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Another Great Day for Service !

Pictured are Brothers from the Zeta Delta Chapter at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Throughout the year Zeta Delta is involved in many projects. One project takes place in the Cincinnati area at the Wyoming Grade School for the school's annual carnival. Brothers set up, take down, and staff various booths. They assist with crafts, making ceramics, painting exhibits, and even painting faces. Working with children in a positive way is always fun. See pages 6 and 7 for more on the Zeta Delta Chapter.

NEW LOOK FOR T&T

Letters to the Editor is just one new feature beginning with the Winter/Spring edition of the Torch & Trefoil. Write your letter to the Editor today. For other new features see page 10!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL

President



**Wilfred M.
Krenek**
*National
President*

On December 16, 1995, our Fraternity celebrates its seventieth year of existence. Once again we pay tribute to our great Founders who had the foresight to form such an organization and bestow it with such long-lasting principles that have remained strong through the years.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is credited with saying, "the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving... we must sail sometime with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Alpha Phi Omega has surely sailed these many years.

As I was picking a topic for this column I thought it would be interesting to look back on what was written at each of the decade anniversaries in the *Torch & Trefoil*. My intent is to touch on some of the thoughts of our predecessors, and those other elements that have brought us to this year.

1925-1935 — In our first decade the Fraternity suffered through a severe depression (Crash of '29) that threatened the world's economic systems, and caused the actual elimination of many national college fraternities. In 1930 we wel-

comed a person who would prove to be the Fraternity's greatest leader since our Founders. He was H. Roe Bartle. With the "Chief" at the helm, Alpha Phi Omega marched on. He once said, "We have had a definite purpose; our objectives have been well defined, and we have continued through the years to render service to our fellow-men. Such a program cannot fail."

In 1932 our constitution and bylaws were completely revised, and the four-fold program of service was outlined. In 1934 a program to organize the Fraternity nationwide was begun. By 1935 there were forty-two Chapters established on college campuses.

1935-1945 — This was a time of growth and yet, hardship for the Fraternity. By 1945 there were 101 Chapters and 12,124 members. Still, we had been toughened through the years of strife of World War II. Five thousand of our members entered the Armed Forces. By the end of the war there were 58 Gold Stars representing our Brothers who paid the supreme sacrifice of their lives for their nation. At home, our chapters had continued to conduct thousands of hours of wartime related service projects.

Dr. Ray O. Wyland, a senior member of the APO Executive Committee and the Brother given credit for the original close relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and Alpha Phi Omega, wrote, "Every Alpha Phi Omega Brother is a missionary and a

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Around the world, Canada and Internet



by Dave Emery
*International/Public
Relations Chair*

AROUND THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL: The idea of Alpha Phi Omega was born in the United States in 1925, but the ideals of Leadership, Friendship and Service were not meant to be kept here. It was Frank Reed Horton's dream that "as scouting is worldwide, so should Alpha Phi Omega be worldwide." In the early 1950s the idea of Alpha Phi Omega was planted in the Philippines. Soon, due to the efforts of Dr. Librado "Bado" Ureta with the support of Alpha Phi Omega (A Phi O-USA) and others, Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines (A Phi O-Philippines) became a thriving, independent national organization.

The 1980s brought about renewed contact between A Phi O-USA and A Phi O-Philippines. Leaders in both organizations, including National Presidents Earle M. Herbert and Carlos "Caloy" Caliwara, concluded there was a need for an international coordinating body to promote the ideals of the Fraternity around the world. This resulted in the birth of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO) at the 1994 Dallas convention and the subsequent first meeting of the Council in Zamboanga City at the 1995 A Phi O-Philippine National Convention.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA OF CANADA

As we are part of this International Council, now is the time for us to take responsibility for the worldwide spread of our ideals. This prompted the National Board of Directors in February of this year to sponsor and actively promote and

support the establishment of Alpha Phi Omega of Canada. When we have assisted with the establishment of five active chapters in Canada, we will work with these chapters to help them set up an independent national organization.

This is where we need your help! We want each chapter, section and region to include Canada and Canadian schools in your regular extension efforts. As you do so, please keep Membership & Extension Chair John Anderson and International /Public Relations Chair Dave Emery up to date on these efforts.

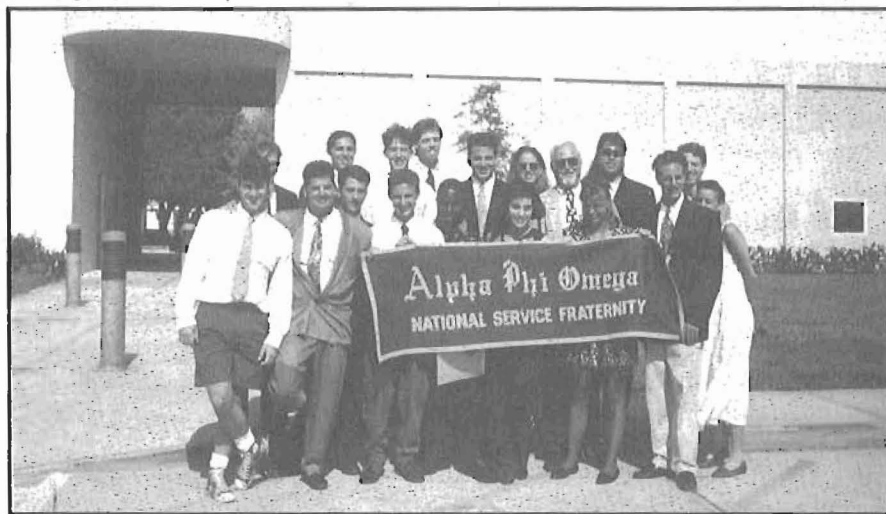
INTERNET

Many of our members have access to e-mail, the Internet and specifically the World Wide Web. If you search for references to Alpha Phi Omega, you come up with a growing list of sites or home pages. These sites are sponsored by individual chapters, sections and regions. While they provide some valuable information

about the Fraternity and, to date, all of the information seems to be accurate, there is no official Fraternity site sponsored by the National Fraternity at this time. In addition, many of our members are active participants in APO-L and/or APO-SOC, two popular unofficial e-mail discussion groups centering around Fraternity topics.

In order to further assist the Fraternity on the "Information Superhighway," a subcommittee, chaired by Region IX Director Charlie Zimmerman, is preparing a long-range plan for A Phi O publications, communications and the Fraternity in general, to use current electronic technology most efficiently now and in the future. Plans already are in place to publish the Chapter Bulletin on APO-L, thereby supplementing the US mail distribution. This long-range plan will probably include plans for official home pages and electronic distribution of most Fraternity publications and documents. Stay tuned!

Alpha Delta Lambda



Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, received its charter on May 13, 1995. Sixteen members were inducted in the ceremony performed by Alpha Gamma Rho from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida. Service projects that Alpha Delta Lambda has participated in included fund-raisers for the victims of the Kobe, Japan and California earthquakes, walkathons, spending Halloween with orphaned children, blood drives, and working at Super Bowl XXIX, just to name a few. For more information contact Alpha Phi Omega, Florida Atlantic University, University Center, Suite 210, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Earle remembered in scholarships

The Chaparral Alumni Association (CAA), held a banquet on April 29, 1995, in Los Angeles to honor the late Earle M. Herbert. The proceeds from the banquet generated three scholarships to students enrolled in the CAA area (Southern California and Arizona). This article was written by Jeff Schwartz, President of the Chaparral Alumni Association.

It's hard to say which came first — the idea for a scholarship or the idea for a banquet. But both were merged into one concept very early in the planning.

In early 1993 a group of alumni that included Irwin Gerst, National Board member; Tim Maple, past Section 3 Chair; R. D. McClanahan, alumnus from Harbor College in Los Angeles; Rosemary Riedy, current Region X Alumni Representative for the CAA; Mark Sugino, past Section I Chair; Dave Trotten, 1993 President of CAA; Kathleen Venne, alumna from Cal State-Los Angeles; and Jeff Schwartz, CAA President, began planning a unique way to remember Earle.

At that time, the CAA bank account was comfortable. With a few hundred dollars to spare, this informal committee decided to put it to good use. The germ of the idea to hold an annual banquet honoring Earle began, but it was late 1994 before the idea matured. Banquet and scholarship committees were formed for the event.

The scholarship committee decided to award three \$500 scholarships to students who attend school in the area where the Chaparral Alumni Association operates. Original fundraising efforts fell below expectations; only a miracle made it work. A number of alumni contributed at the last minute to meet the overall goal.

Delighted recipients of the scholarships were Lisa French and Riley Wilkes, both of Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo (Zeta Omicron Chapter), and Kari Carney of Cal State-Long Beach (Rho Gamma Chapter).

At the banquet a number of items were donated for a silent auction.



The 1995 Earle M. Herbert scholarship winners Kari Carney, Rho Gamma, and Riley Wilkes, Zeta Omicron, are joined by Rev. Eugene Herbert (Earle's brother, and National President Wilfred Krenek.

More than 20 items were provided by National Alumni Chair Neal Farmer. The silent auction raised approximately \$300 for the scholarships. Board Member Irwin Gerst remembered Earle prior to his being on the National Board of Directors. Board Member Dave Emery spoke about Earle's more recent board experiences, and past National Board Mem-

ber Kay Krenek introduced National President Wilfred Krenek, who spoke about Earle's overall impact on the National Board of Directors. Plans for the 1996 Earle Herbert Banquet and Scholarship Drive have already begun. For more information contact Chaparral Alumni Association, c/o Jeff Schwartz, P.O. Box 367, Monterey Park, CA 91754-5639.



National Office Flags

This past year alumni and undergraduates from Region VI gave the Fraternity a gift in honor of Bobby M. Hainline, Region VI Director 1984-1994. Their gift purchased three flagpoles that now grace the entrance to our National Office.

CORPORATE ASSOCIATIONS —

Join today!
Save Today!



by Neal Farmer
National Alumni
Chair

It has come to my attention that some of our alumni are upset that we ask them for money. Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is on a shoestring budget, and we frequently go to as many resources as we can to generate funds so that the undergraduate fees can remain the lowest of any Greek-named organization. Those who came before us kept fees low, and we are the caretakers of that "idea" for those who come after us.

From time to time, alumni from around the country will mention that appears to them that they are only good for what they can contribute monetarily. And beyond a thank-you note and the warm, fuzzy feeling of a job well done, they feel they receive nothing in return.

As a 20-year veteran of APO, and a well-traveled member of the National Board of Directors since 1988, I wanted a fresh way to approach members for money, so that the Fraternity can continue serving students at the lowest cost possible.

Then *voila!*

The corporate-association idea resurfaced.

The corporate associations will allow us to look more appealing to both older alumni as well as the youngsters who (hopefully) have graduated from school and (hopefully) secured jobs, and then will (hopefully) want to join our Life Membership and/or Sustaining Membership programs as well as consider donating to the Torchbearer program to insure our financial security. With the new discount programs, the money saved with the corporate associations will more than equal what is paid to

join the Life Membership/Sustaining Membership programs.

The Fraternity has offered a corporate benefits program for alumni for some time. Years ago, there was an insurance program through the Wohlers Co. of Chicago, as well as discount car rental from Hertz. About five years ago, we began the APO Visa affinity bank card program. (What, you didn't know about the APO credit card?) Operators at

are hoping for many more. If anyone out there has a mom, dad, godperson or significant other who is in charge of a corporation, feel free to approach them to try for a discount program.

The things that sell us to companies are our 240,000 alumni, 16,000 undergraduates, and the fact that we stand for leadership development as well as community service and volunteerism.

I want to relate one of our own corporate success stories. Alumna Teresa Stefanisko talked to her boss at GalaxSea Cruises and now we have a nifty association with a discount sea-cruise company. GalaxSea offers us five percent off their normal discount prices, and can be reached at the unforgettable number of 1-800-298-BOAT.

To keep this program up to date, the National Alumni Committee has started a National Alumni Home Page on the World Wide Web. On the web, we have enumerated the different types of alumni membership, how to start local alumni associations, and an electronic post office where alumni can link with each other as well as the up-to-date corporate associations.

The alumni home page address is <http://www.bga.com/~rancher/alumni.html>

Our alumni page editor is Michael Gardner of Austin, Texas, and both his and my e-mail addresses are listed on the home page if you have further suggestions for that page.

I also want to point out that we have an association with CPI Photo/Fox Photo. The reason for this particular discount program is so more people will take more photographs and submit them to the *Torch & Trefoil* for consideration of publication.

So peruse the list of corporate associations, and if anybody can help us gain another corporate association, please get with me.

And, *Voila!*

Alpha Phi Omega Corporate Associations

Alamo Rent-a-Car®
CPI/Fox Photo®
GalaxSea Cruises®
Hertz Rent-a-Car®
Holiday Inn®
Jiffy Lube®
Kinko's Copies®
Six Flags Theme Parks®
Southwest Airlines®

For more information concerning our corporate associations, contact the National Office, 14901 E. 42nd St., Independence, MO 64055.
Telephone: 816-373-8667
FAX: 816-373-5975

the National Office are standing by at 816-373-8667 to send you an application. Use the credit card and use it often, as we get a royalty every year from the total amount charged nationally from the APO cards.)

This year an aggressive run to attract national corporations was launched. While some companies have turned us down, others have responded positively.

The list is long (see box), but we



ZETA

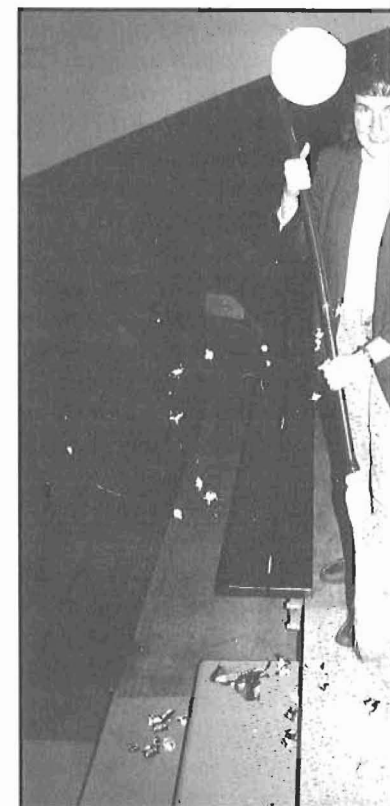
It may look like the Brothers of Zeta Delta were sitting down on the job during National Service Day, yet the chapter cleaned community storm ditches close to campus, conducted a trash pickup on many streets in Oxford, Ohio, and cleaned a local park and wooded area. The Chapter produced over five hundred hours of service in that one day!



For the past three years, Zeta Delta has averaged more than 300 active members.



Although involved in numerous projects, one of the favorites of Zeta Delta is One Way Farm, a local home for abused children. Throughout the year, Brothers can be found there, being of service in many ways by painting, cleaning, and spending days with the children playing games. Recently Brothers spent the morning painting posts and other utility equipment.



Zeta Delta participated in many Miami University activities with tradition. After spending the evening in the Arena cheering for the Redskins, a picture while sweeping up the snacks.

DELTA

Zeta Delta at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, is one of the largest chapters in Alpha Phi Omega. For more information contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Miami University, 338 Shriver Center, Oxford, OH 45056.



Actives and Pledges attended a Rush Project on a recent fall morning at Hueston Woods State Park. The morning was spent getting to know one another, as well as cleaning the park and trails, painting buildings, and cleaning out fire pits.



Above, Brothers take a moment to talk about what they have accomplished. Yard work is always a fun way to spend a morning with Brothers. They enjoy accomplishing service to others while taking advantage of the opportunity to spend time with friends.



While it may look like the Brothers of Zeta Delta have taken leave of their senses, it is not so. After spending the day on projects, the Chapter took the time for some Brotherhood.

Members gather at the front door of Caracole House, an AIDS hospice in Cincinnati, Ohio, volunteering to clean apartments, garages, basements, and the lawn. Working on service projects had created so much enthusiasm that the members have designated Caracole as the Chapter philanthropy.



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...evening at Goggin Ice
...a Brother pauses for
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1994-95 — A Fiscal Review

New T & T

Every so often in our history the appearance and presentation of the *Torch & Trefoil* change. It has been ten years since our last makeover. The 1996 Winter/Spring issue will have a different look. It will reflect ideas suggested by students and alumni over the past few years. We want *your* magazine to be more appealing to you.

Our news content comes from two major sources, Chapters and Alumni. This will not change. The good news of our Chapters, through their expression of our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service, will continue to fill the pages of our magazine. Our Alumni and Alumni Associations, representatives of volunteerism in their communities, will continue to have a place of importance within the pages of the *Torch & Trefoil*.

Our new look features a question and answer trivia column, a historical fact column, historical photos, articles from "persons of impact" from outside the Fraternity, our other regular features and news, but (sorry) no crossword puzzles.

The *Torch & Trefoil* is the Fraternity's primary communication link to all our members. We want you to look forward to receiving each issue. Oh yes, one more thing, the Letters to the Editor column. Now, if there is something you want to add . . . write to "Dear Editor . . ."



by Bobby M.
Hainline
National Finance
Chair

The annual report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1995, is presented for your review. The financial statements and charts shown on these two pages provide a view of the allocation of revenues and expenses, and how they are used to support national programs and services to our members.

Overall the results for the year were positive relative to the budget approved by the National Board of Directors. The audit shows that the Fraternity budgeted for a deficit of \$38,000. The deficit was actually only \$32,898. (Not shown in this part of the audit report is the Capital Campaign, which had a budget of \$38,000. That campaign netted \$44,545. When this item is considered in the audit report there is an overall excess of \$11,647 in the annual financial statement.)

The overall membership revenue reporting exceeded budget by \$14,289. Two areas of revenue that did not meet expectations were the sale of merchandise and fund-raising. Merchandise sales fell below budget by \$11,710, and the annual Development Campaign ended the year \$9,572 below budget.

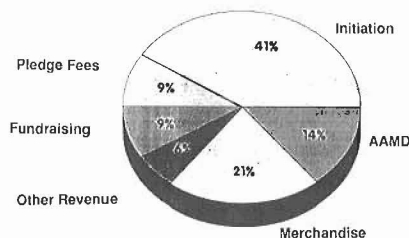
Several areas of expense were higher than normal. Printing costs and Awards and Certificates were over budget as a result of higher than expected usage during the year.

Brothers who attended the last National Convention established significant growth goals, in both membership and programs. During my tenure I will concentrate my energies on membership growth, enhanced fund raising, and prudent financial management to assure we achieve the Fraternity's recognized goals.

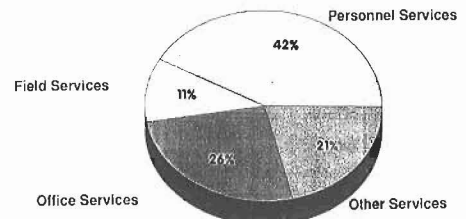
It is essential to our economic growth that we develop programs that will decrease the share of operating funds now provided by undergraduates. With the formation of the National Alumni Association we took a huge step forward in expanding our volunteer resources and our donor base. We are actively pursuing other organizations and foundations whose primary purpose is to perpetuate the ideals and principles we have accepted. This is not a job for one person, or just the Board Directors. It is our job, our responsibility. Yes, "we've come a long way" in 70 years and we have the potential to go so much further. All we need is you! Thanks to all of you who helped make these results a reality.

The financial report as stated here is a summary of the financial statements of the Fraternity as of August 31, 1995. The complete financial statements are on file at the National Office and have been audited by a national CPA firm.

REVENUES



EXPENSES



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

BALANCE SHEETS August 31, 1995 and 1994

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

GENERAL FUND:	1995	1994
Current Assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 87,824	\$ 105,970
Accounts receivable	11,470	14,878
Merchandise for sale, at the lower of cost (first in, first out) or market	44,363	51,369
Printed materials and supplies	41,786	39,552
Prepaid convention expense	238	1,108
Prepaid postage	735	735
Other	<u>37</u>	<u>1,053</u>
Total Current Assets	186,453	214,665
Fixed Assets:		
Property and equipment:		
Land	93,000	93,000
Building and improvements	216,791	216,791
Equipment	46,778	83,848
Furniture and fixtures	15,565	13,089
	372,134	406,728
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>89,032</u>	<u>107,387</u>
Total Fixed Assets	283,102	299,341
RESTRICTED ASSETS	84,509	63,127
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 554,064	\$ 577,133

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	1995	1994
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable - chapters	\$ 6,108	\$ 4,042
Accounts payable - vendors	7,780	16,058
Wages payable	4,327	5,068
Payroll taxes payable	4,286	3,330
Accrued vacation	1,325	1,748
Interest payable	0	33
Current maturities of notes payable	<u>0</u>	<u>13,305</u>
Total Current Liabilities	23,826	43,584
Other Liabilities:		
Funds held for inactive chapters	3,832	7,164
Notes payable - Endowment Trust	<u>0</u>	<u>11,626</u>
Total Other Liabilities	3,832	18,790
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,658	62,374
Fund Balances:		
General Fund:		
Donor Designated	2,500	50,000
Designated-building fund S & O	0	13,127
Undesignated	<u>441,897</u>	<u>451,632</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	444,397	514,759
Challenge Fund:	82,009	0
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	526,406	514,759
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 554,064	\$ 577,133

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, Years ended August 31, 1995 and 1994 With unaudited budget information for 1995

	1995 Actual	1995 Budget (unaudited)	1995 Over (Under) Budget (unaudited)	1994 Actual
REVENUES:				
Initiation fees	\$ 190,565	\$ 175,900	\$ 14,665	\$ 171,985
Pledge fees	43,335	42,600	735	41,955
AAMD	64,389	65,500	(1,111)	64,815
Subtotal	298,289	284,000	14,289	278,755
Development Campaign	40,428	50,000	(9,572)	49,468
Sale of jewelry and merchandise	96,590	108,300	(11,710)	95,245
Special Designated Gifts	4,000	0	4,000	70,000
Other revenue	25,024	15,650	9,374	15,371
Subtotal Other Revenue	29,024	15,650	13,374	85,371
Convention Revenue	116,632	77,290	39,342	0
TOTAL REVENUES	580,963	535,240	45,723	508,839
EXPENSES:				
Personnel Services:				
Salaries	204,917	203,000	1,917	180,908
Hospitalization insurance	368	2,400	(2,032)	276
Payroll taxes	12,653	15,530	(2,877)	12,813
Disability insurance	1,762	1,820	(58)	1,733
Total Personnel Services	219,700	222,750	(3,050)	195,730
Office Services:				
Printing	42,067	34,000	10,705	45,267
Telephone	7,514	7,500	14	7,549
Postage	28,634	31,000	(2,366)	28,582
Auditing & Accounting	6,020	5,500	520	5,100
Office supplies	8,642	6,600	2,042	8,146
Bookkeeping	4,530	2,100	2,430	4,200
Data processing	2,885	7,500	(4,615)	12,961
Equipment maintenance	6,834	6,000	834	6,692
Insurance	4,089	4,000	89	3,437
Copier expense	8,998	11,500	(2,502)	10,626
Building utilities	3,489	4,000	(511)	3,772
Building maintenance	4,733	6,000	(1,267)	6,273
Bank services	1,314	900	(414)	776
Total Office Services	132,387	126,600	5,787	143,381
Field Services:				
Chapter visitation - staff	8,076	7,000	1,076	6,510
Torch and Trefoil	32,164	31,000	1,164	24,221
Certificates and Awards	6,047	3,900	2,147	4,312
Alumni report	2,549	6,050	(3,501)	487
Member marketing program				250
President's discretionary account	803	3,000	(2,197)	782
Leadership development	2,324	3,000	(676)	5,057
Board meetings, net	579		579	769
Public relations		1,500	(1,500)	774
Scouting relations	1,174	750	424	343
Service	960	500	460	
Volunteer development		2,000	(2,000)	
Total Field Services	54,676	58,700	(4,024)	43,505
Other Services:				
Professional fees & subscriptions	975	600	375	1,001
Purchase of jewelry & supplies	69,743	53,500	16,243	35,506
Staff development	1,596	1,500	96	2,182
Life Membership sales campaign	3,972	4,200	(2,866)	3,986
Miscellaneous expense	1,943	1,000	943	1,624
Depreciation	23,642	25,800	(2,158)	26,214
Development campaign	5,606		5,606	5,547
Interest expense	732	1,300	(568)	3,244
Total Other Services	108,209	87,900	20,309	79,304
Convention expense	101,527	77,290	24,237	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	613,861	573,240	40,621	461,920
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(32,898)	(38,000)	5,102	46,919
Transfers (to) from Capital Campaign Fund	(37,464)			25,460
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	514,759			442,380
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 444,397			\$ 514,759

Kappa Chi



The **Kappa Chi** Chapter at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, has gotten the 1995-96 school year off to a strong and successful start. Members have already planned service events with such orga-

nizations as Habitat for Humanity, the Omaha Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., the Kidney Foundation, local nursing homes, and the Nebraska AIDS Project. On October 8, approximately 25 members assisted with the Omaha AIDS Walk, and the Chapter had the responsibility of promotion and administration for the event.

A weekend adventure to Kansas City got the year kicked off right and gave members a chance to strengthen friendships. A day at the Renaissance Festival and a dance with the Gamma Xi Chapter at Rockhurst College proved to be fun for all. Other upcoming events include preparing a float and assisting with Homecoming festivities, and a fund-raiser (as only mid-western folks can do it!) entitled "Cow Chip Bingo." For more information, contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Creighton University, c/o Creighton Programs Office, Omaha, NE 68178.

Beta Eta

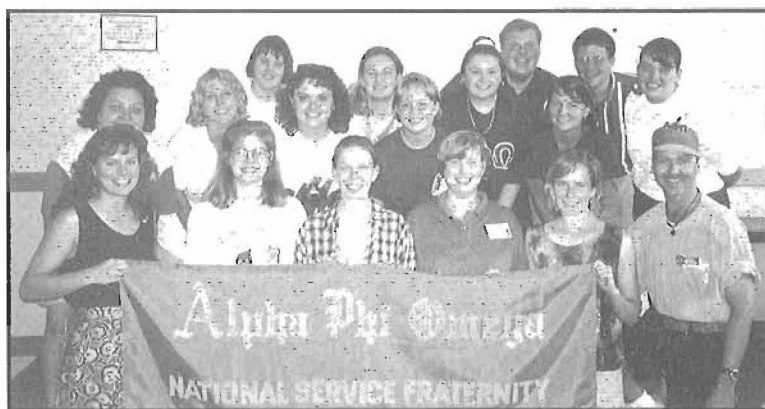
The 1994-95 school year was one of exciting growth for the **Beta Eta** Chapter. Not only did the Chapter double in size, they also were able to complete service projects which had a great impact on the community. In February, the Chapter aided the local Girl Scout troops in the distribution of cookies for their annual cookie sales. This project took two weekends. The first weekend members checked to see that orders had been filled and that separate orders were boxed. The second weekend they helped distribute each troop's orders to the troop leader who then gave the cookies to the Girl Scouts for delivery. This work was long and hard, but was well worth the effort because the local Girl Scouts experienced another year of successful cookie sales.

In March, members participated in the annual Kids' Day, a fun, all-day activity which is free to the community. Children learn about and see first-hand the wide variety of events that take place in hospitals. The objective is to make kids feel more at ease in a hospital environment.



Members took on many duties including preparing snacks for the kids, manning a variety of booths, and assisting in demonstrations. For more information contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, University of Missouri, A022 Brady Commons, Columbia, MO 65211.

CPW



The Fraternity sponsored six Chapter Program Workshops (CPWs) in 1995 — over 200 Brothers took advantage of the educational experience. The Brothers pictured converged on the University of Iowa's campus this summer to participate in the Iowa City CPW. Representing five chapters, four states, three sections, and two regions, much was shared, discussed and learned over the three days. If you have never attended a CPW make plans now to participate in 1996. For more information contact the National Office, 14901 E. 42nd Street, Independence, MO 64055.

Alpha Gamma Iota

Four years ago an Alpha Phi Omega tradition began at **Alpha Gamma Iota**, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Mike Long, a founding Brother of the Chapter, suggested that the Chapter Program Planning Conference (CPPC) be held at Treasure Island, a Boy Scout camp on the Delaware River near Philadelphia, PA. Because of the Fraternity's past affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America, the Chapter was allowed to use the camp to plan for the next year. Every year since, the CPPC has been held at Treasure Island. This year's conference was held in early September with 22 Brothers in attendance. Much needed rain fell during the weekend, but the spirit of Brotherhood was not dampened. The conference yielded many new service and recruiting ideas.

The weekend began with setting up tents and moving in. The elected officers induction ceremony and the installment of the appointed officers occurred Friday night. On Saturday the chapter formed five separate committees to discuss leadership, service, membership, communication and finance. Some of the new ideas for this year included holding a Halloween costume party for Special Olympics athletes, weekly trips to local soup kitchens, and a beach cleanup in Atlantic City, NJ. This year the Chapter is really concentrating on increasing membership and making the campus more aware of



Chapter goals. Each year the Chapter has participated in a service project on Treasure Island. This year the Brothers helped clean out the dining hall and transported lumber onto the island. This helped the Boy Scouts and showed thanks for the use of their facilities. Other events at the CPPC were card playing, camp fire sing-alongs, two touch football games, and, of course, the hot dog and marshmallow roasts. For more information, contact Chapter President, Alpha Phi Omega, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Sciences, 708 S. 42nd St., Box 2, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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crusader. Let us not overlook any opportunity to extend the service of our great Fraternity." At the end of the decade one of our Chapters, Alpha Rho, was approaching 100 members (how big can they get!). Another thought of the day was that although there were no definite plans to expand into the international field, in the future, it might be possible.

1945-1955 — In this decade we witnessed the rise of two more great leaders of the Fraternity — Dr. Arno "Shorty" Nowotny and M. R. Disborough, both serving as National Presidents. We grew to 282 active Chapters. Our total membership was more than 48,000 members. We celebrated our Silver anniversary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1950. In 1951, through the efforts of Dr. Librado Ireta, Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines became a reality.

It was written that Alpha Phi Omega had grown rapidly and on a firm foundation. The service program of the Fraternity had become well known to students, educators, and Scout leaders throughout America, and has become increasingly important in campus life.

1955-1965 — Again war would affect our Fraternity. In 1965 Vietnam was just beginning. The history of this war would have an effect on our Fraternity.

But these ten years were again a period of continuing growth for the Fraternity. We stood at 90,000 brothers. We had Chapters on almost 400 college campuses. Again, Dr. Ray Wyland was given the honor of writing a footnote in our history. He said, "Alpha Phi Omega has won its spurs. It is no longer a new name in college and university circles, or an idea that might succeed. Our growth bears witness to the Fraternity's widespread acceptance, and its vitality

through forty tempestuous years. We have come through it all with our ideals intact and our program still centered on Service."

1965-1975 — In 1975 the Fraternity celebrated its 50th Anniversary. National President Lawrence L. "Pinky" Hirsch, M.D., wrote to the members, "My hearty congratulations to each of the more than 140,000 members who have had a part in developing and conducting the program of Alpha Phi Omega. In fifty years we have come to be recognized as a major force for the constructive building of a better life within our colleges and communities." The Fraternity had grown to 577 Chapters chartered, with 362 active Chapters in 1975.

The decade had been a volatile one for the Fraternity. In 1967 the Fraternity held a Constitutional Convention in Oklahoma rewriting the structure of the Fraternity. At that

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same time a Brother of the Fraternity, James A. Lovell, rocketed into space, circled the moon, and became a hero. Then in the midst of Vietnam, Kent State, Watergate, Title IX and the economy in general something happened across the country on college campuses — fraternities and sororities generally speaking had a reduction in membership. Alpha Phi Omega also lost members.

Maybe it was Title IX that eventually had the greatest effect on the Fraternity in the 1970s. In 1974 at the National Convention in St. Louis, the Fraternity adopted legislation which allowed chapters to initiate women as affiliate members. There were two other records of this decade for the Fraternity. The 1968 National Convention in Washington, D.C., had 1,628 Brothers in attendance. In 1970 at the Dallas, Texas, National Convention 231 Chapters were represented.

In the fifty years of history we had developed from a fraternity comprised of young men in college with a background in scouting, to a fraternity comprised of men and women in college without restriction other than to have a sincere expression of service to others in their actions.

1975-1985 — As we began this decade, our membership began to grow again. And, at the 1976 National Convention, women became full members in the Fraternity. In that ten year period the number of Pledges increased by 86%, Initiates by 78%, and Active members by 32%. Yet the number of our Chapters decreased

by 14%. At the end of 1985 we had over 169,000 Alumni members and 10,600 Active members. We had 308 Active Chapters.

Earle M. Herbert, National President (1982-1986) wrote, "Frank Reed Horton lived in an age of confusion, but he had a vision: a vision of the force of the human spirit, a vision of the strength of eternal values, a vision of the power of human compassion. He was guided by that vision while at a small engineering school in Pennsylvania, and we have been responding to this vision for sixty years."

The end of our sixtieth anniversary would be the start of something new within the Fraternity. Since the beginning of our existence the National Office had always been leased . . . never adequate, always lacking. Now, that too would change.

1985-1995 — In this most recent decade many changes have affected the Fraternity, all positive. Past President Stan Carpenter (1986-90) was irreverently quoted saying, "We (Fraternity) have officially moved out of the 19th Century, and are madly catching up to the 21st Century."

In this span of ten years we have built our permanent National Office in Independence, Missouri, and paid off the mortgage. We are offering more services to more Active Brothers and Alumni Brothers than ever before. We have taken the first steps to becoming a truly international organization with the formation of the International Council. We have a working long-range plan that will guide us into the next century.

After 70 years there are almost 260,000 Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega across the face of this nation, of which there are 15,672 (a growth rate of 47% in the past ten years) active Brothers in 318 Chapters. Since our beginning we have granted charters on 684 college and university campuses. Remember Alpha Rho Chapter? Well, it continued to grow. Today Alpha Rho has welcomed almost 6,000 members into the Fraternity. And, we finally surpassed the 1968 National Convention attendance record. At the 1992 National Convention in Boston over 2,000 Brothers attended. So, another decade has passed, and we are only five years away from our "Diamond Jubilee."

1995-2005 — And so, we look toward the future of the Fraternity. It is in our hands. As we believe our purpose to be universal, we must look to the expansion of our Fraternity. To continue being an organization that will give its members the opportunity to demonstrate Leadership, Friendship and Service we must continue building on our strengths. Our vision of Alpha Phi Omega should always be to keep our Fraternity as the nation's — no, the world's — foremost campus-based, inclusive, service-oriented, leadership development organization for college and university students.

You, my Brothers, are the heart and soul of Alpha Phi Omega. For what you do, through what you have learned, and through what you feel, you have made Alpha Phi Omega the great Fraternity that it is. May our next 70 years be as bright as our first!

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