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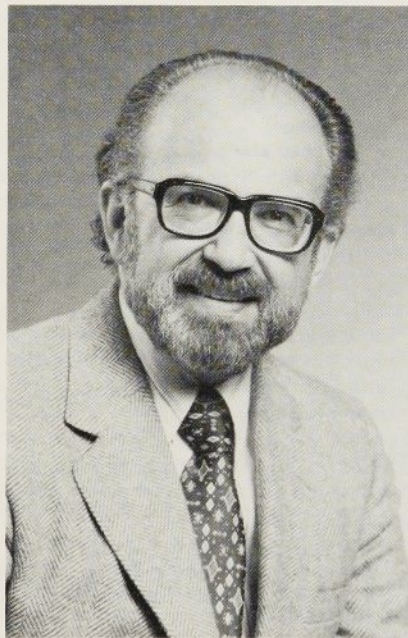
FALL PLEDGE CLASS HONORS IRWIN H. GERST

Brother Irwin H. Gerst has had a long and distinguished association with Alpha Phi Omega. He was an active Brother, an advisor, and a section chairman (even before there were "Sections"). He has served on the National Board of Directors, on the National Executive Committee, and as National Vice President. He is currently a Life Member of the Board, and serves on the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, currently holding the position of Chairman.

"Irv" was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946, after which he entered college. He graduated, with a degree in Industrial Management, from California State University, Los Angeles; and later received an MBA from the University of Southern California.

While at college, he was a charter member of Epsilon Chi Chapter (Los Angeles City College) and of Lambda Mu Chapter (California State University, Los Angeles). (The story of how this was not only possible but also legal is somewhat involved. Why don't your pledges try to find out?) He served in various offices of his chapter, including that of President.

While still a student, he was elected to the National Board of Directors at the Des Moines National Convention, 1950. He served as chairman for



California, Arizona, and Nevada (before there were "Sections"); and was elected National Second Vice-President in 1954, and re-elected to that position in 1956. He was continually re-elected to the National Board and to its Executive Committee during all National Conventions through 1968, and was elected a Life Member of the Board of Directors by the 1970 National Convention. Irwin served as Chairman of (then) Section 3 (Southern California) through 1968. Capping a long association with

Scouting, he served as the Assistant Scoutmaster of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Troop at the National Scout Jamboree held at Irvine, California.

Brother Gerst was elected a Trustee of the Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund in 1972 and chosen as Chairman of the Trustees in 1983. For his long and honorable service to Alpha Phi Omega, Brother Gerst was awarded the National Distinguished Service Award in 1966.

Brother Gerst is currently Director of Business Operations Development for the Space and Technology Group of TRW.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega in Southern California have known for a long while that Irwin is only one-half of a very effective team. His wife Yola has long represented both the spirit and the heart of our Fraternity throughout Southern California, and later throughout what is now Region X. It is very hard, if not downright impossible, for our western Brothers to think of Irwin without thinking of Yola. The warmth of Alpha Phi Omega has always been in her laugh, in her home, and in her heart. Even before it was legally possible for it to be true, Yola Gerst was a *true* brother of Alpha Phi Omega.

May the Fall 1984 pledges (and all of us) measure up to the standards of their namesake: Irwin H. Gerst.



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ASSUME THE POSITION

There are many stock phrases which we use to describe the way we do a job or perform a duty. All of them are more than just clichés. Each of them can give us a message as well as paint us a picture of what is expected. As we enter this important new school year — a year in which your chapter has the opportunity not only to grow in size, accomplish more effective service, and increase your feeling of brotherhood and your development of leadership, but also to participate in the active direction of the National Fraternity — I'd like to examine a few of these pictures a bit more closely.

"Put your best foot forward." This instruction deals more with how we will be seen by others than with what we are doing ourselves; but as automobile manufacturers (and politicians) have long known, your image is an important part of your effectiveness. On your campus, is Alpha Phi Omega an Edsel, a Studebaker, or a Jaguar? Are you a Rolls or a Chevy? A Ford or a Lincoln? Differing types of chapters are necessary on differing campuses. Make sure that yours is appropriate. What can be done this year — what can be done **now** — to make sure that your "best foot" will be seen first . . . and remembered?

"Put your shoulder to the wheel." This implies two different things. First, what we hope to accomplish should not be considered an easy task. Reaching your goals, fulfilling your potential as a chapter is not something that will happen automatically, unless something stops it. Alpha Phi Omega, like anything worthwhile, must be worked at. A conscious effort, both physical and mental, is required. A commitment is necessary . . . and expected. Second, a team effort is necessary. When only one wheel is pushed, when only a part of the chapter is involved in trying to reach goals, we tend to go in circles. Only when everyone participates, only when both actives and pledges, 4-year Brothers and junior actives all assume their

part, only when the entire chapter has been involved in setting the goals and establishing the program, only when every member is committed to the work involved in fulfilling the chapter's responsibilities, only then can rapid and effective progress be made.

"Put your nose to the grindstone." Make sure that you are close enough to what is going on so that you can see the smallest imperfection and fix it. Take care of the details. It has been said that **anyone**, properly prepared, can fulfill 95% of any responsibility, but that the remaining 5% is what makes quality. In Alpha Phi Omega, we are not satisfied with a 95% record. We are different. We go all the way, and then go an extra mile. Don't be ordinary; be extraordinary! Be a chapter that is known for giving 100%, for fulfilling **all** of its responsibilities, for taking care of **all** of the details, no matter how small.

"Hands on." We don't just direct, we **do**! And we give everyone the opportunity to become involved. Leadership development means that we give everyone the opportunity to learn by giving everyone the opportunity to fail . . . and to profit from their mistake. Alpha Phi Omega is **not** a class in school. We measure success differently. Everyone should be given the opportunity to stretch his or her abilities, and no one should be criticized when they have done their best. At the same time, no one should be left alone to try to "muddle through to victory." As a Brotherhood, we stand beside each other, sometimes leading, sometimes following, but always helping.

Not everyone can assume the awkward but productive position I've described, just as the ordinary individual or group cannot accomplish what we set out to accomplish. But Alpha Phi Omega is not composed of ordinary individuals. You and your chapter can accomplish whatever goals you wish to accomplish, on your campus or in your Fraternity. All it takes is the desire and the effort . . . and an appropriate position.

A Note About Our (Absent) Executive Director

As most of you know, Darrell Spoon resigned as Executive Director in late May to accept another job. A Search Committee was appointed and reported its recommendations to me prior to our July meeting of the Board of Directors. Sid Smith was appointed and approved by the Board at that time. Unfortunately, his fiancée developed medical problems which made it impossible for him to assume the responsibilities of the position. I will continue to search for a qualified and acceptable individual. Until one can be found, the Board

and I will work closely with Don Larson and the staff of the National Office to assure that you and your chapter continue to receive the efficient and helpful support you expect and deserve. The Office staff, your Board, and I appreciate your understanding of our current situation and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Earle M. Herbert
National President

National Board Meets In Kansas City

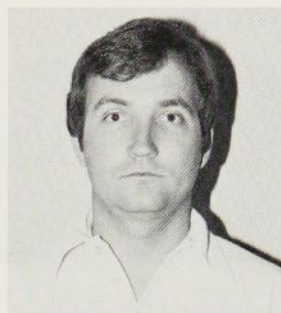
The National Board of Directors held its meeting on July 14 and 15, 1984, at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- The resignation of Darrell Spoon as National Executive Director was accepted.
- Sid Smith was selected as the new National Executive Director. [Ed. Note: Sid Smith was later unable to accept this position due to personal circumstances. The President and the Board are continuing the search process as of this writing.]
- "Conditions of Sale" were approved for the Convention.
- Proposed "Convention Rules and Order of Business" were approved, subject to adoption by the delegates.
- The annual budget was accepted as proposed.
- Chapters that have not paid AAMD for three years will be declared inactive as of August 31, 1984, if their dues are not received.
- New membership goals were adopted for the upcoming year.
- A special discount from Jartran is now available to members.
- The Alumni Chairman was directed to update the Alumni Chapter Directory and distribute it to the Regional Representatives.
- A National Service Essay Contest will be held this Fall with the winner receiving a free Convention registration.
- A Clip Art Sheet will be distributed this Fall.
- A letter of thanks, commendation, and best wishes will be sent to Mr. Jim Tarr upon his retirement as Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.
- A Nomination Committee for the Endowment Trustees was appointed. They will report to the President prior to the December Board meeting.
- The February Board meeting will be held February 8, 9, and 10, 1985.

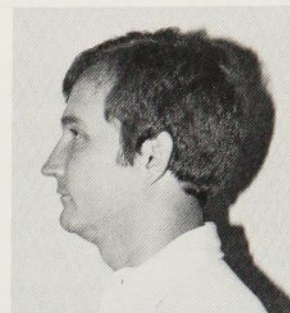
WILLIAM T. WOOD

It has been learned that one of our Co-Founders, William T. Wood, died in December 1983. Brother Wood led a long and distinguished life, and lived to see his Fraternity grow to be an important part of collegiate life throughout the United States. His dream is our reality. His goals should be our goals. His life should be our standard.

HE'S IN FOR LIFE!



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WILFRED "YODA" KRENEK

Yoda has a past record as Section 42 Chairman and is now involved with Region VII gang as their Representative. He's been doing time for quite a while but he'll be doing plenty more because he's been committed for life! Won't you join him? You can commit yourself! Alpha Phi Omega Life Membership: \$60/Alumni and \$30/Undergraduates. Contact the National Office. Come on, commit yourself and . . .

BE A LIFER!

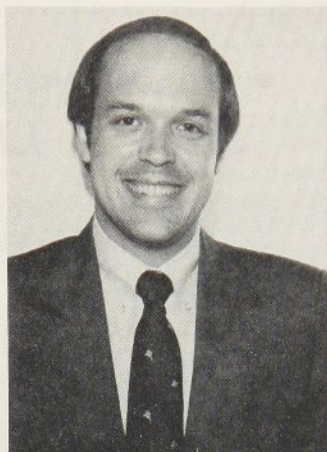
SERVICE DAY '84

By Stan Carpenter

What happens every year, but never gets boring? No, not Christmas, Service Day! The first Saturday in November has come to have a special meaning to Alpha Phi Omega brothers far and near. This year, November 3 will mark an outpouring of service to others unparalleled in its scope. Our first five years of holding Service Day are history. Hundreds of chapters have put in thousands of hours helping millions of people everywhere. How do we top our own act? Introducing the new and improved Service Day '84!

OK, so it's not a new idea, but the original is so good that it is difficult to improve on. In fact, about the only way to make this year's edition any better is for you and your chapter to do an even better project, to involve more outside groups, and to help even more people in even more creative ways. As usual in Alpha Phi Omega, the strength of this program lies not in PR glitter, but in execution at the chapter level. Start planning now (if you haven't already) to make Service Day '84 the biggest and best ever. After the project is over, please sit down and write a short report of what you did on the form provided in your Service Day packet (watch your mailbox in September) and send it to the National Office. Let's make November 3, 1984, a day to remember.

Bowen Elected Region IV Representative



Our National Board of Directors elected Chuck Bowen to fill the unexpired term of Wendell Wainwright who resigned as Region IV Representative. Chuck will serve as the Regional Representative until the Convention in Washington, D.C.

Chuck was inducted into Iota Mu Chapter at the University of South Carolina in 1976. He served as Treasurer, Membership Vice-President, Alumni Secretary, two terms as President of the Chapter and is presently a Chapter Advisor. In 1977 he was elected Section 77 Chairman and served until 1981 when he was named the Conference Coordinator for the Region IV Conference. He was re-elected Sectional Chairman in 1982 and served until 1983 when he became the Sectional Special Assistant for Service and the Region IV Newsletter Editor. During his term as Sectional Chairman, Omega Kappa Chapter at Coastal Carolina College and Alpha Alpha Epsilon Chapter at the College of Charleston were founded. In 1983 he was instrumental in the reactivation of Kappa Tau Chapter at the Citadel.

He is the recipient of the Chapter, Sectional, and Regional Distinguished Service Keys.

Chuck is single and is owner of Legislative Consultant Services, a multi-management association and lobbying firm in Columbia, South Carolina. He is also a partner in the firm of Sligh and Bowen Developers. An active Scouter, he now serves as Chairman of the Indian Waters Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association. He is a Jaycee and a member of the Exchange Club. In 1980 he was named an "Outstanding Young Man of America." He has attended all of the National Conventions and Region IV Conferences since 1976.

Did You Know Your National Office . . .

...has records on all 176,000 Brothers? Each member's record can be found in two places. There is the Chapter's file book containing each original application for membership and a card file for each member which serves as a cross reference.

...has a card on file for Life Members, which contains information about 9,600 members?

...has a limited historical file on each chapter?

...has a hand compiled alumni list on file for each chapter?

Computer capabilities are available which could modernize the National Office's record keeping. Share in the Fraternity's maintaining the record of our glorious past. Send your contribution to the National Office.

Suszko Elected Region IX Representative

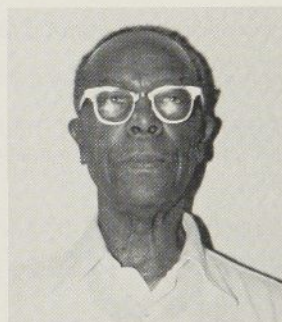
Upon the resignation of Bob Satterstrom, the National Board of Directors elected Harry Suszko the Region IX Representative. He will serve as Regional Representative until the Convention in Washington, D.C.

Harry pledged Tau Upsilon Chapter at University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Spring 1977. He held various chapter officers including Membership Vice-President. In 1981, Harry was elected Section 21 Chairman, and served in this position for three years until he became the Region IX Representative.

Harry is single and is employed by Rockwell International in the Collins Avionics Group. He is an Avionics Product Specialist and Field Service Engineer in the General Aviation Division.

He is a Life Member and has attended all of the National Conventions since 1978.

HE'S IN FOR LIFE!



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LUCIUS E. YOUNG (ALIAS: "THE COLONEL")

Col. Young was committed in 1962. He's been serving a long time and he's in for life! As a past National President, Col. Young also serves as a life member of the Board of Directors, so he's in for good! Won't you join him and 9,856 of your brothers? Alpha Phi Omega Life Membership: \$60/Alumni and \$30/Under-graduates. Contact the National Office. Come on . . .

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The 26th Biennial Convention

By Bob Harris

Imagine for a moment that there exists a Greek letter fraternity accepted on more campuses in the country than any other fraternity. Consider the lofty ideals of Leadership, Friendship, and Service it would adhere to. What kind of group is it that holds to the preposterous idea of cheerful service, giving unselfishly to make life a little bit easier for total strangers while withstanding the rigors of pursuing a degree in higher education? All in this day and age? Well, it exists and will meet this December in our Nation's capital.

What better place to meet than the seat of government of the greatest country in the world? Resplendent with memorials and museums of our glorious past, retelling the history of Americans giving of themselves to preserve the freedoms we enjoy, and where their selfless sacrifices through the years is an endless thread woven through our past and into our future uniting us in purpose and deed, there is no more fitting place to meet.

The National Archives preserve our most cherished documents that laid the foundation for us to exist today. It took 208 years for a memorial to be dedicated to the 56 men who risked everything, who were willing to mutually pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their honor. What they started is perpetuated through many facets of American life with people helping other people.

We do not have to wait over 200 years. Our history of 59 years has already caused a mark to be established. There at the top among colleges and universities stands

"ALPHA PHI OMEGA A MONUMENT TO SERVICE."

Unlike the cold, hard stone of many monuments, we stand as a living and breathing commitment to the ideals that will keep America great. We do not have a monopoly on service to others, we just do it with a greater dedication, enthusiasm, and longer history of success than any other college group. We cannot stand on our past and bask in the glory. We need to continue to break new ground, be progressive, and unite in purpose at our National Convention, December 28-30. Join the fun and fellowship for one of the most moving times in your life.

You'll be among over 1,000 chapter members, alumni, and friends when the Convention is called to order at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, December 28. The short opening session will kick-off activities for those who want to tour our Nation's capital, talk with our Fraternity's leaders, mingle and exchange ideas with Brothers from all parts of the country, take advantage of the

excellent leadership development seminars being conducted, and chart the future of the Fraternity.

Delegates will have the opportunity to explore such areas as Leadership Development, Membership and Extension, Service, Alumni, Finance, Publications, Scouting Relations, Public Relations, and others. They will also make major decisions through voting on proposed amendments to the National By-laws; electing the National President, Vice President, and Members-at-Large; and will decide the time and place of the 1986 National Convention. Regions II, IV, VI, VIII, IX, and X will elect their Representatives.

Leadership Development seminars will cover a broad range of topics including Chapter Operations, Image and Public Relations, Advisors, Chapter Financial Management, Membership, Fellowship Programming, Service After Graduation, Hosting Conferences, and others. This is the best opportunity to take advantage of learning more in areas of interest to you and about problem solving in your chapter.

A new activity will be your chance to showcase your personal or chapter's abilities at the Talent Show. Look for more in the chapter bulletin on the categories and criteria. Winners will be part of the closing banquet. Music and dancing will follow both banquets.

Preceding the Convention, on December 27, the National Board of Directors will meet. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. But for the greatest, spine-tingling feeling, join hands with a thousand of your Brothers in a Fellowship Circle that closes the Convention but opens many new doors for you. Be part of that Monument to service.



ON CAMPUS

ALPHA ALPHA **University of Illinois**

Pennies can make the difference if you have enough of them. The brothers of Alpha Alpha Chapter collected almost two miles of pennies which amounted to \$1,637. Cans were placed in stores in the Champaign-Urbana area asking for donations. WLRW, a local radio station, helped to publicize the event by broadcasting from an APO Wishing Well located by the Student Union. All of the money collected in the "Miles of Pennies" campaign will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information write Steve Smith, Alpha Phi Omega, 84 Illini Union, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.



ALPHA CHI **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Alphi Chi Chapter was awarded a citation by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for working on the three rain shelters along the Charles River. Their work included stripping the rotted shingles off the roofs, patching the holes, and replacing the flashing and reshingling the shelters. After the shingles were in place, the undersides of the shelters were painted. For more information write J. Michael Druding, Alpha Phi Omega, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Room W20-415, 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139.



CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS

ALPHA BETA BETA **St. Bonaventure University**

On December 29, 1983, Alpha Beta Beta Chapter was installed at the Region I & II Conference. Darrell Spoon and Warren Weidman, Region II Representative, were present when Earle Herbert, National President, presented the charter. Forty-one students and four advisors were initiated. To contact them write to Alpha Beta Beta Chapter, St. Bonaventure University, Alpha Phi Omega, Drawer #2067, St. Bonaventure, New York 14778.

ALPHA BETA GAMMA **Knox College**

Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, was installed on March 4, 1984. Roger Elliott, Region VI Representative, presented the charter to sixteen students and four advisors. Kathi Merrick is the President. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, Knox College, Box 1644, Galesburg, Illinois 61401.

ALPHA BETA ZETA **Radford University**

On March 31, 1984, Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter was installed at Radford University, Virginia. Bob Harris, Region III Representative, presented the charter on behalf of the Fraternity. The group consisted of fifteen students and four advisors. Kenneth Rosenbaum is the President and Howard Combs is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, Radford University, P.O. Box 5520, Radford, Virginia 24142.

OMICRON **University of Iowa**

The reactivation of Omicron Chapter took place at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, on April 29, 1984. Twenty-four students and five advisors received their recharter from Darrell Spoon. David Airy is the President and Mary Skourup is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, The University of Iowa, 309 N. Riverside Drive, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.



GAMMA BETA San Jose State University

The reactivation of Gamma Beta Chapter took place at San Jose State University, San Jose, California, on April 7, 1984. Twenty-one students and five advisors received their recharter from Earle Herbert, National President. Adele Cruz is the President and Dennis Wong is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, c/o Students Programs Office, Box 86, San Jose State University, San Jose, California 95192.

ALPHA BETA EPSILON University of Arkansas at Monticello

On April 7, 1984, Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter, University of Arkansas at Monticello, was installed. Joe Morrone, Region VIII Representative, presented the charter to eighteen students and five advisors. John Covert is the President and Fred Heismeyer, Section 33 Chairman, is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, University of Arkansas at Monticello, P.O. Box 2401-UAM, Monticello, Arkansas 71655.



ALPHA BETA DELTA Widener University

The installation of Alpha Beta Delta took place on March 31, 1984, at Widener University. Nineteen students and four advisors received their charter from Warren Weidman, Region II Representative. Greg Stanczyk is the President and Alonzo Cavin is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, Widener University, P.O. Box 1166, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013.



ALPHA BETA ETA College of the Southwest

On May 5, 1984, Alpha Beta Eta Chapter at College of the Southwest, Hobbs, New Mexico, became the 631st chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. Wilfred Krennek, Region VII Representative, presented the charter to twenty-six students and four advisors. The President is Sharron Falk and Dr. Ellis Ivey is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, College of the Southwest, Lovington Highway, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.



ETA IOTA Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Eta Iota Chapter at Millersville University of Pennsylvania was reactivated on April 28, 1984. Warren Weidman, Region II Representative, presented the recharter to fifteen students and four advisors. The President is Johan Berger. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Eta Iota Chapter, c/o SMC MUP, Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551.



PSI MU University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Psi Mu Chapter at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, was reactivated on April 1, 1984. Wilfred Krennek, Region VII Representative, presented the recharter on behalf of the Fraternity. The group consisted of fifteen students and four advisors. Rose Lozano is the President and Tomme Actkinson is the Advisory Chairman. To contact them write to Alpha Phi Omega, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Box 290 UM4b Station, Belton, Texas 76513.

CONVENTION FACTS

WHEN

December 28, 29, and 30, 1984.

WHERE

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

WHO

All pledges, actives, advisors, life members, alumni, families, and friends are invited.

WHAT TO BRING

Exhibits of Chapter and Sectional activities, and 500 copies of information about your best project for the Service Exchange.

HOW TO REGISTER

Convention Services and Participation forms, mailed to chapters in September, should be completed and returned to the National Office with appropriate fees. Hotel reservation cards should be returned directly to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Anyone not currently in an active chapter may use the attached order blank to request registration forms.

COST

Everyone must pay the Convention Services and participation fees of:

\$25.00 prior to December 3

\$30.00 after December 3

Banquet rates are:

\$15.50 for the Opening Banquet

\$19.50 for the Closing Banquet

Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance so the Hotel can be advised of the estimated attendance.

Hotel room rates are:

\$39 (plus tax) per night for single occupancy.

\$40 (plus tax) per night for double, triple, or quad occupancy.

Getting to Washington

Check with your Sectional and Regional Representatives about possible car pools, other chapters' travel plans, etc. In addition, Rich Worldwide Travel, Inc. can make plane or train arrangements for you if you wish. If you

are flying, they can save you money on the major airlines with special Alpha Phi Omega fares that are not available to you directly through the airlines or other travel agencies. They will get the lowest seven day super saver rates even if you don't stay for seven days, and they can arrange discounts on Amtrak also. Their address is 1495 Weaver St., Scarsdale, New York 10583. Their toll-free number is 800-431-1130 for those outside New York state, and 800-942-1915 for in-state residents.

Order Blank:

Please send me the registration materials for the 1984 National Convention:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____

School _____

NOTE: Each chapter has received registration materials. Please use this order form only if you are not a member of an active chapter.

