



TORCH AND TREFOIL



GREETINGS TO THE NEW CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Mr. Arthur A. Schuck, new Chief Scout Executive, was congratulated on behalf of Alpha Phi Omega when his appointment was announced in Seattle May 16. In this picture (left to right) are Robert J. Hilliard, President of Gamma Alpha Chapter, Mr. Schuck and Joseph Scanlon, member of our National Executive Board. In the background is the map of the Alpha Phi Omega Chapters as was displayed at the Annual Meeting of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, last spring.

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"BOX SCORE"

Present number of chapters,	
including petitions approved.....	168
Total number of members since	
founding	20,433
Number of copies of this issue.....	12,000

IN MEMORIAM

Dean Arthur W. Tarbell

Faculty Advisor (Retired)

Kappa Chapter

Carnegie Institute of Technology

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SCOUTS VISIT ENGINEERS' OPEN HOUSE AT KANSAS STATE COLLEGE



Many Scouts and Leaders visited the annual Engineers' Open House at Kansas State College last spring under the sponsorship of Pi Chapter. Here are shown a group observing a machine which tests the strength of concrete blocks. At the right, wearing an Alpha Phi Omega arm band, is Richard A. Hardy, chapter president.

See You in Chicago!

Dear Brothers:

With keen anticipation I am looking forward to our National Convention to be held in Chicago, December 28-30, 1948. The past two years have been the greatest period of growth in the history of Alpha Phi Omega, and this convention will give us an opportunity to study our past achievements and to make plans for greater service in the years ahead.

The purpose of the convention is three-fold:

First, valuable exchange of ideas concerning service projects, methods and the "know how" of Alpha Phi Omega;

Second, legislation to guide the fraternity during the next two years; and

Third, fellowship among delegates and members from all parts of the United States.

This convention promises to be the largest gathering held thus far in Alpha Phi Omega. The program will be thorough, covering all phases of our fraternity activities.

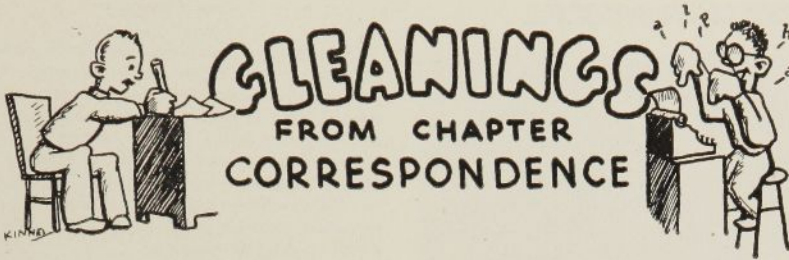
The advancement of Alpha Phi Omega in 1949 and 1950 will depend upon the wise decisions and deliberations of the delegates at this convention. Be sure your chapter has its full share in planning the nationwide activities of the fraternity for the future. Elect and prepare your two official delegates as soon as possible.

My heartiest congratulations go to all who are working so faithfully in our brotherhood. Alpha Phi Omega is "rolling" and by all working together we can build greater Friendship, Leadership and Service on campuses from coast to coast.

Fraternally,

Arno Nowotny

National President



Xi Chapter

Iowa State College

We sponsored a Tennis Court Dance September 21. The dance took place on the concrete tennis courts on the campus. The date chosen was highly advantageous, because it was the night after the registration dance, the night before classes started and there was absolutely nothing to do in the line of entertainment. Rain nearly spoiled our plans, but the night turned out beautifully. I am happy to report the dance was very well attended, a big success, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Several features added to the success of the evening. When the band took its short breaks, we had other entertainment. Also there were cheer leaders to lead a little demonstration and the appearance of our football coach was another attraction. A big aid in attendance was the raffling off of 15 tickets to the Iowa State-Nebraska game, including bus transportation both ways. We are very highly pleased with the success of the dance. There is no official report as to our intake, but we expect an addition of \$250 to our chapter treasury.

—Don Anderson,
Corresponding Secretary.

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter

Missouri Valley College

During Freshman Week, members of the chapter served in guidance and in Orientation capacities. At a reception held September 23, our chapter rendered invaluable assistance toward making the reception extremely successful. Members served as hosts, waiters, and typed the name plates for all persons attending the reception. A member of the chapter drives the new college bus used in transporting our famous Viking football team. In calling to your attending the thirty-fourth consecutive victory by the team September 24, I should like to mention that our chapter sold the programs for the game, provided usher service for reserved seat ticket holders, "hawked" cold drinks and hot dogs throughout the stands.

—Ralph E. Wienke, Recording Secretary.

Delta Epsilon Chapter

Illinois Institute of Technology

Our chapter held its second annual outing July 30 to August 1, at Indiana Dunes State Park. Mornings and afternoons were spent hiking and swimming, and at night we sat around a beach fire stuffing ourselves on watermelon, hot dogs and marshmallows. The weather was excellent, with cold air and hot sun. The nights were cold but we slept well. Everybody had an enjoyable time.

—Miles Skrivaneck, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary.

Epsilon Zeta Chapter

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Epsilon Zeta Chapter began its Fall activities by taking a Scout Census of the incoming Freshman Class. Over 300 former Scouts were registered. The Executive Committee decided to continue to provide ushers for the Town Hall lecture series and to maintain the campus Lost and Found service.

—Alan F. Hughes, Historian.

Gamma Alpha Chapter

University of Washington

We have received a fine letter of appreciation from Mr. T. B. Hunt, Scout Executive, in recognition of the services rendered at the National Council Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, held here in Seattle last spring.

—Robert J. Hilliard, President.

Phi Chapter

Syracuse University

Phi Chapter has received letters of thanks in connection with our participation in campus blood bank, the Citizenship Educational Conference, the all campus Spring weekend and the local Scout exposition and our work in preparing the Scout Camp for the summer season.

—Herb R. Levine, Past President.

Delta Kappa Chapter

Emory University

Delta Kappa was honored in *The Emory Alumnus* with the following paragraph: "The truly remarkable development of the year was the establishment and vigorous work of a campus fraternity dedicated solely to doing good for others: Alpha Phi Omega, composed of former Boy Scouts, taking on jobs no one else wanted or would tackle, from hopping tables at the Atlanta Charter Day dinner, to carrying out a thoroughly successful "Keep Off the Grass" campaign, the APO's almost instantaneously won the admiration and respect of everybody."

—Sam Norwood, Historian.

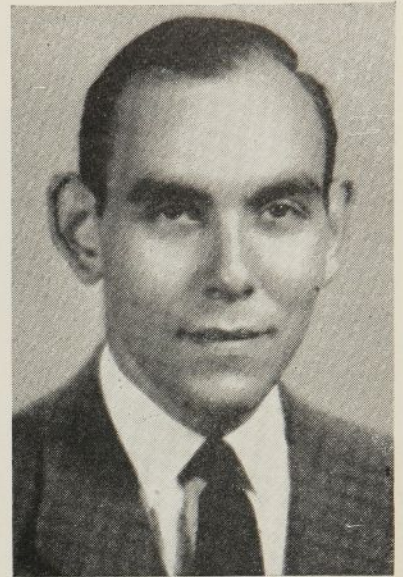
Epsilon Rho Chapter

Eastern Washington College of Education

In the past summer our chapter aided in reorganization of the local Scout Troop here in Cheney. Our plan has been to adopt a big brother system with the Alpha Phi Omega members as counselors. The size of our campus and community fit well into this arrangement.

—James Rabideau, Secretary.

WE POINT WITH PRIDE



William E. Slesnick

Receives Rhodes Scholarship

Entering the University of Oklahoma in 1941, Bill immediately affiliated with a local Scout Troop and with Pi Omega, the local service fraternity which was preparing to petition Alpha Phi Omega for a charter.

While a freshman, was elected to membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor fraternity; was elected Scout Governor of Oklahoma to serve during Scout Week, 1942; received Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics award; became a charter member of Delta Beta of Alpha Phi Omega in May 1942; and received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, on the basis of a competitive examination.

He entered USNA as a midshipman in the summer of 1942 and graduated (70th in a class of 1049) with a BS degree in 1945.

Commissioned an ensign upon graduation, he went to sea for the next two years. He then decided on career as a mathematician and resigned naval commission in July 1947.

He returned to Oklahoma and reentered University of Oklahoma as a senior, studying advanced undergraduate mathematics, and as a candidate for a BA degree, reaffiliated with Alpha Phi Omega and served on campus and community projects committees, as vice-chairman of membership committee, and as chairman of nominating committee. Served as Post Advisor of Explorer Scout Post 222. Elected to membership in Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity; to membership in Pi Lambda Phi, social fraternity; and to post of Senior Advisor of Phi Eta Sigma. Received BA degree May 1948. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

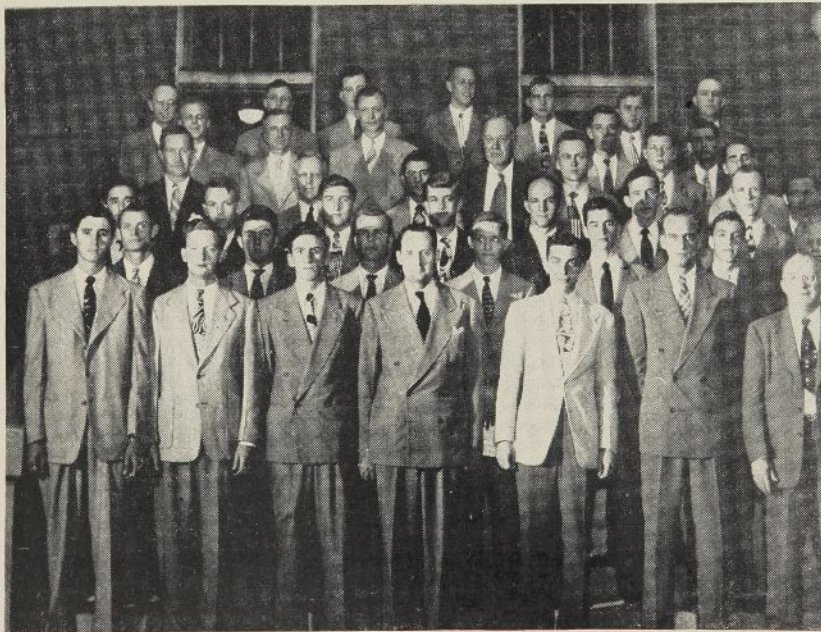
He received Rhodes Scholarship in December 1947, and has been accepted at Jesus College, Oxford, and will study mathematics there. Congratulations and best wishes, Bill.

IT PAYS TO BE THE UGLIEST MAN AT V.P.I.



One of the first projects of the petitioning group at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which last Spring became Zeta Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, was an "Ugliest Man" election for the benefit of the Campus Relief Chest. Robert E. Hord, Jr., a mechanical engineer from Richmond, Virginia, was winner. Compensation for this title came when he was photographed amidst a bevy of ten campus beauties. Here the ten coeds beam upon him, the center of all smiles.

EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI



We welcome Epsilon Omega Chapter into affiliation in Alpha Phi Omega. This group was installed May 2, 1948, at the University of Mississippi. Sidney B. North, national secretary, officiated with the ritual team from Epsilon Iota Chapter, Mississippi State College, under the direction of Billy Burdine, chapter president.

Zeta Chapter

Stanford University

Our chapter has published a schedule of activities to encourage the cooperation of all members in our Fall quarter objectives. Among our projects are the cataloging of new material in the Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace, assist in ushering for Stanford Players, conducting Sunday tours of the Hoover Tower in order to keep the observation platform open for visitors and students, and other projects.

—Richard Konig, Secretary.

Alpha Iota Chapter

Ohio State University

Alpha Iota is proud to announce that Brother Bland L. Stradley, Vice-President of Ohio State University and Faculty Adviser of the Chapter, has recently been awarded the Silver Beaver "For distinguished service to boyhood." This honor was bestowed in behalf of the National Council of the Boy Scouts by the Central Ohio Council, Columbus, Ohio.

Expansion of Alpha Phi Omega in Ohio has always been part of the chapter's program. Last winter quarter Alpha Iota's degree team installed chapters at Youngstown College and Kent State University Extension School. New chapters at Miami University, University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University were installed by Alpha Iota Chapter during the spring quarter.

If ever disaster should strike in Central Ohio, Alpha Iota Chapter's Emergency Unit would be one of the first organizations to answer the alarm. Composed of four squads, communications, transportation, aid and rescue, they are ready for floods, fires, drownings and other emergencies.

This emergency unit is composed of chapter men who are interested in disaster work, and are willing to devote their time to learning it. The men have the use of Ohio State University's ROTCorp's equipment for training and actual disaster work.

—Paul E. Rampes, Historian.

Epsilon Beta Chapter

Central Michigan College

At one of our general meetings last spring, Epsilon Beta Chapter donated \$50.00 to a Speech Clinic held on the Central campus this past summer. The Clinic was for needy boys and girls. We also gave Archery equipment and golf equipment for the use of the group.

—Ken Paulson, Past President.

Epsilon Zeta Chapter

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Epsilon Zeta Chapter wound up its activities for last spring with an auction sale of all unclaimed articles left in our Lost and Found department. The proceeds were donated to the Lacrosse Fund to help send the Institute's Lacrosse team to the Olympics last summer. Clothing was not included in the auction but was given directly to an organization collecting clothes for Europe. Previously we helped build a new infirmary at the local Scout camp and erected signs on the highways to guide visitors to the Open House held on the campus.

—Alan F. Hughes, Historian.

Alpha Xi Chapter*Washington State College*

Our annual Handsome Harry contest last spring was very successful. We received \$360 from the contest which has been used for purchasing signs to direct traffic on the campus. William Klossner, our new president, was general chairman of this contest. Bill Gammie of Acacia Fraternity was the winner.

On April 1 Alpha Xi Chapter honored Brother Leonard Young at a banquet, in recognition of his six years service as Chairman of the Advisory Committee. A pearl studded gold key was presented to him as a token of our appreciation. This was presented by Galen Trostle, the president of the chapter.

—John Elliott,
Past Corresponding Secretary.

Beta Phi Chapter*Southwestern Louisiana Institute*

Beta Phi Chapter is looking forward to its most successful year. Our officers and members have gained much needed experience this past year, and we feel that we can make the coming one successful for APO. A drive to get new members into our fraternity has begun with a smoker. A very large membership is expected for the coming year. Much work was done during Freshman Orientation week here at SLI by the officers and members and many plans are under way to better the Southwestern campus.

—Henry Belanger, Secretary.

Epsilon Kappa Chapter*Willamette University*

Alpha Phi Omega was on the job at the flood disaster in the Vanport region this past summer. As all are aware, much destruction was caused by the flood of Columbia River. During the first critical days of the flood, a call went out from the Red Cross for men and materials to save as much new land and property as possible. Our chapter was able to furnish seven members at that time. We used the local Scout Council truck and first aid supplies from several Troops, plus a field range. Our members served for two days at the dikes in the Portland Area administering first aid and keeping a supply of hot cocoa on hand. The members who participated were Richard Moore, Elliott Motschenbacher, James Brennan, James Nickel, Eugene Schmidt, Warren Schmidt, Edward Gottfried, and Richard Hartley.

—William Harris, Past President.

Chi Chapter*University of California at Los Angeles*

Chi Chapter at UCLA has taken an active part in Freshman Orientation Week. We have had information booths, guided tours of the campus, helped serve free lunch to the Freshmen, and took part in the Freshman assembly. We also ushered at the football rally. The members will be acting as counselors during Orientation Week and take an active part in the Homecoming Parade.

—Gene Molene, Secretary.

Upsilon Chapter*Milwaukee State Teachers College*

Our executive board is on the job making plans to interest a larger number of members.

—Paul Graw, Corresponding Secretary.

AID TO SCOUTS TO ATTEND CAMP

Three "Camperships" of \$15.00 each were presented last summer by Epsilon Chi Chapter at Los Angeles City-State College. In this picture are Irwin H. Gerst, president, and Frank Havens, chaplain of Epsilon Chi Chapter, handing checks to Scouts Jim Pritchard, Ronnie Graham and Al Sachse to pay for attendance at summer camp.

EPSILON MU CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

This is the first group picture of Epsilon Mu Chapter installed at the University of Maryland in May, 1947. Congratulations are extended upon the outstanding program being conducted by these brothers.

PRESENTING CHECK TO INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND



Brother J. B. Cox, then president of Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Colorado, is shown presenting a check for the University's March of Dimes contributions of 1948 to local and county officials.

"INSTALLERS EXTRAORDINARY"

The ritual team of Alpha Iota Chapter at Ohio State University handled the ceremonies at installations of six new chapters in the past year. They journeyed to Youngstown College, Bowling Green State University, Kent State University Canton, Miami University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University of Toledo. Congratulations to our Ohio State brothers upon their vast extension work.

ZETA PI CHAPTER AT WAYNE UNIVERSITY



This enthusiastic group at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, were installed as Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on May 27, 1948. The ceremonies were directed by Brother C. M. Finnell, member of the National Executive Board, with the ritual being performed by the degree team of Beta Beta Chapter, Michigan State College. Additional chapter representatives were present from Gamma Pi Chapter at the University of Michigan to welcome the new brothers.

Alpha Pi Chapter

University of Miami

Our Ugly Man contest of last spring netted \$566. The entire proceeds from this drive were used to aid war orphans in Europe. The contest created much interest on the campus and will be conducted annually. We awarded a beautiful twenty-inch trophy to the winning organization and a smaller one to the winning individual. We appeared on a local radio program with the winner of the contest, and this has made the community more conscious of the work of Alpha Phi Omega.

A few of our other projects of the past year have included our Book Store for used text books, establishing a centralized Lost and Found Department, compiling a Student Directory listing the names and addresses of the entire student body and publishing the Freshman Directory.

—Don Cuming, Publicity Director.

Zeta Beta Chapter

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Last May, the members of our new chapter served as judges and in other capacities at the Camporee for local Scouts. The fellows did a swell job and left nothing to be desired. One Scoutmaster commented, "When those fellows judged us, we really knew we were being judged!"

—Fred W. Culpepper, President.

Omega Chapter

Drake University

Omega Chapter has recently conducted an auction of unclaimed items in our Lost-and-Found project. There was a responsive audience.

—James C. Langridge,
Public Relations Director.

Beta Eta Chapter

University of Missouri

Beta Eta has adopted as a permanent project a messenger service for persons who are sick in the Student Clinic. Our primary work is getting assignments from the students' professors. The hospital staff has given us the best of cooperation in starting this project. We are having constructed a glass-fronted bulletin board to be placed in a local junior high school where there are about 500 boys of Scouting age. The board will be used for news and notices of local Scout activities. Last April, Beta Eta furnished judges for the annual Student Government Association elections here on the Missouri campus.

—William E. Dye, Past President.

Delta Tau Chapter

University of New Mexico

Several members of Delta Tau Chapter made a trip to Santa Fe to bring the bell of the de-commissioned USS New Mexico to its new "home." The bell is being installed in the tower of the university. A picture of this will appear in a later issue of TORCH AND TREFOIL. We also instigated the idea of "Pop" concerts to be held on the lawn last summer. This has been well received by the Student Council and Music Department.

—Chain Robbins, Publicity Chairman.

Mu Chapter*Indiana University*

We started this year with a bang. Our first project was to collect class and student government dues at enrollment. We did this in cooperation with the Student Activities Committee of the university. We have received very fine letters from the Dean of Students and other university officials thanking us for this service. At present we are making plans to cooperate with the Student Senate on a "gripe box" which will give the students the opportunity to present suggestions to school officials.

—*Jack Pickering, Secretary.*

Gamma Omega Chapter*University Heights, N.Y.U.*

With the beginning of the fall semester our chapter has gone into full swing once again. We have made preparations for the printing of the student directory. We have also volunteered to help the Residence Bureau to find rooms for the out-of-town students. We have scheduled a number of social affairs which include smokers, parties, dinners, and stags. This year as in the previous ones Gamma Omega has adopted a service program that will make A-Phi-O one of the leading fraternities on the N.Y.U. campus.

—*Stan Frisch, Historian.*

Alpha Theta Chapter*University of Omaha*

One of our members, John Spaulding, is working on a plan whereby we can have one big drive at the school for funds for the various charitable organizations who have financial campaigns each year. This would centralize the campaigns into one effort rather than many. Of course, the one big drive will then be conducted by Alpha Theta Chapter as have most of the separate drives in the past.

—*Charles V. Ammons, President.*

Milwaukee Alumni Chapter

After several months of preparation in which the alumni of Milwaukee have been established into a working unit, we received our charter as the second alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Omega on May 23.

—*Ben E. Lane, President.*

Zeta Mu Chapter*Catholic University of America*

At a meeting of the Executive Committee we examined our tentative schedule of projects, added a few more and worked out the details on others. On the campus we are selling programs at the home football games in return for the services of several of our men as assistants. Most of the proceeds will be used to pay the expenses of our delegates to the Convention in December. We will continue to assist as officials at track meets.

Our community projects will include visiting the aged, collecting magazines for them, an Easter Egg Hunt for St. Joseph's Orphanage, assistance to an orphanage or receiving home, and probably collection for the infantile paralysis drive.

Scouting projects will include entertainment for Courts of Honor, assistance at Scout rally during Anniversary Week, and a week-end at the Council camp.

—*John M. Russell, Jr., Secretary.*

SCOUT VISITATION DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Here are shown a small part of Scouts and Leaders who attended Lambda Chapter's annual Scout Visitation Day on the occasion of the Kansas Relays at Lawrence last spring. The program included instructional tours of the campus, cafeteria-style luncheon at the Union Building as indicated by the picture, and attendance at the finals of the Relays.

ZETA MU CHAPTER AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Installed last May 30 as Zeta Mu Chapter, this group has inaugurated an excellent service program on the campus at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Delta Xi Chapter*Ball State Teachers College*

Our chapter handled the fingerprinting of all students of Ball State at the time of registration this Fall. Most of this was done in two days. We are now sponsoring a contest to adopt an official flag for Ball

State Teachers College. We have chosen judges, one from our chapter, one from the Art Department, one from the Student Executive Council and a representative of the English Department, and The Dean of Student Affairs also serves in this group.

—*Eugene Dickerson, Secretary.*

BULLETIN BOARD

"THE MEMORIAL CLASS"

An announcement has been sent to all chapter officers concerning the Fall pledge class as "The Memorial Class" in fraternal honor and memory of the brothers who gave their lives in World War II.

This will be a fine tribute. It will be a living memorial, demonstrating the vitality of Alpha Phi Omega, and pointing toward a more glorious future.

Each chapter has been asked to select a pledge group of sufficient strength and quality befitting of this dedication.

This is your chapter's opportunity to express gratitude for the sacrifice of our fallen brothers.

ELECTIONS

November 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.

Consider carefully the qualifications of all candidates and endeavor to select the most capable member for each of the responsibilities. The duties of the officers are described on pages 2 to 4 of the Manual of Administration.

It is recommended a Training Conference be conducted by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, including all old officers and all new officers.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The approaching Thanksgiving season offers an especially fine opportunity for unselfish service. Aid to needy families, spreading cheer among orphans or hospitalized children, emphasizing the spirit of Thanksgiving among the entire student body, are among the ways we can demonstrate our thanks for the blessings we have enjoyed in the past year.

The Thanksgiving season typifies the ideals of Scouting, with a spirit of reverence and helpfulness.

Plan now for a Thanksgiving service project.

NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY

December 16 will mark the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Omega. The week of December 10 to 16 is designated as Anniversary Week. This provides occasion for a special meeting of each chapter, to include a banquet, historical review, initiation ceremony, outline of plans for the future and other features. The celebration of the national anniversary is traditional in most chapters and is a high spot in each year's program. The time is right to make advance plans for your chapter's celebration of the twenty-third birthday of the fraternity.