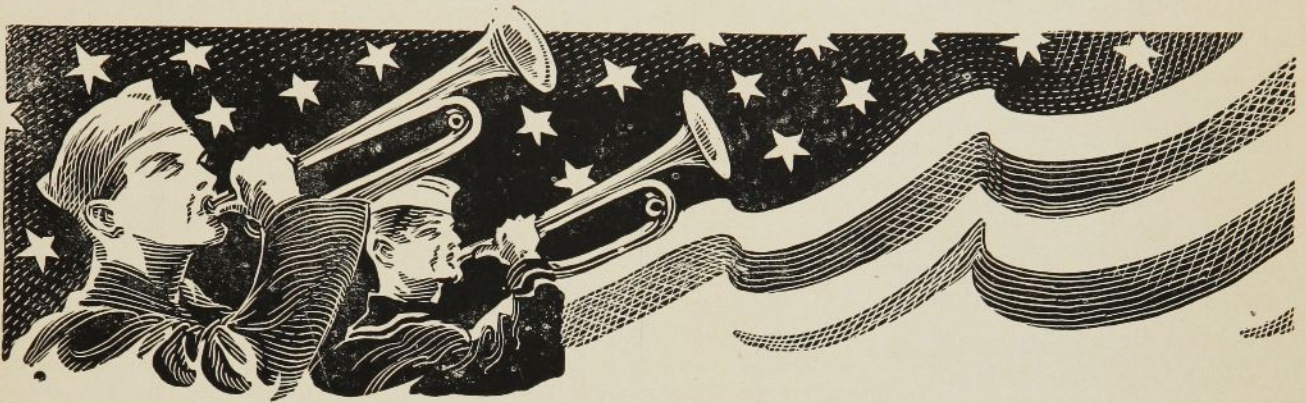


TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Call To Service

Several hundred men of Alpha Phi Omega in recent weeks have answered the call of Uncle Sam, entering the armed forces through the Army enlisted reserve corps, the Army air corps reserves and selective service and voluntary enlistment. Ready and willing to do a full share for victory, those brothers are now engaged in *Service Project No. 1*. They have left our campuses with mixed emotions, eager for the opportunity to help restore peace and justice in the world and yet still wishing they could stay in school to complete their college courses. They look back upon their active work in Alpha Phi Omega with keen satisfaction, and *they challenge us to carry on*. Manpower is the chief problem of the hour. The call to service on the campus front continues in importance and Alpha Phi Omega must continue to fulfill the need. We must "take stock" and determine our best sources of new members for the duration. Let's consider the following:

Navy Announces College Trainees Will Be Allowed To Take Part In Fraternities

In an Associated Press dispatch February 20 the Navy announced that the enlistees sent to college under the new specialized training program will be free to take part in fraternities and other extra-curricular activities providing those activities do not interfere with the prescribed hours and courses of study. It is anticipated that the same will be true of the Army trainees. This opens a certain field for Alpha Phi Omega manpower. Although the men attending college under military discipline will be extremely busy, they will obviously have some hours free in which they could participate in our fellowship program and take limited part in projects. Let's be alert to select new members from the long-term training units now being established on campuses throughout the nation.

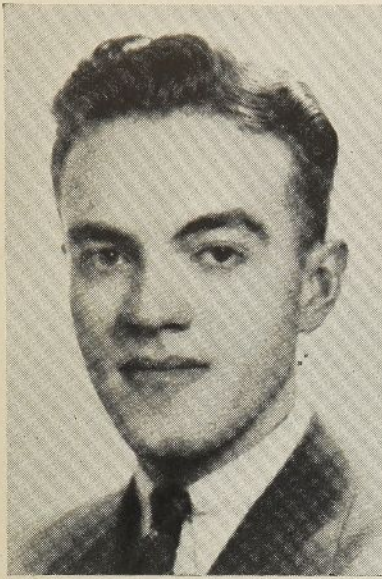
Other available sources of new members in the immediate future include certain deferred groups such as some engineering students, medical students and some pre-meds, veterinarians, some pharmacy students, some chemistry and physics majors and men in the Navy and Marine reserves.

Still another group from which to draw new members are the seventeen-year-old men who are not yet subject to military duty. The number is small at present, but this group does offer a limited source of new manpower. Then too there is a limited number of men who have been rejected from military service who should be given an opportunity to serve in our brotherhood. (Continued on page three.)

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MAN OF THE MONTH



Bill Parsons

A senior in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin, Brother Bill Parsons has rendered exceptional leadership in Beta Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega since his initiation as an active member on May 26, 1940. His first office in the chapter was corresponding secretary, later became vice president, and he served as chapter president during the spring and fall term of 1942.

Brother Bill is also an outstanding leader in the University YMCA at Wisconsin. He serves on the YMCA Cabinet and is chairman of the World Student Service Fund on the campus, a movement which commands special attention this year. His work in that movement has brought about his appointment as state coordinator of the WSSF campaign on all the college and university campuses in the state of Wisconsin.

Brother Bill is an Eagle Scout having received his Scouting experience in the Gateway Council at Sparta, Wisconsin.

In speaking of Bill, Stewart Dien of the executive staff of the University YMCA said, "I have been greatly impressed with the leadership abilities of Bill Parsons, his thoroughness and intense interest in the projects he undertakes, qualifying him as one of our outstanding men."

The leadership of Brother Bill Parsons has been a major factor in the growth and development of Beta Theta Chapter and in establishing the service program of Alpha Phi Omega on a firm and constructive basis on the Wisconsin campus.

Congratulations, Bill, on your leadership, devotion and service in Alpha Phi Omega!

QUOTATION FOR MARCH

"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the very end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything."

—Abraham Lincoln.

National President Lauds Courage of College Men

My Dear Brothers:

During the last month a great thrill has been mine, a realization that has brought deep and lasting satisfaction. I desire to stand and propose a toast to the *courage of college men*. In my earnest opinion you are portraying a dauntlessness that has the quality of true greatness.

There are problems everywhere about us as we strive to "carry on," yet it was my privilege only a few weeks ago to witness the installation of a *new* chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, to see a fine group of men, fully aware of the uncertainties voluntarily commit themselves to an unlimited program of Leadership, Friendship and Service, no matter what the challenge. I toast Ohio University and our brothers of the new Delta Gamma Chapter! I have profound respect and honest admiration for them. These are not careless, carefree youth. Every man in that group knows that he may be called to service in the next six months, but they wanted to establish Alpha Phi Omega on that campus so that it would be there for them to return to, or if they failed to return, it would carry on for others and perpetuate the ideals of the fraternity they admired. They wanted the privilege of brotherhood in Alpha Phi Omega before going into service. In accepting this brotherhood, they likewise accepted the responsibility for its perpetuation and are already working hard to insure that others will follow after them in serving the fraternity when they are called to the colors. I found at that installation one of the loftiest examples of courage it has ever been mine to witness. I know that it will be heartwarming to our men on every far-flung battle front to realize that such a spirit is aflame in the hearts of college men today.

Not only in this group have I witnessed courage that has stirred my pride in and respect for our men of today. I have seen chapters lose eighty per cent of their membership, almost without warning, in a few brief weeks, yet patiently rebuild the enduring unit man by man. I have seen chapters find it necessary to revise their whole well-planned program in order to measure up to the challenge at hand. I have seen chapters give leadership to war effort projects of heroic proportions, with men giving equally heroic service, doubling and re-doubling their efforts as they carry on for those called to armed service. I have been stirred to the very depths of my being; my faith has been reaffirmed, my belief in young America gloriously upheld.

Yes, I'm toasting the courage of college men today; I'm saluting the spirit of Leadership, Friendship and Service, undaunted from coast to coast; I'm remembering the vision of a group of men who want to make sure that the things for which they'll be fighting are right there waiting for them when they return. I pray that I may spare no effort to serve my America with like courage and vision.

Faithfully your brother,

National President.



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TODAY'S DEFINITION OF "CITIZENSHIP"

By Sol H. Marshall (Upsilon '34)

Scouting Advisor, Gamma Delta Chapter

The word *Citizenship* has taken a new lease on life. It has acquired a new and intensified meaning. A *Citizen* of today holds an important role in the nation.

At one time, a *Citizen* had to do little or nothing to prove his claim to the title. He was not asked to make a contribution. If he did nothing wrong, he was doing his part, he was a *Model Citizen*.

Today we are living in a high-speed age. We require higher standards of performance from our machines and our tools. And we also demand higher standards of performance from our citizens. To be considered a *Good Citizen* in this modern age, a man must make a definite contribution—to his group, to his community, to his state or his nation—wherever his abilities qualify him to serve best.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega have a responsibility to their fraternity. They must accept calls to serve as officers and committee members or chairmen, wherever they are best qualified. No more can they merely come to meetings and sit and listen. They must participate seriously in all discussions and decisions. They must take an energetic part in the service program. They must seek the highest type of pledge to aid in maintaining the standards of the fraternity.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega must make a definite contribution to their school, the community of which they are a part. This can be done through APO, by service in the many ways in which the chapter already has shown its worth. It must also be done as individuals, by participating in the wide program of curricular and extracurricular activities and efforts of the school.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega must aid their community and nation. There are innumerable ways, in this time of war—service through Scouting, Red Cross, OCD and many other groups; service in defense industries and government agencies; service in the armed forces.

There are other contributions to be made to our nation, however, equally important, although apparently not as necessary at the present time. These contributions are the ones to be made through education and preparation now for the peace to follow.

One is through self-education, which is preparation for a contribution to the new world of the future. This indicates a serious attention to the content of academic courses, a considered decision as to the courses to be taken.

Another is the education and training which can be offered to younger people, which many of us are already doing through the Scouting program. Today's youngsters will be the active citizens of the peace-time world. The pressure of current events is training them for war, and a distinct effort must be made to prepare them for peace. It can not be done easily, for all of us are burdened with extra tasks brought on by our desire to aid in the war effort, or brought on as a result of the war. But we must not neglect our task. We must carry on our activities which are, and which will be, major contributions to the citizenship of the future.

Be a *Good Citizen*. This, by today's high standards, means (in the language of our fraternity): *Be of Service!*

CALL TO SERVICE

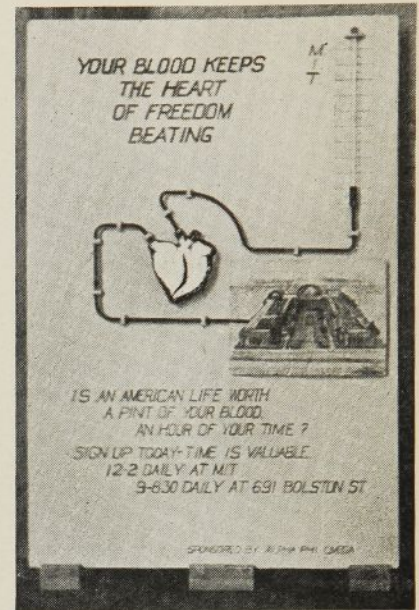
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Man-to-man personal contacts get results on pledging. An excellent plan to insure a successful future in your chapter, to help your chapter pull through the present emergency, is for every member and pledge to accept the individual responsibility of contacting and pledging a new man *now*.

To assist in pledging new men, a new folder entitled "Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega" has been made available in quantities to all chapters. It emphasizes the long-range values of our brotherhood and assures new men that they secure a permanent fraternal relationship when joining Alpha Phi Omega, a comradeship which extends throughout the years ahead.

Will you, brother, personally bring a new pledge into Alpha Phi Omega this spring? In doing so you can perpetuate the worthwhile activities of your chapter and boost our nationwide program of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER SPONSORS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT M. I. T.



Shown here is a mechanical heart erected by the men of Alpha Chi Chapter at M. I. T. which records the donations of blood by students to help save the lives of battle-injured men. Congratulations to Alpha Chi on the very efficient handling of this drive!

GOOD TRAINING FOR COMMANDOS



Years before Pearl Harbor the freshmen and sophomores of New York University were pitting strength in their annual tug-of-war, an ancient test of stamina which has now become part of the physical training of some of America's toughest fighting men. The picture above shows an NYU contest in progress. The tug-of-war is handled each fall by Beta Iota Chapter as the climax of frosh-soph week.

GEN. DOOLITTLE HONORS BROTHER JOSEPH BECK OF KAPPA CHAPTER

First member of Alpha Phi Omega to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross is Captain Joseph A. Beck, alumnus of Kappa Chapter at Carnegie Tech. He was decorated in North Africa on February 4 by Major General James H. Doolittle for extreme gallantry and bravery.



Capt. Joseph A. Beck

"... for gallantry under fire ..."

While under enemy air attack, Captain Beck landed an unarmed troop transport plane which was carrying a full load of parachute troops. Still under enemy fire, he repaired the external radio equipment so he could send a call for aid and also warn other carriers of the danger awaiting them. He then devoted his time to helping care for the wounded and the dying. (Picture and story by courtesy of "Carnegie Tartan.")

ORCHIDS TO APO

(An editorial from the "Miami Hurricane" of the University of Miami paying tribute to the work of Alpha Pi Chapter.)

The Hurricane is pretty stingy about handing out compliments. We're the crankiest bunch of souls alive. But when compliments are deserved, we're positively joyous about awarding "orchids."

This one goes to the boys of Alpha Phi Omega. They're the fellows who have been so active bloodtyping this past month or so. They're the fellows who completed so many worthwhile projects last semester that it would take the whole Hurricane staff to count (on its fingers and toes) the many services rendered.

Let's give credit where credit is due. Here's to Alpha Phi Omega!

WHY I DESIRE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

By Howard Schwarz

Gamma Iota Chapter, Brooklyn College

There is a question on the application, "Why I Desire Life Membership." That is a hard question to answer. There are many reasons. The first is simply that I want to always remain a part of something I helped to establish on the Brooklyn College campus. Another reason, many of my best friends are fraternity brothers and this common bond makes these friendships even deeper no matter where we are.

And yet, there is at least one more which may well be the most important of all. I am going to be called to active military service in a short time. After the present conflict is over, the adjustment, or I should say readjustment, back to civilian life is going to be difficult for all. In a time of turmoil and confusion, Alpha Phi Omega will have carried on through the war and will be ready to do its part. One of the first places the returning brother will go is to his chapter. There in the midst of his brothers and in the common interests of service and fellowship, he will find the thread of his former life and be able to take his place in the community again. This is extremely important because many of our brothers in the services have not graduated from college. It is extremely difficult to go from a life of constant physical activity to one of concentration and mental activity. It is here that Alpha Phi Omega will give its greatest possible service to the brothers.

I have graduated from college, but my college life has given me very many pleasant memories. The fondest of these will always be my three and a half years as an active and participating member of the Gamma Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

TEXAS U. SERVICES GOING FULL STRENGTH

By C. A. Schutze, Jr.

President, Alpha Rho Chapter

Alpha Rho Chapter is glad to report that our service program is still going full strength though both our campus projects chairman, Dan Cunningham, and war projects chairman, Bill Lawrence, were taken in one sweep by the Army Air Corps. Sub-chairmen are temporarily taking over administration with the important items of organization and equipment being handled by the organization and equipment committees.

Here is an outline of the projects either completed this month (February) or planned for later in the month:

1. Orientation including a mock election at Orientation Dance, guide tours, and information service.
2. Sponsorship of Scouter's Training Course on the campus meeting each Monday night with APO supervision.
3. Latin-American Scout-training program. Through the efforts of APO the Scouter's Training Course has students representing five American nations including Nicaragua, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Several of these countries have a good representation in the course. The course has been planned to give these men actual training in Scout leadership.
4. Collection of radio parts for nearby Del Valle air base to be used in radio training classes.
5. Trial setup of issuance of Ration Book No. 2. Results of this trial to be used to determine system of issuance for entire city and county.

6. Issuance of approximately 7,000 ration books on Texas campus set for Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26. A real major project.
7. Helping to move newly arrived Curtis-Wright aircraft trainees from scattered dormitories to final location. Also guide tour for group.
8. Ushering for community concert.
9. Renewal of Blood Bank Drive on campus.
10. Special barbecue for prospective members. Though there are at least 65 APO's remaining on the campus many are subject to immediate call to Service Project No. 1. So plans are underway to secure a number of pledges sufficient to supply at least thirty good new members.

We were all glad that Brother Ralph Frede was appointed editor of the **Daily Texan** this week when Bob Owens was called by the Marine Corps. This means that the president of the student assembly, editor of the daily, editor of the **Ranger** (magazine), and editor of the year book are all members of Alpha Phi Omega, and this with the fact that Alpha Rho has kept free of all campus politics. Alpha Rho has continued to man the campus election machinery without criticism from any source though before elections were put in charge of APO there was continuous squabble over the method in which they were handled. Perhaps this is another good word for the results of former Scout training as furthered in Alpha Phi Omega.

FORWARD AT MINNESOTA

I want to say thanks for your very helpful message with regard to "Where Do We Go From Here?" Furthermore, I am happy to report that Gamma Psi chapter has considered and acted upon all of the recommendations: To make this specific, let me go right down the line and tell what plans we have made and what action has been taken with regard to each of the recommendations.

1. The executive committee met during the first week of school following Christmas vacation and tentative plans for projects and membership were formulated. In addition, the chapter secretary was asked at that time to make a survey as to the military status of all the members.
2. We were ahead of the game on membership. All of our available pledges were initiated on December 17, the closing day of the fall quarter.
3. Each chapter officer has been asked to use one of the new initiates as an assistant and "understudy." In addition, we have put several of the most capable new men in charge of committees.
4. A new rushing chairman has been appointed and a crew of actives is at work culling over several thousand freshman census cards in an effort to develop an extensive prospect list. We are planning on a one-month pledgship hereafter.
5. A list of war-related projects has been drawn up, arrangements investigated and the activities approved by the University administration.

We are keenly aware of the fact that the coming spring quarter will be a critical one in the history of Gamma Psi chapter. At that time we will lose a considerable number of our charter members who are seniors and who have accelerated their curricula. In addition, most of our reservists will either be taken from the campus or else be uniformed and barracked here. Thus in forming our next pledge class, we must seek 17-year olds, 4-F's, students with deferments and any others who give promise of staying on the campus. That is the only way to perpetuate APO during the following school year!

—Bob Jesness, President.

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Brother **Ralph Wells** has been elected president of the sophomore class of Western Michigan College.

Brother **Harold Butth** of Alpha Nu Chapter, St. Norbert College, who entered West Point Military Academy last June is ranking high in his class.

Brother **Ralph Frede** is new editor of the Daily Texan, student newspaper of the University of Texas.

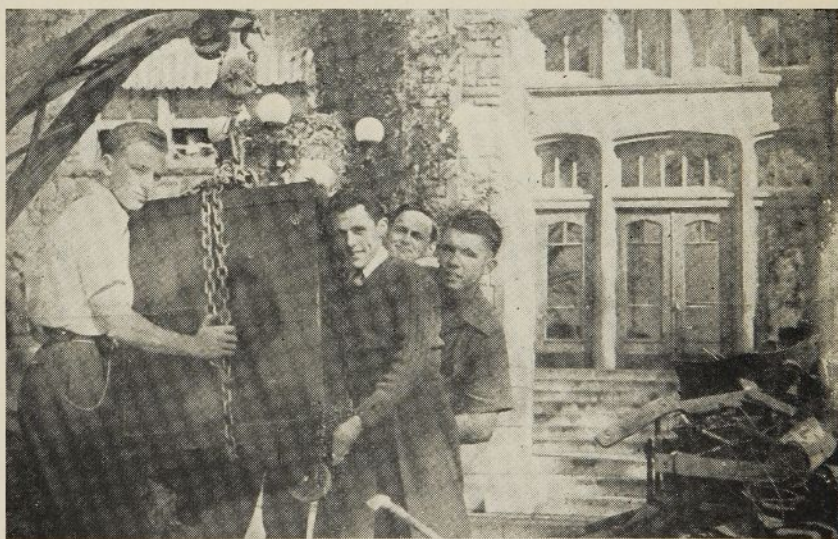
Brother **Robert H. Uber**, past president of Upsilon Chapter at Milwaukee STC has been selected a second time for recognition in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

ETA CHAPTER BUYS WAR BONDS



Surplus funds of Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Northern Illinois State Teachers College are shown here being converted into a \$1000 war bond. Dr. M. C. Hayes, senior faculty advisor and national vice-president, hands the check to Robert McCormick, head of the Dekalb County Bond Committee, in exchange for the bond which Brother Don Kriechbaum, past president of the chapter, and Brother Bob Erickson, look on. Since this picture was taken an additional \$500 bond has been purchased by the chapter. The funds used are profits accumulated in the past ten years from sales of cold drinks and candy at the chapter's concession in the administration building of NISTC.

CENTRAL MISSOURI TEACHERS GO ALL-OUT FOR SCRAP

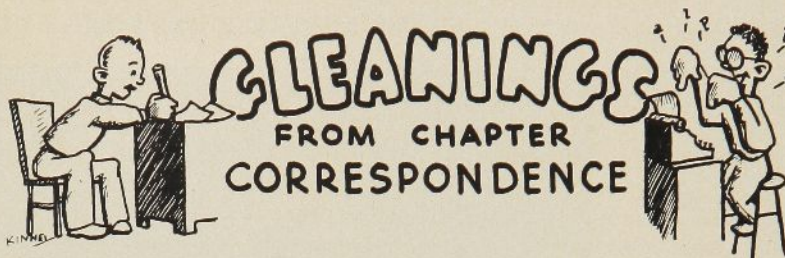


This is a scene from the campaign for scrap metal conducted last fall by Beta Kappa Chapter at Central Missouri State Teachers College. Response was excellent and a huge pile of vital metal was contributed to Uncle Sam.

THE SPIRIT OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA TODAY

"We are forging ahead in our service program despite uncertainties. We figure that when Uncle Sam wants us he'll let us know, and until then we are going ahead with our studies and our work in Alpha Phi Omega . . . We are featuring pledging to get new manpower to carry on after the older fellows leave. Every active member of our chapter is responsible for getting at least one new pledge and training him in the principles of our fraternity."

By Grady Fullerton, President,
Gamma Chi Chapter, Howard College.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

"I am happy to relay the news to you that Alpha Gamma Chapter is soon to begin its pledge period for this term. A large number of prospective members attended two open meetings arranged for the purpose of getting acquainted with interested men. Thirty-one pledge bid cards have been mailed, and we are convinced that these new candidates are among the cream of the crop at Purdue. Pledging is scheduled for February 15 and the period will last four weeks to be climaxed by our traditional pledge outing, banquet, and initiation. Many unique and practical pledge projects have been devised for this new group."

—John Thornberry, Vice-President.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

"With most of our older members having gone into military service leaving only our newest initiates to carry on, we have adopted the slogan 'Toughen Up, Buckle Down, and Carry On To Victory' and will push ahead to the fullest extent."

—Elmo Laborde, Secretary.

MICHIGAN STATE

"Beta Beta Chapter purchased \$300 more in war bonds in January and started work on housing for Farmers Week, interfraternity sing to be held March 10, and our 'Use The Walks' campaign."

—David Coons, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO STATE

"Alpha Delta is off to a good start this term with our current projects including the regular flag raising ceremony on the campus and sales of war stamps and bonds."

—Jack Self, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

"Our fingerprinting of fraternities is still going on and we have also set up a booth in the student union building to be used by all other students wishing to have their fingerprints recorded."

—John R. Moegling, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE NYU

"Our projects in Gamma Omega Chapter in January included publishing a directory for incoming freshmen, Victory Book Campaign, March of Dimes, ushering at several college functions, and establishing a study plan."

—Saul Schwartz, Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"Georgia Tech has been selected as an Army-Navy training school and we are endeavoring to get as many of the brothers as can to subscribe for life membership in APO before they are called into the armed forces. We are planning to hold another blood typing on March 2 and 10 which will probably add a great many new names to our list of donors."

—Robert Maxwell, Secretary.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

"Under the able leadership of our president, George Betterley, we have initiated eleven men and have pledged eleven new men. On February 9 we expect to pledge four more and initiate three. We have recently had two executive committee meetings and our plans coincide beautifully with the recommendations of the national office. For example we have worked each pledge into at least one chairmanship and have held initiations at regular intervals."

"We are holding an openhouse consistently having speakers and refreshments at each one. Response has been excellent. New projects in the offing include an old clothes campaign, book collecting for the armed services, sale of war bonds, and free admission of Scouts to the college baseball games. In cooperation with the blood donors league we are to have a unit come to our campus as soon as it can be arranged."

—H. Warren Ragot, Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"With the start of the new semester our chapter is off to a good race to see how much service we can get done before many of our members are taken into the armed forces. Gamma Zeta is really going 'Forward in '43'."

—Robert Maxwell, Secretary.

LOUISIANA TECH

"At our weekly meeting last night we had the best attendance of this year and our senior faculty advisor, Professor A. W. Ford, talked on the duties of air raid wardens. Correspondence is being started with the other chapters in the state to establish helpful cooperation. I believe Gamma Tau Chapter will keep on growing this spring."

—John A. Ford, President.

SYRACUSE

"The January projects of Phi Chapter included fingerprinting at registration and securing voluntary blood donations for the armed forces."

—Roger L. Black, Secretary.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Our second 'Cinema Swing' has been set for March 13, and prior to that on March 8 we are arranging an initiation ceremony for our present pledges."

—Jay Mitchell, President.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

"Eleven new members were initiated in Gamma Chapter on February 7, 1943. We are proud of these new brothers."

—Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., Secretary.

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

"A project now being started in Alpha Eta Chapter is to place conservation notices at all light switches in all university buildings."

—Howard Friedmann, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

"Our chapter here is really going to town this year."

—Prof. Ed M. Searls, Senior Faculty Adv.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"Gamma Iota Chapter is endeavoring to establish a closer alliance between all chapters of APO in New York. To start things rolling, we invited all the chapters to attend a smoker on February 5. Present at the meeting were representatives of Gamma Delta, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Omega and Gamma Iota Chapters. Each chapter outlined its immediate service projects and discussed methods of recruiting new men to replace older members who are leaving for the armed forces. Plans were made for more inter-chapter get-togethers and for joint projects to be sponsored by all chapters in the metropolitan area. The meeting was very successful."

—Bert Kessler, President.

QUEENS COLLEGE

"A new staff of officers have been elected and installed in Gamma Omicron Chapter, and I am confident these brothers will continue to successfully guide our organization during the coming term."

—Norman Rosenthal, Past Secretary.

HOWARD COLLEGE

"Gamma Chi is coming along nicely. We are off to a fine start this semester, and I believe our fraternity will play an increasingly important role on the Howard campus this spring. We are forging ahead in our service program despite the uncertainties of impending military service. We figure that when Uncle Sam wants us he'll let us know and until then we are going ahead with our studies and with our work in APO. Committees have been appointed and are all functioning. Several projects have been started including blood donating and fingerprinting. We are featuring February as pledge month and are going to get new manpower to carry on after the older fellows leave. Every active member is responsible for getting at least one pledge and training him in the principles of APO."

—Grady Fullerton, President.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

"Gamma Upsilon is starting a new pledge program in which we propose to bring in at least ten new members. We have been hit hard as to active members, but we know that the men who have left have entered the highest branch of service, that of our country, and we are determined to carry on with renewed force here on the campus. We are in the process of sponsoring an Ugly Man Contest and are still working on our Stamp Dance. Our chapter is helping in a concentrated blood donors drive with a goal of securing 5000 donations from students of Tulane University and Newcomb College."

—Ralph Shirer, Jr., Secretary.

PROMOTE THE SALE OF WAR BONDS AND STAMPS ON YOUR CAMPUS



When talking to rushees and prospective members, point out that Alpha Phi Omega offers a permanent fraternal relationship, not just a temporary membership while the men are on the campus.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

"The British Consul of St. Louis, Mr. Hugh McClellan, is to address a big rush meeting of Alpha Phi Chapter on March 2."

—Sanford Silverstein, Secretary.

CCNY

"The new pamphlet entitled 'Wartime Membership in Alpha Phi Omega' is an excellent statement of the value of fraternity membership in this time of national peril. This month Gamma Delta Chapter conducted the semi-annual freshman reception and orientation program and received compliments on our work from the Dean of Women. We have also recently reorganized the air raid warden system of the college."

—Seymour Trager, Vice-President.

KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHY

"Upon the instigation of Alpha Omega Chapter, Brother George H. Charno, member of the National Executive Board of Alpha Phi Omega, was the speaker at the winter commencement program of KCOS."

—J. Neale Schneyer.

COLORADO

"Our newly acquired members are taking a strong part in Alpha Phi Omega and I believe we can soon launch another successful pledging campaign."

—Norris Echtenacht, Treasurer.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Our recent initiation was a big success. All the new brothers are fine men and I am sure will do excellent work in the chapter. We had as our special guest at the ceremony, Lt. Elier Segal, a brother from the University of Chicago, who is now stationed in Miami."

—Ed Feigin, Corresponding Secretary.

ILLINOIS

"Our open meetings in Alpha Alpha Chapter are starting on February 16 to select men for immediate pledging."

—Kenneth E. Gerler, Secretary.

WISCONSIN

"Beta Theta Chapter started its second semester's work by electing a new staff of officers, and we have several interesting projects underway."

—Jay S. Josephs, Corres. Sec.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

"Seven new men were pledged in Beta Iota Chapter in January and our current projects include collecting scrap metal, collecting silk, selling bonds and stamps, fingerprinting, and assisting at various university functions."

—Chet Kaminester, Secretary.

ROCKHURST COLLEGE

"Gamma Xi recently sponsored the Red Cross blood donors drive on the campus in which 72 units were secured, and we are now engaged in the Victory Book Campaign."

—Don Wiswell, Secretary.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

"Alpha Mu Chapter is preparing a memorial for William Jewell men who make the supreme sacrifice in this war, and our other current projects include daily flag raising on the campus, and plans for fingerprinting."

—Jack Newport, Secretary.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

"An initiation ceremony was held in January for five new members and projects connected with the war effort include scrap metal collection and war stamp sales."

—Keith W. Amish, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"An All-Out Victory Day for the sale of war bonds was sponsored by Alpha Rho Chapter recently and we renewed our assistance to the local rationing authorities by handling the issuance of ration book No. 2 to the university students."

—George Keith, Secretary.

CCNY

"Gamma Epsilon gladly reports recent orientation service and tour for new students, book exchange at the beginning of the new term, an exhibit during Scout Anniversary Week, 'lost and found' service on the campus, Red Cross blood donors drive, tree labeling on the campus and sponsoring the big brother movement."

—Isaac Chicurel, Secretary.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

"Xi Chapter has recently completed a silk collection for the war effort."

—Louis E. Plotkin, Past Secretary.

GEORGIA TECH

"Our present pledge class will be initiated on March 7 and we have started contacts for securing additional pledges for spring initiation. We have a new project of helping with the Russian clothes relief campaign."

—Mac Moore, President.

CCNY

"We had a good meeting of members and pledges including twenty-seven freshmen on February 19. The future of Gamma Delta looks O. K."

—Ernest S. Bradford, Senior Faculty Adv.

ALABAMA TECH

"Nine new men were pledged in Delta Chapter in January."

—J. O. Williams, Secretary.



Contact your Dean of Men and other officials and faculty men of your school for new suggestions of worthwhile projects which Alpha Phi Omega can and should carry out on the campus.

COLORADO

"We have started a new service program this term. It is just in the beginning stage now but we are expecting great things in our chapter this spring."

—John L. Wailes, President.

IDAHO

"We are knee-deep in plans for student fingerprinting and we have several other projects under consideration for the second semester."

—Harold Brevick, President.

WASHINGTON STATE

"Our annual fingerprinting campaign was carried out successfully on February 18 and 19. Our numbers have diminished some this semester, but our executive council has drawn up a program which we believe will stimulate interest, obtain new members, and carry on some additional service projects."

—Warren K. Smith, President.

KIRKSVILLE TEACHERS

"We have just finished our fingerprinting drive and there was about 75% response of all students who had not been printed before. We have also listed more than 120 students who are ready to donate blood to the Red Cross Plasma Bank as soon as we can secure a mobile unit for this purpose."

—E. L. Heying, President.

CLEMSON COLLEGE

"Gamma Lambda has been very active and is taking part in almost all of the campus activities. We did a great job with the Christmas work, and worked together with the local Scout Troop. We had a wonderful Religious Emphasis Week, and APO helped to make it one of the best the school has ever known."

—John F. Hare, President.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

"Our chapter here has started a new project. It was proposed by Professor Loflin, our new faculty advisor, and was enthusiastically approved by our group. We propose to inject a little 'life' in some of the Scout Troops here by visiting the meetings, singing peppy songs, and by demonstrations by our chapter in various phases of Scout activity. The latter to be done by specialists from the chapter in Firemaking, Signaling, First Aid, etc."

—J. O. Brouillette, President.

From Brothers in the Service

Capt. Irwin R. Hoener (Alpha Alpha)
Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida

Writes:

"Many times during the past year and a half I have thought about Alpha Phi Omega. It is fine to hear that Alpha Alpha Chapter at Illinois is making excellent progress even during these unsettled times."

Lt. Ed B. Liljeblad (Alpha Tau)
Officer Candidate School
Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland

Writes:

"It is always fine to learn of the doings of Alpha Phi Omega. My work here is that of an instructor in the academic department for chemical warfare officers. It is very enjoyable but doesn't compare to duty with troops. I receive letters quite regularly from Brother Eric Wadleigh from the South Pacific and he tells of hearing frequently from the national office. Good! Those men out there doing the actual fighting appreciate hearing from their friends. Best wishes and lots of luck to Alpha Phi Omega."

Pvt. Richard Mannheimer (Beta Iota)
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Writes:

"I shall never forget Alpha Phi Omega and the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. I like to think of all our brothers now in the armed services as active members now engaged in a big service project. To all our brothers now on campuses let me urge that you not consider Alpha Phi Omega as an end in itself, but use the service experiences gained in and through Alpha Phi Omega as a basis for future achievements."

Tech. Sgt. Clyde B. Kennedy (Gamma Theta)

Writes:

"I am glad for the opportunity to subscribe for life membership in Alpha Phi Omega and will appreciate receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL regularly. Like the Army very well."

Pvt. Keith Green (Beta Pi)
Fort Riley, Kansas

Writes:

"I am enjoying very much the news in the TORCH AND TREFOIL. APO certainly has the right background to carry through the war, and I am sure that after the war the spirit of service among all peoples will be stronger than ever before."

Pvt. Robert S. Gordon (Beta Iota)
Douglas, Arizona

Writes:

"War or no war, APO has always held its chin up and its head high. It is a living proof that democracy and fraternalism are here to stay. The TORCH AND TREFOIL is forwarded to me regularly from my home and is just what the doctor ordered as a good shot-in-the-arm."

Lt. Robert C. Hull (Lambda)
Herbert Smart Airport
Macon, Georgia

Writes:

"Best wishes for continued successful service of Alpha Phi Omega. I am glad to become a life member of our fraternity."

Bill Kouns (Gamma Zeta)
U. S. Navy Reserve

Writes:

"The two years that I was a member of Gamma Zeta Chapter at Georgia Tech meant much to me. The opportunity to continue the ideals of Scouting with a group of fellow students was an important part of my college life. Meeting other chapter members and the national officers was great! Having retreats, outings, and conferences brought out worthwhile programs, ideas and a general good time."

"The part which we as students played in service to the campus, to the community, and to the nation was the backbone of our chapter activities. Our blood bank, honor roll for Tech dead, Ugly Man contest to raise money for Christmas baskets, campus map, freshmen information, and other projects was our means of putting the Alpha Phi Omega ideals into action."

"I hope to continue my contacts with Alpha Phi Omega from now on as a life member and while in the navy I know I will meet brothers of other chapters and work together in the spirit of service."

Pvt. Robert Sabin (Mu)
10th Statistical Center Unit

Writes:

"Good luck and best wishes to all APO men everywhere."

Pvt. Robert Todd (Beta Iota)
Fort Eustis, Virginia

Writes:

"Even here at Fort Eustis I can see what APO means on every campus. Tell the brothers to keep up the good work and to redouble their efforts even though the war may make them shorthanded."

Pvt. Tom V. Waber (Beta Beta)
AAF Tech. School Command
Fresno, California

Writes:

"Receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL is like meeting old friends—it is as welcome as sunshine—great morale-builders when a soldier wonders, 'What's the use of anything?' Keep them coming!"

Pfc. Glenn E. Turner (Lambda)
Camp White, Oregon

Writes:

"Keep the TORCH AND TREFOIL coming! It's my favorite magazine. Several of our group spent a very enjoyable morning at the San Carlos Mission at Carmel, California, a short time ago. The Mission was built in 1760 and restored in 1932 to 1936."

Pvt. Walter B. Timberlake, Jr. (Tau)
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Writes:

"This army life is not all play, but I am thoroughly enjoying the experiences. Since being inducted as Pvt. Timberlake six weeks ago I have been at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, Kessler Field, Mississippi and arrived here at Oklahoma A&M College on Christmas eve for a clerical course. Best of luck to every APO, and here's hoping things keep running smoothly and successfully."

Lt. Eric Wadleigh (Alpha Gamma)
Southwest Pacific Area

Writes:

"Your letter of December 12 reached me on January 16, pretty good delivery considering everything. I am very much interested and glad to hear that Alpha Gamma Chapter is making such strong progress. Our present location is a hot tropical island full of malaria and the enemy. I am writing this by the light of a lantern from the depths of a sandbagged dugout with one ear cocked for the perilous droan which means lights out and hold your breath and keep your fingers crossed. It is not fun but exciting."

Pvt. Edward F. Chambers (Gamma Beta)
Camp Roberts, California

Writes:

"I am glad to be included on the military mailing list for the TORCH AND TREFOIL. The true basic ideals of our fraternity must continue to be put into effect by all alumni as well as by the active members on various campuses. The full values of our ideals will come to the forefront after this war is over. Hate and greed must be eradicated and a lasting peace established."

O. C. Eugene L. Zechmeister (Alpha Kappa)
Miami Beach, Florida

Writes:

"It is a real pleasure to keep in touch with the national office and I am enjoying immensely the regular issues of the TORCH AND TREFOIL."

Pvt. N. H. Bernstein (Gamma Iota)
Truax Field, Wisconsin

Writes:

"Just recently arrived in army and would appreciate receiving TORCH AND TREFOIL here. I plan to contact Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin. Army life is very interesting and at times enjoyable. I am studying to be a radio operator and assure you that my Scout and Alpha Phi Omega training is of great assistance."

Robert H. Ueber (Upsilon)
Army Air Forces

Writes:

"Having been initiated into APO as a freshman I enjoyed four full years of our fraternity activity. Any associations with the organization have been a constant source of enjoyment and inspiration. I am eager to continue receiving the TORCH AND TREFOIL while serving in the army air forces some 1500 miles away from my chapter."

Pvt. Herbert Goldman (Gamma Delta)
Army Air Corps Technical Training Command
Greeley, Colorado

Writes:

"This is to let you and the rest of Alpha Phi Omega know that a fraternity brother is enjoying life high in the Rockies. The food here is excellent, the beds soft, the work at Technical School easy and no duties such as KP or guard duty. I'll appreciate hearing from brothers from time to time."