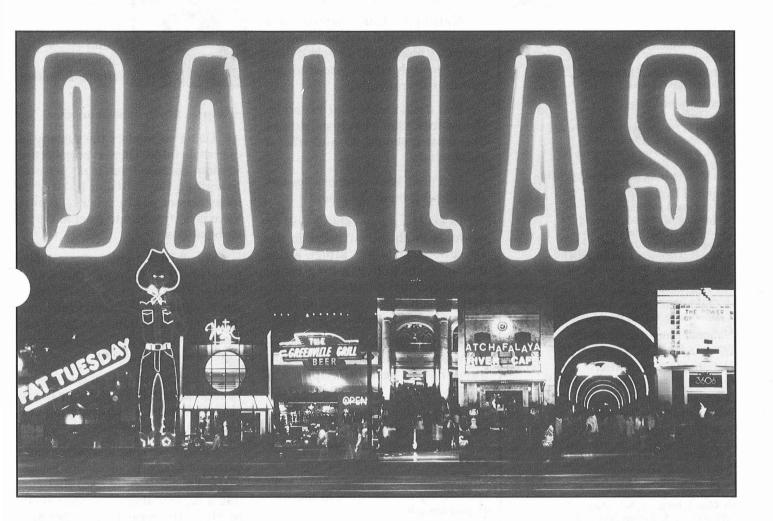


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# A MESSAGE FROM THE

# NATIONAL

# President

994 is a convention year. This December our delegates will gather in Dallas to make the decisions that will guide Alpha Phi Omega into the twenty-first century.

National Conventions are unique, wonderful and uplifting experiences. Most of all, they are the vehicle through which *you* students govern *your* Fraternity.

You decide what your Fraternity should look like, what it should feel like, what it should do, and what it shouldn't do.

You elect your volunteer leaders and, thereby, define its vision.

In Dallas, many choices will be made. It might be a change to the Toast Song or to our Ritual, a risk management policy, a long range plan, a national alumni association. And beneath every choice is an ideal, a dream to be realized.

Every decision must be based on not what is best for us as individuals, but what is best for Alpha Phi Omega.

Alpha Phi Omega is *not* our chapter. It is *all* chapters. It is not *us*. It is *all* its students — past, present, and future. It is bigger than any of us and, for that reason, we have a responsibility to contribute to the welfare of the whole.

We will not always agree on exactly what to do at the Convention.

But our differences will be enriching if we remember what we have in common: an agreement to look for solutions and an acknowledgment that we all are genuinely interested in the long-term best interests of our Fraternity.

Our differences will be educational if we keep our minds truly open. Each chapter must give its delegates the benefit of its wisdom and guidance. No chapter should bind its



Gerald A. Schroeder National President

delegates to one view or another.

Doing so renders the synergy of the whole futile. There is no collective wisdom because there is no personal listening. The collision of adverse ideas cannot produce truth because there is no freedom to react to the reverberations.

We all have a great responsibility to Alpha Phi Omega, the whol Alpha Phi Omega, to participa meaningfully in this democratic process. Our obligation is to share our ideas with others in Dallas and, in return, receive theirs.

Every chapter has an *obligation* to be represented. Every delegate has an *obligation* to be informed, prepared and, above all, open-minded.

The gift we hold in trust for those who will follow us needs our leader-ship now, for it is we who find ourselves representing Alpha Phi Omega in all of its majesty and promise when it is time to speak and act on its behalf.

It is we who are asked for the highest form of service to our Fraternity, and we must respond without hesitation or reservation.

What we do at the Convention will be our gift to Alpha Phi Omega's future. It must be given unselfish and thoughtfully. It must be worthy both of us and of those to whom we send it.

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# Fall Pledge Class honors Alex M. Lewandowski

lmost 20 years ago, a young attorney was approached by a senior member of the law firm for which he worked, to attend a dinner hosted by American Humanics in Kansas City. Little did the attorney know what was in store for him. He was introduced to then APO National President "Pinky" Hirsch and **APO National Executive Director** Roger Sherwood. They told him the story of Alpha Phi Omega and then suggested that APO was in the market for a National Legal Counsel. He understood that not much time or work was required. Seldom, if ever, any legal questions occurred. National Legal Counsel would simply be "on call" for an occasional question once or twice per year.

That is how Alex M. Lewandowski became National Legal Coun-ા. Today, officially retired as our gal counsel, Alex reflected that alchough he would never accuse those august gentlemen of fabricating the truth, they surely understated a few things. Of course, no one could be aware of the future growth of the Fraternity, legislation and case law involving fraternal organizations and many, many other matters. Alex could not know in those early days that the Leadership, Friendship and Service of the Fraternity would cause him to seek closer involvement in all aspects of the Fraternity by participating in National Conventions, Regional and Sectional conferences, and Board meetings throughout the coun-

He has attended every National Convention since 1976. During each new Board of Directors meeting on



Alex Lewandowski

December 30 at a national convention, he would submit his resignation. The board would insist that he take another two-year term and promise to double his salary. The humor of that action is that Alex volunteered his services to the fraternity without charge. He did so for 20 years.

In his youth, Alex was active in the Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow, and an Eagle Scout. As a college student he missed the opportunity of APO as Central Methodist College did not have a chapter. So, after becoming Legal Counsel, he lent his assistance in forming a chapter there and received honorary membership.

When the Fraternity began the Capital Campaign to build a national headquarters, Alex was again in the forefront joining the "Fab 50" and making a pledge to insure this long sought project would be completed.

The Fraternity has honored him over the years. He was awarded the National Distinguished Service award in 1986. He, in turn, has honored the Fraternity by remaining a member of the Diamond Founders Circle and being in the Codicil Club for placing the Fraternity in his will.

Professionally he is a part owner in the law firm of Dysart Taylor Penner Lay and Lewandowski, P.C. He presently serves as president of the Transportation Lawyers Association which includes attorneys throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries. From 1990 to 1992 he served as chair of one of the eighteen standing committees of the Missouri Bar Association. He has been a speaker at many national and international law conferences. He has been a volunteer in his church, youth athletics, scouting, and the YMCA. Most recently he has assisted in the formation of Deaf Hope, Inc., a notfor-profit organization to assist the deaf and hard of hearing who have problems with drug and alcohol abuse.

As with all Fall Pledge Class namesakes, Alex was asked to name an area of service for this upcoming class. He recently said, "No one in life is perfect. As humans, we should always consider the goals and desires of others. Recently I had the wonderful opportunity to deal with individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. I am impressed by those individuals and, in fact, am embarrassed by my past lack of education.

"From this recent experience I firmly believe the deaf and hard of hearing are sometimes ignored. The fine people I have met who fall within that category can perform most all functions of other employees in the workplace. As I further my education and experience in the area of human endeavor, I would ask that the 1994 Fall Pledge Class seek to find ways to assist the deaf and hard of hearing."

# President's Message . . .

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Let all chapters resolve now to be represented in Dallas. Let us begin now to plan how we will get our delegates there. Let us inform ourselves of the issues, and, most of all, let us dream about what APO really means to us and what it can mean to the students of tomorrow.

A few years before his death, Ellsworth "Dobby" Dobson mar-

veled at what he and his brothers started in a dormitory room at Lafayette College had grown to be. Our Founders must never be allowed to stop marveling.

Let us follow our dream to Dallas!

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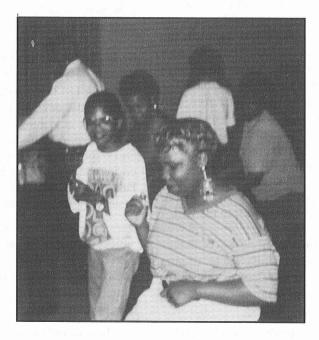
# Tau Zeta

This past school year in the month of April, Tau Zeta Chapter hosted "Royal Blue and Gold Week." The chapter involved Sigma Gamma Rho, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Psi Omega and Tau Beta Sigma members in a week of service and social activities. Their various activities included setting up an AIDS Awareness booth on campus, handing out literature and condoms. Everyone joined in an Education Awareness Day (college career day) at the Jane Long Middle School in Houston. They talked to the 8th graders about the importance of continuing their education beyond middle school. Towards the end of the week, all members attended the "Royal Blue and Gold Mixer." It was a great party.

On the final day of activities, brothers of Tau Zeta joined with Gamma Sigma Sigma to share a booth at the Caribbean Spring Festival. Gamma Sigma Sigma sold hotdogs, frito pies, and sodas. That evening there was a Spring Splash-Down party which brought the week to a very successful end. It was definitely a good week for Leadership, Friendship and Service.

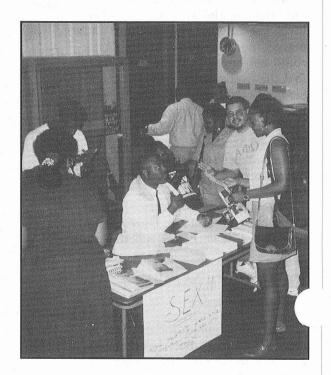
The Jane Long Middle School project mentioned earlier was entered into a service project contest sponsored by Saturn Cars, Inc., in which the grand prize for the best project was \$1,000. The Chapter's project did not win, but the contest is held annually and the chapter is planning on entering and winning next year.

For further information contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Ave., Houston, TX 77004.







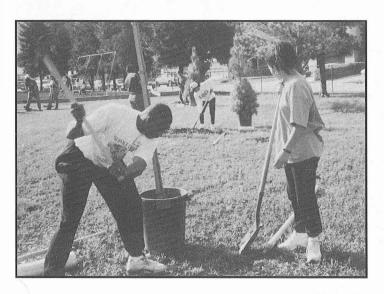


# Gamma Beta

Cleaning up graffiti and helping der privileged children has earned samma Beta Chapter at San Jose State University recognition from the San Jose City Council. One of the chapter's biggest contributions was participation in the local Head Start program. Members acted as Big Brothers and Big Sisters and spent at

least one hour a week with the children. The chapter has hosted Christmas parties, and on other occasions taken the children to the Children's Discovery Museum. The chapter also participates in the adopt-a-highway program, Special Olympics, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Ameri-

can Cancer Society fundraising. For all their work, the chapter received the Mayor's Proclamation/Commendation award. For further information contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95110.



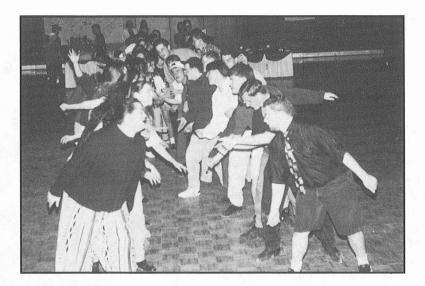


## Lambda Omicron

In February, West Virginia University's **Lambda Omicron** chapter held a fundraiser for the local AIDS support organization.

The Dance for Life was a dance party held in the large ballroom in WVU's student union. Admission was open to anyone and was \$4 per person. Refreshments were provided, and the event was alcohol-free. An APO brother was DJ, using the campus radio station's equipment which they donated for the evening. All of the refreshments were donated, as well as catered linens from the university catering service. There was a raffle of prizes donated from local merchants. Tickets were sold before the dance and at the door and prizes were awarded during the dance.

hree days before the dance, a booth was set up in the student union to advertise, sell raffle tickets and give away condoms (provided by the AIDS network). The chapter made over \$1,000 for the Mountain State



Aids Network (MSAN), which they will put to good use. MSAN provides support services and education about AIDS.

APO and MSAN would like to make the dance an annual event and perhaps to involve other APO chapters around the area.

The photo shows about one

fourth of our brothers dancing to a song that has become "our song," and tends to bring us closer together as friends.

For further information contact Chapter President, Lambda Omicron Chapter, West Virginia University, 50 W. Mountainlair, Morgantown, WV 26506

# Alpha Beta Beta

This past October, Alpha Beta Beta Chapter conducted its 6th annual Haunted House. The basement of Butler Gym, one of the oldest buildings on St. Bonaventure University's campus, housed a maze inhabited by monsters, ghouls, and ghosts of all shapes and sizes. A graveyard, complete with mausoleum, and a demonic school room were only two of the tableaux designed to scare visitors, whose donations helped to support the American Cancer Society. At the end of the labyrinth brothers sold donuts and cider donated by a local bakery to raise even more money.

The Merry Christmas Melody Marathon is an annual event held every December at St. Bonaventure University to raise money to host a Christmas party for local underprivileged children. Co-sponsored by Alpha Beta Beta and WSBU, the University radio station, the event raises money by encouraging students, faculty, and staff to "dare, ransom, kidnap, and request." The four fine young ladies featured in the photo are chapter president and fellow male brothers, who were dared by the female brothers to "dress" for classes during the 24-hour marathon.

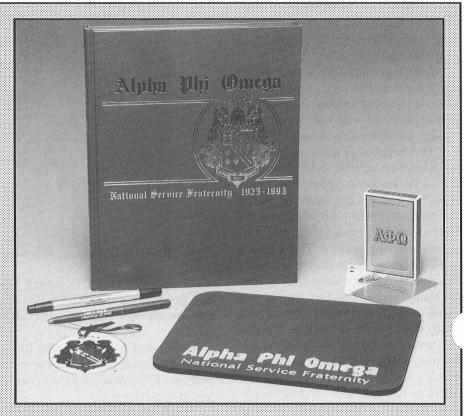
Ransoms are required to free any item of personal property "acquired" and being held captive in the marathon "Ransom Room," which also houses those unfortunates who have been kidnapped and must raise an amount of money set by their abductors in order to be freed. Although at one time (many years ago), the marathon was banned by university officials because it had gotten somewhat out-of-hand, new rules regulating legitimate dares and ransoms have insured the safety of those participating, and the event has raised more than \$6,000 since it was brought back four years ago.

For information regarding either of the above projects, please contact Jennifer O'Reardon, VP Service, Alpha Beta Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega; P.O. Box 19, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778.



# New merchandise catalog

This fall the Fraternity will produce a brand new color merchandise catalog. It will feature various items the Fraternity sells throughout the year. If you would like a copy, please call the National Office at 816/373-8667. Featured in the photo are the APO History Book, playing cards, computer mouse pad, Christmas ornament, highlighter and ball point pen. We also have a new Balfour clothing catalog featuring various items including shirts, shorts, ball caps, and jackets. Catalog available on request from the National Office.



# National Service Day '94

# **Chemical Dependency & Eating Disorder Awareness**



by Dave Emery National Service Chair

Consider the following facts:

#### Alcohol

- Alcohol is America's No. 1 drug problem among youth.
- One out of three American adults say that alcohol abuse has affected their families.
- Alcohol is twice as popular among college students as marijuana se. Alcohol-related highway deaths e the No. 1 killer of 15- to 24-year-olds (about 100,000 young people are killed each year in alcohol-related accidents).

#### **Illegal Drugs**

- The U.S. has the highest rate of illicit drug use of any industrialized country.
- Illegal drug use claims the lives of more than 6,000 Americans per year. Almost 80% of young people in their mid-twenties have tried illegal drugs.

#### **Prescription Drugs**

• There are at least 2 million Americans addicted to prescription drugs.

#### Nicotine & Smoking

- 90% of adult smokers say they would like to quit.
- Smoking-induced diseases reilt in 1,000 deaths per day in the U.S. 75% of all lung cancer cases are caused by smoking and lung cancer is now the leading cancer killer in women.

# NATIONAL SERVICE DAY Saturday November 5, 1994

#### General

- Alcohol and drug abuse are the top discipline problems in public schools. Alcohol & drug abuse contribute to 70% of all sexual abuse, including rape and incest.
- Women are under-represented in alcohol and chemical treatment programs in part because most programs are designed for and staffed primarily by men.

#### **Eating Disorders**

- 7 million women and 1 million men in the U.S. have some sort of eating disorder.
- 10% of college women may have some sort of eating disorder. People with eating disorders are two to five times more likely to have a history of chemical dependency.

These are some of the facts that led the delegates at the 1992 National Convention to select Chemical Dependency & Eating Disorder Awareness as the theme for National Service Day '94. This year National Service Day is Saturday, November 5th.

It is not too late to start planning your National Service Day project. Your chapter can easily become involved in educating your campus and community about these problems. Some chapters may invite a trained speaker (possibly from your local health department, treatment center or support group) to make a presentation to the chapter or on campus on one of the above topics. Members in other chapters may want to distribute appropriate educational materials on campus. Other members will want to provide more practical support and possibly visit or volunteer at a local treatment center or clinic. Holding a fund-raiser with proceeds benefiting a local or national agency is always a great idea.

For additional ideas about meeting this need on your campus and in your community, contact your school health center, chapter advisors, local Public Health Department, community hospital, treatment center or support group. For additional ideas and resources for your Chemical Dependency or Eating Disorder Awareness project, see the National Service Day 1994 Handbook that your chapter has just received.

There is one very important aspect of National Service Day that must not be overlooked. That is the concept of spreading the spirit of service. From its inception in 1979, National Service Day was not just a day when all Alpha Phi Omega chapters did a project on the same day. The original goal was that National Service Day was to be a massive outpouring of service — not just by our members, but also by other civic and service groups participating in our projects. It is important that your chapter involve as many other people and groups as possible in your National Service Day project. Plan a project and invite campus, civic, church or scouting groups to join you. Think of it as service for others and with others. Also, encourage and help other groups to plan projects of their own.

Once you have completed your project, make sure to fill out the Project Sharing form (found in the Handbook) and send it back to the National Office by December 1. Including a photo of your chapter members carrying out the project would also be greatly appreciated.

Here is a great chance to let others know what Alpha Phi Omega is about, participate in a worthwhile project, and help spread the spirit of service. As always, have a great time!

# Passing of co-founder Ellsworth Dobson

Ilsworth "Dobby" Dobson, a co-founder of our Fraternity, passed away on July 6, 1994. Throughout his life he remained close to the Fraternity. In recent years he was active in Sectional and Regional activities, especially in the Kansas City area where Brothers could drive him to conferences. Whenever Dobby had a conversation with a person, somehow he always mentioned the Fraternity. The Fraternity was an important part of his life.

Dobby was born December 20, 1905, in East Orange, New Jersey. After graduating from Lafayette College with a degree in electrical engineering, he worked in the Radio Development Department of Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City. Also in his career he was a freelance photographer, owned a photographic store, worked in public relations, and, before retiring, owned a ranch in Colorado. His final retirement years were spent in Sabetha, Kansas.

One of the memories Dobby left us was his attendance at the 1986 National Convention in Houston, Texas. Arriving at a convention hotel with 1,400 collegians might have been a little disconcerting to a man who just celebrated his 81st birthday.



Dobson surrounded by Brothers at a Sectional Conference.

However, Dobby joined in the fun. Students asked for autographs, had their picture taken with him or just shook his hand. At the opening ceremony, after speaking to the attendees, Dobby presented his "Lafayette" banner to the Fraternity for the auction, as he knew the Fraternity was concentrating on a capital campaign to build a National Headquarters. Later, at the auction, the banner was pur-

chased for \$1,500 and graciously the unnamed bidder returned the banner, which now is displayed at the National Headquarters in Independence, Missouri. At that convention Dobby was quoted as saying, "This has been one of the happiest moments I can ever remember." Alpha Phi Omega was a major part of his life and he will be remembered for the life of the Fraternity.

# Brenner receives key

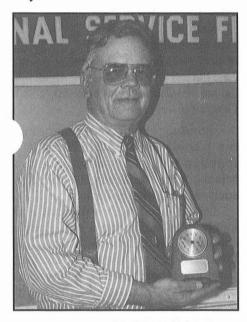
Early this year Dr. Frederic J. Brenner of Grove City, PA, received the Fraternity National Alumni Distinguished Service Key. The National Alumni Committee recognized Dr. Brenner for his many years of service to the Fraternity and to his community. He has given untold hours of service over his lifetime. He still logs in 30 hours of service per month along with his busy schedule as a biology professor at Grove City College. Chapter President Jennifer Baker said, "Dr. Brenner is more than just an advisor to Alpha Phi Omega, he is a good friend and a true man of service." Jennifer and Dr. Fred Heismeyer, National Alumni Chair, are pictured with Dr. Brenner.



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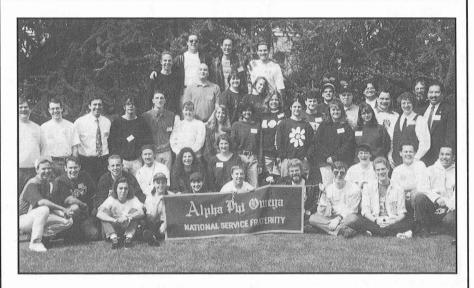
# Chapter advisor recognized

ugene Schmitz was named the man of the hour recently when he was honored for more than 40 years of service to Alpha Phi Omega, especially Beta Rho Chapter. Schmitz, who was a professor of invertebrate zoology at the University of Arkansas until he retired in December, was given an engraved clock for his dedicated service to the Fraternity.



"Dr. Schmitz became a Brother of Lambda Chapter at Kansas University in 1954. In his continued service to the Fraternity, he has become the epitome of what an advisor should be. He remains in the background, providing valuable advice, guidance, and support to the membership of the chapter. Dr. Schmitz has performed a vital link between the chapter and the university, plus serves as a role model by dedicating his life to service hrough being a teacher, mentor, and community service volunteer," said Dr. Fred Heismeyer, National Alumni Chair for the Fraternity.

More than 20 people attended the ceremony, which was held this past



# Alumni a force in rebuilding three new chapters in Northwest

After over 10 years of inactivity, Section 8 has rejuvenated itself. Through the dedication and hard work of Allen Wong, Region X Director, Tony Ploughe, past Section 8 (current Section 7) chair, Dave Corning, Past Section 7 chair, and many brothers, Section 8 has been revived.

In the course of three years, three new chapters have been rechartered, one petitioning group has been formed and two interest groups begun. It is amazing at how committed to Alpha Phi Omega these renewed chapters have become. Travel is tough in the Northwest, chapters are often over a six hour drive apart; still all the chapters in the Section were present at the recent Sectional Conference.

The Section 8 Conference was held this spring at the University of Washington, Gamma Alpha chapter. The conference was well attended by over 50 brothers from all over Region X. Allen Wong, Region X Director was present, as was National Service Chair, Dave Emery. Other guests included Anthony Rodriques, Region X Staff, Teri Sheets, Section 4 Chair, Matthew Troth, Section 14 Chair and Brothers from the University of Oregon, University of California-Chico, Central Washington University and interest groups from Oregon State University, Seattle University and Washington State University.

The weekend was full of workshops on developing leadership, creating service programs and the petitioning processes. The highlight was a dance where Dave Emery and Allen Wong got into the Seattle music scene and danced!

January on the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

"During my three years as a brother of Alpha Phi Omega, Dr. Schmitz has helped make me a more responsible person and a better leader," Adam Bolain, Beta Rho chapter president, said. "I think that he inspires people to take on leadership roles not only in the Fraternity, but in the work place as well. He's been involved with Alpha Phi Omega so long that he's been able to trace our history and help us understand where we've been and where we should head. He's helped us realize we're here to stay."

# Earle M. Herbert Memorial

Past National President Earl M. Herbert passed away on April 15, 1994, at his home in Los Angeles, California. President Jerry Schroe-

der led a delegation of brothers who gathered to honor Earle. The following is the eulogy presented by Mr. Schroeder at the funeral service.

Before I begin my prepared remarks, I must tell you that I actually wrote them several months ago (prior to Earle's death). As a result — and I am very grateful for this — I had the opportunity to share my thoughts with Earle. He knows what I am going to say. And, I must tell you that this was the first time I ever sent written words to him that he did not edit!

It has been said that Service is the rent we pay for being on this earth. I believe that to be true and that Earle Herbert left with his account paid in full.

Literally thousands of college students all across the country were inspired by Earle, motivated by Earle, helped by Earle, in their quest to exemplify the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

He always challenged them to answer the call of duty with nobleness of soul.

He was always accessible, always approachable. He loved being with students, and they loved being with him.

It was Earle Herbert, the man, who left his imprint on student volunteerism, displayed great courage coping with a disease he could not conquer, and always gave priority to his fellow human beings. This is what he will be remembered for.

Success is so often equated with how many awards you receive and how much money you make. As Earle would say, we sometimes have a hard time separating what we do from who we are.

Will I remember Earle Herbert as a man who rose to be National President of Alpha Phi Omega? No. I'll remember him as a human being who, when faced with his own battle with a horrible disease, took the time to serve others;

a human being who taught us that you have to leave something of yourself, or you were never really here;

a leader who taught us what great leaders do when "don't" wants to prevail:

a dreamer who taught us to celebrate our differences by stitching them together in the colorful quilt of true friendship;

a man who truly made the world a happier, better place simply because he was in it for 54 years;

a man who had a vision of his service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega — not only what it should look like, but what it should FEEL like.

I loved him, as did all of you. I loved him because he possessed the qualities that I admire in others and that I desire for myself.

He was uncomplicated, unpretentious, unafraid, and unusual in what he offered the world.

Earle personified "SERVICE" and "BROTHERHOOD." He put others ahead of self — not in short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but with the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

This was a mighty assignment. For, it is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them. But Earle's life was a testament to the principle of serving and loving others.

Earle was one of those vibrant souls who could rekindle your inner spirit when the fire had gone out.

And — to paraphrase another great American's posthumous words to his daughter — I know that whenever we feel sick at heart and weary of life, or when we stumble and fall and don't know if we can get up again, Earle will be watching, and smiling, and cheering us on.

Earle was no saint — I can hear him laughing at the mere suggestion — but, better than that, he was an all-too-mortal man who wanted, as best

he could, to do what was right. Mor than anything, his message to us was, in the words of the Jackie DeShannon song, to "Put a little love in your heart. The world will be a better place."

He acted justly, loved tenderly, and walked humbly — and somehow you knew that he would get a pass, straight through to heaven's door.

I want to read a poem that, if he were here, Earle would read to us:

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die.

I find that poem very comforting for I shall miss Earle. He was friend, a mentor, an advisor, and a role model to me. Much of what I am, such as it is, I owe to Earle.

When faced with a difficult and lonely decision, I would seek Earle's counsel — and I almost always followed it! It was always wise, but, more importantly, it was always caring, always mindful of others and their feelings.

With that thought, let me say that I was wishing last night that I lived closer to Earle, instead of across the country. My reason was a selfish one. I wanted to tell him goodbye quietly and all alone. I didn't want to have to say it at this memorial service and in front of so many others. For, as you know, words are just words, and any words spoken are inadequate to offer a proper tribute to this wonderful man.

Nevertheless, Earle, I bid you adieu with heartfelt thanks for a you did for me and for the young people of Alpha Phi Omega. I bid you goodbye with the familiar, but so well deserved epitaph: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

#### FROM THE COVER

# Grapevine?

# No, it's Dallas-Ft. Worth

Convention is literally in Convention is literally in Grapevine, Texas. However, that very small community spreads out to reach the exciting metroplex of Dallas and Ft. Worth. These two great cities have something for everyone. Dallas is the new west, and Ft. Worth the old west. Well, that's a Texas tale I was told!

All in all, our 31st National Biennial Convention will be a very exciting one. The convention committee is all ready to receive us with open arms and a "gazillion" activities. It is definitely time to make plans to attend. Our convention hotel is the DFW Hyatt Regency located at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. The Hyatt Regency, being a convention hotel and located on airport property, is powenient to reach by air, bus or car.

The possibility of over 2,000 brothers attending is exciting in itself. Yet, there is entertainment, tours, dances, casino party, and a strong program of workshops and seminars

for all attendees. Over twenty-five different workshops will be offered. Alumni are especially welcome and will have a complete itinerary of activities especially for alumni. There is a trip to a dude ranch planned for December 31, to allow those brothers staying over (for the Saturday night air fare reduction) to enjoy themselves in a "City Slickers" sort of way.

From the opening ceremonies to the closing banquet, our convention will be jam packed. One of the most important activities is the Voting Delegates assembly. Over 400 of our brothers will join together to make changes and additions to our governing documents in order to direct and guide our great Fraternity for the next two years. Many issues of the day affect our Fraternity. It is a great opportunity for our brothers to discuss and debate these issues at the convention. It is through this phase of our Leadership Development program that we remain a healthy,

growing organization in an ever changing world.

Chapters will be receiving registration materials in the mail during the month of September. Alumni may register for the convention using the form on the back page of this issue of the Torch and Trefoil.

Important facts to remember: The National Convention dates are December 27-30, 1994. The location is at the DFW Hyatt Regency (DWF Airport). Registration is \$35. There is a special registration fee for pledges and undergraduate actives of \$30 if registration is received before December 1, 1994. The cost for both banquets is \$35 total. Hotel room rate is \$40 single, double, triple and quad occupancy (room tax not included).

Make your plans to attend now. We are looking forward to seeing you in Grapevine . . . ah Dallas . . . or is it Fort Worth? . . . Well, it is our 31st National Biennial Convention. We will be having a great time; and we hope you will be able to attend.

# Do you know ...

Do you know any person getting ready to attend college? The coupon tells you what the Fraternity is looking to achieve. Any time we can give our chapters leads on prospective members it is a positive action. If you don't wish to clip the coupon, just send the infornation requested to the Nacional Office. Thanks for your interest and consideration to once again help the Fraternity.

DO	YOU	KNOW	<b>SOMEONE?</b>
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Do you know someone attending college (or entering soon) who would make an outstanding Brother of our Fraternity? Please complete this coupon or pass it to that student. Thanks.

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# Convention at a glance

1994 Biennial National Convention, Hyatt Regency DFW Airport, Texas

#### **Convention Highlights:**

#### Tuesday, December 27 -

8:00 a.m. Registration opens

6:00 p.m. Opening session and Roll

Call

9:00 p.m. Reference Committees

meet and organize

#### Wednesday, December 28 -

7:30 a.m. Registration continues

10:00 a.m. Reference Commit-

tees/various workshops

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Banquet and

dance

#### Thursday, December 29 —

9:30 a.m. Legislative session/vari-

ous workshops

12:00 p.m. Sectional Chair/Chapter

Advisor luncheon

6:00 p.m. Alumni reception

7:00 p.m. Fun and Fellowship/casi-

no party

#### Friday, December 30 -

Legislative session continues

3:30 p.m. Regional meetings

5:00 p.m. Board of Directors meeting

7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet and dance



Convention Registration for chapters will be mailed to each chapter in September. Alumni wishing to register for the convention should fill out the convention registration request form on the back page of this issue and return it to the National Office as soon as possible.

# **Chapter Presidents Workshop**



Pictured are forty-one brothers who attended the Chapter Presidents Workshop at BSA Camp Strake in Conroe, Texas, this past summer. A total of six CPWs were held over the summer, offering chapter leadership development (almost 200 soon-to-be chapter officers.

# Why are we here, anyway?



by Betsy Ullrich National Leadership Development Chair

friend of mine writing a paper about a volunteer organization asked if I would mind talking to her about the "fraternity stuff" I do. Well, I rarely mind talking about Alpha Phi Omega, so she probably heard more than she really needed to know! But she did ask me a couple of questions that still have me thinking: What is the purpose of the Fraternity? Why am I involved with Alpha Phi Omega?

The purpose is formally, and most eloquently, stated in Article II f the National Bylaws. (Go look it p if you don't remember it.) But what does it mean to me? For me as a

student, it meant that I had the opportunity to learn how to make a small corner of the world a better place. I learned about a large variety of ways to provide service to others. There are skills I learned in Alpha Phi Omega which are priceless: how to work as a contributing member of a group, how to organize a project, how to overcome my shyness, and how to be a friend. And, it means that I am responsible to continue making my corner of the world a little better.

Right now, my volunteer activities are mainly focused on my job as a Member-at-Large in Alpha Phi Omega. Like other members of the Board of Directors, my service involves supporting Fraternity programs and carrying out the business of the Fraternity. As volunteer work goes, some of the paper-pushing is less gratifying than direct service efforts (such as helping the elderly at the Hoffman Pavillion, making repairs at a youth camp, or presenting a workshop). But serving as a volun-

teer staff member is a wonderful opportunity to promote the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and to provide new students with a place to grow.

I am fortunate to be able to continue working with Alpha Phi Omega, and do so because of my belief in, and commitment to, the principles of the Fraternity. But it is not the only way to carry out the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega, or even the most important way. I know brothers who do wonderful things: career work with non-profit organizations; volunteer emergency response activities; relief efforts for foreign countries and blood drives at the office. I know Brothers who serve as Big Sisters, and as volunteers at the local science museum; as contributors to Toys-for-Tots and as organizers of food drives. This is Leadership, Friendship, and Service in a big way. To me, this is what Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity, is all about: brothers who see a way to make something better, and do something to make it happen.

# Inclusiveness leads to growth



by Fred L. Pollack National Membership & Extension Chair

"Don't be afraid to take a big step. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

— David Lloyd George

In 1925, when Frank Reed Horton founded Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity open to men of all reliions and races and based on service to others was unique. By 1976, when Alpha Phi Omega opened our Brotherhood to women, we were beginning to lose that unique quality. That

trend has continued, and today many campus groups exist which seek to gather students into a program of service.

This "competition" means, of course, that more students have an opportunity to serve and even more people and communities benefit from that service. But what does it mean for Alpha Phi Omega . . . especially for our membership recruitment efforts?

Simply put, why should students decide to pledge Alpha Phi Omega? What does the Fraternity (specifically your chapter) offer that will motivate students to opt for us instead of another group? The "opportunity to participate in a service program" is only the beginning of how we need to define and explain ourselves.

We need to have programs and

projects which are unique and fun. We need to stress leadership development and fellowship. We need to emphasize that the combination of these factors still makes us unique and exciting.

We also need to remember Frank Reed Horton's dream of a fraternity open to students of all races and religions. Opening the Brotherhood to women was a big step toward realizing that dream, but that was only a step. Much of the journey still lies ahead. Only a few of our chapters have actually achieved the goal of inclusiveness. Many more need to embark on an effort to do so. Let's work together toward making at least that part of the vision of our Founder a reality.

# Life membership — it's important!



by John Wetherington National Finance Chair

ife membership is a key to Alpha Phi Omega's success past, present and future. The Fraternity needs you to be a part of this lasting service. Life Member fees go directly to the Endowment Fund to ensure its continued growth.

Most of what Alpha Phi Omega accomplishes is the result of individuals donating their time to serve our organization. The value of the time spent by our students, alumni and other volunteers, if converted to cash, would be an impressive sight. To function effectively, our Fraternity relies on more than donated time. It must seek funds to maintain ongoing operations and special long-term needs as well.

Membership fees continue to be the primary source of revenues to offset our normal expenditures; but in recent years donations have become an increasingly important source of our funding. Through growing membership, donations, merchandise sales and other smaller means we are able to fund expanded membership services and our various programs promoting Leadership, Friendship and Service.

These ongoing sources of funding are inadequate to meet many special needs we experience from time to time. The Alpha Phi Omega Endowment has often been essential to the Fraternity's growth and well being. The Endowment provides a critical safety net for "rainy days." During

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some lean times in our past, the Endowment has assisted in keeping our doors open. While we certainly hope the clouds of the past don't reappear, we must be prepared to keep our Fraternity everlasting.

The Endowment has also allowed Alpha Phi Omega to take major steps in its services and capabilities. Examples of this are loans to

the Fraternity to originally computer ize the National Office and, more significantly, to provide a mortgage which allowed us to build our beautiful and functional National Headquarters building in Independence, Missouri.

Earlier this year the Endowment gave a gift of \$20,000 to Alpha Phi Omega to convert its computer system to a state of the art system. This system is allowing us to automate many activities and improve services to undergraduates and alumni. Without the Endowment's gift we would have had to spread the conversion over a longer period and delay the successful implementation.

While the Endowment recently reached a million dollars, the longrange plan of the Fraternity calls for a \$3 million balance by 2005. In order to achieve this, we need to continue to expand our life membership base and count on undergraduates and alumni to provide their support.

Undergraduate members can be come Life Members for \$50. Alumi can become Life Members by paying \$100. Life Members get the benefit of knowing they are providing long-term benefits to Alpha Phi Omega. Life Members receive the Torch & Trefoil and special recognition at National Conventions. If you aren't a Life Member, please consider becoming one. If you already are, thanks for helping our Fraternity grow!

# Hancock recognized

Recently alumni and actives of Pi Omicron Chapter recognized the efforts of Dr. Ray V. Hancock and his wife for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the Pi Omicron Chapter. An academic scholarship for the students of Emory & Henry University was set up in their name. Dr. Hancock has been a chapter advisor for many years. His service to the Fraternity includes many levels from chapter activities to national conventions. Even with his retirement from the university in 1992, Dr. and Mrs. Hancock still remain actively involved with the chapter.



# Summer Board meeting actions . . .

Elected Bob Adams (formerly Section 77 Chair) as Region IV Director.

- Approved National Certificates of Appreciation for Joel Lake, former Region IV Director and Mildred Spoor, retiring National Office bookkeeper.
- Approved John Wetherington (Chair) and Bobby Hainline as Board representatives on the selection committee for the election of Endowment Trustees.
- Recommended to the 1994 National Convention a bylaw amendment concerning the impeachment and disciplinary procedures for the National Board of Directors and other elected officials of the Fraternity.
- Approved the Charter at Mac-Murray College, Jacksonville, Illinois, to become the Alpha Alpha Eta Chapter.

Voted the following Chapters null and void:

- Xi Theta Chapter, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan.
- Delta Phi Chapter, Johnson C.
   Smith, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Sigma Zeta Chapter, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina
- Mu Omega Chapter, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida
- Psi Nu Chapter, Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina.
- —Alpha Beta Theta Chapter, Morris College, Sumter, South Car-
- Phi Gamma Chapter, Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas.
- Alpha Beta Phi Chapter, Concordia Lutheran, Austin, Texas.
- —Gamma Nu Chapter, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.
- Postponed action until the Februry 1995 Board meeting on the folwing:
- Theta Delta Chapter, Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.
  - Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter,

Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas.

- Alpha Alpha Rho Chapter, Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.
- Alpha Alpha Kappa Chapter, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah.
- Voted Zeta Nu Chapter, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, suspended, due to hazing. The Board recommended charter revocation to the 1994 National Convention.
- Determined that the National President declare the following Chapters to be inactive:
- Alpha Alpha Tau Chapter at Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Chi Iota of Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota.
- Tau Upsilon at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wisconsin.
- Voted to recommend to the 1994 National Convention that the Charter of Phi Phi Chapter, Florida Memorial College, Miami, Florida, be revoked for violations of the Fraternity membership policies and National Bylaws in regard to hazing.
- Voted to suspend the Kappa Delta Chapter, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida, and recommend to the 1994 National Convention revocation of Charter for violations of our membership policies and the National Bylaws.

- Adopted the following policy in regard to use of alcohol in chapter membership programs: Chapters, Interest Groups, and Petitioning Groups of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity shall not use or condone the use of alcoholic beverages as part of their membership recruitment "rush" or pledge education programs. A violation of this policy shall be deemed a violation of the membership policies of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.
- Directed the Fraternity and Standards and Spirit committee to appoint a sub-committee to create a proposed risk management policy and implementation plan to be considered by a reference committee at the 1994 National Convention.
- Honored past Legal Counsel, Alex Lewandowski, as the 1994 Fall Pledge Class Namesake.
- Adopted the 1994 National Convention Alcohol policy.
- Recommended that the 1992 National Convention rules be adopted for the 1994 National Convention.
- Approved the adoption of the National Alumni Association structure. (A copy can be requested through the National Office.)
- Recommended to the 1994 National Convention to replace "men of" with "true to" in the National Toast Song.

# EVENTS TO REMEMBER

National Service Day — November 5, 1994

69th Anniversary of the Founding — December 16, 1994

National Convention — December 27-30, 1994

# **Alumni Convention Registration**

#### WHEN

December 27, 28, 29 & 30, 1994.

#### WHERE

**DFW Hyatt Regency Hotel** DFW Airport, Texas, 214/453-1234

#### **WHO**

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

#### WHAT DO DO

NATIONAL CONVENTION Dallas and Fort Worth are cities of activity — civic, cultural, historical — fun and excitement; the convention to attend.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER — CHAPTERS**

Registration forms and Convention Services and Participation forms are mailed to chapters in September. They should be completed and returned to the National Office with appropriate fees. Hotel reservation cards should be returned directly to the DFW Hyatt Regency Hotel. Anyone not currently affiliated with an active undergraduate chapter may use the registration information request form on this page to request available forms and materials.

COST Everyon par PART OF SERVICE Everyone must pay the Convention Services and participation fee of \$35.00.

NOTE: \$30.00 (for pledges and undergraduate actives if received in the National Office before December 1, 1994). Banquet rates are:

\$16.00 for the Fellowship Banquet \$19.00 for the Awards Banquet NOTE: Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance so the Hotel can be advised of the expected attendance well in advance of the function.

#### Hotel room rate is:

\$40.00 (excluding tax) per night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy.

#### **GETTING TO THE CONVENTION**

Check with your Sectional and Regional Directors about possible car pools, other chapters travel plans, etc. If you choose to fly, your local travel agent can get the best super saver rates available.

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