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National Convention in '98

Our National Convention is less than four months away and exciting Leadership, Friendship and Service opportunities are being "Snowballed Into One" at our convention headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pictured above are members of the 1998 Convention Planning Committee waiting to greet you. Our 33rd Biennial National Convention will be at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency on the famous Nicollet Mall, only a short distance from the Great Mall of America. One of the great facts about Minneapolis is that it is weatherized. All major food and entertainment opportunities in the city are connected by skywalks.

Plan now to join 2,000 Alpha Phi Omega members for the following:

- Attend over 30 planned seminars on personal or professional growth.

- Attend workshops on membership, retention, leadership development, and alumni relations.
- Participate in service projects to benefit the Fraternity and the Minneapolis community.
- Attend banquets, make new friendships and get reacquainted with old friends.
- At the Delegates Assembly, the Voting Delegates will discuss topical issues and make decisions that will impact our Fraternity for the next two-year period and beyond.

Our National Conventions are filled with activities that will enrich each member. Each Chapter has received a convention registration packet. Alumni can register using the form on page 15 of this issue. Make plans now to attend this unique celebration. Be a Leader. Be a Friend. Be of Service. Be in Minneapolis!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY WILFRED M. KRENEK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

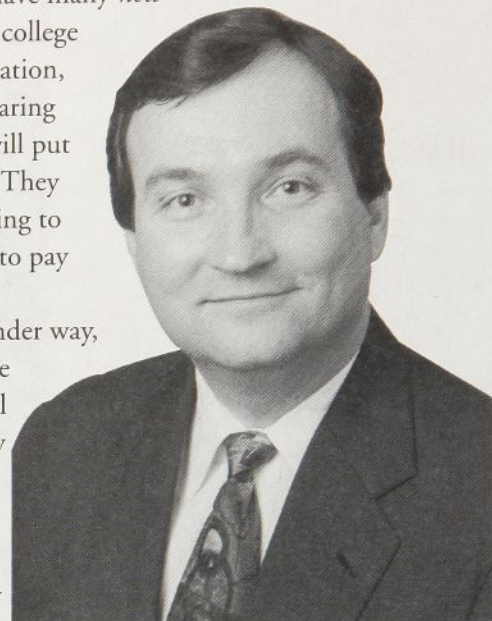
It's a "New" Fall

With the beginning of Fall, we have many *new* challenges ahead of us. On over 335 college and university campuses across the nation, Alpha Phi Omega members are preparing for a *new* semester, or quarter, that will put them one step closer to their degree. They are registering for *new* classes, adjusting to *new* schedules and figuring out how to pay for all those *new* books.

Once the academic classes are under way, it's time to turn your attention to one other brand *new* class—the 1998 Fall Pledge Class. This year the Fraternity has chosen to honor a long-time advisor, Joe Kuchta, as the National Pledge Class Namesake Honoree. There is another article in this publication that will tell you all about Joe, but let me say that the Fall 1998 Pledges should feel honored to be in his Pledge Class. As your Chapter prepares to recruit and welcome *new* members into this amazing equal-service-opportunity organization, make sure that you are inviting all who care to provide service to others.

Diversity has long been a part of the Long-Range Goals of Alpha Phi Omega. It is recommended that each Chapter's membership reflect the make-up of the student population on the campus where they are located. On some campuses this happens naturally, on other campuses a concerted effort should be made during Rush to seek out *new* members who will help your chapter meet this goal. If diversity isn't currently part of your Chapter's Rush Program, I'd like to strongly encourage you to make it a consideration. We need your help to meet our Long-Range Goals.

This Fall brings with it many *new* challenges as the Fraternity prepares for our Biennial National Convention, December 27-30, 1998, in Minneapolis. And there will be even more *new* challenges as we gear up to celebrate Alpha Phi Omega's 75th Anniversary in the year 2000. The strength of the Fraternity, however, is only as strong as its individual Chapters. Support your *new* Chapter Officers as their terms begin and make every effort to recruit a strong and diverse Fall 1998 Pledge Class because, after all, they are the ones who will be representing your Chapter in the new century.



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:

For twenty-five years I have read each issue of the T&T from cover to cover. I was particularly moved by the Spring 1998 issue. Perhaps it was the smiling faces of the actives in performing their service projects or perhaps it was the fine article by Jack McKenzie about past President Earle Herbert, but I thought this was a very fine issue. Looking back on the eighteen years I served as the National Legal Counsel, I have fond memories. I applaud and encourage each APO member from the president to the newest pledge for maintaining the traditions of the Fraternity.

*Alex M. Lewandowski,
Past National
Legal Counsel
Zeta Tau '76*

DEar EDitor:

Congratulations on selecting Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

as the National Service Week theme for November 1998. Emotional and physical devastation is the result of these abuses and, most importantly, the lesson learned by the children that this is the way to have relationships within the family. Such negative education is perpetuated generation after generation; a vicious cycle that is difficult to interrupt. Illegal drugs — and especially the legal drug alcohol — play a tremendous role in domestic violence and sexual assault. The abuses of these chemicals need to be attended to.

*Max A. Schneider, M.D.,
CAS, FASAM
Epsilon Sigma '69*

ever known, a natural born leader, the one Brother of Alpha Phi Omega that I measured my commitment against (and always fell short) and, most of all, a valued friend. After Earle passed away, I had the opportunity to speak to an APO Brother and mentioned Earle's passing. His reply was, "That's too bad. Who was Earle Herbert?" That is why I was glad to see Jack's column and why I am writing this letter. Earle deserves to be remembered, for his example set as a brother and as a human being.

*Guy Conti
Kappa Beta, '81*

DEar EDitor:

I read with great interest Jack's (McKenzie) column entitled "Happy Birthday, Earle" in the Spring 1998 T&T. It started me thinking about all the fond memories I have about Earle Herbert. I thought he was one of the most decent human beings I had

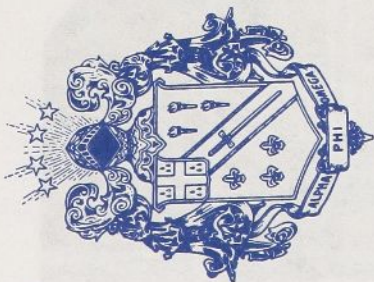
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WE'RE LISTENING

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



CHAPTERS



PI UPSILON **Drew University** **Madison, NJ**

Pi Upsilon Chapter at Drew University hosted the Section 99 Conference in the spring of 1998. The theme was "Steps to a Bright Future," and the day was filled with workshops, roll call, and APO Jeopardy. The conference kicked off with an icebreaker during which Brothers had to create newspaper statues of each other. Service projects included recording books for hospitalized children, visiting a retirement home, helping a handicapped woman with household chores, and doing renovations for the local Red Cross.



EPSILON **Truman State University** **Kirkville, MO**

Each semester, members of Epsilon Chapter at Truman State University devote an entire weekend to doing just that at Boy Scout Camp Thunderbird near Kirkville, Missouri. The Chapter started volunteering at Camp Thunderbird in 1975. In return for the service to the camp throughout the years, the Chapter is allowed to use the camp for fellowship activities.



ALPHA GAMMA XI

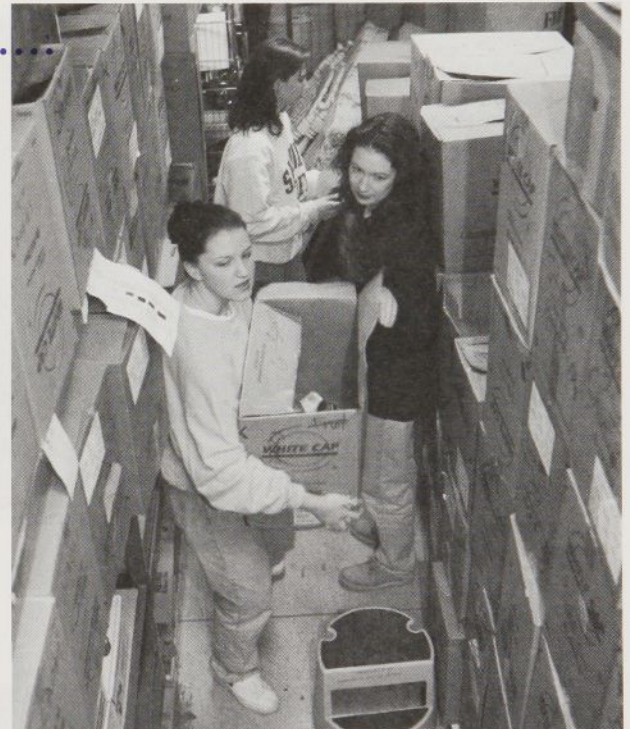
University of Dayton Dayton, OH

Members of Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter at the University of Dayton went out of their way to provide service on their recent spring break. They went on a "Spring Breakout" trip to New Orleans, where they each provided service to the Kenner Adult Day Health Care Center, El Yo Yo Day Care Center, Care Center Emergency Homeless Shelter and Crescent House, a battered women's shelter, all in New Orleans. They also worked at the New Orleans Harvesters Food Bank sorting and repackaging 5,550 pounds of food. The University of Dayton Center for Social Concern sponsors the "Breakout Trips." Members of the Chapter also have participated in service trips to South Dakota, Washington, DC, Kentucky and Haiti.

NU BETA

Hope College Holland, MI

Almost 200 Brothers attended the Section 54 Conference this past spring hosted by Nu Beta Chapter at Hope College. Besides attending workshops and seminars participants worked on a Habitat for Humanity project, cleaned buses for the Holland Dial-A-Ride system and made St. Patrick's Day place mats for the Community Kitchen. In the photo, sorting through boxes at the Community Action House, are members of another Chapter in attendance at the conference, Alpha Delta Upsilon of Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, Michigan.



PSI OMEGA

University of Central Florida Orlando, FL

This past spring Psi Omega Chapter at the University of Central Florida and the Greater Orlando Alumni Association joined together to assist victims of several tornadoes that had ripped through central Florida. The Brothers assisted at the Salvation Army warehouse by unloading trucks and sorting and packaging items for distribution to the victims of the storms. They also helped staff the drink table as shown here.



THETA MU

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN

Theta Mu Chapter at Vanderbilt University embarked on a project that helped develop leadership skills in Girl Scouts this past spring. The Chapter teamed up with the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley to help organize meetings and training workshops for the Young Women's Leadership Summit. The Chapter has decided to continue this effort in future leadership summits. The Chapter received a 1998 APO Youth Service Grant to help with the funding of this project.

RHO

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

Service is a serious game at Rho Chapter, at the University of North Carolina. This past year, projects included ushering for the football and basketball games, sponsoring blood drives on campus, tutoring elementary school kids, and recording text books on tape for kids who are behind in their reading skills. In this photo National President Wilfred Krenek joins a few members of Rho Chapter at the 1997 Region I & II conference.



ETA SIGMA

Illinois College Jacksonville, IL

Last December the Brothers of Eta Sigma Chapter at Illinois College spent time on a community service project that brought personal satisfaction as well as making other citizens happy. The Brothers went to the Convalescent Center in Jacksonville and assisted residents in making Christmas decorations. It is a project the Chapter hopes to continue.





MU

Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana

This past April, Mu Chapter at Indiana University organized an education carnival that proactively benefited the youth of the local community by encouraging them to participate in student-centered learning. The Chapter organized 15 separate booths, with topics covering dental hygiene, bicycle safety, world events, foreign languages, disabilities, physical education and other subjects. The project was partially funded by a 1998 APO Youth Service grant. This photo to the left was taken at the Chapter's eighth annual Rubber Duck Regatta. "A Duck for a Buck" raised money for the March of Dimes.

ETA PSI

California State University Chico, CA

This past school year, members of Eta Psi Chapter at "Chico State" were busy carrying out our principle of Service. Some of their projects included assisting an elementary school in Hopland, California, by pulling weeds and building planter boxes where students can plant seeds and see nature work. Members assisted residents of Oregon House, a local housing complex, after a fire destroyed 110 structures on the site. Students took up a collection on campus for clothes, blankets, towels and food for the victims. In the photo, members helped out at the local Red Cross, taking inventory and re-shelving supplies. The chapter also assisted the Red Cross throughout the winter, when flooding hit northern California, by answering phones and helping out at shelters.



IOTA OMEGA

SUNY at Brockport Brockport, NY

Like our other 335 Chapters, Iota Omega conducts activities in Leadership, Friendship and Service. However these Brothers have one distinction. This past year, with the Rush Chair and Membership VP in England on a study grant, the Chapter conducted the first international Chapter Program Planning Conference (CPPC) via satellite teleconference. As the photo reflects, members in the United States gathered in the SUNY - Brockport Student Union, where the TV monitor in the background provided state-of-the-art international communication.



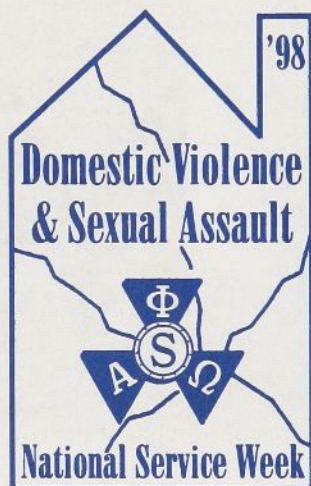
National Service Week

by mrn Tomusiak, National Service Chair

Between Monday, November 2, and Sunday, November 8, 1998, Alpha Phi Omega Chapters nationwide will participate in National Service Week. Since its inception as National Service Day in 1979, this event has become an Alpha Phi Omega tradition. The delegates at the 1996 National Convention in Phoenix selected COMBATING VIOLENCE AND POVERTY as the overall 97-98 National Program of Emphasis. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT was chosen as the specific theme for National Service Week 1998.

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 is also meant to encourage high-visibility projects that will impact the community, illustrate our purpose, and challenge leadership skills. This is a chance to show others what we're about.



Domestic violence and sexual assault are challenging but important topics. They are widespread in every community, though they may be hidden, which makes them all the more dangerous. They affect not only individuals of all social, economic, and cultural backgrounds, all ages, either gender, or any sexual preference; they negatively impact society as a whole. This kind of violence is extremely difficult to "fix," but you can help. APO chapters, petitioning groups and alumni associations can support the agencies that help victims rebuild their lives; raise awareness of the issues and publicize available resources; and provide positive role models, especially to youth, to help prevent violence. Chapters have already received the National Service Week Handbook

THREE PAST NATIONAL SERVICE CHAIRS FROM ONE CHAPTER

Pictured left to right are Kay Hairgrove Krenek, Dean Lewis N. Jones, and C. Eugene Lake at the Spring Banquet, April 25, 1998, of the Beta Sigma Chapter at Texas Tech University, where they all were members. Dean Jones, while Dean of Students at Texas Tech, served on the Alpha Phi Omega National Board of Directors for 18 years and was selected by the Fraternity as the National Pledge Class Namesake Honoree in the Fall of 1980. He is retired and lives in Lubbock, TX. Gene Lake was one of the Fraternity's professional field representatives from 1967 to 1970 and served on the National Board from 1972 to 1974. Gene is a Senior Account Manager for Abbott Laboratories and also lives in Lubbock with his wife, Susan. Kay Hairgrove Krenek, the first woman elected to the Board of Directors, served as National Service Chair, 1986-1990, and is currently a member of the Fraternity's 75th Anniversary Committee. Kay is a Creative Director at BBDO-Houston and primarily works on Texaco's advertising account.



LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

Meet the 1998 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Brother Joseph F. Kuchta



Joseph F. Kuchta ("COOK-ta") was born nearly 80 years ago in New Kensington, PA, a small town about an hour north of Pittsburgh. Along with everything else he has done during his richly productive life, he found time to raise a family of six successful, happy children.

World War II service in the Navy interrupted his study of biology at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. When the ships he served on were attacked, one of his responsibilities was to make sure patients were cleared out of sickbay and escorted safely to lifeboats. He was on two ships that went down; he reflects on this by saying: "I made it to Japan. It took me three ships." Altogether, he spent a total of 10 years in the Navy.

His long affiliation with the Red Cross began during WWII with his work on blood drives. He has continued involvement to this day and has been on the board of CPR instructor trainers. After the Navy he finished school and went to work at Massachusetts Institute of

Technology as a safety engineer.

Joe's lifelong Scouting career began during the Depression. Inspired by his Scoutmaster, Joe earned Eagle status and attended the 1937 National Jamboree in Washington, DC. Joe's idea of shore leave in WWII was to seek out local Scouts to do service. Throughout his Navy career, he continued working with Scouts in port. After the Navy, he also continued his activity with the Boy Scouts, serving as a Scoutmaster for a time. In 1983, he went through the Wood Badge course, a leadership program in Scouting.

Joe has been involved in many aspects of the Fraternity at the Chapter, Sectional, Regional and National levels for many years. He was initiated in Alpha Phi Omega as an advisor to Alpha Chi at MIT in 1974, although he was involved in the

Chapter long before then.

Throughout his life Joe has also been a participating member of the community. In addition to his work with the Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross, he has been active with many other organizations, such as Junior Achievement, the MIT Community Service Fund, the United Way, and the American Heart Association.

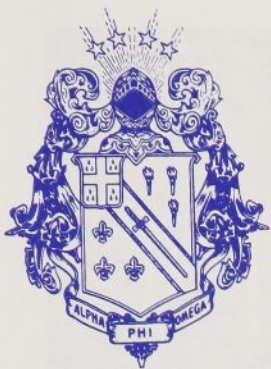
Among the many tributes he has received is the James N. Murphy Award, MIT's highest award for a staff member's service to the student body. He also has received the highest honor Alpha Chi can bestow, Chapter Life Membership, which the Chapter has given only four times in its over-60-year history, as well as the Chapter Distinguished Service Key.

Joe is a very positive role model. Pledges attending the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will have the added opportunity to meet Joe and experience firsthand his warmth and friendship! The Fraternity is proud to recognize Joe with this honor.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Action taken at the Summer National Board of Directors meeting held July 11, 1998, in Denver, Colorado.

- Determined to have the Chair of each Chapter Advisory Committee receive copies of select Chapter mailings and correspondence.
- Recognized the action of the Region X Director to remove Lambda Mu Chapter, California State University at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, from Administrative Review.
- Approved the charter of Alpha Epsilon Gamma (699) at Montana State University-Billings, Billings Montana.
- Approved the recharter of Eta Zeta at Montana State University-Bozeman, Bozeman, Montana.
- Determined that all elected volunteers at the Sectional, Regional and National levels will be requested to sign a statement that they have received, read and reviewed the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy and will be encouraged to have their staff/committee members also sign the form.
- Determined to encourage all chapters to make membership in our unique program of Leadership, Friendship and Service available to all students regardless of gender on their campuses.
- Approved that the National President reconstitute the Long-Range Planning Committee to review the Fraternity's existing Long-Range Planning process and make recommendations to the 1998 National Convention regarding future Long-Range Planning efforts.
- Adopted various recommendations to be presented to the 1998 National Convention regarding Convention Site selection bids and directed the Convention Site Selection Committee to prepare a guide for National Conventions bids, to include criteria to be met for bids to be considered by the National Convention legislative session. Criteria will be updated after the 1998 Convention.
- Selected Joseph Kuchta, Advisor to Alpha Chi Chapter at MIT as the 1998 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree.
- Approved the Fraternity's 1998-99 Operating Budget and the 1998 National Convention budget.
- Extended the contract of the National Executive Director for 1998-99.
- Approved a recommendation to the 1998 National Convention to amend the Toast Song from "Men of" to "[Men of/True to]".
- Approved the Convention Alcohol Policy for recommendation to the 1998 National Convention.
- Approved a recommendation to the 1998 National Convention for the approval of the National Convention Standing Rules as corrected.
- Approved Appendix F and Reference 4 of the Board Policy Manual, both of which refer to the Formation and Reactivation of Chapters.
- Approved a recommendation to the 1998 National Convention that there be eleven (11) geographical Regions by splitting the current Region X along the boundary that forms the northern border of California, Nevada and Utah and the Southern border of Oregon, Idaho and Montana.
- Directed the Regional Realignment Committee to complete the analysis of the factors affecting regional composition as suggested and directed by the 1996 National Convention. The results are to be reported to the 1998 National Convention Reference Committee addressing regional realignment.
- Approved a recommendation to the 1998 National Convention to amend the National Bylaws, Article IX - Chapters. Section 2. Requirements for Establishing a Chapter (paragraph 2); and Article VI of the Standard Chapter Articles of Association by replacing the words "Scouting Advisors" with the words "Scouting or other Youth Services Advisors."
- Declared the following Chapters inactive: Upsilon Gamma Chapter, Lake Michigan Community College, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Lambda Upsilon Chapter, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania.
- The President:
 - Appointed a committee to nominate a candidate for the Endowment Board of Trustees.
 - Appointed a committee to select Brothers to receive the National Distinguished Service Award at the National Convention.
 - Appointed a committee to review the use of Fraternity owned trademarks and copyrights and to review and recommend appropriate usage of these assets and other Fraternity symbols by Members and Chapters. The results of this review will be presented to the appropriate 1998 Convention Reference Committee for further determination.
 - Declared the following Charters null and void: Eta Mu Chapter, Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, New York; Zeta Phi Chapter, Howard University, Washington, DC; Rho Epsilon Chapter, Savannah State College, Savannah, Georgia; Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter, Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas; Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, New Mexico State University at Carlsbad, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Alpha Gamma Tau Chapter, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.



ALUMNI

Service Doesn't Stop After Graduation

Our desire to develop Leadership, promote Friendship and provide Service does not stop when we graduate. Many Alpha Phi Omega alumni continue to provide service to others as they build their lives. They take what they learned as actives in the Fraternity and apply it to the real world. Some alumni have even found their way to professional careers that are related to the type of volunteer service they helped provide in college. This includes a wide range from scouting professionals to volunteer coordinators for a Regional Blood Bank. From time to time, we highlight such alumni activities in this publication. If you, or a fellow member, are involved professionally or on a volunteer level with a service organization, we would like to know about it. Please submit the information to the T&T Editor at the address on page three. Here's a great example of Alpha Phi Omega alumni who are doing something that really helps others.

Project SEED

This impressive organization was first brought to our attention last February when we realized that at least three Alpha Phi Omega alumni are employed by this 34-year-old, non-profit, tax-exempt program. The goal of Project SEED is to increase the number of minority and educationally disadvantaged youth pursuing careers in mathematics and related fields. SEED coordinates mathematicians and scientists from industry, universities and research corporations to teach advanced, conceptually oriented mathematics to at-risk students in urban areas. The central components of the Project SEED program, in addition to direct instruction for students, include teacher training, staff development, family involvement activities and curriculum development.

The program has been evaluated extensively with consistently outstanding results and continues its successful track record in cities such as Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee,

Philadelphia, Berkeley, and Oakland. Results show that SEED students enroll in more advanced math courses, repeat grades less often and score significantly higher on nationally normed math tests.

Those results are impressive and so are the Alpha Phi Omega members who are working for this worthy cause. They include Terri Steigelman, Omega Mu, Spring '93 (Clarion University), Steve Newman, Nu Theta, Spring '92 (Rowan University) and Eileen Kramer, Mu, Spring '92 (Indiana University). Terri worked for Project SEED Dallas in 1996-1997 and is currently with Project SEED Milwaukee. Steve is with Project SEED Dallas, and Eileen is with Project SEED Indianapolis. In addition to her professional work with Project SEED, Terri is also currently serving on Alpha Phi Omega's Section 27 Staff and as a member of the 1998 National Convention Planning Committee.

You can find more information on Project SEED at: www.projectseed.org

Still involved in promoting service?
Let us know about it...

Not Officially Unofficial

by John Wetherington, National Finance Chair

In some cultures, society's rules are strictly followed. In others they are routinely ignored. In our country we generally respect laws and other rules but love to look for ways to bend and twist them. Looking for tax loopholes is almost a national sport. The same holds true at the Fraternity level. I remember as a Pledge studying the National Bylaws and finding a loophole, wisely closed since, that we used for non-beneficial purposes (I'm not telling) without regard to possible negative consequences. We survived, but other student groups have made bigger mistakes and aren't around on campus today.

For over a year, Alpha Phi Omega has been operating under a National Convention-approved Risk Management Policy. This policy has much beneficial intent, to reduce the risk of physical harm to our members and others, to improve financial protection of our organization and its members and to provide legal protection for our Fraternity and Members.

In visiting with many of you at conferences and workshops, I have noted there is a lot of interest in these policies which we all operate under. I have participated in many good discussions; one of the biggest issues raised is what constitutes an official or unofficial activity. While there is some relevance to this designation, somehow it has been elevated well beyond its relative significance.

I doubt anyone would argue that it is OK to do harm to others as

long as it is done "unofficially". While the legal liability will shift if the activity resulting in harm is clearly unrelated to Alpha Phi Omega, that is not the primary issue. As taken from our policy "Risk Management means taking a few extra precautions, being more imaginative when planning events, and preparing for the well-being of everyone." Wearing hard hats and protective gloves at a construction

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site makes sense whether it is during a chapter project or at a job site. And, hazing is a dumb idea whether it's done to fraternity Brothers or the student down the hall.

If harm is caused by some activity, responsibility will be judged. Whether an event is associated with the Fraternity ("official") will

depend on the facts as seen by others outside the Chapter, often in an adversarial role. Calling an event "unofficial" will be but one small item in such a review. It would be nice if unambiguous rules would define what is a Fraternity event, but this is not the case.

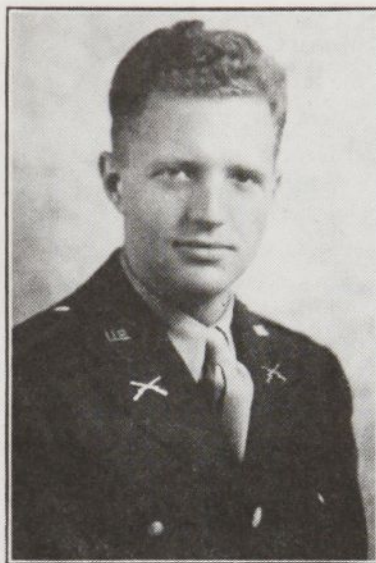
I recently chaired a committee to review the impact of "unofficial" events. The committee was formed out of an incident involving Fraternity Members but not in the context of a designated Fraternity event. The committee came to the conclusion that we cannot develop guidelines that cover all possibilities. We did decide that the designation "unofficial" as currently used is often meaningless. An activity involving multiple Members may be later defined as a Fraternity event regardless of how carefully you organize and publicize it.

The key point, however, is for all Members to take the time to protect themselves and others. Imagine in the shadow of a tragedy when an individual realizes they could have easily prevented the harm by the simplest of precautions. Imagine having to face the parents of an injured friend to explain what happened. Imagine threatening your Chapter's ability to offer its program of leadership, friendship and service to future generations. While you can be assured that your national leadership will take prudent steps to enforce the policies our membership establishes, the intent of the policy is to protect our friends and us. There's nothing unofficial about that.

A PAGE IN HISTORY

Torch & Trefoil September 1945...

In service to his country Lt. Ernest E. Woods Jr. was killed in action on January 31, 1945, as he led his infantry platoon in an assault on an enemy position in Belgium. He had been previously wounded on December 16, 1944, evacuated to a Paris hospital, and awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Because of the intensity of the fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, less than a month later he had rejoined his unit on January 18, 1945. He had married his college sweetheart on June 29, 1944. His wife gave birth to their son on May 29, 1945. Found among his personal effects was his APO membership card. He had attended Wentworth Military Academy before entering Kansas State University and becoming a member of Pi Chapter in 1940. The Fraternity mourns the loss of this good brother. He exemplified the truest spirit of Service in a great cause.



Torch & Trefoil Fall 1973...

Eta Chapter at the Northern Illinois University added an international dimension to Alpha Phi Omega's national project in support of the Peace Corps. The Chapter contributed \$1,000 to assist in the building of a



school in Guatemala. In the above photo are, left to right, Dr. Ernest E. Hanson, Vice President, Student Personnel Services of Northern Illinois University; Dr. Francis R. Geigle, Executive Vice President and Provost; Mr. Dwayne Stevenson, Director of Community Relations for the Peace Corps; and Brian T. Malec, President of Eta Chapter.

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

65 years ago

1934 Edition of the "LightBearer"

In October 1934 the Time and Place Committee for the forthcoming National Convention announced that the meeting would be at the Hotel President in Kansas City, Missouri. Its facilities are ideal. The hotel has 450 rooms, all with private baths. Every Chapter may begin planning its delegation with the assurance that the meeting will not be expensive for the delegates.

50 years ago

Torch & Trefoil September 1948

Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Miami notes that the spring Ugly Man contest netted \$566, which was used to aid war orphans in Europe. The Chapter appeared on a local radio program with the winner and made the community more aware of the work of APO.

25 years ago

Torch & Trefoil Fall 1973

Chi Chapter at UCLA installed Coach John Wooden as an Honorary Brother. Coach Wooden, twice named to the Basketball Hall of Fame, as a player and as a coach at UCLA, exemplified true Alpha Phi Omega leadership.

Limited Opportunity! "ACT" Now!

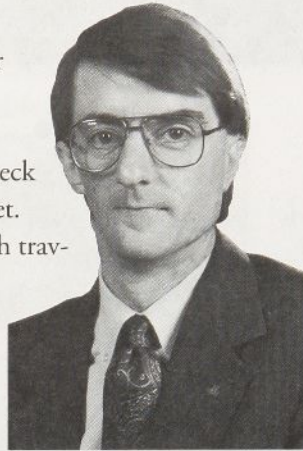
by Jack A. McKenzie, National Vice President

For most people, it's September. For APOs, it's "ACT" — as in "Almost Convention Time."

For every Chapter and Member, now is the time to get ready for our 1998 National Convention, December 27-30, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here are three things to do as soon as possible:

- Figure out your finances: Hold fundraisers. See if any assistance is available from your school. Drop hints for early Christmas presents. Calculate how much you'll need and then develop and implement a plan to reach that goal.

- Make your travel arrangements: Check the Internet. Check with travel agents. Check with neighboring



Chapters. Decide the best way to get there and then make whatever reservations necessary to ensure that you do.

- Register with the National Office

and the hotel: When your Chapter's registration packet arrives, read it carefully, fill out the registration and reservation forms completely, and then mail them (with whatever fees apply) promptly. To be ready for this, Chapters need to select their Voting Delegates now so those Brothers can be registered as such and can indicate on the registration form what their reference committee preferences are.

Taking these three steps will put you a long way down the road to Minneapolis. Start your journey today. For when autumn comes, the Convention cannot be far behind.

Discovering My Heritage through APO

by Pam Decker, Omega Gamma, San Angelo, Texas

Family and friends have told me that I am my father's daughter. I was five when he died of a heart attack. My strongest remembrances of him were through the stories of my mother and older sisters. As I grew, my family told me that I had the same interests he had in photography, politics, and government and in generating a good debate around the family dinner table. But, I had no idea how much I was the daughter of Richard Turner.

Then last September I pledged the Omega Gamma Chapter at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Actually, I was a member of the re-chartering group, and rebuilding the

chapter was an enjoyable challenge.

In October, I traveled to St. Louis to visit my sister who was recuperating from surgery. I had worn a baseball cap with our Greek letters on the crown. My sister kept looking at me in a strange way. When I asked her why she was staring, she said, "Wait. I will be right back". She returned with a small brass looking pin. She said, "This was Daddy's, and I think it is the same fraternity he belonged to." I couldn't believe it. My sister and I just kept looking at the pin, thinking about the incredible parallels. I called my Mom, who told me that Dad had pledged a "service frat" when he was in college.

In fact she still had a sweater that he received as a Brother of APO.

I called the National Office and found out that my Dad had been a brother of the Theta Kappa Chapter at Harper College (SUNY-Binghamton) in Binghamton, New York, and was initiated on May 15, 1950. When our Chapter has a Pledge or Active ritual, I wear both my father's pin and mine. I almost feel his presence within me. Time after time I have found myself walking in the footsteps of my father without knowing until after the fact that I was doing so. Since he died when I was so young, I revel in how much I have become like my father.

1998 Convention Registration Information

WHEN

December 27, 28, 29, 30, 1998

WHERE

Hyatt Regency,
Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Call 1-800-233-1234 for
reservations.)

WHO

All Pledges, Actives,
Advisors, Life Members,
Honorary Members,
Alumni, family members and friends of
Alpha Phi Omega are invited and encouraged to attend this
fantastic four-day extravaganza of Leadership, Friendship
and Service.

WHAT TO DO

There will be legislative and leadership-development activities that will shape the future of the Fraternity and fellowship experiences ranging from casual conversations to dances, alumni events, a talent show plus two really great banquets. And, there will be the many exciting activities that the great Twin Cities have to offer.



Minneapolis 1998

HOW TO REGISTER

Convention packets were mailed to all Chapters so that Active members can register. Alumni should fill out the form below and mail, fax or email to the National Office. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Call 1-800-233-1234 for hotel reservations.

COSTS

Convention costs:

- Registration before December 1 - \$35
- Registration after December 1 - \$40
- Fellowship Banquet - \$16
- Awards Banquet - \$19

(NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance because the Fraternity has to guarantee payment for a certain number of meals well ahead of the event.)

- Hotel Rooms - \$52 per night - single, double, triple, or quad occupancy. Room tax is currently 12%.

GETTING TO MINNEAPOLIS

Check within your Section or Region to see about group transportation opportunities. Recommended sources for airline travel arrangements are:

- Northwest Airlines (1-800-328-1111)
- APO ID Code: NMG3D
- America West (1-800-548-7575)
- APO Tour Code: AP6085

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: <<http://members.aol.com/apoinmpls>>

Alumni National Convention Registration Request Form

Please send registration materials for the 1998 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE _____

INITIATING CHAPTER _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

Mail or e-mail to National Office (see page 3 for addresses).

WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Region IX Rally
Host: Eta Lambda Chapter
University of Wisconsin
Eau Claire, WI

SEPTEMBER 26

Section 30 Conference
Host: Epsilon Xi Chapter
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO

SEPTEMBER 30

MIDNIGHT - Deadline for submitting legislation for the 1998 National Convention

OCTOBER 2-4

Chapter Program Workshop
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

OCTOBER 9-11

Section 70 Conference
Host: Chi Zeta Chapter
University of Tennessee
Martin, TN

OCTOBER 16-18

Tri-Sectional
Sections 32, 33, & 34
Host: Theta Sigma Chapter
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK

OCTOBER 17

Section 48 LD Conference
Host: Lambda Rho Chapter
Augustana College
Rock Island, IL

OCTOBER 23-25

Section 54 Conference
Host: Alpha Delta Upsilon
Chapter
Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw, MI

Section 88 Conference
Host: Alpha Beta Chi Chapter
SUNY Plattsburg
Plattsburg, NY

OCTOBER 24

Section 4 Conference
Host: Eta Psi Chapter
California State University
Chico, CA

Section 99 Conference
Host: Nu Psi Chapter
Montclair State University
Montclair, NJ

OCT 30 - NOV 1

Section 94/96 Conclave
Host: Kappa Omicron Chapter
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA

NOVEMBER 2-8

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK
"Combating Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault"

NOVEMBER 6-8

Section 62 & 64 Conference
Hosts: Alpha Delta Omega &
Lambda Omega Chapters
Camp Twin Echo
Ligonier, PA

NOVEMBER 14

Sections 1 & 2 Conference
Host: Alpha Delta Theta Chapter
University of California
Riverside, CA

DECEMBER 27-30

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