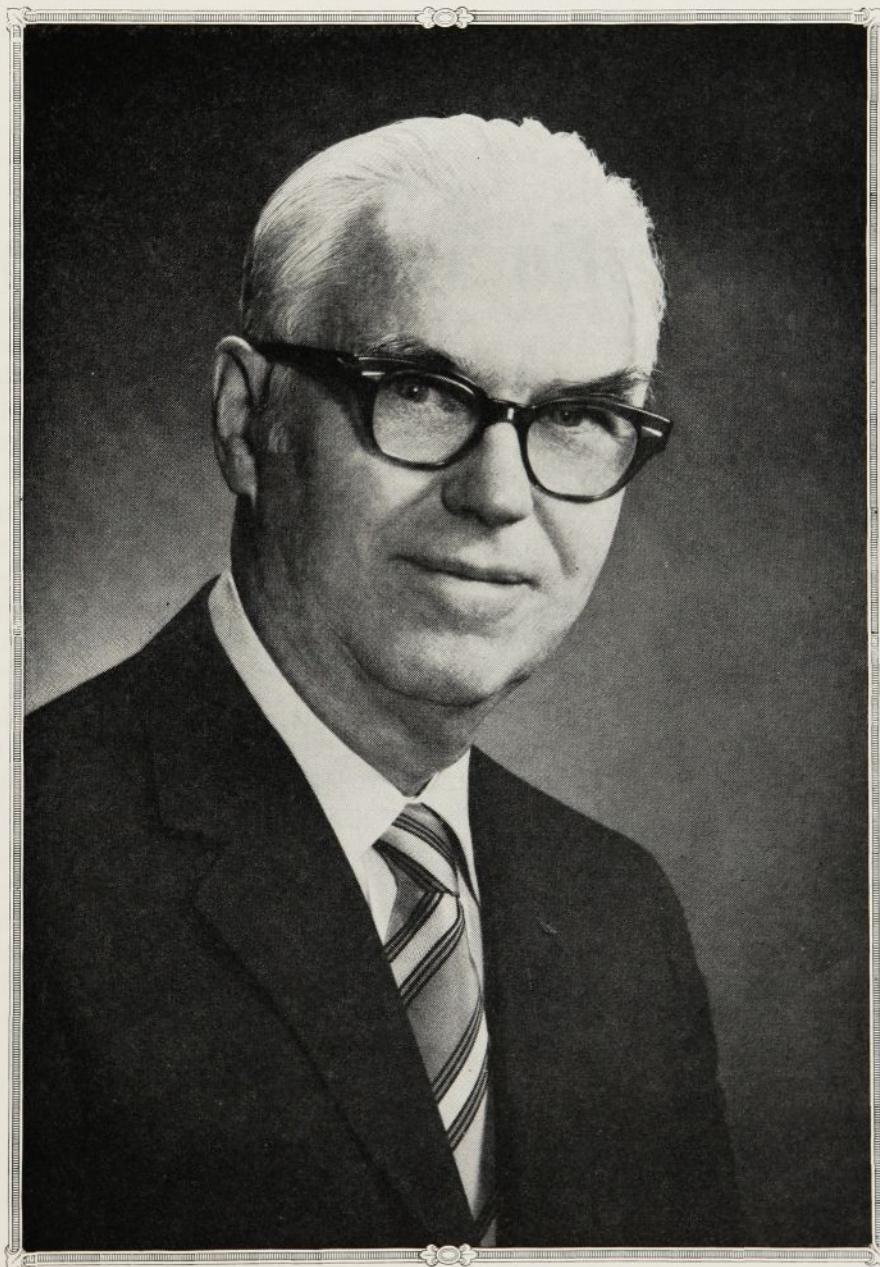


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No Time for Doubters

When you're driving to the top of a mountain, whether it be Pike's Peak, Mount Rainier or Mount Washington, there's no time for looking back. You keep your hands on the wheel, and head for the Pass, and you bet on yourself to get there.

Alpha Phi Omega is upward bound. It is seeking a new and higher level in the kind and quality of its Service projects. We are no longer confined to Service primarily conducted on campus. The mood and the times involve community mindedness. Chapter Service programs are trending more and more in that direction.

He who would measure up to the new persuasion that we can do significant things to overcome racism, restore the environment, remove Architectural Barriers to the handicapped, he who sees in the lame, the blind and the needy Brothers in distress, is one of us whether he be in the Brotherhood or not.

Let us continue to be the inclusive organization on campus. The chapter opportunity index to Service to mankind is limited only by the size, the quality and the vision of members.

This is no time for Doubting Thomases.

A Man of Excellence

Charles R. Wainwright, Phi
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Joseph Scanlon

At the opening session of the colorful and meaningful National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega in Dallas, when our distinguished National President Glen T.

Nygreen proclaimed that by the action of the National Board of Directors, the 22nd National Convention was to be dedicated to the program of life and living of our beloved National Executive Director, Joseph Scanlon, every undergraduate delegate, every alumnus, as well as the advisors assembled there were thrilled beyond measure. The unanimous approval of the action taken by the National Board of Directors was fully attested to with the prolonged and enthusiastic ovation that followed Brother Nygreen's pronouncement. Many times during the deliberations of the convention as well as in meetings of study committees, the dedicatory statement of President Nygreen was repeated by delegates and as observers with their attesting to the fact that for the first time in the history of Alpha Phi Omega a convention in all of its deliberations was being dedicated to a man who had given his life's blood in generous measure during the years of his affiliation with our Brotherhood.

Over the years, Alpha Phi Omega has honored her leaders with the National Distinguished Service Award. It represents the highest tribute the brotherhood can confer upon one of its own. In 1960, a man was honored with this award. His credentials were excellent, his talent was unlimited, his love widespread. For more than 30 years he had dedicated his life to serving his fellowman. He started his career as a reporter for a metropolitan newspaper to finance his studies in law school at night. Soon, he was admitted to the bar and ready to put his knowledge into practice. This, however, did not appeal to his inner desire to serve his fellowman. He investigated and found that Scouting offered something tangible.

As a young man he had seen the prejudice of America in the twenties. He was a Catholic and an Irishman. People turned their hearts away from this minority group and hated, and persecuted them for many years. However, Scouting was different. There, men could work together to better themselves, no matter what color their skin, where they worshiped, or what their nationality might be.

Our leader found self-satisfaction that mankind could be helped through the Scouting movement. He served ably for 30 years in St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo., Seattle and Yakima, Wash., and New York City.

As if his career was not already set, when the call came for him to lead Alpha Phi Omega in 1960, he took a job no one really wanted at the time. Despite a low salary, he moved his five children to a new city and left his

Scouting career. This was the nature of the man. He was unable to say no to the brotherhood he had so willingly served as a National Board Member and National Treasurer. The only two conventions he missed out of 21 resulted in his election to the board, both times.

For the past ten years he has led this great fraternity to new heights. Over 200 new chapters have been chartered; new publications have been introduced; new leadership training seminars have been held for sectional leaders; a national staff has been introduced to assist the ever growing chapters, new office procedures have been implemented to expedite the many requests for service from the chapters, and many, many more new ideas from a never tiring mind.

He has traveled over one million miles to personally help a dream of leadership, friendship and service come true. Few men have left the presence of this man without feeling a sense of pride for being part of Alpha Phi Omega. Always positive, he has never let the spirit of this fraternity die. Often called "Mr. APO," those who have heard him speak understand and know why he deserves that name.

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Many will remember the legislation passed at Dallas, the good meals, the great accommodations, the wonderful fellowship, the relevance of service and the MAN to whom the convention was dedicated, JOSEPH SCANLON! Let it be known that the Joseph Scanlon National Convention was an example of what he has stood for . . . EXCELLENCE.

Con '70 Actions & Commitments

The 1970 National Convention was operated and directed by undergraduate Brothers. They did a most effective job, as the record will show.

Under the recognized rules and procedures of the convention Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, the National President, presided at the legislative session. This session received reports and recommendations from 19 committees staffed by more than 350 undergraduate Brothers. Committee advisors included members of the National Board of Directors, faculty and administration campus personnel, and alumni of Alpha Phi Omega.

There were in general, two types of committee reports. There were those whose reports were subject to immediate action during the convention. The work of these committees terminated at that point. Committees falling under this head were those for Nominations, Time and Place, Credentials, and those considering Amendment Proposals to the National By-Laws.

The convention added an entire By-Law Section on alumni and added to the finance proposals in the existing By-Laws one providing for a fee for Honorary Membership, the fee to be paid by the body conferring the membership. It made one major revision in the By-Laws to provide for the election of the Sectional Chairman rather than his appointment by the National President.

This new By-Law reads as follows:

ARTICLE X, Section 2, Paragraph 1

SECTIONAL CHAIRMAN "The Sectional Chairman shall be chosen by a majority vote of the chapters in the Section at the next Sectional Conference after a vacancy occurs or the term of the incumbent expires. The choice shall be made with the advice and consultation of the Regional Representative. The name of the person chosen shall then be forwarded to the National President for his approval." All other paragraphs and the remaining sections of Article X are unchanged.

In accordance with this new By-Laws provision Chapter delegates have elected, and the president has confirmed, the following as sectional chairmen for the areas shown:

New England	Ronald R. Turgeon
Puerto Rico	Hector L. Acevedo
New Jersey	William C. Rue
Virginia	Daniel Beard
North Carolina (Western)	Jim Almon
South Carolina	Dr. Tom T. Galt
Georgia	Richard Sanders
Alabama	Robert Moore
Louisiana	Preston "Pete" Dunavant
Texas (North Central)	Rev. Harry C. Meissner, Jr.
Southern California (Sec. 1)	Toby Rothschild
Southern California (Sec. 2)	Tom Chell
Indiana	David Harris
Iowa	Dean Hatch
Michigan	Berkeley P. Duncan
Nebraska	Herman Kyrklund

Reports and recommendations received from five committees bear on the future of the fraternity. A summary of these reports will be found on the following pages. They are published so that the entire membership may have an opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas about them.

Under each of these reports, actions taken by the National Board since the convention are noted. It is well to keep in mind that any recommendations in conflict with existing National By-Laws cannot be put into effect unless and until the convention of 1972 amends the By-Laws to conform to the intent of the proposal.

The National President announced, prior to the reception of these reports, that the National Officers and members of the Board, and the National office working under their supervision, would carefully consider any proposals adopted by the delegates, subject to limitations imposed by existing By-Laws and available finances and staff.

Pledge Training and Materials Committee Report

David M. Graham, Chairman

Nu Omicron—Troy State College, Ala.

The committee agreed on the need for a Pledge education program. They agreed the purpose of this would be to introduce and inform the Pledges about Alpha Phi Omega and to assist them in their understanding of Leadership, Friendship and Service, the three fundamental objectives of the fraternity. They felt there ought to be a definite opportunity before activation for each Pledge to decide for himself whether or not to accept the invitation of the chapter to become an active member.

The committee next concerned itself with how to unify the Pledges to achieve these objectives. They suggested each Pledge group plan and carry out a Service project of their choice. Active members serving as big brothers should assist them in preparation for membership and in getting acquainted with all of the members. "It takes the entire chapter to prepare a Pledge for activation."

They proposed that chapter officers speak at Pledge meetings and that a chapter might find it advantageous to draft a chapter Pledge Manual to supplement information in the national manual. They concluded this portion of their study by resolving "that the national office collect and publish an exchange of Pledge education practices used by chapters."

The committee touched on the subject of hazing. This is prohibited by the National By-Laws.

The final portion of their report dealt with the Pledge Manual. "This committee should be composed of Brothers representing every Region." They suggested that the committee secure ideas from as many chapters as possible; that it include an exposition of the Scout oath and law as it applies to Alpha Phi Omega and that it emphasize the uniqueness of APO as a Service Fraternity. They concluded that the Pledge Manual ought to be in the form of a loose leaf notebook in which other APO publications might be added.

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE CON '70

In response to the recommendations of this committee, the President has set up a Task Force on

"New Member Training." This group is assigned "To draft a program for obtaining and training new members and to determine whether the present notion of Pledging and Pledge Training and all it signifies, needs revision."

Pledge Manual revisions have been assigned to the National Public Relations Committee. The Chairman for this committee is Brother Robert J. Hilliard, University of Alaska, College, Alaska 99701.

The committee's suggestion that the national office collect and publish an exchange of Pledge education practices is appreciated. All chapters are hereby requested to forward to the national office any materials on Pledge training they use.

Publications Committee Report

Donald J. Beckel, Chairman

Nu Pi—Mankato State College, Minn.

This committee's recommendations included the following: That each chapter publicize Alpha Phi Omega through available facilities on TV, radio and local newspapers, and that it also publicize the fraternity's activities on campus through college media and whatever other channels of communication which might be available.

The committee recommended that national publications use black ink instead of blue to enable such material to be copied more readily.

It further recommended that the national office phase out invitational posters and schedule cards.

The committee reviewed the present Pledge Manual and recommended that in future printings the following should be done:

- a. The purpose of the fraternity should be printed in the Pledge Manual.
- b. The fraternity's history should be up-dated to include significant events since its founding.
- c. The present articles on "the Pledge as a Student" and on "Parliamentary Procedure and Courtesy" should be omitted.
- d. The size of the manual should be that of the average college text book.

Other recommendations included combining the Chapter Officers and Advisors Guide booklet and the

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Manual of Administration into one loose leaf book.

Finally, the committee recommended consideration be given to publishing TORCH & TREFOIL as a newspaper and making provision in it for sections on regional activities and more articles by undergraduate members. The members suggested a magazine might be published annually to recap the year's events. It also proposed the establishment of a National Service Award to be presented for the best Service project reported in TORCH & TREFOIL.

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Portions of this report and its recommendations have been put into effect. Black ink has replaced blue in national office bulletins and the like. Revisions in the present Pledge Manual are under consideration. The next one will include a statement of the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega and some of the other matters referred to in the report.

The convention itself decided to overrule the committee's suggestion to eliminate the section on "Parliamentary Procedure and Courtesy." The delegates decided they wanted this retained.

The Executive Committee acted favorably upon the proposal to establish a National Service Award for the best Service project. A suitable award is being prepared and will be presented to Phi Chapter of Syracuse University for its architectural barrier project, designated as "The Best Service Project of 1970."

A study is being made of the feasibility of converting TORCH & TREFOIL into a newspaper. There are many factors requiring consideration, most of them involving finances.

by indicating matters of special interest and concern to chapters.

The work of this committee resulted in the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT CONVENTION '70

TORCH & TREFOIL

Resolved that the TORCH & TREFOIL be recognized for the direction it took in a recent issue on revealing and compiling a list of service projects being performed by chapters across the nation. And that it be urged to be more explicit in describing a number of worthwhile interesting service projects, specifically as to describe the planning and operation of these detailed projects.

A LAPEL PIN FOR LIFE MEMBERS

Resolved that the national office make available to *Life Members* a *lapel pin* and/or badge guard that would identify the wearer as an Alpha Phi Omega Life Member.

50th ANNIVERSARY MEDAL

Resolved that to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega the national office should consider a Golden Anniversary Commemorative Medal.

APO INTERNATIONALLY

Be it resolved that a study commission be formed to examine all aspects of expanding the program of Alpha Phi Omega internationally. The membership of this commission shall be appointed by the National President and shall be largely composed of undergraduate students.

A PROGRAM FOR NON-VOTING DELEGATES

Whereas non-voting delegates pay the same fees as voting delegates, and

Whereas there is often no other program for non-voting delegates during the meetings of the legislative committees,

Therefor, be it resolved that at future national conventions, registered non-voting delegates shall be allowed to attend all legislative committee meetings. The voting committee members shall decide who may address the committee.

Resolutions Committee Report

Bruce Goranson, Chairman
Alpha Rho—University of Texas

This committee was one of the busiest at Con '70.

The National President noted that resolutions adopted by convention delegates, while not having the binding force of By-Laws, did serve as guides to the National Officers and members of the Board

ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES

Resolved that it be the policy of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund to use the influence associated with the stocks held to support the "Corporate Responsibility" issues of Pollution Control, Fair Employment, Truth in Advertising, and Product Safety, where these are salient issues or are explicitly brought to their attention.

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Be it resolved that the National Service Committee be directed to study the issue of Drug Abuse and to present to the fraternity a suggested program of drug education to the campus and aid to those students and other young people seeking help in ridding themselves of abuse of drugs.

CHOOSING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SITE

Resolved that a commission be formed to study methods to improve the present procedures of choosing convention sites and report the results of this study to the next convention.

TYPING MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Resolved, the present method of typing the membership certificates is unsatisfactory to the members of this fraternity.

The national office is instructed to maintain an appropriate and impressive membership certificate by using lettering or type consistent with the style of the certificate.

"THANK YOU" LETTERS

Resolved that the national office send appropriate letters of appreciation to Con '70 Leaders and Committee Chairmen and to Guest Speakers, National Officers and Board Members who contributed to the conduct of the convention.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to Dr. Glen T. Nygreen.

Resolved that the 1970 National Convention send letters of greetings to members of the National Board unable to attend along with the Past Presidents unable to attend: William Roth, Dr. Lester Steig and M. R. Disborough.

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE CON '70

Plans for future editions of TORCH & TREFOIL will take cognizance of the Resolution to compile a list of Service projects performed by chapters.

L. G. Balfour Company was asked to submit a design for a Life Member lapel pin. They submitted two suggestions for consideration. The Executive Committee studied these at its February 19-20 session in Kansas City. Further study was ordered.

The Resolution concerning the Endowment Fund has been referred to the Endowment Fund Trustees.

Two Task Forces are in formation, one to develop a Drug Abuse Education Program and the other to study how best to choose National Convention sites.

Earnest consideration is being given to the Membership Certificate. The President has requested all of the National Officers to consider this. The subject has been discussed with the ten Regional Representatives. The typing now appearing on the certificates was selected from 21 styles of type submitted by IBM. Study is continuing.

The National Extension Committee is, and has over a period of time, reviewed the possibility of chapters outside the United States and the President is giving this matter careful consideration and plans to appoint a commission to thoroughly explore the matter.

A special medal to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of APO is receiving National office consideration, as requested by the Convention.

The Resolution respecting a program for non-voting delegates at National Conventions will receive attention from the 1972 Convention committee.

Ritual and National Symbols Committee Report

H. Wayne Campbell, Chairman

Eta Omega—University of Montana

This committee considered three subjects. One concerned a proposal to have an official fraternity flag. The committee received 13 proposals. From these, they chose two, one submitted by Theta Tau, University of Texas—Arlington, and the other by Zeta Theta, Drexel University. They resolved that the

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designs "with appropriate descriptions be submitted to the National Executive Committee for final selection. This selection to be made before the publication of and announced in the 1971 fall issue of TORCH & TREFOIL."

The next subject was the consideration of a proposed Knighthood ceremony. Mu Tau, West Virginia Tech, has developed an Order of the Knighthood ritual, which it established as a means of recognizing outstanding Brothers for their service to the fraternity. This award had been conferred by the chapter on Founder Frank Reed Horton and during the Dallas Convention Mu Tau presented the second award of this kind to the National Director. The committee members were present. "After observation of the ceremony of 'Order of Knighthood of Alpha Phi Omega,' this committee moves that this ceremony and the award symbol used, together with the requirements and procedures involved, be referred to the National Service Committee for final considera-

tion and action. The Service Committee's response to be reported in the fall 1971 issue of TORCH & TREFOIL."

The third subject considered was the ritual now in use. The committee noted the lack of a Statement of Purpose in the printed booklet containing the official ritual.

They proposed that the following statement of "Ritual Purpose" be printed in subsequent editions:

This official Ritual, prepared by the Ritual Committee of Alpha Phi Omega, is designed to guide chapter officers in the proper exemplification of the ceremonies for Pledging and Initiation and others authorized by the Fraternity.

It is the responsibility of the chapter Ritual team to study it carefully and to conduct a ceremony that will impress on each prospective Pledge and neophyte the cardinal principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service embodied in your chapter and in the National Fraternity.

Pictorial Highli



A salute to every flag from Alpha Phi Omega states in the U. S. during the opening banquet.



Dr. Nygreen and the Director at Con '70's session.

The committee further proposed that the National President appoint a National Ritual Committee to evaluate and revise the present ritual and submit its findings to the 1972 National Convention for consideration and action.

It further suggested that proposed National Ritual Committee consider ways and means to enable chapters to make minor changes in the ritual where unusual circumstances prevail.

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE CON '70

The President and the National Board of Directors set up a Task Force study committee on fraternity rituals. This committee is "To consider the present rituals and proposed additions and to suggest such changes as it deems desirable for the consideration of the National Board of Directors and Con '72."

It is suggested that chapters copy and paste into Ritual Books on hand the statement of Ritual Purpose printed above.

Community and National Service Projects Report

W. Bert Underhill, Chairman

Phi Chapter, Syracuse University

This committee noted in its presentation that Service is Alpha Phi Omega's reason for existence. Service projects are as diverse as chapters in their size, location and the interests of their members. "Each chapter must determine how relevant its Service to the campus and community is without forsaking one for the other."

The effect of changing times on the Service projects conducted by chapters is reflected in the increasing number of off-campus projects and the trend toward Service on a national level. "We have national Service projects which originate on the chapter level. The national office looks for projects that can be

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Highlights of Con '70



Delegates from Lutheran campuses meet with Joseph Scanlon, national executive director, and Pastor Victorson.



Con '70 attendees line up to feast at the Texas style barbecue.



Incoming president, Aubrey B. Hamilton, accepts the APO high office for 1970-72. Seated at the head table (left to right) are Michael Maloney, student convention chairman; John Monts, vice chairman; Hamilton; Dr. Glenn T. Nygreen, immediate past president; and Joseph Scanlon, executive director.

Executive
legislative

Community . . . continued

undertaken by many chapters. National Service projects do not have to be undertaken. They are there if a chapter wants them."

The committee presented several recommendations. The first was that at each national convention the National Service Committee submit a detailed report on its activities over a two-year period to the Convention Committee and National Service Projects Committee.

The committee further recommended that Alpha Phi Omega continue to recognize assistance to the Peace Corps as a national project and that it adopt as a second national project the removal of architectural barriers. In support of this project, it recommended that an "architectural barriers column be set up in TORCH & TREFOIL to show the current progress of chapters on the project."

One-shot, one-day projects were suggested for consideration as one way to increase the participation of chapter members, "with the understanding that continuing long-term projects are not sacrificed."

The need for maintaining a vigorous Service relationship with Scouting was emphasized. Outlets for this would include providing leadership for Scout and Explorer posts, by aiding the "Friends of Scouting" programs, by assisting BSA projects to conserve the environment, and by other means suitable to each chapter and its members.

The committee made a strong recommendation for

APO response in service "to alleviate the socioeconomic barriers that face American poor—both in urban and rural communities." It suggested chapters support poverty-area community programs such as housing rehabilitation and suitable projects for the physically and mentally handicapped.

"We stand resolved that Alpha Phi Omega re-evaluate our chapters' service priorities so that our primary service thrust be not for our peer groups' benefit and entertainment, but for those in our extra-campus community who now have no such programs at their disposal."

The committee concluded its report by endorsing five projects for the consideration of chapters. The projects endorsed and persons to contact about them are as follows:

Aiding Pakistani Relief Victims—

*Frederick Heilman, Delta Rho
RPO Box 2909, Rutgers—The State University
New Brunswick, N. J. 08903*

Big Brother/Sister—

*Craig Hansen, Mu Theta
SPO 114, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa 52101*

National Genetics Foundation—

*Lee Erdman, Delta Sigma
University of Connecticut, Box U-8
Storrs, Conn. 06268*

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APO dignitaries (left to right), Pastor Frans Victorson, Warren Stookey, Dean Hershel G. Potts, Sidney B. North, all members of the board of directors; and past national presidents Arno Nowotny, Dr. Tom T. Galt and E. Ross Forman.



Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, the outgoing national president, is invested with the National Distinguished Service Award, APO's highest distinction from Dean Robert J. Hilliard.



Dr. H. Roe Bartle, past national president, delivers the closing address at Con '70.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors, headed by the National President, met in Kansas City, Missouri, February 19-20. Actions taken by delegates to Convention '70 were reviewed and plans made for carrying out their intent.

The Committee discussed at length the formation of Task Forces and reviewed in detail the Fraternity's finances.

The President proposed and the Executive Committee authorized the holding of two training sessions with Regional Representatives, to be conducted by the President with the assistance of the Executive Director.

Ways and means to implement the two national projects approved by Convention '70 were considered. These two projects are the removal of Architectural Barriers and assistance to the Peace Corps.

Phi Chapter will be presented with a special award for its leadership in the development of the project to remove Architectural Barriers. This project has been designated the most significant one for the year 1970.

Attending the session were Aubrey B. Hamilton, National President; Colonel Lucius E. Young, National Vice President; Executive Committeemen George F. Cahill, Irwin H. Gerst, Douglas M. Harris, Dean Lewis N. Jones and Richard L. Tombaugh; and Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, Immediate Past President; Dr. H. Roe Bartle, Legal Counsel, and Joseph Scanlon, National Executive Director.

In accordance with the action taken at the Executive Committee meeting, the National President held two sessions with Regional Representatives. Regional Representatives in the Eastern part of the country met on Saturday, March 13, at Montclair State Col-

lege. Those in attendance were Gerard J. Kennedy, Region I; Warren C. Weidman, Region II; Dr. E. Jerome Zeller, Region IV, and Perry Correll, Region V.

Representatives from the Western area met on March 20 in Kansas City, Missouri. The session was held in the National office. Present were Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, Region VI; C. P. Zlatkovich, Region VII; Paul D. Arend, Region VIII; William J. Vining, Region IX; and Earle M. Herbert, Region X. Lorin A. Jurvis, Region III, was out of the country when these sessions were held. He later reviewed the materials with the National Director.

In these sessions the responsibilities and opportunities of Regional Representatives were reviewed. Discussion centered on ways and means to assist Sectional Chairmen in building sectional staffs and in increasing service to chapters and members. Task Forces were discussed. The Fraternity's membership was reviewed. Each Region adopted a goal to form three new chapters and reactivate at least one other before the end of the present University year. The need for building additional membership in each chapter in order to achieve the Service program goals established by Convention '70 was discussed at length. Every chapter will be asked to add a minimum of 12 Pledges and 10 Initiates by June 1. "We are not seeking membership just to add numbers. We are seeking it because we are committed to offer opportunities for men on all campuses to engage in Service through Alpha Phi Omega," the President stated. "We are not a closed membership organization. We have an obligation to keep Alpha Phi Omega available to men through which to develop their leadership, make new friends and be of Service to campus and community."

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Project SHOP—

Neil Ehrenberg, Gamma Beta
San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif. 95114

Recycling for Ecology—

Jim Isaak, Zeta
3058 Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. 94305

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE CON '70

The National President has set up three special Task Forces beamed at improving the Service program. A story about these Task Forces is embodied in this issue. The Task Force referred to are those for removal of architectural barriers, meaningful

Service projects, and cooperative programs with other national and community organizations.

The Peace Corps national project has been furthered by a number of helpful communications exchanged between the executive national offices and by the fine response of numerous chapters to the request of the Peace Corps to set up information booths to assist in Peace Corps recruiting. Most chapters were sent kits of materials. A great many have helped the Peace Corps arrange meetings and have publicized the Corps on campus.

The national office is receiving an ever increasing number of chapter reports indicating an up-swing in assistance given to Scout councils, camps, and in the furtherance of the "Boypower '76" program.

Architectural Barriers

by Architectural Barriers
Committee of Phi Chapter

Architectural barriers is now a National Service Project and as such should represent the efforts of our fraternity as a whole. The response since the convention has been very encouraging, not only from within Alpha Phi Omega but from outside sources as well.

In response to an article in a local publication an independent student from the Cortland Campus of the State University of New York wrote to Phi Chapter requesting information to help him start a project at his college. The national office has also received a request from the President's Council on the Employment of the Handicapped for 40 copies of the architectural barriers project

handbook. Additional copies of this handbook are available to chapters from the national office.

At Syracuse we have found it advantageous to work with the director of admissions in distributing our campus guide. This office can mail copies to incoming students, before their arrival on campus, informing them of existing barriers.

Plans have been made to designate accessible buildings with the international barrier-free symbol. Working with the university's buildings and grounds department we are looking for designs and materials that are acceptable from the standpoint of maintenance and aesthetics.

They will be permanent yet easy and inexpensive to install. Materials and placement will be selected to best suit each building.

The coordination of the architectural barriers project is now in the hands of the National Service Committee. Its ability to succeed lies in the ideas and suggestions of our thousands of brothers with their diverse talents and backgrounds. This success will be measured by the extent to which chapters can assemble and communicate their ideas. This column has been created for such a purpose, effective participation in this column by chapters will greatly strengthen our national service program.

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Lavatory facilities on the campus feature low-level mirror and hand dryer—simple but effective and appreciated methods to eliminate barriers.



McLane demonstrates a common, but often not thought of barrier, a narrow telephone booth.



McLane, stymied by lecture hall steps, has to wait for assistance or seek another route—if one can be found.



One of the founding brothers of the Architectural Barriers service project, Brian McLane at Syracuse University, is stopped outside a campus dormitory by the largest of architectural barriers: Stairs.



Grad student Richard Chapman, totally blind since birth, shows how he has bumped his head under stairwell by following an entry way to the campus library.



High curbs impede mobility of disabled.

TASK FORCES—1970-'72

In response to actions taken by chapter delegates at the 1970 Convention, the National President is setting up 12 Task Forces to study sensitive areas of concern to the entire Fraternity.

Composition

- Twelve Task Force groups, each to be headed by a student chairman and vice chairman from a different region. Juniors will be selected as chairmen and sophomores as vice chairmen.
- Each Task Force to include a maximum of 20 undergraduates.
- Two members to be designated from each region, if available.
- Each Task Force to include one or more advisors chosen from unassigned members of the board, chapter advisors, alumni, etc.
- Each student chairman must be known for his ability to communicate in writing and his enthusiasm for the subject. He must be related to a chapter that has office facilities to help him get the job done.
- Each Task Force will determine the method of communication best suited for its assignment, whether it be bulletin, telephone or personal conferences.
- At least one advisor to a Task Force should come from the same campus as the student chairman.

Personnel

The selection of personnel for Task Forces will be channeled through the regional representatives. They, in turn, will ask for suggestions from chapters and sectional chairmen and from other sources available to them.

The regional representatives will send their recommendations to the president through the national of-

fice and the national office will compile lists for the president.

TARGET DATES

April 1: Regional Representatives mailed names of undergraduates for Task Force groups to the national office.

April 15: The president will announce the appointment of Task Force student chairmen and of at least one advisor for each group.

April 25: Each student chairman will be expected to communicate with the members of his committee and begin an exchange of ideas. In particular, he will ask members of his committee to attend a meeting of the section in which they live and spread the news about the Task Force and its purpose.

Oct. 1: Each Task Force will submit a preliminary report, to be sent to the national office for reproduction and sharing with regional representatives and members of the national board for consideration and review.

Oct. 20: A draft of the preliminary reports to be sent to all chapters and placed on the agenda of regional and sectional meetings.

April 1, 1972: A pre-convention draft of Task Force reports to be compiled by each Task Force and sent for reproduction to the national office for sharing with all chapters and with the program committee for the 1972 national convention.

Task Force Subjects and Scope of Responsibilities

Improving the Service Program

Architectural Barriers: To develop guidelines to enable chapters to achieve the goals of this National Project.

Drug Abuse and Other Behavioral Problems: To study and assemble materials for the guidance of chapters and chapter members.

Meaningful Service Projects: To study projects presently conducted by chapters and to help chapters determine the types of projects relevant and suitable to present-day campus and community needs.

Cooperative Programs with Other National and Community Organizations: To develop guidance for chapters in working with national and community organizations such as the Peace Corps, service clubs, veterans organizations, hospitals, Scouting, youth groups, etc.

Chapter Leadership and Operations

Housing: To develop guidelines for chapters on what can and cannot be done under the terms of the present housing by-law and to determine needs for chapter office space and communication centers.

New Member Training: To draft a program for obtaining and training new members and to determine whether the present notion of pledging and pledge training, and all it signifies, needs revision.

Chapter Officer Training: To consider materials, publications and programs needed to provide each chapter with guidance for its officers and advisors in meeting their responsibilities.

Chapter Financing: To determine what successful chapters do to raise funds for their projects and programs and how they care for and remit to the national office fees for pledges, Initiates and annual per capita. This Task Force is expected to innovate and propose a national money earning project which can be shared in by chapters and the national fraternity.

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PUSH for Hospital Building Fund



Just a few hours short of one week brothers at one of the newest chapters, Chi Zeta, pushed a wheelbarrow through 15 West Tennessee cities for 131 miles to raise nearly \$12,000. The push was carried out by 26 brothers from the University of Tennessee at Martin to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Covered

by most newspapers in the country, AP and UPI picked up pictures and the story. More money is expected to roll in when the wheelbarrow is auctioned off May 29 on Danny Thomas' Show of Stars. Highlight of the trip, according to the brothers, was spending the first night in a Tennessee city jail—the only quarters available.

Ecology Is Nothing New

In a well written general summary of the 30-year development of Gamma Phi, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, it was noted that "almost two decades before today's ecology movement," a nature preserve was one of the chapter's service projects. Recent service projects include work with Kal-Kap, the Kalamazoo Community Action Program with Head Start. Clothing for participating youngsters was purchased with money the brothers raised.



Recycling Campaign

Alpha Alpha brothers are jumping on the ecology bandwagon by planning a recycling program which is expected to consist of selling ecology buttons and using funds to collect paper, including IBM cards and program paper. In other projects the University of Illinois chapter at Urbana reports raising \$814 for the Heart Fund.

Task . . . continued

Further Developing Our Fraternity

Fraternity Ideals and Practices: Develop ways to demonstrate the relevance of Fraternity ideals to the advancement of chapter programs and individual competence. Demonstrate means of matching action and ideals in activities and projects both locally and nationally. Provide amplification of our ideals and objectives suitable for use in fraternity activities. Give leadership to a Fraternity-wide effort to advance the primacy of service within a framework of fraternal association.

Fraternity Rituals: To consider the present Rituals and proposed additions and to suggest such changes as it deems desirable for the consideration of the National Board of Directors and Con '72.

The Role of Women Students in Service Projects: To explore ways and means for chapters to involve women students in APO Service projects.

Convention Site Selection: To provide guidelines for the selection of National Convention sites, with specific reference to transportation costs, accessibility, chapters in the area available to provide manpower, and adequate hotel facilities for housing, committee meetings, and meal service.

An Open Letter to the Alumni of Alpha Phi Omega:



Challenge and opportunity are key words in the future of Alpha Phi Omega. Never in the past has either been so great for our Fraternity. We face the challenge to carry our program of Friendship, Leadership, and Service to college men everywhere in a day when "belonging" is not a popular concept. Yet the basic precepts of the Fraternity have more acceptability among young people now than ever before in our history. Our greatest task is to convey the principles of Alpha Phi Omega to the many men searching for a way to express their concern for humanity in a satisfying and productive manner.

The Fraternity is greatly appreciative of the interest and support expressed by alumni through voluntary leadership at the chapter, sectional, regional, and national level. The purchase of Life Memberships have contributed to the financial stability of Alpha Phi Omega, for which we are thankful. Yet the role of alumni in the Fraternity has yet to become firmly established.

As Chairman of the National Alumni Committee, I have been charged with the responsibility for implementing the intent of the 1970 National Convention with regard to alumni affairs. We are currently in the process of constituting the Committee from among the interested alumni in each region. The Committee will proceed to establish Regional Alumni Councils as authorized by the convention and encourage the development of alumni clubs on a geographic or chapter basis.

If you as alumni members of Alpha Phi Omega have suggestions to share with the National Alumni Committee, or if you are interested in helping with the alumni program at any level, I encourage you to contact me. We will be glad to assist you in the establishment of alumni groups or see that your interest in the Fraternity is utilized to the fullest extent possible. Let me hear from you.

Faternally,

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