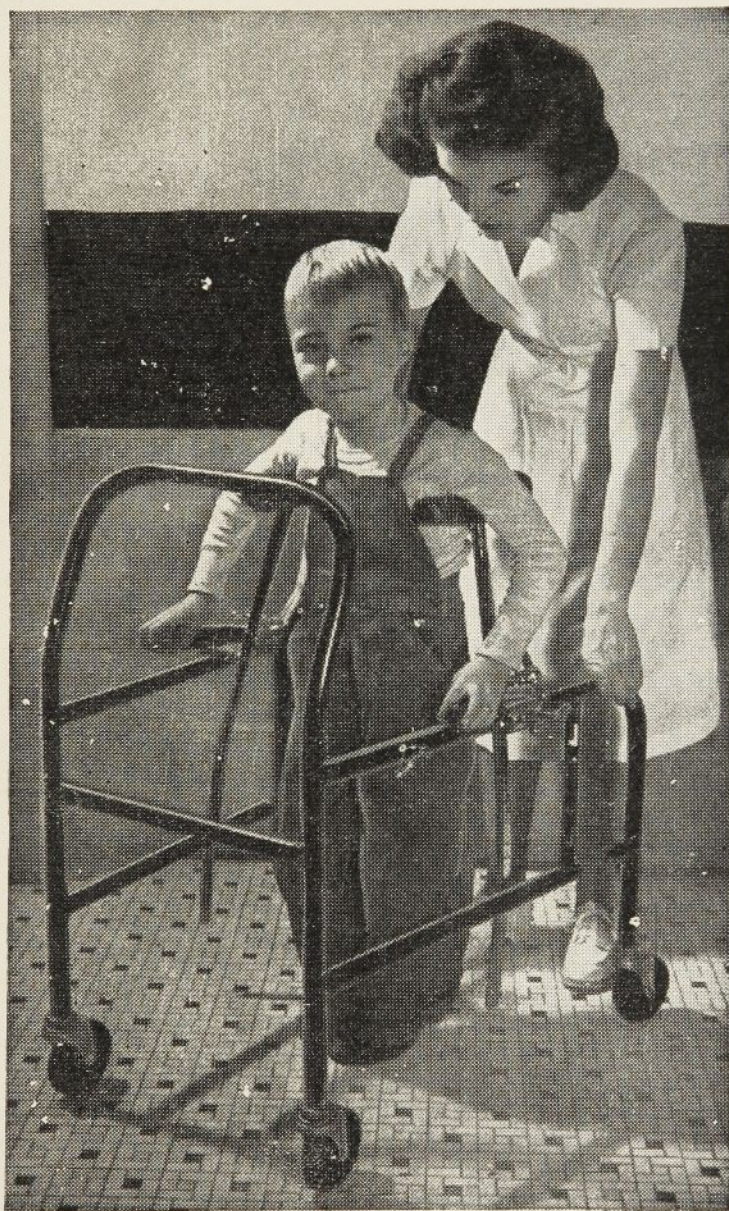




TORCH AND TREFOIL



Easter Seals Aid Crippled Children

In past years many chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have sponsored the sale of Easter Seals to aid the National Society for Crippled Children. The 1949 campaign is now underway.

Pictured on this page, being aided by a therapist, Louis is learning to walk despite a handicapping condition. He needs special facilities and expert treatment every day to help him walk the road to recovery. We can help provide the required aid for Louis and for many other crippled children throughout the nation by sponsoring the sales of Easter Seals among students and faculty.

The funds derived from Easter Seals are used to provide medical attention, physical and occupational therapy, wheel chairs, braces, recreational facilities, camping opportunities, and other needs.

Full information about Easter Seals may be obtained from your local Chamber of Commerce. Let's give our best service in this worthy cause.

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CAMPUS RECREATIONAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AT WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE



A long-range project of Epsilon Eta Chapter is the development of a campus lake and recreational area at West Georgia College. At top left is a view of the lake. Top center shows problem confronting chapter in creating picnic grounds. Top right shows start of work. Lower left, group is moving stump. Lower center, coeds at work. Lower right, bringing in sand for beach area.

One large corner of the 265-acre campus comprises this recreational area. Last Fall members of Epsilon Eta Chapter seeded the banks of the lake, the dam and the picnic area with rye grass. They planted bamboo trees behind the dam, dwarf Japanese weeping willows along one shore, and ten bald cypress trees at the head of the lake.

Enjoying the complete support of the administration, the chapter plans to be prepared for student and Scout outing parties this Spring, and is soon to install tables, benches and barbecue pits.

Camp Staff Positions in Summer Scout Camps

Many Local Councils of the Boy Scouts of America are seeking applicants for staff positions in their summer camps. The positions available at this time should be filled by the end of May. If you are interested, please consult your Student Placement Bureau or the local Boy Scout office in your vicinity. Applications may be secured from the Student Placement Bureau or the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

Several hundred college men and teachers will have the opportunity to serve on the staffs of summer camps throughout the United States. A factor of selection is availability for a period of years, although this is not absolutely essential.

Experience in camping as a Scout or Scout Leader is preferred. Special training in administration, accounting, aquatics, and medical work, or some program specialization may qualify a man without camping background for a specialized position.

The period of employment in Scout camps varies between four and nine weeks, including a pre-camp training period.

If you feel that you meet the qualifications and are interested in applying for a summer camp position with one of the Local Scout Councils, fill out an application and send it to: Boy Scouts of America, Division of Personnel, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

The Stimulus of State Conclaves

By Prof. Harry C. Barnett

National Second Vice President

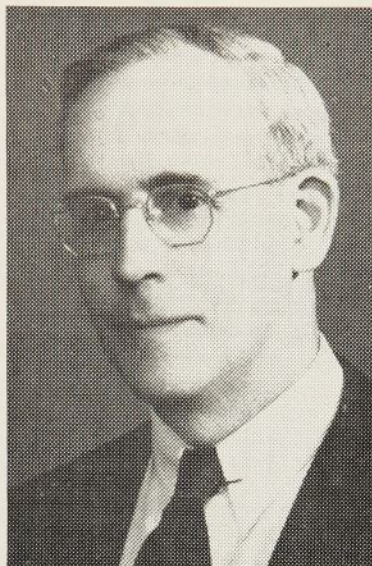
Conventions are a great American institution. In Alpha Phi Omega, our three types of inter-chapter get-togethers are the National Conventions, the Sectional Conferences and the State Conclaves.

The newest of these is the state conclave. It is appropriate that we consider the purposes and values which come from the opportunity to meet with our brothers from the other chapters in our state. The state meetings will become increasingly important as our fraternity grows.

It is conceivable that our total number of chapters may be doubled in ten years, or less. I predict an approximation of that number, judging by the intense activity that I see and hear everywhere. If perchance that means the doubling in states already having say six or more chapters, the significance of the state conclaves takes on great proportions. Imagine the impact of these meetings year after year!

Shorter distances necessary to attend state conclaves make it possible for larger numbers of delegates to attend than will ever be possible at sectional and national meetings. This fact in itself marks one of the reasons for which we should encourage conclaves in every state. Over a period of years, large numbers of officers, advisors and active members will have opportunities to meet with their brothers from other campuses, and close fraternal bonds will be established and maintained.

First is the value of wider acquaintance and fellowship. Those states which have held them know how well they were attended and what results came from the contacts. They speak of friendships that have continued, offers of rides to other gatherings of Alpha Phi Omega, attendance at initiations and activities of other chapters, exchange of Christmas greetings between chapters, and other contacts.



Brother Barnett has served many years as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Beta Beta Chapter, Michigan State College, and was unanimously elected at the Tenth National Convention as National Second Vice President of the fraternity. He planned and conducted the state conclave in Michigan last November. In this article he gives us the benefit of his practical experience in state leadership in Alpha Phi Omega.

A second great value is the generation of enthusiasm, a force that stirs men's minds, incites the imagination, and puts it to work. Its power is incalculable. Without it a chapter plods along in a routine way, under its own power. With it, even a few delegates return, stimulated by the discussions, with ideas about new procedures for a project, an initiation, an installation, for increasing membership or improving finances. New life is injected into the membership. To us who are older, this youthful enthusiasm to profit by the experience of others is gratifying.

There is no reference here to those chapters with strong leadership and long experience, though they sometimes need this stimulus. Rather it is to the new or inexpe-

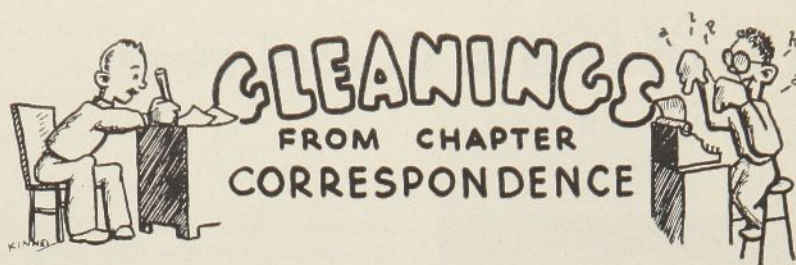
rienced ones, those handicapped by various reasons. The better established chapters, taking the lead, have done, and can do more, in inspiring others to better performance. Thus they are elder brothers, soon outstripped by the younger brothers who needed only the inspiration and example in order to build top-notch performance.

In the third place, the state conclave will produce a wealth of ideas. When the imagination is stirred, new vistas for self-building open up, new opportunities present themselves where none seemed to exist before. I have sat in on many group discussions and heard eager questions and ready answers on many subjects. All these ideas, when good, ferment in their minds, and are soon ready to be reported to the floor for action, or to the chapter for early acceptance and trial.

We have all seen it work. When a man says: "In our chapter, this method or plan worked," his words are more productive of action than all the writings of the philosophers. A report in print or a suggestion from an advisor does not have the force of a personally presented plan. Here something has been added - with conviction.

A fourth value is the opportunity afforded for more effective extension work in organizing new chapters. A partially formed group, hoping to obtain a charter, may well be invited to a state conclave where it will share in discussions, meet the leaders of the various chapters, see them in action, and return home with clearer ideas of the program of Alpha Phi Omega. It has been done, and it has produced results. A state conclave might even be planned with this objective in view; the enthusiasm and ideas gained could not only help the unformed chapter, but cement others in a common effort, a

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Zeta Beta Chapter Virginia Tech

Our chapter has been very active and meets regularly every Monday night with an attendance of 85% to 90% of our membership. Activities during the Fall quarter include a Talent Scout Show which drew nearly three thousand students and faculty members. There was no admission charge. Our faculty advisors served as judges. A part of the show included the college chorus and college orchestra. Three winners received donated prizes.

Four members have been assisting local Cub Packs and our group has been assisting students in the college hospital. We hope, in the future, to be in charge of all Lost and Found articles on the campus and we have secured a room in the college activities building as an office.

—Professor M. Buford Blair,
Chairman of Advisory Committee.

Alpha Omicron Chapter

Southern Methodist University

Our traditional Christmas tree in Dallas Hall brought in \$108.90 which was given to the Dallas Day Nursery, a branch of the Community Chest. We supervised distribution of flash cards at SMU football games and were in charge of election booths in the election of student body class officers. We were mighty glad to have Brother George H. Charno, member of the national executive board, as guest speaker at our initiation ceremony in December.

—Lloyd W. Perkins, Historian.

Delta Xi Chapter

Ball State Teachers College

New students entering Ball State in the winter term were given the opportunity for fingerprinting by our chapter. We sponsored a school leaf rake in which we secured trucks and drivers and did the work of clearing leaves from the campus. We expect to be given the job of publishing the "B" book, a directory of students and faculty, we made a donation to the World Student Service Fund and have operated a concession stand at football games with the profit to be used in our various activities.

—Eugene J. Dickerson, Secretary.

Epsilon Xi Chapter

Colorado A & M College

Among our services to the Colorado A & M campus has been instigation of an assignment service to hospitalized students in the infirmary. Our distribution of the college newspaper to important centers on the campus is working well. A few of our brothers are serving as lifeguards and instructors at the weekly Scout swims in the college pool.

—Don Riegel,
Corresponding Secretary.

Omega Chapter

Drake University

The money which was received from our Lost and Found auction has been contributed to charitable purposes. We are supplying Scout Field Books for a troop in Braschaat, Belgium. We also contributed to the Community Chest and gave a basket of food to a needy family at Thanksgiving time. Our latest sale of Lost and Found items netted \$76.00.

—Berkeley P. Duncan, Past President.

Zeta Chapter

Stanford University

We have started a regular process of furnishing copies of the minutes of each chapter meeting to all members. Our secretary, Herbert Greenberg, is in charge of this. We have also given each member an opportunity to state which chapter committee he is most interested in, so when these new committees are appointed, all will be willing to work upon their particular job.

—Jack I. Robinson, President.

Epsilon Zeta Chapter

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

A part of our pledging process last Fall was a "get-acquainted" weekend at the local Scout Camp for members and pledges. A pledge project was the compiling of a list of fire prevention facilities in each building on the campus and this was published in our college newspaper.

—Alan F. Hughes, Past Historian.

Epsilon Gamma Chapter

Alfred University

In the recent Red Cross Blood Donor Drive, we assisted in setting up the station and had members on hand to give assistance when needed. One of our regular jobs is stationing of fire wardens at all assemblies near the building exits to control the situation in the event of fire. Another responsibility is the care of the school bulletin board. We constructed this and have kept it in order. An unusual project, given us by the College Chaplain, is responsibility for transporting and coaching a basketball team of Sunday School boys in a church basketball league. The kids are having a wonderful time in this.

—Maurice Johnston,
Corresponding Secretary.

Beta Sigma Chapter

Texas Tech

Recent activities in Beta Sigma Chapter have included decoration of the Tech gym for our annual homecoming, a construction of a picnic table for campus use, a Sadie Hawkins Dance and a barbeque for the members of our chapter, aid to the local blood bank and serving at a dinner for a local Scout Troop.

—Dick Edmonson, Past Secretary.

WINNERS OF THE "SPRING SING" AT NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE



Before a crowd of 800 persons, Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity won trophies for the best sorority and fraternity vocal groups in last year's annual all-college Spring Sing sponsored by Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. The ninety-minute program in Festival Hall was concluded by the presentation of trophies. Shown above are Miss Elizabeth Lewis, Gamma Phi Beta, and Don Pressler of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, (right) who received the trophies for their organizations, and in the center is Brother John Hinkle, general chairman for the event.

UGLIEST MAN AT EMORY UNIVERSITY



The winner of Delta Kappa Chapter's Ugly Man Contest at Emory, Stan Jonas, is shown at right receiving the plaque from Jerry Zeller, chapter president.

Alpha Psi Chapter Lehigh University

Our chapter had the honor recently to present a distinguished service key to Brother Byron C. Hayes, Chairman of our Advisory Committee, in recognition of his outstanding service in the advancement of APO in our campus. Our recent pledge class was also named in honor of Brother Hayes. We enjoyed sending our ritual team to Penn State early in December to conduct the reactivation of Alpha Beta Chapter and we were happy to see their activities were wisely counseled by Leslie McCracken, who was an active member of Alpha Psi Chapter before joining the Penn State faculty.

—August F. Wiegand, Past President.

BLACK LIGHT USED IN APO EMBLEMS

In the latest initiation conducted in Alpha Iota Chapter, we tried something new and found it very effective. We used black light to set off our coat-of-arms and key. Brothers James McLinden and Hershel Rhodes created the idea and set up the equipment. Brother McLinden did the art work in reproducing the key and coat-of-arms on heavy cardboard approximately four times the official size. These were colored with special paint and cut out for the ceremony, and they were hung on the wall and a "black-light" directed to each at the proper time. Further information may be secured by writing Alpha Iota Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, Ohio Union, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

—Lowell Mast, President.

"Operation Lost"

By Robert Kurland,

Gamma Eta Chapter, Springfield College

Conceived by Brother Stanley W. Stocker of this chapter, "Operation Lost" was a training project for the Forest Park District, Hampden Council, BSA, in searching for lost persons.

With the full cooperation of the U. S. Air Force, State Police, the National Sky Patrol System, Red Cross, the Springfield College First Aid Detachment and Gamma Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, this training mission developed as follows:

At 6:30 Friday evening a mobilization call went out over three radio stations and by the organized BSA mobilization procedure for all Forest Park District Boy Scouts to mobilize at their meeting place at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. On Saturday morning the radio stations broadcast the mobilization call again at 7:00 a.m.

Upon mobilizing, the troops were transported by troop committees to the assembly point in East Springfield. Upon arriving, the Scouts found members of Alpha Phi Omega already on the scene, manning six walkie talkies to facilitate communications. Shortly after the arrival of the Scouts, a two-ton rescue truck from Flight D, Air Rescue Service, U.S. Air Forces, and two radio jeeps pulled in. Close behind them and their 16-man team, were a Massachusetts State Police radio car, American Red Cross ambulance, and a Red Cross "chow wagon" with food and hot soup for the participating Scouts and organizations.

As the assembly became complete, a PBY Catalina aircraft and an L-5 observation plane from Westover Air Base raced across the sky directly over a wooded area nearby, and two medical paratroopers yelled "geronimo" and hit the silk. Upon landing, these two paratroopers hid themselves in the woods and became the object of the search.

As soon as the paratroopers had landed, the 147 Scouts were organ-

ized into "search formation" and the wooded area was scoured. In less than two hours, both paratroopers were found by the searching Scouts.

Returning to the mobilization point, the Scouts, the "rescued" and participating adults were fed by the Red Cross.

Stanley W. Stocker, Search Director, directed the entire search from a position in the center of the line. Assisting him as staff during the planning phase and as Ground Search Leaders during the mission were the following Alpha Phi Omega brothers: Albert Snow, Roy K. Jarecky, Samuel Slie, Arthur Faubert, Edward Livingston, Bud Reed and Robert A. Kurland.

However, this does not end "Operation Lost." Brother Stan and his Alpha Phi Omega staff are busily planning for another mission in the spring. The forthcoming mission will be even more rugged, the Scouts mobilizing and then being transported by air force trucks to a point outside the city where a similar search will be conducted, this time with first aid problems as part of the procedure.

Maps for the search area were provided by the City Engineer's office for all Scouters and Leaders. They are of the type that should be available at any time in the event of an emergency. Three radio stations broadcast the search, two of them by wire recorder. Incidentally, one wire record was history making, in that it was the first time that a parachute jump had been broadcast directly from a plane carrying the jumpers. Scout Executive John Norsk of the local council participated in this broadcast and observed the entire operation from the air.

This has been a major service project of the chapter this year, and certainly provided valuable training for our brother Scouts and their leaders.

ETA ALPHA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA



Alpha Phi Omega became the first fraternal organization to be recognized at the University of Santa Clara when Eta Alpha Chapter was installed December 12, 1948. The meeting was conducted by Brother C. J. Carlson officiating on behalf of the national executive board, with the ritual by Gamma Beta Chapter at San Jose State College. The picture above shows the charter members and the visiting representatives. Rev. Edward M. Stretch, S.J., representing the Santa Clara faculty; Rocci Pisano, faculty advisor of Gamma Beta Chapter; and Mickey Adza, representing the Santa Clara Associated Students, gave addresses of welcome and good wishes for the success of the new chapter.

HANDLING REFRESHMENTS AT TROY SCOUT-O-RAMA



These brothers of Epsilon Zeta Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute recently handled the refreshment booth at the Troy Scout-O-Rama. The fellows agreed it was a lot of fun to get away from the slide rules and turn salesmen. The Scout-O-Rama was held in Troy's Armory.

Zeta Psi Chapter

University of Oregon

Zeta Psi Chapter has established itself firmly in the life of this university during our first semester as a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. We started last Fall by setting up an information booth during registration and since have helped on several worthy drives, receiving an award for the Community Chest Drive which we directed. Some of our members supervised the recent football banquet at which Phil Harris was Master of Ceremonies. We have recently been busy selling campus calendars and preparing the Red Cross drive. We have big plans for the future success of Zeta Psi Chapter.

—Bob Peterson, Historian.

Zeta Theta Chapter

Drexel Institute of Technology

Our chapter has become increasingly more active on the Drexel campus. The big project now on hand is the making of a movie showing all Drexel activities. The college has given us the equipment and color film with the only stipulation being to turn out a good job. Since new material will have to be added to the finished film each year, this project looks to be a permanent one. We were also given sponsorship of the Community Chest drive for the first time. As a result, the amount was over 800 per cent higher than previous years.

—E. Ross Forman, Publicity Chairman.

Epsilon Mu Chapter

University of Maryland

Epsilon Mu Chapter operated a cooperative used-book store between semesters in which the fellows handled \$1,000 worth of business.

—Prof. Gordon D. Brigham,
State Chairman.

Delta Epsilon Chapter

Illinois Institute of Technology

Our chapter again conducted the annual community chest drive at Illinois Tech this past Fall. The campaign was put on a competitive basis between the various organizations to stimulate interest. We have also published a new Student Directory. Upon the request of Dean John F. White, we conducted a survey of passengers using the 33rd Street "L" Station to determine whether the traffic volume merited an extension of the proposed express station from 35th street to 33rd street. The results of our check were presented to the Chicago Transit Authority control engineer.

—Miles Skrivanek, Jr.,
Corresponding Secretary.

Zeta Epsilon Chapter

Gustavus Adolphus College

Under the sponsorship of our chapter, 57 students and adult Scouters of this locality recently completed a Leadership Training Course.

—Dallas Young, President.

Beta Beta Chapter

Michigan State College

Dean S. E. Crowe was recently inducted as a faculty advisor of Beta Beta Chapter. The presentation of the pin was made at the state conclave.

—John Walters, Treasurer.

Alpha Mu Chapter

William Jewell College

Fall activities of Alpha Mu Chapter have included instructions in swimming for Scouts, ushering at college functions, installing a flag pole on the football field, care for and lowering and raising of the flag on the campus each day and handling of traffic at the games.

—Bill Marsh, President.

Xi Chapter

Iowa State College

Xi Chapter was placed in charge of the ticket sales and distribution for the two big dances of the year—Homecoming in October and Veishea in November. There had been a number of complaints of unfair distribution so the Cardinal Guild, student governing body, asked us to take over.

—Don Anderson,
Corresponding Secretary.

Epsilon Alpha Chapter

Kansas State Teachers College

The projects which our chapter has handled recently include sponsorship of the Knot Hole Club at the football games, providing transportation for KSTC laboratory high school students for attending out of town sports events, decoration of the student union for the Homecoming Ball. We are now working upon the Knot Hole Club for the basketball games and sponsorship of the March of Dimes. We hope soon to install a new chapter at the College of Emporia.

—Louis F. Burns, Secretary.

WANTED

Chapter Publications. It is again requested that each chapter which is publishing a newsletter or paper of any kind include the national office on the mailing list.

Suggestions are often received as to how the TORCH AND TREFOIL may better serve you. These are much appreciated by your national publications committee. Have you given us the benefit of your suggestions?

This column is for your use. It is for the purpose of publishing your requests and ideas.

Epsilon Rho Chapter

Eastern Washington College of Education

We put up our Christmas tree on the campus and led a carol sing just prior to the holidays. At present we are in the midst of the March of Dimes and are preparing to help the Inland Empire Council with its first aid contest. In the next few weeks we will start our Handsome Harry Contest, so our work is cut out for us.

—Jim Rabideau.

Chi Chapter

UCLA

At the beginning of this semester, our chapter, along with other service groups, assisted with personal interviews with new students. The purpose was to answer questions about various organizations and clubs. At that time we took our Scout census.

—David H. Carlisle,
Corresponding Secretary.

STATE CONCLAVES

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common project for the greater glory of the fraternity.

The last, but by no means least of the values accruing to us is the impetus given to the perpetuation of the state conclave. Those men now sold on the idea (and there are many, I know) will surely make it a reality for others. Some states have already set an approximate date for spring or fall; the host chapter has announced the place; and they are set to go. I would urge the state chairmen who have not yet called a conclave to do so; they will be richly rewarded themselves and do a real service to the chapters that participate.

Let us all, officers, state chairmen, advisors and actives, plan a conclave this year, and certainly another one shortly before the next National Convention in 1950.

A NEW SCOREBOARD PURCHASED FOR CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE



Through the efforts of Epsilon Beta Chapter, a new electric scoreboard costing \$1,588 has been erected on Alumni Field of Central Michigan College. The Mt. Pleasant Junior Chamber of Commerce and several campus organizations cooperated by contributing and by soliciting during the drive. Shown above are some of the members of Epsilon Beta Chapter posed in front of the new score board.

ETA BETA CHAPTER, SIMPSON COLLEGE



These brothers have established Alpha Phi Omega at Simpson College and recently received their charter as Eta Beta Chapter in ceremonies conducted by Brother M. R. Disborough of the national executive board. The ritual was presented by the degree team of Omega Chapter of Drake University.

Delta Beta Chapter

University of Oklahoma

Our Ugly Man Contest netted \$1,129.84 for the March of Dimes. A plaque was presented to the winner between the halves of the Oklahoma University-Oklahoma A & M basketball game. A check for the amount of the proceeds was presented to Miss Dorothy Truex, Counselor of Women, who serves as Campus Chairman of the March of Dimes.

—Billy W. Hardin, President.

Epsilon Nu Chapter

Oswego State Teachers College

Our chapter sponsored the annual March of Dimes Ball in Oswego February 12. This was held at the Knights of Columbus Building. Mayor Frank L. Gould was purchaser of the first ticket. This event was started by Epsilon Nu Chapter last year and has become an annual event.

—Ira M. Shaw,
Corresponding Secretary.

BULLETIN BOARD

ARTICLE IN "SCOUTING"

Dr. Ray O. Wyland, member of the national executive board, scored a big hit with his article about Alpha Phi Omega in the past February issue of "Scouting". In a full page presentation, the readers were given a story of the purposes and program of our fraternity.

Many inquiries have been received as resulting from this article, some of which will undoubtedly lead to the formation of new chapters.

In addition it is anticipated that many Scout Leaders who have read this treatise about APO will pass along the information to boys who are soon to enter college.

WORLD ALMANAC

For those interested in statistical information, the 1949 World Almanac contains an extensive section on colleges and organizations.

It includes a complete list of senior colleges, teachers colleges, and junior colleges, showing enrollment figures and names of governing officials.

It also includes a roster of fraternities and sororities, professional organizations, honor societies and recognition societies.

Alpha Phi Omega is listed in the Service classification on page 407 of this edition. (Since this data was compiled, our roster has grown to 176 chapters.)

ELECTIONS

April is election month in Alpha Phi Omega, in accordance with the semi-annual schedule set forth in the national constitution. Officers may be reelected once if so desired by the chapter.

Election in April will give your new officers full opportunity to become acquainted with their jobs before the close of the Spring term.

It is recommended that a Training Conference be conducted by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, including all old officers and all new officers, to study their responsibilities in each phase of the chapter program.

NEW PETITIONS

Since the National Convention last December, petitions for new chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have been received from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, University of Detroit, Michigan, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, Chico State College, Chico, California, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Utica College, Utica, New York.

Several other preparatory groups have indicated plans to send their petitions in time to be approved for installation before the close of the spring term.

Alpha Phi Omega is growing!