

*Alpha Phi Omega's*

# TORCH AND TREFOIL



An Eastern Illinois State College student, at left, receives a check in amount of \$613.44 from Brother Jack Ulrey, president of Delta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. The check represents proceeds from a dance sponsored by the Chapter to help pay for expensive brain operations performed to save the student's wife from paralysis. Dr. R. G. Buzzard, president of the college, second from left, and Dr. Donald R. Alter, chairman of advisory committee, observe the presentation. Dr. Buzzard recently became an honorary member of the chapter.

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## IN MEMORIAM Professor Jeff D. Smith

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## BROTHERS

As a member of the Alpha Xi Chapter degree team, Frank Horsfall had the pleasure of helping initiate his own brother, John Horsfall, as a member of Gamma Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington.

Another member of the Alpha Xi degree team, Ed Tallyn, will have the honor of helping induct his brother, Bill Tallyn, Jr., into the new chapter at Eastern Washington College of Education this month.

## TORCH and TREFOIL

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This month the members of the Boy Scouts of America are observing the 38th anniversary of the organization. Emphasis is being placed upon conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens, safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up.

Scouting promotes world peace through World Jamborees and practical contacts among 42 nations with 4,409,780 members of all races, creeds and colors.

Alpha Phi Omega salutes the Boy Scouts of the world upon their tremendous accomplishments in the short span of years since the founding by Lord Baden-Powell of England.

This fraternity endeavors to carry into adult life the principles of Scouting and the ideal of the Good Turn in our program of Leadership, Friendship and Service. There are now more than 7,000 active members of Alpha Phi Omega on campuses from coast to coast, and more than 10,000 additional alumni.

## FINLAND BOY "ADOPTED" BY OMICRON CHAPTER

The members of Alpha Phi Omega at the University of Iowa have announced the adoption of Taisto Voitto Valtonen, an eleven year old boy living in Helsinki, Finland. Arrangements were made through "Save the Children Federation." This is outstanding means of service. Congratulations to Omicron Chapter!

# A Message From Our National President

By Dean Arno Nowotny

*University of Texas*



Another year is now spread on the pages of the history of Alpha Phi Omega. All of us should know and study that history, for history is made by men who know history. What we did or failed to do we cannot change, but the year ahead depends on us. Alpha Phi Omega has no place for idleness, indifference or petty quarrels, for this thing we call Alpha Phi Omega rests on the deep-rooted conviction that college men are banded together under the banner of Friendship, Leadership, and Service.

At the close of the Kansas City convention in 1946, we resolved that when we gathered again we would be in a position to point with pride to a stronger, a larger and a more useful fraternity. Our hopes and aspirations were high. Twenty-nine strong, new chapters have been installed, and in sixty other colleges groups are in the process of establishing new chapters; yet we have never sacrificed quality for quantity for we have kept a proper balance between chapter expansion and organizational expansion. There is no value in "organizing a failure."

Over 7,000 men are in our active ranks today, with 10,000 additional alumni included in our brotherhood. Thousands of man-hours of service have been rendered, with one chapter alone contributing 2800 man-hours of service last semester. The State of Missouri, with sixteen chapters, is being crowded to hold its place of leadership in the number of chapters. It should be a matter of considerable pride to us that every chapter is stronger today than a year ago.

In spite of additional expenditures necessary to serve these additional chapters, our financial position is excellent and reflects sound management by our National Secretary. I know of no national organization that gives so much for so little. We must look for larger national office quarters and additional help in the near future.

I wish I could have visited every sectional conference, but judging from the two meetings that I attended at Austin, Texas, and Macon, Georgia, we have had profitable, enjoyable, and working conventions.

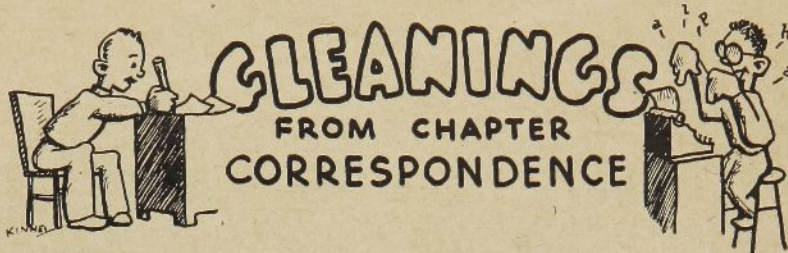
Our National Editor and National Secretary invite your suggestions for strengthening the Torch and Trefoil and the National Bulletins sent out periodically. These publications should keep us nationally minded and help us sell APO to others.

This year we will hold our next National Convention. No effort should be spared to make it the best ever, and chapters should begin plans now to send delegates to this meeting next December. At that meeting, I hope some one will present us another new song that will thrill all delegates, that new projects will be described, and that we can begin some form of an H. Roe Bartle Foundation.

Each chapter should "adopt" a

foreign student now and help him to know our campuses and our American traditions, not only because of what we can do for him, but because they are among our finest people and we can learn much from their culture and make friends for America all over the world. America is going to need such friends everywhere. It is good fire insurance for our future.

I am grateful to the members of the National Executive Board and to our National Secretary, Sidney North, who have given vigorous and vital assistance during the past year. We have heard much in recent weeks about Bowl games—Rose, Sugar, Orange, Cotton, etc.; but you and I have the happy privilege of participating in our **Service Bowl**. We have attempted to review past performances and plan for the future and resolve to fulfill our plans. You and I are the players in this Bowl game, and not mere spectators. There are no substitutes, and we must play the game to its bitter or glorious end. It is a laboratory where we can practice and develop the grass roots of democratic living and where theory is flamed into action. Alpha Phi Omega—through this Service Bowl—is a great team that cannot be denied the victory. The decision is not for a championship, but for eternity. We must not—we will not fail.



#### WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

We have raised nearly \$100 toward our goal of \$400 needed for the Flag Pole Memorial to World War II men of Willamette killed in action. In addition, we have assisted in the March of Dimes campaign and are planning to sell tickets for the current stage production on our campus. We furnish ushers at the weekly all school chapel services and are planning to redecorate Chresto Cottage, the building used by campus organizations for meetings. Our chapter is going strong.

—Stanley D. Ryals, President.

#### LA FAYETTE COLLEGE

In 1948 we plan to have regular swimming periods for Scouts in the gymnasium, erect benches purchased by the college at a convenient point on the campus and conduct our annual Scout rally. In addition, we plan to hold a dinner-dance open to all students of the college.

W. C. Menzies, Jr., Historian.

#### NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

During the past quarter, Beta Upsilon Chapter has performed several services including managing the concession stand at football games, ushering at many school activities, assisting in traffic control and arrangements for homecoming (the most successful in many years), planned blood bank donations from the students for the Veterans hospital at Wadsworth, Kansas. The latest project is the March of Dimes.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Alpha Zeta Chapter collected baskets of food for the needy at Thanksgiving, and our new pledges were a great help. The baskets were collected from the fraternities and sororities on the campus, which cooperated wholeheartedly in the project. We ended our activities for the year by electing new officers. We have ideas for projects in the future, and with our new manpower we expect a very successful year.

—Joe L. Craig, Historian.

#### BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

We are expecting big things in Delta Xi Chapter during 1948. New officers have been elected and we have a large pledge group.

—Jack Buscher, Secretary.

#### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

We are looking forward to a big year with many and varied activities with the help of our new members. The new pledge class is the largest we have had, and they are an enthusiastic group.

—John W. Elliot,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### QUEENS COLLEGE

Gamma Omicron Chapter is glad to report twelve projects recently completed or in process of completion: Handling the student activities mail room, collected and cut wood for an outdoor sports jamboree, handled the publicity for dedication day ceremonies at the college, ushered at many college and community events, assisted in the inter-boro Scout jamboree, participation in the Damon Runyon Fund drive, handle Student Council elections, launch a fire prevention campaign, prepared a schedule of vacant classrooms to be used for study, wrote an inspiring Queens pep song, serving as hosts at the New York Library Club meeting, and now working toward establishing new chapters at Columbia and Hofstra College.

—Nelson Varon,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Delta Tau Chapter started its first full year of activity last fall with plenty of zip. Most of the members returned a few days early and helped proctor the freshman exams, and all members helped in the three days of registration. It was a lot of work, but a very worthy project. Later we helped usher at the home football games. We have recently voted to establish a \$200 scholarship for some Scout to attend the university. Also, we have had a local tie-maker furnish us with bold hand-woven ties with Greek letters of APO woven into them. We wear them at all functions we are sponsoring.

#### MILWAUKEE STATE

We are having executive committee meetings regularly and find these very beneficial in planning Upsilon's activities. They assist in making our regular meetings short and snappy.

—Sam Christoplis, President.

#### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

We have made plans for many activities for the next semester and will be going full speed.

—James M. Chenoweth, President.

#### YALE UNIVERSITY

Our chapter is this year again sponsoring the March of Dimes campaign at Yale University and so far it is going well. We expect to collect over \$500.

—George Berstein, Corr. Secretary.

#### WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE

A polio benefit "tacky Party" conducted by Epsilon Eta Chapter netted \$61.60 for the March of Dimes.

—Paul M. Peterson,  
Chairman of Advisory Committee.

#### COLORADO A & M COLLEGE

At an executive committee meeting a few days ago, plans were made for the next semester's activities of our new chapter.

—Maurice Cartier, President.

#### OREGON STATE COLLEGE

The prize for the best window in our window decorating contest for all Scout Troops in Corvallis will be a week at Camp Lucky Boy for one Scout from the winning troop. We are also conducting the Scout swimming instructions again.

—Fred W. Linton, Past President.

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Gamma Theta Chapter has completed its most eventful year, with many activities. During freshman week last fall we conducted guide tours for new students and transfer students. The turnout was very good and the response enthusiastic. We also aided in instilling spirit into the various pep rallies and a Scout census was taken during registration. Soon thereafter we began the arrangements for the "Traditional Turkey Strut" held in Denver following the CU-Denver football game. On December 5 we held our formal initiation ceremonies with a dinner dance and presentations for outstanding work were made to Brother J. B. Cox, former pledgemaster and new president, J. N. Watts and Anthony W. Ray. Just before the Christmas vacation we conducted a traffic survey for the city of Boulder, on traffic conditions of streets adjoining the campus. Further surveys are planned and the findings will be sent to the state highway department. On December 13 the ritual team of Gamma Theta Chapter motored to Ft. Collins to conduct the installation for the new Epsilon Xi Chapter at Colorado A & M College.

—Joseph R. Smith, Secretary.

#### UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

We are conducting the Ugly Man Contest in connection with the March of Dimes. At a penny a vote, the dubious winner will be presented a plaque, and all proceeds will be donated to the March of Dimes Fund. Our Lost and Found Department also goes into effect in February.

Standley Porter, Secretary.

#### A WORLD INTERNATIONAL PATROL

Brother George E. Fay, a new active member of Beta Eta Chapter, University of Missouri, has established a World International Patrol of Scouts, now including 18 members in 14 nations. Contacts among these Scouts are maintained by correspondence and by a newsletter which George publishes. The members of the patrol live in Eire, Canada, England, Australia, Costa Rica, Jersey, Channel Islands, Greece, Norway, Holland, Trinidad, New Zealand and Funchal-Madeira and the U. S. A.

This is a splendid personal project to help spread world friendship and understanding.



### "COLLEGE SALUTE DAY" AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

In a new project of Omicron Chapter, representatives of nearby colleges are invited to the Iowa campus for a big week end. This picture, taken in front of the traditional Hawkeye Corn Monument erected at homecoming each year, shows five students from Cornell College of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, with two members of the host chapter. Left to right are Brothers Tom Neenan, past president, and George Newland, with visitors Bob Hawthorne, Ben Conner, Tom Brunkow, John McNielly, and Alice Thomson. The five are honor students chosen by their student body to make the trip.

After a tour of the campus, the visitors attended the homecoming dance, stayed overnight in fraternity and sorority houses and next day were treated to the football game between Iowa and Wisconsin.

This project has been going on every weekend, and thus far fifteen Iowa colleges have been invited. The several departments and organizations have given fine cooperation in the entertainment of the guests.

In addition to the other features, the visitors are interviewed on a half hour radio show on Station WSUI.

### REGISTRATION SERVICE AT DRAKE



During the fall registration at Drake University, Omega chapter of Alpha Phi Omega received high praise from the registration department for its fine work. However, the members received their biggest commendation for their refusal to accept money for their services. They informed administrative officials that they were "rendering service to the student body and faculty."

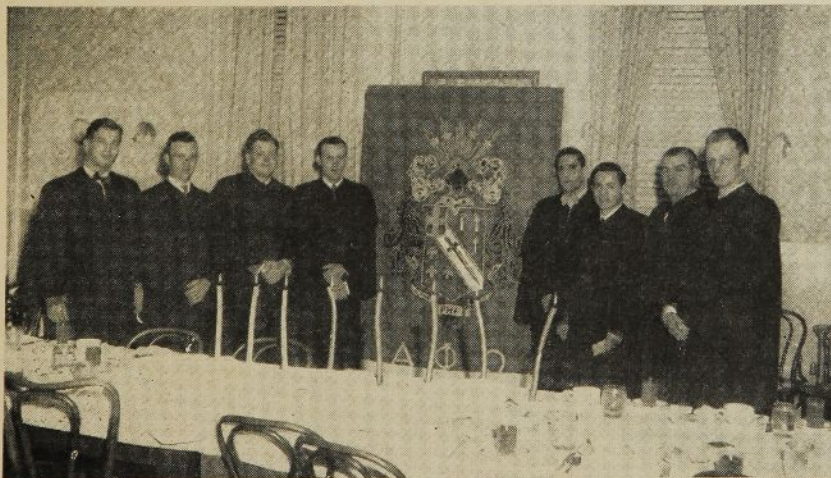
It all came about when Barbara Mott, an employee of the registrar, informed Dick Engebretsen and Gene Stradley that they would be paid sixty cents an hour for working during registration.

Miss Mott was surprised when the two men announced that they would not accept compensation for their services. Dick explained that aid to the University is one of the aims of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and that the two men were members. He later explained to registration officials that Alpha Phi also renders service to the community and to the nation as participating citizens.

This little incident was just the beginning. The whole registration department was surprised that the men refused to accept remuneration for their services, even though they were working side by side with students who were being paid.

One thing is certain. This gesture has endeared Alpha Phi Omega to Drake University faculty and administrative personnel. The members of the chapter are convinced that little things are important. They are giving every project careful consideration because they believe that it is the responsibility of every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega to make friends with the students, faculty, administration and the community.

—Jim Flanagan,  
Publicity Director, Omega Chapter.



### A LARGE CREST USED IN BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

Shown here with the degree team of Beta Upsilon Chapter is a large Alpha Phi Omega crest in full color painted by one of the members. It was unveiled as part of the ceremony for the J. Edgar Hoover class of twenty-three new active members and one new advisor at Northwest Missouri State College.

### WHEELS

Some of the big wheels on the campus might take note of the physicist's definition of a wheel: "A wheel is a simple tool."

—Alpha Rho Chapter.



### VOTING SERVICE AT COLORADO

Check and double check. Brother Wayne S. Cavender of Gamma Theta chapter checks the registrations of two coeds before handing them their ballots. This was part of the procedure in the recent ASUC election. The photograph is by Past President J. C. Randle.

### THE POWER OF PEACE

A colonel in the Austrian Imperial army was once ordered to march against a little town in the Tyrol, and lay siege to it. The place was small, and unlikely to put up any great resistance, so the colonel was somewhat mystified by the remark of a prisoner. "You will never take that town," remarked the captive; "they have an invincible leader." As a precaution, the colonel doubled his force, and set out to take the town.

As the troops descended the pass through the Alps, they noted with surprise that the cattle were still grazing in the valley, and the men, women, and children were working in the fields. They smiled and greeted the soldiers with friendly words. The colonel expected a trap, but was unable to find any evidence of it.

The Austrians rode into the town, up the cobbled streets and into the market square. Women and children greeted them as they passed, and the small boys danced admiringly round the soldiers, making them feel as though this were a gala parade.

Completely mystified, the troops rode up to the Town Hall. No sign

of cannon, nor a soldier in the place. Instead there appeared a white-haired man wearing the insignia of a burgomaster, and followed by ten men in simple peasant's costume. They walked down the steps, completely undismayed by the array of armed force before them. The old man walked up to the colonel and held out his hand. "Welcome, brother," he said.

"Where are your soldiers?" the surprised colonel demanded.

"Soldiers?" asked the burgomaster, "why, sir, we have none."

"But we have come to take the town!"

"No one will stop you," was the calm reply.

"Is there none to fight?" asked the colonel.

The old man's face lit up with a smile. "No, there is no one here to fight. We have chosen God for our leader, and he taught men everywhere another way."

The colonel could not order his men to fire on smiling women and children, so he and his troops departed, leaving the town unmolested. He reported to headquarters that the town had offered unassailable resistance.



### "UGLIEST MAN" AT S.M.U.

Dubious winner in Alpha Omicron Chapter's ugly man contest last year was William (Toad) Ferguson, shown here displaying the trophy. At a penny a vote, a total of \$448.34 was turned over to the March of Dimes. Toad received 22,222 votes.



### Selling Christmas Seals at Southwest Missouri State

Beta Mu Chapter sponsored the sale of Christmas Seals for the tuberculosis society last December, as did many other A-Phi-O chapters from coast to coast. Shown here, left to right, are Gerald Gilbreath, who is pinning a hangel pin on the girl next to him, Todd Gigliotta, John Cox and Curtis Wilkerson.

## A SCOUT COMMISSIONER REPORTS

It is with much pleasure that I make to you this unsolicited resume of the services rendered to the Daniel Boone District of the Central Missouri Council of the Boy Scouts by Beta Eta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity of Missouri University.

Firstly, the Chapter has furnished one of the members to act as liaison man between the Chapter and the District officials. He has been functioning in the capacity of a deputy, a Commissioner-at-large. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with him.

Then, too, one of the members devoted himself to the salvaging of one troop here which was upon the verge of losing its charter through inertia. The troop was revived and re-activated as it surely would not have been otherwise.

Another member, himself a cripple, some months ago took it upon himself to visit the Crippled Children's Ward of the hospital here, teaching those children knot-tying, basketry, and other Scouting skills of which they were capable. He made many trips to the hospital in this capacity.

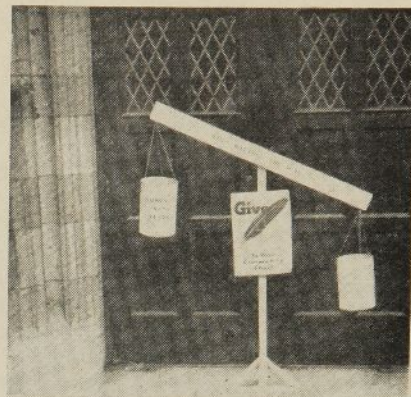
Several members of this chapter aided in re-establishing the Scout Troop of the Fred Douglass School (colored) here, that troop since having made a most enviable Scouting record.

All other troops in this District have had the services, at various times, of these fraternity men. The Chapter furnished judges for our Spring Camporee; they conducted a Patrol Leaders' Training Course very successfully and upon their own initiative, giving invaluable training to some forty-odd patrol leaders in this district; again, the Chapter members furnished plans and leadership for our District Scout Rally.

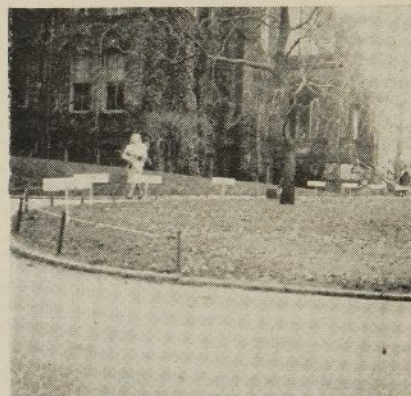
It would be impractical to minutely detail all the innumerable services and good turns done for our District by this Chapter, but its whole record of service and achievement has been a distinct inspiration to all of us in Scouting in the Daniel Boone District.

Jas. M. Mohler,  
District Commissioner,  
Daniel Boone District, B.S.A.

## VIEWS FROM COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



"Balance the scales" was the object of this device which was an effective part of Delta Zeta Chapter's community chest sponsorship.



Another feature of the campaign was a chest with a row of "Burma Shave" signs. The signs leading to the chest read: "Here's," "The Chest," "You Do," "The Rest," and the signs leading away from the chest read "You've Passed," "The Chest," "Did You," "Do Your Best?"

A total of \$1839.59 was collected by Delta Zeta Chapter, more than double the previous year.

### NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

At a basketball game we took in \$30.51 for the March of Dimes, and we also have a wishing well set up in the administration building so all students may contribute. Four of our members took part in a county Court of Honor recently.

—Herman J. Hausherr, Secretary.

### WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Epsilon Kappa Chapter has subscribed to the CARE fund on the campus which sends one CARE package a month to some needy European family.

—The Willamette Collegian.



## BISHOP O'HARA RECEIVES HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The membership certificate of the Alpha Phi Omega is shown being presented recently to His Excellency, Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, by officers of Gamma Xi Chapter of Rockhurst College. Left to right are Albert Piotrowski, president; Bishop O'Hara, the Rev. J. J. Higgins, S.J., chairman of the advisory committee, and Joseph Cartella, treasurer.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## SPRING DEDICATION

It has been recommended that each chapter dedicate its Spring 1948 Class of new members in honor of a local leader whom the members deem to merit this recognition. In every chapter there is undoubtedly someone whose service and devotion stands out over all others over a period of years—some Advisor, College Official, Scouter or other leader who has given particularly outstanding work in the chapter. This is your opportunity to say "Thanks" in a special sort of way. Consider this carefully in a chapter meeting, weigh the merits of this plan, and endeavor to select the person who is most highly deserving of this honor.

## MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATION

The Manual of Administration is an increasingly important instrument in chapter activities from coast to coast. It is now used extensively by officers, advisors and committee chairmen and is a handy guide book concerning the responsibilities of officers and other matters of chapter administration.

It also contains the Standard Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, offered as a basis for chapter operation. A list of suggested projects appears on pages 19, 20 and 21 of the manual.

This manual is recommended for your use and adaptation in the advancement of your chapter.

## PROJECTS

The annual financial campaign of the Red Cross will be conducted in March. This has long been an activity in which Alpha Phi Omega chapters participate.

The sale of Easter Seals will be conducted again this year for funds for the National Society for Crippled Children.

Also at Eastertime, an egg hunt for children of the near-campus neighborhood is always interesting.

Campus clean-up is another worthy project for consideration. When spring has "sprung," there are many ways A-Phi-O can help beautify the campus.

## NEW PETITIONS

Since the past issue, three more petitions have been received for new chapters at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Los Angeles City College, and Kent State University Extension School, Canton, Ohio. These petitions are now being submitted to all chapters for voting.

Several other preparatory groups will soon be ready to send their applications for the consideration of the fraternity. We are indebted to several transfer students and other members who have spread the word about A-Phi-O to these campuses.

Our fraternity is growing rapidly.