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Some of the brothers of Upsilon Upsilon, the 500th APO chapter.
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Brothers at St. Peter's College Say
IT'S BETTER AT NITE!

A Summary of
CONVENTION '68

Alpha Phi Omega Gets Involved

Lorin A. Jurvis

Regional Representative, Region 3

What kind of involvement are we talking about? Is APO service to our fellow students on our campuses to be limited to ushering at school events, or maintaining bulletin boards, or running a used book exchange, or even raising money for campus charities through an Ugly Man contest? These projects are good. But should we not also be concerned with improving the intellectual and social atmosphere of our campus? Should we not be concerned with supplementing the educational opportunities through discussions or lectures on critical topics, or perhaps scholarship programs and tutoring? Are we going to be concerned with playing a constructive and progressive role to improve what we came to college for—to get a good education? Or will we retreat to the safe extreme of passive non-involvement or the more risky extreme of noisy demands? Both, I suggest, are extremes to be avoided.

In the community are we going to content ourselves with assisting a Boy Scout troop or taking orphans on a picnic or holding an Easter egg hunt? These projects are worthwhile. But can we not do something about the real problems of urban living, the despair of poverty in the midst of affluence, the problem of racism which, whether white or black, is equally intolerable? And on the political scene at local, state and national levels, does our obligation end merely with keeping ourselves informed, formulating our own opinions or even loudly proclaiming criticisms of existing situations and policies? Do we not also have an obligation to offer responsible alternatives? Does not intellectual honesty require some practical suggestions along with the rhetoric?

I have raised many questions. I think you can guess what my answers would be. But the meaningful answers must come from you. What I am urging is not radical activism for the sake of activity. I am suggesting well thought-out involvement with positive definitions of goals and some practical actions that attempt to accomplish them. Indeed the voice of youth must be heard. But simply to be heard is not enough. Your voice, if it is to be constructive, must be a voice of reason. Here, I submit, Alpha Phi Omega on your campus has a role to play.

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**IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'LL NEVER WORK!
IT CAN'T BE DONE!
WHO EVER HEARD OF HAV-
ING A FRATERNITY AT NIGHT
SCHOOLS?**

That's the type of resistance our Chapter encountered when we petitioned for entrance in Alpha Phi Omega. To make matters worse there was a day Chapter of A.P.O. on campus already. At times it was discouraging to the would-be-members, but we won over the sceptics at last and now there are 38 active members in our Pi Tau Chapter.

Of the 480 chapters across the United States, Pi Tau of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey, is the only Evening Division Chapter, and we have one of the best reputations at our school and also Section 99, which covers most of New Jersey.

Saint Peter's also has the distinction of having two A.P.O. Chapters on campus. We share this honor with Omicron Sigma, the day chapter.

Our night-owl operation creates some unusual conditions. For example, none of our members arrive on campus before 6 p.m. Our meetings begin at 10:30 p.m. and last sometimes to 12:30 or 1:00 a.m. But attendance at our meetings averages 90 per cent, a percentage any Chapter would be proud to have.

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We all have pretty tight schedules, finishing work at say five and then make a mad dash for school,

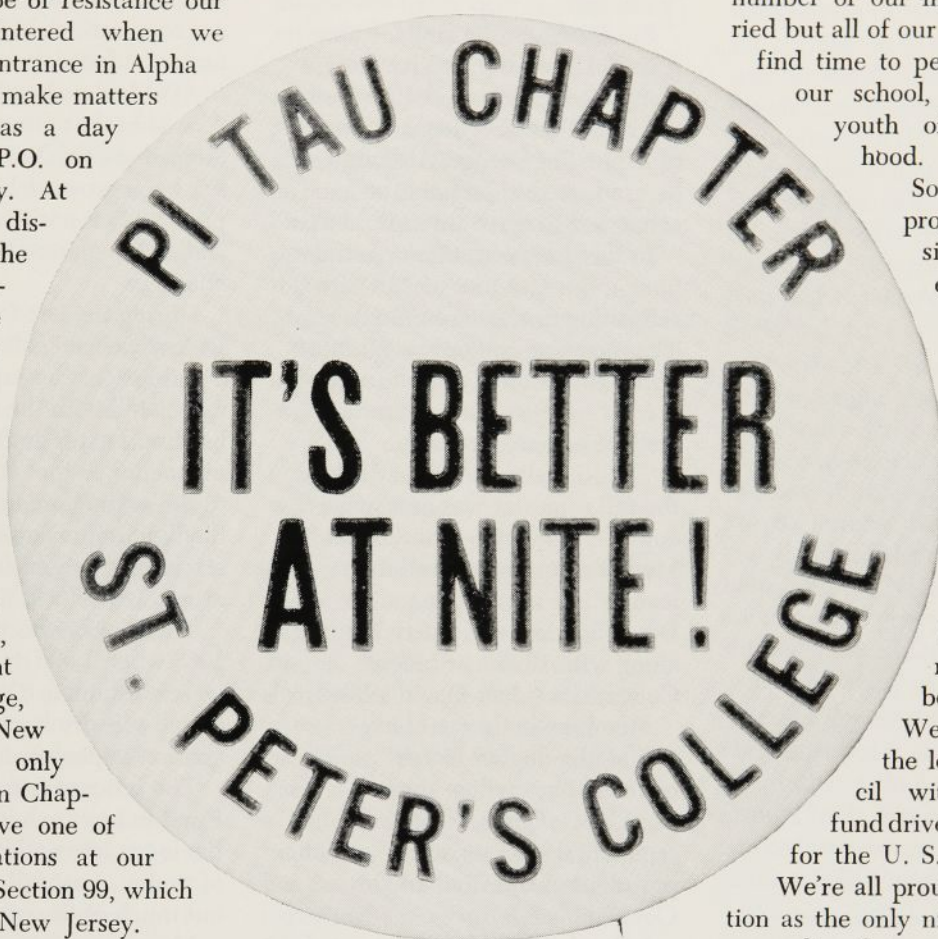
a good educational back-ground. Our members are of all ages ranging from eighteen to thirty-five, a number of our members are married but all of our chapter members find time to perform services to our school, community and youth of the neighborhood.

Some of our recent projects have been a sing-a-long for the elderly, a Thanksgiving party for orphans, a Christmas party for the underprivileged children in the community, a clothing drive for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society, two shipments of books to boys in Vietnam.

We also have aided the local Scout Council with their recent fund drive, collecting funds for the U. S. Olympic Team.

We're all proud of our distinction as the only night chapter, but we realize that our unique position won't be maintained for long. Already other evening divisions are looking toward the example of Alpha Phi Omega. On campuses throughout the country pockets of service-minded people attending night school are looking for worthwhile projects in which to invest their time. A.P.O. provides such opportunities.

Help form an evening chapter on your campus or at least consider it. There are many students waiting for someone to start something. Why can't you be that person? Promote Alpha Phi Omega at night.



grab a hamburger and get to classes by 6:15 p.m. We get out of classes by 10:00 p.m. Most of us attend school two nights a week but a small percentage attend four nights.

We do homework on our lunch hours, on the busses, during supper, and about just any other spare moment we have. It's a tough grind but we all try our best for we realize the benefits of a good education. We know what it's like in the business world better than the day students. You can get bogged down pretty soon without

Student Activists

Here's a student activist who's a "good guy."

Bill Faulkner, Xi Delta, Texas A & M University, has just completed a term as chairman of the East Texas Sectional Council of Alpha Phi Omega. Although he graduated in January, he continued to serve through March.

In these nervous times of student unrest, the activities of APO are as refreshing as they are unique. The members come from all facets of the student body on the Texas A & M campus. Their common goal, of course, is service.

The Xi Delta president during the fall semester was aerospace engineering major John Clark. Membership includes student leaders like unit commanders Doyle Sanders and Rusty Boggess, along with Civilian Student Council President David Wilks.

Members in the past have included a deputy Corps commander; civilian dorm presidents; Corps, wing and regimental staff members; and the president of the Civilian Dorm Council.

Individually, they are married,

single, Corps students and civilian students. All major fields of study are represented, at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

APO had its beginning at Texas A & M in the spring of 1962. Since then, the Xi Delta Chapter has been growing by leaps and projects to a position of leadership among the nation's chapters.

During the last few years, Xi Delta has been called on to finance a majority of the expenses associated with the A & M bonfire. Last fall, the chapter manned a 40-foot concession stand in the cutting area during the daylight hours and one in the stacking area which operated around the clock.

The project was undertaken in 1965 when 1,000 dozen doughnuts were consumed. The next year they added soft drinks, and by 1967 the gross receipts were up to \$4,700.

The proceeds go into the Bonfire Fund to buy such items as gas for the log trucks and fuel for the stack of timber. Last fall, rain washed out much of the profit.

Many people took advantage of



the ticket exchange operated by Xi Delta members before home football games. "They brought us their extra tickets," said chemical engineering major Vernon Bartle, "and we were able to either sell them or at least help others by trading for better tickets."

Last fall, the Brothers helped collect money during the first Campus Chest fund drive in four years. After each of the home football games, members solicited donations in metal barrels at each of the exits.

"The Campus Chest is administered by the Student Senate Welfare Committee," said Brother Faulkner. "We just had the manpower to help them in the project."

The funds provide emergency relief for students, send flowers when students die, contribute to charities in behalf of the student body and support other campus services.

Each spring APO conducts the annual student blood drive as a cooperative effort with the Wadley Blood Bank in Dallas and the Welfare Committee of the Student Senate. Students donate blood and in exchange are able to receive free blood when it is needed.

The chapter has at least one

project almost every week end with a good sprinkling of projects during the week, noted Faulkner.

The campus hospital is visited at least twice a week with magazines being distributed and errands being run for patients.

Members of APO form a tour guide pool. Requests for this service are usually sent through the office of the Dean of Students. Groups or individuals in the chapter volunteer from the requests posted on a bulletin board in their third-floor office at the Memorial Student Center.

Delta Xi advisors pretty much leave the chapter to run itself. With officers being elected every semester, a student could virtually hold eight offices during his four years on campus.

There is no set pattern of offices to follow in getting to be the president of the chapter. Faulkner, architecture major Ronnie Smith and industrial distribution major Bob Meister have served terms as chapter president. It's a new ball game each semester.

This leads to a constant influx of new ideas and leadership. It also has developed sort of a continuing experiment in group dynamics. With new and changing leadership,

the students have discovered that last year's failure could be this year's success project.

The first attempts to establish an APO chapter at Texas A & M met with failure in 1947. The request for permission to start a chapter was turned down because of regulations forbidding any fraternities on the A & M campus. Then in the fall of 1961, Dean of Students James P. Hannigan was briefed on APO by the National Executive Secretary, a Past National President and the Sectional Advisor.

Shortly after that meeting, Freshman Jim Mayo inquired at Hannigan's office to find out if an APO chapter existed on the A & M campus. With a combination of Mayo's inquiry, Hannigan's new knowledge of the organization, help from the National Office and an interested group of A & M students, the Xi Delta Chapter came into being in May, 1962.

It was during this time when Hannigan put it on the line by saying that a chapter could be formed "only if it constantly worked to become the best chapter in the whole United States."

It takes a lot of student activists to reach a goal like that.



Convention '68

20th National Convention

December, 1968

Convention Legislation

The '68 Convention considered a number of proposals to amend the National By-Laws but adopted only one. The Convention amended Article VIII, Section 8, as follows:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE. Life Membership shall be granted to all undergraduate brothers in good standing who have contributed in a single sum or cumulatively twenty-five (25) dollars and on graduate, honorary, and alumni members who have contributed in a single sum or cumulatively seventy-five (75) dollars to the National Fraternity. The first twenty-five (25) dollars contributed

shall be deposited in the National Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund.

The Convention voted down proposals to change the voting power of chapters from two votes, as at present, to one, and took no action on a proposal to authorize chapters to form auxiliary groups.

Six proposals referring to the National Alumni were withdrawn by Zeta Theta, Drexel Institute of Technology, and were not acted upon in the Convention.

Commission Reports

Commission Report No. 1

Effective Rushing

Joe Clay, Chairman

Beta Rho, University of Arkansas

The commission on effective rushing has taken under consideration the problems confronting a chapter and its rush program, and has compiled a recommended rush program as well as some of the more common problems and some recommendations to alleviate them:

1. Assistance From National Office—

- Advertise APO to the youth of America through advertisements and articles in youth publications such as Boy's Life, Student Council Magazine, and other service group publications.
- Establish a "Rush 'n Pledge" column in Torch and Trefoil for exchange of ideas and programs among all chapters.
- Make a 16mm film or 35mm slide presentation available to the chapters to show rushees ("This is APO", etc.).
- Have a National Rush Week among all the chapters, with publicity and congratulations to the chapter with the greatest increase of pledges.

2. Assistance From the Sectional Staff—

- Coordinate rushing in the high schools by dividing areas of responsibilities among the chapters.
- Provide authoritative speakers for as many rush meetings as possible.

3. Chapter Rush Program—

● Pre-rush:

- (1) Actually, rushing should be a year-round project, lining up the prospects for pledging during the formal rush period.

- (2) Order and prepare all rush materials.

- (3) Appoint rush committee, visitation teams, and delineate responsibilities.

- (4) Familiarize brothers with strong rushing points.

- (5) Set schedule for rush events.

- (6) Arrange for meeting place and speakers; refreshments.

- (7) Start advance publicity; advertise date, time and place of smokers; include some background on APO.

● "I-Check Program," for All Brothers—

I Imagination: to be used in all phases of the rush program.

C Conviction: show that you *know* that you have the greatest service program in the nation.

H Honesty: "level" with the rushees. Tell the truth about what your chapter is doing and what they will be doing as pledges.

E Enthusiasm: shown on your part can infect the rushee and make him eager to be a part of APO.

C Concern: show that you are concerned about the rushee and ready to help him.

K Knowledge: you must know your chapter and fraternity aims, ideals, and program, and be able to explain them to a rushee.

PROJECT CHAPTER IMAGE

● Rush Period:

- (1) Personal contact: most important part of rush program.

- (2) Publicity: hit it hard with (a) school and community paper; (b) radio; (c) signs and posters (psychedelic and elaborate signs have been shown to be ineffective

due to difficulty of reading, so keep it simple; (d) booths and displays (must be graphic, dramatic, and manned by dynamic brothers); (e) buttons worn by brothers and prospects (APO makes you virile, etc.), attracts attention; (f) rush pamphlets.

- (3) Presentations: (a) interesting, dynamic speakers; (b) much personal contact by brothers; (c) displays around room; (d) use sweetheart court or G.S.S. to help with smoker to liven things up; (e) have as many smokers as necessary; (f) Brothers wear blazers; (g) Brothers pick up prospects and take them to smoker.

● Fellowship:

- (1) Re-contact all prospects who filled out cards but did not attend smoker—talk to them some more.
- (2) Get paperwork and money for new pledges squared away.
- (3) Start rushing for next semester.

Problems and Recommendations

1. How does the commuter college conduct its rush?

Recommendation: That the commuter college conduct as many on-campus projects as possible and use personal contact as its main extension tool.

2. Many chapters are in direct conflict with IFC rush or other organization membership drives.

Recommendation: That the chapters approach IFC in the spirit of cooperation, emphasizing that membership in APO does not preclude

membership in a social fraternity. In the case of some chapters where IFC refuses to allow their members to join APO or vice versa, the advisors and administration should be made aware of the problem, as this is illegal. But cooperation can lead to a better relationship and should be implemented if possible.

3. Many chapters have a bad "image" which affects their rush programs.

Recommendation: The general consensus is that these chapters should concentrate on their service program and make sure that people know about their projects. Working with the administration, the student government, and the community service agencies can greatly enhance a chapter's image.

4. How can the National Office help our rush program?

Recommendations:

- A. That the pamphlet "Put Yourself in This Picture" is inadequate and should be eliminated.
- B. That a greater supply of "Question and Answer" books be made available to the chapters. They always seem to be in short supply.
- C. That the open meeting invitation poster be made more graphic. The old one was more eye catching.
- D. That the question "Have you ever been a Boy Scout?" be eliminated from the rush information card and replaced with the "Of what youth groups have you been a member?"
- E. That a 16mm film or 35mm slide presentation be made available to the chapters showing the aims and methods of APO.
- F. That a list of youth groups likely to be interested in APO be compiled and published in Torch and Trefoil.

Commission Report No. 2

Pledge Training

Jim Klasner, Chairman

Lambda Kappa, Loras College

Discussion centered around the pledge programs and what should be accomplished in an effective pledge training program. Decided were the following points:

- Pledges should be considered individuals who potentially possess the qualities of a Brother of APO and who want to develop these potentials.
- Actives should be individuals experienced in leadership, friendship, and service who are willing to pass on the benefits of this experience.
- Pledgeship should be a period of training for both pledges and actives.
- Training should center around leader-

ship, friendship, and service, instilling the commitment, responsibility, enthusiasm, and initiative in each of these areas.

- Pledge programs should be flexible—adaptable to the various situations which may arise at any time.
- Pledge programs should be continuously revised to bring them up to date.
- The individual chapter bears the responsibility to study their own situation and decide how best to employ this theory of pledge training, utilizing those things which, whether common to many chapters or unique to their own, will most effectively train their pledges.

The following recommendations have been made:

- We recommend to the National Body that a committee be appointed to study the present pledge manual and to revise and expand the material included.
- We feel that greater emphasis needs to be placed upon the reason why certain things are included or excluded in the program of Alpha Phi Omega. This will give the pledge a more thorough and relevant orientation in the principles of the fraternity.
- We recommend that the expanding sectional organization of the fraternity be utilized for greater cooperation and communication between the chapters to improve chapter operation and pledge programs.
- We call upon each chapter to put forth a greater personal effort in devising their pledge programs and effecting their pledge training.

Commission Report No. 3

Chapter Formation and Reactivation

Fred Rotgers, Chairman

Deta Rho, Rutgers University

This report presents a number of recommendations which the commission feels will greatly enhance the membership expansion and chapter reactivation program of Alpha Phi Omega. It should be pointed out that the commission found present chapter formation policies to be basically adequate. However, these recommendations, if followed, will not only make formation of new chapters less confusing, but also much easier for the petitioning group, the section, the chapter sponsor, and the national office.

In addition to these recommendations it was found that strong, decisive leadership, and a firm foundation in membership is essential for the successful formation of a new chapter. The recommendations are that:

- Each petitioning group should be visited by a member of the National Executive board at least once during its pledge period, and that Article IX Section 5 of the National By-Laws, should be changed to omit the words "or a representative of the president."

- There should be personal contact between the sponsoring chapter and the petitioning group as much as possible during the pledge period.

- A membership extension committee should be formed by each section. The duties of this committee would be: (1) to seek out sites for new chapters within their section and (2) to provide a sponsoring chapter for each petitioning group at the beginning of the pledge period. This sponsor should be as close as possible to the petitioning group geographically.

- The committee should be composed of: (1) the sectional chairman and (2) five committeemen appointed by the chairman.

- It should be made clear to any petitioning group that the number of members required for a new chapter as stated in the By-Laws is a bare minimum. It should be stressed that a larger membership is advantageous.

- The National Fraternity should make it clear to any petitioning group that the number of advisors stipulated by the By-Laws is a bare minimum. A larger number is conducive to more effective functioning of the chapter.

- Advisors should be selected in the following manner: (1) each prospective advisor should be presented with a copy of the "Chapter Officer and Advisor's Guide" which he should read and (2) he will be questioned as to his understanding of his duties as an advisor, and his willingness to fulfill them. Selection will be made on the basis of this question period.

- Petitioning groups should be required to perform service projects in each of three of the four areas of service.

- A formal guide to chapter formation and reactivation should be published by the National Office. This manual would explain in detail all facets of chapter formation and reactivation. It would elaborate the information already provided in the "Manual of Administration."

- More meaningful communication and cooperation exist between the national and sectional organizations regarding chapter formation.

Commission Report No. 4

Sectional Leadership and Operations

Ronald D. Smith, Chairman

Xi Delta, Texas A&M

The members of the commission studying Sectional Leadership and Operations wish to present to all brothers the following points of our discussion for their consideration:

- Meetings of Chapter Presidents at Sectional Conferences to better unify the chapters in the section.
- Election of Sectional Representatives from each chapter for representation on the National level.

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Commission Reports (Cont.)

- Give sections or Regions a choice of members to serve on the National Convention Committees so as to allow more direct undergraduate representation.
- More representation from Regions on the National Board.

Recommendations

This Commission wishes to make the following recommendations for possible amendment to the Alpha Phi Omega National By-Laws:

- Amend Article X, Section 2 to read: The Sectional Chairman shall be appointed by the National President with the approval of the chapters in the Section.
- Furthermore, the method and margin for approval should be left up to the Section.

The following recommendations were made regarding Regional operation:

- There should be one Regional Representative on each National Convention Committee.
- Regional Conferences should be held in odd numbered years, enabling selection of Regional Representatives to the National Board of Directors and selection of delegates to the National Convention Committees.

Commission Report No. 5

Chapter Visitations

Howard Kahne, Chairman

Upsilon Gamma, Lake Mich. College

Commission No. 5, Chapter Visitations, submits the following recommendations in regard to the visitation responsibilities of Sectional Chairman, National Service Representatives, and the individual chapters:

I. Sectional Chairman

- It is our suggestion that it be mandatory for each Sectional Chairman to visit each chapter at least once a year and to file a report with the National Office regarding his findings. These reports will be available upon request to the chapter visited. Each chapter must be notified prior to the chairman's visit.
- Each Sectional Chairman must be reaffirmed by the National Executive Director each year. However, individual chapters in the section involved will have the right to petition the National Executive Director for a change in Sectional leadership. No Sectional Chairman will be reaffirmed until he has submitted report forms to the National Office.

II. National Service Representative

- At least one representative of the National Office, preferably the National Service Representative, should be present at a Sectional Conference.
- Visitation reports submitted by Sectional Chairman will be evaluated by

the National Service Representative, who in turn will be obligated to follow up any unfavorable reports.

- Each Service Representative must complete parts 1 and 2 of the proposed evaluation form and retain a file of these forms for each chapter in his jurisdiction. Each representative will forward these forms to his successor.

III. Chapter Responsibilities

The following areas should be considered when preparing for a visitation:

- Each chapter should prepare a self evaluation of its program, similar in content to part 2 of the proposed evaluation form.
- Chapter records should be up to date and readily available to the visiting official.
- A meeting between the representative and the chapter Advisory Board should also be scheduled.

IV. Proposed Evaluation Form

Part 1: General Chapter Information (Report number, chapter name, location, etc.).

Part 2: Evaluation.

- A. Rushing and Pledge Training Policies.
- B. Chapter Leadership and Operation.
- C. Chapter Social Events.
- D. Chapter Finances.
- E. Alumni Program.
- F. Chapter Relations with Social Fraternities.
- G. Community and Scouting Service.

Part 3: It will be the responsibility of the Sectional Chairman to interview some college official (i.e., President) with regard to the status of Alpha Phi Omega on the campus being evaluated.

V. We suggest that chapters exercise the right given to them in Article X, Section 2 pertaining to the appointment of Sectional Representatives.

VI. This commission recommends that the National Office publish a list of services available from the National Office in order to improve chapter awareness of these services.

Commission Report No. 6

Chapter Social Program

Albert Tretter, Chairman

Epsilon Pi, So. Illinois University

The role of a social program is to support the total chapter by:

- Increasing participation in the chapter.
- Creating a favorable public image.
- Helping to establish identity as a "fraternity," rather than as a "service organization."
- Contributing to individual personality growth.
- Providing a **balanced** complement to the service program which maintains our identity as a **service** fraternity.

Areas where social programs may be used effectively include:

● Rushing:

1. Informal meeting of brothers and prospectives is most effective without the distraction of costs.
2. In addition, a coed rush party may add a worthwhile dimension to the rush, but should not replace the brother-prospective rush meeting.
3. Prospectives might be welcomed at regular chapter social activities during the rush period.

● Pledge Program:

1. Pledges should be welcomed, but not required, at the regular social events of the chapter.
2. It may be useful to have a pledge planned and sponsored social event where full participation is expected.
3. A pledge-brother retreat away from the usual campus context provides opportunity for building fraternal fellowship.

● Service Program—Service projects combined with social activity can bring added dimension to both social and service programs.

● Social Events:

1. One or two major events, such as annual awards dinners or activation banquets, can provide a focus to which brothers may look forward.
2. To avoid financial difficulties and hard feelings, these affairs should be financed in advance (e. g., tickets, paid sign-up, etc.)
3. Pre-financing is particularly important for major (higher priced) events.

General Observations

While the recommendations above may be helpful to chapters in developing a balanced social program, the commission feels that due to the many variations in local customs and traditions, the individual chapter is best able to develop the social program meeting its needs.

Commission Report No. 7

Fund Raising

Joseph Savage, Chairman

Iota Rho, Florida State University

The following recommendations were passed by this commission. Due to a close division on recommendation 7, a minority report is also submitted on the treasurer's term of office. In addition, an appendix of fund-raising projects contributed by various chapters attending the convention is included at the request of the commission.

This commission recommends:

- That a continuing "For Your Information" column be established in Torch and Trefoil. This column will be used to publicize successful service and fund-raising projects.
- That the national office publish a list of successful fund-raising projects

including a brief description of important projects in chapters which have used them.

The initial list of such projects would be made available to the national office by the spring or fall sectional conferences to avoid duplications. Said lists would be put into booklet form by national and be sold to the chapters at a normal cost.

- That an appendix be added to this report to include descriptions of various service projects given to us by the fellow chapters.

- That monies for a specifically allocated charity or service be used only for that named charity or service and if necessary for expenses incurred for said project.

- That money collected from fund-raising projects and other non-specified service projects may be used for the general support of the chapter, including social events, and for any other service projects from which money is not collected.

- That the national committee prepare a financial guideline, principle and policy booklet:

1. The booklet should contain general principles and policies of APO on fund raising and ideas on various ways at money management.
2. Set up a set of guidelines to evaluate the success and effectiveness of a given project.
3. A list and explanation of suggested projects whether the project was or was not a success be put in this booklet. Non-successful projects should be explained as to the reason for making the project a success for other chapters. Only projects that will benefit a majority of the chapters will be included.
4. A cross reference be added to this booklet of projects listing the project and chapter(s) that can be contacted for further information.

- That chapters utilizing a general fund maintain separate accounts; one for Brotherhood and the other for projects.

We suggest that the accounts of the chapters be audited at the end of every fiscal year, either by auditing committees within the chapter, university or private firms.

Any activity that may bring discredit upon Alpha Phi Omega should not be undertaken. Service projects for fees should be left to the discretion of the chapter. Services to the student body may be in competition with local merchants.

Sectional committees should be set up to look into and discuss various fund-raising activities and problems prior to the next convention (1970) and submit a report to the convention.

The "Treasurer" should be an officer elected for a "full year" term.

- That sectional chairman be polled to the feasibility of having fund raising and service projects above the chapter level (e.g., sectional, regional, or national). Specific projects should be selected by the service and fund-raising committees.

- That this commission be reconvened at the '70 National Convention.

Minority Report

We feel that a recommendation of this type from a national convention would be a mandate to the chapters to put this into effect. Because the length of the term is determined by the chapter's constitution this would mean that national would be recommending that a chapter change its constitution.

We feel that the Treasurer should be elected the same as any other officer and that national should not "suggest" that a specific term be instituted for any office.

Commission Report No. 8

Alumni Program

Douglas L. Larson, Chairman

Alpha Alpha, Upsala College

An important source of help for the undergraduate chapters can be alumni. This help can take many forms—the purpose of this commission was to search out some of the possible patterns of cooperation.

- Active alumni cooperation can benefit the fraternity on all levels:

1. Local: Active alumni cooperation may help in the following ways:
 - a. financial.
 - b. fellowship and brotherhood.

Specific projects which the commission encourages for local chapters include: combined active-alumni fund-raising projects, cooperative leadership of a scout troop, visitation of children's homes and hospitals, solicitation of alumni funds and participation in periodic chapter toy drives and book sales.

The commission feels that there is a place for alumni in almost any chapter service project, leaving to the discretion of the individual chapter the extent of its alumni interaction.

The scope of an **initial** contact with your chapter's alumni group or an area group might best be of a social nature: homecoming dinner-dance, alumni-active picnic.

2. Sectional:

- a. expansion: alumni can provide valuable contacts for new chapters and assist in organizing and reorganizing collegiate chapters.
- b. sectional staff: alumni potentially provide a wealth of experience and interest, and are available to their respective sections. They also provide an invaluable pool from which national officers may be selected.

3. National: At present, alumni support toward national is largely financial. The potential support of alumni groups toward national in regard to both finances and leadership represents a relatively untapped area. Undergrads should realize the benefits that can accrue from a more active alumni organization in maintaining effective national leadership and increasing the financial well-being of APO.

Suggested procedures for the formation of local alumni chapters:

1. Try to obtain through your local chapter, your college or university's alumni office the information that they have on graduates of your chapter (address, occupation, etc.)
2. Forward addresses of chapter graduates to the National Alumni Committee so that these may be included in the information fed to the new Data Processing System.
3. Establish newsletters, flyers, and informational sheets which would establish interest to alumni of your chapter. Maintain contact. Formation of a good alumni chapter requires the interest and participation of undergraduates and graduates.

Keep in mind that some day you will also be an alumnus. What relationship would you, in this perspective, like to see between your active chapter and yourself? The local chapter should also realize that alumni appreciation of local chapter correspondence may not manifest itself in a short period of time.

In conclusion, the commission feels that all attempts should be made by undergraduate chapters to encourage the concept of "a lifetime of service," whether through local or regional alumni groups. We also feel that the active-alumni cooperation can without question benefit every member of Alpha Phi Omega.

Commission Report No. 9

Community Colleges

Melvin Nishida, Chairman

Phi Sigma, College of San Mateo

Representatives from nine different chapters met to discuss the various problems found in Community Colleges:

- The main problem found by chapters in these colleges is a lack of school spirit. The students in commuter colleges do not spend much time in school and so do not learn of activities. A possible solution is for the APO chapters in such colleges to promote more social activities in the school, to increase their campus activities.
- It was generally decided at our meetings that, because of the strong relationship between college and community in a community college which would provide for more community acknowledgement of publicized efforts,

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we should make more extensive and better use of all news media.

- An upsetting problem found in junior colleges is the lack of leadership in many chapters of APO. New actives find themselves elected to major offices without any experience. The experienced Brothers aren't there long enough to help their new Brothers become acquainted with the responsibilities and duties of certain offices.

A solution which we feel is worthwhile would be to set up a system of seniority where only Brothers with some experience can hold the major offices, while minor offices would be held by new actives. Also mentioned was a leadership training program for new actives.

- Another problem was a lack of good association with scouting in some chapters. Due to the close college-community relationship in the community college, there should be more of a reason for closer scouting ties and more work with them.

Scouting advisors in several chapters had been influential in recruiting pledges, establishing new chapters, and providing service projects. It was decided that chapters with poor scouting relationships and "paper" scouting advisors make more use of the opportunities available to them to increase and strengthen the chapter-scouting relationship.

- One particular chapter in our commission has what seems to be a unique problem. Their school consists of two campuses 25 miles apart. Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the chapter is at one site, while the rest are at the other. Communication and organization is next to impossible due to the split in members of the same chapter. It was suggested to them that they form two separate chapters—one on each campus.

Commission Report No. 10

Problems of Chapters on Campuses of Over 20,000

S. R. Thorward, Chairman

Alpha Rho, University of Texas

In our discussion we have encountered two problem areas particularly critical to large campus chapters—those of communications and diversity.

Communications is a common problem of both large and small campuses but becomes most critical on the large campus. Areas of the communications problem are as follows:

- Communication within the chapter.
- Communication with administration to breach the gap of procedural delay in chapter programs.
- Communication within the student body to make the name of APO known on campus.

The commission found diversity to be

the significant problem that appears to be unique to large campuses. Diversity refers to the multitude of campus organizations that APO has to compete with to establish its identity.

This also leads to usurpation of APO service projects by strong competing organizations such as student government, IFC and associated student groups. In such cases we recommend that the chapters act as co-ordinating groups rather than the entire work force.

In addition we have found other problems common to chapters on large campuses, but not necessarily unique to them. We suggest that these be referred to the appropriate study commissions for further discussion. These problems are:

- Failure of the national APO publications to be relevant to the contemporary campus scene: i.e., revisions of the pledge manual and rush materials.
- Chapter factionalism.
- Lack of dialogue between the National Office and the chapters, which might be resolved by use of an open problem discussion in the "T & T."
- Communications with new students.

Wherein it has been the experience of many larger chapters that they are able to more effectively serve their campuses in the role of an organizer and catalyst of service rather than the role of another independent service group, the need has been felt for an effort on the national level to further understanding of this experienced role of larger chapters.

Therefore, be it resolved that a commission be established within the N.B.D. to serve as a resource group and clearing house for ideas and experience of chapters pertinent to the role of APO as a catalyst of service on the large campuses of America.

Commission Report No. 11

Commuter Campuses

John Newland, Chairman

Delta Theta, University of Louisville

The commission, after much deliberation, came to the conclusion that the greatest problem facing the commuter campus is the problem of the Brothers' transportation to and from the campus. This has made a large scale campus-related project very difficult.

The recommendation offered by the commission was to base a large portion of the service on the concept of service to the community. The following suggestions may help to implement this program:

- Contact local town governments for areas in which you can help them in service-oriented projects.
- Contact the local service clubs for areas where service can be rendered.
- Tutoring programs in local schools.
- Bring underprivileged children to

school sports events. Many administrations would be very helpful in lowering or removing admission fees.

- Publicize activities in all possible news media.

Service to the campus would best be rendered in aid to the school during school hours. The transportation problems faced by the commuter makes after-school projects difficult. Such projects would be a lost and found service or a book exchange.

Alpha Phi Omega on the commuter campus should serve as an outlet for both service and social activities for the brothers.

Meeting times also present a problem to the commuter campus chapter. The following alternatives are suggested:

- An evening meeting either preceded or followed by a dinner.
- Vary times and places of meetings so that all brothers can have a chance to attend. This would be especially effective if meetings are held in private homes.
- Have an occasional Sunday afternoon meeting.

Commission Report No. 12

Relations with Social Fraternities and Other Campus Organizations

Doyle Underwood, Chairman

Beta Psi, SE Missouri St.

Relevant Problems on Campus—

Alpha Phi Omega can render leadership and service in acting impartially to resolve pertinent issues on campus by acting as a vehicle in such manners. APO can also establish lines of communication to better the whole campus.

A stand has to be taken, but rather than being partisan the goals of the fraternity can be acted out in a commitment without a general partisanism.

Women's Auxiliaries—

At the present time there are service sororities which help APO chapters, and it is not our desire to change this relationship.

An auxiliary group would be helpful if its goals were different from those of a service sorority. It was felt that it would be undesirable to structure a group in APO.

Be it resolved that APO recognizes all existing women's service organizations and does not discourage the formation of women's organizations affiliated in any manner to APO chapters as long as their goals and principles do not conflict with those of APO.

IFC Affiliation—

Some chapters felt that it was essential to their "well-being" that they belong to a group of social fraternities (IFC).

If the national did not allow chapters to belong to IFC, the college administration had no reason to pressure the chapter

to do so. Also, APO may not meet the qualifications of the IFC.

But the general feeling was that some liaison should exist between APO and social groups. It was felt that some chapters would be hurt as well as helped by affiliation in IFC.

The general consensus was that no APO chapter should associate with IFC only for status. In conclusion we would like to offer the following resolution:

"The chapters of Alpha Phi Omega shall have the power to petition the national office for membership in an association consisting solely of social fraternities when the chapter deems it necessary for its own well-being."

Commission Report No. 13

Sectional Conferences

Gregory Eisenhart, Chairman

Iota Omicron, Gettysburg

What a Sectional Conference is: A meeting of the chapters within a section in order to promote the following:

- To involve as many people as possible.
- Sharing of ideas (communication between groups).
- Fellowship (with the extent to be approved and guided by the chapters).
- Recommendations to the National Convention or the National Board of Directors.
- Section wide service projects as seen necessary by the manpower and area requirements. (The section is to act as coordinator, to assist the chapter when necessary.)
- Training and education of delegates to further the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega.

A. Theme and Program—Each Sectional Conference should have a unifying and relevant theme. The program of a Sectional Conference must be structured so that it can be related to a meaningful theme or stated purpose for the conference:

- Program should include discussion groups. Specialists in each field or chapters that excel at certain activities should lead discussions.
- Speakers on the program to keynote or challenge need not be members of Alpha Phi Omega. The role of the speaker is important.
- Panel discussions can provide a sharing of experience by qualified personnel so that greater numbers can benefit.
- Displays should be relevant to the conference and be able to project the theme.
 - a. Displays can create spirit within the chapter during their preparation and they can also bolster attendance at the conference.
 - b. Displays can provide good public relations, and a sharing of ideas between chapters as well as between sections, and fraternity as a whole; and the college and community.

- Ceremonies can be delegated to various chapters, including: rededication ceremonies, mass induction of pledges, induction of V.I.P. and honorary members, opening ceremonies by college presidents, the spirit of service ceremony, etc.

- Master of ceremonies should be an undergraduate who might use a form of detailed program guide (a military flow chart type).
- The head table at sectional conferences should not be of excessive size. (Use a guideline of 10% of the total attendance as a top limit at the head table.) Other VIP's can be introduced.
- The Man Mile Award can be used to bolster attendance.
- An Attendance Award can be used in addition to the Man Mile Award to improve attendance. This would be based on a straight number attendance to encourage nearby chapters to attend.

B. Publicity and Communications

At present, communications between the Chapters in the sections is poor and should be improved. In order to make the conference a greater sharing experience the following can be done:

- Get to know individuals in other chapters in order to correspond with them personally.
- Pre-stamped and addressed letters, personal telephone calls (where possible), and visitations prove most effective in communication and publicity of Section Conferences. Response to regular letters and questionnaires is poor.
- Strict sectional boundaries should not be enforced when planning your attendance and publicity for conferences. Always be sure to invite APO VIP's residing in your area.
- The sectional advisory committee is the perfect vehicle for fostering inter-chapter communications.
- Other important aspects of publicity efforts during the conference are: name tags, information desk, guided tours of the campus by pledges, highlight reports of the chapters, constant efforts to recognize VIP's, including chapter presidents, chairmen of the advisory committee, host chapter administration, etc., at appropriate times throughout the conference.

C. Administrative Techniques—Effective Sectional Conferences can be best organized by smoothly functioning, successful sections, that is, sectional conferences complement the traditional activities of a section but are best effective when organized concurrently with the sectional advisory committee, active sectional representatives and on-going chapter and brotherhood extension programs.

- Planning for the Sectional Conference must be made well in advance. The host chapter assumes responsibilities with the sectional advisory committee.

Sectional officers advise the host chapter in the arrangements of the Sectional Conference. (A method which can be effectively used is that of a sectional vice chairman for conferences who advises the host chapter.)

- Social aspects of Sectional Conferences are important to share experiences and to become better acquainted with individuals. Informal meetings can be planned to provide this activity.
- The length of the Conference rests upon the will and the ability of the Host Chapter with approval of the chapters in the section.
- The cost of the conference is paid for by the individuals attending, with the Host Chapter to provide as many incidentals as possible.
- Receptions for college presidents, delegates, National Executive Board members, interested guests, and VIP's should be considered as important functions. These activities can be used to promote APO.
- Professionalism and Personalization should be stressed at all times.
- Topics for discussion groups and the number of discussion groups should be relevant to the needs and abilities of the section.
- Leadership workshops for sectional officers, advisors and group discussion leaders are necessary for a smoothly functioning conference.
- Registration:
 - a. Assistance from APO women's auxiliaries or Gamma Sigma Sigma may prove useful.
 - b. A pre-registration fee will assure no loss of money by the host chapter, and gives added motivation for attendance.
- Think through the program of the conference in order to anticipate needs: timing, physical necessities, bottlenecks in the program, etc.
- A centralized work program established for the Host Chapter can be useful. A flow chart to display the conference activities and printed detailed agendas can be useful.

D. Follow-Up—Reports of activities at the Sectional Conference should follow the meetings in order to reinforce ideas for those present at the meeting and to inform those who were not in attendance.

- Short and immediately following reports have the most impact and prove most effective.
- Long, complete, complex reports (or even tape recordings of the sessions) can possibly bring out important facts, but are generally seen not to be effective.
- News articles and photographs should be sent to the Torch and Trefoil as well as local newspapers.
- Thank you letters should be sent to those people deserving them.
- Photographs and news articles can be kept in chapter scrapbooks.

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- Follow up the conference with a critical meeting of the conference committee.
- Of use is a mailing of condensed reports of discussion groups and other conference activities to all delegates and all chapters, if they were in attendance or not.
- Host Chapters should make a critique of their conference and forward it to the next year's host chapter.

Commission Report No. 14

Supplies, Insignia, Visual Aids

Joe Hilbun, Chairman

Beta Sigma, Texas Tech.

Resolutions:

A. The National organization should implement a system of visual aids using either moving films which should be periodically updated and prepared for distribution to all chapters for use in recruitment and/or regular or special programs, or . . .

The national organization should implement a basic set of slide films and a basic, taped narration using pictures and voices of past presidents and some typical situations in Alpha Phi Omega. These should allow room for each chapter to add personalized examples and will be used in recruitment and regular or special programs.

B. The present systems of pamphlets should be arranged in a picture-show of some type, and pamphlets should be taken and consolidated into a few, more specific and less redundant pamphlets and distributed periodically to sections and chapters with suggestions on their projected implementation. The purpose of this is to make the fraternity appeal specifically to its present and prospective members.

C. The local chapter, despite numerical standing, should publish a newsletter and distribute it to members and the school's faculty, administration, and student body to provide publicity and advertisement for needed services.

D. There should be processed and distributed a publication on local and sectional leadership and implemented through a training session on such.

E. The national organization should develop and distribute a publication entitled "Who's Who in Local and National Alpha Phi Omega" and regularly update and redistribute such publication to the local organizations.

F. Chapters should maintain a sufficient stockpile of pins and certificates so that they may be on hand when pledges are initiated to prevent ineffective motivation of the new Brother.

G. The "Best Pledge Award" should be renamed "The Outstanding Pledge Award" for purposes of wording connotation so as not to imply a favorite of the

chapter, and to make the award applicable to the broad spectrum of characteristics of Leadership, Friendship and Service. It is important that, in the consideration of this and other local chapter awards, the chapter be the sole judge of the persons involved.

H. Deletion of the national heading from some parts of the awards made by the local chapter should be considered to make the awards more personalized.

I. The supplies and insignia committee should publish a pamphlet containing the explanation of all standard awards for use by the local chapter, and distribute such to all local chapters. It should suggest possible uses for these awards as well as encourage, in the same pamphlet, the development and usage of local customs, traditions and awards.

J. Chapters should develop and use a system of local awards and recognition (Toast Song, Awards Banquet, etc.) that would instill a spirit of unity and fellowship in the chapter.

K. The program and ceremony of "Knighthood of Alpha Phi Omega" for the purpose of promoting life memberships and setting reasonable goals of high standards for attainment by Brothers of local chapters should be adopted as was proposed to the National Officers in November, 1968, with the following corrections:

All of Section III should be changed to read as follows:

"Maintain an active standing in APO as prescribed by the local chapter and as judged by the chapter committee which will be created for the purposes of administering this award, and that areas for consideration of the activity of a Brother include: leadership participation, service participation, and membership extension."

Delete section "C" on honorary members. Section B-2 should read: "Serve as an active member of the advisory board."

Note: The above Knighthood has previously been proposed by Mu Tau Chapter.

Commission Report No. 15

Community and Scouting Service

M. J. Plishner, Chairman

Delta Nu, Yale University

We believe that the current social, economic, political and student revolts indicate the definite possibilities of changes of direction in service, and that the various chapters of Alpha Phi Omega must respond to this challenge by examining and perhaps changing their priorities vis-a-vis service.

We see several needs for service in the next decade that may diverge from the traditional forms of service offered by chapters of the fraternity:

- Service must be considered to be at least equal in importance to the self-

perpetuation of the chapter. Considering service in this strong light, we may well increase the growth of the fraternity.

- Alpha Phi Omega must fit an educational role. We should take the lead in showing others the most important and relevant fields of service involvement; i.e., we can undertake the high risk projects that others might shun. Furthermore, we should try to educate the community so that indigenous leadership can eventually assert itself.
- We must take the front in leadership, not only of our own fraternity groups, but also of groups outside our immediate sphere, especially in coordination areas.
- We must look with special interest to the disadvantaged, and give consideration to serving them. We must look first to those in greatest need, whether on campus or in the community. By involving ourselves in high risk projects, we are most notably serving the disadvantaged.
- We can serve more effectively with manpower than with moneypower.
- We must plan our time and our long-range goals so that we establish a real commitment to people in need; we should avoid a meaningless menagerie of half-planned and half-completed projects.
- We should strive toward adopting year-round programs where possible; we should avoid serving for nine months and neglecting for three. In this context we should ask the help of the national fraternity in looking for funds for such summer projects.
- We can often serve effectively by working with existing programs in the community; wherever possible, we should coordinate our projects with community efforts for maximum effect. Let us complement each other rather than compete. We should take advantage of existing local resources for funding, manpower, publicity, and support from industry, government, schools, churches, and others.
- We must encourage the support and full participation of those we are serving. Our projects include them; let us work with people, not above them. Let us help people help themselves; let us make sure that our programs are relevant to those they are designed to serve.
- Let us seek advice from all those concerned in our projects, so that we can gather and exchange all useful information. In this light, we have recommended the creation of a national information pool to be administered by the national office.
- Let us use professional advisers, especially on advisory boards.
- Finally, the most important contribution we can make to the seventies is to constantly re-evaluate our programs in the light of changing times; we must remain relevant.

Regions Bring National APO Closer to Chapters

The 1968 National Convention established ten administrative regions to bring Alpha Phi Omega's national organization closer to chapters and campuses. Each region is composed of approximately forty chapters and each is headed by a Regional Representative, elected by delegates of chapters in that particular region.

The new Regional Representatives typify Alpha Phi Omega. Most of them are recent graduates. Practically all have been undergraduate chapter Presidents and in many instances they have served as Sectional Representatives and Sectional Chair-

men. The Representatives chosen from even numbered districts will serve four year terms. The remaining five will serve until the Convention of 1970, when they or their successors will be chosen.

Regional Representatives are members of the National Board of Directors. They are responsible for working with and through Sectional Chairmen. Each of them serves as a member of the National Extension Committee and each will assist in helping sections improve their conferences and their general program of service.

Region 1

John T. Reid, Alpha Chi '42
The New England States, New York City, Long Island, New Jersey, Puerto Rico

Senior Engineer, Ebasco Services, Inc. Has served as chapter officer, Sectional Representative, Sectional Vice Chairman, and member National Board of Directors. Active in MIT Alumni, APO Alumni, Aviation Historical Society and Presbyterian Church. Educational Counselor, MIT, for past fifteen years. Age 44.

Region 2

Warren C. Weidman, Mu Eta '58
Upstate New York—Central and Eastern Pennsylvania

Design Engineer, Conoflow Corporation. Holds degrees from Albright College, home of Mu Eta, and from Drexel Institute of Technology, and Temple University. Lutheran. Church School Superintendent. Member, Instrument Society of America. Served APO as Sectional Representative and Sectional Chairman. Received Philadelphia APO Alumni "Men of Year" Award in 1968. Age 29.

Region 3

Lorin A. Jurvis, Delta Nu '52
Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, N. Carolina

Budget Officer, Motion Picture and Television Service, USIA. Graduate Yale University, home of Delta Nu and Georgetown University. Captain, U. S. Army. Catholic. Member, American Red Cross, Yale Club of Washington, Ski Club of Washington. Has served APO as Presidential Representative, Sectional Chairman and '68 Convention Arrangements Chairman. Scout and Explorer leader. National and World Jamboree Scoutmaster. Age 34.

Region 4

Gerald M. Plessner, Epsilon Epsilon '54
Ala. - Ga. - Fla. - Miss. - Tenn. - S. C.

Public Relations Director, South Florida Council, BSA. He has served as chapter President, Sectional Chairman, Program Co-ordinator for '62 and '64 National Conventions and National Treasurer and Finance Chairman. Member, National Board of Directors since 1960. Armed Forces Veteran. American Humanics. Graduate of Missouri Valley College. Active in Alumni of American Humanics Foundation and of APO. Age 35.

Region 5

William J. Farina, Mu '64
Ohio, West Va., Kentucky, W. Penn.

Teacher, Columbus, Ohio, school system. Past President, Mu, Indiana University. Has served as a Sectional Representative, a Chapter Advisor and as President, Central Ohio APO Alumni. His affiliations include Representative, Columbus, Ohio, Board of Education and member, N.E.A. Age 29.

Region 6

Lawrence L. Hirsch, M.D., Beta
Gamma '40
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

Chief of Staff, Illinois Masonic Hospital. Thirty Second Degree Mason. Shriner, Kiwanian. Vice-President, American Humanics Foundation. Member, Executive Board, Chicago Council, BSA. Silver Antelope. Silver Beaver. APO Life Member. YMCA. Founder, APO Alumni movement. Trustee, APO Endowment Committee. National Board member since 1954. Holder, National Distinguished Service Award. Member of various National, State and local Medical Societies. Age 47.

Region 7

C. C. "Jitter" Nolen, Alpha Rho '46
Texas and Louisiana

Vice Chancellor for Development, Texas Christian University. Active in Disciples

of Christ Church, University of Texas Alumni and Alumni of Alpha Rho. Has served APO as chapter officer, Sectional Representative, Sectional Vice Chairman and Co-ordinator in Sectional and National Conventions. Age 44.

Region 8

Paul D. Arend, Gamma Xi '40
Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, N. Mexico, Oklahoma

Registrar, Rockhurst College, the home of Gamma Xi, of which he was a charter member. He holds degrees from Rockhurst and UMKC. Enthusiastic Scouter, Silver Beaver, Holder St. George Award, National Jamboree Scoutmaster. World War Two Army Veteran. Catholic. Knights of Columbus. APO Faculty Advisor and Sectional Chairman. Age 49.

Region 9

Robert C. Barkhurst, Pi Beta '66
Iowa, Wisc., Minn., N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Nebr., Wyoming

Graduate, University of Dubuque, Pi Beta's home. Employee of Younker Brothers Department Stores of Iowa, Dubuque. Co-ordinator, Iowa's First Place Sectional Display, Convention '68. Chapter Officer and Assistant to Sectional Chairman. History and Social Studies major. Age 23.

Region 10

Earle M. Herbert, Chi '59
Calif., Oreg., Wash., Idaho, Nev., Utah, Mont., Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii

Medical Research Technologist, Wadsworth Hospital, Los Angeles, Veterans Administration Center. Armed Forces Veteran. Chapter Officer and Advisor, Chi, UCLA. Sectional Representative, Sectional Chairman. Delegate '67 Constitutional Convention and '64-'66-'68 National Conventions. Age 29.

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Gamma Chi . . .



One of the greatest explorers of all time—himself a Brother in APO—recently visited with the Gamma Chi Chapter at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. The guest, of course, was Capt. James A. Lovell, one of the three U. S. Astronauts who orbited the moon in December. Although Captain Lovell was on campus to speak at a physical fitness conference, the Brothers of Gamma Chi couldn't pass up the opportunity to present him with a plaque for distinguished service to the nation.

Sigma Iota . . .

Activity at the Sigma Iota Chapter, Valdosta (Ga.) State College this year has included work with the Salvation Army and local merchants in providing food for needy families and setting up a central telephone service for the project. They have also donated time to a Boy Scout troop of slow learners and have worked with mentally retarded persons.

Theta Chi . . .

Sen. Birch Bayh (Dem., Ind.) was a key speaker in a Distinguished Speaker Series held recently at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., under sponsorship of the Theta Chi. Senator Bayh's topic was "Reform of the Electoral College."

Clark College . . .

The Clark (Ga.) College colony has begun its record of service by transferring food from the dining hall to the campus infirmary dispensary and by making available emergency transportation for persons needing hospitalization. They also sponsored a Thanksgiving dance to raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Drive, held a Christmas party for retarded children and established a "buddy system," through which the Brothers take children to games and other activities.

Gamma Iota . . .

The Brothers of the Gamma Iota Chapter at Brooklyn College were recently commended for their efforts in a UMOC contest and the resulting \$1,237.68 contribution to the Flatbush-Sheepshead Mental Health Clinic. Hal Gill, chairman of the city's March for Mental Health, said in a letter to the Chapter: "... May we also say 'loud and clear' that anyone who has anything to say about our young people today will have to fight their way through our Executive Board."

Lambda Tau . . .

Members of the Lambda Tau Chapter at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., recently held a fund-raising dinner, the proceeds of which were sent to the Dong Ha Orphanage in South Vietnam. The donation was made in memory of Marine Lt. William F. Reilly III, a 1967 graduate of Salem and a former APO officer who was killed in combat last fall. Lieutenant Reilly had worked with children at the orphanage before his death.

Iota Alpha . . .

Advanced planning and plenty of publicity to insure maximum student involvement paid off in a big way last year for the UMOC Contest conducted by Iota Alpha Chapter at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Twenty social sororities and fraternities and campus residence halls paid \$10 each to enter contestants, one of whom was Bob Johnson, starting center for the Cincinnati Bengals football team. Organizations sponsoring the candidates were competing for a 6½-foot-high rotating trophy and \$200 in gift certificates. The result of the hard-fought contest was \$5,221.24 in monetary votes. Expenses ran \$100 over the \$200 collected in entry fees, leaving \$5,121.24 for charity. Of that amount, \$3,800 went to a children's hospital, \$300 to the APO Scholarship Fund and \$900 to the Service Project Fund. The Brothers purchased a \$300 showcase for the student center, bought basketball uniforms and other athletic equipment for a boys' club and donated \$150 to a community center for underprivileged children that the Chapter helps maintain. The Brothers spent a total of about 5,400 man-hours on the project.

Tau Lambda . . .



The Brothers of Tau Lambda at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., are constructing directional signs for their campus. The signs, which will replace and augment older ones, are made of wood and add a touch of rustic beauty to the area. Tau Lambda has also been donating time and effort at the nearby Hyte and Dresser centers, where underprivileged children are tutored.

Lambda Rho . . .

A seven-year-old Hong Kong boy named Kok Wai Man was recently "adopted" by the Brothers of Lambda Rho at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. At the time of the "adoption," Kok was attending the Bass Christian School in Hong Kong. A short time ago, however, the Brothers received a letter from the boy saying that his family had moved in search of a better life and that he was no longer associated with the school's program. Although Lambda Rho lost a son, the Brothers have now gained a daughter. They are now the "fathers" of Leung Yuet Bing, a 10-year-old girl from the Bass School.

Gamma Theta . . .

The Brothers of Gamma Theta, University of Colorado at Boulder, recently cranked up their publicity machine to kick off a two-month drive to raise money for a new building at the Boulder Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center. A well-planned and informative news release was sent to most of the area newspapers and broadcasting stations to enlist public support for the effort. The release was well received, and it appeared that the drive would be getting off to a good start. The Brothers hope to raise at least \$2,000 of the \$200,000 total needed by the center. The Federal government will match the center's portion of the cost.

Beta Eta . . .



Five members of the Beta Eta Chapter at the University of Missouri at Columbia were recently honored by a local Optimist Club for their work with a Boy Scout troop of handicapped children at the nearby Woodhaven Christian Home. The Brothers are, from the left: Mike Jacobson, vice president; Mike Hannah, president; Bill Barnhart; Mick Perry and Dean Sager. On the right is Park Bay, Woodhaven Scoutmaster.



Beta Mu . . .

Pete Thede, sponsored by the Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity, was judged the winner in the most successful UMOG Contest ever held by the Brothers of Beta Mu at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield. Included among the 12 contestants were five faculty members, three of them deans. Proceeds of the competition will go toward cerebral palsy research.

Delta Iota . . .

The Brothers of Delta Iota at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., have been conducting a project in which they work with children and patients at a Milledgeville hospital. They have also sponsored a "Faculty Slave" auction and have established a committee for promoting new chapters in their area.

Delta Kappa . . .

Delta Kappa at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., has been working with Cub and Boy Scouts at a local Cerebral Palsy Center. Another project was assisting VISTA volunteers when they recruited on campus.



CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES IN 1969



Alpha Phi Omega notes with pride the anniversaries of the chapters listed below. They deserve to be recognized at sectional meetings. Greetings from other chapters are in order. The Fraternity wishes each of them continued success in Leadership, Friendship, and Service.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARIES

Theta	University of Virginia
Iota	Park College
Kappa	Carnegie-Mellon University
Lambda	University of Kansas
Mu	Indiana University
Nu	Upsala College

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES

Alpha Eta	University of Missouri—Columbia
Alpha Iota	Ohio State University
Alpha Kappa	University of Southern California
Alpha Lambda	North Dakota State University
Alpha Mu	William Jewell College

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARIES

Beta Omicron	University of Missouri—Rolla
Beta Pi	University of Tulsa
Beta Rho	University of Arkansas
Beta Sigma	Texas Technological College
Beta Upsilon	Northwest Missouri State College
Beta Phi	University of Southwestern Louisiana
Beta Psi	Southeast Missouri State College
Gamma Alpha	University of Washington
Gamma Beta	San Jose State College
Gamma Gamma	University of California, Berkeley
Gamma Epsilon	City College, CCNY
Gamma Zeta	Georgia Tech

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

Delta Delta	St. Louis University
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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARIES

Eta Iota	Millersville State
Eta Kappa	Stout State University
Eta Lambda	Wisconsin State University—Eau Claire
Eta Mu	Utica College of Syracuse University
Eta Omicron	Brigham Young University
Eta Pi	University of Detroit
Eta Sigma	Illinois College

Eta Tau	West Texas State University
Eta Phi	The American University
Eta Chi	Hardin-Simmons University
Eta Psi	Chico State College
Eta Omega	University of Montana
Theta Alpha	Stevens Institute of Technology
Theta Beta	Cleveland State University
Theta Epsilon	Illinois State University
Theta Zeta	University of New Hampshire
Theta Eta	K. C. College of Osteopathy and Surgery
Theta Iota	University of Arizona
Theta Kappa	Harpur College

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARIES

Lambda Zeta	Ripon College
Lambda Eta	Herbert H. Lehman College
Lambda Kappa	Loras College
Lambda Lambda	Shippensburg State
Lambda Mu	California State—Los Angeles

TENTH ANNIVERSARIES

Mu Rho	Upper Iowa University
Mu Sigma	South Dakota State College
Mu Tau	West Virginia Institute of Technology
Mu Upsilon	Washington and Jefferson College
Mu Phi	Fort Hays Kansas State
Mu Chi	Indiana University of Pennsylvania

FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES

Xi Phi	New Haven College
Xi Chi	Greensboro College
Xi Psi	Western Kentucky University
Xi Omega	Murray State College
Omicron Alpha	Kutztown State College
Omicron Beta	Marietta College
Omicron Gamma	West Virginia State College
Omicron Delta	McMurry College
Omicron Epsilon	Union College
Omicron Zeta	California State College—Hayward
Omicron Eta	Suffolk University
Omicron Theta	Monmouth College
Omicron Iota	Worcester Polytechnic Institute