

TORCH AND TREFOIL

OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Let's Share Our Discovery

Those of us who have worked wholeheartedly in Alpha Phi Omega during this school year have experienced the immense satisfaction which comes from rendering service and the enjoyment which comes from fellowship in a loyal gang of chapter brothers. Those who plan to return to our campuses next fall may eagerly anticipate renewed happy associations and activities. Alpha Phi Omega has become a part of our way of life. . . . so "let's share our discovery" and be sure our friends know about our service program.

Probably in the home town or wherever we may be this summer we will come into contact more or less with Scout-trained young men who are going away to school next year and with men who are now enrolled in other colleges and universities. Let's "talk" Alpha Phi Omega to them and help put them in touch with the chapter leaders in the schools they plan to attend next term. And if some are going to schools where Alpha Phi Omega does not yet have chapters, let's give them a few pointers so they may take steps to establish new chapters. A personal recommendation will go a long way toward causing them to want to affiliate with our fraternity.

All of us have reason to be proud of the service record made by Alpha Phi Omega during 1940-41. Each year our fraternity continues to do more than ever before to deserve the unique and distinguished title of "National Service Fraternity," and in the history of Alpha Phi Omega this year of 1940-41 will be marked as a year of intensive growth in our four-fold service program.

In this year just closing a more thorough knowledge of all phases of our program and administrative procedure has been made possible by the national convention, by district conferences and inter-chapter meetings, by an exchange of correspondence between chapters and by other factors.

Increased membership has gone hand in hand with improved service and the May initiation ceremonies will bring many a chapter's membership to the highest point in its history. Likewise, the active national membership at the close of this school year will be several hundred above the strongest previous year. A greater spirit of national unity prevails with a constant exchange of helpful ideas for the future growth of all chapters.

Yes, in all phases of Alpha Phi Omega activity, our fraternity is pushing forward, ever advancing as a real constructive force on the college and university campuses of our nation.

So, "let's share our discovery" and help open the way for others to reap the joys and satisfactions we are experiencing in Alpha Phi Omega.

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EXTENDED SERVICE

When filling out the April report of Gamma Omicron Chapter (Queens College), Brother Garson H. Hertz, Jr., secretary, found it necessary to use a sheet of paper instead of the regular postal card. There was not enough room on the card to list all of the chapter service projects completed and others started last month.

The projects completed include ushering and guide service for a speech conference, distribution of Queens College Institute posters, student council nominations (conducting of balloting, counting ballots and making up the list of candidates).

Other projects started include service on Open House Day, designing ground plans for concessions at the Queens College Carnival, service as advisors in construction of concession booths, and conducting student council preferential elections and the final elections.

Congratulations to Gamma Omicron Chapter upon this interesting and full month of service!

CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP

This past year Brother William Floyd of Kappa Chapter has been student council president at Carnegie Tech. Brother Charles Richardson now succeeds to that office having been elected for the coming year.

At the University of Kansas City, three consecutive presidents of the student council have been active leaders in Alpha Eta Chapter, Brothers Jim Considine, Jack Kimball and Rollin Goodale.

A Letter to You From the National President

My dear Brothers:

The closing of a school year always brings an inevitable inventory of the months just past; the big achievements and small, the personalities that have become woven into our pattern of thought and action, the strongholds and weaknesses of our present status, the possibilities of fortifying our units, the bigness of our national scope.

It is good for us to realize that whatever the size and strength our chapter may be, it has importance in its very existence, it is one of nearly a hundred beacon lights across our nation, each promoting the qualities of Friendship among men and nations, Leadership in constructive citizenship, and Service to God, to home, to country, to fellowmen, to all those things which America believes in and must perpetuate.

To you who have invested your best in Alpha Phi Omega during your college years and who are this spring being graduated into our alumni ranks, we are deeply grateful. It has been keen to know you as a brother. It has been good to have your leadership. You have made it possible for Alpha Phi Omega to live and grow and expand. You have worn the mantle of Friendship, Leadership, and Service and have passed it on to others now ready to carry on in your footsteps. Each of you has written some portion of our national history. We, your fraternity, are appreciative of each hour and each thought you have given to your chapter and its program. Our good wishes go with you—each of you—and we shall always rejoice in every good that comes to you in the passing years. You are a part of us.

It's going to be a little tough on those of us who succeed you this coming year. Even our best-laid plans are going to be buffeted around a bit because of the tremendous demands of the selective service program. Truly the man not in service has as big a job cut out for him as the man called to the colors, for it is his duty to fill the gaps, to carry on, to protect the full program of our fraternity. Your national president hopes that each man among you will do everything in his power in these remaining weeks to insure a strong, ready-for-action unit in the fall of the year. Spend as much time as possible with your pledges and new initiates, giving them a picture of the chapter program and its operation so they will be prepared for immediate usefulness. Make a few more contacts, faculty and otherwise, in behalf of Alpha Phi Omega. Take a few minutes to put into writing, for future reference, a few ideas you personally may have in regard to chapter projects, policies, and service-power, and hand these to your chapter president for consideration at some future time. A good turn for your chapter now will reap excellent returns in the fall.

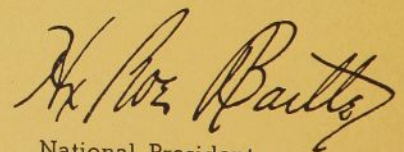
In view of the national emergency involving many of our personnel, strong membership expansion is doubly important. Give your very best efforts to this consideration.

Next year must be "the best yet." To our ideals we must add vision and determination and accomplishment. We must know the thrill of creating a better manhood through our fellowship. Plans projected must be fulfilled. No strong chapter can afford to rest on its laurels lest it "rust on its laurels." No struggling chapter can afford to cease its best efforts.

Beacon lights across the nation are imperative. Let your chapter's light shine out in America today.

May the God of us all be with you as you "Carry On."

Faithfully and fraternally,



National President.

GAMMA TAU CHAPTER INSTALLED AT LOUISIANA TECH

President H. Roe Bartle Presides at Ceremonies

By Esthman S. Newman, Secretary 1940-41

Climaxing two years of intense preparation and active service on the campus of Louisiana Tech as Beta Sigma, local service fraternity, Gamma Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was officially installed as a part of the national organization Sunday, May 4, 1941, with President H. Roe Bartle presiding.

Initiated into the chapter were 26 active members, five faculty advisors, two Scouting advisors and four honorary members. The new cabinet of officers which will serve next year was installed as follows: Charles G. Watters, president; James A. Files, vice-president; Raymond Sloss, secretary; Lucian Conway, treasurer; George Sentell, historian; William C. Rhodes, alumni secretary; and B. W. Newsom, sergeant-at-arms.

Dean A. W. Ford, dean of the school of business administration and economics was named senior faculty advisor. His associates as faculty advisors are P. K. Smith, head of the department of mathematics; R. M. (Jack) Pullig, biology instructor; Leonard B. Watt, Jr., journalism instructor and assistant director of college publicity; and Miss Sallie Robison, director of student vocational guidance. Miss Robison is an advisor without national affiliation.

Olan Black, Scout Executive of the Ouachita Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Monroe, La., was chosen chief Scouting advisor and Judge E. L. Walker, Ruston, La., was named local Scouting advisor. Dean Ford, senior faculty advisor of the group, is also district commissioner of the Ouachita Valley Council.

Four men were granted honorary membership in Gamma Tau chapter. These were: A. C. Gaskins, Scout Executive, and J. Fred Vantrease, Assistant Scout Executive of the Norwela Council, B. S. A., Shreveport, La.; Stanley L. Maxwell, member of the executive committee of the Ouachita Valley Council, Monroe; and O. Landon Miles,

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SECOND CHAPTER IN ALABAMA



The Charter Members of Gamma Chi Chapter at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, installed May 3, 1941.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER INSTALLED AT HOWARD COLLEGE

President Bartle and Delegation from Delta Chapter Conduct Ceremonies

By L. A. Ratley, Historian

The second Alpha Phi Omega chapter in the state of Alabama was installed at Howard College, Birmingham, on the evening of May 3, 1941. The induction ceremonies for the new Gamma Chi Chapter were directed by National President H. Roe Bartle and Professor A. L. Thomas, senior faculty advisor of Delta chapter and a member of the National Executive Board.

After an impressive and instructive conference presided over by President Bartle and co-directed by Professor Thomas the degree team of Delta chapter of Alabama Tech initiated the charter members of the new chapter.

Immediately following the ceremonies all new initiates and guests gathered around the banquet table and President Bartle installed the officers to serve Gamma Chi chapter during its first term as an official unit of Alpha Phi Omega. Brother George Hagood, who had been president of the petitioning group and founder of the new chapter was installed as president. The other officers included Brothers Louis Armstrong, vice-president; Roscoe Goldsmith, secretary; Grady Fullerton, treasurer; L. A. Ratley,

historian, John Pittman, alumni secretary, and Ralph Johnson, sergeant at arms.

Dr. Harold E. Wilcox was installed as senior faculty advisor, and the other faculty advisors are Dr. J. L. Brakefield, Dr. Robert A. Owens, and Lewis C. Guenther. The Scouting advisors are George L. Simcox, Scout Executive, and Eugene Broyles, Assistant Scout Executive. The new chapter has two honorary members, Major Harwell G. Davis, president of the college, and Dean Percy P. Burns.

The installation of Gamma Chi chapter marked the culmination of more than a year's preparatory work on the part of the petitioning group. The activities of the local organization have included several service projects, the outstanding of which was the publication of the directory of students, faculty, and administrative officers of Howard College for the current year. Preparations are now under way for next-fall's program and we know that our national affiliation will be a valuable stimulus toward greater service achievements on this campus in the years to come.

SUMMER CONTACTS

In most colleges and universities, the deans' offices are in contact during the summer with the new students who will enter as freshmen next fall. Often those records of prospective students include information as to previous Scouting affiliation. Why not arrange to acquaint those men with Alpha Phi Omega by letter even before they arrive on the campus!

"WHY ALPHA PHI OMEGA IS NEEDED ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES"

Third Annual Michigan State Conference Studies Fraternity Objectives

By Robert E. Cope, Gamma Pi
Conference Secretary

Officers and delegates of the three Alpha Phi Omega chapters in the state of Michigan gathered at Camp Newkirk, Dexter, Michigan, on the week-end of April 26 and 27 for the third annual state conference. Gamma Pi chapter served as hosts, and Brothers Irving Koval and Leo Jachowski were in charge of the arrangements and program.

The objective of the conference was two-fold, to bring about a wider personal acquaintance among the members of the three Michigan chapters and to provide a helpful exchange of ideas about chapter functions. Represented at the conference were Beta Beta chapter of Michigan State, Gamma Phi chapter of Western State Teachers College, and Gamma Pi chapter of the University of Michigan. The theme was "Why Alpha Phi Omega is Needed on College Campuses."

Brother Kent D. Schaffer, Faculty Advisor of Kappa chapter at Carnegie Tech and member of the National Executive Board, was the national fraternity representative at the conference.

Preceding the official opening of the conference there was a period of games and recreation. The meeting was called to order by Brother Richard Schoel, President of Gamma Pi chapter, at 3:15 Saturday afternoon. Brother Jachowski outlined the conference program and objectives and introduced the guests. The first session consisted of a general discussion of the conference theme.

At 6:00 p. m. a delicious dinner was served by the hosts and immediately thereafter an inspiring talk was delivered by Professor Schaffer. In his talk he urged increased service and gave some suggestions from his experiences in Kappa chapter. He presented some good tips on how to secure faculty advisors and how to keep them interested in the program of the fraternity.

A general discussion followed and

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

My dear Brothers in Alpha Phi Omega:

As most of the chapter officers know, we have a very special interest in Alpha Phi Omega leaders on college and university campuses. We not only are interested in their developing further leadership ability and in their future service to Scouting as volunteers, but we have also been able from time to time to select a limited number to add to our Professional Service group.

During 1941 we expect to recruit over two hundred men for career service, and while we are now well under way to securing these men, we are anxious to see a larger proportion of senior Alpha Phi Omega men in the group of applicants.

Scout Executives will gladly explain the Professional Service to interested members of Alpha Phi Omega. There are many fine opportunities in this career group in Scouting which now numbers 1,410 men serving all over America. Members of this group will welcome the privilege of informing their Alpha Phi Omega brothers of the worthwhileness of the Profession, the Retirement Program, and of many other factors which make the Professional Service of the Boy Scouts of America a very outstanding career opportunity for those who are deeply affected by Scouting's service motives.

We are happy always to hear from members of Alpha Phi Omega concerning the Professional Service.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(signed) H. F. POTE

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2 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Beta Iota Chapter, N. Y. U.

the evening program was concluded at 10:30 p. m.

On Sunday morning, breakfast was served for all at 8:00 a. m. and the morning session of the meeting began at 9:30. A period of presentation was allowed for each of five topics and many interesting and valuable ideas were presented. The topics were:

- (1) Campus and community projects
- (2) Social activities
- (3) Meeting programs
- (4) Membership
- (5) Publicity

At 11:30 a. m. Brother Walter Mac-Peck, Scouting Advisor of Gamma Pi chapter, conducted the devotional service.

At noon the delegates enjoyed an excellent chicken dinner prepared by Brother Koval. An after-dinner address was delivered by Dr. L. O. Case, Faculty Advisor of Gamma Pi chapter, on the subject of "What Service Is Not." He stressed service for the benefit of others and not for personal glory or benefit. The conference was officially closed at 1:30 p. m.

The delegates of the three chap-

ters unanimously expressed the feeling that the conference program was a fine success and will prove to be a stimulus for the future growth of Alpha Phi Omega in the state of Michigan.

GAMMA THETA AT COLORADO

The first chapter of Alpha Phi Omega in the state of Colorado was installed on Sunday afternoon, May 11, at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Twenty-nine undergraduate members, five faculty advisors, four Scouting advisors, and two honorary members constitute the charter membership.

The full story of the installation of this group, now officially known as Gamma Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, will appear in a later issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL.

QUOTATION FOR MAY

(From the wall of a classroom at Oklahoma City University)

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

—Mark Twain.

ETA PUBLISHES NEW CHAPTER DIRECTORY

By Joseph Shames, Treasurer

Just off the press is the latest official directory of Eta Chapter. It is a printed booklet published by the Industrial Arts Press of Northern Illinois State Teachers College and is the idea of our new president, Brother Bill Wollenweber.

The directory contains the list of active members with present addresses, alumni members with home addresses, faculty and Scouting advisors, and honorary members showing a total of 240 members who are or have been affiliated with Eta Chapter since our founding in November, 1928.

The directory is dedicated to the long and faithful service of Dr. M. C. Hayes, founder and Senior Faculty Advisor of Eta Chapter and Vice-President of the National Fraternity.

In addition to being of great value to the active chapter, this new directory makes it possible for our alumni to contact other alumni who are living near, and also will help our members who travel around the country to acquaint themselves with men of Eta Chapter wherever they may be.

The Alumni Committee of the chapter which was responsible for editing the directory includes Brother Wollenweber as chairman and Brothers Walt Hendrickson, Everett Lutyens, Sheldon Knight, and Art Kanies. The foreword of the booklet as written by Brother Earl Edelen, Historian, is quoted as follows:

"It was over fifteen years ago that the germ of Alpha Phi Omega took root in the fertile soil of a thriving America at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Conceived on the foundations of the Boy Scouts of America and imbibed with the postulates of the Scout Oath and Law, this national fraternity blossomed forth in trefoil symbolism in the flow of American youth, spreading its supporting tendrils to the corners of the Union on over a hundred college campuses.

"Not until three years later did the growth find its way to the campus of the Northern Illinois State Teachers at DeKalb when, under the inspired leadership of Dr. M. C. Hayes, now national figure in the organization, it was inaugurated to live and flourish in esteemed leadership and aid to the entire community. Since then through the portals of Eta chapter's diminutive but adequate fraternity room have passed many youths spurred by the compelling faflatus to take their place as citizens and to defend

the American faith as instilled by the ideals of Scouting and Alpha Phi Omega.

"Thus another chapter has been written into the credit book of Alpha Phi Omega promulgating the principles of service to the student body and faculty, youth and community, fraternity and members, nation and citizens with a pledge of loyalty to all."

Copies of our new directory will be gladly made available to other chapters which may wish to prepare directories of their own memberships. We believe this is an idea which can be used to good advantage in every chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

TWO BROTHERS HONORED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

In recent weeks, two Alpha Phi Omega chapters have expressed appreciation to their outstanding leaders by the presentation of life memberships.

At the second anniversary banquet of Beta Psi Chapter, Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, on March 22, the chapter members presented a life membership parchment to Brother Oliver M. Skalbeck, their senior faculty advisor, who has been working devotedly in all chapter activities since the founding of the chapter in March of 1939.

On May 9, the brothers of Alpha Rho Chapter of the University of Texas, presented a life membership to Brother Bill Barton, their president, who has given intelligent and untiring leadership in building the chapter program and membership to new peaks of achievement during the present school year.

Congratulations to these two honored brothers!

Other members who have subscribed for life membership since the record was last published in the Torch and Trefoil are:

Richard Shannon (Iota—Medical Unit)
George Vernon Rhodes (Iota—Medical Unit)
Edward Dodd (Mu)
Howard William Neis (Gamma Phi)
Sherwin D. Powell (Gamma Phi)
W. Preston Bilz (Gamma Phi)
Stanley L. Maxwell (Gamma Tau)

These brothers have expressed their deep faith in the continued growth of Alpha Phi Omega and have pledged themselves to maintain an active interest in the fraternity throughout the years to come. Truly the active life members are the backbone of Alpha Phi Omega's future.

MAN OF THE MONTH



Richard K. Alman

Following in a line of distinguished presidents of Beta Beta Chapter at Michigan State College, Brother Richard Keith Alman served his chapter ably for two terms. Before being elected to the highest office in his chapter, Dick served as corresponding secretary and as chairman of the public relations committee.

Brother Dick was born in Hudson, Ohio, on July 30, 1918 and he graduated from Hudson High School in the spring of 1936. Entering Kent State University in the fall of 1936 he attended that institution two years. In the fall of 1938, Dick and his bride moved to Lansing and Dick began his studies as a forester at Michigan State.

Graduating at the close of the winter term, 1941, Dick has left behind him an outstanding record of service to his school and fraternity. He directed the induction ceremonies for Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan and Gamma Phi Chapter at Western State Teachers College. During his first term of office he also headed the 1940 Michigan State Conference of Alpha Phi Omega at Camp Ki-Ro-Li-Ex.

Although Dick devoted much of his time, tireless energy and unselfish service to Alpha Phi Omega, he was an active member of the Forestry Club and found time to serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 15 of Lansing. He managed the Alman Tree Service which supported him while at Michigan State.

The TORCH AND TREFOIL extends congratulations and commendations to this leader who by sincere devotion and forceful action led Beta Beta Chapter to new heights of service during his presidency.

BETA BETA USES NEW PROJECT BADGE

To give the members means of immediate identification when at work on service projects, Beta Beta Chapter at Michigan State has devised a new project badge. It bears the name and emblem of the fraternity, has a cut-out space for the member's name to be inserted, and has the extra inscription, "At Your Service."

The chapter offers to furnish these badges to other chapters at 13c each plus postage.

PLEDGING SYSTEM OF ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

*As Described by
Bill Barton, President
and
Harper Leiper, Reporter*

Editor's Note: This is the second chapter pledging system submitted for the consideration of all chapters. It was recommended by the Indianapolis convention for study toward possible adaptation to general use.

At the request of our national office this article on the system of pledging used by Alpha Rho Chapter of the University of Texas is submitted to the brother chapters with the hope that they may be able to glean ideas that might help in their pledging. It is also submitted with the hope that perhaps others may suggest changes for the betterment of the system as it now is.

Alpha Rho's pledging system was not devised by any one individual but is the result of experimentation and improvement over older systems since the organization of the chapter.

A Scout or former Scout wishing to join Alpha Phi Omega goes through three pledge periods:

Prospective Pledge Period - This consists of a series of three regular open meetings of the fraternity, held early in each semester. The first of these is a barbecue, with each prospective member either brought by an old member or invited by the membership committee, which keeps a record of all ex-Scouts entering the University. (Also, some men come into the APO office in the Student Union and sign a visitor's list on their own initiative.) The next two open meetings offer the prospects a chance to become acquainted with the work done by APO. No records are kept other than the names of those attending.

Probationary Pledge Period - All prospective members who desire to pledge are placed on a four-week probationary pledgeship. They are not assigned tasks to do but are given the chance to acquaint themselves with the new boys and their willingness to work.

Simple records are kept of their attendance at meetings and of the hours they work on projects. At the end of the four weeks the record of each pledge is read to the

members of the chapter and he is voted on. All receiving the necessary three-fourths vote are pledged as active neophytes of Alpha Rho Chapter. The fraternity lends him a pledge pin which he is privileged to wear during his regular pledge period.

Actual Pledge Period - This final period lasts six weeks during which the pledges are put through a thorough training course and are given an opportunity to work on chapter projects.

Supervised by the chapter vice-president and the members of his membership committee, the pledge class becomes a complete organization, similar to the chapter itself. Officers are elected, and the pledges are divided into groups of five or six men, each under a group leader, responsible to the pledge vice-president. Speedy mobilization is possible through this system, for by contact with the pledge vice-president, who calls the group leaders, who in turn contact their members, all pledges can be quickly brought together. Direct contact with the fraternity is maintained by appointing a big brother for each pledge. Minute records are kept of the pledges during the pledge period. Three records are kept: the point system, the group records, and the individual records.

During this period a pledge, in order to be eligible for membership, must:

- (1) Attend sixty percent of the regular chapter meetings.
- (2) Know, and obtain the signatures of at least sixty percent of the members of the chapter. (Mimeographed sheets containing the names, addresses and phone numbers of the members are furnished to all pledges.)
- (3) Make a score of at least sixty on the pledge examinations. (This examination consists of a quiz on the fraternity, national and local, on the pledge manual, and on information about the campus.)
- (4) Participate in a certain number of the chapter projects. (This requirement varies according to the number of pledges and the amount of work that is available to be done during the pledge period. The membership committee fixes the ex-

act amount.)

- (5) Live the principles of the Scout Oath and Law during the period of his pledgeship.

Fulfillment of these requirements does not insure admittance into the chapter; it merely makes the pledge eligible for membership.

In the point system of evaluating a pledge's work, each thing done counts a certain number of points. Three points are given for each meeting attended, three for each project hour of work done, five points for the minimum of 60% of the members' signatures and one-half point for each additional signature, three points for the minimum of sixty on the examination, with one additional point for each additional ten points grade.

From the final totals the fraternity usually selects the man with the highest number of points as the outstanding pledge, although deviation may be made from this rule in case of meritorious service by another pledge. This outstanding pledge is selected by the Executive Council of the fraternity. The group records are the list of all the projects in which the pledges take part, and are kept in conjunction with the point system. They consist of a record of the projects, with the chapter brother in charge, and the date of the project. Pledges participating in the projects turn in to the membership committee an account of the hours they worked on each. These are checked with the number and dates of the project, and with the brother in charge to be certain that the pledge's account is accurate.

Individual pledge records are kept in order to preserve a complete written record of the pledges work. A personal record is kept on a separate form. It is a complete account of each pledge's work, his Scout rank, age, school classification, attendance, activity in projects, to the hour, number of signatures obtained, examination grade, pledge office, if any, his guide tour report, and his big brother's recommendation. It is the final and complete summation of the work recorded on the point and group records.

At the end of the pledgeship these records are read before the chapter, and all who have fulfilled

the requirements are voted on for membership. A three-fourths vote is required for admittance. Discussion of each pledge takes place, after which he is presented to the group for questioning concerning his pledgship. Dissenting voters must state their reasons. New members are notified by mail, the form being an invitation to the initiation services.

ANNUAL SERVICE ISSUE IS NEXT

The schedule of publication of the TORCH AND TREFOIL for the school year 1941-42 will be the same as during this past year as approved by our National Executive Board.

It will be the special purpose of the annual service issue this next September to provide a full record of the most outstanding projects carried out by all chapters during this school year, and we have asked each chapter in its annual report to indicate the projects which they wish to have featured.

The material for the annual issue will be assembled and prepared during the summer months and the deadline is August 1. Your National Office is desirous of receiving full reports about the major projects of all chapters and also all available photographs of Alpha Phi Omega men in action on service activities. (Remember the old Chinese proverb which says in effect that "one picture is worth 10,000 words.")

Make sure your chapter is properly represented in the annual service issue of the TORCH AND TREFOIL by furnishing complete and accurate information about your service program of 1940-41.

WHAT'S NEW IN SERVICE PROJECTS

Ticket Bureau at Gamma Delta Chapter

By Albert I. Coe, Secretary

We are to set up a booth in the Main Lobby of the School of Business, C. C. N. Y. There we will sell tickets to all school affairs, and get reductions for concerts and Broadway shows. The booth will be open for several hours a day during the school week. As it is now, the Main Lobby is cluttered up at all times with about four or five desks selling tickets to as many different affairs. The Concert Bureau which gets student reductions for concerts is hidden away in an out-of-the-way corner of the school. The desks are not always set up. One hour tickets for a dance by the Soandso Club will be on sale, then the salesman will go to classes and a couple of hours later someone else will come down to sell tickets to the dance.

By setting up our Bureau, the entire student body will benefit. We will have a bulletin board listing the current affairs and reductions available, with prices for the same. In this way, any student will know when and where to get tickets for any affair that is going on, and in addition, will publicize all affairs in a better manner than that used up to now.

GAMMA TAU CHAPTER

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charter president of Beta Sigma, petitioning group granted national Alpha Phi Omega affiliation.

Prior to the installation ceremonies, a luncheon in the Tech cafeteria was held honoring President Bartle with invited guests, together with the retiring officers of Beta Sigma and the newly elected officers of Gamma Tau chapter attending.

Preceding the installation and invitation services, President Bartle held round-table discussions with the newly elected officers, instructing them in their various duties. In his inimitable style, President Bartle won the affection and respect of each person who was privileged to hear him speak on the work of Alpha Phi Omega. He challenged the new officers to so conduct themselves that the local chapter of APO might well look back on their period of leadership as being the best in the history of the chapter. "The success or failure of this chapter of Alpha Phi Omega rests not with the president or any individual member, but with the cabinet and membership as a whole. No one man should be asked, or permitted, to carry the entire load himself but should have, and must have, the wholehearted co-operation of the entire membership if Alpha Phi Omega is to mean to the campus of Louisiana Tech what it should and can," the national president stated, forcefully.

Gamma Tau chapter, the fourth chapter of APO in Louisiana, is looking forward to next year with keen anticipation. Every indication points to a most successful year for the local group. With the added prestige and power that comes from national affiliation, there is every reason to believe that Gamma Tau will reach even new heights in leadership, friendship and service on the campus of Louisiana Tech and in the surrounding community. The majority of the charter members of Gamma Tau will return next year, there being only three seniors in the number initiated. From contact with our national president, the actives and faculty advisors have gained a new perspective of the meaning of the spirit of APO and are ready to forge ahead in service.

WE PAUSE TO HONOR THE GRADUATING SENIORS

This spring approximately five hundred fifty active members of Alpha Phi Omega will complete their undergraduate studies, receive their sheepskins, and go out into various fields of business, professional and governmental activity. Alpha Phi Omega is proud to honor these brothers whose devotion and leadership in service to their campuses and communities have meant so much to the advancement of our fraternity.

We know that you, graduating seniors, look back upon your Alpha Phi Omega experiences with a sense of satisfaction, knowing you have contributed to the happiness of others during your college days. May you always maintain an active interest in the growth of this national service movement, through frequent visits back to your chapter, through visits to other chapters, through life membership, through an alumni club if one can be formed in your vicinity and through attendance whenever possible at district meetings and national conventions.

Letters from you to the National Office will always be welcome, and we extend best wishes for your happiness and success in the years ahead.

Gleanings from Chapter Correspondence

FLORIDA

"Tau Chapter recently had a dinner with Florida Blue Key, leadership and service fraternity, and out of that will grow, we hope, greater cooperation and therefore much more success in different service projects. This is the first meeting of this sort and we hope that it may continue to be a yearly affair.

"I think that Tau Chapter had its most successful year this year. For the first time we made a profit in the Book Exchange and started several new projects which seem to be much needed and appreciated by the student body. These are: The placing of the Orange and Blue, information bulletin, in each dormitory section, and our infirmary service, that of carrying and delivering messages for confined students."

—Walter B. Timberlake, Secretary.

EVANSVILLE COLLEGE

"Our service projects this semester include sponsoring a tea dance for the entire student body, issuing a Student Directory, and we also presented a radio broadcast from the college. It was a thirty-minute program and we presented a meeting over the air which included roll call, minutes, songfest, and old and new business. It met with great success and we received many compliments on the program."

—Marlin Rudolph, Historian.

PURDUE

"As you know I am just about to graduate, have seen more than three years of history of Alpha Phi Omega on the Purdue campus, and am pleased to report that Alpha Gamma is stronger now than ever before. Things are really on the upswing. We had election of officers for next year last Tuesday evening, and I feel that the very best men have been elected. The Chapter is planning a farewell picnic for the senior members next weekend, which promises to be a swell success."

—Lew McCammon, Historian.

TEXAS

"This gang of bronc-busters in Alpha Rho pulled one on me tonight, and silver-plated a life membership in my direction, at the annual dinner-dance. This has been the most enjoyable year of my life, working with the finest bunch of men and boys that exist anywhere, and a token of their choosing, fitting my desires so well, as they knew it would, has sorta taken a lot of the wind out of me. For a long time I thought I had Roe Bartle's picture of Alpha Phi Omega, but tonight I realized more than ever what it must mean to our National President."

—Bill Barton, Past President.

MILWAUKEE TEACHERS

"As one of Upsilon's latest projects, we have been conducting a Standard Red Cross First Aid Course under Red Cross instructors. The course was open to the entire student body. As a follow-up to this course we have made available an Advanced Red Cross Course open to those who completed the standard course. Next, an instructor's course."

—Clifford J. Hickman, Treasurer.

GEORGIA TECH

(From Gamma Zeta Chapter Newsletter)

We are making arrangements to get space for a permanent headquarters in the administration building. We will be given use of the closet under the stairs leading to the loft of the chapel door. A railing will be put around that corner and a desk put inside for our use.

This headquarters will be used as a permanent information booth, as a lost and found bureau, and as headquarters for the blood bank.

The school is giving APO space and equipment, but we cannot make a success of it without help from every one of you. Next fall, when we get this project started, everyone should spend some time over there. Let's all get behind this and put it over in a big way!

—Jim Sturrock, President.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

"Our major project recently has been setting up an APO scholarship and I am happy to announce that all the plans are completed and a small fund has been set up to have it for 1941-42. This project has always been of special interest to me because I know from personal experience how much it means to have one.

"Several good projects are in the working now. The president of the college has consented to let APO run the class elections next fall, so details have to be worked out for the approval of the class sponsors. A map of the campus is now under construction for freshmen next year and I might say it is running into quite a bit of work. Our chapter is to sponsor the last open house of the school year May 2, and big jitterbug and men's quartet contests are to be held along with the usual games. Several members are to be ushers at the annual merit-badge show on May 2 and also on "Cape Girardeau Day" sponsored by station KMOX on May 10."

—Paul Bey, Past Secretary.

CENTRAL Y

"Alpha Phi Omega is now the best known fraternity at Central YMCA College."

—Leonard Dishman, Secretary.

DEPAUW

"My time in office of president of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of APO has been rather brief, but it has none the less been most enjoyable. I look upon my leadership experience as president of our service fraternity and chairman of our Scouting conference as one of the most valuable experiences in my college career, perhaps even in the long run, the most influential. I say this too after experience as an editor of the campus newspaper, and officer of Phi Gamma Delta. It has been a real responsibility and I have enjoyed it ever yminute."

—Albert Rosencranz, President.

CHICAGO U.

Gamma Sigma Chapter has recently conducted another in the series of study clinics, attended by about three hundred university students.

—Melvin Tracht, Secretary.

WISCONSIN

"In our service program we have been sponsoring this semester an interfraternity fireplace to be built on the campus. Our planning was culminated last Tuesday evening when the Interfraternity Board passed a resolution calling for all of the fraternities (36 in number) to donate a proportional part of the total cost (\$1.25 each) of construction. Each fraternity on the campus will have its fraternity letters carved in a limestone block and the front and side panels of the fireplace will be constructed from them."

—Jack Gleason, President.

SYRACUSE

"Phi has recently helped collect newspapers for women's gym building fund and we have plans now under way for an Eagle Scout Conference on the campus."

—Jack Kaiser, Secretary.

CENTRAL MISSOURI TEACHERS

"Beta Kappa has solicited and secured the financial support of the other fraternities and sororities of our campus in purchasing furniture for the newly erected social cabin on the campus. The building will be henceforth available to all organizations for informal gatherings and on the grounds outside there are fireplaces for steak fries and a council circle for outdoor meetings. Dr. George W. Diemer, president of the college, has turned over to Alpha Phi Omega the responsibility of managing the new building and handling the reservations for organizations which wish to use it. Our National President, H. Roe Bartle, will speak at the dedication of the cabin on May 25 when our entire student body will be gathered for the ceremonies."

—William Koier, President.

PARK COLLEGE

Extensive plans are now under way in Iowa Chapter to aid the old grads of Park College when they return for Alumni Day on May 31.

—Bob McCachran, President.

KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Lambda Chapter now has a guest book which is available at each chapter meeting to be signed by all prospective members, university officials, Scouters, and others who are our guests. This has proved to be a convenient and valuable way of keeping a record of all who attend our meetings other than our registered members, and we recommend this idea for the use of other chapters.

—Stanley Clark, Past President.

KIRKSVILLE C. O. S.

Alpha Omega's latest project is the establishment of a student loan fund, and we are now making preparations to celebrate our fourth anniversary at a banquet on May 17.

—Harold E. Groves, Secretary.

MICHIGAN

"At present we are working on our next big project. It is the Tag Day Sale for the University Fresh Air Camp. We are acting as the nucleus for the organization of the drive. It will include most of the organizations on campus. More about it later."

—Irving C. Koval, Past Corres. Secretary.