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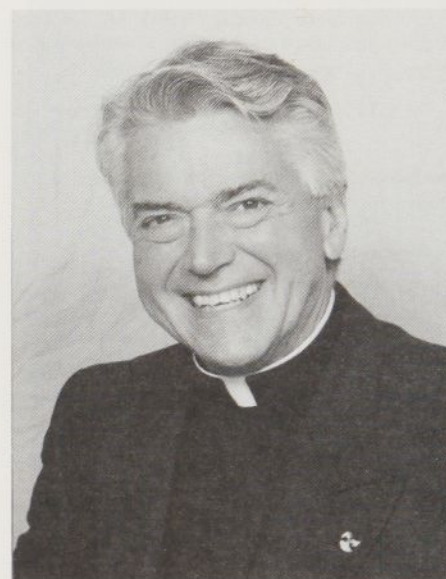
## Fall Pledge Class Namesake

*"He was the type of person that put other people before himself. He lived his life to assist the community, the city of Detroit, and the Nation. He was a leader, and counselor to those who knew him and to those who only knew of him."*

Born in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan, William T. Cunningham began his life of service very early. At 13 he entered the seminary to study for the Catholic priesthood. After ordination his dedication and abilities soon led to achievement within the Detroit Archdiocese. He was an assistant pastor, a columnist and book review editor for the Michigan Catholic magazine, a pastor of his own church, and Vicar and Consultor to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Fr. Cunningham was called upon to participate in numerous efforts that etched his life of service in the hearts of many. He was appointed to commissions and task forces for the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan, and the nation. He had the great ability to work with people as well as for people.

One particular achievement that Fr. Cunningham gave many years of time and effort to was the founding of Focus: HOPE — which is a civil and human rights organization that started with a mission to unite blacks and whites to build a metropolitan community where everyone could live in peace and harmony. Focus: HOPE began after the Detroit riots of 1968.



*Fr. Cunningham*

Through the years Fr. Cunningham and his staff developed a multifaceted program that continues to work against discrimination and injustice, while building colorblind relationships and unification of people of all races. The first project to be started was a food program for families with children under the age of 6 and then was implemented for senior citizens. This effort now provides over 30,000 people per month with supplemental food.

Fr. Cunningham came into the lives of the rechartering group at the University of Detroit Mercy several years ago. He became an honorary

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY WILFRED M. KRENEK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

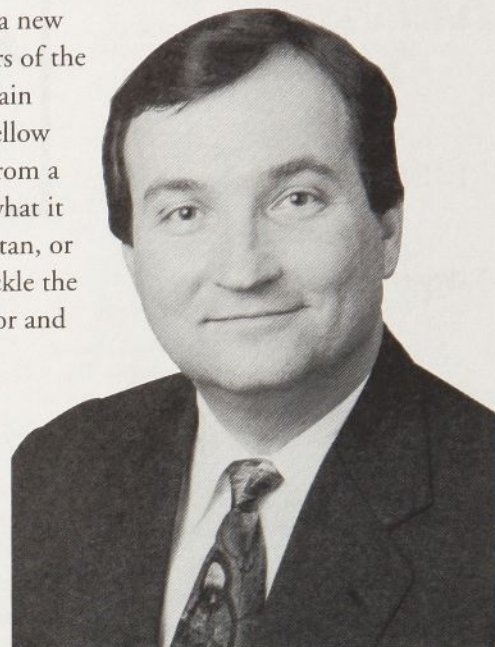
Summer is over and that means a new academic year is beginning. Chapters of the Fraternity will be starting to meet again after the summer hiatus. I asked a fellow co-worker recently who came back from a two-week vacation in the Bahamas what it was like being back. Besides the suntan, or more like a burn, he was ready to tackle the problems left behind with a new vigor and enthusiasm.

This time away from the job, or even from the activities of the chapter, provides an opportunity for a renewal of objectives and goals. During this off period, we have had new experiences on which to make decisions. Our energy levels will be heightened. We enter the new period refreshed.

This period is one critical to the activities of a chapter of the Fraternity. We should take advantage of this renewal of spirit. Our planning for the new year should begin with the analysis of where we have been — have we accomplished what we had previously set out to do. It should be a review of our resources available, including assets and new skill sources of the members. And it should wind up with a direction of where we want to go and how we will get there.

A Chapter Program Planning Conference is a tool which can help each chapter facilitate setting the stage for the new year. Available from the National Office, this handy guide provides an outline to follow in reviewing a chapter's programs and getting input from all chapter members in prioritizing the needs and resources available for our service, membership and leadership programs. This planning tool helps to focus the chapter on setting its goals and objectives for the semester or year. Whether it be new service projects ideas, discussion of new member or advisor recruiting efforts, or even areas which may require added emphasis from prior years, the conference is a forum for members to determine the direction of the chapter. The final product, besides a calendar of events for the next year, should be a renewal of spirit and excitement for each chapter member.

Just as a person returning to a job from a vacation feels added enthusiasm and spirit to begin work, our members feel the same type of renewal to begin a new academic year. If this new spirit and enthusiasm can be directed towards our goals and objectives, we will build stronger chapters providing greater service to our members and in the service projects done on our campuses and in our communities.



*Wilfred*



# Letters to the Editor

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

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## Dear Editor:

I am a pledge at the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

I have been working hard all semester to qualify in the three areas of Leadership, Service, and Friendship. This semester has been full of new and wonderful experiences.

Thanks to APO, I have become a blood donor and worked at our chapter's spring blood drive, I have helped sort clothes for needy children, and I've even worked in a local soup kitchen to help feed the hungry.

I have had many wonderful experiences with APO and it will always be a special part of my college experience. The most important thing membership in APO has taught me is that it is so easy to give something of yourself to others, and nothing can compare to the knowledge that you helped someone who needed it.

*Kristen Kargus  
Zeta Alpha  
Peoria, Illinois*

*Kristen and 15 others in the Zeta Alpha spring pledge class (they each wrote inspiring letters) became Active Members of the Fraternity on May 2, 1997. — Editor*

## Dear Editor:

As I was reading my latest copy of T&T (Spring 1997), I couldn't help but notice the Minutes of the Board Meeting (page 14) seemed to be incorrect. The first item of business mentioned that Eta Sigma

Chapter from the University of Delaware was to be removed from administrative review. While I don't really know if the chapter from Delaware (probably Zeta Sigma) is the one in question, I do know that Eta Sigma of Illinois College has a long and proud tradition of service to both the college and community and I doubt that they are in need of any administrative review. Many of the service projects we began when I was an active member still are alive and well today. Please see that the minutes are corrected and along with that I send my thanks for a very informative publication.

*Matt Hollendonner  
Eta Sigma Alumnus  
Jacksonville, Illinois*

*You are correct. Zeta Sigma at the University of Delaware was removed from administrative review, and they are back on track as an active Chapter. Eta Sigma at Illinois College is still an active Chapter as you noted in your letter!*  
— Editor

## Dear Editor:

Just wanted to drop a line saying how much I respect, enjoy and radiate pride in the activities of APO. I've never forgotten the basic tenets of this fraternity and am proud to watch it grow. For your information, several of us retirees meet occasionally as fraternity brothers, wives, etc. to communicate and enjoy our mutual company. Keep up the good work.

*Cyrus Ettinger  
Gamma Iota '45  
West Palm Beach, FL*

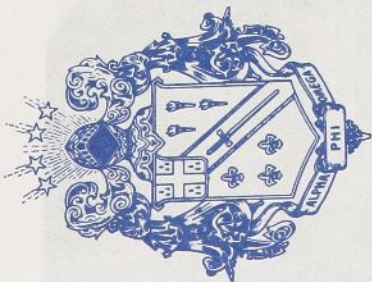
### WE'RE LISTENING

We love to hear from our readers. Send us your comments, your suggestions, your ideas for continuing the mission, and furthering the goals of Alpha Phi Omega.





# CHAPTERS



## KAPPA DELTA

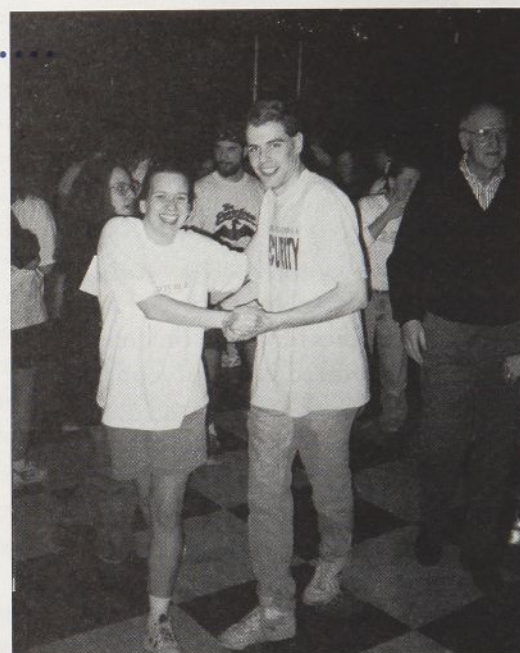
### Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

Kappa Delta Chapter at Florida A&M University puts fun into fund raising with "car wash" events. The Chapter also holds an Easter egg hunt every spring at a local community church. Chapter President, Darron Toston, noted the Chapter appreciates receiving and reading the Torch & Trefoil, as it provides great resources for a small Chapter.

## MU THETA

### Luther College, Decorah, IA

Last February, the Brothers of Mu Theta Chapter sponsored a 24 hour dance marathon to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The top fund raiser among the dancers raised almost \$200. A total of \$1,500 was raised for MDA. The marathon was a huge success and great fun.



## IOTA OMEGA

### SUNY College at Brockport Brockport, New York

Congratulation to...Iota Omega on its rechartering March 5, 1997. A lot of hard work went into the process of rechartering. You can send your congratulations to the Iota Omega Chapter at 203 Seymour Student Union, SUNY College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420.

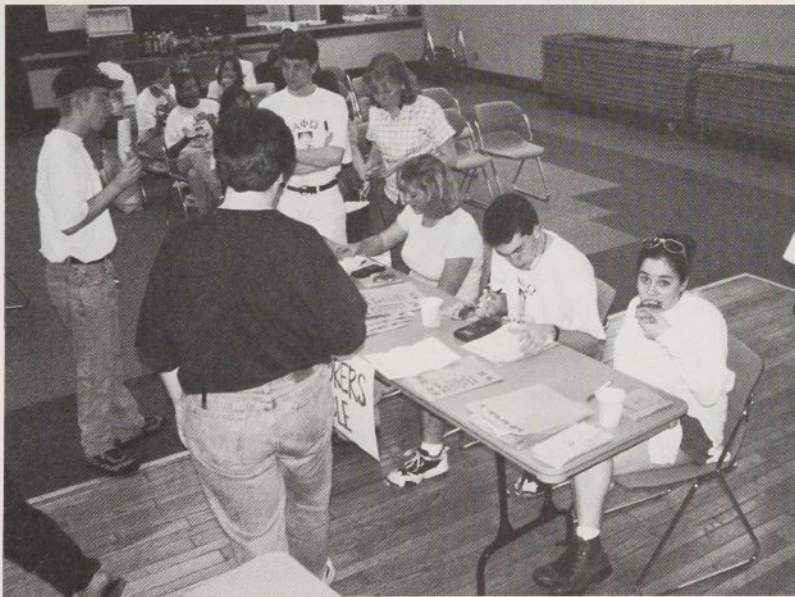






### SECTION 52 CONFERENCE

Last spring at the Section 52 Conference, held at the Rose-Hulman Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana, students participated in a disaster response exercise conducted by the local disaster relief team from the Terre Haute community.



### ALPHA GAMMA XI

**University of Dayton,  
Dayton, Ohio**

Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter held a Road Rally in April. Six teams were given a list of 40 items and had exactly 2 hours and 15 minutes to collect as many of them as they could. The money raised by the event, added to previously raised funds, over \$800, was donated to the Daybreak Runaway Shelter in Dayton, Ohio.

## CHAPTER Anniversaries

- 15 Alpha Alpha Phi, Columbia College,  
February 19, 1982  
Alpha Alpha Chi, Fairmont State College,  
May 1, 1982  
Alpha Alpha Psi,  
Eastfield Community College,  
May 2, 1982
- 10 Alpha Beta Pi, Lenoir-Rhyne College,  
February 21, 1987  
Alpha Beta Rho,  
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford,  
March 28, 1987  
Alpha Beta Sigma, Robert Morris College,  
April 12, 1987  
Alpha Beta Tau,  
Washington & Lee University,  
June 1, 1987  
Alpha Beta Upsilon,  
Broward Community College,  
August 14, 1987  
Alpha Beta Phi,  
Concordia Lutheran College,  
September 13, 1987  
Alpha Beta Chi,  
SUNY College at Plattsburgh,  
December 29, 1987
- 5 Alpha Gamma Rho,  
Florida Institute of Technology,  
February 22, 1992  
Alpha Gamma Sigma,  
Jersey City State College,  
June 7, 1992  
Alpha Gamma Tau, Stephens College,  
November 22, 1992  
Alpha Gamma Upsilon, Carlow College,  
December 6, 1992  
Alpha Gamma Phi,  
Northern Kentucky University,  
December 10, 1992

## Latest Stats as of Aug. 31, 1997

- Pledges: 9,236
- New Initiates: 7,692
- Actives: 8,551
- Active Chapters: 331
- Total chapters  
chartered: 693





## ETA LAMBDA

### University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Eta Lambda Chapter has been an active group of Brothers over the past year. The Chapter once again held its biannual campuswide blood drive with the Red Cross, as well as other events including WalkAmerica and Special Olympics. The Chapter's hard work was recognized by UWEC, which awarded Eta Lambda the "Organization of the Year" Award for 1996.

## PI BETA

### University of Dubuque Dubuque, Iowa

Neither rain, *snow*, sleet nor hail could stop Pi Beta Chapter from having its annual Teeter-Totter Marathon. Members raised \$300 from this event this past April. The proceeds went to the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter in Dubuque, Iowa.



## CHI PI

### SUNY College at Fredonia Fredonia, New York

Last Semester Chi Pi Chapter conducted a service project called Child's Fest. Chi Pi had received an APO Youth Grant from the Fraternity that helped fund the table of pasta. The children of Fredonia made jewelry and pictures using different colored pasta and paper. Chi Pi was asked to do this project again next year! The APO Youth Grant has been very helpful to the Chi Pi Chapter service program.





## REGION IX

Over 20 Brothers from across Region IX gathered at Backbone State Park in northeastern Iowa one weekend this past spring. The Brothers helped clean up the park by picking up trash and brush. The spirit of service was not dampened by the threat of rain and some occasional drizzle. The group cleaned over 150 campsites, the beach area, almost all of the roadside throughout the park, and many of the trails. The Brothers even had a chance to do some exploring in the afternoon, including a large cave, the trail for which the park is named, and a variety of other smaller trails throughout the park area.



### Namesake (continued)

member and advisor to the Chapter. He gave his guidance, support and care. The Brothers of Eta Pi saw a living example of our principles in Fr. Cunningham, and they received the benefits of knowing him "up close and personal."

In the fall of 1996 Fr. Cunningham

was diagnosed with cancer. All attempts to prolong his rich and rewarding life were to no avail, as Fr. Cunningham passed away this past spring.

In addition to being close to Alpha Phi Omega during the past few years Fr.

Cunningham was a mirror of our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. It is an honor and privilege to announce that the 1997 Fall Pledge Class will be named for Fr. William T. Cunningham.

## Fall Pledge Class Dedications

1946 - Dr. H. Roe Bartle  
1947 - J. Edgar Hoover  
1948 - "The Memorial Class"  
1949 - Dr. James E. West  
1950 - "The Founders Class"  
1951 - Dr. Ray O. Wyland

1952 - Dean Arno Nowotny  
1953 - James Stanley Leedom  
1954 - Prof. Daniel Den Uyl  
1955 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
1956 - General Carlos P. Romulo

1957 - Lord Baden-Powell  
1958 - Dr. Albert Schweitzer  
1959 - Dr. Arthur A. Schuck  
1960 - Joseph H. Brunton, Jr.  
1961 - President John F. Kennedy  
1962 - Dr. H. Roe Bartle

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## Leadership Development Summer Explosion

by Allen Wong, DDS, National Leadership Development Director

One of our Fraternity's cardinal principles is Leadership. During the summer months we concentrate on Leadership Training Workshops. This past summer we exceeded all previous years of leadership programming in numbers and participants. The quality of the presenters and participants marked another milestone in Alpha Phi Omega history.

Nine summer Chapter Program Workshops (CPWs) were conducted with over 250 participants...a record-breaking accomplishment. Ed Richter, Past Section 57 Chair and the 1997 CPW Coordinator, did an outstanding job in determining site locations in geographically diverse areas. By having more CPWs, we have increased the leadership opportunities for alumni and educational opportunities for our student members. All the CPW directors, staff, and participants

deserve recognition for an outstanding job which will add enthusiasm for this school year.

Our Sectional Chairs also completed a leadership workshop this summer. The Sectional Resource Weekend (SRW), with 58 participants, was also a record-breaking accomplishment. All regions were represented. Special recognition goes to Region VI, which had a 100 percent representation of Sectional Chairs. Region IX had a 67 percent representation of Sectional Chairs, and Region X had a 57 percent representation of Sectional Chairs.

Dr. Lisa Covi, SRW Coordinator, orchestrated a fun-filled, learning and sharing experience for attendees. Special team-building events (ropes-type course events) were presented by Dr. Fred Heismeyer and Joyce Heismeyer. The theme of the SRW

was "Home Improvement." We all agreed that the new "tools" we acquired at the conference will help make our jobs easier and more efficient for this coming school year. We also set new records in having more leadership opportunities in this program as well.

As we prepare for the fall term, I would like to remind you of the many leadership development experiences that await you. There are leadership training courses at many of our Sectional and Regional Conferences. Talk to your Sectional Chair or Regional Director for more details. Also, for the latest and greatest leadership information check the Leadership Development Homepage: [http://www.goodnet.com/~mt01915/a po\\_ld.html](http://www.goodnet.com/~mt01915/a po_ld.html)

## HISTORY FACT

### FALL PLEDGE CLASS OF 1989

Carl J. Long founded Kappa Chapter at Carnegie-Mellon University on April 29, 1929. After graduation he maintained his support of the chapter by becoming an advisor. His life was filled with hard work and accomplishments. Brother Long remained as an advisor to Kappa for over 60 years!



# LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

## Pledge classes continued

1963 - Dean Arno Nowotny  
1964 - Herbert G. Horton  
1965 - Dr. Lester R. Steig  
1966 - Frank Reed Horton  
1967 - James A. Lovell, Jr.  
1968 - Dr. Tom T. Galt  
1969 - E. Ross Forman  
1970 - Sidney B. North  
1971 - Dr. Glen T. Nygreen  
1972 - Aubrey B. Hamilton  
1973 - J. Franklin S. McMullan  
1974 - H. Roe Bartle Memorial  
1975 - Joseph Scanlon  
1976 - Lucius E. Young, LTC, Ret.  
1977 - Life Members  
1978 - Dean Lewis N. Jones  
1979 - Howard R. Patton  
1980 - M. R. Disborough  
1981 - Lawrence L. Hirsch, M.D.  
1982 - George F. Cahill  
1983 - Dr. R. L. Brittain  
1984 - Irwin H. Gerst  
1985 - Phyllis Tenney  
1986 - Dr. James William Dean  
1987 - Paul D. Arend  
1988 - Warren Luzadder  
1989 - Carl J. Long  
1990 - Lorin Jurvis  
1991 - Dr. Kenneth E. McDiffett  
1992 - Joseph Scanlon Memorial  
1993 - Earle M. Herbert  
1994 - Alex M. Lewandowski  
1995 - Philip Prince  
1996 - Thomas H. Kean  
1997 - Father William T. Cunningham

## 1997 Service Week

Eighteen years ago "A Celebration of Service" was our first National Service Day. Over the years there have been changes in the program, always directed to improve the opportunities for chapters to participate and now another improvement has been made. The 1996 National Convention expanded National Service Day to a weeklong celebration of service to allow more opportunities for Alumni, Interest Groups, Petitioning Groups and Chapters to be of service. Though many Chapters have already expanded the concept on their own, Monday, November 3 through Sunday, November 9, 1997, will be our first

National Service Week. The overall Program of Emphasis for the period 1997-1998 is "Combating Violence and Poverty"; the specific theme this year, 1997, is "Hunger and Homelessness."

Concerns for hunger and homelessness can be found in every

community. From the chronically disenfranchised to the temporarily out-of-luck, our neighbors need our help, whether

they are across the street or on the other side of the world. National Service Week is more than APO members united by service with a common theme. It emphasizes involving members of the community who otherwise might not have the opportunity to participate in worthwhile service. It should be a high-visibility project

that will impact your community, illustrate our purpose, and challenge your leadership skills. Spread the spirit of service. Join this united effort of the Brotherhood of Alpha Phi Omega. Each Chapter has received a National Service Week Handbook. Please use it in your planning.



## T & T Photos

- We need your project "action" shots – "Show Us Your Work!"
- Color or B/W photos accepted.
- Include contact name and phone.
- Brief write-up to accompany photo.





# ALUMNI



## Alpha Epsilon Chapter Reunites Brothers

by Donna Vicari, Alpha Epsilon '82 Alumni and Past Section 45 Chair

Memories of a strong sense of brotherhood were shared at the Alpha Epsilon Chapter Reunion held on August 16, 1997, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. About 40 alumni and active members from the LSU chapter welcomed the keynote speaker, National President, Wilfred Krenek, and his wife, former National Board Member, Kay Hairgrove Krenek. Brothers now living in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas enjoyed a night of fellowship, fun, food and friendship.

Various guest speakers shared favorite fraternity moments as well as their hopes and dreams for Alpha Phi Omega's future and how Alpha Epsilon can make a positive impact on that future. Longtime chapter advisor, Morris Welch (Delta Chapter, '64) asked all Brothers in attendance to introduce themselves and share a favorite memory with the group and how APO has impacted their lives. An overwhelming majority of alumni members were actively involved in volunteer programs and positions, and

many Brothers are employed in service oriented careers: education, medicine, social work, clinical research, and working with people with disabilities. Two alumni Brothers are even executives in different districts of the Boy and Girl Scouts. Alpha Phi Omega and involvement in the AE chapter has obviously had a profound impact on the lives of these Brothers. This reunion sparked an effort to reorganize the AE Alumni Association, and there are plans to hold future reunion events.



# Mrs. Horton is Part of Our History



*Left to right standing are Zeta Theta Brothers Steven Karamitopoulos, Justin Ruby, Niles Martin, Jason Marmon, Bill Smith, Chapter President, and Dawn Lewis of Alpha Gamma Iota. Kneeling next to Mrs. Horton is Michael Beyer, Section 92 Chair.*

On a bright sunny day this past May a memorable event took place in the history of Alpha Phi Omega. A group of actives and alumni visited Mrs. Helen H. Horton at the care home where she resides in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to record on video her memories of married life with Frank Reed Horton, our Founder.

Mrs Horton was nervously excited about being videotaped for the Fraternity's history. The crew of "videographers" were led by Past National President, E. Ross Forman, and his wife, Alma. Other Brothers in attendance are noted in the photo above. The interview conducted by Past President Forman produced many

new memories for the Fraternity. Afterward, Mrs. Horton treated her visitors with snacks catered by the staff of the care center. Another memory was saved and a great time was had by all.

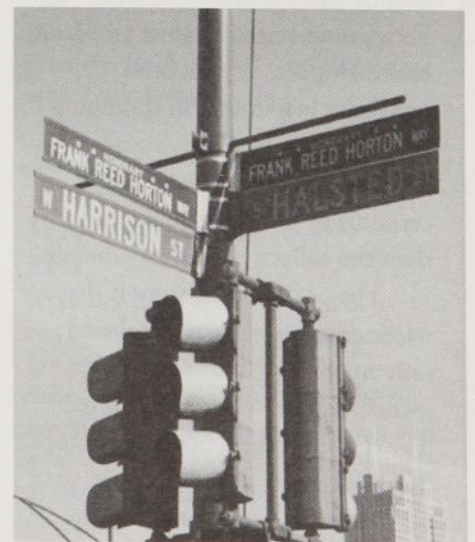
But, why videotape Mrs. Horton now? The fact of the matter is that the Fraternity is in the process of videotaping many of our senior national personages as we prepare for the 75th Anniversary of the Fraternity. Jerry Schroeder, Past National President and Chair of the 75th Anniversary Committee, said: "We have to seize this opportunity to record on film our past leaders and their memories of an earlier time in our Fraternity. As our Fraternity has been built on history and traditions, this project will be one more important accomplishment in that task of ensuring the best memories for our future."

A videocassette of interviews of our leaders will be available during the celebration year of our 75th Anniversary in 2000.

## Frank Reed Horton Way

Alpha Phi Omega casts a bigger shadow on the streets of Chicago today. About a year ago the Torch & Trefoil reflected that a street in Chicago had been named in honor of Dr. Librado Ureta, founder of APO Philippines. This past spring another street was dedicated, this time to the founder of Alpha Phi Omega, USA.

"Frank Reed Horton Way" is located at the corner of Halsted and Harrison near the University of Illinois-Chicago. Brothers of Sigma Sigma along with area alumni worked hard to secure the privilege of having the street honorarily named.





# Kilroy Was Here

by Jerry Schroeder, Past National President

Most of you actives are too young to remember the phrase "Kilroy was here." At any rate, the meaning of this piece of graffiti is illustrated by a story recently told by a friend of mine. It seems he was passing through his old college town with his daughter a couple of years ago and stopped at his fraternity house to take her through the old card room. The card room was the holy-of-holies where each generation of Brothers had carved their names in wooden table tops to be regarded reverently by subsequent generations of undergraduates. He was anxious to show his daughter his name carved in the oak. That was, undoubtedly, the Kilroy in him. He took her into the fraternity house and led her up to the card room. But they couldn't get in. The room had been turned into a kennel for the house dog. As my friend turned away in anger, it suddenly occurred to him that the undergraduates had been pretty smart. Names are not to be worshipped. There is no particular inspiration in thumbing through the telephone directory. The comfort of the house dog is certainly of more legitimate concern than the collection of dusty initials.

The point of this story is that a name deserves to be remembered only in relation to the effect its owner had upon his or her times. The name on the wooden table top means no more than the name carved deeply into marble on an expensive mausoleum. Both of

these are merely manifestations of Kilroyism. The fact that Kilroy was here is of no importance. The question is: Did anything happen because Kilroy was here?

Many things happened because Alpha Phi Omega's "Kilroys" were here. Because of the dedication of our past "Kilroys," our fraternity flourished as an organization on each of our campuses and, thus, it became possible for the rest of us to make other persons on our campuses and in our communities happy through service. It became possible for us to share in the Alpha Phi Omega experience.

But, those "Kilroys" are gone now. You, the actives, are this great fraternity. However, if you understand the real meaning of Kilroyism, you know that Brotherhood in Alpha Phi Omega was and is a gift offered to us by someone else. That gift means nothing if clutched to yourselves. Only if the hand of friendship and Brotherhood is extended to others is the gift we received meaningful. This thought, I think, adds another dimension to our membership program because we are only trustees of a gift given to us by those who preceded us, holding it in trust for those who will follow us.

Translated into concrete terms, this added dimension means a conscious effort to grow through an effective membership program. We must not only share our wonderful ideals of leadership, friendship and

service with others just as they were shared with us, but we must guarantee that our fraternity will continue to be able to make other people – needy people – happy. We must continue, in the words of one of our publicity posters, to make smiles.

I am acutely aware that there are some who say that their chapters are large enough, that to make their chapters any larger would dilute their sense of unity and Brotherhood. I respect those views, but only to a certain degree. I know of no circle of friendship that is so large nor any service program that is so effective that it cannot embrace more persons. My message is only that APO must grow, not because growth in itself is a goal, but because our ideals demand growth and because any one of us might not be a brother now if some "Kilroy" before us had not bothered to extend that great opportunity to us.

Each chapter should plan this year's membership program so that the number of graduating seniors is exceeded by the number of new initiates. In that way, the current "Kilroys" of Alpha Phi Omega – and, indeed, Alpha Phi Omega itself – will be reflecting and living the words of a late, great world religious leader: "In my window a little light will always keep burning. All may come in. The arms of a friend are waiting." And no one will ever have to ask whether anything happened because you were here.



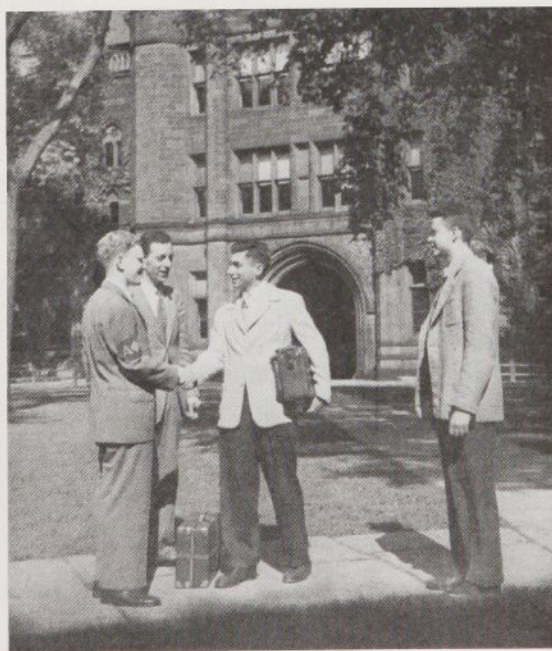
# A PAGE IN HISTORY

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



**Torch & Trefoil Fall 1983...** The National Fraternity was recognized for individual chapter efforts in supporting Muscular Dystrophy at the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon. The Fraternity has generated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each year it has participated. This year Xi Beta Chapter, Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, led with \$11,481.

**Torch & Trefoil  
September  
1948...** Welcoming a new Student to Yale! This is a familiar site this month on campuses throughout the nation. The chapters of Alpha Phi Omega are serving in many ways in freshman orientation, providing guide service, conducting freshman tours and sponsoring mixers and other get-acquainted events. Delta Nu chapter is located at Yale.



## 65 Years Ago

*The Lightbearer* announced that Wednesday, February 14, 1934, will be a "red letter day" on the campus of every college and university where there is a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. That is the day that has been designated by the Supreme Council as the first annual National Alpha Phi Omega Citizenship Day. This infant activity is in the experimental stage, but with the full cooperation of every Chapter it may be highly successful.

## 50 Years Ago

*Torch & Trefoil  
September 1947*

Beta Rho Chapter at the University of Arkansas has officially been reactivated only since March 9, 1947, but the group which first met shortly before Christmas 1946 has been working together to overcome organizational problems and build membership. (Beta Rho Chapter was one of many chapters that went inactive during WWII, but obviously came back strong!)

## 25 Years Ago

*Torch & Trefoil  
Fall 1973*

What is KAB Day? You can bet everyone in Tucson, Arizona, knows! Theta Iota Chapter at the University of Arizona adopted a project to "Keep America Beautiful" in cooperation with local Boy Scout & Girl Scout Councils to clean up tons of litter from around the city.



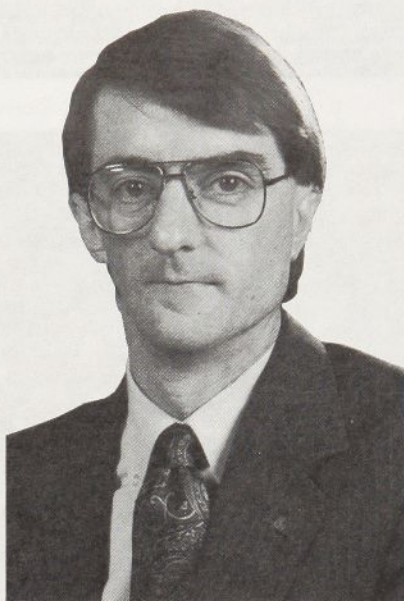
# Let's Get Serious About Our Principles

by Jack McKenzie, National Vice President

From time to time, the National Fraternity is made aware of members who place other members in uncomfortable and humiliating situations. The participants vary from actives and pledges to alumni and advisors, and the circumstances range from practical jokes and frivolous games or ceremonies to improper sexual advances.

Often these incidents are only peripherally related to the Fraternity. They are not a part of a Fraternity event or program, but the participants come into contact with each other (such as in a social setting or while attending a conference or convention) because of their mutual association with Alpha Phi Omega.

Such instances raise fundamental questions about trust and respect. Every member of Alpha Phi Omega should be able to trust every other member without fear of abuse, deceit or embarrassment. Every member should treat every other member with respect and dignity – first as a person and, beyond that, as a valued friend within a Fraternity that bases its reputation on service to others,



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leadership for the common good, and high standards of personal conduct.

Each of us has a responsibility to apply those standards to our daily actions and to our relationships with others. For when these ideals are violated, individual members get hurt, their chapters suffer from the fallout, and the entire Fraternity is damaged. Those are serious and very real consequences, and we should do everything possible to prevent them from happening.

As your chapter starts a new academic year, I encourage you to spend some time discussing the importance of trust and respect among your members. Consider that trust and respect are essential not only in chapter meetings and service projects, but in all of our dealings with each other.

After all, Leadership, Friendship and Service were never meant to be just principles of membership in Alpha Phi Omega; they are principles meant to guide all that we do.

## HISTORY FACT

### FALL PLEDGE CLASS OF 1985

Phyllis Tenney, affectionately known as “Mrs. T,” was honored with the Fall Pledge Class Namesake distinction. “Mrs. T” had been the advisor to Phi Epsilon Chapter at the Maine Maritime Academy since its beginning in 1967. Her guidance and spirit in the Chapter service program were felt worldwide. After 30 years “Mrs. T” is still an advisor to Phi Epsilon Chapter.



# Minutes of the Board Meeting

*Action taken at the Summer Board Meeting, July 19, 1997, at Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA*

- Suspended the membership of Kenneth Morgan Knott for violations of trust and malfeasance in the office of Zeta Beta treasurer, with recommendation of expulsion by the 1998 National Convention.
- Suspended the Lambda Upsilon Chapter at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Fraternity's membership and risk management policies, with a recommendation of charter revocation by the 1998 National Convention.
- Approved the appointment of a committee to study the continuum of impacts on the Fraternity by unofficial functions, developing if necessary, a position statement for consideration for adoption by the National Board.

- Extended the contract of the National Executive Director for 1997-1998.

- Approved the 1997 Operating Budget.

- Selected the late Fr. William T. Cunningham, Advisor to the Eta Pi Chapter, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan, as the 1997 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.

- Confirmed the action of the President appointing Dave O'Leary as Chair of the National Scouting and Youth Services Committee.

- Confirmed the action of the President in his appointment of Kari Ann Trunnel, Eta Lambda Chapter, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, as the 1998 National Convention Chair.

- Additionally, the National President declared the following charters to be null and void for non-payment of dues for the past two years:

- Phi Beta Chapter, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

- Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter, Northeast Louisiana State University, Monroe, LA

- Phi Delta Chapter, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA

- Theta Xi Chapter, Parks College, Cahokia, IL

- Alpha Delta Alpha, Rutgers University at Camden, Camden, NJ

## New Petitioning Group

*On April 19, 1997, a Petitioning Group was established at the University of Texas at El Paso. Eight new Petitioners formed the new group. In attendance were Belton Lim, Region VII Director; Corey Weiss, Section 40 Chair; former National President Dr. C.P. Zlatkovich and several members of the section staff. The group hopes to charter this fall. This group is just one of 15 Petitioning Groups we had this past school year.*





# WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 3-5

*Section 99 Conference*  
Host: Alpha Gamma Sigma Chapter  
Jersey City State College  
Jersey City, NJ

*Section 88 Conference*  
Host: Mu Omicron  
Clarkson University  
Potsdam, NY

### October 10-12

*Section 35 Conference*  
Host: Alpha Eta and  
Gamma Xi Chapters  
Kansas City, MO

### October 11-12

CPW  
Sacramento, CA

### October 17-19

*Region VI Conference*  
Host: Zeta Alpha Chapter  
Bradley University  
Peoria, IL

*Region VII Conference*  
Host: Xi Delta Chapter  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX

### October 24-26

*Region III Conference*  
Host: Iota Lambda Chapter  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, NC

*Region V Conference*  
Host: Delta Theta Chapter  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

*Section 89 Conference*  
Host: Phi Chapter  
Syracuse University  
Syracuse, NY

### October 25

*Section 4 Conference*  
Reno, NV

*Section 7 Conference*  
Moscow, ID

### October 31- November 2

*Region IX Conference*  
Host: Mu Theta Chapter  
Luther College  
Decorah, IA

*Section 32, 33 & 34 Conference*  
Host: Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS

### November 1

*Leadership Development  
Workshop*  
Host: Gamma Phi Chapter  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, MI

### November 3-9

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

### November 15

*Section 1 & 2 Conference*  
Los Angeles, CA

### December 27-30

*Region IV Conference*  
Host: Psi Omega Chapter  
University of Central Florida  
Orlando, FL

*Region X Conference*  
Host: Gamma Gamma Chapter  
University of California - Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA

### December 28-30

*Region I & II Conference*  
Host: Omicron Alpha Chapter  
Kutztown University  
Kutztown, PA

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