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One of the most widely attended Chapter Program Workshops (CPWs) in the summer of 1997 was conducted at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Over 40 Brothers attended, representing Chapters from Regions VI, VIII, IX and X. An average of 300 Brothers a year attend CPWs. Participants develop and enhance skills to become effective Chapter leaders.

### **Leadership Development:** It's CPW Time

In the next few months hundreds of APO Brothers will sign up for another round of summertime CPWs. This summer's leadership program has been a highlight of the Fraternity calendar of activities for many years. The subject matter has changed over the years, but the intent and purpose of the program have remained constant. The goal is to help current Chapter officers perform successfully,

and to give future Chapter officers the leadership skills, confidence and other traits to seek elected office in their Chapter. This summer we will have CPWs in every geographic region in the country. Chapters have received CPW forms this spring in the mail. Now is the time for Chapters to alert their members about this leadership development opportunity. Check out page 16 for dates and locations.

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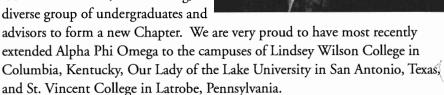
#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY WILFRED M. KRENEK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

#### **Building the Fraternity**

Of all the banquets, ceremonies and rituals that I have participated in during my Alpha Phi Omega career, none is more inspiring than the chartering of a new Chapter. This school year we have chartered seven new Chapters, and we anticipate another eight new charters before the end of this year who will join us in developing leadership, promoting friendship and providing service to others.

As National President, like all the Members of the National Board of Directors, I review each new application for charter. Besides a well-balanced service program, it takes a dedicated, hardworking, diverse group of undergraduates and



In late February, I was fortunate enough to attend the chartering ceremony of the Alpha Delta Chi Chapter at Our Lady of the Lake University. Pride was reflected in the faces of those in attendance — from the University Dean of Students, who encouraged the group based on her familiarity with Alpha Phi Omega from other campuses, to the parent who was an alumnus from another Chapter, watching his son's activation. Pride was reflected in the eyes of the Sectional and Regional Staff, who provided support since the group had begun. And pride radiated from the faces of the new active members as they received their Service Pins. It was a memorable, inspiring evening.

As the Fraternity expands domestically and internationally, there will be more opportunities to charter new Chapters. More leaders will emerge, more friendships will develop and more service than ever will be provided to humanity. If you have the opportunity to get involved in an extension effort, I encourage you to do so. If you're near a campus that doesn't have a Chapter and you think it should, let the National Office know. As we approach our 75th Anniversary in the year 2000, our Fraternity goal is to grow to 375 active Chapters. By the end of this year we will have 343 active Chapters, with many memorable inspiring evenings yet to come.

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# Detters to the Oditor

Patrick Burke, Alpha Phi Omega National Executive Director and Torch & Trefoil Editor, welcomes your thoughts and comments.

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#### Dear Oditor:

The "A Page in History" column of the winter T&T where you featured a photo from the fall 1990 T&T has a special memory for me. The photo features a Brother of Alpha Beta Rho Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford assisting a young man in a Special Olympics crosscountry skiing event. I had known the young man, Michael McGee, since we were both four years old. Just before he photo was published in the T&T , 1990, Michael died of a sudden stroke. I showed his parents the photo of their son in our newsletter. Needless to say it meant a lot to them to see him standing there on those skis. It made me proud to be a Brother to know that APO had touched the life of such a brave and remarkable individual as Michael. Out of the thousands of photos from which you have to choose to feature on "A Page in History," thank you for picking one that I will remember for a long time.

One more comment about Alpha Beta Rho Chapter. In 1988 while still

#### WE'RE LISTENING

We love to hear from our readers. Send us your comments, your suggestions, your ideas for continuing the mission and furthering the goals of Alpha Phi Omega.

in high school and an active Scout, I participated in a Klondike Derby where Alpha Beta Rho was volunteering. A year later as a student at Behrend College of Penn State I became a Brother of the Alpha Beta Nu Chapter. I owe a very special thanks to the Brothers of Alpha Beta Rho for influencing me in my decision to become a brother.

Jim McFetridge Section 80 Alumni Staff, Alpha Beta Nu '89

**D**ear **B**ditor:

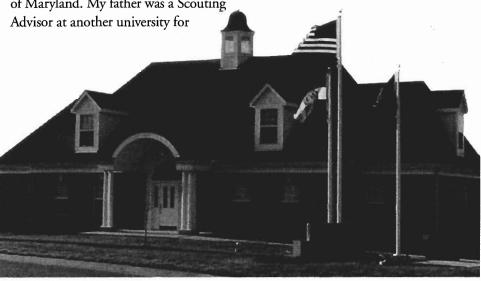
The Letters to the Editor section of the Winter/Spring Edition of *Torch and Trefoil* raised some interesting questions. I too am faced with what to call members of my family who are members of our Fraternity. I was a member (now a Life Member) of Epsilon Mu Chapter at the University of Maryland. My father was a Scouting

several years. My daughter, Susan, was a member of Epsilon Mu Chapter (now a Life Member) so she is my father's Brother as well as mine. My brother was a Brother of Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Colorado. So if my daughter is my father's Brother, does that make my brother her nephew?

Obviously, Alpha Phi Omega has made an impression on our family of Brothers.

Gerald J. "Sam" Berry Alumnus Epsilon Mu Chapter

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### DELTA Auburn University Auburn, AL

Recently the 23rd Annual Ms. Wheelchair Alabama contest was held in Auburn, Alabama. Delta Chapter volunteered to escort the participants. Brothers were paired with the contestants and attended a reception dinner. Later the Brothers participated in a dance clinic with their new partners. Michelle Cooper was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Alabama. After the ceremony everyone attended a celebration party, dancing the night away. Event coordinators were pleased with the support of the Chapter, noting that Delta's efforts were the best support they had ever received from event escorts. Delta is looking forward to assisting with this project again next year.



#### ALPHA GAMMA LAMBDA

#### Albion College Albion, MI

The Brothers of Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter are serious about service. One of their service projects is the "Adopt-A-Highway" program. They have adopted a two-mile stretch of I-94 just outside of Albion, Michigan.



#### PI OMICRON

#### Emory & Henry College Emory, VA

Dressing up for Halloween is fun, and Pi Omicron Chapter at its 1997 Halloween party added service by hosting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization of Emory, Virginia.

#### **ALPHA BETA RHO**

#### University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Bradford, PA

This past year Alpha Beta Rho Chapter members have spent time in the Library on Saturdays — not studying, but working with youth from the Bradford,

ennsylvania, community in a Youth Service arant project called "The Library Crafts Program." Children learn the importance of reading and creative thinking. Chapter members read a certain story to the children and then guide them in creating a craft in line with the theme of the story. It is a rewarding time for both the Chapter and the children.



#### **NU MU**

#### University of Minnesota - Duluth Duluth, MN

Two thousand service hours spell out the dedication of Nu Mu Brothers this school year. They raised \$1,100 through various projects for community charities during the Christmas season and collected over 400 pounds of canned goods and other items of food for the "Food Shelf" of Duluth. The Brothers also spend many hours in service to scouting by doing whatever camp projects are needed at a local Boy Scout camp, such as chopping wood as shown in the photo.

#### **ZETA**



#### Stanford University Stanford, CA

This year Zeta Chapter celebrates its 70th year of Leadership, Friendship and Service. This past fall on Halloween the Chapter went "trick or treating" to faculty housing. The Chapter was "treated" with almost 200 canned goods for "Bread of Life," a soup kitchen in the nearby community of East Palo Alto. Members in photo join in a Friendship Circle at the conclusion of a chapter meeting.

#### **ALPHA ALPHA THETA**

#### St. Ambrose University Davenport, lowa

With the help of the Country Buffet Bee, Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter hosted a Halloween celebration at a Davenport grade school with a carnival and auction. There was a lot of food, games and prizes. Those participating in the auction added to the successful results of the evening. The Chapter plans to do this again next year.



#### **EPSILON PSI**

#### Kent State University Kent, Ohio

In the past three years Epsilon Psi has concentrated on the principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service. The Chapter recently wrote, "Epsilon Psi is going strong. We went on a leadership retreat, and by the end of the day we learned a lot about leadership techniques and also much about friendship within our Chapter."



#### **OMEGA XI**

#### Cornell College Mt. Vernon, IA

This past December Omega Xi held its first World AIDS Day Rock-a-Thon. The Chapter and other campus organizations spent more than 18 straight hours in rocking chairs. The event raised over \$300. The Chapter plans to make the event bigger and better next year.



#### ZETA DELTA Miami University Oxford, OH

With 200 plus active members Zeta Delta Chapter never wants for a service project. The Chapter has a large fund-raising project on campus. After each hockey game, as seen in the photo, at the Goggin Ice Arena, Brothers perform as the clean-up crew for which the chapter is paid. And throughout the year they do the same thing for other major campus events held in the arena. The Chapter provides much support to Caricole House an AIDS hospice in Cincinnati. Much of the fund raising efforts go for that cause.



#### **ALPHA DELTA UPSILON**

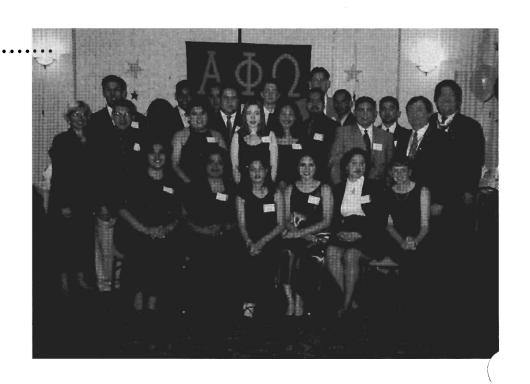
#### Saginaw Valley State University Saginaw, MI

On April 26, 1997, Alpha Delta Upsilon at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Michigan, was officially chartered as the 692nd Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

#### **ALPHA DELTA CHI**

#### Our Lady of the Lake University San Antonio, TX

Alpha Delta Chi, at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, was officially chartered as the 694th Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, on February 28, 1998.



# APO: Act Locally, Act Globally

by Dave Emery, International Relations Director



Let me begin by borrowing and expanding on a phrase from the environmental community of "Think Globally, Act

Locally." Alpha Phi Omega members are the perfect example of caring, motivated people "Acting Locally" by providing service on our own campuses and in our own communities.

At our National Convention in Minneapolis in December we will host the next meeting of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO). It is expected that 'pha Phi Omega members from the hilippines, Canada and Australia will join us at this time. This will be the first time that Alpha Phi Omega members representing all four

nationally organized Alpha Phi Omegas will be assembled together. This will certainly be a great confirmation of our commitment to Frank Reed Horton's dream of making Alpha Phi Omega worldwide "as scouting is worldwide."

A National Convention is a great opportunity to "Think Globally" and learn from members who are not from our Chapter, Section, Region or even from our country. Then it is our responsibility to take the new ideas home to our own campus and community and continue our incredible tradition of "Acting Locally."

As you carry on your programs of Leadership, Friendship and Service, I challenge you now to start looking for creative opportunities to "Act Globally." In 1993, former National President Felix "Chato" Marinas of Alpha Phi Omega of the Philippines joined us in celebrating our National

Service Day (AIDS/HIV Disease Education & Awareness), creating the first International Service Day. Many of you already conduct service projects with an international connection, such as assisting organizations like the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Oxfam International, etc. To further this global opportunity I have appointed an International Service Committee that will be meeting for the first time in Minneapolis. Look for this committee of international members to give us some ideas on how we can all work together to better "Act Globally" in the future.

I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis and extend to you an invitation to attend the third meeting of the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega. Please remember to challenge yourselves to provide service both locally and globally.

#### **National Board Action**

- Acknowledged the removal of Sigma Theta Chapter, St. Mary's University, Winona, Minnesota, from administrative review.
- Approved the recharter of Omicron Nu Chapter, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.
- Approved Alpha Delta Psi Chapter, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky, as the 695th Chapter of the Fraternity.
- Directed the National Executive rector to review recommendations and implement improvements as appropriate in regard to the Rules and Credentials Committee at the 1998 National Convention.

- Approved the accounting firm of Grant Thornton of Kansas City, Missouri, to conduct the audit of the Fraternity for the fiscal year 1997-98.
- Approved the revised Policy Manual of the National Board of Directors.

The National President -

- Appointed a Regional Realignment Committee to conduct a census of the active Chapters and recommend any proposed regional boundary changes to the next Board meeting.
- Appointed the 1998 Fall Pledge Class Namesake Honoree Nominating Committee.
- Appointed a committee to review the guidelines for Chapters submitting bids for future National Conventions, with recommendations to be

presented to the 1998 National Convention.

- Appointed a committee to review the impact of the Standard Risk Management Policies on the future of the Fraternity, with recommendations to be presented to the 1998 National Convention.
- Appointed a committee to develop a three-year plan for the utilization of the Internet in improving Fraternity services, capabilities, productivity and cost containment opportunities.
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be July 10-12, 1998, in Denver, Colorado.

# S S WHAT'S GOING ON WITH

# Serving Together 1997-1998

by mrn Tomusiak, National Service/Communication Director



Each National Convention recommends a Program of Emphasis to enhance the service programs of all Alpha Phi

Omega Chapters for the following two years. Throughout 1997 and 1998, the emphasis is on Combating Violence and Poverty. In addition, specific related themes for National Service Week are chosen. Halfway between the two NSWs, this is an ideal time to review last year's accomplishments and plan next year's work.

Looking Back ... National Service Week 1997

#### Hunger & Homelessness November 3 - 9

1997 was the first year the tradition of National Service Day was increased to a full week. Several chapters expressed approval of this expansion, noting they enjoyed the opportunity of a whole week for "official" projects - many took place during the week, and several groups had multiple projects throughout the week and beyond. By this writing, 122 groups had reported - a 36 percent increase over last year - and each has an official certificate to commemorate their participation.

Mu Eta Chapter, Albright College, Reading, PA, organized a Sleepout for the Homeless - a temporary village composed of 24 cardboard boxes. The chapter raised \$500 for Habitat for Humanity and raised awareness of the plight of the homeless: "Everybody got a real good idea of what it's like to be without a home on a cold, wet night".

Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter, Knox College, Galesburg, IL, focused on helping the hungry and received the best kind of reward - knowing the chapter made a difference: "The food pantry was absolutely amazed at the amount of food we brought. They thought we were finished bringing in everything after only three bags. By the time we were done we had brought in enough bags to fill the whole little place up. They were very thankful."



Many Chapters included other people in their projects - other APO groups, other fraternities, campus groups, scouts, churches and friends - and some got a few new members in the process. **Zeta Tau** Chapter, Central Methodist College, Fayette, MO, made shirts with the National Service Week logo and used a food pantry project as a formal rush. There's one good reason to get other people involved!

A number of Chapters tried to attract media attention of the positive kind, and several succeeded. We were covered by radio, TV, and articles in local and campus newspapers.

November 3-9, 1997, was officially proclaimed National Service Week in Virginia, Indiana and Iowa, on the campus of the University of Louisville, and four times over in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Alpha Alpha Omicron Chapter, Longwood College, Farmville, VA, organized two projects that provided 11 families with Thanksgiving baskets and collected supplies and money for Freedom House, a homeless shelter. Excellent media coverage, using a state proclamation as leverage, succinctly captured the purpose of National Service Week: "Alpha Phi Omega, a coed National Service Fraternity active on more than 325 college campuses, is helping to sponsor National Service

# LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

Week. National Service Week, as it has been proclaimed by Governor Allen, is November 3 through 9, and offers a great opportunity to become involved or continue involvement in community service... Chapters sponsor campus and community projects simultaneously throughout the country both to draw attention to a specific cause and to involve as many people as possible in a unified volunteer effort."

In total, 788 NSW Participation
Pins, denoting accomplishment of all
or most of the main goals of theme,
involvement, and media coverage, were
awarded to over 37 Chapters,
Petitioning Groups and Interest
Groups. So look around at the next
APhiO event and see who's wearing
ose little orange house pins with the
neat symbols. Ask them about their
National Service Week project. Will
your Chapter qualify for pins in 1998?

Looking Forward.... National Service Week 1998

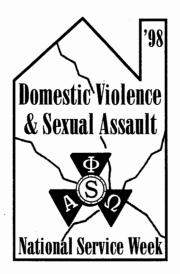
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault November 2 - 8

A child watches violence between family members and uses that as a pattern for life... a teenager interprets a partner's jealousy and control as love, and seeks that in all relationships ... an elderly man is victimized by his caregivers, but his complaints are trivialized... a woman fears leaving an abusive relationship because she sees no way out and no way to provide for her children...a college student, after a date that went too far, wonders whether yone would believe it was rape.

Unfortunately, we can read stories like this in every daily paper. Issues of domestic violence and sexual assault are the focus of our 1998 National Service Week. This may be a challenging theme for your service projects, but Alpha Phi Omega has sought out service challenges since its beginning. More information and ideas will appear in the NSW Handbook, available by early September. Here are some approaches you may wish to consider now:

Prevention - Even without legal or counseling experience, we are all capable of helping to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. Create an ongoing, mentoring relationship with youth to strengthen their self-esteem. Even short-term relationships with caring adults can help. Our society needs men and women to become engaged in preventative efforts as positive role models.

Awareness - Help erase the stigma surrounding this epidemic. Victims - and abusers - can be of either gender, any age, of all social and economic backgrounds, from all cultures, and any sexual preference. Domestic violence takes many forms and includes physical violence, emotional abuse such as intimidation, social



isolation and sexual abuse. Expose myths; publicize the stages in the cycle of violence; help advertise available resources. The more these issues are brought into the light, the easier it is for someone to seek and accept assistance.

Support - While we don't encourage APO members to interpose themselves in violent situations, we can learn to be aware of signs and listen for signals; move beyond the fear of talking to someone we believe to be in this situation. Often giving a resource number can save lives. Refuse to tolerate silently the behaviors and attitudes that lead to violence. Provide infrastructure support: clean and paint a battered women's shelter, raise donations for related support organizations in your community. Offer to assist in publicity campaigns.

Every 12 seconds, someone in America is subjected to domestic violence. Every year 1 million women are abused by a partner. More than 3.3 million children a year witness violence between their parents. One in four women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. About 20 percent of all rapes and more than 30 percent of all child sexual abuse cases are committed by juveniles. Domestic violence is not a personal relationship problem - it is everyone's problem. How will you help?



# ALUMNI

### **Helping the Hungry**

by Patrick Burke, National Executive Director

Frank March helps to feed the hungry in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thirteen years ago he founded "FoodNet," an all-volunteer organization that daily picks up food at grocery stores and restaurants and distributes it to low-income, elderly, disabled or other people in need in the Lincoln area.

Frank graduated from college in 1950 but didn't become a Brother until 1965, when the Alpha Sigma Chapter at the University of Nebraska made him an honorary member. Shortly thereafter he became a Life Member and has continued over the years to be active with the Fraternity.

Early in his career Frank taught school and worked in construction. Before long though he began following in his father's political footsteps. He had a 32-year



Pictured are Shirley and Frank Marsh dancing at the wedding of their granddaughter. They have six Children, many grandchildren and one greatgrand daughter. The Marshes have lived a life of service to their family, community, state and nation.

distinguished career in the State of Nebraska where he served 18 years as Secretary of State, 10 years as State Treasurer, and four years as Lieutenant Governor. He also served four years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, being appointed by President Ronald Reagan. Also, Frank's wife, Shirley served 16 years as a State Senator in Nebraska.

FoodNet has about 110 volunteers picking up and distributing over 2,000 pounds of food daily. Frank supervises the program and Shirley takes care of the many daily phone calls that relate to this seven-day-a-week, almost full-time volunteer job.

In talking to Frank one recognizes a sincerity of purpose in him. At the end of a brief interview he said, "There is not much else to life but to serve and help people." He has done that for over fifty years.

HISTORY

"Say Did You Know," a T&T column in 1955, announced, the fall pledge class of Alpha Phi Omega each year is dedicated on a nationwide basis. This year our entire fall pledge class is named "The Dwight D. Eisenhower Class." Each spring Chapters are given the opportunity to dedicate their spring pledge class in honor of a local leader, who has given exceptional service to the Chapter.

# Is Your Alumni Association Registered?

by Bob Hainline, National Alumni/Volunteer Development Director



Last July I had the pleasure to report to the Board of Directors that we had 52 Alumni Associations

registered and recognized by the National Office. If I had to give the same report today, I could only identify 15 associations.

What has happened? I want to believe that this is just an oversight on the part of the associations and that in the next month we will be deluged with requests for recognition. (Let's face it, I'm an optimist). I DO NOT want to report a disturbing trend developing within our alumni. The chart below lists those Alumni Associations currently recognized and registered with the National Office. If your association is not listed here,

you need to begin the process immediately. Don't think someone else is going to do it, take the initiative to get your paperwork in.

In one of my "Ramblings" from a past Alumni Light, I said the Alumni were the most important part of our Fraternity, and I still believe that. Don't prove me wrong. Call the National Office (816)373-8667 or e-mail aposec@aol.com

### 1998 Recognized Alumni Associations

Western Europe Western Europe Alumni Association Germany Fayetteville Arkansas Beta Rho Alumni Association Connecticut Mu Omicron Alumni Association, Inc. Trumball Florida Greater Orlando Alumni Association Lake Mary Illinois Section 48 Alumni Association Bloomington Indiana Section 52 Alumni Association Indianapolis Maine Sigma Xi Chapter Alumni Association Bangor Maryland Baltimore Area Alumni Association Baltimore Minnesota Metro APO Alumni Association Minnesota Eagan North Carolina Triangle APO Alumni Association Raleigh Charlotte Area Alumni Association Matthews Section 79 Alumni Association Belmont New York Elmira Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association Oklahoma Chi Nu Alumni Association Tulsa Washington Pacific Northwest Alumni Association Seattle

## Happy Birthday, Earle

by Jack A. McKenzie, National Vice President

When springtime comes, I always think of Earle Herbert. Actually, I think of Earle often throughout the year, but this is especially so in the spring. That is probably because Earle's birthday is May 29 (1939), and he died on April 15, 1994. He became an Honorary Member of my home Chapter on April 20, 1991, and the Chapter's Spring 1993 Pledge Class was named for him. Later in 1993, the Fraternity's National Fall Pledge Class for that year was named for Earle. That was the semester I repledged to celebrate my 20th anniversary in the Fraternity, so I have the double distinction of being both Earle Herbert's Brother and an Earle Herbert Pledge.

Earle was National President from 1982 until 1986. Before that, he served in various offices at all levels of the Fraternity. He received many awards, up to and including the National Distinguished Service Award. But it is not the titles that he held nor the keys that hung around his neck that make Earle Herbert memorable. Earle was the consummate Brother — a well-rounded individual who practiced the Principles of Leadership,



Friendship and Service every day of his life and in the way he lived with and treated other people.

He continues to be an excellent role model for us all.

Because of that, as the spring term winds down and you start to think about the summer, I offer these words from an article Earle wrote for the Spring 1983 "Torch & Trefoil." Let them guide you through the weeks ahead and may they inspire you for a lifetime.

"Summer vacation is almost here for all of us, and graduation for some. But this break, as welcome as it is, need not — and should not — mean a complete break with Alpha Phi Omega. When we became affiliated with APO we made a lifetime commitment (not a schooltime) commitment: a commitment to principles, a commitment to sacrifice in our service to others, a commitment to excellence.

"We accepted these responsibilities, these ideals, when we joined APhiO, and they should stay with us throughout our life. We also, however, assumed continuing responsibility for the mechanisms through which these ideals can be obtained.

"For those of you who will be enjoying your vacation, keep next year's Chapter program on your mind's back burner. You'll be surprised how a long simmer can enrich the soup, especially when it's spiced by an occasional summer meeting with other Brothers.

"For those of you who will be celebrating your graduation, the Fraternity still needs you! Ask your Sectional Chair (or become one!). Join the local alumni association (or start one!). Let the National Office know of your continuing commitment."

# HISTORY

In the 1985 Winter issue of the T&T, President Earle Herbert noted in his editorial message that the Fraternity was marking its 60th anniversary. He said, "We are still a growing, viable entity - in fact the largest service Fraternity in existence!" In his message he noted that there were 308 active chapters and over 150,000 alumni. (This year as we celebrate our 73rd anniversary we have grown to 340 Active Chapters with over 260,000 alumni) -editor.

# A PAGE IN HISTORY



#### Torch & Trefoil March 1945...

Beta Zeta Chapter at the University of Georgia sponsored a campus wide dance in support of the National Infantile Paralysis Fund. The dance party was a huge success, raising a total of \$769 for the cause, three times the campus quota. The Chapter was highly praised for its work on the project by school officials.

#### Torch & Trefoil Spring 1973...

Chi Zeta Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin, conducted its annual Push for St. Jude. the Brothers, who gave up their Spring Break to conduct the week-long push, covered over '4 miles and raised more an \$15,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.



For over 70 years
Alpha Phi Omega
has been going
strong. Here are just
a few of the many
reasons why.

#### 65 Years Ago

From a 1933 issue of the Lightbearer...

During the school year 1932-33 the Alpha Gamma Chapter at Purdue University made an excellent increase in membership. The Chapter realizes that building up the membership insures the stability of the Chapter and allows it the opportunity to deliver a full program of service. Alpha Gamma was one of the first Chapters to qualify for the Supreme Council Award.

#### 50 Years Ago

Torch & Trefoil February 1948

"The Torch & Trefoil "Bulletin Board" noted that a fine way to spread the influence of the Fraternity is to wear your service button wherever you go. It is your emblem and offers you an opportunity to let others know about our great Fraternity. This summer attractive white T-shirts with blue six-inch pin emblems are available. At summer camp, on the tennis court, on the baseball diamond, T-shirts are useful. Price \$1.20." (Remember that we are talking about 1948 prices!)

#### 25 Years Ago

Torch & Trefoil
Winter-Spring 1973
APO - Beyond graduation. Although the four areas of service of Alpha Phi
Omega are oriented toward the college campus and its surrounding community, the influence of our Fraternity need not be confined by geographic boundaries.
Local Alumni Associations can meet the needs of Alumni and provide the opportunity to renew our principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

# WHO, what, WHEN & Where?

#### ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **APRIL 24-26**

Section 68 Conference Host: Iota Alpha Chapter University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

#### APRIL 25

Section 52 Leadership Development Conference Indianapolis, IN

#### MAY 1-3

Section 98 Conference Host: Omicron Nu Petitioning Group University of Puerto Rico Puerto Rico

#### **JUNE 26-28**

CPW, Region VII McMurry University Abilene, TX

#### **JUNE 27-28**

CPW, Region X San Francisco State University San Francisco, CA

#### JULY 10-12

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING Denver, CO

#### JULY 17-19

CPW, Region VIII Rockhurst College Kansas City, MO

CPW, Region VI Milliken University Decatur, IL

#### **JULY 24-26**

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CPW, Region IV Oglethorpe University Atlanta, GA

CPW, Region I Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester, MA

#### **JULY 31 - AUG 2**

CPW, Region III Fork Union Military Academy Fork Union, VA

#### **AUGUST 7-8**

SRW Camp MoKan Kansas City, MO

#### SEPTEMBER 19-20

Section 7 Conference CPWBillings, MT

#### SEPTEMBER 25-27

Region IX Rally University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, WI

#### **OCT 30 - NOV 1**

Section 94/96 Conclave Host: Kappa Omicron Chapter University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA

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