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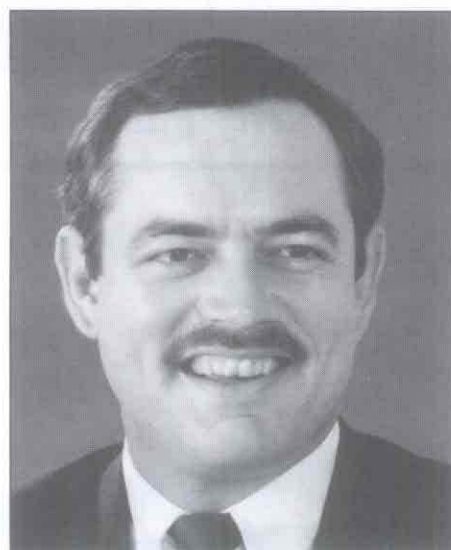
Friendship. In our Brotherhood, this word has both ordinary and extraordinary meanings.

Often, we associate membership concerns, such as recruitment and retention with the Cardinal Principle of friendship. Without attention to the needs of our brothers and of those who are potential brothers, there would very soon not be a chapter, so these things are undeniably important. Still, simply insuring the opportunity for interaction within the APO framework does not tell the whole story of friendship.

In the "ordinary" meaning of the word, our friends can be anyone that we feel any level of affinity with. Usually, we will want to spend time with them and there is often a sense of shared commitment of greater or lesser depth. With a precious few, we create a deep bond of affection that lends mutual strength and comfort. For me, that bond has always been easier to develop with brothers of Alpha Phi Omega.

Even superficial friendships seem more meaningful when shared among brothers of our Fraternity. Maybe it's because a lot of the early "testing" that goes on is not necessary. After all, we already know that a brother is willing to be of service to others, and that's a lot to know. We can guess immediately that we will have more in common, based upon this shared world view.

Close friends are our chosen family, and I have noticed that a large percentage of mine have always been fraternity brothers. There is already such a large bond between



Dr. Stan Carpenter
National President

committed APO's that is seems easier to build those beautiful bridges from soul to soul. People that I truly can care about and depend upon have to care about the world and want to be givers and not just takers. Where else but APO is there such a high percentage of people like that?

Friendships born of shared commitment to high ideals, of working together toward worthy attainments, and of active service to one another and others are extraordinary. The light of true friendship burns throughout our beloved Fraternity now and forevermore.

NEW YEARS EVE WAS NO PARTY, BUT...

by Jerry Schroeder, National Vice President

We are fond of saying that Alpha Phi Omega brothers are bound together by more than just the allure of the next service project and that the noble principles we share create a bond between us even when we don't know each other. The bond is brotherhood and it was alive and well New Years Eve at Alpha Chi Chapter on the campus of M.I.T.

As I was trying to get back to Washington for a formal New Years Eve dinner dance following the Region I & II Conference in Boston, United and Delta airlines conspired, along with dense fog and various mechanical problems, to cancel four different flights of mine, ultimately leaving me stranded in Logan Airport at 10:00 p.m. with no available hotel room, no flight until the next day, and no remaining patience. All that was left was an elegantly dressed wife in Washington with no date.

Hearing of my plight from the Region I Director, brothers of Alpha Chi Chapter left a New Years Eve party, pried me loose from the airport chair to which I had become firmly attached, and provided a warm bed for the evening, all the while ignoring my irreverent and slightly incoherent commentary on the conveniences of modern air travel. After the fifteen hour ordeal I had been through, the brothers were a welcome sight indeed.

The brothers didn't know me (I probably pledged before they were born) and they certainly didn't have to render assistance. But they did and, in doing so cheerfully, reminded me once again why APO is unique among collegiate service organizations—because of the bond of faithful and devoted friendship that truly unites all of its members. And so, I may have missed my party but, in retrospect, I think it may have been worth it. Thanks for the brotherhood, Alpha Chi. And thanks for the reminder.

APO MAKES A DIFFERENCE



By John Meckley, III, National Chief, Order of the Arrow

The following article was written by John Meckley, President of Alpha Gamma Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega and the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow (OA).

The OA is a Brotherhood of honor Campers whose membership is composed of Scouts, both youth and adult, who meet strict criteria and are elected to be eligible for OA membership.

The motto of the OA is "cheerful service" and prior to being inducted, a scout must pass a stringent test that includes a full day of hardwork with little food or water and being denied the opportunity to speak. This "ordeal" is based on the legend of the Lenni Lenape Indian Tribe.

Because of its service theme, the National Scouting and External Relations Committee has developed an important relationship with OA and APO will be represented at the National OA Conference this summer.

To serve as the National Chief of the OA is a rare opportunity that requires excellent leadership skills. We are proud to call the current National Chief "Brother" and appreciate his sharing his unique insight with us....(Chuck Bowen, Chairman of the National Scouting and External Relations Committee)

Yes, I remember it well—being led blindfolded to the place of our induction, opening my eyes to see the room lit by candlelight, and standing proudly with 40 of my newest friends ready to be installed as the Alpha Gamma Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Omega. That was almost a year ago, and in that year our new chapter has found much success in applying the values associated with our fraternity. The three words Friendship, Leadership and Service contain volumes of meaning and, for me, seem like a natural extension of values planted with me, years earlier.

Just as vividly as my Alpha Phi Omega induction, I recall my induction, as a 13 year old Boy Scout, into the Order of the Arrow, the National Brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers. The Order of the Arrow (OA) is an organization within the Boy Scouts of America founded, like APhiO, on the ideals of brotherhood and unselfish service to others. Since its founding in 1915 the OA has grown to reach into every country in the United States, boasting a membership of more than 160,000 nationwide. Since my induction into the Order, I have been fortunate enough to have served in various leadership roles on the local and sectional levels. As I entered college, I saw APhiO as a way to continue serving others; my scout troop was hours away at home, but Alpha Phi Omega was right there on my campus. Further inspired by our fraternity's values, I remained active within the OA and this year was elected to serve as the 1990 National Chief, leading the (nationwide) organization in its 75th year.

To serve as the national chief of such a large

organization is indeed quite an honor; I am a member of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow and the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. I have met with the President of the United States and other national figures, and will preside over the OA national conference of 6,000 participants. Travel is virtually an every weekend venture to meet arrowmen across the nation. At its most basic level, the national chief has the opportunity to touch the lives of many young people—the future, our future, to inspire others to live the Scout Oath and Law, and to rededicate their lives to the service of others. Yet each of us, as brothers in Alpha Phi Omega, has this same opportunity everyday—we touch the future, inspire and are rededicated by example and by deed.

Both the OA and APhiO place service to others before oneself; both find their roots in Scouting. Frank Reed Horton, founder of Alpha Phi Omega, and E. Uner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow, each saw the Scout Oath and Law as a code for daily living, a code which certainly each of us subscribes to. For many members of the OA, it becomes a logical process to pledge for membership into Alpha Phi Omega upon entering college to extend another outlet for service in their new scholastic career. These young men are looking for an organization such as APhiO and are great candidates for recruitment into your own chapter. Seek them out and ask them to join. They're already dedicated to service and could provide a positive link with the Scouting program. To help in strengthening our fraternity's link with Scouting, the Order of the Arrow is looking for-

ward to Alpha Phi Omega's representation at our National Conference to be held at Indiana University, August 12-16, 1990. Since this is the Order's 75th Anniversary, this year's conference will be a special inspiration filled event which will only be enhanced by Alpha Phi Omega's presence.

Whether I'm presiding over my local APhiO chapter, as president, or I'm presiding over a national meeting of the Order of the Arrow, I strive to live up to a challenge I read in the United States Capital. While giving the Boy Scouts "Report to the Nation" in February, I found myself sitting in the chair of the Speaker of the House of Representatives simply amazed by the beautiful House Chamber. I glanced around the room and noted that no writing was inscribed on the walls, except above the gallery behind the Speaker's chair. As each congressman looks up to cast his vote, he is forced to read these words penned by Daniel Webster: "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests, and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered". And just as these words guide the Congress of the United States, let them be ours also—let's try to do something worthy to be remembered. As brothers in Alpha Phi Omega, as responsible citizens, as concerned individuals, let's be rededicated to our purpose, let's touch the future, let's perform something worthy to be remembered. So many are counting on us, I know together we can make a difference, "Men of Alpha Phi Omega may we always be".



John Wetherington, Cheryl Smith, and Bill Wittmer, LDW Staff members congratulate Patrick Bier.

LDW: IT TAKES ALL DAY BUT LASTS A LIFETIME!

by John Wetherington, Leadership Development Chairman

The Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) reached an important milestone recently as we recognized our 3,000th graduate. At the recent Section 63 Conference, Patrick Bier, an active at the Rho Chi Chapter at Gannon University, was the 3,000th graduate joining other brothers who have completed the LDW since it was first offered in 1974.

The LDW is given at Sectional and Regional Conferences and National Conventions. The LDW is open to pledges, actives, alumni and those who volunteer time to Alpha Phi Omega. It is an integration of materials from a variety of corporate, association, Boy Scouts of America, and other sources aimed at improving each individual's personal leadership skills. The workshop includes a fast-paced mixture of role-playing, discussion, and problem solving. A special volunteer staff of trained workshop leaders provides the time and funds to maintain a high level of quality at workshops given nationwide.

Pat described the LDW as "really worthwhile". Although he's attended several other organizations' leadership workshops, he still "learned a lot". We congratulate Pat and look forward to seeing many more LDW graduates in the future. For you past graduates, have you updated your personal goals lately?

NATURAL DISASTERS CALL FOR APO SERVICE

In the fall of 1989 the U.S. suffered two terrifying natural disasters—Hurricane Hugo and the Santa Cruz/San Francisco Bay Area Earthquake. The brothers of APO answered the call for service in many ways. The comments and photos that are included here are only a portion of the good deeds our brothers performed. David E. Davis, Section 77 Chairman, reported the following about Hurricane Hugo:

In less than a week **Omicron Chapter** at the University of Iowa, with the help and funding of a local radio station, organized and publicized a relief drive. Their service vice-president called the APO sectional chairman for South Carolina for advice on who should receive it. The entire pledge class of the **Theta Chapter** at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, came down to South Carolina and helped a hard hit neighborhood clean up. **Rho Chapter** at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill participated in a "Build-a-Roof" program. **Kappa Tau Chapter** at the Citadel and **Alpha Alpha Epsilon Chapter** at the College of Charleston, both in Charleston, South Carolina helped clear away debris for the schools, orphanages, and retirement homes that they routinely visited. Most of the brothers attending the Region IV Conference in Charleston spent a couple of hours dragging pieces of trees out of a historical cemetery that was devastated.

Idamay Clark, Shirley Wong and Kate Wroblewski of Kappa Sigma reported the following actions of our West Coast chapters on the Santa Cruz/San Francisco Bay Area Earthquake:

In the aftermath of the Santa Cruz/San Francisco Bay area earthquake, Section 4 chapters sprang into action with assistance to both the victims and the American Red Cross. **Alpha Alpha Xi** at the University of the Pacific in Stockton donated money from their general chapter fund as well as donating clothing and blankets. Several members donated blood to the Delta Blood Bank, designating it specifically for victims of the earthquake. At San Jose State University, brothers of **Gamma Beta** organized a drive on campus collecting food, blankets, and money. An effort was also made urging people to donate blood to Red Cross. On the U.C. Berkeley campus, the **Gamma Gamma Chapter** helped raise funds for the Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund with Cal Corps, a volunteer network group on campus. Members also assisted the Red Cross by volunteering at one of their Oakland shelters (the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift) which was set up temporarily to house those left homeless around the Cypress structure. They also

helped sort clothing collected on campus which was taken down to Watsonville. In addition, the pledge class helped Operation Good Neighbor put together Thanksgiving food baskets and delivered them to the elderly and to victims of the quake in the Oakland and Berkeley areas. **Iota Phi** at U.C. Davis directed their efforts toward fund-raising and canned food collection. Individual members from **Omicron Zeta** at California State University, Hayward, helped out in their own ways. Some members participated in disaster training and joined the Red Cross Disaster Services Team. With the Disaster Team, members provided help with shelter management, food distribution, and communication. Others assisted with donation collections

and on-site cleanups. Through the geology department on campus, "OZ" provides earthquake preparedness information to the students. Due to the condition of Candlestick Park after the quake, the 49er game had to be moved to the Stanford University stadium. There, **Zeta Chapter** mobilized an emergency effort to direct traffic, parking, and post-game cleanup in alliance with the Stanford Volunteer Network. Proceeds from ticket sales and parking fees went to benefit the earthquake relief. All in all, the chapters of Section 4 did a great job in responding to the disaster that struck the Bay area. We should be proud of the spirit and brotherhood displayed by these members of Alpha Phi Omega.



At California State University, Sacramento, Kappa Sigma immediately directed their energies toward raising funds for the Earthquake Relief. The pledge class was already involved in a fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation during the Sac State Homecoming Fair when the earthquake occurred. The morning after the quake, they immediately began another fund-raiser, collecting donations for the Red Cross Earthquake Relief Fund. Because of these efforts, the Homecoming Fair Committee decided to direct a major portion of the funds raised to the relief effort as well.

MU ZETA

Called to action by the devastating 7.0 earthquake, the brothers of Mu Zeta at the San Francisco State University contributed in the Bay Area's relief efforts. In the days following the earthquake, brothers from Mu Zeta worked with Project Openhand, a San Francisco Relief Agency. The brothers packed hot meals for those left homeless and hungry by the quake. APO members helped to unload numerous vehicles, which were loaded with donations from various merchants, and were distributed through Project Openhand. With the Bay Bridge out of commission, brothers had to take the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) under the Bay, to deliver meals to those working on the collapsed freeway in Oakland. For more information, contact President Rodney Tom, Mu Zeta Chapter, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132.



OMICRON

Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa in Iowa City contributed to Hurricane Hugo relief by sponsoring a fund-raiser. Thanks to the leadership of Omicron's Vice President of Service, Leah Soukup, and the fellowship of the members in general, they were able to conduct a two week fund-raising campaign. The first of two days was covered by a local TV news station (KGAN TV channel 2). In a flash, Omicron organized and ran a two week fund-raiser during home football game tailgators to collect over \$350.00 in food, clothing and cash. There is interest within Omicron in starting a standing disaster relief committee. For further information contact Kathrine Svoboda, 610 6th Avenue, Coralville, Iowa 52241.

ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON

Alpha Alpha Epsilon at the College of Charleston had the misfortune of being in the direct path of Hurricane Hugo which swept the coast on September 22, 1989. The tremendous amount of destruction that resulted allowed the brothers to provide assistance to some of the organizations with which they have worked previously. In October, the brothers cleaned up the yard area at the Carolina Youth Development Center's residential home. The yard had fallen trees and other debris which the brothers worked to remove. On November 4, Charles Towne Landing, a state park commemorating the first settlement in South Carolina, was the cleanup site. The brothers used chainsaws to cut branches into more portable pieces of debris to be cleared from the picnic area. In an effort to recycle some of these valuable natural resources, some of the wood was ground into mulch. Two weeks later, the brothers sponsored a cleanup project at Winwood Farms, a home for severely emotionally disturbed children. Various organizations and other fraternities and sororities also joined in on this service project. The Franke Home, a retirement home, was another project in which the chapter moved furniture back into the home which had been flooded during the hurricane. For more information contact the Alpha Alpha Epsilon Chapter, The College of Charleston, S.P.O. Box 2522, Charleston, SC 29424-0001.





GAMMA ZETA

On February 17, 1990, the Winter Quarter Pledge Class of the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Georgia Tech went to Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, South Carolina to help clean up and remove debris left from Hurricane Hugo. The four pledges along with four brothers of the chapter spent five hours working in the cemetery moving tree limbs off of gravestones, putting gravestones back in their upright positions, putting fences back together around family plots, and picking up other debris that was left in the cemetery. They hope to continue help-

ing with hurricane recovery in future service projects. While in Charleston, they stayed with some of the brothers of the Alpha Alpha Epsilon Chapter, the College of Charleston. They combined service with friendship by attending the College of Charleston's Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. For more information, contact Gamma Zeta Chapter, Georgia Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 32714, Georgia Tech Station, Atlanta, Georgia 30332.

LAMBDA NU



Lambda Nu Chapter at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina conducted a hurricane relief service project for one of their Brothers who's home/hotel was severely damaged by Hurricane Hugo. The residence near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, sustained heavy water and sand damage. About 10 brothers spent the weekend of September 31 helping to cleanup. In addition, the chapter directed all Fall 1989 fund-raising efforts toward the victims of this disaster. As a result, about \$1,500.00 was donated through the Red Cross to help with the short-term and long-term needs of these victims. For further information contact Lambda Nu Chapter, Duke University, P.O. Box 9471, Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706.

FORMING AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: IT'S ALL UP TO YOU

In a recent telephone conversation with a fellow alumnus, I was asked a most curious question: Why are alumni associations formed? At the time, this struck me as a very basic question (especially since it came from a brother much more experienced in Alpha Phi Omega than myself). However, as I thought about the question and the answer that I gave in response, it became readily apparent that many of our fellow alumni brothers may not have the foggiest idea on why an alumni association can be formed, much less how to form one. In an effort to get the word out about forming an alumni association, I want to share with you the response that I gave to my fellow alumnus.

For those of you unfamiliar with the idea of an alumni association, a definition would be in order. An alumni association is a group of alumni that gather for any number of purposes. The alumni association membership

can be chapter-based (meaning alumni from a particular chapter) or geographically-based (or alumni from a particular area, regardless of which chapters they've come from). Each alumni association makes up its own rules of order, meeting times and places, etc. In fact, the only requirement is that each alumni association register with the National Office and pay a \$15 registration fee annually before January 15. In this sense, it's all up to you!

Now, why is an alumni association formed? The response that I gave to my fellow brother was "For any purpose that you want." There are three types of alumni associations that I have seen, which include service groups, social groups, and just plain staying-in-touch groups. If you are a very service-oriented brother that would like to continue where you left off as an active brother, a service group is your best bet. However, many alumni do not have the time to plan and execute

service projects. Instead, these brothers form a social group that meets periodically to conduct a little business and have a good time. I have even heard of an alumni association whose sole purpose is to provide a method of communication between alumni brothers both within and outside of the group. In all cases, these alumni associations have always provided support for their nearby active chapters and often attend chapter functions, including service projects.

Forming an alumni association is not difficult at all. The National Office has all of the information that you need to get started, including contacts from other groups that can give you tips on assembling your fellow brothers. Alumni associations are a great way to support your local chapters and keep in touch with other alumni, but, as always, it's all up to you!

ETA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eta Chi Alumni Association met in Ft. Worth, Texas this past January. They elected new officers: Rick Featherston, President; Bill Clark, Vice President; Gary Tucker, Secretary; Bob Day, Treasurer; Abel Villanueva, Social Chairman. Pictured is Mike Hammock receiving an outstanding alumni award in recognition of his help and efforts in organizing the Eta Chi Alumni Chapter at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas in 1986.



ALPHA BETA RHO ALUMNA HONORED

Ms. Jane Knapp, alumna of the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter at University of Pittsburgh, Bradford was recently recognized by her employer, Betz Laboratories Inc. of Trevose, Pennsylvania. Jane received a Citizenship Award which recognizes employees who work with non-profit organizations. As a part of the recognition Jane was allowed to choose the recipient of a \$1,000.00 donation awarded by the company. She chose the Alpha Beta Rho Chapter where she had been active in serving as the Vice President. She received a B.S. in Chemistry from University of Pittsburgh, Bradford in 1988.

THE GRAPEVINE IS GOING OUT

Region X has been busy over the last six months reaching out to alumni all over, especially in the Northwestern U.S. Thus far, the primary focus has been to increase communication between the region's alumni and its active chapters, many of which need the support of the alumni in their local areas. In addition, the first copies of the *Region X Grapevine* have gone out to alumni to inform them of events and issues of concern to them. Over the next 10-12 months, staff plans to enlist alumni support for a number of projects, including the chartering and recharter-

ing of chapters and the development of the *Region X Career Referral*. The first edition of the career referral, a guide that active brothers can utilize for information on specific careers and job descriptions, was successfully developed and distributed to participants at the December, 1989, Region X Conference in Long Beach, California. For more information on any of Region X's alumni activities, please contact Teri Sheets, Region X Alumni Representative, at 2304 G Street, Apt. 24, Sacramento, CA 95816-3554.

LAWRENCE L. HIRSCH, PAST PRESIDENT, HONORED

Lawrence L. Hirsch, M.D. and Past National President of the Fraternity recently received the Chicago Medical Society's Public Service Award. Dr. Hirsch was recognized as

having dedicated his lifetime to helping people, not only through the practice of medicine, but also through outstanding community service. Dr. Hirsch has not only devoted

many years of outstanding service to the Fraternity, but was recognized for giving over 50 years of service to the nation's youth through scouting.

ZETA GAMMA

"I promise that I will give unselfishly of my time and energy," was the theme as the "Survivors of Service Week" reflect upon their work. An active had the potential to work over 45 hours in one week through the various service projects offered by the Zeta Gamma Service Committee.

"Zeta Gamma members try to live up to the high ideals as outlined in the ritual and pledge manual," said Joel Cederstrand, VP-Service. He worked hard to establish the projects. "I knew my chapter would come through," he said. "The purpose for having Service Week was to push the chapter members a little more in their service hours." Throughout the week members could serve in seven different projects. The first came with a little help from Mu Chapter (Indiana University) and the rest of Section 52. During Spring Sectionals, the entire section participated in a three hour stuffing, sealing and stapling envelope project for the American Red Cross. Over 80 members of different chapters joined together to "stuff it" for the Red Cross.

Back in Valparaiso, Indiana, service projects varied from hanging posters for a campus play, to raising money for the local, national, and international food pantries. Zeta Gamma has a habit of helping out other university organizations. The Drama department wanted to advertise their upcoming production by hanging up posters in campus education buildings and resident halls. Paul Fauber, Alumni Secretary, spotted the opportunity and took action. He notified our Campus Service Committee Chair (CSCC) and she **acted out her role** by finalizing the details and reporting the project to the chapter. One of our Pledge Class traditions is having the

pledge class perform their own service project. This year's class decided to help the city's Boys and Girls Club set up and serve its annual recognition dinner. Due to the overwhelming task required, this two day event needed active support as well. The members have habitually worked with the Club before, so naturally this project was a "supper" idea. The next project didn't require us to search for needles in a haystack. Instead, the county blood mobile found us. This traditional service project requires muscle power. The details include unloading and setting up the blood mobile equipment, and "tearing down" and loading the truck when the day was complete.

One of the improved areas for this chapter is the emergence of scouting activities. Because Zeta Gamma succeeded last year with the Boy Scouts' lock-in, APO was asked again to help. In a chapter of 30 members, 21 offered their service on a Friday night. The duties were simple, but meant a lot to the boys. For example, the brothers played volleyball and soccer in the gym, ping-pong and fusseball in the games room, handled the registration behind the front desk, and ate snacks with the Boy Scouts. Almost every Scout troop has a lock-in and volunteers for scouting activities are greatly welcomed. The Scouts' Lock-in lasted from 9pm on Friday to 6am on Saturday. Many actives received little sleep because later Saturday we began

another service project. The second annual "Work Day" was a joint effort between St. Teresa, a Catholic organization on campus, Circle K, another service organization, and APO. Six days prior to the "Work Day", members of all three organizations sat behind tables outside cafeterias, asking students to pledge \$1 for the local, national and international food pantries. The "Work Day" split the organizations into three parts. One part worked at a halfway house in town, and the other two worked at two Boys and Girls Clubs. The tasks involved cleaning attics, washing windows (we really shined on this project), scrubbing walls, and raking leaves (we really piled in the hours).

This article is not meant for Zeta Gamma to boast about itself, rather to offer new ideas in the area of service to other chapters. We are a chapter of 30 members, and are dedicated to service. If you have questions about these events, write to us. Remember, we're all on this same team trying to score the same goals. If anyone has suggestions, please submit them, for the greatest sin of service ideas is keeping them to your chapter. For further information contact Joel Cederstrand, VP-Service, Zeta Gamma Chapter, Box 5, c/o Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

GAMMA PI

How does a chapter with 175 members who each need to get 20 hours of service find enough service projects?

Two years ago our chapter was faced with the problem of having more people to do service than service that needed people. A great idea was formed—a service presentation. We wanted to gather all of the people together who we could possibly do service for in the community; tell them who we are; and how to get in touch with us. We could kill lots of birds with one stone! Here's how we did it, how it has turned out, and some suggestions. Have fun!

We sent invitations to all of the volunteer, non-profit, and service organizations in our community, asking them to come to our presentation and to RSVP. Invitations were sent out at the end of August for the presentation in mid-September.

Next find a nice, comfortable, and fairly professional room for the presentation. We found that a Monday night is the best night for the presentation. Having refreshments also has worked well. The best combination is lemonade and tea cookies. We tried coffee and it doesn't go over well.

Develop your program. We've tried very formal and not so formal, and the latter works much better. Once we gave the guests a fairly complete history of APO, that's not such a good idea. The better idea was to have someone like the chapter president give a short talk on what sort of things our chapter does and

just a bit about how we got started. The VP of service, who was the MC for the night, told everyone what we could do for them—service projects. She explained our basic guidelines (e.g. we provide person power but not materials, you need to give at least a week's notice, etc.) She also explained how to get in touch with us. Next we had representatives from organizations that we have done service for say a few words about our helping them. Not only is this an ego boost, but also it is a great way to convince any skeptics. Then, of course, there is the round of questions from our guests. At the end, we ask that everyone fill out a contact sheet/evaluation for our records and we encourage everyone to mingle among themselves and with chapter members that are present. (You can distinguish between guests and chapter members by different colored name tags. It makes it easier to find an APO member.)

We have gotten so many contacts in the community by doing this that we rarely have to go out and look for projects. The majority of our projects now come from people calling us for help. We're helping groups that we never even thought of. The resource that we've tapped into is limitless. One great aspect is that we're out in the community not just on campus. People who have projects in other areas of the state are also using us as a resource to find

other chapters to help them in other locations.

We're hoping that someday this will turn into an annual banquet for the service organizations of the community. A time when they can all come together and share experiences and just recognize the work that they do in the community. We also want to film the presentation on video for other chapters.

Call your meeting with the public a "presentation", a "lecture", anything—but **not a reception**. We called it a service reception and people thought it meant to come anytime between 7 and 9 pm.

Include a questionnaire for them so that they can evaluate your presentation as well as give you information about them and how to get in contact with them.

Include a contact sheet with your important names and numbers so that they can easily get in contact with you.

Make things clear and easy for the guests. They are likely to be floored when they find out the things that we will do for them. Most people just don't believe that a bunch of college kids get together and do service.

Have fun, relax, and enjoy the company of people who share some ideals with you.

For more information contact Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Michigan, 4204 Michigan Union, 530 S State, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0001.

BOARD ACTION . . .

The Winter Board meeting of the National Board of Directors was held in Clemson, South Carolina, February 10, 1990. The following actions were taken:

—Declared the following eight chapters inactive: Alpha Alpha Chi, Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia

Alpha Beta Iota, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana

Alpha Beta Eta, College of the Southwest, Hobbs, New Mexico

Mu Phi, Fort Hays State University, Fort Hays, Kansas

Iota, Park College, Parkville, Missouri

Beta Kappa, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri

Phi Chi, Missouri Western College, St. Joseph, Missouri

Zeta Psi, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

(It was also recognized that if the following chapters are not brought into good standing before the July 1990 Board of Directors meeting, they will automatically be declared inactive at that time)

Lambda Delta, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, New Jersey

Sigma Omega, Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania

Phi Tau, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sigma Zeta, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina

Mu Gamma, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland

Pi Epsilon, Alabama A & M University, Normal, Alabama

Sigma Chi, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida

Tau Omicron, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana

Alpha Alpha Eta, MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois

Alpha Beta Omicron, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

Beta Phi, University of Southwest Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

Chi Nu, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana

Psi Epsilon, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, Louisiana

Kappa Eta, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Psi Lambda, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi

Psi Upsilon, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Beta Rho, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Psi Psi, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Pi Alpha, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas

Epsilon Epsilon, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri

Alpha Alpha Phi, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri

Alpha Alpha Kappa, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah

—Adopted a National Marketing Plan for the Fraternity.

—Approved the following activations and reactivations:

Delta Delta, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Epsilon Nu, the State University of New York-College at Oswego, Oswego, New York

Mu Omega, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida

Alpha Gamma Epsilon, DeVry Institute, Decatur, Georgia

Alpha Gamma Zeta, Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas

Alpha Gamma Eta, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

—Recognized Gamma Lambda Chapter, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, for their outstanding performance in hosting the February 1990 National Board of Directors meeting with a National Certificate of Appreciation.

—Appointed a committee to conduct a market sampling test concerning the publication of a photo history book on the Fraternity.

—Appointed Melissa Jobe Convention Chairman for the 1990 National Convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, December 27-30, 1990.

—Approved Deloitte Touche to complete the 1989 audit for the National Fraternity.

—Moved that "Focus 21", a program concerning the Fraternity's long-range goals, be evaluated at the summer board meeting prior to each National Convention. At that time, new goals would be developed so that the long-range goals reference committee at the Convention would be able to consider them.

—Extended continued good health and greetings to Berkeley Duncan, Past National Vice President and member of the Board of Directors.

—Expressed sincere appreciation at the invitation by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America for Alpha Phi Omega to represent the Boy Scouts by participating in the Eighth World Moot Mondial in Melbourne, Australia, in December 29, 1990-January 8, 1991. The Board further resolved to support the Moot based on interest shown by Brothers of the Fraternity.

—Extended birthday greetings to Howard Patton who recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

—Delegated to the Executive Committee the authority to act in the name of the Board with respect to a contract for an outside fund-raising consultant to secure contributions from national corporations and foundations for the National Office building.

—Approved that the Policy Manual, page 3-5 "Board Reports", be amended by deleting "one month" and substituting "fifteen (15) days".

—The 1990 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Nomination Committee was appointed by the President and includes Jerry Schroeder, Chairman, Fred L. Pollack, John Wetherington, Neal Farmer, and Earle Herbert. The committee was directed to report back to the Board in July of 1990.

—Approved that the summer 1990 Board meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas.

1990 CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

SIXTY-FIFTH

Alpha Lafayette College

SIXTIETH

Pi Kansas State University
Rho Univ of NC-Chapel Hill
Omicron University of Iowa

FIFTY-FIFTH

Alpha Rho Univ of Texas-Austin
Alpha Omicron Southern Methodist Univ

GOLDEN

Gamma Theta Univ of Colorado-Boulder
Gamma Nu University of Idaho
Gamma Lambda Clemson University
Gamma Pi University of Michigan
Gamma Xi Rockhurst College

FORTIETH

Theta Mu Vanderbilt University
Theta Xi Parks College of St Louis U
Theta Rho Sam Houston State Univ
Theta Tau Univ of Texas-Arlington
Theta Chi George Washington Univ
Gamma Kappa Texas Christian University
Iota Kappa Bucknell University
Iota Lambda N Carolina State U-Raleigh

THIRTY-FIFTH

Lambda Nu Duke University
Lambda Omicron West Virginia University
Lambda Rho Augustana College

THIRTIETH

Nu Beta Hope College
Nu Epsilon Georgia Southern College
Nu Delta Lebanon Valley College
Nu Zeta Abilene Christian Univ

SILVER

Omicron Upsilon West Chester University
Pi Beta University of Dubuque
Pi Epsilon Alabama A&M University
Pi Alpha Philander Smith College
Pi Zeta Tuskegee University

TWENTIETH

Phi Mu Norfolk State University
Phi Xi Austin College
Phi Tau Fayetteville State Univ
Phi Chi Missouri Western State C
Phi Phi Florida Memorial College
Chi Gamma James Madison University
Chi Zeta Univ of Tennessee-Martin

FIFTEENTH

Psi Psi U of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Psi Omega Univ of Central Florida

TENTH

Alpha Alpha Epsilon The College of Charleston
Alpha Alpha Theta St Ambrose University
Alpha Alpha Zeta St Marys University
Alpha Alpha Eta MacMurray College
Alpha Alpha Kappa Snow College
Alpha Alpha Rho Incarnate Word College

FIFTH

Alpha Beta Theta Morris College
Alpha Beta Lambda Wright State University
Alpha Beta Iota Saint Joseph's College



SECTION 42 SERVICE PROJECT

On January 6, thirty brothers from five chapters of Section 42 conducted a project on Galveston Beach, Galveston, Texas. Members staked down many Christmas trees on the beach of the Bolivar Peninsula on Galveston Island. The city officials said the trees will become "full fledged" sand dunes by summertime, helping keep more soil on the beach. APO brothers worked hand-in-hand with local Boy Scout troops on the project. City officials want to continue the project next year and the chapters felt it was worthwhile and will continue to help the city. For further information on this project contact Patty Everling, Section 42 Chairman, 1617A Oak Creek Lane, Bedford, TX 76022.

MU CHI

Santa Claus visited Indiana University of Pennsylvania as part of Mu Chi chapter's fund-raiser for Indiana County Toys for Tots. Santa was on hand to have his picture taken with IUP students, university staff and Indiana community children. Profit from the \$2 pictures was donated to Toys for Tots. However, Santa was not the only participant in the event. Polaroid film was donated by local grocery stores, photo shops and pharmacies. With the help of these businesses, a total of \$140 was raised to brighten the Christmas of several Indiana children. The fund-raiser, which went better than expected, will become an annual event, according to Karen Aigner and Jen Goerhing, donations co-chairs. For more information contact them at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1768, Indiana, PA 15705-1768.



NU SIGMA

Homecoming activities at Stephen F. Austin State University coincided with the National Service Day celebration. The brothers held an Ugly Man on Campus contest. This was the first time the school had experienced the Ugly Man competition. It was the talk of homecoming week and during the ceremony many laughs and cheers congratulated the winner as he was crowned the traditional "Ugly Man on Campus". The Nu Sigma Chapter also received the best float award for the homecoming week in their division. For more information contact Nu Sigma Chapter, Stephen F. Austin State University, P.O. Box 7081, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962-0001.



THETA POODAH

NEWSLETTER OF THETA CHAPTER

SPRING '89

Dear World,

I'm sending you my brother.

It's been a couple of years since we first met, in some cases, but it seems only yesterday. We've shared a lot of fun times over the years, and some not so good ones too. We've spent a few hours laughing, and I guess we've done some crying, too.

I'm sending you my brother, World.

Treat him fairly if you can. Give him enough successes to keep him always encouraged, and just enough failures to keep him from becoming too complacent. Let him remember the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and have him extend the helping hand of service to anyone who

might need it. I guess we've done that a few times too—we've helped each other stay awake pulling all nighters before big tests, we've painted walls, and even survived Brady Saunders. But most of all, we've helped each other grow in brotherhood and as friends.

I'm sending you my brother, World.

Take care of him and keep him strong. Let him remember the truths of Alpha Phi Omega—help him to lead others in friendship and in service. And if he ever needs help, or just a friend, remind him that he can always count on us as his brothers.

I'm sending you my brother, World.

Take his hand and show him your ways. Help him to make himself a success, and then to make those who need him a success. Bring him back to see us often, so that the bonds of love may stay strong.

I'm giving you my brother, World.

I'll miss him. It's hard to say good-bye now, even though we've known for a long time that this day would come. It's time he tried his wings anyway. Keep him busy, World, but never too busy to think of those he has left behind for now. It hurts to lose him right now, but I know he'll make out fine. He's my brother, World, and I love him. Make him stay a Theta for life. Thank you, World.

ATTENTION!



1990 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Clarion Hotel — Dec. 27-30, 1990
St. Louis, MO

ATTENTION!



For more information call the National Office at 816-471-8667 — Complete information and convention registration form will be in the Fall issue of the Torch & Trefoil.

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