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SERVICE PROJECTS —always a photo opportunity

Whether it's clearing up a wooded area in a state park, sponsoring a Halloween benefit dance, running a book exchange, supporting muscular dystrophy, building a fence on a scout reservation, or cutting wood for emergency assistance projects, the brothers of our Fraternity are living proof that service is indeed a very important part of our existence.

Day-to-day service projects are basically inherent in the sustainment and growth of our great Fraternity. Individually projects may be small but considered together they increase in greatness. We may never be featured on the cover of *Life* or *Time* magazine but each project we accomplish is an unqualified "important event" because we give ourselves in service.

Projects need to be shared. The work of your chapter will give other chapters the opportunity to see good work and maybe adopt that project as a part of their service program. We grow through sharing.

How do you share? Well, we have two great tools for sharing. The first is our *National Service Hotlines* published throughout the school year by the National Service Chairman and the National Service Committee. The second means of communication is the *Torch & Trefoil*. The *T&T* gives your chapter a chance for a project enriching photograph. It is true "a photo is worth a thousand words", and that is a great way to show service projects.

It's true, we may never share our good works in the "big-time national" publications, but don't forget our own national publications. Take the time at your next sponsored project and bring a camera—share your great fun, hard work, and pleased success with your brothers through the publications of our Fraternity. Plan to submit articles about your chapter on a regular basis throughout the school year.



The Zeta Beta chapter at Virginia Tech had the opportunity to actively participate in National Service Day on November 7, 1987, with a wood cutting project. The project was chaired by brothers, Vince Van Son and Anthony McGhee. The project's purpose was to provide the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program with wood to go to needy people for cooking and heating fuel during the winter months. The project took place in the Jefferson National Forest and throughout the day brothers cut, split, and stacked wood. Over forty brothers participated in the project. The trees were felled and cut into sections by the Forestry Club. Once this was done, brothers formed human chains to load the wood into a dump truck and pick-up truck, which then brought the wood to another location. At that location, wood was then unloaded by the brothers, split with the help of two hydraulic wood splitters, and stacked—total for the day was almost 7 cords of firewood. For further information contact Kyra Brown, Zeta Beta Chapter, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, P.O. Box 1011, Blacksburg, VA 24063-1011.



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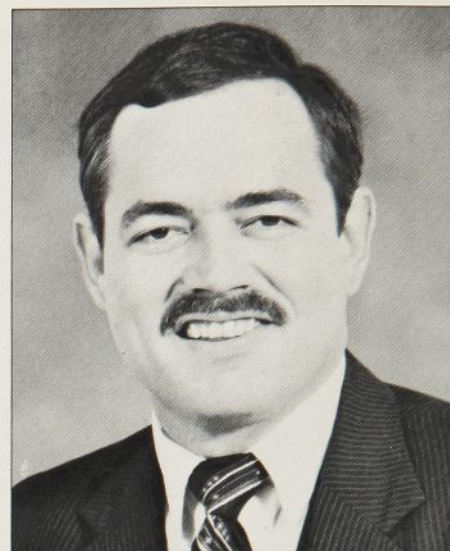
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OUR VISION WILL ENDURE

OK, let's talk vision. There is more and more focus on leadership in the business and popular literature these days. Many of the writers are making a distinction between management organizations and visions for them.

I don't know if it is all that easy to manage, but it is undeniable that management skills and techniques can be taught and learned and have immediate results when applied. Leadership is much more ephemeral and elusive. It seems that some of the requisite things in being an effective leader can be learned and practiced, but some of them seem to be very subjective. The fact that so many different types of people are capable of being good leaders indicates that personality may be less of a factor than many think. It may be that what defines a leader is vision and the ability to move an organization toward a higher common denominator.

We can tell a lot about an organization, whether it is a chapter, an alumni group, a region, or the whole fraternity, by examining its culture. An organizational culture is reflected in the values and norms and ideals to which the group is truly committed and how these are translated into behavior. This is where visionary leadership is so important. If we think of management as looking where we put our feet when walking, we can see that it is very important to keep from stumbling. However, it is also important to pick our head up periodically in order to stay focused upon the objective. Most people can walk pretty well, but only a few can maintain the presence of mind and vision to figure out a place worth walking toward.



Dr. Stan Carpenter
National President

Vision is critical in Alpha Phi Omega, very nearly uniquely so. Our three shining lights are developing Leadership, promoting Friendship, and providing Service to humanity. These lights seem to shimmer in the far distance sometimes. In the midst of our various conflicts, they may appear to be mirages and attaining a high level of each may seem implausible. Still, it is important to keep our eyes upon them as we walk. To be sure, we walk carefully and do not make as much progress as we want to at times. Organizations are imperfect, but they are always moving. If we look to our lights, then we will always be traveling in the right direction.

Our founder, Frank Reed Horton, had vision and it has endured. Let us each resolve to walk in the light of our principles rather than into the darkness. Share the vision of Leadership, Friendship, and Service!

WINTER BOARD MEETING

The Winter Board Meeting of the National Board of Directors was held at the Plaza Hilton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 6, 1988. The following actions were taken:

- Elected Eddie Mackie of St. Louis, Missouri, to fill the unexpired term of Fred Heismeyer as Region VIII Director.
- Approved a letter of thanks and appreciation to Alumnus Jim Porter of Denver, Colorado, for his gift of an IBM XT computer to be used at the National Office.
- Approved the hiring and retaining of Mr. Sean McLaughlin of KNOX, GRAHAM, MCLAUGHLIN, GORNAL, and SENNETT as attorney to represent Alpha Phi Omega; and confirmed the action of the Executive Commit-

tee performed in an emergency session on November 9, 1987.

- Recognized Alex Lewandowski, J.D., LL.M., Fraternity Legal Counsel, on becoming a named partner in the law firm of DYSART, TAYLOR, PENNER, LAY and LEWANDOWSKI.

- Directed the National Office to continue to pursue the collection of \$3,667 "written off" by the auditors on checks that were returned to the Fraternity for insufficient funds.

- Adopted the resolution:

"WHEREAS, one of Alpha Phi Omega's major fields of service is to the youth of our community;

WHEREAS, M.R. Disborough exhibited an ardor and zeal for service to all youngsters, and

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ARE YOU STILL HOLDING THE HORSES?

by Fred L. Pollack, *Leadership Development Chairman*



During World War II, Great Britain believed it was going to be invaded by Germany. Since most of the younger men were already in the military, the government decided to form

artillery units using veterans of World War I. These units were carefully drilled and then observed by their commanders. These officers noticed that during the firing sequence, the men would just stand there, doing nothing, for three seconds. This caused great consternation and discussion, but no answer was found. Finally the problem was presented to the top commander.

This general, who had served in the First World War, told his commanders that the answer was simple—those men were holding the horses. This confused them even more—there were no horses. The general, however, insisted that he was right. He pointed out that during World War One, artillery pieces were mounted on horse drawn caissons. The men had to steady the horses before firing. Now, years later, the men were still holding the horses—not because they need to but out of habit!

If the officers had gone back to the men and raised this with them, they might well have been told, "That's the way we've always done it." Today, practices carried on

for that reason could be called "invisible horses" and many of us are still holding them. The result, for Alpha Phi Omega, is that creativity is often stymied, service projects frequently no longer interest the Brothers who are asked to do them and no longer meet the needs of those we seek to serve. Service becomes something that "we have to do" rather than something "we want to do."

As individuals, we often fail to seek out new goals or to try different methods for much the same reason. We reject even our own creative thoughts because we're not willing to attempt them. We're afraid of what others will think and we're afraid of failure or rejection. As a result, we convince ourselves that the idea wasn't that good in the first place. (After all, if it were, someone else would have tried it already.)

Each of us must integrate the process of evaluation into our thought process. What are we planning to achieve? Why are we planning that? How will this help achieve it? What if we did it another way? What other ways are there? What is the consequence of each alternative? What are we going to do if it doesn't work? All of these questions (and others) have to be explored and answered.

Most importantly, however, each of us must decide that we want to be creative, that we want to be more effective, want to serve more people, want to develop our

abilities, want to make a more significant impact.

Next, we must stop being the roadblock to others' ideas. Let's make a conscious effort to encourage others to share their suggestions. Ask each person: what do you think (not, "do you have anything useful to add?"). Make it clear to everyone in the chapter that you want to hear from them. Let everyone know that phrases such as "we've tried that and it didn't work" and "no one else has done it that way" will no longer be considered valid.

Will this make your committee and chapter meetings longer? Perhaps. But it will also make them more effective since it will provide everyone with the opportunity to be involved. That means more Brothers will find the meetings valuable and will look forward to them, rather than dreading them. Participation in all aspects of the chapter's program should increase because more Brothers should be interested in and excited by the program.

Frank Reed Horton set out to establish a Fraternity which would change the world by developing leaders who were committed to a higher standard. These leaders would be willing and able to do the work that would effect that change. Every Brother of Alpha Phi Omega has pledged to work towards making that dream a reality.

Our first step is to stop holding the horses.

WINTER BOARD...continued

served as a volunteer in both the Boy Scouts of America and the Campfire Girls;

WHEREAS, the original action of the 1982 National Convention involved service to youth;

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Board of Directors recommends that the 1988 National Convention adopt a resolution substituting the phrase "scouting movement" for "Boy Scouts of America" in the criteria for the M.R. Disborough Award."

- Approved Article 9, Section 18 of the latest edition of the bylaws be changed to reflect the fact that the 1986 Convention voted to allow each chapter's financial records to be audited by an official approved by the chapter.
- Approved the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Maude Walker Young Award shall be a National Certificate awarded for exceptional service rendered to an Alpha Phi Omega chapter or chapters by a person who has not been initiated as an active member;

Be it further resolved that the award may be presented on a regional basis in a manner determined by each region; and

Be it further resolved that the criteria for this award shall be exceptional service rendered to a chapter or chapters that:

- 1—Is performed by a person that never seeks

recognition or reward for assistance;

- 2—Contributes to the success of the service program;

- 3—Promotes friendship in the chapter(s); and

- 4—Encourages greater success and achievement by the chapter(s) through actions performed without request."

- Authorized the President to request the Endowment trustees reimburse the Fraternity operating account for \$1,000.00 that was given to the H. Roe Bartle Memorial Fund in Kansas City, Missouri.

- Approved an exception to the policy of confidentiality to supply the Secretary of Campus Compact the addresses and phone numbers of those chapters on campuses that are members of Campus Compact.

- Voted to continue suspension of Nu Chapter, Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey, and further recommend charter revocation to the National Convention in December of 1988.

- Approved the present cooperation with the National Eagle Scout Association and encouraged further appropriate exploration and action.

- Approved a change in the Board Policy Manual that "pins and crests shall not be used for non-members with the exception of the designated petitioning group pin".

- Approved that the Board of Directors and the

National Office would continue to support and offer routine assistance to the extension effort currently underway at the University of Guam.

- Created an award/certificate to be presented to chapter advisors. The award is for multiple years of service and will be presented at National Conventions. The first presentation will be at the third year of service and will be presented at 5-year intervals thereafter.

- Charged the Publications Committee to review the objectives of the *Torch & Trefoil* and to develop a mission statement addressing content, interest, audience, historical requirements, promotional usage and future direction, to be completed by National Convention.

- Delegated to the National Executive Committee full authority to consider and act in its behalf in the matter of the alleged hazing incident at Phi Tau Chapter at Fayetteville State University prior to the next Board meeting, should the Regional Director, National President, and National Legal Counsel deem it necessary. It was further moved that it is the sense of the Board that this matter will be addressed and disposed of within sixty (60) days of this date (February 6, 1988).

- Approved the date and location of the next Board of Directors meeting to be August 5, 1988, in Denver, Colorado.

Alpha Phi Omega

A BROTHER'S REFLECTIONS UPON GRADUATION

Greeting, my Brothers. As you may or may not have known, I shall finally be leaving this fine institution through the ritual (and socially acceptable practice) of graduation. I know that many fine Brothers have preceded me, and, that, in time, many shall follow. I guess my intention upon writing this is to leave behind some sort of record, some bit of history...a little bit of myself. Seriously though, I just wanted all of you to know how much each of you means to me. The friendships, experience, triumphs, and failures will remain with me, I hope, forever. What I have to say has been said many times and many ways before. I feel that it needs to be said one more time. Perhaps the wisdom gained with age is knowing when the words and phrases, which have come clothed with age and common use, are sage advice.

When I think back to the rush meeting that I attended and the circumstances surrounding my joining, I have to laugh. You see, I didn't want to join. I didn't like the idea of fraternities and sororities — too idealist, too snobby. Also, I have my reservations because of the reports and rumors that I had always heard about hazing. The reason that I even attended the rush meeting is one of our cardinal principles — friendship. Two friends persuaded me to attend. One the membership Vice President at the time; and the other a very good mutual friend who was somewhat interested in joining. As I remember it, I might have even talked her into going to the meeting. To make a long story short (too late) they talked me into pledging. I took my oath a week after my pledge Brothers. A special ceremony had to be arranged. Brothers had to make sacrifices — all for one pledge who wasn't even sure that she wanted to be there. *That night my personal definitions of friendship and dedication to duty were rewritten. Since that night much has been added to these definitions. In the months that followed, I made many mistakes. One of the biggest was not participating more. I was shy (I still am), I didn't want to make a mistake in front of this new group of people. In trying to avoid making this one mistake I made several others. I never really got to know the active Brothers or my pledge Brothers. The constraints that we*

place upon ourselves are often more confining than those placed on us by others. This was a lesson learned late, but, thankfully, not too late.

Because I was activated in the Spring, I really didn't have any contact with APhiO until the following fall quarter started. I was a bit apprehensive. I still didn't know these people and I had no leadership experience (nor, did I feel, any potential), no ideas for anything — nothing to add to the group. I really don't know what happened or when it happened. Some people say I came out of my shell. Somehow, during fall quarter, I became involved. So much so that I started talking in meetings. Public speaking had always been a personal kind of Hell. It still is. But, because of my experiences in this friendly and receptive atmosphere, I now know that I can do it if it is forced upon me.

Through my involvement I grew closer to you, my Brothers. I came to learn more about you, your interests, goals, dreams, ambitions, fears, and limitations. And I am sure you learned as much about me. It is because we have shared so much that the parting is so painful. I feel that I have just begun this wonderful journey and now it is coming to a premature close. I intend to remain as active as I possibly can, but I'm sure, like all good intentions, somehow we will slowly drift apart. Once

again, the words may be cliched but they are true — no matter where life takes us, we will always have this time that we have spent together. *All of you, and APhiO, will always be a part of me, a part that I will remember fondly for the rest of my life.*

I have just one more thought to leave you with (and then I'll finally shut up). It is from the writings of Dylan Thomas:

"Good men, the last wave by crying how bright
There frail deeds might have danced in
a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light,
Wild men who caught and sang the sun
in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night."

My message is simple — never let the light of Alpha Iota Chapter die. As long as we remember, and carry on the traditions and high ideals that we have set forth for ourselves, the light will shine brilliantly for all to see. Good-bye, and thank you, my Brothers.

Yours in Friendship and Brotherhood,
Julia A. Helphrey
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EPSILON EPSILON

The Brothers of Missouri Valley College were recently reactivated. Epsilon Epsilon chapter will live again! The eight Brothers are enrolled in the American Humanities program. Much attention had been given to chapter reactivation last fall. One of several projects that had a very positive impact was a Halloween Benefit Dance. The benefit dance was sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega with all the proceeds, cash and domestic items, going to a faculty member of their school whose house had burned. Also in the Fall semester, the chapter members raked leaves for the Foster Grandparents in the community, had a canned food drive at a Casino Night, sponsored an explorer post, helped at a telethon, and helped coordinate two blood drives. This Spring semester they will continue to help in the community, help with the special olympics and other related service projects. For further information contact Charles Day, President, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Missouri Valley College, Box 1, Marshall, MO 65340.



14th NATIONAL CONVENTION—PHILIPPINES



Brothers of the Gamma Sigma chapter, St. Louis University, Beguio City (Luzon), gather near newly-elected Philippine National President, Carlos Caluwa (center of photo with a geometric design camera strap).



Filipino Brothers visiting the outdoor Alpha Phi Omega International display at the National Convention in Tacloban City.

(The following excerpts are from the "Convention Update" of the Philippine National Convention held December 19-21, 1987.)
Reference: "Bro" and "Sis" are terms of Fraternal greetings for male and female members of the Philippines.

December 19—The 14th National Biennial Convention of Alpha Phi Omega International Philippines, Inc. formally opened with its theme: Professionalism in A PHI O towards National Solidarity.

Tony Dimaano, Convention chairman of this 3-day biennial meeting, headed the list of the convention speakers, in opening the affair which was composed of Bro. Frank Brosas, past National President and Convention Adviser; Bro. Earle M. Herbert, Immediate Past National President of APO (USA); Bro. Bobby Visbal, Vice President for Alumni Affairs; and Bro. Oscar Pedrosa, RDD of the host region.

Bro. Frank opened up with his talk to some

200 members and delegates by saying, "We must start this Convention with a BANG and we shall end this with a much bigger BANG!", anticipating for the success of the affair amid the applause of enthusiastic Brods and Sis'.

December 20—Delegates and members of the Alpha Phi Omega International Service Fraternity conducted its traditional motorcade yesterday from Tacloban up to the convention site as the 14th National Biennial Convention opened at the Commission on Audit (COA) Training Center in Palo, Leyte.

The "vehicle parade" was an attractive and memorable one considering the presence of an American Bro., Earle M. Herbert, and with the colored balloons and streamers attached to the sides of the vehicles which drew much attention from the Taclobanons, and crowd of fans cheered amid the honking of horns and chanting of APO songs by many Brods and Sis'.
APO delegates and members from the 13

regions of the country hit the road past two o'clock from the starting point at the People's Center up to the COA premises. This was about six kilometers from the capital city, complete with amusement and thrill. The motorcade was over 3 blocks in length.

After the motorcade which ended at the Training center, cameras began clicking again as the different delegates from the different regions posed almost without relief with Bro. Earle who was all ready with his smiles.

December 21—Twelve petitioning chapters were approved for recognition by the National Biennial Convention.

Bro. Earle inspired us with his talk on the Standards of Alpha Phi Omega. He gave emphasis to the fact that we must examine our own Standards periodically. The Chairman on International Relations APO (US), ended his talk with an enormous "Mabuhay" (congratulations) to APO!

NU MU

Nu Mu chapter in Duluth, Minnesota is sponsoring their annual Dry Wednesday, which is held on the first Wednesday in May. (May 4, 1988). The brothers of Nu Mu have established this day of sobriety on the University of Minnesota, Duluth campus as part of an alcohol awareness program. Their purpose is to show fellow students and community members that alcohol (and drugs) need not be a part of social activities. The motto "Think Before You Drink" states the purpose best, as they want people to be aware of the effects of the over indulgence of alcohol. To accomplish this, they sponsor on the UMD campus an entire day of events and parties for the students, sans alcohol.

Each year they get bigger and better, and hope the tradition continues. In past years they have had gong shows, musical concerts, barbecues, softball and volleyball tournaments, and other activities. Prizes and refreshments included free

and donated by the chapter. To raise money for these events they ask fellow students to pledge money. Money normally spent on alcohol is given to Dry Wednesday. A Dry Wednesday button is issued for 50 cents. Everyone who buys a button receives a certificate saying he or she pledged Dry Wednesday. A list of their names is also printed in the school newspaper. The button will entitle the bearer to discounts on the pay Dry Wednesday events, (barbecue and movies etc.). Fund-raisers throughout the entire year make up the majority of the chapter income. The money raised helps pay for alcohol awareness programs, buttons, advertisements, and of course free refreshments.

When first begun, Dry Wednesday was only officially recognized by UMD. Later the City of Duluth recognized the program. And for the last two years, the Governor of Minnesota, Rudy Perpich, officially proclaimed the first Wednesday

in May to be Dry Wednesday in the State of Minnesota. Other chapters who wish to join in this campaign, and start a Dry Wednesday project on your own campus should ask your Mayor and Governor to do the same. It's as easy as writing a letter to your lawmakers. Also look toward your school for support, especially the school newspaper and Loans and Grants Committee. They can make the program a lot easier to run and get started.

The Nu Mu chapter's goal is to make this a national event. They believe this is a service project worthy of all Alpha Phi Omega chapters. For more information on their Dry Wednesday program contact George McNulty, Jr., Dry Wednesday Committee, Nu Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Kirby Student Center, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN, 55812.

ZETA DELTA

Members of Miami University's Zeta Delta chapter take time out at a service project to have their picture taken. They are shown working at a nearby state park, Hueston Woods, where they frequently volunteer their services. At this particular project, A Phi O members found themselves clearing a gully that had many old artifacts including an ancient distillery. For more information on this and other projects of the brothers of Zeta Delta contact Dennis Kohler, President, Miami University, 221 Shriver Center, Oxford, OH 45056.



ALPHA GAMMA

Each semester, for their second of three pledge review sessions, Alpha Gamma chapter at Purdue University had an "Overnighter". At this event all actives and pledges visit a local scout camp to perform various work that needs to be done to maintain the camp. After a hard day of work, they hold a pledge review session along with a campfire and dinner, a sing-a-long, and various other social activities before turning in for the night. The chapter finds it is an excellent way to bring unity to active and pledge class bodies. The photo featured here is from this past fall's "Overnighter". The brothers built a fence to outline the perimeter of part of the camp. For further information contact Steve Lovelace, Archivist, Alpha Gamma Chapter, Purdue University, Box 602/Stewart Center, W. Lafayette, IN 47907.



NU RHO

The Brothers at the College of William and Mary chapter may not be ready for Hollywood, but they sure can raise dollars! Their activity is a Superdance, an annual campus-wide, 25-hour dance marathon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association sponsored by their chapter. This year's "Superdance" was February 26 & 27, 1988 and raised approximately \$5,800 in donations for MDA. The "Superdance" chairperson was Jennifer Murphy, and she and many other A Phi O brothers worked long hours to make the dance a success. The featured photo pictures brothers of the Nu Rho chapter "rockin' around the clock" (this year's "Superdance" theme) for MDA. For further information contact Jennifer Murphy, College of William and Mary, Student Activities Office, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



SECTIONAL STAFF WORKSHOP

by John Wetherington
Leadership Development Committee



A weekend workshop will be held this summer for Sectional Chairmen and their staffs. The Workshop will be held June 24-26 at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

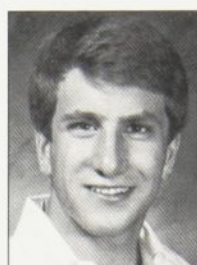
Like the conference held last summer in Chicago, we will be covering numerous topics and focusing on real life circumstances we face in each of our sections. While some of the materials will be similar to past workshops, those of you who have attended in the past can be assured that there will be plenty of new sessions also. Last year's workshop included represen-

tatives from fourteen sections nationwide. We expect an even greater representation at Georgetown this summer.

Please watch for more details from the National Office and mark your calendars now. Don't miss this opportunity to share ideas with volunteers from around the country and the opportunity to build your plans and enthusiasms for the coming year.

DENVER, THE MILE HIGH CITY, IS CALLING YOU

by Chris Fischer
National Convention Chairman



Over a thousand brothers and a variety of Leadership, Friendship and Service activities will mix to bring you the 30th National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega. December 27th through 30th mark the dates for this gala event. Workshops, dances, banquets and parties are some of the highlights of Denver in '88. The governing body of Alpha Phi Omega, the legislative delegation, will also meet.

In addition to the convention, Denver has many attractions. The mile-long 16th Street Pedestrian Mall awaits with its many

shops and restaurants. Museums abound within the city and outside of Denver are the majestic Rocky Mountains. Skiing is less than 90 minutes from the hotel. A ski trip is being arranged for December 31st, after the close of the convention.

The convention theme is "Service Above All" and I hope the spirit of Service will spread throughout the Fraternity. But to start, you've got to get to Denver, and this requires money. Yes, money, a simply five letter word that seems to escape so many of us. So start planning now to raise money and save money so you can join us.

Advance planning is also important for keeping your travel expenses down. If you plan to fly, I recommend that you purchase your ticket as early as possible to save money. I look forward to welcoming you in Denver, December 27th with the spirit of Service Above All.



SKI COLORADO

Colorado Ski Country is outstanding! Join Alpha Phi Omega brothers in a post-convention ski trip, priced for the student budget! (Photo: Steamboat Springs-Larry Pierce)

KAPPA

Kappa chapter begins every semester with "Book Exchange", an incredible project that qualifies for three of the traditional four levels of service. First, it helps Carnegie Mellon students buy and sell cheap textbooks. In addition, this very visible project is terrific publicity for the chapter, as brothers sport their letters behind the table and put bookmarks publicizing A Phi O in every book sold. It's a great place to start Rush! Finally, on a national level, the funds from the project go to the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) foundation. Briefly, the project is run like this: for the first three days of school, A Phi O sets up tables outside the campus bookstore and collects used books from any student. The owner of the books sets his price, and the fraternity sells it. Fifteen percent of the price of the books is kept for charity, and after a week or so, checks and any unsold books are returned to the owners. Unclaimed books become "cheapie" books, and are sold the next semester at a ridiculously low price. The project takes quite a bit of organization, particularly because it must be planned before school even begins. However, it needs relatively little publicity, since presumably all students who might be interested must pass the bookstore. Three to five brothers must be present at the table at all times, and the chapter must have some place to store the books. This year the project was co-chaired by Kappa brothers Maureen Joyce and Ada Fok, and netted \$836 profit. For more information write to: Kappa Chapter, Carnegie-Mellon University, Box 100/Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.



NATIONAL SERVICE DAY: COAST TO COAST SERVICE

by Kay Hairgrove
National Service Chairman



On Saturday, November 7, 1987, we observed National Service Day, an event that has quickly become an Alpha Phi Omega tradition. The concept of the entire Fraternity providing service on the same day has helped to further the spirit of service, not only within our Brotherhood, but to others as well.

Our most recent National Service Day was no exception. Chapters in every region of the country participated. Many chose projects that reflected the theme: diabetes and other chronic illnesses.

The best way to measure the success of National Service Day is to look at the results. The following is a very small sampling of the projects that took place across the nation on or near Saturday, November 7, 1987, in observance of National Service Day:

REGION I

The Brothers of the Nu Theta Chapter at Glassboro State College contacted their local office of the American Diabetes Association and volunteered their time stuffing envelopes, recording addresses, typing, etc.

REGION II

At Alfred University, the Brothers at Epsilon Gamma Chapter held four National Service Day activities. They held a raffle to benefit the American Diabetes Association; served food, sold tickets, and cleaned up for a fund-raiser sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens; spon-

sored a campus clean-up; and conducted a badge workshop for Cub Scouts.

REGION III

In Washington D.C., the Brothers of Mu Alpha at Georgetown University sponsored a Halloween Party for kids involved in the CIPRA program. CIPRA (Center for Immigration Policy and Refugee Assistance) tutors underprivileged children and helps them adjust to an American life-style.

REGION IV

Together, 14 chapters in Region IV raised approximately \$4,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Region chose the charity and each chapter chose their fund-raiser. These varied from selling Balloon-A-Grams to Bowl-A-Thons and culminated with a penny drop at the Region IV Conference.

REGION V

The Brothers at Pi Chi Chapter at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh worked with the God-Speed Foundation, the Leukemia Society, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and all campus organizations to collect money for Project *Bundle Up* to help clothe the needy.

REGION VI

For a fund-raiser, the Arthritis Foundation and the Brothers of Zeta Alpha at Bradley University sponsored the "Up, Up, and Away Balloon Launch". They filled the balloons with helium and attached cards with names of those who had donated money.

REGION VII

In Abilene, Texas the Brothers of Omicron Delta at McMurry College held an American Diabetes Association Arrest and raised over \$2,000 for the Taylor County chapter of the American Diabetes Association just by throwing prominent citizens in jail!

REGION VIII

The Brothers of Theta Xi at Parks College sponsored a Spina-Bifida 5-mile Run. With the help of the Greek Fraternities, community service workers and the volunteer police department, they raised \$1,092 and photos of the race and a story appeared in the local paper.

REGION IX

A canned food drive was conducted by the Brothers of the Sigma Theta Chapter at St. Mary's College to help the Winona Volunteer Service stock their food pantry for Thanksgiving.

REGION X

At San Francisco State University, the Brothers of Mu Zeta sponsored a campus dance called "Causing a Commotion" and netted \$900 for the American Diabetes Association. Two other chapters, Gamma Gamma at University of California-Berkeley and Kappa Sigma at Sacramento State also participated.

As I mentioned earlier, the best way to measure success is to look at the results. This being true, it's obvious that National Service Day-1987 was a complete success!

To keep this tradition strong, it's not too early to start planning for National Service Day-1988, which will be Saturday, November 5, 1988.

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