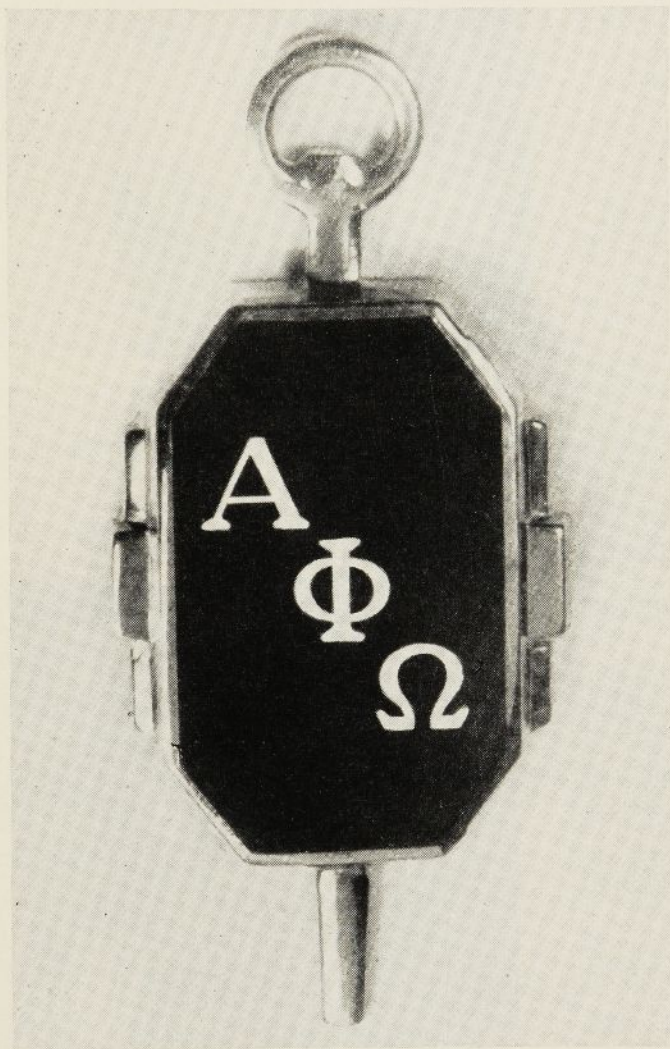


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## RECEIVES SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Brother Kent D. Shaffer, member of the national executive board of Alpha Phi Omega, has recently been honored by receiving the Silver Beaver "for distinguished service to boyhood." It was awarded on behalf of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America by the Allegheny Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Shaffer is chairman of the leadership training committee and member of the executive board of the council.

We extend hearty congratulations to Brother Shaffer.

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## BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK AT U.C.L.A.



Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega cooperated in the observance of "Bill of Rights Week" recently at University of California at Los Angeles. This was a patriotic service in bringing to attention of students the rights which exist under the Constitution of the United States.

## "UGLIEST MAN" ELECTION AT UNIV. OF OKLAHOMA



It was a close contest when Delta Beta Chapter conducted the election of the Ugliest Guy on Campus at the University of Oklahoma, Norman. Shown here are three brothers working at the booth, Bill Haws, Ed Goldsmith, vice-president, and Tom Garrett, president. Notice the plaque held by Ed and Tom. It was presented to Beep Jennings, Sigma Chi, as winner at intermission of a basketball game. This contest brought \$221.00 for the March of Dimes.



# A Nation-Wide Project

By Dean Charles T. Clark

*Past President and now Faculty Advisor,  
Alpha Rho Chapter,  
State Chairman for Texas*

For several months the brothers of Alpha Rho Chapter have been fired with an idea. It was an idea hard to define and harder still to put into a workable program. We wanted a nation-wide project based on Friendship, Leadership and Service, and one in which all the chapters could participate as a team.

Brother H. Roe Bartle set the stage for the idea at the 1946 National Convention in Kansas City. He spoke at the final banquet of the convention, and some of the things he said about "world brotherhood" made our spines tingle. Brother George H. Charno also discussed the idea of a national project with us when he was down Texas way last spring.

A committee was formed to study possible projects, and literally hundreds of ideas were suggested, studied, and finally discarded. Each project failed in some way to measure up. It couldn't be used by all chapters; it was already being done by some other organization; or it lacked the certain "something" that it takes to make any project seem vital and worthwhile.

The first hint of a possible project to occur to me came in the form of a letter from Japan. It was from a Korean boy named Chun Hi whom I met during the war. I was attracted to him because of his unusual personal qualities. Not only did he speak Korean, Japanese, and Chinese fluently, but he

had taught himself English from text books at a time when English was a forbidden language in Japan. He had been a part of the Korean underground in Tokyo and since V-J Day has been working to help his country gain, for the first time in 37 years, a free and independent government.

In his letter, Chun Hi told of the confusion he and his friends feel in the face of the American and Russian struggle in the Far East. He, like thousands of other thinking young people in different parts of the world, is sincerely trying to understand American democracy as opposed to Russian communism. He feels that the only way he can ever really see democracy in action is to visit this country as a student so that he will have an opportunity to learn American ways and to understand American ideas and ideals.

What Chun Hi said started us thinking what a difference it would make to us as Americans if that boy had an opportunity to see democracy in action on our campus. If someday he is a real leader in his country—and there is every reason to believe that anyone with his ambition and sincerity will be—the attitudes and convictions he has formed here during his school days may, in a few years, be a part of the thinking of the Korean government.

Chun Hi is only one of many from all parts of the world who

want to come and see this fabulous America of ours, study our business and scientific developments, and decide for themselves why we are able to produce half of the world's goods with only a handful of the world's population.

On our campus at The University of Texas we already have 251 foreign students from 50 different countries. Many of these students desperately need the friendship and understanding of some campus group. A visit in an American home at Christmas time, an invitation to participate as a member of some campus club, even a friendly smile will often mean the difference between being a stranger and being a part of the campus life.

But to get back to the national project idea, it is our thought that if A-Phi-O chapters all over the country would establish scholarship funds to aid foreign students and, at the same time, take a personal interest in the students being helped, we would be on the way towards doing something concrete about some of the dreams we have for world brotherhood. If we wished, we could call it the H. Roe Bartle Scholarship Fund in honor of our past National President—the man most responsible for building the Alpha Phi Omega we now know.

Today our chapters blanket the United States—tomorrow perhaps the world.

## BACKFIRE

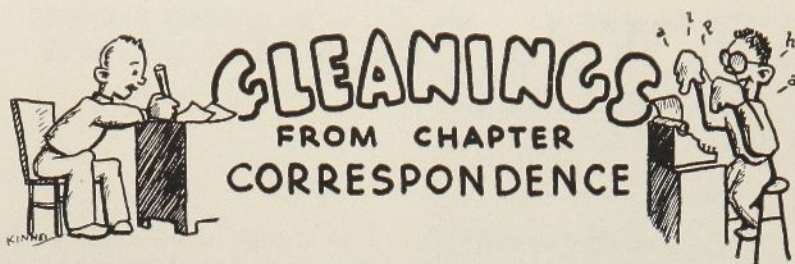
A rancher, new at the business, noticed trout in the stream which traversed the property he had just acquired. Being unfamiliar with the habits of fish and ignorant of the law as well, he hit upon the idea of placing fine-mesh screens across the stream at both the upper and lower property lines. He wanted to be sure of having his fish and his fishing.

Trout go upstream to spawn. None could enter his property from below; none could escape upstream to increase the trout population. His act resulted in fewer and fewer fish.

When deliberately or through ignorance we center our attention solely upon ourselves, excluding the interests of others from our thinking and our acting, we discover to our dismay that, having believed in the self-enacted law of limitation, we have put it into operation against ourselves.

—*"The Right Hand."*





#### UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Our chapter put in more than 170 man-hours during the two days of the Student Plebiscite on our campus. This is the greatest number of hours on any project, other than standing projects, we have been privileged to serve. And over 25% of this student body was induced to vote compared with the previous high of 7%. See why we're so happy. In fact we were all so busy we don't have any pictures of this.

—Stanley Porter, Secretary.

#### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

During last Fall registration, Lehigh's Alpha Psi Chapter, then recently reactivated, firmly established itself on the campus by returning to school a week early to help the faculty with "Freshman Orientation Week". Each brother, along with a faculty member, was assigned to a group of about twenty-five freshmen.

The members aided in the interviews, herded the freshmen from place to place, and answered many questions concerning the university. The volunteers received no pay for their work, but a grateful administration supplied meals during the week.

In one way, however, "Freshman Week" paid off. Before very long, most freshmen knew about APO, and seeing that it was an active organization really dedicated to service, they expressed interest. Thus, the applications for membership last fall broke the previous record.

—Paul Maleson, Publicity Director.

#### DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

During second semester registration, we set up a fingerprinting booth. It went over well, and we took the prints of about 1,000 students. We set a goal for our March of Dimes Drive, and collected \$179.99. The fellows have cooperated very well this year in every activity.

—Ed Rivar, Secretary.

#### BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

We collected over \$130 in blankets at two basketball games for the March of Dimes drive.

—Phil Lewis, President.

#### SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

We are now constructing two large signs to be placed at the outskirts of Lafayette to advertise Southwestern.

—Paul F. Hood, President.

#### SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Early this Spring our membership chairman plans to conduct an extensive recruiting campaign.

—Bob Kurland, Secretary.

#### RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Epsilon Zeta Chapter voted to make a contribution to CARE by having each member forego one meal each week for four weeks and donate this amount to the fund. So far, we have collected \$45.25 and have already sent three packages abroad.

—Henry G. Parry, Jr., Secretary.

#### NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Our "March of Dimes" campaign netted \$200.95. During this campaign we had three basketball games from which we obtained a total of \$78.69, being aided by two pep organizations and a sorority. The containers scattered at strategic points in the buildings on the campus secured \$12.36 for the cause. Our main feature, "Ye Olde Wishing Well," kept John Garrett and me busy for three-quarters of an hour counting the \$109.90 in change.

—Herman J. Hausheer, Secretary.

#### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

In our March of Dimes Campaign a total of \$1603.74 has been contributed by students of the University of Georgia this year. This entire drive has been through the efforts and work of Alpha Phi Omega, with our pledges playing a big role in it.

—William T. Holland, Jr., President.

#### DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Omega Chapter has acquired a new office in the Drake Student Union.

—Berkeley Duncan,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

In one week, we have completed three projects. We ushered at the freshman convocation, compiled freshman activity lists and helped with a special part of the "March of Dimes" campaign. Within the next week or two, we will open a ticket agency where tickets for all school functions may be obtained. We are also planning for the Spring, to run a Tug-O-War in each of the three schools located at the Washington Square Center of New York University and an Ugly Man contest, the proceeds of which will go to the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund.

Last term our annual Movie Revival and Barbershop Quartette contest netted \$241 for the Tuberculosis fund which was by far the largest amount ever collected.

—Bernie Brachfeld, President.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Members of Alpha Sigma Chapter were on hand every hour during the second semester registration to furnish assistance to the registration committee. We have been complimented highly for this work.

—Arthur W. Brand, Secretary.

#### SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Alpha Omicron recently completed the greatest year in the history of its traditional Ugly Man Contest for the March of Dimes campaign. Our goal this year was \$500 and when we made the final count our total was \$1388.02. We are very proud of the outcome of our contest and even hope to better it next year.

We recently initiated 18 new members and honored them with a fine dinner at one of our local restaurants. At the dinner Brother Lee Roy Gibson was presented with the Outstanding Pledge Key for 47-48. Our guest speaker was Dean A. C. Zumbrunnen, Dean of Students and a Faculty Advisor for the Chapter, he is also a member of the National Executive Board.

The Chapter officers have been assisting Gamma Kappa Chapter at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in getting their chapter reactivated. They are really getting organized and getting the job done at the university.

We have been ushering at Religious Emphasis Week convocations and assisting in the Campus Chest Drive during the past two weeks, and assisting in various capacities on the campus.

—Edward L. Lowe, President.

#### NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE

Epsilon Chapter took an active part in assisting in the Boy Scout Circus February 11, and we put on a 15-minute radio show on station KIRX as part of the observance of Scout Week in Kirksville.

—Waldon C. Reger, Secretary.

### PLAQUE PRESENTED AT LAFAYETTE



Professor D. A. Hatch, left, faculty advisor of Alpha Chapter since the founding of the first chapter in 1925, receives a plaque from Brother Frank R. Horton, founder of the fraternity, in recognition of his twenty-two years faithful service in Alpha Phi Omega.



**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

Alpha Phi Chapter will put on an Easter egg hunt at the Central Institute of the Deaf, March 28. This will be held at Forest Park. Another Easter egg hunt will be conducted on the campus for faculty children. On March 31, we will have a clean-up project at the Lion's Den Scout Camp.

—*Oliver Oertle, President.*

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Varied fraternity activities planned this semester include a smoker at which we showed pictures of the famous Mich-USC Rose Bowl Game for prospective members, this was held February 19. Other plans for our promising list of likely pledges are a pledge dinner in May, and a semi-formal dance in March soon after our pledge acceptance meeting. We are also planning a canoe party later in the Spring.

Gamma Pi is now preparing several service projects which include election supervision, working on "tag days," and checking at campus dances.

—*Richard White, Secretary.*

**MILWAUKEE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

Our projects have been progressing in the manner traditional to the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. We have just completed final registration, the CARE drive which netted close to \$700.00. Our next project will be a "book sale" to aid the college library, and at present are working on a "Be American, Vote" project to promote greater enthusiasm in the voting of the city's spring election.

—*Sam P. Christophis, President.*

**SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE**

We have been quite busy this quarter. Pledges of the J. Edgar Hoover Class have made quite a few concrete urns to serve as cigarette butt receptacles. These have been placed in appropriate spots around the campus in an effort to aid in keeping the grounds clean. Recently, all members participated in the painting of the college Health Cottage, which is a small hospital of fifteen beds. We removed the window screens and cleaned and painted them. Then we cleaned and painted the exterior woodwork.

—*William H. Montague, Secretary.*

**NORTH TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

Gamma Rho terminated the campus-wide March-of-Dimes Campaign Monday, February 16, by sponsoring a dance at the College Country Club. To this date, campaign receipts total \$77.47 with some proceeds yet to come in from other campus organizations. It was a success!

—*W. Perry Bowen, Jr., Secretary.*

**ALFRED UNIVERSITY**

Epsilon Gamma Chapter is in charge of the new official university bulletin board. We are also assisting in the Steuben Area Council service and will be waiters at a Scout Father and Son dinner.

—*John W. Seidlin,*  
Corresponding Secretary.

**"FROLICS" AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE**

Epsilon Beta Chapter recently presented its second annual "Frolics" which is regarded by the campus as one of the best all-student productions. It was produced entirely by A-Phi-O members and was a tremendous success both from a financial and entertainment standpoint. The funds are used for the chapter service projects. The pictures above show two scenes in the evening's performance. Epsilon Beta Chapter will gladly furnish detailed information to any other chapter interested in a similar production.

**IOWA STATE COLLEGE**

March of Dimes topped last year's record. Total was \$1203.43. The county chairman was very pleased with the wonderful job. The funds are already being put to use.

—*Don Anderson,*  
Corresponding Secretary.

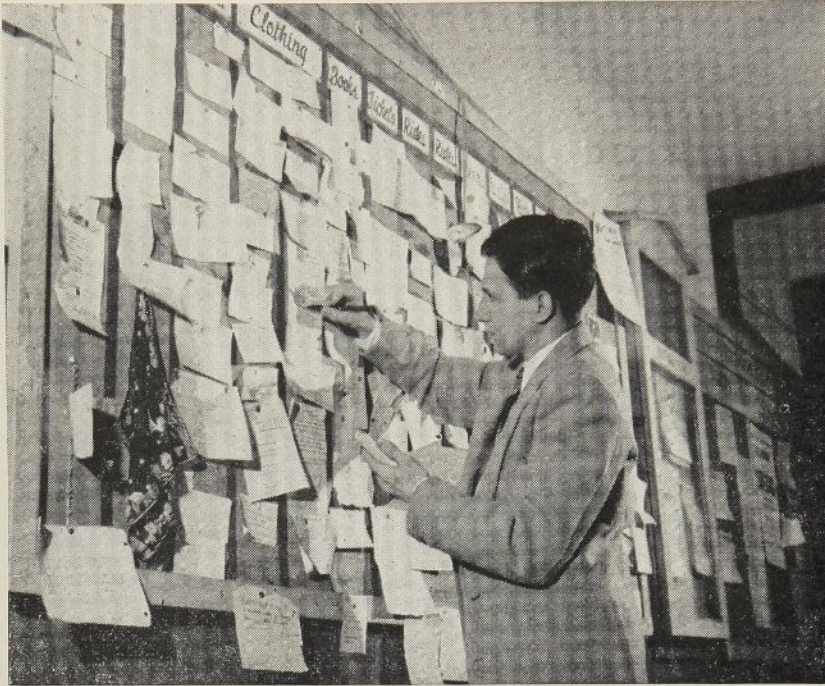
**CCNY**

In addition to aiding the Registrar at Spring semester registration, Gamma Delta Chapter again opened its book exchange for used text-books, and aided the freshman by means of guide tours.

—*Bruce L. Kline, President.*



## CARE OF BULLETIN BOARDS AT YALE UNIVERSITY



Delta Nu Chapter takes care of the general bulletin boards at Yale. In this picture, Brother Palmer B. Smith checks the notices to remove any stale items. The photograph is by Brother Elliott Kone, chapter president.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR BOYS AT BERKELEY



"A great time was had by all" is the best way to describe the Christmas party conducted by Gamma Gamma Chapter of University of California for boys of Berkeley. Several sororities helped by furnishing candy and toys. Movies, games and eats comprised the program.

## MICHIGAN TECH

Epsilon Lambda Chapter recently completed sponsorship of a midnight supper following the annual Winter Carnival. At the supper the hockey team from the University of Minnesota were guests of our chapter. We are now planning a charity ball from which the proceeds will be given to the local Houghton Sanitarium.

—Keith Renish, Secretary.

## WILLIAM JEWELL

Alpha Mu Chapter has recently conducted a series of free movies for students and faculty.

—"The William Jewell Student."

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

A wide scope of projects are being conducted by Phi Chapter during this school year. At the beginning of the Fall term, eight brothers returned early to work throughout the entire week of registration. We have been given the permanent assignment of furnishing ushers and ticket takers for campus functions and aided in the Syracuse old clothes drive. The annual Clean-Up was held after the Colgate game with about 45 members and pledges working on it. This fete was accomplished in the record time of 60 minutes with aid of a university truck. A lost-and-found agency has been established. Our chapter, together with the Outing Club, which we founded in 1936, is sponsoring the annual Sno-Ball. This is expected to be one of the largest of all-university dances of the year. Alpha Phi Omega is represented on the Campus Leaders Conference, taking part in the discussions and decisions. The initiation of our J. Edgar Hoover Class of 26 men was held last December 16.

—Herbert R. Levine, President.

## NORTH DAKOTA STATE

In a five-day "Yards of Silver" campaign for the March of Dimes, our chapter contributed \$40 to this cause. A Valentine Party was held for the children of the local orphanage, complete with plenty of ice cream, cake and cokes. The 1948 edition of the annual all-college Spring Sing will again be sponsored by the chapter. Fraternities and sororities on the campus provide musical acts for the show and trophies are awarded by our chapter for the best entries.

—Bob Runice, Publicity Chairman.

## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

The members of Delta Theta Chapter sponsored a two-day drive to collect funds for the Louisville Tuberculosis Association just before the past Christmas vacation. During registration for the Spring semester we served as guides, checking registration cards, in an advisory capacity and helping students with problems.

—Sheldon Weinstein, Historian.

## OSWEGO STATE TEACHERS

Our March of Dimes Ball was successful both from the monetary and social standpoint and the proceeds have been contributed to the infantile paralysis fund. The drive on our campus hit a new high this year.

—Ira Shaw, Corresponding Secretary.



**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

Our biggest single project for this semester will be the conducting of three campus-wide elections, one of which we have already completed with success.

—Lee A. Gilman, Reporter.

**WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE**

We are in the process of correlating several diverse projects in a broad plan as follows: Our recreational leadership class (Scoutmaster training sponsored by APO) will soon create a Scoutcraft demonstration area. It will be built on the shores of a lake with aid of the Soil Conservation Service and by student body finances. In connection with this, we will conduct a recreational survey of the community, and then in cooperation with civic clubs we will sponsor a recreational program for underprivileged youth. This site will also be available for Scouting events and student outings. The 1,000 trees we have ordered will be planted around the lake as a start toward our reforestation project. In the future this site will include shelters, outdoor fireplaces, nature trails and museums. We have been assured of abundant cooperation from the administration.

—Paul M. Petersen,  
Chairman Advisory Committee.

**DRAKE UNIVERSITY**

The new lost-and-found service started by Omega Chapter is now in full swing.

—Berkeley Duncan,  
Corresponding Secretary.

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

Alpha Phi Chapter will have a booth at the Scout Merit Badge Show April 29, 30 and May 1.

—William Stebbins, Jr., Secretary.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN**

The publicity Committee of Beta Theta Chapter has arranged a plan for notifying the hometown newspapers of the members concerning their fraternity association to be followed up by announcements when members are elected as officers and committee chairmen. Also, a newsletter has been started for the purpose of giving all members the schedule of future events in the chapters. We are planning a big banquet and general celebration for Beta Theta's tenth birthday on May 15. Our new president, Henri Fribourg, had all of his youthful Scouting experience in Paris, France, which will indicate that our chapter is living up to the "One World" ideology.

—George Shonat, Past President.

**SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE**

An investiture team was furnished by Gamma Eta Chapter recently to conduct the ceremony for 22 boys becoming Tenderfoot Scouts. This was done at the District Court of Honor at Chicapee Falls, Massachusetts. Dean Marquart is Chairman of our investiture committee.

—Bob Kurland, Secretary.

**ST. NORBERT COLLEGE**

Plans are being formulated to cooperate in Memorial Day services and Commencement and other projects this semester.

—Noram J. Alesch, President.

**EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER AT TEACHERS COLLEGE OF CONNECTICUT**

"And in this corner" . . . we introduce the brothers of Epsilon Delta Chapter installed at the Teachers College of Connecticut, located at New Britain. They are on the go for A-Phi-O.

**EPSILON ETA CHAPTER AT WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE**

In its first semester, this new chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has become the leading organization on the campus of West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia. This group also has the distinction of being the first junior college chapter of the fraternity.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## NEW PETITIONS

Since the past issue, four new petitions have been received for new chapters at University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois; Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia; and Payne Seminary, Wilburforce, Ohio. These petitions have been submitted to all chapters for voting.

Preparations for other new chapters are underway in more than fifty colleges and universities where groups of students are now carrying out the processes for establishing chapters. This extension work bespeaks a strong future for A-Phi-O.

## THE NEW KEY

The key as pictured on the cover of this issue has been designed by the L. G. Balfour Company upon authorization of your national executive board. It is intended for award purposes only, and is available to chapters wishing to present a special gift to a member who has given distinguished service. Orders for this key will be accepted at the national office only, not direct to the jewelers.

Three qualities are obtainable: 10K gold at \$9.25, gold plated at \$3.25, and sterling silver at \$2.25. To all prices add 20% federal tax and any state or city sales taxes which apply in your locality.

## T-SHIRTS

White T-Shirts, bearing a six-inch pin emblem in blue velv-nap are now available through your national office. The cost is \$1.20. Blue T-Shirts with a gold colored stencilled pin emblem are also available at \$1.45. These are in small, medium and large sizes.

## Sweater Emblems

A velv-nap coat-of-arms emblem in blue and gold is available at 45c each. This is suitable for a lightweight sweater. Negotiations are underway for other felt and chenille emblems.

## CEREMONIAL ROBES

Four sets of ceremonial robes are now available at the national office for loan to chapters for use by the ritual team at initiation ceremonies, and two more sets are on order. The schedule for the robes for Spring initiations is now being compiled, and every effort will be made to fulfill as many requests as possible. There is no charge, except return shipping charges.

It is recommended that chapters set initiation dates several weeks in advance and notify the national office.