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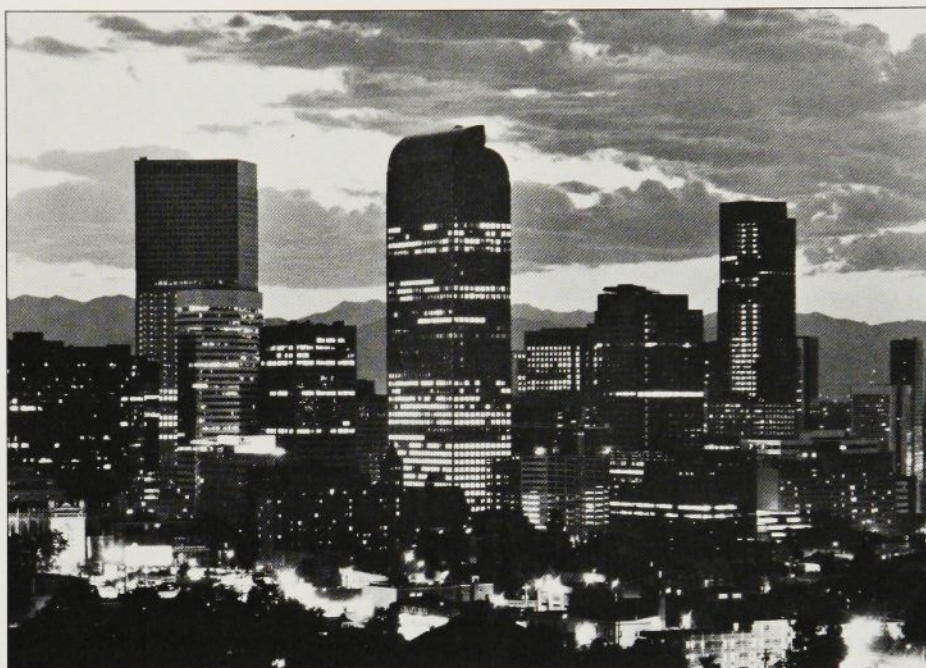
When Horace Greeley encouraged the youth of his day to go West, he was likely talking to pioneers about a new type of life and possibly finding wealth by striking it rich in the Old West. You might wonder what all that has to do with the Biennial National Convention of Alpha Phi Omega.

Well, it is time to plan for Denver (figuratively the "Old West"). Those Brothers who attend the Denver '88 National Convention will have the pioneer spirit, expecting the unexpected. It is also known far and wide that the Leadership Development Workshops, personal improvement seminars, and various Chapter Workshops are all worth their weight in gold—enriching your life and the life of your chapter. Finally, it is also true that convention attendance allows you to experience the good life of fellowship and friendship—renewing old acquaintances and meeting many new friends. Alumni Brothers will also find Mr. Greeley's exhortations to be true as there will be a planned agenda of activities, workshops, and programs for the alumni to further increase their Fraternal closeness and spirit.

The National Convention will be in Denver, Colorado, December 27-30, 1988. This year the convention will officially last four days (approved by the 1986 Convention).

Jack McKenzie, Region IV Director and Executive Director of the Clemson University Alumni Association, summed up attendance at a National Convention very well, "Speaking of super opportunities, one of the most fantastic experiences a Brother can have in Alpha Phi Omega is to attend a **National Convention**. Only when you invade a hotel for four days with a thousand other Brothers from all over the country can you begin to comprehend fully the deep, broad and unique character of our very special Fraternity."

Start making plans to "Go West" this December. Join us in a celebration of Brotherhood in Denver!



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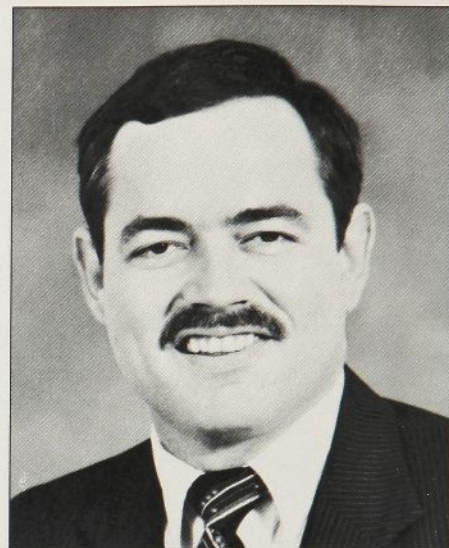
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE INVENTION THAT WORKS

As president of Alpha Phi Omega, I have now finished the biannual pilgrimage to as many of the Regional Conferences as I could conveniently (make that possibly!) attend. I hope that many of you now have a face and a memory to put with my name. As always in my travels, I was struck by the tremendous quality and diversity of our brothers across the country, and I began to wonder: What is it about our Fraternity that attracts such a broad spectrum of committed people? I find my answer in our society.

Consider a period in the history of the U.S. when traditional values seem to have disintegrated. There is corruption at the very highest levels of government. There is wholesale financial speculation which seems to be uncontrollable. The stock market is raging in its swings. There is a class of people with unprecedented wealth and mobility who seem to glory in nothing more than immediate gratification and a selfish "me first" attitude. Mind-altering substances are freely available although illegal. Sexual mores are such that it seems to be more the threat of loathsome disease than any sort of human consideration that holds back total promiscuity. There appears to be a dearth of leadership willing to step forward and take on the task of guiding the nation in a responsible way. Media images send a confused message at best and young people are faced earlier than ever with decisions they have not been equipped to make. Many people question the very institutions upon which our society is based—the church, the family, the educational system, the economy, the government. The nation is seen by some to be teetering on the edge of an abyss of terrifying depth.

By now, you have probably caught on to my literary device and realize that, while every word of the above paragraph is true of the Eighties, I have also described the so-called "Roaring Twenties". These are the conditions that prevailed in 1925 when Frank Reed Horton and his friends were in college. Brother Horton did not let these things go unnoticed. He took action to provide the troubled nation with another source of leadership and service. He founded Alpha Phi Omega, using the ideals of the still-young Scouting movement. In these ideals, he found the necessary ingredients to guide the inculcation of private and public morality and decency in the col-



Dr. Stan Carpenter
National President

lege men of the Twenties. And his idea caught on, resulting in the largest collegiate group dedicated to service ever created.

One man, one idea, with the odds profoundly against him, and the very fabric of society unresponsive to such unselfishness. But Horton knew that not everyone was a part of the malaise so trumpeted by the media and he knew that if there was a way in, then there had to be a way out. All it took was leadership and commitment.

I do not suggest that Alpha Phi Omega was the "solution" to the problems of the Twenties (and those of the Thirties), nor do I claim that we will be the solution to the problems of our country 63 years later. I do proclaim that we are part of the solution and that we espouse a better way, an alternative to unthinking surrender to the conditions of the time. And I find it fascinating that Brother Horton's idea and the ideals of Scouting have stood the test of time. They are easily as relevant now as they were then, maybe more so. Our society and its every part need leaders who are unselfish and upright and who got that way by deciding to and by practicing what they believe. In short, to paraphrase Voltaire, if Alpha Phi Omega did not exist, it would be necessary to invent it.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS ENCOURAGE STUDENT VOLUNTEERISM

by Jerry Schroeder
National Vice President



Responding to increasing evidence that today's students are shifting their priorities from involvement in public service to personal career enhancement, over 120 college and university presidents

have formed a coalition, the Campus Compact, to encourage student participation in community service. Headed by Father Timothy Healy, President of Georgetown University, President Donald Kennedy of Stanford University, and President Howard Swearer of Brown University, this organization is actively creating opportunities for students to respond to the pressing needs of society.

All Campus Compact schools, representing the entire range of institutions across the country, agree to implement programs and policies designed to address the issue

of civic responsibility through the curriculum and, more importantly, to develop public service in their student bodies. This effort will directly serve society's needs and benefit the student volunteer as well.

If your school is a member of Campus Compact, you should take the initiative to meet with your President's staff contact to become directly involved in this program. The result will be greater university support of your service program. Perhaps your chapter can even play a role in involving other student organizations in service to the community.

This is a very unique opportunity for Alpha Phi Omega to be of service by helping where we can the college administrators who have decided to address the issue of

student volunteerism. In the process, we will strengthen our own service programs and obtain greater university support for those programs.

Since 1925, Alpha Phi Omega has been at the forefront of undergraduate volunteerism. Campus Compact represents an opportunity to serve our host institutions and the community even more effectively than we do now. Check with your school or the National Office to see if your college President is a member. If he or she is, get involved! Alpha Phi Omega is uniquely qualified to be a partner in this historic effort and our principles and traditions demand that we serve a group whose goals and ideals so closely mirror our own.

CAMPUS COMPACT: THE PROJECT FOR PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Susan Schwartz

In the spring of 1985, a small group of college and university presidents met to discuss the issue of student involvement in community service on their campuses. They agreed unanimously that their students' interest in public service is growing — contradicting the prevailing wisdom that sees college students as complacent and uninvolved. In order to foster a greater commitment to student public service in their institutions and to affect change on a national level, the presidents formed Campus Compact: The Project for Public and Community Service. Now in its third year of operation, Campus Compact is an action-oriented coalition of more than one hundred college and university presidents and their institutions.

Believing that an institutional commitment to service encourages student involvement, the presidents initiate programs on their campuses and in their communities. Stanford's Donald Kennedy, for instance, established a public service center which comprises a volunteer clearinghouse, an internship program, a public policy forum, public service career advising, and an annual conference on public service.

There is nothing mysterious about that connection. Supporting service—financially, symbolically and structurally—results in increased levels of activity.

Campus Compact works to enhance all kinds of institutional support of public service by promoting activities at the campus and national level. Specifically it fosters public service by:

- 1) Provides resources and technical assistance to help implement and expand service programs. These services include: regional workshops, site visits to campuses, a monthly newsletter, and a clearinghouse of collegiate community service programs.

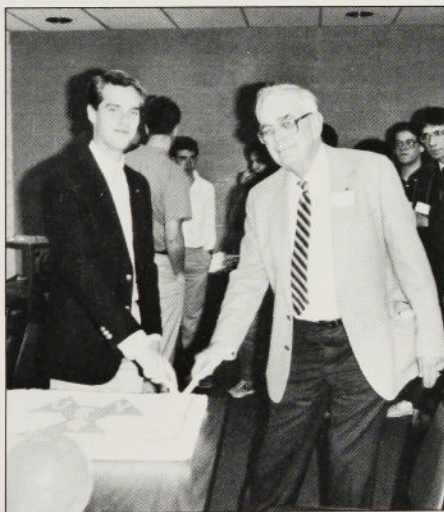
- 2) Develops and advocates federal and state policy that rewards and encourages student public service.

- 3) Identifies sources of financial support for campus public service programs and for students involved in service work.

- 4) Promotes public awareness about the value of civic involvement as part of the college experience through media campaigns.

Campus Compact is also working on a national literacy project along with ABC/PBS's Project Literacy United States (PLUS). This effort mobilizes college students to be involved with efforts to end literacy.

If your campus or organization would like to get involved in Campus Compact's activities, please call or write, Campus Compact, Box 1975, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912, (401) 863-1119.



Fiftieth Anniversary-Beta Beta

1987 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Michigan's first chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Beta. In recognition of this achievement both current members and alumni gathered to celebrate. In the photograph above is Andrew Shackelford, Beta Beta's fiftieth president, elected in 1987 and Dick Hammerstein, Beta Beta's first president, elected in 1937. For further information contact Jean Fraleigh, Historian, Beta Beta Chapter, Michigan State University, P.O. Box 6077, Union Building, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

Alpha Phi Omega

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region III

The Fall 87 Regional Conference was hosted by the brothers of Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter at Radford, Virginia. Pictured is National Vice President, Jerry Schroeder, presenting a seminar on chapter operations. Over 100 brothers were in attendance. Typical of all our regional conferences—there were quality workshops and seminars, as well as great fellowship!



Region VII

At the Region VII Conferences this past fall, the Brothers invoked the Spirit of Dr. Seuss to be their theme. It allowed the acronym "Dynamic Region VII Evermore United in the Spirit of Service". Throughout the conference service was definitely an experience shared in workshops, seminars and projects. The photo above definitely shows that there was outstanding fellowship at the conference. Brothers from Alpha Omicron Chapter, Southern Methodist University, hosted the Regional Conference.



Region VIII

In January of 1988, Region VIII held its Regional Conference. The brothers of the Gamma Xi Chapter at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri hosted the conference. Most regional conferences are held in the fall or around Christmas vacation break. Region VIII discovered this year that holding a conference in January was a good idea as it doubled attendance over the last regional conference. Leadership, Fellowship, and Service held the spotlight at all conference activities. One opportunity for those attending was a chance to taste Kansas City barbecue!



SERVICE: THOSE PROJECTS REMEMBERED

by Brian T. Walenta
Region VII National Service Committee

A Project of Emphasis? Just what does that mean to Alpha Phi Omega? Well it means that our organization has taken it upon itself to place all its power of service towards a certain group or project. With this project comes certain responsibilities and actions that we as a service fraternity must do, we must try to incorporate these projects into our service program and to do those projects on the chapter level. We realize that most chapters do this and are very proud of their work to help others. As you know for the next two years our Project of Emphasis is service to Scouting—whether that be Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or Camp Fire Girls.

What I wish to place into your minds is—What happens to those Projects of Emphasis when their time is up? Just what happens to all the people, the contacts, and the smiles when the bell rings? I hope that some chapters continue to work with those programs and continue to provide to that area of service which the National Convention has seen fit to move on from.

One project that is close to my heart is the American Heart Association (a little play on words). Believe it or not, in December of 1976, the chapters at the National Convention accepted a motion from the National Service Committee that the American Heart Association be made a National Service Project. What happened to that project after its two years? Unfortunately, it fell back upon the few chapters in Texas that started the project in the first place.

Let me give you the background information concerning this project and its history. In 1966, the brothers at Delta Omega, the University of Houston, got together with representatives of the American Heart Association in an attempt to come up with an unusual fund-raising idea. What they came up with eventually evolved into the American Heart Association Bathtub Pull. This is a fund-raising event where brothers use a bathtub as an eye catcher and then ask for donations, either on the street corner or elsewhere. To date Section 42 has raised around \$300,000.00 for the Heart Association, and this project has started back up in popularity with chapters. At the last Region VII Convention, the American Heart Association became a Project of Emphasis for Region VII.

One question in 1976 was, "Why the American Heart Association?" The answer is simple—The American Heart Association

is made up of volunteers and professional staff who strive for a two-fold goal: 1) the elimination of cardiovascular disease through research, and 2) an extensive program of public education. They wish to help stop the nation's #1 killer, Cardiovascular Disease, and so should Alpha Phi Omega. You see my brothers, the Heart Association does not receive funds from big organizations like the United Way, it receives its funds from groups just like us.

How can your chapter become involv-

ed? Simple! Just call your local chapter of the American Heart Association and ask, "How can we help you in this fight?" I know that they will want to here from you. Or if you need more information about the projects down here in Region VII, please just give me a call or write and I will be happy to send you any information that you request. Don't let this and other projects of emphasis fade away after their two years are over and we have moved on to another area of service.

CHAPTER NEWS

Zeta Theta

The brothers of Zeta Theta Chapter at Drexel University in Philadelphia had the greatest of fortunes to participate in the celebration of the United States constitution. Because they were located in Philadelphia, they had the opportunity to assist the International Village Fair held last summer; they worked in booths representing different countries and cultures. During Constitution week the brothers greeted key people involved in the Constitution gala at the main train terminal and directed them to where the celebration would be taking place. On Constitution Day, September 17th, brothers worked at the parade acting as parade marshalls. The event lasted almost five hours. The brothers are very proud they had the opportunity to participate. For further comments contact: Mark Cooper, Chapter President, Zeta Theta Chapter, Drexel University, MacAllister Hall, Room 3031, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104.



Epsilon Xi/Gamma Theta

The brothers of Epsilon Xi and Gamma Theta Chapters are close enough together to attend events at each other's campuses. During the course of the school year they co-sponsor a "football run" the weekend their schools are playing each other. This year it was a good run from Boulder to Greeley. Brothers Tom Sproat and Ricardo Ocampo, of Epsilon Xi and Gamma Theta respectively, shared the honors by presenting the game ball to the referee before the annual festivities began. This is a fun project and also a fund-raiser. For further information contact Joanna Keiss, Epsilon Xi Chapter, Colorado State University, P.O. Box 706/ Lory Student Center, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80523.



Mu Chi

A project of major portions was conducted by the brothers of Mu Chi Chapter this past fall. They participated in the homecoming parade at the University of Pennsylvania. Their float, "The Grinch that Stole Christmas", took first place honors. There were seventeen floats judged on originality, movement, use of theme, and overall performance. The Alpha Phi Omega float had eighteen moving parts including the "grinch" whose head and arms moved, his dog whose tail and head moved, a train running around a moving Christmas tree, and cylinders on the side of the float spinning with the message "Happy Holidays". How did this all work? Well with the exception of the electric train, all parts operated on a pulley system controlled by brothers hidden inside the float. What happened to the first prize of \$300? The brothers plan to give the money to charity. For more information on this project contact: Christine Pinto, Publicity Chairman, Mu Chi Chapter, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1768, Indiana, Pennsylvania, 15705.

Upsilon Nu

During a recent semester trip to Camp Bowers, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, brothers of the Upsilon Nu Chapter participated in the Cape Fear Council-Lakes District Fall 1987 Camporee. One hundred and thirty-one boy scouts were in attendance and twenty brothers and pledges of the Upsilon Nu Chapter assisted in running events, and other events that included: a baseball throw, a football throw, football and soccer kick, agility race, agility relays, 60-yard dash, tire race, basketball dribble, obstacle course, stake and peg relay, shotgun rifle range, archery and first-aid. Fellowship followed a hard day's work first with a campfire and then with a game of "capture the flag". At the awards ceremony the Upsilon Nu Chapter was presented with a blue ribbon for outstanding service to scouting at the Lakes District Fall 1987 Camporee. For more information on this project contact: Reynold Carrera, President, Upsilon Nu Chapter, University of North Carolina, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403-3297.

Epsilon Lambda

Everyone has heard of the chapter at the end of the world—at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. However the activities of the brothers at Epsilon Lambda Chapter are always down to earth and excellent in quality. Reporting their activities in the chapter newsletter called the Snowblower, activities this fall included participation at the Region VI Conference on October 23-25. The brothers co-sponsored a picnic for all incoming freshman and transfer students at the university. They also ran a fun race, a volleyball tournament, hackysack tournament, and a aerobic accuracy toss. The also helped at the local Kiwanis Barn Sale and Chicken Barbeque. The pledge/active project this fall term was helping the little brothers/friends of the elderly cut, split, and stack wood for the older residents of Keweenaw. They were responsible for showing movies on campus and also enjoyed having scout swim every Wednesday, football and hockey ushering, and a directory project—just a few items to keep the brothers busy. For more information about the activities of the brothers of Epsilon Lambda contact: David J. Crop, 100 MUB, MTU, Houghton, Michigan, 49931.

Omicron Delta

The brothers of Omicron Delta Chapter have been very busy this year down in Abilene, Texas. A project that took on quite a flair and gained much interest was the "Annual March of Dimes Jail and Bail" project. March of Dimes campaigns in every community are starting to look into this project as it is not only fun for those who participate, but it also is becoming a very good fundraiser for the March of Dimes organization. The brothers of Omicron Delta would encourage other chapters to be involved in this. For further information contact Omicron Delta Chapter, Box 453, McMurtry Station, Abilene, Texas, 79697.



Mu Zeta

The Mu Zeta Chapter at San Francisco State University hosted "Causing a Commotion", a dance for a cause. The dance was held in November of 1987 in honor of National Service Day. The dance was held at San Francisco State University Student Union. The cause was the American Diabetes Association. Over \$900.00 was donated from ticket sales and other donations. Mu Zeta brothers gave much honor and thanks to the brothers of Gamma Gamma, University of California-Berkeley; Kappa Sigma, Sacramento State University; and Iota Phi, University of California-Davis for their participation in making the dance a "sold out" success. Mu Zeta has already been asked to host another dance. For further information contact Mu Zeta Chapter, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, Student Activities Office, San Francisco, California 94132.



TO MY LITTLE BROTHER...

Ten weeks ago, you embarked on a journey with Alpha Phi Omega. This journey has taken you from the shadows of the unknown, through the excitement of discovery, the satisfaction of helping your fellow man, and the joys of friendship.

You have worked hard to attain the level of achievement which you have reached. You have completed many requirements

many service hours, many interviews. Some of it was easy. Much of it was difficult. But you have attained the goal.

Your pledging period was a period of learning, and with your understanding and acceptance of our ideals, you have passed on to a new period. You have not finished learning; in fact, you have just begun. But it is now time to end the quizzes and the questions and to begin the application of what you have been taught.

Pass on the knowledge which you have gained during these ten weeks. Share the love and brotherhood which have been given to you, and most of all, never fail to be of service to those who may need it.

You make a difference in this fraternity and in this world. You have here the opportunity to make that difference, and though it seems a small effort in a large, strange world, that effort, combined with the efforts of all others who can make a difference and who care to make a difference, will change the world for the better.

With tonight's ceremony, you are passing from pledgehood to brotherhood. With this initiation come many rights and privileges which you have not had before. Through this you will understand many

things about the fraternity which you questioned, and you will learn many things which you did not know.

But with brotherhood also comes a responsibility. A responsibility to always try your hardest, to always help those in need, to do your duty to God, to others, and to yourself. A responsibility to provide service and friendship whenever it is needed, and to continuously develop your leadership skills to provide these things as best you can.

You have done a difficult thing in joining Alpha Phi Omega. It is difficult to place others' needs before your own. It is difficult to dedicate yourself to our principles selflessly and entirely. It is difficult to give so much of yourself. But in becoming a member of this fraternity, you have done just that, and you have done it well.

Now, your journey is over. You are a bit wearier, but wiser for it. While it is the end of one journey, however, it is just the beginning of another, longer one. I congratulate you on your achievement, and wish you luck as you set out again. May you never forget our motto:

BE A LEADER, BE A FRIEND, BE OF SERVICE.

Alpha Phi Omega

*Friendship, Leadership, Service.
Three words reliant on each other;
The meanings are often missed
Even by a dedicated brother.*

*Differences are bound to be there.
Friendship is overlooking them,
Letting people know you care,
And being a friend to them.*

*True leadership is hard to find.
Followers are also leaders,
Joining with others and their minds;
Gaining insight to become better leaders.*

*Working together for a cause,
Sacrificing time for the good of others;
The satisfaction outweighing the loss
Is the service feeling of the brothers.*

*Take these three words,
Combine with Scout Oath and Law,
And create three new words,
Alpha Phi Omega.*

*The regal looking colors
Of royal blue and gold,
And the jeweler L.G. Balfour
Brings the diamond into our fold.*

*Our tree, the sturdy oak
Stands like us, firm and tall.
The powerful bird shouldn't be provoked,
Considering it's the Golden Eagle.*

*The flower is not powerful,
But is fragile and delicate.
The name says it all,
We call it forget-me-not.*

*The toast song we sing
Convinces us to remember
That we will always be
Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega.*

**Cheri L. Hoaglin
Chi Pi Chapter
Fredonia State University,
Fredonia, New York.**



Philippines

Our Brothers in the Philippines conducted their most recent biennial convention on December 19-21, 1987. They had their convention in Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines. A very happy representative attending on behalf of the brothers of the U.S. was past National President, Earle M. Herbert. Pictured with him are Brothers from Philippine Region 4, Delta Kappa Chapter, Philippines Union College. (An article on the Philippine Convention will be featured in the Spring 1988 Torch & Trefoil.)



UGLY MAN ON CAMPUS

The Service Hotline, a publication of the National Service Committee, is in search of information about the Ugly Man on Campus projects, both past and present. Whether you are an alumni or undergraduate member, if your chapter has ever participated in this project, we want to hear about it! Please send any information you may have to:

Service Hotline
c/o Kay Hairgrove
National Service Chairman
1311 Antoine #267
Houston, TX 77055

ALPHA PHI OMEGA ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD

Lisa Covi, Section 97 Chairman (New York City and Long Island), is gathering a list of electronic bulletin boards and mailing lists at schools accessible by national networks that you use for fraternity activities.

She would like to set up a chapter document and information exchange for chapter newsletters. Please check your campus computer center's policies on network access. So far there are two sectional chairmen (Section 7 Chairman jp@vice.tek.com and Lisa) and four chapters (Kappa, Kappa Beta, Alpha Alpha and Alpha Chi) online.

Please send the address of the person who handles the chapter computing resources along with your suggestions, ideas and opinions to lisa@cunix.columbia.edu or lmcs@cuvma.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA ALUMNI



Chuck Bowen
National Alumni
Chairman

I am proud to announce that a newsletter is being developed for alumni! This newsletter will initially be mailed to Life Members. The main reason they are being singled out is that they are likely to have a more current address on file at the National Office, additionally other alumni with current addresses on file at the National Office will also receive this newsletter. Frequency of this new publication (yet unnamed) is still to be determined. However, the first issue will be mailed this spring.

Many recognize that the Fraternity seems only interested in alumni for their financial fortune after graduation. Well, to be perfectly honest, there is some truth to this. The Fraternity does count on us for financial support. But it is also true that the Fraternity cares for us as brothers as we continue our lives after graduation. The Fraternity values our counsel, advice, and expertise. The Fraternity needs Chapter Advisors, Sectional leaders, Regional leaders, and National leaders. Alumni are very important to the long-range success of our Fraternity.

The new alumni newsletter will feature general articles, about the Fraternity and not just about fund-raising. We will have alumni guest writers, alumni notes, and news about our many active alumni associations—in short, a newsletter for “Alumni”.

Moving?

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