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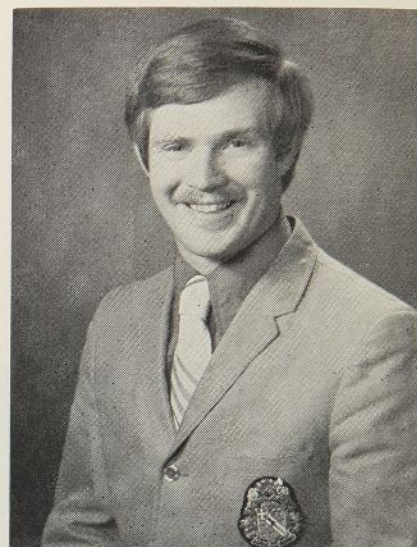
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Introducing Jim Williams



Many Brothers and Chapters in Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri in the past several weeks have been contacted by Jim Williams, the newest National Service Representative.

Genial Jim, as his Brothers in Beta Psi, Southeast Missouri State, remember him, joined the A Phi O Staff late in January. The selection screening committee included the National President, the Vice President, several members of the Board, and Roger Sherwood, the new National Director.

Jim, a Life Member of Alpha Phi Omega, is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State. He has served as an officer in Beta Psi, is an enthusiastic Scouter, and his sports include football, basketball, baseball and tennis. Jim's father is a respected M.D. in Southeast Missouri. He has an older brother and sister, both married.

Jim's principal assignment will be to advise and work with chapter officers and sectional leaders and to assist groups forming new Chapters. He will be working alongside Jim Donnalley, A Phi O's enthusiastic and energetic Service Representative.

His selection fills a real need for more direct National assistance to chapters. Come what may we are determined to provide more and more such help to all Chapters. Chapter delegates to Convention '70 at Dallas asked for this and the National Board decided the Fraternity would provide such help even if we had to face a deficit financial operation to do so. I believe you will find our newest man a dedicated and resourceful Brother working to strengthen the Fraternity in every possible way. He will come to assist, not to find fault.

DENVER CONVENTION PLANS MOVE AHEAD

Preparations for Convention '72, to be held at the Denver Hilton next December 27-28-29, gathered momentum with the announcement of the appointment of Warren Stookey as Program Chairman by President Aubrey B. Hamilton, and the selection of temporary convention arrangements committee leaders by Chapters in Colorado, the host section.

Brother Stookey's participation in National Conventions began shortly after his initiation in May, 1948, as an undergraduate member of Zeta Nu, Southern Illinois University—Carbondale.

The Chapter chose him as one of its delegates to the 1948 Convention, held in Chicago. Subsequently, he served as a delegate at Con '62, Kansas City; Con '64, Denver; Con '66, Minneapolis; Con '68, Washington, D. C.; and Con '70, Dallas. In 1966, he was elected a member of the National Board. In 1968, he was Advisor to the Time and Place Committee. He has served on National Committee for Alumni, Fund Raising, and Publications. In addition to his Board responsibilities he serves as Sectional Chairman for Southern Illinois and Western Missouri and as an Advisor to Epsilon Pi, Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville.

Chapters in Colorado plan to meet April 15-16 at the Denver Hilton to perfect pre-convention arrangements. They held preliminary sessions for that purpose last November 28 and February

19, with Sectional Chairman Rex Pielstick in charge.

Subject to confirmation later, Colorado chapters have selected Bob Brown, Upsilon Sigma, Western State College, as Convention Chairman and have named the following chairmen to head eleven arrangements committees: Convention Services, Milton Campbell, Gamma Theta, University of Colorado; Transportation, Verle Plumb, Gamma Theta; Floor Services, Mike Young, Upsilon Sigma; Publications, Jim Eastland, Upsilon Sigma; Information and Publicity, Mike Gress, Upsilon Sigma; Registration and Appeals, Dave James, Upsilon Sigma; Exhibits, Robert Meyer, Regis College, where a new Chapter is being formed; V.I.P. Hosting, Speaker Assistance and Heritage, Mike Grosche, Upsilon Sigma; Souvenirs, Steve Moore, Regis; Back Up,

Bob Vjorkland, Upsilon Xi; Procurement, Doug Wilkins, Epsilon Xi.

This year will be the second time the Fraternity has held a National Convention in Denver. The Convention of 1964 was held there and Delegates enjoyed Denver's hospitality and the scenic beauty of the area.

The Denver Hilton is situated in the heart of the downtown area. It has a national reputation for good service and fine food. Every Chapter should plan to be represented at Denver. Convention business will include the election of seven National Officers and election of Regional Representatives for Regions Two, Four, Six, Eight, and Ten. Delegates will receive and act on reports and recommendations by Twelve Task Forces. Come to Denver next December.



In the above photo, Robert Rogalski, First Vice President, Epsilon Pi, Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville, congratulates Warren Stookey, Chapter Advisor, on his appointment as Program Chairman, Convention '72.

Finances and Our Future

By George F. Cahill

National Finance Chairman



The completion of the annual audit of Alpha Phi Omega's finances enables us to once again share with the membership our financial position and the steps being taken to improve it. The audit was made by the well known and highly respected CPA firm of Arthur Young & Co.

The audit for 1970-71 shows that last year our general fund budgeted receipts totaled \$109,602 and our expenditures \$130,207, a deficit of \$20,605. In the same year non-budgeted receipts for items such as the 1970 Convention, and sales of jewelry and supplies, totaled \$34,212, while expenses for them totaled \$35,319, a deficit of \$1,207. So our gross deficit last year amounted to \$21,712.

Being a service-based organization, we would all expect that the Fraternity's greatest expense would relate to people who render services to Chapters and Members. Last year we expended for "Salaries" \$53,911. The Staff included: four ladies who work in the Fraternity office in Kansas City and keep the Fraternity's books and membership records; who mail all of the material to each Chapter and all Life Members; prepare membership certificates; answer all inquiries with regard to Chapters, Sections, and Regions; a part time packaging and mail clerk; plus the Executive Director and his staff of two men.

The *Torch & Trefoil* items, \$10,225, includes packaging and mailing costs and the printing of four issues annually, averaging nearly 20,000 copies each.

The "Chapter Visitation Staff" expense item, \$15,746, covers field and travel expenses for the Executive Director and his staff to service Chapters and Sections. The same title for "Chapter Visitation Non-Staff" for the "Executive Committee and Directors" relates to authorized travel expenses for the President and all National Officers, Board Members, and Representa-

tives when dispatched by the President specifically to install a new Chapter or attend a Conference and/or make a trip at his request, representing him and the Fraternity. Expenses for these two totaled \$3,398.

The other 13 items in the budget are self-explanatory. Please note that the Finance Committee Chairman stands ready to answer any inquiries concerning the audit.

Last year's deficits have left the Fraternity in a precarious financial condition. What caused them? There are several obvious causes. Inflationary pressures have forced operating costs up. The number of Chapters to be served has increased. At the same time, average membership per Chapter has decreased. The dilemma which the National Fraternity faces is to provide more and more service to a growing number of Chapters with decreased membership.

The Fraternity's year of greatest budgeted receipt income was \$150,049, 1968-69. The prior continuous trend of increasing income was reversed the following year, and income decreased to \$131,774 in 1969-70 and last year to \$109,602. These decreases occurred at precisely the time when inflation was escalating costs and when circumstances on campus confirmed our need for additional Staff growth. These factors accentuated the difficult situation wrought by the decreasing income.

We are confident that this trend can be reversed because of the attitude and actions Brothers on campuses are taking. Let me cite two examples:

The Winter '71 issue of *Torch & Trefoil* carried an article on "Project Survival," originated by Beta Sigma Chapter, Texas Tech. We will be hearing more about this as Convention '72 approaches. It represents the determination of undergraduate members to tackle this difficult problem head-on and master it.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
RESULTING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

August 31, 1971

ASSETS

Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 4,582	
Accounts receivable	462	
Inventories, at lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market:		
Merchandise for sale	\$ 5,780	
Printed materials and supplies	4,727	10,507
Prepaid postage		84
Total current assets		15,635
Furniture and equipment, at cost and estimated values	14,522	
Less accumulated depreciation	8,477	
Net furniture and equipment		6,045
		<u>\$21,680</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:		
Payroll taxes and other salary deductions	\$ 819	
Fund equity		20,861
		<u>\$21,680</u>

ALPHA PHI OMEGA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND CASH RECEIPTS, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
Year ended August 31, 1971

Receipts - budgeted:		
Initiation fees	\$ 61,103	
Pledge fees	25,446	
Royalties	3,852	
Annual chapter fees	13,381	
Development Campaign contributions	5,138	
Charter fees	560	
Interest	122	
		<u>109,602</u>
Expenses - budgeted:		
Salaries	\$53,911	
Chapter visitation - staff	15,746	
Chapter visitation - nonstaff	970	
Printing	7,741	
Telephone and telegraph	6,467	
Certificates, charters and awards	3,154	
Torch and Trefoil expense	10,225	
Rent	5,520	
Data processing	4,117	
Executive committee and directors	2,428	
Office supplies	1,163	
Postage and express	4,269	
Retirement expense	4,436	
Hospitalization insurance	2,883	
Social Security taxes	2,151	
Auditing and accounting	3,400	
Insurance	1,000	
Equipment maintenance	626	130,207
Excess of budgeted expenses over budgeted receipts		<u>20,605</u>
Receipts - nonbudgeted:		
Sale of jewelry and supplies	19,724	
Convention fees	11,823	
Endowment Fund reimbursement for fund raising expenses	2,544	
Other	121	34,212
Expenses - nonbudgeted:		
Purchase of jewelry and supplies	15,724	
Convention expenses	17,347	
Development Campaign expenses	2,021	
Bad debt expense	227	35,319
Excess of nonbudgeted expenses over nonbudgeted receipts		<u>1,107</u>
Excess of expenses over receipts		21,712
Depreciation		2,053
Excess of expenses, including depreciation, over receipts		<u>23,765</u>
Fund equity at August 31, 1970		44,626
Fund equity at August 31, 1971		<u>\$ 20,861</u>

Michigan Chapters reflect the same constructive attitude. It was my good fortune to sit in on their discussion of our Fraternity's finances at their Nov. 13, 1971 Sectional Conference. Perry Correll of the Board briefed them and in a lively informative question and answer session delegates covered the whys and wherefores of the Fraternity's budget.

They could have been negative about all of this. Instead they adopted a positive approach. Their decisions will be of interest, since they looked first to themselves to respond to the need. This is what they set as their goals:

1. Each Michigan Chapter to contribute an additional \$25 to the National Fraternity this year, to insure the employment of a second Service Representative.
2. Each Michigan Chapter to forward promptly fees for new pledges and initiates to the National Office.

3. Each Chapter to promptly pay its per capita this year for all its members. We believe these actions are representative of the determination of all Chapters to meet the Fraternity's financial needs.

In view of these expressions by undergraduates the Board's calculated risk in adopting a deficit operating budget for this year seems more than justified. After intense study and analysis the Board approved a budget of \$133,540 for this fiscal year, which terminates August 31, 1972. The estimated expenditures exceeded their anticipated revenue by \$14,575.

The Board took the unprecedented action of deficit budgeting specifically to provide a second National Service Representative, as requested by the delegates at the 1970 National Convention in Dallas. Frankly, the Fraternity is gambling that increased service to Chapters will result in sufficient added growth and income to offset the deficit. If each Chap-

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News and Views

National and Regional

REGION V—PERRY CORRELL, REPRESENTATIVE. Brothers in Region V recently enjoyed meeting Alpha Phi Omega's new National Service Representative, Jim Williams. Jim met with Chapters in Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, and attended the Kentucky Sectional Conference and Sectional Leaders Meeting.

The Kentucky Conference, held at Western Kentucky in Bowling Green on February 12, elected as the Sectional Chairman, Allen Vessels, an alumnus of Delta Theta at the University of Louisville. Brother Vessels brings to his new post an outstanding leadership record at Delta Theta.

This promises to be a busy spring for Region V with several major conferences scheduled. On February 15, Sectional leaders met at Columbus, Ohio. On April 15, Sectional Conferences are scheduled for three of the Region V Sections. West Virginia Chapters will meet at West Virginia University, and the Northern Ohio and Southern Ohio Sections will hold a joint meeting at Ohio State.

REGION VI—DR. LAWRENCE L. HIRSCH, REPRESENTATIVE. This is proving to be a most active year in Region Six, comprising Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

The Region leads the country this year in Chapter formations, with three new Chapters approved. Chi Phi, Oakland Community College at Orchard Ridge, already installed, and Chi Omega, McKendree College, and Psi Beta, Illinois Central College, both scheduled for installation in February.

Membership in Region Six is up—15% so far this University year on the Pledge side and approximately 80% on the Initiate side. We anticipate further gains this spring.

Nine Chapters in the Region will observe significant anniversaries. Cumulatively, the "Region VI Nine" have compiled 260 years of unselfish Service to Campus, Community and Country. We salute Kappa Iota, Hanover College, on its 20th Anniversary; Delta Xi, Ball State; 6 Delta Omicron, Wabash College; Delta Psi, Eastern Illinois; Epsilon Beta, Central Michigan, and Epsilon Lambda, Michigan Tech, on their Silver Anniversaries; Beta Beta, Michigan State, on its 35th birthday and Alpha Alpha, University of Illinois, and Alpha Gamma, Purdue University, each chartered 40 years ago.

REGION VII—C. P. ZLATKOVICH, REPRESENTATIVE. Three Sectional Conferences in March will be held in Region VII, comprising Texas and Louisiana.

The schedule includes North Central Texas at Southern Methodist

University in Dallas, March 10-11; in Lafayette, March 18-19; and East Texas State College, Edinburg. A very fine conference in West Texas, was held January 28-29. Brothers are invited to attend their respective Conferences.

Two multi-chapter Service projects are planned for March. In Texas the annual Heart Fund Drive will be held during Heart Month. In Louisiana Chapters will engage in a similar project.

The Magnificent Seven extends its thanks to its Executive Director, Roger A. Sherwood, and to its Sectional Director, Scanlon, long-time Director.

Region Seven this university year continues to lead all other Regions in the number of chapters chartered far this year and in the number of new members paid. We can lead also in the number of new initiates. We will send in their reports to the National Conference.

REGION IX—WILLIAM J. VINING, REPRESENTATIVE. Region IX have been actively involved in various experiences.

The weekend of January 29-30 for Region IX was a most successful one. Brothers gathered at Hamline University for the Section 23 Conference, under the capable leadership of Chairman, Mike Suhr. Also in attendance was Representative, Jim Donnalley.

During the next three weeks, Brother Vining will be visiting Wisconsin and Minnesota, visiting with various fraternities and visiting groups. During his journey to the National Conference held at the University of Nebraska, worthy, Sectional Chairman, was in attendance.

At the same time Section 27 Chapters conferred at Midland Lutheran University. Sectional Chairman Herman Kyrklund was in attendance. The topics discussed was the reaction of Nebraska and Creighton.

On April 8-9, Eta Lambda at Wisconsin will be holding a Region 9 Conference. In attendance will be North, National Board member, and Executive Director.

Louisiana at Southern Louisiana Texas, March 24-25 at Pan American Conference for the Fourth Section, at Abilene. All Chapters are urged to attend.

Events will be held in February and March. Fund Bathtub Pull from Houston to Austin, Texas, February 20-27, and in March. Tree Planting Project during March. Best wishes to our new National Service Representative, as he takes over from Joseph

Donnalley, which began last September 1, in the number of men pledged so far. The number of men for whom per capita has been collected is the best ever. The number of men initiated if all Chapters attend the National Office.

G, REPRESENTATIVE. Instead of a cold Northern winter, Chapters in the South are involved in exchanging ideas and ex-

perience around Minnesota and South Dakota. The University in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the past year has had able leadership of Sectional Chairmen. The new one was National Service Representative

Donnalley traveled throughout the country, visiting Chapters and conferring with petitioners. He participated in the Section 27 of Wisconsin—Green Bay. Ed Elmer was in charge of the meeting.

When the chapters were meeting, Nebraska Chapter in Fremont, Nebraska, and conducted the session. Among the topics of discussion at the University

of Wisconsin State at Eau Claire will host the conference. The presence at the conference will be Sid Stookey, National Execu-

Dr. James Cox West Texas Chairman

Dr. James Cox, Tau Theta, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas, is the newly elected Chairman for the West Texas Section. He succeeds Dean Lewis N. Jones.

Dr. Cox was the unanimous choice of Chapter Delegates attending the West Texas Conference, held January 29-30 at McMurry College, Abilene, the home of Omicron Delta Chapter. Brother Cox formerly was Advisor to Kappa Alpha Chapter at Lamar Tech.

All but two of the chapters in the section attended the conference. Advisors to Conference Committees included Dean Lewis N. Jones, Texas Tech; Dean Garvin Beauchamp, Abilene Christian; Gene Lake, former National Service Representative; and C. P. Zlatkovich, Regional Representative. Visiting Brothers attended from Alpha Rho, University of Texas—Austin, and Theta Tau, University of Texas—Arlington.

Plans to promote and attend Convention '72 at Denver were discussed. Chapters reviewed membership achievements. The Section will hold a Fall Conference early next December.

National Board Meets

On February 25-26, the National Board of Directors met in Kansas City, Missouri. In this productive session, which was well attended by Board members from all parts of the country, the Board took several major steps toward the advancement of Alpha Phi Omega. Among these actions:

- Unanimously recommending a serious consideration of the participation and status of women in the work of the Fraternity, both as members and advisors (see back page).
- Appointment of a committee to develop means of better serving Chapters through increased field service.
- Instructing the National Executive Director to develop leadership training programs which would provide guidance for Sectional leaders.
- Appointment of a committee to study the feasibility of establishing an Alpha Phi Omega "Hall of Honor."
- Development of plans for the 1972 National Convention and the appointment of Warren Stookey as Program Chairman.

These actions all point to a forward looking Board, and to the promise of a bright future for Alpha Phi Omega.

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Good Communications

Sid Smith, the popular Sectional Chairman for Northern California believes in advertising A Phi O. He decided an appropriate auto license plate would help, and it has. Everybody knows when Sid is on campus. Creative thinking, to say the least.



The above is a photo of Sectional Chairman Sid Smith's "A Phi O" California license plate. Congratulations, Sid.

Helpmates

Tau Epsilon, Tennessee Tech, engaged in more than 1,000 hours of Service in the 1971 winter quarter.

The Chapter helped move girls into dorms at the beginning of the quarter, helped set up the Tech Art Gallery, maintained a Peace Corps display in the University Center, served as Career Day Guides and sponsored a highly successful March of Dimes Benefit Dance, which in the past two years has netted more than \$1,200. The Chapter also sponsored a Boy Scout Troop in Baxter, Tenn. Well done, Tau Epsilon.

Section 91 Friendship Barrel

Chapters in Section 91, Northeastern Pennsylvania, contributed more than \$100 recently to Hedy Borges, victim of a kidney disease requiring a kidney machine to keep her alive. Hedy's mother has sent the chapters a letter of appreciation. The Sectional Chairman, Brother Charles Canning, has suggested each chapter plan to donate blood this year, as Hedy requires several pints each week. For details about the Friendship Barrel project write: Charles S. Canning, Sectional Chairman, 221 North 30th Street, Allentown, Pa. 18104.

Urbana Jail Repainted

More than two dozen Brothers of Alpha Alpha, University of Illinois, repainted the Urbana jail early in October. Alpha Alpha Little Sisters assisted. They came back with band-aids on their hands and pink paint in their hair. Later they helped move and paint the new office for the Opportunities Industrial Council. Who's next?

Lambda Gamma Blood Bank

Brothers of Lambda Gamma, Manhattan College, collected more than 300 pints of blood in a drive they sponsored for the Manhattan College Blood Bank.

The Chapter assisted the New York Fire Department's Anchor Club in running a bazaar for the benefit of the New York Foundling Hospital. Nine new initiates were welcomed recently.

Moon Rock Display

Kim English and Bob Johnson, Brothers of Chi Kappa Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, watch over "Moon Rock" display held in the lobby of the school auditorium, September 26. The Brothers spent the afternoon answering questions from visitors to the exhibit. Over 600 people came to view the rock, exposing the A Phi O tradition of Service to a large portion of the community.



Chi Kappa Brothers guard "Moon Rock" display at University of North Carolina—Asheville. Brother Dave Bossard snapped the above, showing Kim English, left, and Bob Johnson on duty.

Used Book Exchange Successful

Once again Gamma Iota, Brooklyn College, reports the conclusion of a successful Used Book Exchange Project. Net proceeds enabled the Brothers to donate \$150 to the Cancer Society.

A leather goods sale raised more than \$300, donated by the Chapter to the Cystic Fibrosis and Epilepsy Foundations. Thank you, Gamma Iota, for sharing this news with all of us.

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Nigerian Clothing Drive

Sigma Omega Chapter, Lincoln University (Pa.) sponsored a successful clothing drive recently for "a poor, destitute and diseased village" in Nigeria. This drive reminds all of us of A Phi O's commitment to Service to all mankind. Other recent projects have included supervising recreational activities for little brothers and sisters of Lincoln Village, campus clean-up, posting of signs to deter vandalism on campus, assisting with freshman orientation, and a continuing quadrangle beautification project. More power to you, Brothers of Sigma Omega.

New School in Costa Rica

Theta Tau, University of Texas—Arlington, donated \$950 recently to the Peace Corps to build a two-room school in Vuelta de Kopper, Costa Rica. The money represented the proceeds of a "Beauty and the Beast" contest, conducted by the Chapter on the U.T.A. campus. Residents there will provide 400 to 500 hours of labor to match Theta Tau's.

Congratulations, Steve Taylor

Delta Omega Brothers, University of Houston, are proud of Steve Taylor. They have every reason to be. Steve received the Distinguished Service Award at the last National Order of the Arrow Convention. This is the highest honor the National Scouting Camper Society can award. It was established in 1940 and since then has been only bestowed on 165 men. Well done, Steve.

Walk for Mankind

Eta Omega, University of Montana, will play a major role April 22 in a "Walk for Mankind" featured by Project Concern.

Various organizations will sponsor walkers, and for each walking mile completed by the entrants the organization will contribute an agreed sum of money. Proceeds will be used to relieve the poor in Appalachia, and among the Navajos, the migrant workers or overseas war refugees.

The Chapter is considering a project to help the blind in Missoula.

Chapter elections January 23 resulted in the election of Wayne Campbell as President, and Ted Braid, First Vice President, and Dave Rimmel, Second Vice President.

Eta Omega plans to be well represented at the next National Convention, to be held December 27-28-29 at the Denver Hilton.

Eta Expands Service

Eta, Northern Illinois University, has formed a Little Sisters auxiliary, with eighteen members. The Chapter's Service program includes assistance to the Peace Corps, the Boy Scouts, the Nachusea Home for Children and the building of a playground for St. Paul's Episcopal church. The Chapter has drafted a Mississippi River sand bagging flood prevention program, in case of need this spring. Congratulations, Brothers.

Alpha Plans Scout Swim Meet

Alpha Chapter, Lafayette College, the founding chapter, is planning a Scout swim meet this spring. The Chapter's recent Service projects have included campus traffic control at registration time and decoration of the campus chapel during the Christmas season.

Mu Nu March of Dimes

Mu Nu, Western Illinois University, working with the women in Alpha Omicron Pi, collected \$727 for the March of Dimes Saturday, January 22. This was the largest amount ever collected in the annual drive held by A Phi O. It is over twice the amount of \$340 collected last year.

Collections which started Saturday morning at 8:30 and ended at 4:00 p.m., were made by the students of Western and the citizens of Macomb, around the square, at Eagle's Food Store, Kroger's Food Store, McDonalds and Sandy's.

We thank the students and citizens for their donations and for



making this drive the biggest in the 11-year history of the A Phi O March of Dimes drive. Brothers of Mu Nu and women in Alpha Omicron Pi reflect in the above photo their jubilation in raising more than \$700 for the March of Dimes.

FINANCE REPORT

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ter initiated a few more members this year than last year, and submitted the fees promptly to the National Office, the deficit would be covered. So the problem can be solved with a little effort.

And now a word about our Endowment Fund. This was started many years ago with monies mostly derived from Life Membership fees. Its purpose was to establish a fund to meet needs in case of a crisis such as a war or a depression. World War II cut off all membership fees for several years. Without contributions from a few devoted Brothers, the Fraternity could not have survived.

Our Fraternity Endowment account totaled \$116,336 at the time of our last audit. Its earnings assist annual operations. These earnings now amount to about \$4,000 a year. All Life Membership fees are deposited in the Endowment Fund.

You and I have a tremendous stake in Alpha Phi Omega—in its moral and fiscal liability—and these are inter-dependent. Let's be sure that we adhere to the fundamental ideals, principles and concepts of Alpha Phi Omega. When we do, we appeal to a significant number of the very best men from every corner and pocket of every campus and we become truly representative of the campus.

In the inner circle of Alpha Phi Omega there are always to be found those men who are attracted to the idea, ideal and spirit of Service. Here they are found in significant numbers and irrespective of race, creed, color, social or economic differences, civic, or other fraternal identifications. Friendship abounds in such a climate as in no other and, out of the chemistry of this human interaction of the highest type, come rare and extraordinary qualities of leadership. When such a spirit is at the core and is the main-spring of an APO Chapter, it attracts pledges in new numbers, and those become active members. The Chapter grows emotionally, spiritually, and numerically, and is strong physically and morally, so then is the National Fraternity.

New Chapters . . .

CHI PHI, Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, Farmington, Michigan, was installed November 13, by Berkeley P. Duncan, Michigan Sectional Chairman. The ritual was exemplified by Brothers of a number of Michigan Chapters. Congratulations, Brothers of Chi Phi, and welcome into the ranks of A Phi O.

CHI CHI, State College of Arkansas, Conway, was installed December 4. The ritual team included Brothers from Beta Rho, University of Arkansas, and Pi Pi, College of the Ozarks. Dean John Stefferud, Sectional Chairman, presented the Charter to Dr. Silas Snow, President of the College, and to Bob Williams, the Chapter President. The National Director, Joseph Scanlon, was guest speaker at the closing banquet.

CHI PSI, Newark State College, Evening Division, was installed December 4 by Col. Lucius E. Young, National Vice President. Dr. Nathan Weiss, President of the College, and Chapter President Charles Hutler, accepted the Charter. The ritual was ably conducted by Pi Tau, St. Peter's Evening Division. Congratulations, Chi Psi.

CHI LAMBDA, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina, posed for the below photo following the installation last May. The ceremony was conducted by H. Frank Gay, Jr., Chairman of Section 80. Phi Mu, Norfolk State, presented the Ritual. The Chapter President is Robert L. Copeland.



A PHI O SCORES WORLD RECORD

Brothers of Chi Tau, Lea College, Albert Lea, Minn., have broken the world's record for marathon basketball by playing for 120 continuous hours. The claim is subject to acceptance by the "Guinness Book of Records," published in Middlesex, England, and recognized as the authoritative source for records of this kind.

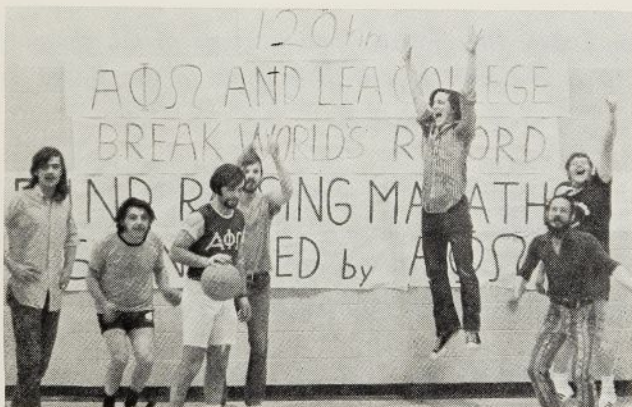
The marathon was conducted to raise funds for the college. More than \$550 was obtained. Twenty Brothers of Chi Tau, in five-man relays, competed with on-and-off campus teams from 6 p.m. of December 6 to the same hour on December 11.

During the five days APO Brothers scored 13,314 points to 12,700 for their competitors. They had to use a second basketball when the cover wore off the first

one, and were confined to half a court part of the time. This occurred when each hoop fell off the backboard and had to be replaced. Fortunately both did not fall off at the same time.

The previous recognized world's record, 100 hours, was established by Hutton Grammar School of Prenton, England, in July, 1970.

The members of the Fraternity that participated in the game were: Ralph Ianfolla, Carl Ferrara, S. John Kaczmarczyk, David White, Tom Murphy, Bruce Keller, Tom Kane, Pete McCann, Bren Bates, Robert Famularo, Richard Skelton, Alessandro Centrella, Lawrence Swanson, Richard Weinrott, Paul Jagielski, Peter Lukshis, Raymond Scott, F. David Blake, Andy Maletich, Rick Cihak, Don Christian and Roger John Ruseski.



Shown above are jubilant members of Chi Tau Chapter, Lea College, upon the completion of their world record smashing 120 hours of continuous basketball playing. Take note, Olympics.

IN MEMORIAM



M. Buford Blair

One of Alpha Phi Omega's most distinguished Brothers, Professor M. Buford Blair, died Tuesday, February 8, in Roanoke, Virginia. "Bu," as he was affectionately known to his Brothers, served as Advisor to Zeta Beta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from its foundation in 1948. His interest in the Fraternity never lagged. Over the years his devoted leadership was recognized both in and beyond his Chapter. He was chosen to serve not only as Sectional Chairman, for Virginia, but also as a National Board Member from 1962 to 1966.

At the time of his death, Professor Blair was an associate professor emeritus of physical education and health at Virginia Tech. He served on the Tech faculty for more than forty years and retired in 1967. He was a man of many interests, serving as a Scouter extraordinary, and receiving the Silver Beaver award.

The greatest tribute we can pay to him is to carry on those things he held dear—not the least of which is Alpha Phi Omega.

Torch and Trefoil is your publication. As such, it deserves to be representative of the Fraternity, and we strive for this.

However, our ability to report on the activities of individual Chapters is directly dependent upon our receiving material for publication. We encourage all Chapters to submit articles, with accompanying photos, if possible, of Chapter projects and activities.

While we cannot guarantee that we will print every article we receive we can and will consider each item for inclusion in the magazine. We need your help to make this a truly national publication.

Women in A Phi O? The Board Recommends . . .

It is the consensus of this Board that the fraternity must consider seriously the participation and status of women in the work of the fraternity, both as members and advisors. We, therefore, make the following recommendations:

- I. *To the Task Force on the Role of Women in Service Projects—that it expand its concerns so as to prepare for the Board of Directors and submit prior to the Denver Convention legislation permitting individual chapters to involve women in ways the local chapters may determine, up to and including full membership.*
- II. *To the National Executive Director—that he develop ways by which every section shall consider this question in depth prior to the Denver Convention.*
- III. *To all Sectional Chairmen—that they review the practices and interests of the chapters in their sections and through the Regional Representatives report these facts to the Board before the close of the current academic year.*
- IV. *To all active chapters—an appeal that they consider the issues involved in the status and participation of women in the fraternity's program of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, with regard for the implications of such changes not only for their local interests but for the educational impact on American higher education of a truly national Alpha Phi Omega.*

In offering these recommendations, the Board of Directors is conscious of the impact on our traditional ways of functioning which these changes would entail. We believe, however, that not only is our society rapidly changing its folkways with respect to the organizational relationships of men and women in college but even without legislation the individual chapters of Alpha Phi Omega are changing their local practices.

We urge the Denver Convention to act to clarify an internal Alpha Phi Omega situation which is both confused and divisive.

For our part, we believe the fraternity must move courageously and confidently toward a recognition of the values to each other and to the fraternity's program of equality of participation of men and women. We urge chapters to expand their programs in this direction.

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