

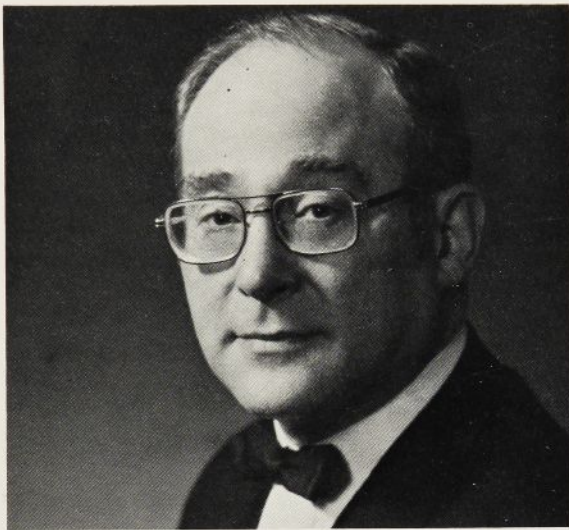


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WINTER-SPRING 1975

## HIRSCH AND JURVIS ELECTED BY CONVENTION



NATIONAL PRESIDENT

LAWRENCE L. HIRSCH, M.D.     *BETA GAMMA '40*

The 1974 National Convention elected to the presidency a Brother who has served 20 years in the National Board of Directors, Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch. Dr. Hirsch, affectionately known as "Pinky," has been active in the Fraternity on local, sectional, regional, and national levels since his initiation into Beta Gamma Chapter at the Central YMCA College in 1940. He is a founder of the APO Alumni Movement.

Brother Hirsch is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at the Chicago Medical School. He is on the Executive Committee of the Chicago Medical Society, serves as President-Elect of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, and is active in a number of other local, state and national medical societies.

He has an outstanding record of service to Scouting, serving on the Executive Board of the Chicago Area Council and as a member of the National Activities Committee of the National Council. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver, the Silver Antelope and the Distinguished Eagle Award, three of Scouting's highest honors. In addition to his many Scouting and medical activities, Dr. Hirsch is a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, Shriner, and a member of the American Humanities Foundation.

The new President and his wife, Donna, reside in Chicago. Their daughter, Sharon, and son, Ed, attend Grinnell College in Iowa.



NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

LORIN A. JURVIS     *DELTA NU '53*

Serving as the new National Vice President is Lorin A. Jurvis of Washington D.C. Brother Jurvis brings to the vice presidency a history of dedicated service to the Fraternity since his initiation into Delta Nu Chapter at Yale University in 1953. He has served as Chapter President, Sectional Chairman, Region III Representative, and on numerous National Committees.

Mr. Jurvis is a Foreign Affairs Specialist with the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C., and currently serves as Program Coordinator for the East Asia and Pacific area.

He was originally elected to the Board in 1968, and in 1970 was selected as Region III Representative. He was the National Capital Alumni Association Man of the Year, and served as Arrangements Chairman for the 1968 National Convention.

Active in Scouting, he is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the Order of the Arrow. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver, and serves as an Explorer Advisor. He attended the 1964 National and 1967 World Jamborees as a Scoutmaster.

An ardent hiker and skier, Mr. Jurvis is a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the Eastern Ski Association, and the Ski Club of Washington, D.C. He is single.



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## CONVENTION '74 ... A BIG SUCCESS

More than 900 Brothers and guests gathered in St. Louis on December 27-29, 1974 for Alpha Phi Omega's 23rd National Convention. For three days the Brothers deliberated on changes to the National By-Laws, the site of the next Convention, Resolutions, National Officers, and attended seminars and discussion sessions on a variety of subjects.

The delegates elected Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch of Chicago as the new National President and Lorin A. Jurvis of Washington, D.C. as Vice President. Elected to serve as Executive Committeemen were Ed M. Andrews, Martinsville, Indiana; Dr. John E. Hanke Cheney, Washington; Sid Smith, Omaha, Nebraska; Warren C. Weidman, Reading, Pennsylvania; and C. P. Zlatkovich, Austin, Texas.

Regional Representatives were elected for Regions 1-2-3-5-7-8-9. Now serving in this capacity are: I - Lewis Finkel; II - Joe Morrone; III - Robert J. Harris; IV - Dr. R. L. Brittain; V - William Rugh; VI - Berkeley P. Duncan; VII - Abe Frishman; VIII - Darrell Spoon; IX - Michael W. Suhr; X - Earle M. Herbert. Biographies of these ten Brothers will be included in the next issue of *Torch and Trefoil*.

The results of the deliberations and actions of the delegates are reported throughout this issue of *Torch and Trefoil*. The action taken regarding women is reported by Vice President Jurvis.

The National Distinguished Service Key, the Fraternity's highest honor, was conferred upon Lucius E. Young, LTC, Ret., Past National President; Alden G. Barber, Chief Scout Executive; and Warren Stookey, Convention Coordinator, Sectional Chairman and Past National Board Member. Delta Sigma, University of Connecticut, and Sigma Theta, St. Mary's College, were presented the Arno "Shorty" Nowotny National Service Award for conducting outstanding projects during the past two years.

A special guest of honor at the Convention was Ellsworth Dobson, one of five surviving founders of Alpha Phi Omega. An inspiring tribute to Past National President H. Roe Bartle was offered by Joseph Scanlon, retired National Executive Director.

Plans for Convention '76, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia are already underway.

The actions taken by the delegates to Convention '74 were what they felt to be in the best interests of the Fraternity. Their dedication in spending time and money to work for the betterment of Alpha Phi Omega is deeply appreciated, and is one of the main reasons for Alpha Phi Omega's position as a leader among American college fraternities.



# National Executive Committeemen

*The delegates to Con '74 elected five outstanding Brothers to the Executive Committee. The President has assigned the committeemen to head the following committees. They will serve in these capacities until the 1976 National Convention.*

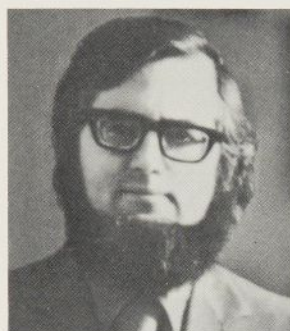


ED M. ANDREWS

## ★ NATIONAL EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

**ED M. ANDREWS, GAMMA LAMBDA '51**

Assistant Director of the American Camping Association, Martinsville, Indiana. Responsibilities include Director of Field Service and Special Project Manager for Ecology and Environmental concerns. Originally joined Gamma Lambda, Clemson University in South Carolina, transferred to Iota Rho, Florida State University. Has served as Chapter Officer, Chapter Advisor, Sectional Chairman, Endowment Trustee, Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Committee and on the National Board of Directors. Previous experience includes professional Scouting in Orlando, Florida and Lynchburg, Virginia. Member of Rotary International, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Methodist Church, United Fund, and the Youth Worker's Council. Married, with one daughter.

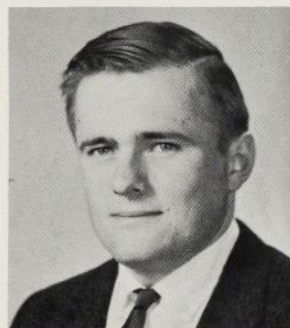


DR. JOHN E. HANKE

## ★ NATIONAL ALUMNI CHAIRMAN

**DR. JOHN E. HANKE, ETA '59**

Associate Professor, Quantitative Analysis, Eastern Washington State College. Member and President, Eta Chapter, Northern Illinois University, 1959-63. Served as Sectional Vice-Chairman and Chairman and as a member, National Board of Directors since 1966. Organized chapters at Otero Junior College, La Junta, Colorado; Arapahoe Junior College, Littleton, Colorado; and reactivated Epsilon Rho, E.W.S.C., Cheney, Washington in 1971. Dr. Hanke was Assistant Coordinator for the Constitutional Convention of 1967. He developed the data processing system now in use by the National Fraternity. Married, two children.

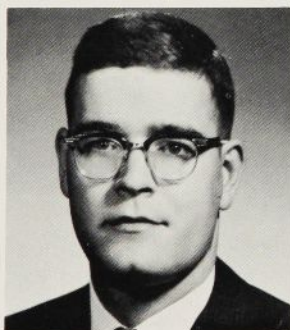


SID SMITH

## ★ NATIONAL TRAINING CHAIRMAN

**SID SMITH, PI SIGMA '67**

Director of Security, Boys Town, Nebraska since 1974. Attended Menlo College, College of San Mateo, Santa Rosa Junior College and California State, Long Beach. Entered Pi Sigma in 1967 at College of San Mateo. Served as Chapter President and Sectional Chairman for Northern California 1970-72. Elected to the National Board, December 29, 1972, Denver, Colorado. Single.

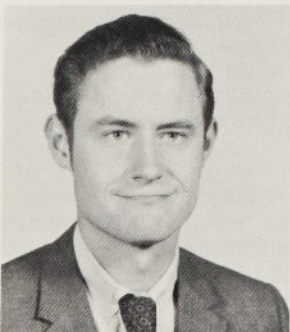


WARREN C. WEIDMAN

## ★ NATIONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN

**WARREN C. WEIDMAN, MU ETA, '58**

Instrumentation and Control Engineer, Gilbert Associates. Holds B.S. degrees from Albright College and Drexel University, and MBA from Drexel. Has served Alpha Phi Omega as Sectional Representative, Sectional Chairman and Region II Representative from 1968-1974. Received Philadelphia APO Alumni "Man of the Year" award in 1965. Senior Member of the Instrument Society of America. Lutheran Church School Superintendent for 16 years. Single. Lives in Reading, Pennsylvania.



C. P. ZLATKOVICH

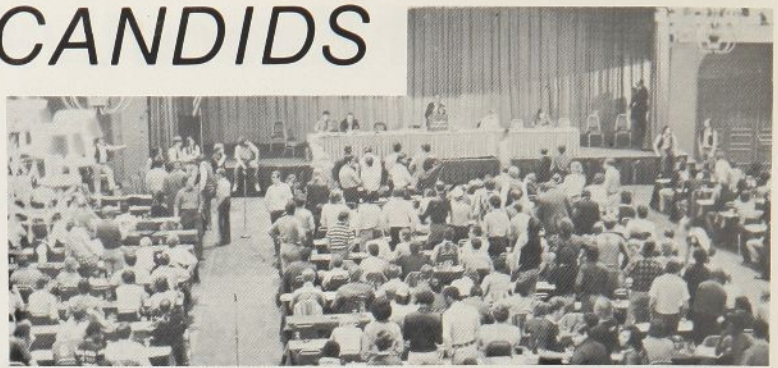
## ★ NATIONAL FINANCE CHAIRMAN

**C. P. ZLATKOVICH, ALPHA RHO '64**

Research Associate and Transportation Specialist, Bureau of Business Research, The University of Texas at Austin. Author of a number of publications on transportation and on the economy of Texas and the Southwest. Joined Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas in Austin. Founder of the Alpha Railroaders, currently serves as Chapter advisor to Alpha Rho. Has been Sectional Chairman, and Region VII Chairman from 1970-74. Elected to National Executive Committee and appointed National Finance Chairman in December, 1974.



# ...CONVENTION CANDIDS



## NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

In conjunction with the 1974 National Convention, the National Board of Directors held meetings on December 26 and December 29.

At the December 26 meeting, the Committee Chairmen presented reports on the activities of their committees since the last Board Meeting. The receipt of all reports was moved and adopted by the Board. Jamie Olsen, National Convention Chairman, reported last minute Convention details to the Board.

A lengthy discussion on the issue of the women in the Fraternity was held and a motion was adopted to communicate to the subcommittee reviewing legislation on women the recommendation that all sex identification as to membership in Alpha Phi Omega be eliminated in the Articles of Incorporation, the National By-Laws and Standard Chapter Articles of Association.

Following this action, the Board reviewed the other amendment proposals, making a recommendation on each one, as required in the National By-Laws. The Board's recommendations were subsequently transmitted to the committees studying the amendment proposals.

In other action, the Board commended Dr. Hirsch for his 20 years on the Board and directed the National Executive Director to represent Alpha Phi Omega at the Order of the Arrow National Conclave in August of 1975.

At the December 29 session, immediately preceding the final banquet, President Hirsch announced the following Executive Committee Assignments: Alumni - Dr. John E. Hanke; Finance - C.P. Zlatkovich; Extension - Ed M. Andrews; Service - Warren C. Weidman; and Training - Sid Smith. The Board unanimously reconfirmed Roger A. Sherwood as National Executive Director.

A motion was adopted to keep in effect all previous policies of the Board. The Board also voted to give the Executive Committee the right to act in its behalf in emergency situations.

It was suggested that the President appoint as soon as possible, a Committee to recommend the site of the 1976 National Convention. Commendation to the Convention Committee and National Staff were approved. By common consent, the Board agreed to hold the next meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on September 20-21, 1975.



# WOMEN IN ALPHA PHI OMEGA

by Lorin A. Jurvis  
*National Vice President*

The 1974 National Convention, by a vote of 284 in favor and 57 against, enacted legislation to permit chapters to admit women into Alpha Phi Omega as affiliate members. The requirements for affiliation and the rights, duties, benefits and privileges of affiliate members in the local chapter shall be determined by the voting members of that chapter. Women admitted as affiliate members shall be registered with the National Office upon payment of an affiliation fee of \$10.00. Annual per capita fees of \$2.00 shall be paid for each affiliate member.

In passing the amendments, the Convention imposed certain limitations. Women may not be initiated with the official ritual used by the men of the Fraternity. Guidelines concerning a ritual for initiation of affiliate members are now being prepared. Affiliate members may not hold Sectional, Regional or National office. They may not be voting delegates at a National Convention nor, by implication, at regional conclaves and sectional conferences unless those bodies decide otherwise.

The Convention directed chapters which initiated women contrary to the By-Laws prior to these amendments to remove their names from active membership rolls and register them as affiliate members within ninety days.

The decision whether to admit women rests with each chapter. Chapters remain free to involve women other than an affiliate members — as advisors, as Phyettes or Little Sisters, as participants in chapter service and social activities, and by cooperation with Service sororities and other female and coeducational organizations. The Convention instructed the National Board of Directors to support to the fullest extent possible the membership policies of each chapter insofar as they conform to the By-Laws.

These actions were taken after lengthy and thorough deliberation. One serious consideration was the status of many chapters which were compelled to admit women by their university administrations, or which felt obligated to do so as a matter of conscience. The Legislative Committee on the Role of Women in open sessions far into the night explored all the issues and weighed the proposals. Anyone who desired to speak before the committee was given the opportunity. After the hearings were completed, the Committee developed and reported its majority recommendation to delete from the By-Laws all reference to sex. This proposal, which would have allowed full membership for women at the option of each chapter, was defeated after extensive floor debate by a vote of 200 in favor and 130 against. A three-quarters affirmative vote is required to amend the By-Laws.

The full Committee then proposed alternative amendments for affiliate membership. After further floor debate, an initial rejection of the entire proposal and a recess for deliberations in caucus followed by more floor discussion, the affiliate membership articles were amended to meet the major objections and subsequently enacted.

The Convention was faced with a very serious and potentially divisive problem. Although the provisions for affiliate membership may not fully satisfy everyone, they are a workable compromise supported by the overwhelming majority of the delegates in St. Louis. They met the challenge in the spirit of true brotherhood and service. The opportunity is now ours to make it work in that same spirit.

The enacted amendments and attendant Resolutions are quoted below:

## AMENDMENTS:

### Add the following Section to Article III:

**AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP.** Affiliate Membership may be vested by the active members of a chapter on those enrolled women students who dedicate themselves to the principles of Alpha Phi Omega and who have successfully completed the requirements for affiliation as set down by the local chapter. The rights, duties, benefits and privileges of affiliate members in the local chapter shall be determined by the voting members of that chapter, except that affiliate members may not be initiated by the official fraternity ritual, which shall be used only for initiating men into the Fraternity. No affiliate member shall be eligible to hold a Sectional, Regional or National office.

### Add the following Section to Article VIII.

**AFFILIATE MEMBER FEE.** There shall be a National Affiliate Member fee of Ten (\$10) dollars. Five (\$5) dollars shall be collected at the beginning of the pledge period, and five (\$5) dollars shall be collected upon completion of the requirements for affiliate membership as set down by the local chapter. The ten (\$10) dollar fee shall be forwarded to the National Office upon completion of the affiliate member requirements.

**Section 7, Article VII** was amended to add an affiliate member per capita fee of two (\$2) dollars for each affiliate member, payable to the National office with the annual chapter per capita fee.

**Section 9, Article IX** was amended to require the National Office and chapters to maintain records of affiliate members.

**Section 1 of Article IV** was amended to add the clause "... who shall be active members or chapter advisors." to the first sentence. This means that only active members or chapter advisors can serve as chapter voting delegates at National Conventions.

## RESOLUTIONS:

- (1) Resolved that the National Board of Directors shall support to the fullest extent possible the membership policies of each chapter insofar as they conform to the National By-Laws and Standard Chapter Articles of Association.
- (2) Resolved that all Chapters who had women illegally initiated into or a part of this Fraternity, be directed to inform the National Officers within 90 days of the close of this Convention, that the women associated with their Chapters be stricken from their Chapter membership roll, and simply then affiliated with the chapter within the structure of the amendments adopted at this Convention.
- (3) Resolved that the National President appoint a committee to study and make recommendations concerning adoption of a ritual for the initiation of affiliate members into Alpha Phi Omega.



# Official Convention Actions

The Convention Legislative Session, which lasted 12 hours, considered a number of items of vital importance to the Fraternity. The official actions of the Convention, in addition to the adoption of the Sections on affiliate membership reported on page 3, included the adoption of the following amendments to the National By-Laws.

## **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 2**

The delegates amended this Section by revising the last sentence to read:

Active membership may be transferred from one chapter to another if the member transfers his institutional enrollment, provided that he completes the necessary forms and sees that they are forwarded to the National Office.

## **ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 3**

The delegates voted to delete Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 3A, renumber paragraph 3B to read paragraph 3, add the following as paragraph 4, and renumber the following paragraphs accordingly:

(4) **ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP.** Advisory membership may be conferred upon persons approved by the Chapter to serve on the Advisory Committee, who shall have all rights and privileges of active membership, except those of voting or holding office in the Chapter, other than Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTIONS VOTING POWER ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1**

The delegates changed the last sentence to read as follows:

Members of the Fraternity who are not delegates may have the privilege of observing, but not of participating in floor debate, except Sectional Chairmen, who shall have the privilege of floor debate.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTIONS TIME AND PLACE ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6**

The following sentence was added to the end of Section 6 of Article IV:

It shall not be held in the same city in the same area two consecutive times.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTIONS PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY ARTICLE IV**

The delegates adopted this new section to be added to Article IV:

**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.** The rules contained in *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern all meetings of the National Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with those By-Laws and any special rules of order the Convention may adopt.

## **NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2**

The delegates voted to amend this Section by substituting the term **Regional Representatives** in place of **Regional Board Members** in order to bring it into line with legislation adopted relating to Regions.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3**

The delegates amended the first sentence of this Section to read:

There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors with the authority to act in the name of the Board between board meetings on those matters which the Board delegates to it.

## **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5**

The delegates voted to delete Section 5 and substitute the following in its place:

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.** There shall be ten Regional Representatives serving on the National Board of Directors. Five shall be elected at each National Convention, alternating between the five representing the even-numbered Regions and the five representing the odd-numbered Regions. They shall be elected in the manner specified in these By-Laws to serve for four years, except that they shall serve only so long as they maintain residence within the Region they were elected to represent.

## **STATUS OF BOARD MEMBERS ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9**

As this Section no longer applied to any Board Members, the delegates voted to delete it.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2**

The current Section covering the Endowment Fund was deleted, and the following substituted in its place:

**ENDOWMENT FUND.** There shall be a National Alpha Phi Omega Endowment Fund to be administered by six Trustees, who shall elect their own Chairman. Two Trustees shall be elected following each National Convention by the National Board of Directors for terms of six years. The National Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting Secretary of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund. When a vacancy occurs among the Trustees, the National Board of Directors shall choose a successor, who shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term. The National President shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting Trustee.



## SECTIONAL CONFERENCES ARTICLE X, SECTION 4

The delegates voted to amend this Section to read:

**SECTIONAL CONFERENCES.** A Sectional Conference shall be held at least annually at a time and place determined by the chapters in the section, subject to the approval of the National President. A Sectional Conference may formulate recommendations and propose amendments for the consideration of the National Convention or the National Board of Directors.

Each Section may elect or appoint a Student Sectional Conference Chairman to assist the Sectional Chairman and Sectional Advisory Committee.

## VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

The delegates voted to clarify the language of Section 3 by changing it to read as follows:

**VOTE REQUIRED TO AMEND.** An affirmative vote of three-fourths of the registered total votes present and cast at any session of the National Convention shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, or Standard Chapter Articles of Association. The presence of a quorum is required to pass any amendment.

## REGIONS

The convention voted to adopt a new Article covering Regions. In so doing, it adopted the following as Article XI and changed the previous Article XI to Article XIII. It also deleted Article VI, Section 6, which dealt with Election Regions.

### SECTION 1. FORMATION AND PURPOSE

(1) **FORMATION.** There shall be ten (10) geographical Regions composed, as nearly as possible, of an equivalent number of chapters.

The National Board of Directors shall have a census of the active chapters taken every ten years, beginning in 1968, and commencing prior to the National Convention. The National Board shall submit proposed Regional boundaries to the National Convention for approval. Chapters involved in any change shall be notified at least fifty days prior to the Convention.

(2) **PURPOSE.** A Region shall be a unified geographical area established to facilitate national administration, leadership training, intersectional conferences, and the more efficient utilization of National Office and Sectional services.

### SECTION 2. REGIONAL LEADERSHIP.

The Regional Representative shall be the administrative director of the Region in which he lives. He shall enforce due observance of the National By-Laws and Standard Chapter Articles of Association, and shall maintain the standards of the Fraternity throughout the Region.

He shall facilitate communication between Chapters and Sections within the Region and between the Chapters and Sections in the Region and the National Office.

Nomination and election of the Regional Representative shall take place in Regional meetings at National Conventions. Only registered delegates entitled to vote, representing Chapters within the appropriate Region, may nominate and elect their Regional Representative.

## PROJECT FEATURE

### BARRIER REMOVAL AT TEXAS TECH

by Stephen L. Stepoway

Two years ago, the Institute for the Development of Family Resources at Texas Tech University undertook a study to determine the extent of and to identify barriers to the mobility of the physically handicapped on the Tech campus. As a part of the project, Alpha Phi Omega undertook an architectural survey of 20 of the buildings on campus. A fifteen page survey recommended by the American Standards Bureau was used to collect information on architectural barriers which impeded and interfered with daily living, mobility and educational processes of handicapped students.

Results of the study indicated that buildings in which required science courses were taught were totally inaccessible to wheelchair students. Not only were the approaches difficult, but the floors inside were built on varying levels. Many classroom buildings were not connected by hard surface walkways, a convenience that most able-bodied students do not notice. Parking spaces of the disabled were practically nonexistent. It was impossible for a wheelchair-bound individual to make a phone call, get a drink, or use the restroom facilities in most buildings surveyed.

The Brothers of Beta Sigma decided that they should undertake a project to completely rid the Texas Tech campus of barriers to the physically disabled. The first phase would be to take a comprehensive survey of all the buildings to determine the extent of barriers and what needed to be done to remove them. Under the supervision of Advisor W.T. Kennedy of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the chapter members undertook a survey of more than 75 heavily used classroom, office, dormitory and auxiliary buildings. After hundreds of man-hours of work, the survey was complete.

The information has now been compiled in a report to the Texas Tech administrative officers. The report includes descriptions of barriers in specific buildings and specific recommendations of solutions to the problems. Suggestions include an intra-campus loop of curb cuts which will allow wheelchair students access by hard-surface walkways to all buildings, modifications of toilet facilities in classroom buildings, classroom ramps, increased parking facilities, modification of on-campus residential buildings, establishment of a committee to plan for the incorporation of the handicapped into the Texas Tech program and the adoption of a tactile crosswalk identification system for the blind.

Another aspect of the project is a handbook written for the disabled student. This handbook will give the handicapped a concise guide to the campus, parking facilities, building entrances, elevator location and restroom facilities.

Because of the level topography of the campus, the only barriers to mobility are man-made. These we hope to correct, and with the aid of the University, much progress has been made.

Walkways and ramps have been constructed, special housing for wheelchair students is under consideration and many parking problems have been solved.

The elimination of architectural barriers is a long term project which requires much work, but the results are well worth the effort. Physically disabled students on the Texas Tech campus are a little more able to receive the education that they are intellectually capable of and are a little less bound by their physical disabilities. If you are interested in the work done by Beta Sigma or are planning a local effort in this National Service Project, please contact: AB Chairman, Beta Sigma Chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, Box 4333 Tech Station, Lubbock, Texas 79406.



# Resolutions Committee Report

Reed Lang, Chairman  
*Alpha Rho, University of Texas*

The Committee considered a large volume of resolutions, and the Convention adopted all of the resolutions proposed by the Committee. The Resolutions adopted and the subsequent action are herein reported:

## APPRECIATIONS — GREETINGS

- (A) To Mrs. H. Roe Bartle and Mrs. Aubrey B. Hamilton for their support of Alpha Phi Omega and in remembrance of the many contributions made by their husbands.
- (B) To Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Dobson for participating in the Convention and sharing the story of the founding of Alpha Phi Omega.
- (C) To Alden G. Barber, Chief Scout Executive, and the professional staff of the Scouting movement for their continuing support of the activities of Alpha Phi Omega.
- (D) To Brother Josiah Frank for his gift of the first Alpha Phi Omega pin to the Fraternity.
- (E) To the Past Presidents of the Fraternity for past service and best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year.
- (F) To Rev. Frans Victorson best wishes for a speedy recovery following his recent surgery.
- (G) To Warren Stookey for his outstanding performance and service as Coordinator of the 1974 National Convention.
- (H) To Jamie Olsen, Convention Chairman, and the Convention Service Committee Chairmen for their performance and service during the planning and execution of the Convention.
- (I) To Stouffer's Riverfront Towers and the St. Louis Convention and Tourist Bureau for their cooperation and assistance with the Convention.
- (J) To the National Rehabilitation Association for its presentation of a recognition award to Alpha Phi Omega.

## ACTION

Appropriate certificates are being prepared for presentation to Mrs. Bartle and Mrs. Hamilton. The Convention's intentions have been communicated to all other parties.

## LIFE MEMBERS

Resolved that, for all future Conventions of Alpha Phi Omega, special recognition be given to Life Members of the Fraternity by a special ribbon to be attached to the delegate badge.

## ACTION

This will be implemented at future Conventions.

## COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Resolved that this Convention urges that National Officers to attempt to have the US Post Office issue a stamp commemorating the Golden Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega.

## ACTION

Steps are currently underway to accomplish this.

## HAZING

Resolved that this National Convention reaffirms the intent and purpose of Article IX, Section 12 of the National By-Laws which states: "There shall be no hazing or informal initiation in connection with the functions of the chapter. Any mistreatment of pledges at any time shall be considered a violation of the purposes of the chapter and of the National Fraternity."

## ACTION

Every chapter is reminded to review its pledge program to insure that it is in compliance with the By-Laws.

## SUSPENSION OF CHARTERS

Resolved that this National Convention reaffirms the intent and purpose of Article IX, Section 6 of the National By-Laws, which states: "Charters may be suspended for just cause between Conventions only after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the National Board of Directors. Charters may be revoked only by a two-thirds vote of active Chapters at the National Convention."

## ACTION

No action is necessary on this Resolution.

## ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

Resolved that Alpha Phi Omega reaffirms its commitment to the elimination of the architectural barriers from our nation's college campuses, and the direction of the project shall be placed in a National Committee, chaired by an active member, to be appointed by the National President.

## ACTION

Keith Keller of Phi Chapter, Syracuse University, has been appointed chairman of the Committee. Brothers interested in serving on the committee should contact the National Office.

## "ACCESS NOW"

Resolved that all chapters are urged to support "Access Now," the national newsletter of the Alpha Phi Omega Architectural Barriers Committee, by improved communications regarding the elimination of architectural barriers.

## ACTION

Action on this Resolution should be taken by each chapter.

## CONVENTION SITE ACCESSIBILITY

Resolved that the Convention physical arrangements committee of all future National Conventions shall be urged to find facilities which will meet effective current annual standards of the American National Standards Institute for the accessibility to disabled persons.

## ACTION

This Resolution will be transmitted to future Convention committees.



## TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Resolved that this Convention directs the National Board to take into consideration all information from this Convention and past Conventions to formulate a set of guidelines to help the members of the Time and Place Committee and chapters who wish to bid for the Convention.

### ACTION

Appropriate guidelines will be developed.

## SCOUTING PUBLICITY

Resolved that the Alpha Phi Omega National Executive Director request one or more recurring articles, primarily in the *Exploring*, *Scouting* and *Boy's Life* magazines, in order to better inform the Boy Scouts of the purpose, availability and founding story of Alpha Phi Omega.

### ACTION

Contacts will be made with the editorial staffs of these magazines and suitable articles prepared.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Resolved that the meetings of the Board of Directors be circulated throughout the country without unduly interfering with the requirements of the Board to perform its designated duty.

### ACTION

The feasibility of this Resolution will be taken into account in planning future Board Meetings.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Resolved that all chapters improve National and Sectional communications by designation of an officer who will be responsible for informing the National Office, Regional Representative, Sectional Chairman and other chapters about all pertinent chapter affairs.

### ACTION

Action on this Resolution is up to each chapter.

## CHAPTER LISTS

Resolved that the list of active and inactive chapters, and petitioning groups be distributed to chapters within their Region or Section by the National Executive Director for the purposes of reactivation, expansion, support and involvement among chapters.

### ACTION

Directories of all active and inactive chapters for each Region were mailed to all chapters in early February. A list of all petitioning groups will be prepared and mailed to all chapters.

## PETITIONING GROUPS

Resolved that the monthly Bulletin of Alpha Phi Omega be sent to petitioning groups.

### ACTION

This will be done with future bulletins.

## BIG BROTHER CHAPTERS

Resolved that, upon the formation of a petitioning group, the National President may appoint, with the recommendation of the respective Regional Representative and approval of the Chapter appointed, a Big Brother Chapter to offer guidance and assistance to the petitioning group, and to perform the initiatory ceremony.

### ACTION

This will be acted upon as recommendations are received from Regional Representatives.

## CHAPTER OFFICES

Resolved that the National Officers of Alpha Phi Omega rededicate their support to the efforts of those chapters who need on-campus offices and facilities and have thus far been denied these resources due to university policy; and that the National Office shall offer whatever assistance reasonably available to establish communication with and encourage university administrations to support their campus Chapters of Alpha Phi Omega by offering such facilities; and that the Chapters are urged to expand their availability and campus services to meet existing needs through use of these facilities.

### ACTION

Support and assistance will be given as requested.

## NATIONAL INTERSERVICE COUNCIL

Resolved that the President of Alpha Phi Omega be directed to designate a committee to study the establishment of a National Interservice Council composed of Alpha Phi Omega and other service groups that are national in scope and encourage and enlist their support to improve the understanding and common goals of service.

### ACTION

Darrell Spoon, Region VIII Representative has been appointed Chairman of this committee. Brothers interested in serving on this committee are encouraged to contact the National Office.

## REGIONAL CONCLAVES

Resolved that Regional Conclaves be encouraged to meet at least biennially at a time and place to be determined by the Chapters within the Region.

### ACTION

Action on this Resolution is up to the chapters within each Region.

## PUERTO RICO

Resolved that, for the 1976 Convention, consideration of re-districting of the chapters in Puerto Rico be studied by the National Officers so as to have better communications and relations with a group of chapters that are easily accessible by most of those chapters.

### ACTION

This Resolution will be referred to the Board.



# Convention Committee

At Convention '74 a number of committees met to discuss topics of importance to the Fraternity, and to report to the delegates. Following are the actions taken by the delegates on these and other reports.

- ★ Awarded Life Membership on the National Board of Directors to Dr. Lawrence L. Hirsch, who has served on the Board for 20 years.
- ★ Voted Ex-officio Life Membership on the National Board of Directors to the five surviving founders of the Fraternity.
- ★ Accepted reports from the National Task Force and Project Survival.
- ★ Revoked the suspension of Chi Chapter, UCLA.
- ★ Selected Atlanta, Georgia as the site for the 1976 National Convention.
- ★ Adopted the report of the Flag Feasibility Study Committee, which included the recommendation that a committee to supervise the design and creation of candidates for selection as a National Flag of Alpha Phi Omega. This committee will report to the 1976 National Convention.

## NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The National Service Projects Committee proposed the adoption of two projects as National Service Projects. In adopting this proposal, the delegates recommended that each chapter study the feasibility of implementing these projects on its campus and in its community. To assist in the administration and communication of these projects, the Convention recommended that committees to coordinate these efforts be formed.

### A. CAMPUS BLOOD DRIVES

Because of the critical need for blood, the committee wholeheartedly endorsed and encouraged the initiation and revitalization of campus blood drives. This can be accomplished by contacting local or area Chapters of the National Hemophilia Foundation, Red Cross or similar associations which are involved in blood collection programs. It was further recommended that Chapters of the Sickle Cell Anemia Association and related associations be invited to screen eligible donors for the sickle-cell trait and disease, in conjunction with the charity blood drives. Phil Elsner of Alpha Rho has been appointed as Chairman of this project. For further information, contact Brother Elsner at: Alpha Phi Omega, Texas Union #207, Austin, Texas 78712.

### B. OPERATION RED BALL

Operation Red Ball is a fire rescue program designed to identify the sleeping rooms of children under six, handicapped and disabled persons, and persons over sixty-five not easily mobilized. The program registers those meeting these criteria on a cardex file at the local fire station, so that, in the event of fire, rescue workers would know the name, age, disability and sleeping location of these occupants, along with the total occupancy of the house, to effect a speedy rescue. This can be a most important community project. Andrew B. Loiacono, Jr. of Sigma Theta Chapter has been appointed Chairman. He may be contacted at: Box 474, St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

In recognition of the Fraternity's 50th Anniversary in 1975, all Brothers are encouraged to rededicate themselves to the principles, goals and objectives of Alpha Phi Omega and to effectively plan for future growth and leadership of the Fraternity. To this end, the Golden Anniversary Committee proposed the following resolutions.

- ★ That each Region, separately or jointly, conduct a Golden Anniversary Conference in 1975 for the purpose of rededication, fellowship, exchange of ideas, study of our heritage, strengthening of Chapter leadership and future growth.
- ★ That a National Commemorative Publication be published to provide all members with a comprehensive historical perspective on the growth and development of the Fraternity, the personalities involved and a broad concept of the union of the Fraternity.
- ★ That a National Symposium on the future of Alpha Phi Omega be held at the 1976 National Convention, and that similar sessions be held during 1975 and 1976 in Chapters, Sections and Regions in preparation for the National Symposium.
- ★ That a National Golden Anniversary Project in which all chapters may participate be initiated in the Spring of 1975, and that a new Golden Anniversary Chapter Fund Raising Project be held in the Fall of 1975.
- ★ That materials, if available, be provided to Chapters and Sections for their assistance and participation.
  - (1) If possible, the original Founding Ritual for use by Chapters in an Anniversary Ceremony on December 16, 1975.
  - (2) Dedicatory materials for chapter use in dedicating chapter events to Founders, Past National Presidents and other National Leaders.
  - (3) Materials to encourage chapters to seek out and involve alumni in Golden Anniversary activities and strengthen alumni support.
- ★ That chapters develop and present a Golden Anniversary Alumni Award to the Alumnus best exemplifying the ideals of Alpha Phi Omega.
- ★ That a pilgrimage be planned to Lafayette College, with one Brother from each Section selected to represent the Chapters.
- ★ That the theme for 1975 be a Golden Opportunity for Service, which involves reacting to the past and developing the future.
- ★ That the possibility of an appropriate media presentation of our first 50 years be explored.

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee focused its attention on three areas — The Rush Manual, Pledge Manual and *Torch and Trefoil*.

It reviewed the proposed Rush Manual, making several minor changes, and asked that it be distributed to all chapters. This was accomplished in early February.

On the Pledge Manual, it was suggested that a table of contents or index be added, the statement of the purpose of Alpha Phi Omega be included, and that the publication of



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the Pledge Manual and other publications in braille be investigated.

In studying *Torch and Trefoil*, the delegates suggested checking the number of copies sent to each chapter and securing competitive bids (Ed. note — both of these items are already in effect). The committee also suggested auditing the Life Member records to insure that all Life Members receive the *Torch and Trefoil*, considering the addition of an inexpensive insert to the magazine, omitting the obituary column, listing the Regional Representatives on the masthead, and showing chapter addresses in the "Action" section. Further, it encouraged Chapters, Sections, and Regions to submit articles and photos for the magazine, since this is the major source of materials for publication.

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The International Concerns Committee met to study the feasibility of expansion of Alpha Phi Omega to other countries. As a result of its deliberations, it recommended the establishment of an International Expansion Study Committee, to be disbanded after its report to the 1976 National Convention, charged with studying and following areas with respect to the internationalization of Alpha Phi Omega: (1) International receptivity toward an organization like Alpha Phi Omega; (2) History of past international chapters; and (3) Number of foreign colleges, students and fraternities. The President has appointed Eddie Mackie of Alpha Rho Chapter Chairman of the International Expansion Study Committee.

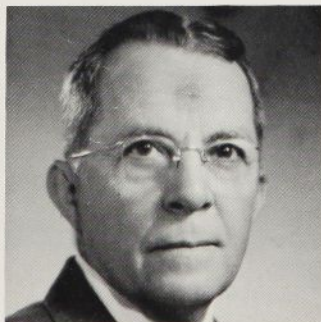
## Brothers on the Move

**Clifford Mansley**, alumnus of Delta Zeta Chapter, University of Pennsylvania, was recently appointed Scout Executive of the Buckeye Council in Canton, Ohio. He previously served on the BSA National Council Staff and worked closely with Alpha Phi Omega in that capacity.

**Leonard Fuchs**, an alumnus of Beta Iota Chapter, New York University, has been appointed to his 15th term as National Boy Scout Chairman of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

**Walter M. Friedman**, alumnus of Gamma Iota Chapter, Brooklyn College, has been named National Director of Exploring, Scouting's career oriented program for young men and women. He had previously been serving as Scout Executive of Bergen County Council in River Edge, New Jersey.

**Dean Arno Nowotny**, Past National President and Advisor to Alpha Rho, University of Texas, was recently selected for the Outstanding Alumnus Award at the University of Texas.



## TWO NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

### PASS AWAY

The Fraternity was saddened by the loss of two members of the National Board of Directors in January.

Those of you in attendance at the 1974 National Convention will remember Charles Means, who served on the Board as representative of the Chief Scout Executive. Brother Means was a member of the Board from 1972 until the time of his death. He passed away at his home in New York City on January 5, 1975. Past National Presidents Glen T. Nygreen and Lucius E. Young, and Region I Representative Lew Finkel represented the Fraternity at services for Mr. Means.

Professor Harry C. Barnett, a Life Member of the Board, died on January 27, 1975 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Brother Barnett was initiated as a Faculty Advisor of Beta Beta Chapter at Michigan State University in 1939. His service on the Board included a term as National Vice President. He was well known for his visits to Chapters during vacation trips after his retirement. Memorial services were held in Ann Arbor, Michigan on January 30, and were attended by Berkeley P. Duncan, Region VI Chairman, Robert Skolnick, Section 54 Chairman, and members of Beta Beta, Michigan State and Gamma Pi, University of Michigan.

## SPRING CONFERENCES

At the time of publication, information about the following conferences had been received by the National Office.

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION
March 1	Section 40 (West Texas)	Amarillo College
March 1	Section 48 (Northern Illinois)	U. of Illinois
March 14-15	Section 41 (N. Central Texas)	To be announced
March 14-15-16	Section 54 (Michigan)	Lake Michigan College
March 14-15-16	Section 99 (New Jersey)	Westminster Choir College
March 22	Sections 78 & 79 (Western & Central NC)	Davidson College
April 4-5-6	Section 95 (New England)	Central Connecticut State
April 5	Section 68 (Eastern Tenn)	U. of Tennessee
April 11-12-13	Section 4 (Northern Calif., Nev)	U. of Nevada - Reno
April 11-12-13	Section 42 (East Texas)	Texas A & M
April 19	Section 52 (Indiana)	Ball State
April 19	Section 61 (West Arizona)	To be announced

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## • PI PHI — UNION COLLEGE

Santa Claus paid a pre-Christmas visit to the Union County Cerebral Palsy Center, Union, N.J. on Tuesday, December 17, 1974, under the auspices of PI PHI CHAPTER, UNION COLLEGE in Cranford, New Jersey.

The members of Pi Phi have been giving Santa an assist at the annual parties for cerebral palsy victims for the past fourteen years and again played a major role in setting the stage for this holiday season.

This year's party for 83 children and adults included entertainment by Choco, the magic clown, in addition to the traditional games, music, refreshments and gifts distributed by Santa Claus. Pi Phi may be contacted at: Alpha Phi Omega, Pi Phi Chapter, Union College, Springfield Avenue, c/o APO Room, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.



Members of SIGMA CHI, MIAMI-DADE JUNIOR COLLEGE pose with Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida and a Brother from Iota Rho, Florida State. Holding the banner with the governor are William Morris, front left, advisory Chairman and Mark Prebuis, Chapter President (right center).



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## • EPSILON LAMBDA — MICHIGAN TECH

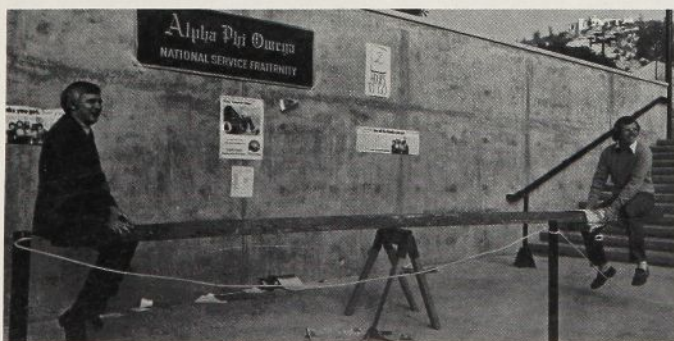
Once again EPSILON LAMBDA, MICHIGAN TECH sponsored the annual Klondike Derby for Houghton, Michigan Scouts. More than 100 Scouts participated in this event at the Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Michigan.

Designed to test knowledge of all facets of winter survival, the course consisted of several stations set up in the woods. The Scouts were required to use their knowledge of map and compass to locate the stations, where they were tested on items such as ice rescue, tree and shrub identification, building an overnight shelter using only natural materials, such as dead wood and snow, firebuilding, knots, and sled construction. The Brothers working on the event agreed that they learned as much as the Scouts. For more information, write to: Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon Lambda Chapter, Room 124 Union Bldg., Michigan Tech. University, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

## • CHI DELTA — PEPPERDINE

Approximately \$500 was pledged to the Los Angeles County United Crusade during a 48 hour teeter-totter marathon at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California in late November. CHI DELTA, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY spearheaded the event by accepting pledges ranging from one cent to \$2.00 per hour.

"While we weren't out to set a record, we definitely achieved our goals of raising funds for a good cause and providing some entertainment for the students at the same time," reported Jack Mulkey, Chi Delta President. For more information about how to plan such an event contact: Alpha Phi Omega, Campus Mail, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California 90265.



Pepperdine-Malibu Provost Jerry Hudson (left) and Chi Delta President Jack Mulkey ride the board in United Crusade teeter-totter marathon.

## • UPSILON BETA — ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

Brothers of UPSILON BETA, ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE in Loretto, Pennsylvania recently participated in a search for a 12 year old boy who failed to return from a hunting trip. The search party, which involved more than 350 residents included 150 students from the college. The Brothers from Upsilon Beta found the boy, and received local recognition for their efforts. The chapter may be contacted at: Alpha Phi Omega, Upsilon Beta Chapter, St. Francis College - Box 1386, Loretto, PA. 15940.

## • PHI MU — NORFOLK STATE

Brothers of PHI MU CHAPTER, NORFOLK STATE COLLEGE, have been deeply involved in community projects in recent months. After sending four representatives to a Sickle Cell Anemia Conference in Norfolk, the Chapter conducted a sickle cell anemia awareness drive. In conjunction with the Norfolk Committee for Further Education, the Brothers will be visiting ten junior high schools and five high schools in the area to distribute tickets, flyers, and posters for a Negro History Seminar to be held March 21-23, 1975. To learn more about their activities, you can contact Phi Mu at: Alpha Phi Omega, Student Union Bldg. Box 2017, Norfolk State College, Norfolk, VA. 23504.

## • DELTA IOTA — MERCER

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Georgia, has adopted Friendship House of the Macon Mental Health Association as its continuing project for the 1974-75 academic year. Last fall the brothers did painting, repair, and cleanup work at Friendship House, which is an outpatient clinic for the mentally disturbed. During winter quarter Delta Iota is sponsoring Beauty and the Beast on campus, and proceeds will go to Friendship House. The Macon Mental Health Association has awarded Delta Iota the "Highest Award for Conspicuous Dedication and Outstanding Service" for its work at Friendship House. You can contact Delta Iota at: Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Iota Chapter, Mercer University, PO BOX 82, Macon, Georgia 31207.



Delta Iota Brothers pause for a rest after tree planting at Friendship House.