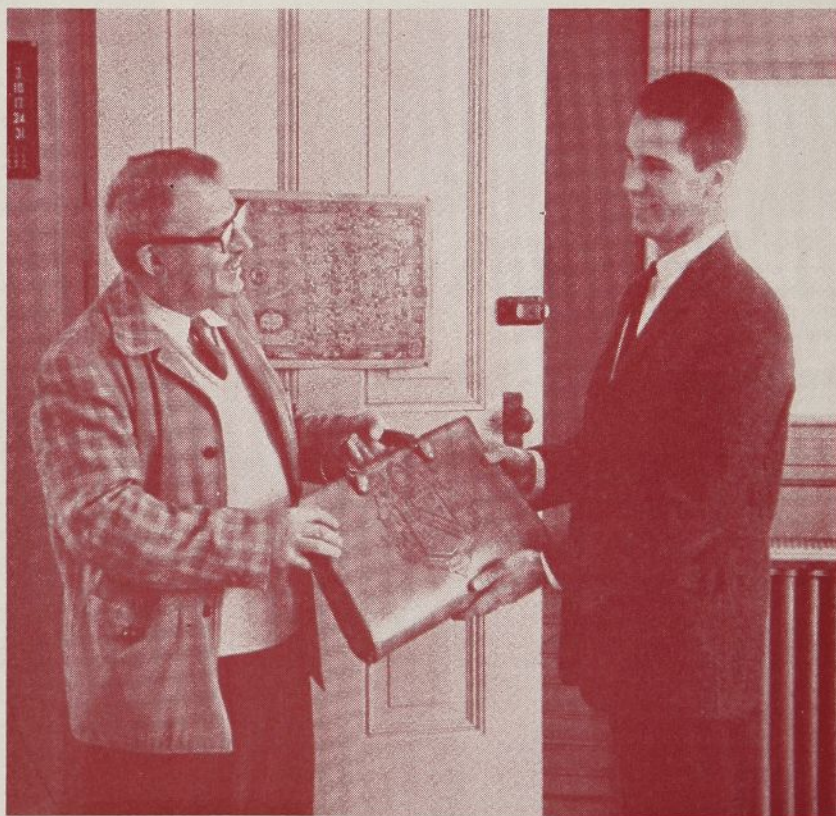
The Fall pledge class of IOTA RHO CHAPTER at the *Florida State University* assisted the girls of Sigma Sigma Sigma in constructing a float for the Homecoming parade. Says Mrs. James E. Lowe, Alumni Advisor of Sigma Sigma Sigma, "Their enthusiasm and cooperation was magnificent. Not only did they work hard constructing the float, they also unselfishly guarded

it for us and they were most courteous throughout the entire project."

HELP SCOUT DRIVE

MU TAU CHAPTER at *West Virginia Institute of Technology* has co-operated with the Rotary Club of Montgomery in the financial campaign of the local Boy Scout Council. This is reported by Raymond Miller, Corresponding Secretary.

FACULTY ADVISOR HONORED



Recently, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter expressed high tribute to Dr. J. H. Stellwagen who has given faithful service as a Faculty Advisor since 1947. He served several years as Chairman of the Advisory Committee and his loyal guidance has been a major factor in the continued success of ΑΡΟ on the Missouri Valley College campus.

As a token of appreciation a beautiful leather briefcase was presented. The above picture shows Elbert Aspinall presenting the briefcase to Dr. Stellwagen. The job of hand-tooling of the coat-of-arms was skillfully done by Terry Shoemaker, Vice President of the chapter.

PAINT COTTAGE

BETA MU CHAPTER at *Southwest Missouri State College* has completed an early Fall project. The group painted and cleaned the crippled children's cottage at one of the Springfield hospitals. This is reported by Monty Dennison, President.

NEW SHARPENERS

EPSILON PSI CHAPTER has placed pencil sharpeners in the class room buildings of *Kent State University*. This project is reported in the chapter newsletter.

ASSIST CONFERENCE

CHI CHAPTER at the *University of California at Los Angeles* and EPSILON CHI CHAPTER at *Los Angeles City College* gave splendid assistance to the Modern Language Association of Southern California in conducting its annual meeting on the UCLA campus. Enthusiastic praise has been received from Dr. Meyer Krakowski, Chairman of the Research Council of the Association.

The program included demonstrations in the language laboratories of UCLA and prominent speakers on subjects pertaining to the teaching of modern languages.

CONVOCATION

LAMBDA TAU CHAPTER at *Salem College* assisted at the Humanics Convocation last Spring providing sound engineers, information booth, ticket sales, and registration booth, and members served at the banquet.

Other projects of the chapter include a work week end at the Central West Virginia Scout Camp, work day at Sportsman Lake, first aid and life saving instruction, operation of a book store, co-sponsoring a minstrel and a benefit basketball game, ushering for the Madrigal Singers Concert and the Junior Class Talent Show and assistance in the Miss Salem Contest.

LOAN FUND

BETA PSI CHAPTER at *Southeast Missouri State College* has established a fund by which to lend small amounts to students who have emergency need. The maximum loan is \$25.00 and the maximum time is one month. There is no interest charge.

SERVICE TO FRESHMEN

With the arrival of the freshmen at the opening of the Fall term came many opportunities for service in helping new students get acquainted with the campus.

An outstanding example of AΦΩ service at the beginning of the semester was ALPHA CHAPTER'S orientation work at *Lafayette College*. The Class of 1963 at Lafayette numbers 542 men, the largest group ever to enter at Lafayette and the administration requested the help of Alpha Phi Omega in getting them started on the right foot.

There were three busy days.

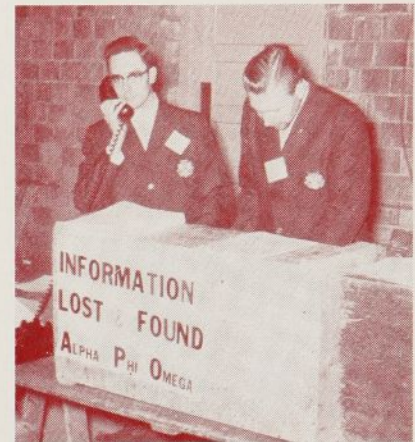
On September 19, Alpha Chapter distributed the Freshman Handbook and handled the registry signed by new men upon arrival. Room keys were distributed and the members then assisted at a garden party given by the College President, Dr. K. Roald Bergethson, who is an honorary member of AΦΩ. The party was for freshmen and their parents. The AΦΩ men made the presentation and helped in the serving of 1,200 guests.

The members proctored and scored the reading ability tests given to the freshmen on September 21. That evening, John Cost, Chapter President, spoke to the freshmen about AΦΩ and its ideals, activities and projects.

On September 23, the AΦΩ census cards furnished by the National Office were distributed to the new men by the chapter.

The orientation services were organized by the Chapter Projects Chairman, Vice President Bob Detweiler. The following additional brothers returned to the campus early to work during the week. Alan S. Runk, Robert S. Runk, Alfred R. Ruesch, Isidore C. Mineo, Gerald A. Dienst, Howard B. Hamilton, John Q. Cost, Larry Whitbeck, Wayne C. Schucker, Dale Treweek, Andrew H. Woods II, Lewis N. Powell, L. Carl Leinbach, and Arthur K. Bryden.

Writes Lewis N. Powell, Corresponding Secretary, who reported this news, "We all think this was an excellent way to make new students become aware of AΦΩ during this period of drawing their first conclusions about college. We are sure this will help our membership grow and further the ideas of service to others. It is also an outstanding way to aid the administration and let them know the chapter is a real service organization."



ON THE GO AT COLORADO

These pictures show three of the many projects of Gamma Theta Chapter.

In the top picture, Jim Ellis is shown entertaining a young orphan at one of Denver's homes. All youngsters received presents and ice cream and cake at this annual orphan's party last Christmas.

In the center picture, Ralph Guild (at telephone) and Ken Deboy are manning the information booth helping direct students during registration. Many of the other brothers served at other posts or floor-walking to answer any questions students might have.

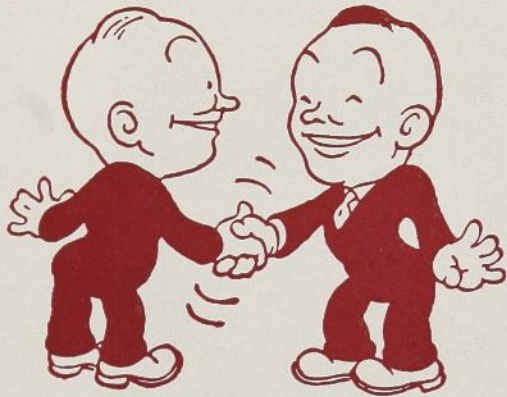
In the lower picture, Darrell Bolen, Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Colorado, is shown receiving a Career book from Gary Clark, right. Gamma Theta Chapter distributed 210 copies in one day.

This news and pictures are by courtesy of David W. Gledhill, President, and John F. Smeltzer, Corresponding Secretary.

Leadership Feature . . .

MEMBERSHIP AND RUSHING

Plan Now for Pledging New Men in the Spring Term



Now is the time to plan to bring additional new men into your chapter in the Spring semester. Advance preparations are important.

Through the years of growth of Alpha Phi Omega several fundamental conclusions have been reached as to our membership. In developing and maintaining our service program, it is vital that men be selected for membership who truly desire to serve through this organized effort. Carrying on an extensive service program requires membership large enough to deserve the respect of the entire student body.

The chapter membership should include members of other campus organizations (social, professional and honorary fraternities) as well as men who have no other fraternal affiliation. Membership should include men from all departments of the college. By this means the chapter is a cross-section of campus life and is best in position to secure the cooperation of other organizations in carrying out the major projects of Alpha Phi Omega.

There is power in numerical strength and each chapter must have this strength in order to carry out the aims and objectives of AΦΩ to the fullest extent.

Alpha Phi Omega is not in competition with social, professional or honorary fraternities either in the

matter of members or program. Membership in AΦΩ does in no way affect membership in other campus groups.

Effective rushing is necessary. Although first impressions are not always conclusive, it does help to indicate to a prospective pledge the kind of group in which he may soon find himself.

Why is rushing important? It gives the prospective pledge opportunity to see first-hand the caliber of men he will become associated with in affiliating with Alpha Phi Omega as well as to gain insight as to the program the chapter conducts.

Here are three points which are paramount in conducting the rush activities.

1. *Advance planning.* Start planning your rush meeting well in advance. (A detailed outline of an open meeting program for prospective members is furnished by the National Office. See back page of this issue.) Obtain the names of eligible new prospects through the use of census cards, from local Scout Executives, camp directors, church leaders, civic leaders and school records, and by personal contact by every member and advisor.

Plan your open meeting in detail so as to eliminate the possibility of failure. Every member taking part in the presentations to prospective pledges concerning AΦΩ should be prepared to answer unexpected questions which may arise. Study the Question and Answer pamphlet and the Manual of Administration in advance.

2. *Show sincere interest.* This will either make or break the meeting. It is imperative that all brothers evidence sincere friendliness, not only toward prospective pledges but to all other members. Friendship, one of the principles of Alpha Phi Omega, should be a natural characteristic of your chapter. Thus you will convey this feeling to each new pledge.

3. *Tell the true story of Alpha Phi Omega.* The purpose of our fraternity

is service. When describing AΦΩ at your rush meetings, stress that we are a service fraternity and point out that this is a hard-working group of college men with the purpose of service to the campus, community and nation. It is well to point out that we have lots of fun and enjoyment from participating in our numerous projects and fellowship events. What's important is that while having fun we gain satisfaction from rendering worthwhile service to others.

With a full understanding of the principles and mission of Alpha Phi Omega among our own members, we can do an excellent job of selling our fraternity to others. Alpha Phi Omega is more than a group of former Scouts. It is a service fraternity, carrying on unselfish service during college life.

Knowing that you are responsible for someone entering pledgship, each has an obligation to the new pledge. Let's personally live up to the principles of our fraternity and thus be a good example to new men.

Plan your rush meeting in good taste. Let no one feel like a stranger. As a brother, each of us has an obligation to get acquainted with everyone attending the meeting, offering a hand of friendship and helping each prospective member become acquainted with all the other members and rushees.

For inviting new men to attend open meetings, written invitations, bulletin board announcements and word-of-mouth invitations are all useful, but carry this a step further. Personally invite one rushee to go with you to an open meeting. Make an appointment to go to his lodging place and take him with you to the meeting. In this way you can overcome any hesitancy on his part and you can help him become acquainted with all members and rushees.

Successful rushing and the expansion of the membership of your chapter depends upon *you*. Give it your best!

UGLY MAN NEWS

A page-wide spread of pictures of candidates in DELTA RHO CHAPTER'S Ugly Man Contest at *Rutgers University* appeared in the *Daily Home News* of New Brunswick, New Jersey. The accompanying article brought out that all proceeds would go to the Campus Chest fund and further announced that the chest included World University Service, United Fund, American Friends Service Committee, United Negro College Fund, and Athens College in Greece. The fine publicity helped make this a very successful contest.

MU OMICRON CHAPTER'S first Ugly Man Contest was a new and very successful experience at *Clarkson College of Technology*. Vigorous campaigns were conducted by the individual fraternities to gain votes for their candidates. Many of the candidates grew uglier as the week progressed. The winner was sponsored by Alpha Chi Rho.

All proceeds of the Clarkson contest were placed in a special fund by the Board of Governors to be given to national charities normally campaigning on the campus, thus the Ugly Man Contest will be the only campaign each year for national charitable organizations. Mu Omicron Chapter received generous support and enthusiastic participation from the student body.

A new innovation in EPSILON UPSILON CHAPTER'S latest Ugly Man Contest at *Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh*, was the presentation of a non-traveling trophy to the organization sponsoring the winning candidate. This was in addition to the award to the winner. The trophy proved very successful in stimulating unified society participation in the annual contest. The proceeds of the contest amounting to \$244.46 went to the Bureau of Family Service for providing aid to needy families of the community.

At the *University of Colorado*, GAMMA THETA CHAPTER recently conducted its first Ugly Man Contest. It was very successful.

PI CHAPTER at *Kansas State University* gives a large sterling loving cup as a traveling trophy to the organization sponsoring the winning candidate in the Ugly Man Contest.

SPIRIT PAMPHLET

THETA IOTA CHAPTER at the *University of Arizona* has published a new "Spirit Pamphlet." The goal of this first edition is to help fans learn the songs and yells of the university and join in the cheering at football and basketball games. Reports Matthew Slobin, President, "The spirit pamphlet was a fine success during the homecoming game."

In addition to songs and yells the pamphlet includes a description of the traditions of the University of Arizona. The cost of the publication was covered by sale of ads to the Shamrock Dairy and the Pima Savings and Loan Association.

PAINT BUILDING

MU OMICRON CHAPTER at *Clarkson College of Technology* recently painted the entire inside of the Student Activities Building of the college. Money was received for this work which is being used for other services. This is reported by James A. Kunkel, Jr., President.

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Shown receiving the Distinguished Service Key is T-Sgt. Donald E. Cornele, advisor in Delta Gamma Chapter at Ohio University. Presenting the award is Past President Norman Erb as newly elected President Robert E. Patterson looks on.

PROFESSOR WINS AT COLUMBIA



Shown at left receiving the Ugly Man plaque to be appropriately engraved is Professor H. Dustin Rice of the Fine Arts Department of Columbia College. This award was for Lambda Theta Chapter's Ugly Man contest last Spring. Others in the picture, left to right, are Bob Morgan, Chapter President; Larry Wittner, Second Vice President, and Dean John G. Palfrey. Proceeds from the contest were contributed to the Columbia College Scholarship Fund. This news and pictures are by courtesy of Arthur K. Oberg, Secretary.

Newsletter Features

THANKFULNESS

The following splendid editorial by Dieter H. Fritzsche appeared in the Thanksgiving issue of "APO Confidential," the newsletter of ETA MU CHAPTER at *Utica College*:

A few years ago, a national automobile manufacturer distributed Thanksgiving pictures among their customers. The picture was not the usual "home-in-the-suburbs, dad-at-the-office, two-cars-in-the-driveway" type of picture. As a matter of fact, there was no car, no garage, and no time-saving electrical appliances. Yet, these people at the First American Thanksgiving found time to thank and praise their maker.

What should the settlers be thankful for? Do we not know that they almost perished in the cold weather without adequate supplies or the know-how to conquer the wilderness in the New World?

None of our members today are starving in need of food, nor are they freezing for lack of shelter. For this we can thank our God, who has so richly endowed the soil upon which we live. But man does not live by bread alone, and we should be thankful for that food also. Let us not only thank God for all He has given us, but also for the privilege of thanking Him. There are people like you and me, who no longer can publicly give thanks to their creator . . . "and tho their mouth shall be closed, their hearts shall thank their maker."

What did the settlers give thanks for? They had no cars, no electric blankets, or gold-plated golf clubs. They gave thanks for the few material things they had. Most of their thanks was for gifts that cannot be measured in monetary units. Perhaps that is why it is so hard for us to understand them.

They gave thanks for their health. "Thank God I haven't 'got' cancer"—but do you really? Remember the world crisis in the UN last year, and how we almost had another war? Perhaps you joined millions of other people asking God to show the leaders of the world a way—to His, the everlasting way—the way to peace. After

it was all over, did you thank your Maker?

Still think you have nothing to be thankful for? Two-thirds of the people of the world go to rest (not bed, because many of them have no bed to sleep in), hungry—not hungry for Coke, popcorn or candy bars, but for bread, beans, milk and meat. Thank God we have enough food. Look into the hospitals and see what you're not suffering. Go into the slums and feel how it is to live with rejected society. Peek behind the iron curtain and you see what happens when men are deprived of all of their rights.

Look back over the past year. You are getting an education. You have the necessities of life, and the power and right to work for them.

This year, before you dig into that turkey and relax from your work, thank God for your family, for your food, for your health, your freedom, and for the freedom to thank. Then enjoy your food—it will taste better.

THE SPIRIT OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

In the "Arapout News" of ALPHA RHO CHAPTER at the *University of Texas* the following article was written by Sterly G. Dossmann:

It's strange that college men shun away from ideas of sentimentality. They avoid discussion of the value of friendships; and the only time that ideals of the fraternity are considered is when someone stands and delivers a speech.

This seems true in AΦΩ as it does elsewhere. About the only time that we sit back and consider the *real* meaning of AΦΩ in our lives, is when someone like Dean Arno Nowotny addresses the officers retreat; Dean Jack Holland talks with the pledges; Union Director Jitter Nolen tells them what AΦΩ is about; or when Dean Lewis Jones of Texas Tech speaks at the Sectional Conference.

If we don't keep these ideals in mind—if we fail to let them be the "guiding light" as we go through the paces of pledgship, or as we conduct our chapter meetings, or if we fail to let them motivate us to greater stand-

ards of service—then we are missing some of the true values of Alpha Phi Omega.

The results of our Leadership, Friendship and Service are twofold. First, there are the others who receive direct benefits from our leadership and service; they have a project completed which is of value to them. The second result is the "development of self." We increase our own abilities; we learn a little more of human nature; we make new friends, and we make firmer our old acquaintances. We learn to appreciate, to live with, and to work with our fellow man.

However, if our ideals do not guide us, then it is difficult to have the second result, "self development." Because our work is then done for human glory. We then work not because we are motivated by high ideals—things of the spirit—but rather, we work because of a fear of what others will say if we do not do our part!

There are three things that we should all remember when we think of AΦΩ:

—That Alpha Phi Omega is a thing of the individual, and not of the mass. In our scheme, each individual is important, for what each one does counts. Such an idea is basic to our democracy, just as it is offensive to totalitarianism.

This individual importance has always been accentuated in the fraternity. The very ideals of Leadership, Friendship and Service spring to life in the flesh and blood appearance of real individuals.

—That Alpha Phi Omega is a thing of integrity, and not of facitiousness or ill repute. The true measure of a successful chapter is the service rendered to the campus and community. AΦΩ is unique among campus organizations, being a service fraternity; and it crosses all the lines of honorary, social and professional fraternities. AΦΩ is not in competition with any other campus group but, on the contrary, seeks cooperation of the organizations to broaden the scope of service.

Every Alpha Phi Omega chapter in the nation has a place of trust in its campus life. This trust did not come overnight—it took years of building. This trust comes not only from the faculties—it comes also from the sororities and fraternities; it comes from the administrations; and it comes from the students.

Every chapter member has the responsibility to uphold and preserve

the fraternity's tradition of integrity while being of service.

—That Alpha Phi Omega is a thing of the spirit, and not a thing of mechanics. The organization and operation, paraphernalia and procedure are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not the things that count in the end. The things of the spirit count.

So we realize and pick up three things of the spirit.

Friendship, in a day when there is too much hate in the world.

Leadership, in a day when men rush blindly to accept false ideologies and doctrines.

Service, when millions are acquiring the habit of getting or grasping, rather than giving.

It was no less a person than Douglas MacArthur at the famous surrender scene on the battleship Missouri who, speaking to the world of the need for the preservation of good will among men, said, "It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."



SAY,
DID YOU
KNOW?

—There is still time to apply to participate in the AΦΩ Service Troop at the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America to be held in Colorado, July 22 to 28, 1960. Active members who have not yet enrolled and are interested in this may secure an application form by writing to the National Office.

—35 mm. color slides pertaining to service projects are desired for use in a collection being assembled by the National Office.

—Early planning is important in preparation for the 16th National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega. The convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the Christmas Holidays of 1960. If your chapter has not already started a convention fund to help pay the expense of sending delegates to this meeting, we urge that you look into means of developing a fund for this purpose.

The insignia of Alpha Phi Omega is an emblem of service on the campus.



Wear your pin or key with pleasure and honor!

A USEFUL FORM FOR SERVICE REQUESTS

REQUEST FOR SERVICE PROJECT ALPHA ETA CHAPTER ALPHA PHI OMEGA

The following form is to be filled out by any organization requesting the services of Alpha Phi Omega. This form is to be in the hands of the President or the Second Vice-President (Projects Chairman) not less than *one week* before the date of the project. Please submit two copies of this form.

Organization Requesting Service _____

Detailed Description of Project _____

Date(s) _____ Time(s) _____

Location of Project _____

Number of Men Needed _____

Representative of Requesting Organization _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Additional Information and Remarks _____

Organization Representative's Signature

(Please do not write below this line)

ALPHA PHI OMEGA DISPOSITION

Date Received _____ By _____

APO Chairman Appointed _____

Address _____ Phone _____

APO Members Working _____

Remarks _____

APO Chairman Signature

The above form has been developed this Fall by Alpha Eta Chapter at the University of Kansas City for use by organizations which desire the help of the chapter. It provides an excellent means of receiving and handling requests.

Suggested Program for Open Meetings

An excellent revised outline for planning and conducting rush meetings was recently published. It offers more detailed suggestions concerning planning and conducting the meeting than did our previous outline.

A description of the purpose of the meeting is given and also information as to pre-meeting details.

The program of the open meeting as outlined includes the call to order, introductions, presentations concerning the three principles of the fraternity, the history of Alpha Phi Omega, faculty cooperation, Scouting relationships, pledge requirements and financial responsibilities. A question and answer period is included and opportunity is given for a statement by the President to the prospective new pledges. Entertainment and refreshments are suggested.

We are indebted to two members of the National Executive Board, E. Ross Forman and Robert J. Hilliard, for their initiative and study and recommendations concerning rushing procedure. Also, we are grateful to numerous chapters which gave fine help by responding to our inquiries about their rushing programs. Our sincere thanks are extended to all who assisted in developing the new open meeting program.

A copy of the program has been sent to all chapter presidents and we hope this will be invaluable to you in bringing new men into your chapter in the months ahead.

BULLETIN BOARD

REGISTRATIONS

Our fraternity policy concerning membership registrations calls for the chapter to mail the active applications and fees to the National Office prior to the initiation ceremony . . . and to receive the identification cards in time to be presented in the ritual. Our office is giving immediate service in issuing cards and ordering certificates.

This arrangement benefits every chapter. It enables chapter officers to complete all business of registration before the initiation is held, and it gives new members the privilege of receiving their credentials at the very time of the ceremony.

INTERCHAPTER VISITS

Many of your chapter activities offer fine opportunities to invite neighboring chapters to send representatives. Interchapter visits are interesting and helpful. How about inviting neighboring chapters to attend your next initiation ceremony or banquet.

The Leadership Directory, published in October, is useful for writing to neighboring chapters. We recommend using the President's name and address for correspondence rather than just addressing a letter to a chapter name. It has been proved that interchapter fellowship benefits both the hosts and guests. Try it!