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"Save the Tiger" . . .

was the Clemson rallying cry during last November's blood-drive contest with the University of South Carolina. Shown here ministering to the symbolically injured Tiger are, from left, Gamma Lambda members Robert Hancock and Robbie Merritt, Clemson paramedics Mike Rowland and Billy MacAdams, and cheerleader Sandra Reid.

Gamma Lambda chapter assumes a vigorous administrative role in this annual blood drive. 1,295 pints of blood were collected at Clemson, and USC collected 1,001.

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APO/BSA relationship clarified

Alpha Phi Omega was founded by 14 former Boy Scouts who, in their college years, wanted to continue the spirit and action of service that they knew while they were active Scouts. The result was Alpha Phi Omega, a college organization for former Scouts.

Much has changed since 1925. Alpha Phi Omega has grown to be the largest collegiate service organization in the nation, with chapters on more than 300 campuses. Each year, more than 15,000 male and female students contribute hundreds of thousands of service hours to their campus, community and nation.

The close cooperation between the Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Phi Omega has remained constant. Indeed, just this past summer at the 1993 National Scout Jamboree, activities and alumni from more than 150 chapters visited the Fraternity's exhibit.

Recently, APO and BSA have been examining the future of our relationship.

This dialog was initiated by BSA to clarify the relationship between our two organizations in response to perceptions of official affiliation on the part of some members of the public.

As I said at our 1992 National Convention in Boston, APO and BSA are old friends. Friends often find it necessary to talk about individual and mutual interests, sometimes from differing perspectives.

I am pleased to report that we continue to agree that the mutually supportive relationship that has existed between APO and BSA for 67 years will continue.

We acknowledged our respect for the constitutional right of all private, voluntary organizations to determine their own values and policies.

Lastly, at the 1994 National Con-



Gerald A. Schroeder
National President

vention, I will propose changes to certain provisions in our National By-laws and ceremonies that might support the erroneous perception of affiliation between our two organizations among some members of the public.

The best interests of Alpha Phi Omega are well served by this outcome. First, our rich Scouting heritage is confirmed.

Second, BSA and APO will continue to collaborate in serving the youth of America. Since one-third of all respondents in a recent survey said they joined APO because of Scouting, this is particularly significant for our Fraternity.

Third, we will continue to enjoy the advice and support of representatives of BSA on both the local and national levels.

Finally, this clarification of APO/BSA common interests will enhance our ability to cooperate with other youth groups, such as the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

For all these reasons, Alpha Phi Omega will now be better able to extend its benefits and opportunities to more students on more campuses.

Our Fraternity will continue to offer America what it most needs — future leaders who care, who want to become part of the solution, who know they can make a difference, and who realize that service to others is a value worth sharing.

That is, after all, our heritage and tradition.

Fall pledge class

"... committed to leadership, devoted to service, dedicated to the Fraternity..."

It is because of these exhibited qualities and a determined attitude of genuine love of all Brothers, as well as a very sincere expression of humility, that Earle M. Herbert was unanimously selected as the 1993 Fall Pledge class namesake.

Earle began his APO life as a Brother in Chi Chapter at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1959. A year later, the Chi membership book reflects that he was elected chapter president. For his leadership and service the chapter presented him the Chapter DSK. After graduation he served as chapter advisor, Sectional Representative and Sectional Chair. He was a delegate to the 1967 Constitutional Convention and has attended every National Convention since 1964.

In 1968 Earle was elected the first regional representative for Region X. He served as National Publications Chair from 1974-1978 and in 1980 was the National Convention Coordinator for the Los Angeles Convention. During these years he received many sectional awards and regional honors, including the Regional Distinguished Service Key in 1982.

At the 1978 National Convention Earle was recognized for his total commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service. For this he was presented the National Distinguished Service Award. At the 1980 National

Convention, Earle was elected National Vice President.

At the 1982 National Convention in Kansas City, the voting delegates recognized Earle in the grandest manner. They elected him National President by acclamation. Similarly he was re-elected by acclamation in 1984 at the National Convention in Washington, D.C.

His active service continued after his presidency, as he was appointed chair of the International Concerns Committee. In 1987 he was appointed to chair the initial effort of our Long Range Planning Committee. He was again recognized at the 1988 Convention in Denver where he received the National Alumni DSK.

Earle's many years of volunteerism in the Fraternity rank him among the best of our Brothers. Many superlatives could be used in



Earle M. Herbert

tribute to him. Region X Director Allen Wong said it best when he wrote about Earle: "This Brother is a model of Leadership as he demonstrates appropriate and effective leadership skills. As a problem solver, he is logical and fair. As an orator, he commands great respect for his knowledge and enthusiasm. As a facilitator, he is dynamic and inspirational. Brother Herbert has been and is an exceptional ambassador for Alpha Phi Omega, not because he has a title, but because he has the commitment to the ideals of our Fraternity."

Earle's humanity has been an inspiration to many Brothers throughout the years. His ability to encourage others to increase their commitment and involvement is unique.

It has been said that, "if you know Earle, you know a true Brother of the Fraternity." Members of the fall pledge class of 1993 are very lucky and honored to have Earle M. Herbert as their namesake. They have much to look forward to and equally much to live up to in our Brotherhood.

Today's kids 'R' us ... tomorrow

Each year we ask the Fall Pledge Class Namesake to choose a special service idea for the pledges who enter the Fraternity in the fall semester. Earle asks this pledge class to think about "Kids!"

"Our future lies in our children," somebody once said; but more and more this future is becoming questionable as more and more of our children are experiencing a compressed — or non-existent — childhood. "Care-free" has become "care-worn." Open fields, where they exist at all, are no longer a place to run and play; rather they have become places to avoid because of perceived dangers. Even schools are no longer a sanctuary.

Granted, the most obvious examples of these situations occur in our larger cities, but even in many small towns a similar cloud of unease hangs over the head of parents and their kids.

I think — I KNOW — we can help, both individually and collectively. Put your imagination to work! What can your chapter (or you) do to increase the enjoyment, broaden the experience, or emphasize the APO values for the pre-teens (or teens) in your neighborhood. Examples? Working with or through established community organizations or churches, how about creating or refurbishing a vest-pocket park, or just taking some inner city (or other) kids to a zoo? In a recent newsletter, Epsilon Mu Chapter at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, described two other types of projects: raising funds to help a family whose foster children are all HIV+ and acting as tutors in the cancer ward of their Children's Hospital. (If there is a Ronald MacDonald House in your area, I'm sure they'd welcome your help.)

These are fine examples, but don't be limited in your ideas. APO has always been innovative and I'm sure that your chapter can come up with great ideas that are uniquely yours.

Let's make childhood a positive experience again.

EARLE M. HERBERT



Earle addressing the long-range planning committee.



Chapters go Wild West

This summer 13 Brothers from the **Zeta Beta Chapter** at Virginia Tech and two Brothers from the **Theta Chapter** at the University of Virginia, took a trip back in time to the Wild West for the Virginia Muscular Dystrophy Camp. Brothers helped special campers participate in arts and crafts, soccer, canoeing, horseback riding, and many other activities. The Zeta Beta Chapter donated \$150 from their outreach fund to help pay for arts and crafts supplies. "This was the most intense project I have ever worked on," said Zeta Beta Vice President Scott Burian, "and it is a great cause too." Children with muscular dystrophy usually cannot walk and have trouble participating in everyday events. Through the help of hardworking APO Brothers, handicaps were forgotten and Cowboys and Indians ruled the land once again. For more information, please write: Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University, P.O. Box 1011, Blacksburg, VA 24063-1011.

Projects galore

This spring the Brothers of **Upsilon Beta Chapter** conducted a service project lasting two weekends. They went to the local Boy Scout camp and repaired and built tent decks, cleaned the local vicinity and readied the camp for a May Camporee for several hundred Boy Scouts. In addition to this, they sponsored a scout retreat, worked at the local bloodmobile, volunteered at a senior citizen home, and sponsored a book "buy back," during the fall and spring semesters. From their fund-raising efforts they purchased toys for the charity, "Toys for Tots," and made donations to several national charities. For further information, contact: Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Saint Francis College, P.O. Box 66, Coalport, PA 16627.



Wheel of Fortune

If you were watching the "Wheel" one evening this past spring, you would have seen and heard Tammy Townsend, a Brother of **Alpha Rho Chapter**, exclaiming that she was a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Besides taking home some "personal winnings," her team won \$56,000 for a University of Texas scholarship.

Besides Tammy there were several other Brothers on the "Tube" this summer. They appeared on the television shows, "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy." It was great to hear "I'm a member of Alpha Phi Omega," knowing that in a flash, our name and principles were acknowledged nationwide!



Library saved

A leaky roof atop Alfred University's Herrick Library had the potential to cause a "tremendous loss" but Epsilon Gamma members and teamwork prevented the casualty. Those pictured are, from left, Brother Jessica Weida, Steve Crandall, Brother Dave Bachrach and Brother Dan Blass, Lorie McFadden, and (in front) Lana Meissner. (Crandall, McFadden and Meissner are Herrick library staff.) The Brothers volunteered to work with the library staff to clear the attic of shelving and other items so that repairs could be managed. The cooperative work of chapter members kept the special book collections and the University Archives from potential destruction. For further information, please contact: Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Alfred University, South Hall, 26 N. Main St., Alfred, NY 14802-1232.

Roofing for Service

If it is true that however you start a new year is how you are going to finish it, then Delta Chapter at Auburn University has a lot of roofing to look forward to. The chapter started off the new year with a project helping the Lee County Housing Project re-roof and paint a house for a family who was unable to afford it themselves. This project was chaired by Pledge Tyler Hart, who has since initiated. Over 20 Brothers, pledges, and little sisters participated, alongside a like number of volunteers from other organizations. A week later, 15 members of Delta went to Camp Sequoyah, a Boy Scout camp near Anniston, Alabama. Little did we know when we left, that we would be shingling another roof. We learned a very important lesson: If you plan to start roofing late in the morning, be prepared to finish it by the light of Coleman lanterns or headlights, after dark. Approaching thunderstorms are a heck of a motivator to work more quickly, though. The roofs that we finished are not quite perfect, but they don't leak! If you would like to find out how to shingle a roof or if you have any questions, contact Delta Chapter at Foy Student Union, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849.



Welcome New Charters *and . . .*



Alpha Gamma Phi

A charter was granted to Alpha Gamma Phi at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, on October 19, 1992.



Alpha Gamma Omega

On April 3, 1993, Alpha Gamma Omega was chartered on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.



Alpha Delta Delta

George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, is the new home of our 676th chapter, Alpha Delta Delta, chartered on May 8, 1993.

Theta Upsilon

The **Theta Upsilon** Chapter was originally chartered in 1950. The chapter had been inactive since 1976. Strong reorganization began in 1991. The chapter was reactivated December 4, 1992, and is located at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.



Delta Nu

Reactivated on April 25, 1993, **Delta Nu** Chapter at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, resumes a great history of service. The chapter was originally chartered on December 5, 1946, and had been active until the late '70s. Reactivation efforts began in 1991.



Phi Beta

Phi Beta, originally chartered May 8, 1969, had been inactive since 1978. Reorganization began in 1991. Phi Beta was reactivated May 8, 1993, at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



Accessibility Survey

by Lori Tsuruda and Nancy Goldberg, Alpha Chi Alumnae

"Leading the way to service," 40 generous Brothers volunteered their time at the 1992 national convention service project, Accessibility Surveying. Volunteers surveyed levels of physical and communication accessibility to persons with disabilities at retail stores, restaurants, and other businesses in Boston's historic Back Bay. Information collected became part of an electronic database to be utilized by consumers with disabilities who would like to patronize local businesses. Surveying encouraged businesses to think about accessibility with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and suggested potential "readily achievable" solutions to barriers.

Brothers noted features which make goods and services available to individuals who are currently unable to have the access other people take for granted. Surveyors determined whether there are navigable ramps, useable entrances, reachable counter tops, non-slip floors, etc. They also examined whether information was available in large type, braille, pictures, on audio tape, and/or via TDD. By the end of the service project, all the volunteers agreed that they had become more aware of physical and communication barriers. All involved plan to continue the work begun in Boston, raising ADA consciousness and promoting barrier removal in their own communities.



This project was developed by *People Making a Difference through Community Service*, with technical assistance from the Massachusetts Office on Disability and the Information Center for Individuals with Disabilities. For more information on accessibility surveying, please contact *People Making a Difference through Community Service*, 14 Sleeper St., #204, Boston, MA 02210-1225, (617) 426-1343, or LTSURUDA@pearl.tufts.edu.

More new Charters . . .



Alpha Gamma Psi

Mercyhurst College, March 13, 1993, Erie, Pennsylvania, Section 64, Region 5.

Alpha Delta Epsilon

Blue Springs Community College in Blue Springs, Missouri, chartered August 22, 1993, at the National Office.

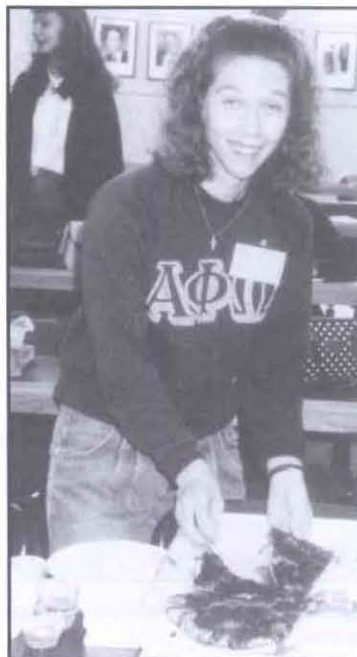


Typical Typical Typical



These photos reflect a "typical" Sectional Conference. The morning was filled with "typical" classes covering Leadership, Chapter Operations, Diversity and Scouting. In the afternoon there were "typical" service projects that included cleaning up a nature trail at a local park or volunteering at a clothing center for the needy. Later that evening the students celebrated with a "typical" banquet and program.

"TYPICAL" yes! The Section 35 Conference held last spring in Columbia, Missouri, is "typical." It mirrored many of our Sectional (and Regional) conferences. And this is outstanding! It is through conferences like this that we see the overall excellent health of the Fraternity. Conferences like this are a *typical example* of the way our principles of Leadership — Friendship — and Service should be shared.





Marilyn Tischinski has been on staff since 1983 and is our **Registrar**. In that position Marilyn processes all membership applications and certificates. She also maintains the chapter membership and life membership files.



Judy Mitchell is the **Director of Chapter Services**. She has been an employee of the Fraternity for most of 20 years. Judy corresponds with alumni and students who are interested in building new chapters or reactivating chapters that have been inactive. She assists the Executive Director in all aspects of the office.



Mildred Spoor has been on staff since 1986 and is our **Bookkeeper**. Mildred handles all business with chapter finances. If you have questions about pledge fees, active fees or AAMD, Mildred is the person to contact.

National Office Staff

Did you ever end a telephone conversation with the National Office saying to yourself, "Gee, the National Executive Director 'sounds' tall, I wonder how tall he really is?"

Well, this page of photos will answer your questions about the National Executive Director and also allow you the opportunity to meet the rest of the National Office staff.

To repeat our answering machine — we are open for business from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The staff consists of three full-time and four part-time employees. The administration and operation of the national office is under the direction of Patrick Burke, National Executive Director.

Now when you call the National Office you can ask for someone specifically and know what they look like. The National Office is a busy place. The staff is here to provide service to you — and we look forward to doing so!



Patrick Burke, National Executive Director.



Natalie Williams, recently employed, is the **Administrative Assistant to the National Executive Director**. Natalie also assists alumni by providing information on how to organize a local Alumni Association. She handles fund-raising and data processing activities, and maintains the Leadership Directory.



Anita Goddard is our **Mail/Merchandise Assistant** and has been part of the staff since 1990. Anita processes all orders for supplies and merchandise and assists in the preparation for Leadership Workshops and all mailings.



Pearl Forsyth, an employee since 1990, is our **Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Chapter Services**. When not answering the phone or greeting visitors, Pearl works very closely with Judy and the Membership and Extension Committee.

Board action . . .

February 13, 1993

At the February 13, 1993, Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, the following action was taken:

- Suspended Sigma Chi Chapter, Miami Dade Community College, Miami, Florida, for violation of Fraternity membership policies prohibiting hazing.
- Released from suspension Kappa Delta Chapter, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida. [The chapter will be on a probationary program for two years under the guidance of the Section 74 chair and the Florida A&M administration.]
- Directed the National Alumni Chair and the National Executive Director to draft a document outlining the rights, obligations and privileges of Alpha Phi Omega local alumni associations.
- The National President declared the charters of Eta Omicron Chapter, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, and Alpha Chapter, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, null and void.
- Approved Deloitte & Touche as auditors for 1993.
- Selected Dallas, Texas, as the 1994 Convention site.
- Confirmed the National President's appointment of Belton Lim as the 1994 National Convention Coordinator.

- Appointed the 1993 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Committee.

- Directed the National Office to register all future recipients of the Chapter DSK, to include names, chapters and dates of presentation. Additionally efforts will be made to record all past recipients and that future purchase of the DSK be limited to chapter officers or chapter advisors.

July 17, 1993

At the July 17, 1993, Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, the following action was taken:

- Voted to censure Warren Weidman and requested his resignation as the Region II Director.
- Selected Earle M. Herbert as the 1993 Fall Pledge Class namesake.
- Suspended the charter of Phi Phi Chapter at Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida, for violation of Fraternity membership policies prohibiting hazing.
- Declared Sigma Theta Chapter at St. Mary's College of Minnesota to be "not in good standing" for incomplete reporting of pledges and activities.
- Approved a definition of "officially recognized local alumni associations."
- Approved the 1993-94 Budget.
- Authorized the National Executive Director, with the approval of the National Finance Committee Chair

and the National President, to invest Fraternity funds in additional financial instruments.

- The National President declared the charters of Pi Tau, St. Peters College, Jersey City, New Jersey; Alpha Beta Upsilon, Broward Community College, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Alpha Beta Theta, Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina; Alpha Alpha Phi, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri, null and void.

- Approved the charter of Alpha Delta Epsilon Chapter at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue Springs, Missouri.

- Directed the National Executive Director to take appropriate action on campuses which do not have an officially recognized chapter, interest group or petitioning group, in order to protect Alpha Phi Omega from the abuse of our name, principles, and insignia, and students on these campuses.

- Confirmed the appointment of Brother Carol Coley of Delta Pi Chapter at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, as the 1994 National Convention Chair.

- Accepted the resignation of Alex Lewandowski as National Legal Counsel.

- Congratulated Gamma Sigma Sigma as they approach their upcoming convention and anniversary.

Alex Lewandowski — Legal Counsel

At the July 17, 1993, meeting of the National Board of Directors in Kansas City, Missouri, our National Legal Counsel Alex Lewandowski resigned (for the last time).

In a letter to the National President he said:

"In 1975 I was recruited by President Pinky Hirsch, Executive Director Roger Sherwood and my senior law partner, Lee Reeder. Lee was a close personal friend of Roe Bartle and an active scout for many decades. I, of course, was honored by the invitation and accepted the position. One of the principal reasons told to me was the general belief that APO needed an attorney who was young enough to relate to undergraduate students, among other things.

"I have now served for approximately 18 years. As you know, I routinely resign and have been routinely become reappointed to that position.

"The purpose of this letter is to *seriously* resign as General Counsel. I have long since passed my 'young years' and need to step back and spend more quality time with my family."



Jerry Schroeder, on behalf of the National Board of Directors, presents Alex Lewandowski a National Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of dedicated service as National Legal Counsel and advisor to the National Fraternity.

LD update



by Betsy Ullrich
*National Leadership
Development Chair*

This summer, another Leadership Development "first" occurred: a summer LDW Staff Development weekend was held in Independence, Missouri, August 5-7 to prepare volunteers to be staff members in presenting the Leadership Development Workshop.

All participants were invited to attend, based on recommendations from a Regional Director or other APO leader.

Participants must be interested in teaching, knowledgeable about leadership skills and APO, and able to speak in public. They also make a commitment to meet the requirements for an LDW staff member; perform at least one LDW every two years; continue to seek out training and information about the topics included in the LDW; assist in updating and revising the LDW; and help with the National Convention LDW programs.

This training workshop is normally given to 2-4 participants in four days at each National Convention. This summer, in an effort to reach more people, it was held on a full weekend. Nineteen volunteers participated in the workshop. Each individual had an opportunity to practice workshop presentations,

perform public speaking exercises, and discuss leadership issues. Soon they will be full contributing members of the LDW staff, providing service to the Fraternity. The Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) should be well staffed this year, since we are doubling the staff size. The LDW is an 8-hour workshop focusing on personal leadership skills and is usually presented at the national convention, regional conventions, or large sectional conferences.

The Chapter President's Work-

shop (CPW) focuses on leadership and management of chapter activities by the President, Membership Vice President, and Service Vice President. Five or six CPWs are held each summer, bringing together officers from various chapters to discuss issues that affect them in their elected roles. Special requests for CPWs can often be accommodated at other times of the year as well. The CPW is under revision, and we hope to present new material next summer.



National Advisory Committee

On June 7, 1993, the National Advisory Committee met in Kansas City. This committee is composed of senior administrators from institutions of higher education who provide insight and guidance to the National President of Alpha Phi Omega on issues and trends relevant to students, student life, campus volunteerism and leadership development. Those attending the meeting as shown in the photo are Wilfred Krenek, National Vice President; Dr. W. A. McMillan, President of Rust College; Jerry Schroeder, National President; Dr. Richard Rose (chair), Retired President of Rochester Institute; Dr. Stephen Jennings, President of Simpson College; Nick Lomax, Vice President for Administration at Clemson University; and Dr. Bill Atchley, President of the University of the Pacific.

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