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Every time a man smiles —
but more when he laughs —
it adds something to his life.
—The Right Hand

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ON OUR COVER

At United States military installations, both in this country and abroad, many Alpha Phi Omega members find other members from various chapters, and a bond of friendship is already established. One has said, "Wherever you go, there's APO."

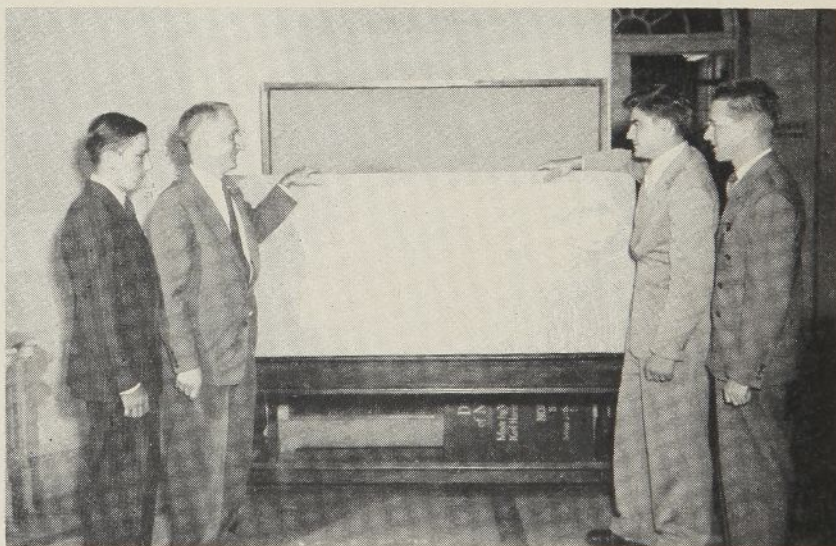
One example of Alpha Phi Omega contacts at any army post is pictured on our cover. Three members got together recently at the Armed Forces Information School at Fort Slocum, New York. Left to right in the picture are: Second Lieutenant Robert W. Clyde, U. S. Air Force, Coe College, Delta Lambda Chapter, '49; Second Lieutenant William B. Wallace, U. S. Air Force, Mercer University, Delta Iota Chapter, '50; and Corporal Roy L. Whiteford, U. S. Army, Michigan State, Beta Beta, '50.

Lieutenant Wallace and Corporal Whiteford are enrolled in the Information and Education Course at the school, studying ways of keeping the serviceman well informed not only about his responsibilities to the nation, but also about his personal opportunities for education and other benefits in the Armed Forces. Lieutenant Clyde is a Public Information student, studying methods of furthering good relations between the military service and the public. The Armed Forces Information School is the only unified school in which civilians, officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps study together.

Other members of Alpha Phi Omega in the Armed Forces and still others who may be entering soon are urged to endeavor to locate APO brothers at whatever posts you may be stationed. This is an opportunity to continue the fellowship of our fraternity while serving the nation.



A SPECIAL MAP PRESENTED TO SCHOOL FOR BLIND



The dissected map of North Carolina, shown in this picture, was constructed by Iota Lambda Chapter at North Carolina State College and presented to the State School for the Blind. The county seats and major cities are shown by means of raised brads of various sizes, each county is removable, the ocean and rivers are indented. The topography is shown by colors. The coastal region, the Piedmont region and the mountain region are each a different color. Appearing in the picture, left to right, are a student at the blind school; Mr. Stough, principal of the school; Willis Overby, originator, designer and chairman of the map project; and another blind student.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Reverend Robert J. Payne

Pastor, The Trinity Methodist Church
Bridgeport, Connecticut

"Christmas sure is a madhouse. I'll be glad when it's over. We have to work such long hours we're too worn out to enjoy it. 'Ouch, get off my feet—can't you see where you're going?' Crowds . . . crowds . . . crowds. Where do they all come from? Listen to the noise. And on top of it all, that hideous loudspeaker blares out 'Silent Night' all evening long. It's anything but a silent night! 'Hey—quit pushing. You won't get there any faster that way.' Twelve more shopping days, and I haven't even made out my list yet. I suppose I'll have to get Andrews and Blake something this year 'cause I got something from them last year, but I sure don't want to. Wish I knew if they were getting me anything this year. The whole thing is inconvenient, to say the least. There comes Santa Claus—boy, is that a racket!" And so one man mutters on in his dazed soliloquy what Christmas means to him. He might have any name and live almost anywhere . . . but he expresses what Christmas means to a good many people. Contrast that with the meaning which Christmas has for a bus driver in a crowded city, who was heard telling one of his passengers last year, "You bet I'm going to work on Christmas Day. I'm glad to do it—people have to have bus service just as much on Christmas Day as they do any other time. And besides, I'm going to use my Christmas pay for CARE packages to send overseas. I get paid double, you know, on holidays, so by working Christmas, I can send twice as many. That's what Christmas is for, as far as I'm concerned." What does the Christmas spirit mean to you? Which of these men approximates your sentiments more closely as the holiday rush approaches?

The Christmas Spirit—the spirit of self-giving concern—has a tremendous influence on the life and work of Alpha Phi Omega. The ideals on which APO thrives emanate directly from the Spirit of Christmas, and, although they



Brother Payne was an outstanding leader in Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa during his undergraduate years, and has maintained strong interest in Alpha Phi Omega during his graduate studies in theology. He has served as Convention Secretary at the past three national conventions and has been a frequent contributor of timely articles for the Torch and Trefoil." We are pleased to present this article for the Christmas season.

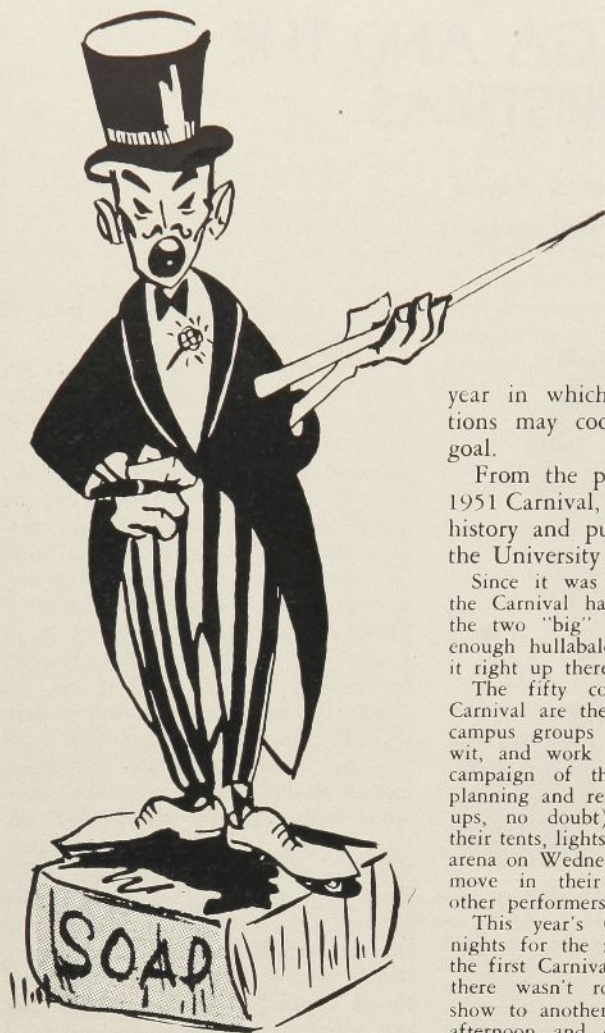
are not expressed in the distinctly religious framework which the ultimate meaning of Christmas has, nevertheless they are religious in their intent and application. For who will deny that Alpha Phi Omega ought to be a positive spiritual value on any campus? Just as "the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light," so Alpha Phi Omega, as it injects the life-blood of its ideals into the stream of college life and activity, becomes a light by which the shallowness and self-centeredness of some of college life are revealed in their true pallor—a light which attracts and illuminates and refreshes and invigorates. Alpha Phi Omega extends the meaning of the Spirit of Christmas into campuses the

length and breadth of the land in three primary ways.

1) The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Giving. There is no higher form of giving than actual self-giving. The religious origin of Christmas points to the supreme gift of self. "God so loved the world . . ." So while we might wish that the excessive commercialization might be swept from our observances of Christmas, giving, nevertheless, belongs to the Spirit of Christmas. And the highest types of giving are often those which cannot be unwrapped or touched or exchanged. They are the giving of self, willingly, joyfully—in unselfish service, the "spending of self" in meaningful service. And those APO men who have thrown themselves enthusiastically into the service opportunities which their chapters offer know that the giver of such service receives far more intrinsic value than the receiver of the service. A young man was recently directed to the chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on the campus where he is a freshman, and for a pledge service, he escorted a wheelchair patient to a football game. To APO men there is nothing surprising about that, but to people unaware of APO it is different enough from the thoughtless, hurried, everyday norm of society that it is almost a curiosity! The parents of this young man, interested as most parents are in the values being absorbed by their "boys away at college," could not have appeared more jubilant if their son had won a free trip to Europe!

2) The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Reconciliation and Redemption. And Alpha Phi Omega can carry on these very useful functions as its effect is felt on the campus. It does this through its ideal of friendship. The first Christmas was the event of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself. We acknowledge that whenever we sing the carol "Hark the

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Almost 10,000 frolicking students and Twin Cities residents flocked to the University of Minnesota's third annual Campus Carnival, sponsored by Gamma Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. This year's carnival was the most successful yet. The \$6,500.00 net profits from the production were turned over to the University's Social Service Council, which provides scholarships for needy students, helps finance various campus charities.

More than sixty student organizations cooperated to put on a huge variety of side shows and other concessions. Alpha Phi Omega's own concession, the Ugly Man Contest, netted over \$370.00. The highlight of the carnival was the giving away of a 1951 Chevrolet convertible in conjunction with the carnival's "Campus Character" contest.

This event is the only one of the

year in which all student organizations may cooperate for a common goal.

From the program booklet of the 1951 Carnival, we quote concerning the history and purpose of this event at the University of Minnesota:

Since it was organized two years ago the Carnival has quickly become one of the two "big" events of the year—with enough hullabaloo and excitement to put it right up there with Homecoming.

The fifty concessions in this year's Carnival are the enterprises of over sixty campus groups which throw their time, wit, and work into this one big charity campaign of the year. After weeks of planning and rehearsing (and a few slip-ups, no doubt), the participants move their tents, lights and lumber into the sports arena on Wednesday night; on Friday they move in their musicians, clowns, and other performers—and the show is on.

This year's Carnival is running two nights for the first time. Two years ago the first Carnival ran only one night, and there wasn't room to move from one show to another. Last year the show ran afternoon and evening, giving the high school crowd a chance to squeeze in. This year the two-night stand (the first night is "family night") should eliminate turning people away because of crowds.

The work of planning and supervising the entire Carnival set-up comes from Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity. This year APO is engineering the "bigger than ever" show entirely by themselves. Their job is publicity, prizes, space management and electrical wiring, in addition to their annual Ugly Man contest.

On top of that, they have to see that the sports building is restored to its original state of orderliness so that when Ike Armstrong comes in Monday morning, he'll never know the Carnival has been here.

Actually the Carnival idea is not as new at Minnesota as you might think. Though the splurge was picked up from the University of Illinois two years ago, carnivals at Minnesota go back to the latter 1930's, when a similar event was staged on the old Northrop field every spring. Then, for some reason the idea was dropped.

But two years ago, after watching the overwhelming successes of carnivals at neighboring schools, such as Illinois and Wisconsin, the Campus Chest Board at

A Feature Project

CAMPUS CARNIVAL

By Robert Seabloom

Publicity Chairman, Gamma Psi Chapter
University of Minnesota

Minnesota picked up the idea and wrote to Illinois for their "know how."

The Gray Friars, senior honorary society, directed the first Campus Carnival, but since they were short on manpower, Alpha Phi Omega stepped in to supply the physical labor. That first Carnival was on a trial basis. Work started late winter quarter with still no place to hold the thing; then they advertised a shiny new Ford as a door prize. Success walked away with the Carnival. Starting with a budget of \$300, the sponsors ran up to over \$1,200, but still turned in over \$1,400 to the Campus Chest.

The second year the Carnival was jointly managed by the Minnesota Daily and APO, with the Daily doing mainly publicity and APO mainly the mechanical production. When the concessions closed up shop there was \$4,500 in the kitty for the Campus Chest.

All drives connected with campus are lumped together for the Carnival in the

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John Erickson, Ugly Man elected at the Minnesota 1951 Campus Carnival, is introduced to Jeanne Traun, "Miss Minnesota." One of the prizes awarded to John was an all-expense dinner date with Jeanne. At the microphone is Don Hawkins of the KSTC radio station.

WORLD BROTHERHOOD IN SCOUTING

By Jan Lea Kater

Theta Lambda Chapter, The Rice Institute
Member of the BSA Delegation at the Seventh World Jamboree

On the pleasant afternoon of August 14, of this year, in Bad Ischl, Austria, I was with a group of 13,000 Scouts from all over the world, participating in a ceremony of commemoration and departure of the Seventh World Jamboree of the Boy Scouts. Lined up eight in a row with our arms around one another, we formed a great procession significant of world brotherhood and friendship as we marched by the reviewing stand and the crowds of interested spectators. That ceremony marked the end of ten days of a most successful co-operation among sincere representatives of forty-seven countries of the world. To me it was the end of the camping experience, but the beginning of a memory and a growing understanding of the value of world brotherhood.

Foremost in my memory of the Jamboree are two boys from different parts of the world who enriched my experience by their sincere interest and friendship. The first of these boys is Ronny Mill, from Kelty, Scotland, whom I met as I traded him some Scout badges for a picture book of his homeland. The other boy is Peter Wachsman, of Vienna, Austria, whom I noticed listening one evening as Ronny and I were singing and who added to the music with his jew's-harp. Associations such as these were renewed each day as we participated in the many activities of the Jamboree. As the Jamboree progressed, I saw more of my new friends and asked them to visit me. They spent several mornings and afternoons with me, and though I was usually cleaning up the tent area or washing my clothes, we enjoyed hearing about the life and conditions in each other's country.

On the Jamboree grounds was a trading area in which were located stores which sold pastries, fruit, meat, souvenirs, candy, and beverages, and one booth rented electric razors for fifty groschen or about two cents. Few

of the clerks in these stores spoke English, and whenever an American Scout wanted to buy something, he had either to find an interpreter among the native group of Scouts or to convey his desires to the shop clerk by means of sign language. Frequently I found myself with this choice to make, and failing in my sign language, I turned to the crowd and found some new friends to help me, who, though I may not have seen them again, gave of their time for the sake of friendship and an opportunity to help others.

After having completed a shopping tour one day, I noticed an American Scout walking with a bell tinkling from his pocket. I stopped and asked

him where I could get such a bell. He explained that he was from the Stierman section of the camp (the Jamboree grounds were divided into sections named for the provinces of Austria) which had as a token the bell. The Scout was not an American, but an Austrian of Italian and French parentage, who lived in Graz, Austria, and was at the Jamboree as a reporter for a newspaper. Rudi Zilli is his name, and through him was opened to me a more expansive view of Europe.

Rudi is a language major at the University of Graz, and speaks German, Italian, French, and English. He

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Eleven members of Alpha Phi Omega were included in the United States delegation at the World Jamboree of Scouting at Bad Ischl, Austria, this past summer. Left to right, seated, are Bill Flinchbaugh, Iota Omicron Chapter, Gettysburg College; Dale Andrews, Alpha Nu Chapter, St. Norbert College; Chester Ellyson, Alpha Delta Chapter, San Diego State; and Jan Lea Kater (author of this article), Theta Lambda Chapter, The Rice Institute. Standing, left to right, are G. H. Oberteuffer, Iota Iota Chapter, Vanport College; Wallace W. Hill, Delta Rho Chapter, Rutgers University; Arthur Wood, Iota Alpha Chapter, University of Tennessee; A. C. Gaskin, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, University of Buffalo; Oscar A. Kirkham, Iota Psi Chapter, University of Utah; Joseph H. Brinton and Charles M. Heistand, both of Gamma Omicron Chapter, Queens College. A meeting of these brothers was held aboard the SS Homeland on the return voyage.

Photograph by courtesy of Leslie C. Stratton

WE PAUSE TO HONOR

By Frank R. Horton

Founder of Alpha Phi Omega

"Scouting should be a lifelong project of every man and boy. Alpha Phi Omega helps to maintain this project by filling the gap between the time that a boy leaves home to enter college and the time when he takes his place as a citizen of his town and as a professional or business man."

There in his own words is the lifelong heart interest of a member to whom Alpha Phi Omega should give constant admiration, gratitude and praise. Brother Everett W. Probst is the man who designed our beautiful pin and key, also he drew the original coat of arms of Alpha Phi Omega which is so meaningful to all our members.

He was one of the founders of Alpha Phi Omega. He was the first Alpha Chapter Vice President at Lafayette College and was the first National Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega. He was one of the first members of the National Executive Board and is a Life Member.

Brother Probst is an M.D., an Industrial Surgeon. His business is in Buffalo, New York, and he resides at Williamsville, New York. During World War II, he served as a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Medical Corps.

Since serving about four years in the army he has led an adventurous and exciting life including medical service to lumberjacks in Canada, where he had to go through the forests armed because of wild beasts; service in the State of Washington in atomic medicine; as well as service to a number of industries at the same time in New England. For many years he was in charge of the Du Pont Company Hospital in Arlington, New Jersey.

For three years after graduation from New York University Medical School, Dr. Probst was a member of the NYU Faculty and taught Surgery.

In his undergraduate course at Lafayette College he received a degree of B.S. in Chemistry. His fraternities are Kappa Delta Rho, social; Phi Alpha Sigma, medical; and Alpha Phi



Dr. Everett W. Probst

Omega. He is also a member of the Rotary Club. Some of the other organizations in which he has membership are American Medical Association, New Jersey Medical Society, American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, Reserve Officers' Association, and Officers Club of the Army and Navy.

As a boy, Everett became a Scout at age twelve and advanced through all ranks from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout with Gold Palm. He served as a leader and held every office from Assistant Patrol Leader to Scoutmaster. He has also served as Troop Committeeman, Council Member, Merit Badge Counselor, and a member of the Health and Safety Committee.

In 1948, Alpha Chapter awarded Dr. Probst the Distinguished Service Key of Alpha Phi Omega.

In World War II the United States government awarded Lt. Colonel Probst the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding service as Industrial Medical Officer.

Dr. Probst is the contributor of a large number of published papers on industrial medicine and surgery, also

explosives, toxicology, and industrial hygiene.

As a doctor he devised a plastic splint for a broken arm or leg. He wanted something that could be molded, something that was transparent, something that would facilitate the taking of X-ray pictures, and something that was light in weight.

Dr. Probst is married. His wife is the former Miss Bertha Dansen. They have two sons, Lawrence and Norman.

May I remind you as you wear the pin or key of Alpha Phi Omega, look at it carefully, admire its beauty and the high ideals for which it stands, and then silently say a word of thanks to our good friend and brother, Everett W. Probst, for creating it and giving us the joy that it means in our lives.

The pin has remained unchanged through the years. The coat of arms is fundamentally the same, except three torches and three trefoils were inserted in the place of six three leaf clovers.

Scouting Advisor Herbert G. Horton said of Everett: "The key and coat of arms have stood the test of time, and through two and a half decades of Alpha Phi Omega have been seen in every quarter of these United States. They mark good men everywhere. It must be a source of pride to the doctor whenever he sees one of those trefoil emblems. A good job, Brother Everett Probst!"

Faculty Advisor D. Arthur Hatch, more affectionately known as "Danny," made this comment about Brother Probst: "My associations with Everett Probst were largely limited to the years he spent on the campus of Lafayette College as an undergraduate. It was there I learned to know him and his qualities of fine manhood. His friendliness and enthusiasm, his inquiring mind and his sincerity won my admiration. When Alpha Phi Omega was in its formative stage, Everett Probst, with his high character and willingness to help others, took an active part and was a very effective factor in the resultant organization.

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UN Model Conference

Zeta Chapter put in about 200 hours of work in three days in connection with a recent UN Model Conference held at Stanford University. The members served as ushers, runners, messengers, room arrangers and in other capacities to help the meeting run smoothly. The conference was the largest of its kind to date, with delegates from 59 western colleges, and was presided over by Dr. Ralph Bunche. It was a great success. This is reported by Walt Menninger, Past President.

\$3,500 Worth of Used Books

Gamma Omega Chapter's book exchange did a record business this Fall, with more than \$3,500 worth of used books handled. The profit was donated to several local charities. In its blood drive, the chapter secured 300 donors among students and faculty. The drive was reported in the New York Times and the New York Mirror, and the chapter received a letter of appreciation from Captain Frank Kattwinkel of the AFROTC at New York University.

Counselling Service

Upsilon Chapter has received a fine letter of appreciation from Miss Marcia Merkel of the Wisconsin State College counselling office for the members' work as student counsellors at the beginning of the Fall term. She said, "I am sure that this is an important part of the incoming student's orientation to college life. Thank you for your continued cooperation." This excellent service to new students is reported by C. P. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

Renovate Community Center

Pledge and active members of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Purdue University did an excellent job of cleaning up, repairing, and general overhauling of the South Side Community Center in Lafayette, Indiana. The center is a Community Chest agency and is used for underprivileged children. It includes a nursery, gym, library, kitchen and dining room.

The chapter cleaned the bookshelves and catalogued about 2,500 books, painted furniture, washed and puttied windows, painted floors and stairs, patched plaster, cleaned the yard and waxed floors. Some of the members repaired and washed all of the toys for the use of small children. This was reported by Herman Lauter, Secretary.

"Crusade for Freedom" Drive

Beta Epsilon Chapter sponsored a dance at Iowa State Teachers College which netted \$140.15 for the "Crusade for Freedom" drive. A collection was taken at the Dad's Day football game to add to the fund. This is reported by Norman Pease, Corresponding Secretary.

GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER REFINISHES ACTIVITY ROOM



This is a view of members of Gamma Omicron Chapter as they refinished and painted furniture and an entire room for the Student Activities Organization of Queens College. The chapter office and information center is housed in one of the rooms. The brother painting in the rear is Dr. Harold Lenz, Dean of Students and one of the faculty advisors of APO. The students, left to right, are Jess Halpern, Ken Feigenbaum, Allen Byspiel, Bill Neis, Harvey Alter and Herbert Hoell.

"Keeping the School Clean" Campaign

Gamma Delta Chapter of CCNY, in collaboration with other organizations, keeps constant vigilance in reminding students to keep the school clean. Those seen littering the campus are handed cards saying "Don't be a litter-bug" or "Pardon me, you dropped something."

A net profit of \$200.00 from the chapter's book exchange this Fall has been donated to the Student Activities Fund of the college, and the annual World Student Service Fund drive finds the chapter again offering its services and cooperation in raising money for needy students throughout the world. This is reported by Irving B. Spielman, Historian.

INDIANA STATE CONCLAVE HELD AT DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

The 1951 Indiana State Conclave of Alpha Phi Omega was held Sunday, October 7, on the campus of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Delegates attended from Mu Chapter of Indiana University, Alpha Gamma Chapter of Purdue University, Beta Lambda Chapter of Indiana State Teachers College, Gamma Mu Chapter of Evansville College, Delta Xi Chapter of Ball State Teachers College, Zeta Gamma Chapter of Valparaiso University, Theta Pi Chapter of Indiana Central College, and the two host chapters, Alpha Upsilon of DePauw University and Delta Omicron Chapter of Wabash College.

Discussion group subjects included: Campus and Community Projects, Pledge Training, Chapter Finance, Membership Expansion, Chapter Program Planning and Advisory Committee Responsibilities.

Featured speakers were Professor Daniel Den Uyl, National President of Alpha Phi Omega; Dr. Russell J. Humbert, President of DePauw University; and Dr. Donald R. Mallett, State Chairman of APO in Indiana.

Brother Don Roberts of Alpha Upsilon was General Chairman, and Brother John Pantzer of Delta Omicron served as Conference Secretary.

The meeting was enthusiastic and valuable. The group voted to hold the next conclave at Evansville College.

Four Chapters Aid An Ill Student

The university president's wife and members of Alpha Psi Chapter recently aided Robert Bartholomew, a Lehigh sophomore, who is suffering from a nervous ailment. Mrs. Martin D. Whitaker volunteered the use of her car to take Robert to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. At the hospital a quick survey of the case showed that an emergency operation might be needed for which twelve pints of blood were necessary. According to hospital regulations blood from the APO blood bank at St. Luke's hospital in Bethlehem was not acceptable. At this point, Robert Heim, President of Alpha Psi Chapter, and F. Gordon Matson, Corresponding Secretary, contacted the APO chapter at Drexel Institute. Members at Drexel enlisted the aid of APO men at Penn and Temple in securing the quota.

Chapter Alumni List

Alpha Mu Chapter of William Jewell College has compiled and published an up-to-date list of home addresses of members and alumni—all who have entered the chapter since its founding in 1934. Much effort was given in locating current addresses in order to publish a list which is useful to all living members of the chapter.

IN MEMORIAM

John Glass

*Alumnus, Alpha Tau Chapter
Butler University*

Prof. S. W. Warren

*Faculty Advisor, Gamma Chapter
Cornell University*

Lorin Ulm

*Active Member, Gamma Pi Chapter
University of Michigan*

Student Directory

A very successful Fall project in Iota Beta Chapter has been the publication of the directory of students and faculty of Pacific Lutheran College. The members helped new students get oriented and assisted the Dean of Men in grading freshman tests. Although the chapter membership was cut in half by the draft and graduation, the pledging of new men has replenished the manpower, reports Dick Borrud, Corresponding Secretary.

Aid to Spastic Children

Mu Chapter of Indiana University recently conducted a drive for used clothing and toys for the Knight House, a home for spastic children.

"GREEK SING" AT EASTERN ILLINOIS STATE COLLEGE



Winner of the competitive "Greek Sing" sponsored by Delta Psi Chapter of APO is this group of members of Epsilon Iota Sigma social fraternity.



By Joseph Scanlon

1. Is there a national girls' service organization comparable to Alpha Phi Omega?
2. Does Alpha Phi Omega cooperate with girls' service groups?
3. Is there any official connection between APO and a girls' service group?
4. How was the policy of cooperation established?
5. To whom are we indebted for the study made of present means of cooperation between APO and girls' groups?
6. Is there a central clearing house for information about girls' service groups?
7. Does your campus have a girls' service organization?

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was very happy to have had the opportunity to speak English, with me, for he wanted to learn some American slang. Rudi told me of the college courses which he was taking, of the country side which he enjoyed visiting and would have taken me to see on his motorcycle if I had had more time, and of his reporting experience, which lately included following a bicycle race on his motorcycle. He had a collection of pipes which included some old and beautifully hand carved relics from which he sold several to the Scouts he met in our camp. When we left the Jamboree, Rudi followed us to Salzburg on his motorcycle and shook hands with each one of us as we departed.

There were splendid formal campfires with songs and dances from all of the nations and there were campfires held by individual troops to

which the members invited their friends. One night I went to a campfire held by Ronny Mill's troop and there heard guest performers from Austria sing "She'll Be Coming 'round the Mountain." Several countries were represented in the entertainment, and at times the Scouts of different countries in one skit didn't know the next move expected of them, but with a little coaching and a good sense of humor on the part of the actors and audience, the outcome was surprising and successful. After the campfire, the Scotch troop invited the visitors to eat shortbread and drink cocoa with them. The entire evening was well planned and provided fine fellowship for all. After the refreshments Ronny thoughtfully walked with me back to my camping area.

Peter Wachsmann invited me to come to an afternoon fellowship circle with him one day, and again I found a new experience opened to me. After standing around talking with the Austrian boys, we formed a

Tours for High School Students

Beginning November 16, Gamma Epsilon Chapter conducted tours for high school students on the campus of City College of New York. The Chapter newsletter also reports the group is signing up volunteers for the blood bank.

circle and chose partners for a three-legged race. When the race was over we played a game which involved two blindfolded scouts trying to hit each other with rolled blankets and later a game with one Scout trying to dodge a roll of rags thrown around in a circle. Previously I had thought of entertainment in terms of skill demonstrations and songs and would not have imagined anyone's playing such games, but their very simplicity enhanced the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of the afternoon. From that afternoon I gained many new friends and addresses, and I shall send to one interested Austrian boy a book of basketball rules.

One day an Austrian Scouter relayed an invitation to me from an American Armed Services Recreation Center near Salzburg. The invitation was addressed to me at the Sam Houston Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. This was very strange, but I suspect that some member of our fraternity who knows me put my name on the list of those to be invited. Unfortunately I did not have enough time to accept the invitation, and I did not receive an answer to my written reply, but the kindness expressed demonstrated another opportunity for fellowship during the Jamboree.

On the last night, as I went to my tent through heavy rain, I found Peter waiting to bid me goodbye. I felt grateful indeed to have made so fine a friend, and as we walked back to his tent, I knew that the understanding which we had gained in our friendships was the most valuable progress that we had made during the Jamboree.

The rain of the last night in camp was symbolic of the refreshing progress experienced by the Scouts of the Jamboree. Those human experiences are gone, but the friendships which we made will continue to grow and will increase the light of world brotherhood and friendship.

SWIMMING MEET FOR SCOUTS CONDUCTED BY ALPHA CHI CHAPTER



In the pool of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Alpha Chi Chapter recently conducted a swimming meet for Cambridge Council Scouts. The picture at left shows one of the races underway, and at right the high point man of the meet is congratulated by Ray Logan, Scout Executive. The chapter, the participants and the council were pleased about the success of the meet and it will become an annual event. The pictures are by courtesy of Sheldon Dick, Secretary.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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Herald Angels Sing" and the phrase "God and sinners reconciled." Reconciliation is most needed, of course, at points of friction and tension, and it is there that genuine friendliness can accomplish the most. Again, this is at variance with the accepted norm of the world, which is to meet hostility with hostility, and which brings only weakness rather than strength and integrity. Having learned that one must be a friend to have friends, APO men can go into a tension area on the campus and seek to bring about understanding and reconciliation. It might be on some point of student-faculty or student-administration relations. It might be at the point of campus elections, where facetiousness on campus had created such distrust that only an organization such as APO could merit the confidence from all sides which was necessary to protect the democratic process and restore harmony. Another way to say it would be that Christmas is the Spirit of Peace.

And as friendship helps someone to be needed and wanted and useful—someone who wants to be all of those but somehow has not yet found himself in the newness and complexity of campus life—it approximates redemption. Call it "reclamation" if you would rather. But we have all seen the vitality and enthusiasm which surges into someone who, having hitherto drifted aimlessly without purpose or guiding values, finds a cause in which he can lose himself profitably. Friendship helps to make men receptive and sensitive to the redemptive values which Alpha Phi Omega can have for them.

3) The Spirit of Christmas is Light, or Leadership. The first Christmas provided the world with leadership which it has never forgotten . . . a leader who was so important that the world dates its calendar from His arrival. Alpha Phi Omega, as it imbues its members with the high standards of its meaningful and purposeful fellowship, develops leaders. But there is no such thing as light holding itself in . . . Light by its very nature shares itself. So the leadership of Alpha Phi Omega spreads as a light the values

which men thus bound together have found in their ideals. College men, having been touched and illuminated by the ideals of APO, go about their other responsibilities on campus, regardless of how commonplace they may be, as better leaders. The importance of our leadership is not necessarily reflected by the appearance of our name in "Who's Who." After the wise men had come to see the Christ child, it might be expected that they would soar to positions of prominent leadership. But they did not; they went back to their ordinary tasks . . . but with a new light and inspiration in their hearts.

These are the relationships of Alpha Phi Omega and the Spirit of Christmas—that spirit which everyone wishes could last all year instead of just occurring each December. APO in a real way can be the legs and wings by which that spirit is extended throughout the year on your campus.

If Your Address Changes

Please be sure to notify our National Office if your address changes. Send your old address and new one for correction on our mailing list.

Barbershop Quartet

"To be truthful, we were surprised to hear how well they can sing." That was the consensus of opinion after Delta Mu Chapter's barbershop quartet gave its first renditions at Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg. Members of the quartet are Duane Lawellin, Roger Thompson, Jack Jarrett and Tom Kiser. Keep up that good vocalizing, brothers!

Answers to APO Quiz For November

1. No. To the best of our knowledge there has been no national girls' service organization formulated. There are several local groups which are now in contact and they will probably provide a nucleus for a nationwide organization.
2. Several Alpha Phi Omega chapters have had opportunity to cooperate with girls' service groups on their respective campuses. The extent of cooperation is decided locally.
3. There is no official connection between APO and any girls' group, and if and when a national girls' group is established, our fraternity and the new group shall each remain strictly autonomous.
4. Our policy concerning girls' groups was voted by the National Executive Board, after study by a special committee recommended by the 1950 National Convention.
5. The committee, appointed by Professor Daniel Den Uyl, National President, was composed of Dr. Norman O. Long (Gamma Mu, Evansville), Chairman; Joel Berg (Zeta Upsilon, Boston), Secretary; Dick Bunker (Delta Omega, Houston); Morris Wooldridge (Alpha Alpha, Illinois); and James Bentz (Alpha Omicron, S. M. U.). This committee carried out its function well, and a copy of its complete report has been sent to each Chapter President.
6. Yes, the Omega Service Club of Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, is serving as a clearing house information about girls' service groups and through this group it is anticipated that an organizational meeting will be called of representatives of local girls' groups.
7. If so, please send the name of the organization and the name and address of the president to our APO National Office, and this information will then be transmitted to Boston.

CAMPUS CARNIVAL

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spring. Neither APO nor any participating organization makes a cent—the entire profit goes to campus charities.

So we've got one fine set-up—everyone has a great time and all the take goes for worthwhile ends. So (even if you only have one chance in 8,000 on the Chevie) you can't go wrong no matter how much you spend.

The Campus Carnival has excellent possibilities as a project for other Alpha Phi Omega Chapters throughout the nation, and Gamma Psi Chapter will gladly furnish any details needed. Letters may be addressed to the chapter at 216 Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

WE PAUSE TO HONOR

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He used his natural talents in designing the insignia and coat of arms of our fraternity."

Brother Everett W. Probst is a man who has achieved much in life. He has paused, as he journeyed through life, and has taken time to help his fellow man. Few men ever attain the satisfaction of having such an enduring memorial as the beautiful insignia of Alpha Phi Omega. It is a magnifi-

cent accomplishment. Truly it may be said of him that he is one of the "builders" of Alpha Phi Omega.

To Stars' Baseball Game

Alpha Kappa Chapter was host to 500 Scouts at a Hollywood Stars baseball game.

Honored

Last year Phi Chapter of Syracuse University presented to Brother William Artis, vice president in charge of service, a life membership in APO for the fine work he had done in our fraternity. Then in a recent issue of Time Magazine, William Artis was again recognized for doing outstanding work, this time as a sculptor.

IMPROVE COLLEGE DRIVEWAYS

Epsilon Phi Chapter did not let last summer's months roll by without continuing its service work. The members tarproofed all the driveways of Youngstown College, giving them a new-look at a cost of \$200.00. The Boardman Roofing Supply Company donated the materials, reports Joe Iati, Recording Secretary. In the latter part of the summer, members devoted two weeks at a Fresh Air Camp helping the blind. At the close of the session the chapter gave boxes of candy to each blind person at the camp.

IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER AT MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY



This enthusiastic group became Iota Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at ceremonies conducted last May at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas. Dean Arno Nowotny, Past National President, officiated, and the ritual was conducted by Gamma Rho Chapter of North Texas State College.

BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH OF DIMES

The last week of January comes the annual March of Dimes to support the fight against infantile paralysis. In past years, many Alpha Phi Omega chapters have been in charge of the campus campaign for this cause and many have already indicated plans for sponsorship this year.

Several means of solicitation are used, some conducting a "March of Dimes Dance," others placing containers on the campus, others contacting fraternities, sororities and various campus groups.

This is a most worthy service and deserves your attention.

BLOOD DONING

There is increasing need for blood for use in Korea. Many chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have sponsored the Red Cross bloodmobile on their respective campuses, arranging for students and faculty volunteers to give blood. And in every instance the quota has been exceeded.

We urge additional chapters to adopt this as a project. The arrangements are not difficult. The mobile blood unit may be secured by contacting your local Red Cross officials and asking that a date be set for the unit to come to your campus from the nearest blood center.

The need is great.

EXTENSION

Since the previous issue of "Torch and Trefoil," a new petition has been submitted from Wiley College of Marshall, Texas. This is now being voted upon by the chapters. The Wiley group has a fine preparatory record.

Other extension contacts continue to grow. New inquiries about how to organize new chapters arrive frequently from students, faculty men and Scouters, and a considerable number of these groups are expected to be ready for installation in the spring.

Do you have a Scouting friend on some other campus whom you think would like to start a new chapter of AΦΩ?

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE KEY

Alpha Phi Omega's Distinguished Service Key is available for award purposes and may be secured by chapters wishing to present a special gift to a member who has given outstanding service in the fraternity.

Orders for this key are accepted at the National Office only, not direct to the jewelers.

Three qualities are obtainable: 10K at \$9.25, gold plated at \$3.25, and sterling silver at \$2.25, plus 20% tax.

Further information about the key may be secured whenever desired by writing to the National Office.