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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL

President



This past May I had the great fortune to represent the Fraternity at the 18th National Biennial Convention of Alpha

Phi Omega International Philippines in Zamboanga City with a delegation which included National Board members David Emery, Bobby Hainline and Allen Wong and Brothers Carol Hainline, Tony Ploughe and Karen Tiu Wong. We saw firsthand some of the accomplishments of our counterpart organization in the Philippines. We observed the service provided by the Filipino Brothers and Sisters (as female members are called) at the APO Learning Center. This school is totally sponsored by a local alumni association which helps underprivileged preschool children to prepare for their education (see page 11).

Their National Convention, with over 300 members in attendance, showed a great similarity to our conventions. There were educational seminars, leadership training programs, and opportunities to meet and share ideas with Brothers and Sisters from all around their country. Our visit was an experience long to be cherished for the Brotherhood exemplified and the friendships made.

During the convention, the first meeting of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega was held. Discussions during the meeting provided a basis for

a Joint Statement which was signed by Felix J. Marinas, Jr., National President of APO-Philippines, and myself. This statement reaffirmed the Council's purpose to spread the principles of APO to college-based chapters around the world while maintaining the independence of each member's national organization. It also strengthened our commitment to render assistance to the sponsorship of new chapters and the development of operating policies to aid in the accomplishment of the Council's goals and purposes.

As you may know by now, we have just this year committed to establishing chapters in Canada. APO-Philippines has likewise committed to sponsoring the establishment of chapters in Australia. Upon chartering five chapters and setting up their own national organizations, membership in the International Council will be extended to these new national organizations.

From our beginning in 1925 to the founding of APO-Philippines in 1950 by Dr. Librado Ureta (with materials supplied from our organization) to the development of the International Council's expansion goals, we are seeing APO grow. What an exciting time to be a member of Alpha Phi Omega!

As our founder Frank Reed Horton envisioned, Alpha Phi Omega will be worldwide, bringing about international understanding and friendship that can lead to a more peaceful world.

—Wilfred

1995 Fall Pledge Class honors Philip Prince

Philip H. Prince obtained the opportunity of higher education through a football scholarship at Clemson University. His undergraduate days were interrupted by service to our nation in the U.S. Army (Pacific Theater) during the waning days of World War II. He returned to Clemson in 1946 and obtained a B.S. degree in Arts and Sciences in 1949. After service in the Korean War, he began a career in business that included 32 years of management and executive positions.



Clemson University, 12th President

At Clemson, Mr. Prince lettered in football for four years and was co-captain of the 1948 (11-0, Gator Bowl champions) team. He was vice president of the senior council and was elected into membership in Blue Key and Who's Who. An Eagle Scout, he was inducted into Gamma Lambda on April 19, 1948.

Since graduation, he has been active in numerous civic organizations, including the Palmetto Project, which promotes efforts to enhance community leadership in rural South Carolina.

Clemson University has been a major recipient of Philip Prince's time, talents and resources. He was a Life Member of the University Board of Trustees and is a former President of the Clemson University Foundation. A five-year "Campaign for Clemson," led by him, exceeded its \$62-million goal by more than \$40-million. Philip and his wife, Celeste, personally pledged \$900,000 for a scholarship endowment.

Mr. Prince answered the call to serve Clemson again on June 9, 1994, when he accepted the appointment of Acting President during the selection process for a permanent president. Because of the exemplary and stabilizing leadership he exhibited in that position, the Board of Trustees removed the word "Acting" from his title and, on September 30, 1994, named Philip

Prince the 12th President of Clemson University. He held that office through May 1995, when his permanent successor took office. As further evidence of his selflessness, Mr. Prince declined to accept financial compensation for his service as president, choosing instead to donate his salary to the Clemson University Foundation.

Alpha Phi Omega has been a recipient of his time and talents at both local and national levels. He delivered the keynote address to Gamma Lambda's 50th anniversary celebration kick-off banquet in 1990, at which time he was presented the Chapter's Distinguished Alumni Service Chair award. During Gamma Lambda's annual Clemson-Carolina (University of South Carolina) Blood Challenge in the fall of 1994, Mr. Prince (at age 68) gladly accepted the chapter's invitation to kick off the blood drive by donating the first unit. Philip Prince also has served as an unofficial advisor to past APO National President Jerry Schroeder on matters of fundraising. In 1991, Mr. Prince was again recognized for his record of generous service and civic responsibility when he was presented the Fraternity's National Distinguished Alumnus Key.

As is apparent from this brief testimonial, Philip Prince has exemplified the very essence of service by his attitude of civic responsibility and lifetime commitment to the nation, youth, higher education and numer-



Mr. Prince participating in the Gamma Lambda annual blood drive.

ous volunteer organizations, including Alpha Phi Omega. As the Fraternity seeks to highlight and pay tribute to the accomplishments of alumni, it is a fact that Philip Price is a fitting model for pledges as his life has been filled with hard work, tenacity, commitment, and altruism.

Pledge Class honoree recommends projects

It is traditional for each year's Fall Pledge Class honoree to be invited to recommend to the pledge class a service project idea or opportunity.

This year's honoree, Mr. Philip H. Prince, has suggested that pledges consider service opportunities related to Children's Wish Foundation International.

Based in Atlanta, Children's Wish Foundation International was established in 1985 as a non-profit organization to serve seriously ill children of every origin, race, creed, religion and economic status. CWFI provides a child the experience of a lifetime by fulfilling his or her favorite wish. The child's immediate family members are included in the experience to provide them with special memories of the family and child together to help counter images of hospitals, doctors and pain.

Apollo 13 Revisited

An Interview by Neal Farmer, National Alumni Chair

Circumstances prevented Jim Lovell from ever walking on the moon. But then, they don't make movies about things that happen like they are supposed to.

Lovell — who pledged Alpha Phi Omega in 1946 at the University of Wisconsin — was the commander of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, which was to be the third lunar landing by an American team. His rocket launched from Florida on April 11, 1970, with John Swigert, Jr. and Fred Haise, Jr. making up the crew. Lovell was well-prepared for the trip, in terms of APO. He took a Fraternity patch with him — the first APO trinket to leave the planet. He was not, however, well-prepared for what would happen during the trip.

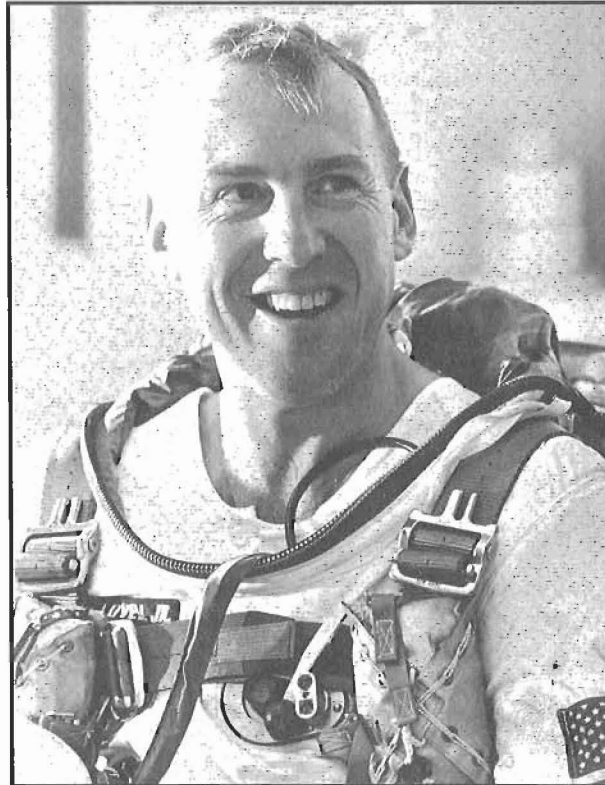
There was an explosion on the craft, which later was traced to a flaw when the ship was built. And that explosion meant that the emphasis on the trip switched from a glorious moon walk to simply survival.

"Houston," Lovell said from the spaceship after the explosion, "we have a problem."

Workers on the ground in Houston at NASA worked feverishly to develop solutions for the crippled capsule, in which the electricity — and oxygen — were not working. The astronauts had to move into the lunar module to survive and returned to the ship when it was time to reenter the Earth's atmosphere. As one NASA worker put it, the workers would toil around the clock to make things right because "failure was not an option."

"There was no way we could be prepared for that type of accident," Lovell said from his home near Austin, Texas. "We were only prepared for single-part failures, not multiple-part failures."

Lovell called the new movie *Apollo 13* "accurate, for the most part" on what happened at the time. "And that's fine. At the beginning of the movie, there is a party. There was no such party, but Director Ron



"Houston," Lovell said from the spaceship after the explosion, "we have a problem."

Howard had to introduce all the characters. We, instead, were all at NASA in Houston helping Neil Armstrong and the rest with what would be the first moon walk." Lovell also said there was no in-space fight between Swigert and Haise, but he agreed that Howard had to show in a short amount of time how tense it was on board during the rescue phase. He also said his wife did not have premonitions about the flight.

However, one important detail that was wrong in the \$53-million movie the former astronaut said he did want corrected. "My Corvette was blue," he joked. "Not red."

There were many tense moments, including the astronauts considering venting space into the capsule to die if the rescue mission was a failure. But the capsule returned safely to Earth and an entire nation breathed a sigh of relief. National TV networks had led with the story for days, causing an international countdown as to when the astronauts would return to Earth. "The odds really were against all of the Apollo missions (to the moon)," Lovell said. "I guess the odds just caught up with us."

Lovell would not fly another mission into space after Apollo 13.

Now 67, Lovell said he was honored that two-time Best Actor Oscar winner Tom Hanks portrayed him, although he joked he thought it would be the more handsome Kevin Costner. "Tom came down and spent four days with me at my home before they started to shoot the film in Houston," Lovell said. "He picked up my mannerisms and did a great job. I was flattered."

Lovell said that when he returned from the rescue, he sent his APO trinket to Kansas City and H. Roe Bartle. He said he was thankful for his APO leadership training he garnered while an undergraduate in our Service Fraternity, and credited that training with helping him become an astronaut.

"Yes, I think APO helped me out as did what I learned in the Boy Scouts," said Lovell, who has lent his name to help the Boy Scouts of America and the National Eagle Scout Association in recent years. "The service and teamwork instilled in me through APO, every bit of what I learned from that was required in being an astronaut — and, I think, on the Apollo 13 mission."

A few thoughts about membership policies



by John R.
Anderson
National Member-
ship & Extension
Chair

I thought it would be appropriate to share with you some basic thoughts on the lines of our Fraternity's policies regarding membership and its relationship to hazing. Simply stated, there is no relationship.

A review of the National Bylaws shows that there are many types of members within our Fraternity. For example, once a student is enrolled with the National Office as a Pledge Member, that is exactly what he or

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she becomes, a type of MEMBER of our Fraternity. This carries with it many of the rights and privileges pertaining to membership with certain specific exceptions. These exceptions are largely defined by individual chapters and normally center around voting privileges. Being a Pledge Member should also carry with it the same expectations by the individual to be treated with the same dignity and respect as other members of Alpha Phi Omega expect.

Hazing. What a horrible word, let alone event! Hazing is not only illegal, it is wrong, wrong, wrong. What is hazing? At best it is difficult to put into words. To paraphrase a famous quote about pornography,

hazing is not easy to define, but we should know it when we see it. Using our membership policies as a guide, we should know hazing when we see it. Obviously, there are specific exam-

ples of hazing prohibitions in our membership policies, such as branding. Understand that the examples cited in those policies are not all inclusive nor are they directed to just pledging activities. The membership policies apply to all of us all of the time.

Hazing. It can be of either a physical or a mental nature. It can be felt and claimed by not only the recipient of the treatment but also by others. These others may or may not be other members of the fraternity. If an objectionable event is witnessed and reported by either the recipient or another individual and the event does not meet our standards, it is possible that it will be construed as hazing. Trouble results for the people involved, the chapter, and the Fraternity. Think before you act. How would your actions look on CNN?

The success of the furtherance of the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and our brotherhood can be largely tied to successful development of our membership base beginning with a positive pledge process.

With that thought in mind, I would ask that all recently inducted Active Members and those who are currently Pledge Members reflect upon their period of pledge training. What did you like about the program? What can be improved? What should be added or deleted? What

questions about the Fraternity were left unanswered? During your period of Pledge Membership, did you feel as though you were becoming part of the Fraternity and did you feel wel-

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come? Did the actives fulfill their obligations under our membership policies? I would also ask that each chapter take time to review its pledge requirements and refer to the National Pledge Standards and the National Membership Policies for guidance. Our membership programs should be viable ones. Make changes as necessary to your own individual programs to meet the needs of your campus community and your chapter.

Alpha Phi Omega is the best. It is the best not just because of our ideals and standards but because of the constant dedication and vigilance given to our ideals and standards. I urge all of us to carry on the dream by renewing our dedication and vigilance to the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service.

Pi

Pi Chapter at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, conducted a hands-on service project this past spring by building a bridge for a nearby community park. It took a lot of planning and hard work on everyone's part. The bridge was used by the chapter in helping a group of Webelo Scouts move onto the next level of scouting. Pictured is a group of Scouts preparing to cross the bridge with Brothers Matt Snyder and James Stirling (left to right) at the head of the bridge wearing Pi Chapter's new APO shirts. For more information contact Alpha Phi Omega, Box 40, SGA Office, K-State Union, Manhattan, KS 66506.





AT THE END OF THEIR ROPE

MARCH 31, APRIL 1 — Beta Rho's pledges and actives caravanned to Devil's Den, near Fayetteville, where members camped out and learned all about the history of their chapter and the pledge class dedication. The Brothers spent the next day participating in a ropes course on the grounds of a local hospital. Chapter advisor Dr. Fred Heismeyer led the members through various exercises and activities that demonstrated leadership skills and lessons.

APRIL 2-4 — Several members of Beta Rho helped the annual CBS-TV College Sports Tour set up. It was a warm and sunny day, good for spending outside. Heavy carts were dragged all over the Fayetteville Union Mall area, and tents were raised with incredible speed. Workers discovered that one of the CBS guys was a Brother from another chapter, so he proceeded to hang out with us for the next two days and even attended our chapter meeting. Monday and Tuesday games were played by hundreds of students, and prizes were won, along with free food. APOers who worked received

free T-shirts also. Tuesday afternoon was spent taking down the sets and packing up for the next road trip.

The CBS-TV College Sports Tour is sponsored by University Programs, so of course, our help was appreciated by them. This project doubled as a fundraiser for APO because CBS paid volunteers who worked.

APRIL 8 — Once again, Beta Rho members gathered at the crack of dawn at "the pit" (the parking lot at the football stadium) to trudge through the beloved ditches of our 2-mile stretch of Adopt-A-Highway. While some Brothers were cleaning up the highway, other Brothers were attending the Section 35 conference in Springfield, Missouri. No more clean-ups until this summer or next fall!

APRIL 12 — The University Health Fair was helpful to several Beta Rho members. It offered free hearing tests, cholesterol screening, body fat calculations, dietary information, blood pressure checks, fitness tests, and lots of brochures on numerous health concerns. The Health Fair was sponsored by the University Health Center and is done on a semester basis.

BETA

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APO'ER

APRIL 15 — One thousand eggs, candy, prizes, a bunny, playful kids and egg games . . . Ummmm . . . What does this sound like? It was the Easter Egg hunt held by the Beta Rho chapter. What a great turnout! Kids and parents got to enjoy the holiday festivities without any stress of their own. Those APOers who came at 8 on a cloudy morning got to hide the eggs in four different play areas for four different age groups. Speaking



LIFE IS GOOD — GAMES, PRIZES,
AND FREE FOOD!

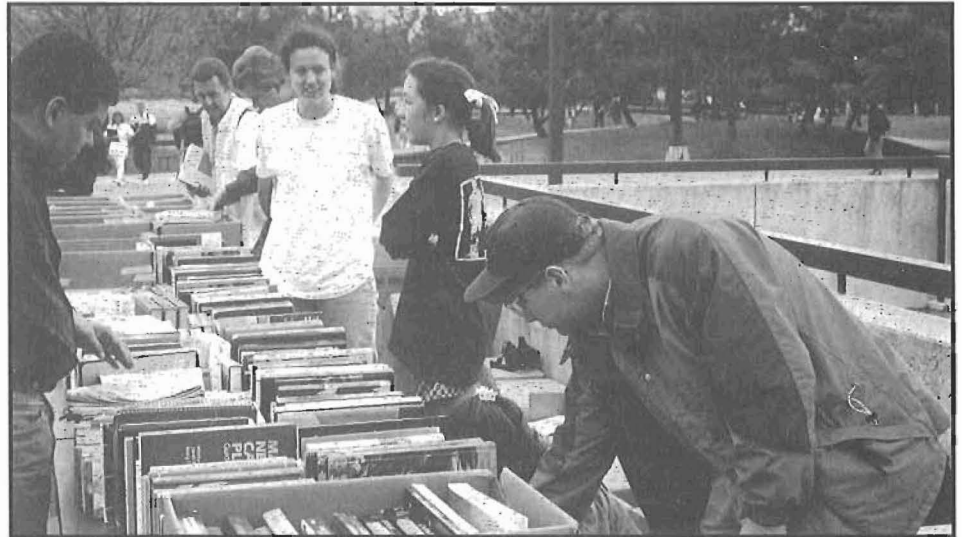
RHO

...at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is a chapter on the move. The following is a glimpse of just one month of the chapter's activities this past spring. (For more information contact Alpha Phi Omega, University of Arkansas, 521 Arkansas Union, Fayetteville, AR 72701)



ARE EGG-STRADINARY!

of hiding Easter eggs, Anne Taunton papped on two! Bad girl! As soon as the egg hunt began, the kids ran to find their eggs. The Easter Bunny came hopping up and greeted the kids. Thanks to Dr. Fred Heismeyer for helping out. It was a spectacle to see the kids so happy at Easter. As soon as the hunt was over, the kids opened their eggs hoping to find a prize. Games such as egg relays and egg toss soon followed, in which we helped out.



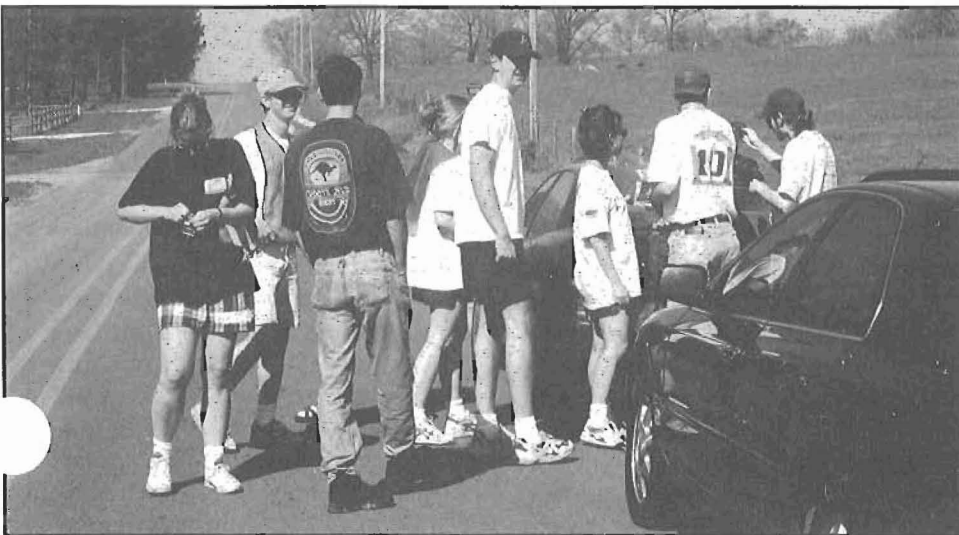
BOOK SALE

The Easter egg hunt was a pledge service project originated by the Chuck Becker Pledge Class. Since it was a huge success last year, Beta Rho has been asked back again. Thank you, Brothers, for helping out. Northwest Arkansas Times and the Traveler took pictures to recognize our volunteer efforts.

APRIL 19-20 — Our last official

blood drive for the year was a success. The goal for the blood drive was 400 units. Guess how many we got? 497! Once again, this could not have been pulled off without all our Brothers! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time — especially to those who suffered from TSS (Tired Silly Syndrome)!

APRIL 26 — This spring Beta Rho held its usual semester book sale. Dave, a local book store owner, brought us dozens of boxes of books, and students bought many. The day started out rather gloomy looking like it might rain, but instead the sun came out and warmed everyone up. Members received service hours selling the books that ranged from 10 cents to \$3. We ended up raising over \$250 from the project thanks to our generous book donor. Dave, who used to be the manager of the University Bookstore, gets the books (which include textbooks, romances, law books, and other varieties) from other Universities and used book stores.



HEAD OUT ON THE HIGHWAY!

National Service Day — needs you!



by mrs Tomusiak
*National Service
Chair*

National Service Day — Spread the Spirit of Service.

What were the best aspects of the last service project you worked on? Providing needed assistance? Benefiting a worthwhile organization? Working side by side with friends for a common goal? Learning a new skill? The feeling that comes from making a positive difference? Now think of the impact if your whole community worked together for a day. What could be accomplished, both for the participants and recipients? That event would take a great deal of planning and a high level of organization — skills that APO members develop, and a challenge where Alpha Phi Omega can excel.

That's why National Service Day was created.

What if Alpha Phi Omega had the same level of name recognition as, say, the Peace Corps? Even if you've never met anyone who's served in the Peace Corps, you probably know it involves community service in other countries. If you were interested in volunteering or were an agency seeking assistance, you could contact the Peace Corps. Now think of the benefits if Alpha Phi Omega were that well known. What effect would there be on membership, extension, service and leadership programs?

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APO values its diversity as much as its national unity, so duplicating service programs is not going to work for us. But what if on one day every member of the Fraternity worked for a common theme, joining with the local community in a service project important enough to make the headlines?

That's what National Service Day is supposed to be.

This past National Convention confirmed that the purpose of National Service Day is to unify chapters with a national theme and to inspire expansion of chapter service programs by involving the community in a high profile service project. The official date is the first Saturday of November. Each convention chooses the theme. On November 4, 1995, National Service Day is for GREEN PROJECTS/RECYCLING.

You have seen the 1995 National Service Day logo. You may be able to earn a participation pin if your chapter reports on a qualifying National Service Day project. Details on this and guidelines to help you plan your project are included in the National Service Day packet.

Reach out to make an impact, not only with your Brothers but with your other friends and neighbors. Spread the spirit of service. Pass along to others some of the A-Phi-O benefits you have gained. I look forward to receiving all of your report of the successful activities on this year's National Service Day.

Alpha Gamma Lambda

Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter at Albion College, Albion, Michigan, worked hard this year with the AIDS Education Campaign. The project (March 27-31) included many events in which the chapter was involved. It began with a college community presentation on AIDS/HIV by Leon Goldson from the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. The chapter's involvement with Balloon Day was a unique activity. On that day, Brothers inflated balloons to represent people with AIDS/HIV and attached information to them. The chapter also sold AIDS Education Campaign T-shirts following an assembly at a local high school. At the final event of the week, Brothers were involved



in a panel discussion with community members who work with AIDS/HIV patients. The most exciting event of the week was the announcement that Albion College will be hosting the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt from Sept. 15-17. Alpha Gamma Lambda chapter will be sponsoring a block of time to help with the quilt. The Brothers of Alpha

Gamma Lambda Chapter were involved in planning and execution of all events. They were pleased when the AIDS Education Campaign was given the campus award as Best Program of the Year!

For more information, contact Alpha Phi Omega, Baldwin Hall, c/o Campus Programs and Organizations, Albion, MI 49224.

Epsilon Nu

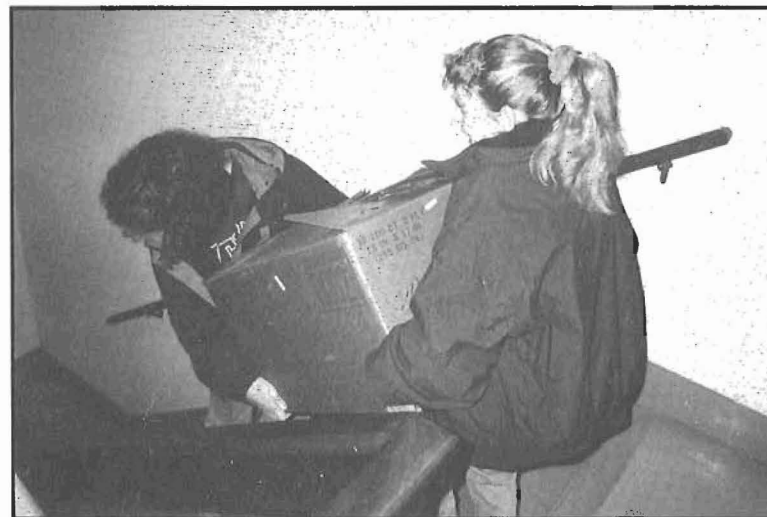
A chapter that lives by the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service is **Epsilon Nu** of SUNY-Oswego, Oswego, New York.

The APO chapter is different from other fraternities and sororities on the SUNY-Oswego campus because APO is co-ed and, more importantly, because it continually provides service to the campus, the community and the nation. The chapter recently assisted in building the Minetto-Oswego Playground, raised money for the SUNY-Oswego Library and worked with a local Ident-A-Kid program.

The chapter also assisted the Faith United Church of Oswego move out of its existing building. A letter to the editor in the local Oswego newspaper added to the recognition of a job well done:

"This is to applaud students at SUNY-Oswego. Members of the Epsilon Nu Chapter were extremely instrumental in assisting the congregation of the Faith United Church."

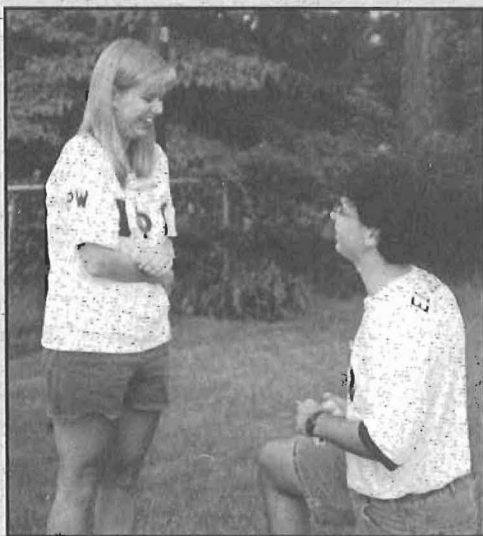
"The young people of Alpha Phi Omega offered their services and performed lifting and carting activities for the entire day. They were motivated, cooperative, cheerful, and worked well as a group. . . It is most important that the Oswego community is aware of this organization and its strong history



of serving the university and the community . . . We look forward to working with the chapter when we move into our new church."

For more information contact Alpha Phi Omega, SUNY College at Oswego, Hewitt Union Copy Shop, Oswego, NY, 13126.

CHAPTERS



Will you marry me? . . . at a CPW?

The unusual scene took place at a Chapter Program Workshop (CPW) this past summer at the University of South Carolina.

Yes, all attendees learned much about being better leaders when they return to their respective chapters this fall.

However, two engaging Brothers from the **Delta Kappa** Chapter at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, made it an extra special event when Jeff White proposed marriage to Michale Landrum.

It is amazing what can happen at a CPW.

Alpha Beta Gamma

The **Alpha Beta Gamma** Chapter, Knox College, held its 11th annual Run-A-Thon on April 28-29. The Run-A-Thon lasted from 4 p.m. on Friday till 4 p.m. on Saturday. (In other words, a few brave Brothers committed themselves to stay up all night.) This year's event was held to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation and a little girl named Whitney from Downer's Grove, Illinois. Whitney is a 13-year-old terminally ill child, and her wish is to go to Walt Disney World.

The Run-A-Thon is preceded by several weeks of intense fundraising to solicit donations, runners and sponsors from the college and the community. Our goal this year was to raise \$4,000 to send Whitney and her family to Florida. Thanks to the generous support of APOers all across Region VI and the Knox College community, the Chapter raised \$2,000.

The event included an APO alumnus, Tom Walker, who ran 46.5 miles and Mike Newberg from Section 52 who dropped by to run 33 miles or so. Along with these insane people, there were APOers and friends running and walking all night to make this 24-hour event a service project to remember. During the event, 5,023 laps were logged for a total of 627 miles.



For more information contact Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, Box 1644, Knox College, Galesburg, IL 61401.

Theta Chi

At the Tenth Annual Excellence in Student Life Awards presentation at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., the **Theta Chi** Chapter was one of two student organizations recognized as an Outstanding Student Organization in the area of community service. The chapter was recognized for its relentless service to the university and to the surrounding community. George Washington University has 250 registered student organizations.

During the past three years, Theta Chi has been involved in rebuilding — having a 300% increase in membership — while providing a variety of service. Members have volunteered weekly at a local soup kitchen, repaired D.C. public schools with "Hands on D.C.," and volunteered at AIDS Walk, MS Supercities Walk and the Annual Harvest Moon Classic Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run. Members also have raised money to provide children of battered

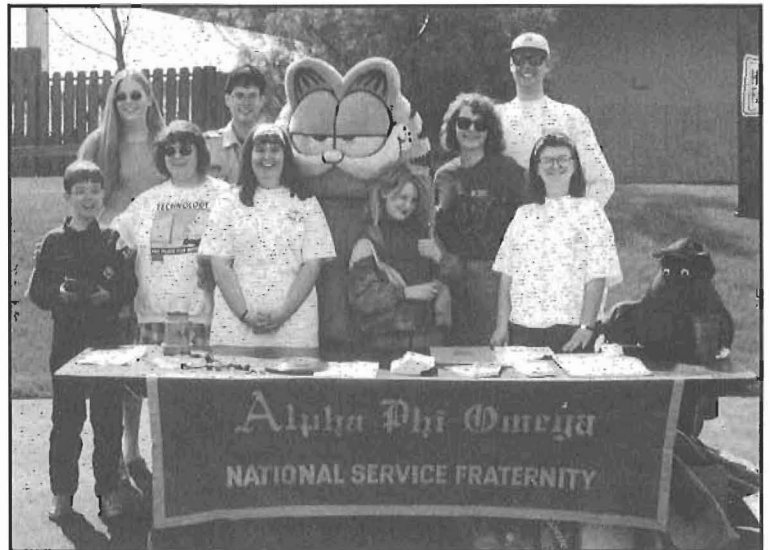


women with teddy bears for Christmas and to aid the D.C. Area Ronald McDonald House. Theta Chi also has helped the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity with its annual food drive and helped to raise over 1,600 pounds of canned goods for local homeless people. The chapter also serves as a community service resource center for other student organizations and the social fraternities and sororities at GW.

The Theta Chi Chapter will be celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. For more information write to Alpha Phi Omega - Theta Chi Chapter, George Washington University, Marvin Center, Box 102, 800 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20057.

Section 52 Alumni Association

On May 6, 1995, Brothers from the Section 52 Alumni Association hosted a recruitment booth at the Crossroads of America Council's "Family Jamboree." The Jamboree was a three-day celebration of Scouting in central Indiana. The event took place at Deer Creek Music Center. It was estimated that over 10,000 people participated, including many alumni Brothers from Alpha Phi Omega. The famous cartoon character "Garfield" was the Jamboree's mascot and was the center of attention for young and old alike. The Section 52 Alumni Association talked with interested Scouts about joining APO, plus many alumni Brothers about the newly-formed association. For more information, contact the Section 52 Alumni Association, 501 Cielo Vista, Greenwood, IN 46143-1714. Check out our WWW home page at <http://work1.utsi.edu:8000/fuzz/aphio/sec52aa/>



Philippine Alumni

This APO Learning Center pre-school in the suburbs of Manila, Philippines, is sponsored by a local Alpha Phi Omega Philippine Alumni Association. The alumni buy uniforms for the children, pay the teacher's salary, and pay for all materials. Pictured with the children and APO National Philippines President Felix J. Marinas, Jr. (front row center) are American visitors (behind the children) Tony Ploughe, Allen Wong, Wilfred Krennek, Carol Hainline, Dave Emery, Bobby Hainline, and Karen Tiu Wong.



Summer Board meeting action

At its July 15, 1995, meeting, the National Board of Directors:

- Suspended Omicron Theta Chapter at Monmouth College, Long Branch, New Jersey, for violations of Fraternity Membership policies.
- Confirmed the action of the Region II Director placing Zeta Sigma Chapter at the University of Delaware, Newark, New Jersey, on administrative review.
- Removed the suspension of Rho Epsilon Chapter at Savannah State College, Savannah, Georgia, and directed the Region IV Director to implement the "Plan of Action" recommended by the National Spirit and Standards Committee.
- Approved a sick leave policy for part-time personnel at the National Office.
- Extended the contract of the National Executive Director for 1995-1996.

- Selected Philip H. Prince as the 1995 Fall Pledge Class Honoree.
- Passed a resolution to publicize the theme of National Service Day and National Program of Emphasis in the Torch & Trefoil as well as the National Chapter Bulletin.
- Confirmed the presidential appointment of John Childs as the National Scouting Relations Chair.
- Recognized Mrs. Judy Mitchell for 20 years of exemplary service as an employee of the National Fraternity.

Also, the National President declared the following chapters to be null and void for non-payment of dues for the past two years: Alpha Gamma Epsilon, DeVry Institute of Technology, Decatur, Georgia; Upsilon Chi, Clark-Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia; Kappa Iota, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; Chi Mu, Henry Ford Community College, Detroit, Michigan; Epsilon Epsilon, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri; Alpha Delta Epsilon, Metropolitan Community College, Blue Springs, Missouri.

The difference between humility and humiliation



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A healthy sense of humility is a good thing. While each of us should take pride in our own talents and abilities, we should also realize that none of us is perfect, all-powerful or all-knowing.

Putting others first is a display of humility; it is also a display of self-confidence. Likewise, respecting other people's opinions, dignity and worth is both a sign of humility and an essential element of self-respect.

Service is a sign of humility, whether the project is working in a soup kitchen, picking up litter along a highway or giving blood. Being an effective project leader or chapter officer also requires a good deal of humility, and so does being a true and honest friend.

Humiliation, on the other hand, is all about degradation and embarrassment. When one person humiliates another, both people lose. While the victim suffers from the action, the perpetrator is reduced by the very act itself. There is no such thing as a benign or innocent act of humiliation.

Unfortunately, from time to time, some individuals within the Fraternity erroneously think that the road to humility has to pass through the hell of humiliation. Motivated by mis-

guided notions of tradition or brotherhood, they think it is OK to place others in compromising, uncomfortable and dangerous situations — humiliating situations.

Sometimes the humiliation is intended to be fun. Sometimes it is intended to instill loyalty or promote unity. Sometimes, oddly enough, it is intended as a sign of acceptance into "the group." But no matter how good the intentions might be, at all times humiliation is wrong. It is hazing, and it is unacceptable in Alpha Phi Omega.

Why am I telling you this?

Well, first, this is a matter of timing: We stand at the threshold of a new academic year, at the start of a

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new Fraternity cycle. Soon chapters all over the country will be conducting pledging activities, initiation ceremonies, fellowship events, etc., and in some places some people will probably want to make humiliation a part of the process. And in those places where those people are allowed to prevail, there will be trouble — trouble for the chapter and trouble for the specific individuals involved. Be on the lookout for humiliation and don't let it happen where you are.

One incident of hazing is one too

many. Although we don't have the problem that some other groups do, we have a problem whenever or wherever there is hazing in Alpha Phi Omega — and you should never assume it cannot happen in your chapter.

Beyond issuing that appeal — and warning — however, there is another reason I have devoted this column to this topic.

During my years as a Regional Director and now as National Vice President, I have had to investigate various violations of our policies and standards committed by people motivated by a fundamental misunderstanding of the difference between humility and humiliation. It is a misconception that causes otherwise intelligent, kind and thoughtful people to perform stupid, cruel and careless acts, all in the bogus belief that such behavior teaches one to love our Fraternity, proves one's worthiness to be a part of our Brotherhood and demonstrates one's humility.

Humbug. This is my point. Brothers: Using humiliation as a test of fraternalism and humility is a lot of humbug. We don't need that stuff. Alpha Phi Omega has more substance than that. Our principles are higher than that. We are, in my humble opinion, much, much better than that.

Let's keep the humbug and the humiliation out of Alpha Phi Omega. Instead of dreaming up things to do to people, let's spend our time doing things for people — and never forget that our own members are people, too.

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