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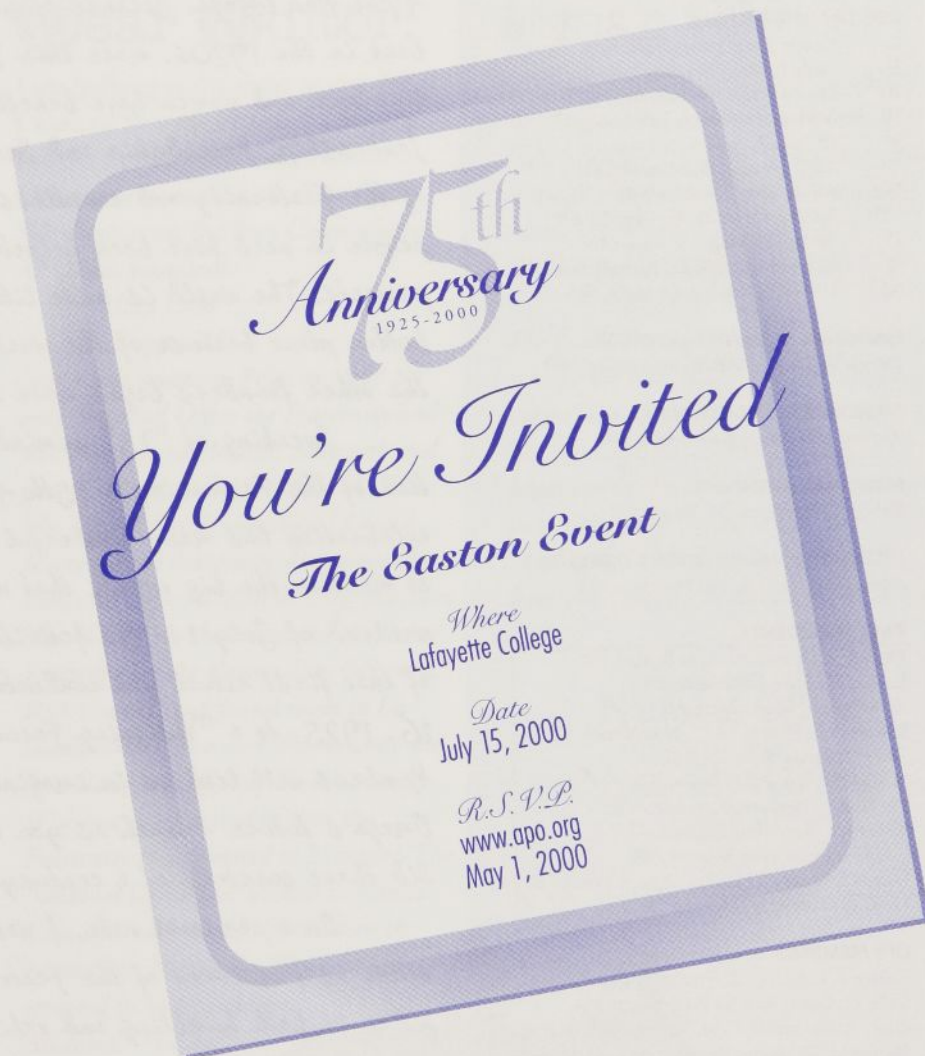
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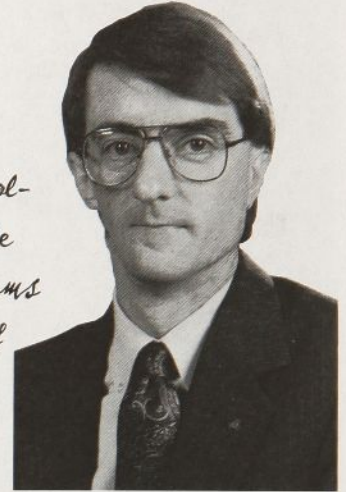
# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JACK A. MCKENZIE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## Thank You, Frank

Dear Frank,

Just a note to say thank you for founding Alpha Phi Omega. Because of your efforts back in the 1920s, more than 295,000 college men and women have benefited from the Leadership, Friendship and Service programs of the Fraternity and countless millions of people in need have been helped by APO projects. The world is quite literally a better place because of the work you and the other founders began more than 75 years ago.



Speaking of "75" reminds me to tell you that the celebration of the Fraternity's 75th Anniversary is well under way. The celebration has many wonderful parts to it, but I especially want to mention the big events that will happen in Easton during the weekend of July 14-16. Activities will range from a reenactment of that first ritual you conducted in Brainerd Hall on December 16, 1925, to a "Visioning Forum" during which a group of current Members will lead us in imagining the possibilities for Alpha Phi Omega's future - much as you and those other Lafayette students did three quarters of a century ago.

On a personal note, I want to say what an honor it is to serve as President of the Fraternity you started. To hold this office is both humbling and exhilarating all at once. You left big shoes to fill, but you also left big footprints to mark the way.

I gotta run now, Frank. There's a lot to be done between now and the National Convention in Philadelphia in December. I just wanted you to know that all of us in the Fraternity think of you often and truly appreciate this wonderful gift that you left for us. Thank you for Alpha Phi Omega.

Fraternally

Jack



# Letters to the Editor

Patrick Burke, Alpha Phi Omega National Executive Director and Torch & Trefoil Editor, welcomes your thoughts and comments.

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## Dear Editor:

Several issues ago in the *Torch & Trefoil* the National Finance Director, Bobby Hainline, made a special offer concerning a monthly drawing of all new Life Members, with a lucky one each month having the Life Membership fee fully refunded. My curiosity causes me to ask who are the lucky Brothers so far? The Region IV staff thought Brother Hainline's idea was so good that we awarded Leslie Johnson, Iota Mu Chapter, the 1999 Region IV Conference Coordinator, with Life Membership for making sure the Regional Conference was a true success.

Greg Whitfield  
Lambda Alpha '96

*It has been interesting. Brother Hainline has been faithful to his promise. So far the "lucky" new Life Members are: November, Amanda Jo Coles, Gamma Theta; December, Robert S. Bryant, Mu Eta; January, Cole T. Robertson, Beta Sigma; February, Sabrina E. Metzner, Mu Omicron. Brother Hainline still has about eight months to go on his "promise." Our Members are showing interest in the offer. This spring we are averaging 14 new Life Members each week. Total Life Members: 18,707. And, of course, congratulations to Leslie Johnson of Iota Mu. — Editor*

## Dear Editor:

I am looking at the most recent *T&T*. I noticed that the National Office is located in Independence, Missouri? I know we started on the East Coast. Why isn't it on the East Coast where APO was founded?

Lisa Covi  
Kappa '81

*Interesting question. Prior to 1931 the only National Office the Fraternity had was Frank Reed Horton's car trunk and garage. In the spring of 1931, H. Roe "the Chief" Bartle was elected Grand Master of the Fraternity. He moved the National Office to Kansas City, Missouri. The "Chief" at that time was the Scout Executive for the Kansas City, Missouri, BSA Council and found room in his headquarters for a desk that became the first National Office of the Fraternity. Within a short period of time the Fraternity incorporated in Missouri. The National Office was located in Kansas City, Missouri, until 1990, when the permanent National Office was constructed in Independence, Missouri. — Editor*

## Dear Editor:

Someone showed up at our Chapter meeting saying they were a Brother from another Chapter. Does that automatically make that person a Brother at our Chapter?

Jaclyn Veasy  
Delta Rho '97

*The first thing the Chapter should do is contact the National Office to verify the person's membership in the Fraternity. Second, the Chapter should complete a Membership Transfer Form and return it to the National Office so that the Member can be officially transferred from one Chapter to the other. — Editor*

Can't visit our  
**National Office?**  
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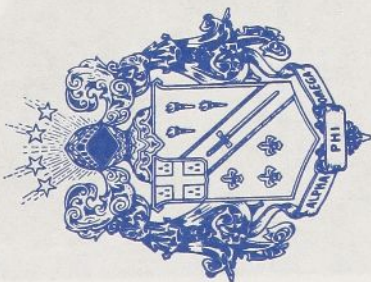
## WE'RE LISTENING

We love to hear from our readers. Send us your comments, your suggestions, and your ideas furthering the goals of Alpha Phi Omega.





# CHAPTERS



## OMICRON University of Iowa Iowa City, IA

Taking a road trip and crossing regional lines to attend conferences are favorite activities for many APO Brothers. This past January, Omicron Chapter and Beta Epsilon Chapter (University of Northern Iowa) traveled to the Region VIII Conference in Norman, Oklahoma. "OPA" the Sheep, mascot for the Beta Epsilon Chapter, came to the conference with Omicron Chapter. Nobody seemed to know how that happened or how its leg was broken. Past National President Wilfred Krennek appears to be signing the "cast."



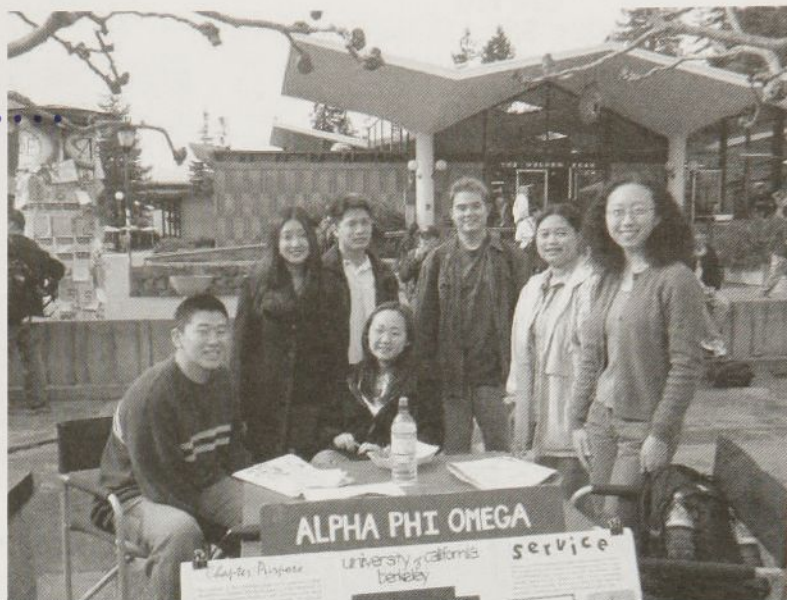
## EPSILON LAMBDA Michigan Technological University Houghton, MI

The Brothers of Epsilon Lambda assist a local service group, "Friends of the Elderly," by clearing roofs steeped in snow during the winter for those physically unable to do it themselves. The Chapter usually cleans about 10 homes a day. The project normally happens about once a year, but in winters with multiple heavy snowfalls the Chapter is always available to meet the challenge. This is a popular project for the members as it allows for plenty of opportunities for goofing around in the snow. For example, one can jump off the roof into the snow safely because there's so much of it (usually about 3-4 ft. on the ground).



**GAMMA GAMMA**  
**University of California at Berkeley**  
**Berkeley, CA**

If you want to promote your Chapter on campus and attract new members try this idea. Members of Gamma Gamma Chapter actively support an information table on Berkeley's Sproul Plaza. This campus spot is where the Free Speech Movement of the 1960s originated. This continuing project is one of the most effective ways for student organizations on the campus of UC Berkeley to promote themselves. This project gives Gamma Gamma Chapter the opportunity to promote our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.



**DELTA OMEGA**  
**University of Houston**  
**Houston, TX**

Members of Delta Omega found a creative way to help the Houston area Special Olympics. The Chapter was able to secure autographs from Houston Astros baseball star Jose Lima. The Chapter then donated the autographed baseballs to the Special Olympics office in Houston, where they were later auctioned to benefit Special Olympics Athletes in the Houston area.



**TAU**  
**University of Florida**  
**Gainesville, FL**

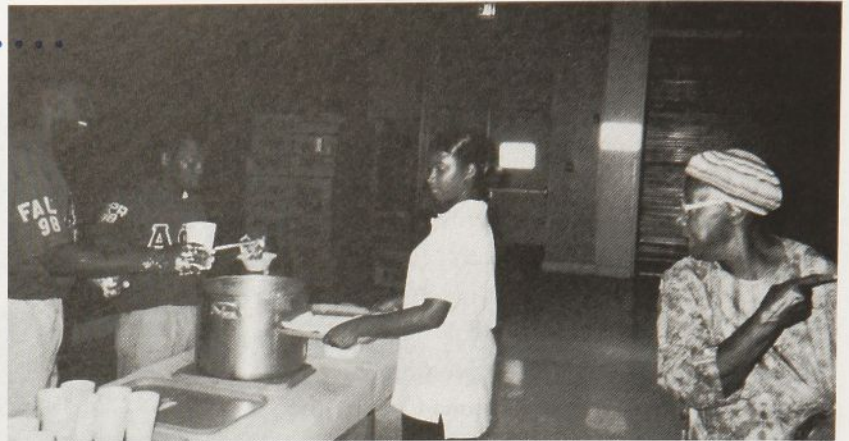
Recently, over 50 members and alumni of Tau Chapter attended a service project held at Camp Seminole Springs, a Girl Scout camp in North Central Florida. At the campsite the Brothers rebuilt a walkway, cleaned a natural history display, helped tear down aging teepees and, overall, gave the camp a "spruced-up" look. This is a semi-annual event for the Chapter and inviting alumni to attend makes it an enjoyable weekend of service and fellowship.





**CHI NU**  
**Grambling State University**  
**Ruston, LA**

The Brothers of Chi Nu Chapter are active in Service in their community of Ruston, Louisiana. Recently the Chapter assisted the Zion Traveler Baptist Church in a fund-raising project. The church hosted the annual Poor Man's Supper held in the Ruston Civic Center. Brothers of the Chapter worked the serving line for all those attending the event. The Poor Man's Supper is an annual fundraiser for the Christian Community Action Center (CCAC). The CCAC provides food, clothing and utility assistance for people in need in the Ruston community.



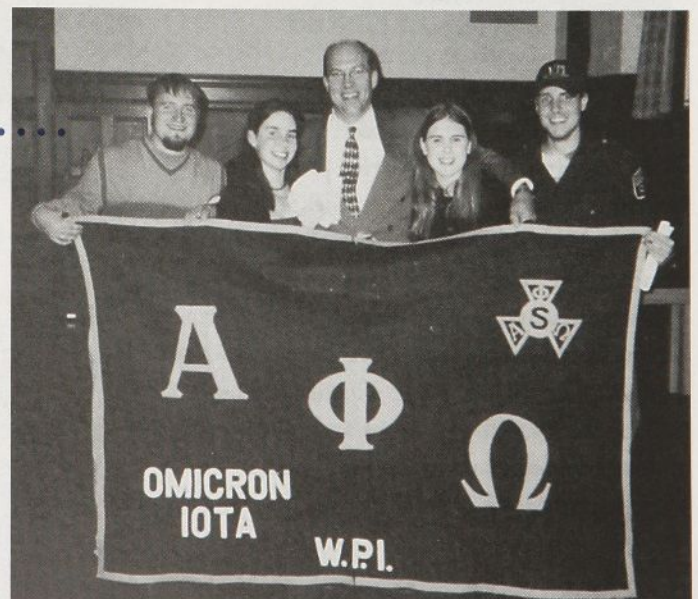
**ALPHA DELTA THETA**  
**University of California at Riverside**  
**Riverside, CA**

Brothers of Alpha Delta Theta have recently been spending weekends helping to build and rebuild homes for Habitat for Humanity in Moreno Valley near Riverside, California. The Chapter tore down rotted drywall, hammered nails and learned how to put a roof on a house. Even after blisters on hands, and many weekends of dirt and dust, the experience of hard work and helping families in need made it all worthwhile.



**OMICRON IOTA**  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
**Worcester, MA**

Omicron Iota Chapter held its annual Service Auction on December 9, 1999. With a good crowd of bidders and a long list of services for sale, the auction was the most successful in Chapter's history. Some of the items auctioned were an all-male a cappella singing group that sold for \$345, a pasta dinner prepared by another fraternity (chapter) on campus, rides on motorcycles, massages, baked goods and dance lessons. Over \$2,100 was raised for the Mustard Seed Food Bank in Worcester. In the photo, surrounded by Chapter members, is auctioneer Dale Schaetzke, president of Auction Marketing Group, who donated his time and skills to make the event successful.





**BETA EPSILON**  
**University of Northern Iowa**  
**Cedar Falls, IA**

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Members of Beta Epsilon gathered before a crowd of 250 area Boy Scouts at the opening of their annual Merit Badge University on February 12, 2000. Fifteen different Merit Badge classes were offered during the one-day event, and the enthusiastic Scouts had a great time. Merit Badge University is one of Beta Epsilon's favorite service projects.



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Beta Epsilon member and University of Northern Iowa senior chemistry student Douglas Baker (right) sparked interest in a local Boy Scout as he demonstrated the combustion of methane gas during the Chapter's annual Merit Badge University.



**DELTA GAMMA**  
**Ohio University**  
**Athens, OH**

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The executive board of Delta Gamma held a retreat earlier this year. Members joined together at the student center with three of their advisors and took time to explore the operation of their chapter. They did an assessment of the current and future needs of the Chapter. The main area of focus was looking at ways to motivate the Chapter membership to stay involved and participate in all areas of service, fellowship and leadership. It was also a great time to relax and get to know each other better.





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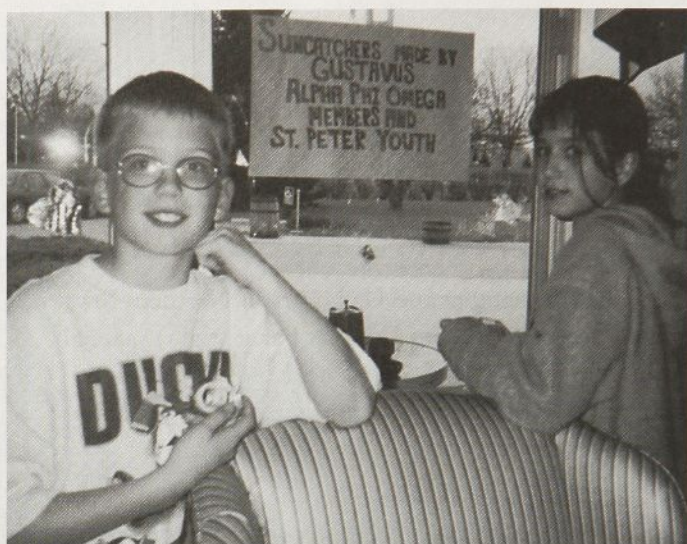
## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH

### Twisting Together

In 1999, Zeta Epsilon Chapter at Gustavus Adolphus College received a Youth Service Grant from the Fraternity. Here is a summary of the resulting activities. Your chapter can apply for the APO Youth Service Grant in the Fall of 2000.

With the 1999 Youth Service Grant, the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega provided four fun-filled days for the youth of St. Peter, Minnesota. We invited fourth and fifth graders to our campus twice last spring; the first event was a craft and movie day, and the second event was a scavenger hunt and picnic. This fall, we invited fifth and sixth graders to our campus. We chose to move up a grade to stay with the same kids from the spring. Our first event in the fall was a day of swimming and the final event was a collaboration with an environmental group on campus.

On Saturday, April 17, 1999, we met in a classroom at Gustavus Adolphus College and made sun-



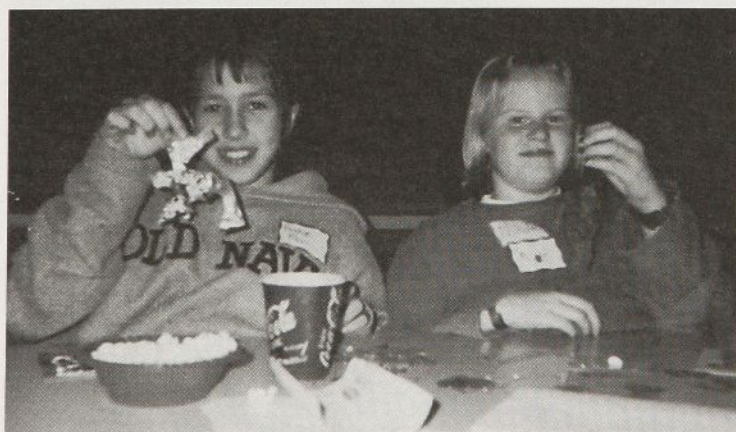
catchers. We used glitter, confetti, and contact paper. While we made the craft, we had popcorn and soda while watching a movie. After the movie, we took our art projects over to

a local nursing home and hung the sun-catchers in the windows of the entry and sitting room. We did not

plan one-on-one interaction between the nursing home residents and the children; however, once we arrived at the nursing home, the children volunteered to talk to the residents, and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the youth.

We held a picnic and scavenger hunt Saturday, May 15, 1999, in the Gustavus Adolphus Arboretum. The weather was perfect. We played outside games with the youth, including Red Rover, 4-Square, and I've Never. Each child received a small ceramic pot to paint. We allowed the paint to dry while we had lunch. Hamburgers, chips, brownies, and soda were prepared for everyone. After lunch, we planted Marigold seeds in the pots and each child was able to take his or her pot home. We also organized a scavenger hunt for the youth. The list of things to find included leaves, a white stone, and other items that could be found in the Arboretum. Small prizes were awarded to the winning team.

The project stopped during our summer vacation. However, each child





# LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

who had attended one or both of our events last spring received a postcard from an Alpha Phi Omega member over the summer. The postcard was from the hometown of the Alpha Phi Omega member.

This past fall we sponsored two more events. The first was an open swim day on Saturday, October 30, 1999. We met at the athletic facility at Gustavus Adolphus College, Lund Center. We swam in the pool for about an hour. At first it was just an open swim, but later organized games were played, including "Marco Polo" and relay races. The youth enjoyed swimming with the college students, jumping off the diving boards, and sitting in the whirlpool. After swimming, we had pizza, soda, and juice for dinner. After pizza, we played a few games in the classroom while we waited for parents to arrive.

Our final event was held Sunday, November 14, 1999. The event was in collaboration with the Gustavus Greens, an environmental group on campus. The Greens held a small workshop on the importance of recycling and the environment. They also spoke about acid rain. To show the effects of acid rain, the Greens provided rock samples and poured acid on them to show how some rocks are affected by acid rain while others are not. After the lesson, we played a game and had a snack. We then discussed the things in nature we could see in the Arboretum.

Thanks to the \$500 we received from this APO grant program, all four



of these events were of no cost to the children. We were able to provide a meal at two of the events and snacks at the other two. The youth had a wonderful time. The number of youth attending ranged from eight to 11. Many attended all events. A connection has been made between the children and Gustavus students. The children continue to ask when we will

have another event.

As a Chapter, we plan to continue sponsoring events for the youth of St. Peter. We received incredible support from the members of our Fraternity. We never had difficulties finding volunteers to help at the events. The Twisting Together program provided benefits for the youth of St. Peter and Alpha Phi Omega members alike!





**1950-1975** — This is the second of three articles that will remind us of our many years of accomplishments thus far and leave a record of them for the thousands of Brothers who will be here for our 100th and other future anniversaries. This is a good time to reflect on all that has gone before us and all that will strengthen those who come after us.

The end of World War II brought legions of young service men and women back home to pick up their lives. American industry expanded to meet their needs. Americans began buying goods not available during the war, which created corporate expansion and jobs. As we began the 1950s the U.S. population was at 149,000,000. The average annual salary was \$2,992. A loaf of bread cost 14 cents. President Truman gave the go-ahead to build the Hydrogen Bomb. Back yard bomb shelters became a craze. We were afraid of the Iron Curtain and Communism. The Korean War became a reality for thousands of young men and women. And, thousands more went back to college.

At our National Convention at the end of December 1950, Professor Daniel Den Uyl was elected National President. The

# OUR SECOND 25 YEARS

## 75th Anniversary Countdown

by Wilfred M. Krenek,  
75th Anniversary Chair

Dow Jones Industrial Average ended at 235.41 — up 37 points for the year, a healthy 17 percent increase. The health of our Fraternity also was excellent. Many Chapters inactive during World War II became active again, and more growth was on the horizon. In the 1950s, under the leadership of National Presidents Den Uyl (1950-54), M.R. Disborough (1954-58), and William S. Roth (1958-62), we chartered 79 new Chapters, a growth rate of 34 percent in 10 years.

On March 2, 1950, the Fraternity grew internationally through the creation of APO Philippines, which had been established by the hard work and dedicated efforts of Dr. Librado Ureta. Dr. Ureta's group of more than 20 Scouts and Advisors established the first organization of APO outside of the United States. Far Eastern

University became the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega of the Republic of the Philippines.

In 1952 the Chapter Distinguished Service Key was established, and to this day it is still the highest honor a Chapter can bestow on a member of the Fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega continued to build its reputation as the premiere National Service Fraternity, by opening its membership to all young men in college, not just for Scouts. In the mid-1950s the National Distinguished Service Award was presented for the first time. It was — and is — a two-diamond “studded” key presented for distinguished service to the Fraternity on a national basis.

As our Fraternity grew through the 1950s, the Korean War ended and the Red Scare and McCarthy Hearings ruined the careers of many people, especially in



Hollywood. President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower became our first Republican President in more than 20 years. Civil rights, interstate highways, the Soviet sputnik, credit cards, small cars, and Castro and the Cuban Revolution were issues and events affecting our lives. But maybe the greatest effect on American youth was TV, as it brought poodle skirts, pony tails, flat tops, blue suede shoes and "rock and roll" into our living rooms. Through it all, our Fraternity was on firm ground, fulfilling its purpose of Leadership, Friendship and Service. Bring on the "60s!"

In March of 1960 Sidney B. North, the (first) National Secretary for the previous 27 years, retired. Replacing him was Joseph Scanlon. Joe would eventually be known as "Papa Joe" to the Fraternity. He was given the Fall Pledge Class namesake honor two times. Only "the Chief," H. Roe Bartle, would be so honored more (three times). Our National Presidents during the 1960s were William S. Roth (1958-62), Dr. Lester R. Steig (1962-1964), Tom T. Galt, M.D. (1964-1966), E. Ross Forman (1966-1968), and Dr. Glen T. Nygreen (1968-1970).

The 1960s could be loosely termed "the best of times and the worst of times."

They will be remembered for space exploration, President Kennedy's New Frontier and Peace Corp, and improved civil rights for minorities. But, the decade will also be remembered for the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our world was torn asun-

der with the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and racial disharmony. Through it all our Fraternity continued on its path. We grew by leaps and bounds with more than 200 new charters. By December 1969 there were 515 total chapters with more than 100,000 members. We were providing more service to those in need and were doing so in new and different ways. Our purpose and principles encouraged many to join us. We sent Brothers to Vietnam but we also sent Brothers to the Peace Corp.

August 28, 1966, was a retrospective moment for the Fraternity. Frank Reed Horton, our founding father passed away. A comment in our history book notes: "He was a man of peace. The life he led was selfless in the best sense. The finest tribute we can pay to him is to preserve the Fraternity's principles and share them with more campuses and more students."

In 1967, during the presidency of E. Ross Forman, the Fraternity held a Constitutional Convention in Norman, Oklahoma. The major accomplishments included new Articles of Incorporation, National Bylaws and the Standard Chapter Articles of Association. That convention also established distinctive geographical Regions and deleted reference to Boy Scout affiliation from our membership requirements. Executive Director Joe Scanlon in reporting the events in the *Torch & Trefoil* noted: "The Fraternity will remain indebted for years to come for the zealous action and constructive activities of the Constitutional Convention delegates. The Fraternity's abiding principles of Brotherhood and Service

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were exemplified at all times. The leadership was outstanding."

In 1970 Phi Chapter was recognized nationally for launching a project to remove architectural barriers on campus and in communities. "Only with this sort of involvement can the nation hope to knock down walls of lethargy, as well as all those doors, steps, stairs, and curbs that block our disabled fellow Americans from their fair share of functional life," said the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. It was a good sign and positive recognition for the Fraternity in rendering service that affected the entire nation.

The early '70s held many changes for the Fraternity. At the end of 1971 "Papa" Joe Scanlon retired as National Executive Director and Roger Sherwood became the new administrative head of the National Office. In March of 1972 National President Aubrey Hamilton (elected in 1970)



died, and National Vice President Lucius Young, LTC, Ret., became National President. At the 1972 National Convention, Life Membership was considered important to the "Project Survival" program designed to help the Fraternity solve its financial concerns. Also, at that Convention the issue of co-educational membership was considered. A resolution was passed to encourage and expedite the involvement of women in Fraternity affairs. Two years later, at the 1974 Convention, voting delegates would approve affiliate membership for women in local Chapters. After a prolonged illness, "Chief" H. Roe Bartle passed away on May 9, 1974. His memory would not be forgotten. At the 1974 National Convention, Lawrence "Pinky" Hirsch, M.D., was elected National President. Service programs continued to grow and expand. Projects for the

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campus, community and nation kept our Chapters busy.

From 1970 through 1975 the Fraternity fought declining membership caused by many events. The Vietnam War was still an issue. Many college-age men were being drafted into military service. Existing college students were becoming more actively and vocally opposed to the war. There was a major drop of membership in fraternities overall. An observer of the time noted there appeared to be weak leadership, apathy, indiffer-

ence, and an over-emphasis on social activities, sex, drugs, and alcohol. It was a time of campus demonstrations; the Charles Manson cult was tried for murder; and terrorists killed Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics. The Watergate break-in ignited a mistrust of government and ultimately led to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon.

As America celebrated the end of 1975, the Fraternity was celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In 50 years the Fraternity had initiated almost 150,000 members. Our Fraternity now steeped in history with many great traditions was about to enter a new and exciting stage of fraternalism. The new change would cause controversy. It would cause growth. The Fraternity would begin its next 25 years with a bold step forward.

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# A Lifetime of Commitment

by Daniel Rauch  
National Alumni Relations/  
Internal Volunteer Development Program Director

As a Pledge and Active Brother of Alpha Phi Omega, you have had many opportunities to provide service to your campus, your community, the nation and the fraternity by participating in your Chapter's activities. With the approach of the end of the school year, many Brothers find themselves finishing their collegiate activities and embarking on their careers. As you leave the comfort of your college and your Chapter, you have the opportunity to find out if you are truly dedicated to the principles of Alpha Phi Omega.

When you became a Brother of APO, you made a promise to be service-minded; not just during your years in college but throughout your life. The same principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service, which are so important as a Brother, form a solid foundation upon which to build a successful life. Through the rest of your life you will have the opportunity to prove the strength of that foundation. It may be more difficult to find time to provide service when you have to allocate your time between work, family, friends and all of your personal activities. However, there are still plenty of ways to continue to provide service after graduation.

**Service to the Campus** – Even if you move miles away from your school, you can be a supporter of your alma mater. Not just financially but in the area of recruitment. Talk to high school students about your college, and volunteer for local “college nights.” Be an active member of your school's alumni organization and participate in local association events.

Volunteer and support fund-raising activities.

**Service to Youth and the Community** – This may be the easiest way to provide service after graduation, particularly when you begin to have children of your own. Whether it is Scouting, Boys & Girls Clubs, the PTA, Little League, Big Brothers/Big Sisters or whatever, youth organizations will need volunteers and role models to accomplish their goals. Local civic organizations such as the Rotary, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, and others give you a chance to help provide service to the community.

**Service to the Nation** – The same skills you used to be an Active Brother in your Chapter are always sought by national not-for-profit organizations. APO Brothers have experience running fund-raising events, helping out at food shelters, assisting with voter registration, and becoming involved in current events and issues. Alumni Brothers are more likely to give blood through the Red Cross, encourage someone to join the Peace Corp, help preserve a historic site and be informed citizens.

**Service to the Fraternity** – Alpha Phi Omega has grown over 15 percent in the last decade. As the number of college students increases over the next decade, the number of volunteers needed to continue this growth will also increase. For those who have the time and commitment to be in the spotlight, helping on the Sectional staff may be appealing. Other equally important service by alumni to the Fraternity includes being a community advisor to a Chapter, assisting with

starting a new Chapter, or using your career skills to help a Regional or National Committee. For those with a little less time, alumni can encourage high school students to pledge the Fraternity, help write a Sectional newsletter, or support the Fraternity by joining (or starting) a local alumni association. Of course being a financial contributor is an option that is encouraged for all alumni.

For those who have truly committed to the principles of APO, this lifetime dedication of service after graduation is the natural progression. Your time as an Active Brother has given you the skills and experiences you need to reach out and help in the areas that interest you. The last thing left for you to do then is to raise your hand and volunteer. Although some opportunities for service may fall into your lap, many other needs go unfilled because someone did not know whom to ask. It is rare that someone will turn down an offer for help and it would be a shame to have a need go unfilled.

In the next few weeks, each Chapter will receive notice from the National Office to submit the name and address of each of their graduating seniors. Each new alumnus will receive a token of appreciation for supporting the Fraternity in college and will be provided with an opportunity to continue service to the Fraternity. In the meantime, interested Brothers are encouraged to contact their local Sectional Chair or the National Office ([www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org) or 816-373-8667).



# Unselfish Service to Others

by Ed Richter  
National Service Program Director

You hear this all of the time these days. But in Alpha Phi Omega, it's a way of life and not just something to do.

Serving others unselfishly is something that we as A-Phi-O Brothers do without thinking about "what's in it for me."

We do the things we do because they need to be done and we know that many will benefit from the small amount of time and energy we actually spend doing a project. We also know that a lot of good things result from doing the things that we do, whether they are noted by a formal recognition or just maybe that simple "thank you."

Recently, some Brothers at the Alpha Gamma Omicron Chapter at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, lost nearly everything they had when their dorm caught fire. According to an article in *The Toledo Blade*, two of these Brothers who literally left their dorm with only the clothes on their backs still fulfilled their obligation to show up at a service project to help out at a soup kitchen later in the day at a local church.

Obviously, no one would have complained had they not shown up at the project under those circumstances. But the fact that they honored their commitment clearly illustrates my premise that unselfish service to others IS a way of life and IS what Alpha Phi Omega is all about. It's also a story that we should share with our Pledges on what it really means to be a Brother.

That is not the only illustration

of unselfish service and leadership by example of late by our Brothers.

There have been many tragedies on campuses, such as a fire at Seton Hall or the bonfire incident at Texas A&M, in which A-Phi-O Brothers stepped up to lend a hand in very stressful and emotional situations and carried themselves as leaders on their campus.

There are many opportunities both large and small to be of service to others. The key is to keep our eyes and ears open for those opportunities

and take it from there. And it doesn't stop after your active brotherhood ends — it goes on for the rest of our lives.

I know of many Brothers who have taken our cardinal principles and gone to be of service to others after they left school. Whether it's becoming a member of a service club, helping out with the Scouts, helping out at church or just a random act of kindness for whatever the reason, service to others is truly a way of life.

As a side note, don't forget our  
75th Anniversary Service Days.

**March 16**  
Absolutely Incredible Kids Day

**April 14-16**  
National Youth Service Days

**November 6-12**  
National Service Week  
(one special day during this week)



# Minutes of the Board Meeting February 5, 2000 • San Francisco, CA

- Approved the accounting firm of Grant Thornton to conduct the 2000 audit of the National Fraternity.
- Approved a change in the Board of Directors Policy Manual that clarified the eligibility for a non-member spouse to receive the Maude Walker Young award.
- Approved that it is the sense of the Board of Directors that the student National Convention fee be not more than \$50.
- Approved the rechartering of Theta Alpha Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey and Alpha Epsilon Theta Chapter at the University of Akron, Uniontown, Ohio.
- Passed that three additional days in 2000 be declared National Service Days in celebration of the 75th Anniversary: Absolutely Incredible Kids Day, March 16; National Youth Service Day, April 14-15; and a special day during National Service Week, November 6-12.
- Approved a change in the Board of Directors Policy Manual to allow Regional Alumni councils more flexibility in the process of electing Alumni Voting Delegates.
- Recommended that the National Convention Committee and National President consider changes in the meeting times for Regional Meetings at the National Convention.
- Approved guidelines for the David B. Corning Chapter Program Reviver Award.
- The President declared Epsilon Delta Chapter, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut, and Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter, University of California-Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California, inactive for failure to remain in good standing for a period of two years.
- The President appointed the 2000 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Committee, including Chair, John Wetherington; Members: Maggie Katz, Barbara Anderson, Wilfred Krennek, Bob Barkhurst, Belton Lim, Craig Muckle, Ed Richter and Dave Corning.
- The President appointed the Endowment Trustee Nominating Committee, including Chair, Bobby Hainline; Members: John Wetherington and Brant Warrick.

## In Leadership, Friendship and Service...

"In the beginning, when this Fraternity was founded, the Boy Scouts of America was there and throughout the Fraternity's 75 year history, the Boy Scouts of America has been there walking side by side in our mutual missions for the human development of young people. As a salute to honor the 75 years of commitment and accomplishment of this Fraternity and in gratitude for 75 years of immeasurable service by Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega to local councils of the Boy Scouts of America, including the ongoing commitment of many Chapters as charter partner organizations of the BSA, for numerous Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts, and Venturing Crews, and as a statement of the intention of the Boy Scouts of America to continue to "be there," walking side by side with Alpha Phi Omega, and in support of the Fraternity's quest to be the foremost provider of Leadership, Friendship and Service in America's Collegiate environments, on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America and its 320 local councils - we are pleased to present to Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity this token of gratitude and good wishes for a Happy 75th Birthday!"



*Jim Chandler, Director of Personnel Administration, Boy Scouts of America and Ex-Officio Member of the APO Board of Directors presents a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Jack McKenzie, APO National President, during the APO Board Meeting in San Francisco.*



# WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 7-9

*Section 2 Conference*  
Host: Theta Iota Chapter  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ

*Section 41 Conference*  
Host: Alpha Epsilon Zeta Chapter  
University of Texas  
Dallas, TX

*Section 48 Conference*  
Host: Eta Sigma Chapter  
Illinois College  
Jacksonville, IL

*Section 49 Conference*  
Host: Beta Psi Chapter  
Southeast Missouri State  
University  
Cape Girardeau, MO

*Section 77 Conference*  
Host: Kappa Tau Chapter  
The Citadel University  
Charleston, SC

### APRIL 8

*Section 84 Conference*  
Host: Kappa Mu Chapter  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD

*Section 99 Conference*  
Host: Nu Theta Chapter  
Rowan College  
Glassboro, NJ

### APRIL 14-15

*Section 45 Conference*  
Host: Chi Nu Chapter  
Grambling State University  
Ruston, LA

### APRIL 14-16

*Section 56/59 Conference*  
Host: Alpha Gamma Xi Chapter  
University of Dayton  
Dayton, OH

*Section 72 Conference*  
Host: Nu Epsilon Chapter  
Georgia Southern University  
Statesboro, GA

*Section 88-89 Conference*  
Host: Epsilon Zeta Chapter  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Troy, NY

### APRIL 15

*Section 83 Conference*  
Host: Chi Gamma Chapter  
James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA

### APRIL 28-30

*Section 8 Conference*  
Host: Eta Xi Chapter  
Central Washington University  
Ellensburg, WA

### MAY 27-28

*Section 98 Conference*  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

### JUNE 16-18

*Chapter Program Workshop*  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute &  
State University  
Blacksburg, VA

### JULY 14-16

*The Easton Event*  
75th Anniversary Celebration  
Lafayette College  
Easton, PA

*National Board Meeting*  
Philadelphia, PA

### JULY 28-30

*Chapter Program Workshop*  
Charleston, SC

*Chapter Program Workshop*  
Fayetteville, AR

### AUG 18-20

*SRW*  
Camp Mo-Kan  
Independence, MO

### SEPTEMBER

*Section 7 Conference*  
TBA

### DECEMBER 2000



*National Convention*  
Philadelphia, PA  
December 27-30, 2000

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