

The Old Gal Gazette

GAZETTE'S PRESS RUN INCREASED

Publications

With this second issue of *The Old Gal Gazette*, the newsletter's press run has been quadrupled. Now every chapter will get a stack of copies for distribution around the chapter quarters so — hopefully — every member will have a chance to see and read a copy.

One copy should be kept on file with the Prudential Committee for future reference. *The Gazette* is designed so it can be three-hole punched and go into a ring binder. Our marginal index is there for easy reference so a collection of newsletters should become something of a handbook on chapter operation.

This issue features a round-up of chapter news, reporting on activities of Alpha Sigs on campus around the nation. We welcome this kind of news. When writing chapter activity news keep in mind that your readers won't understand inside jokes. Give background. Don't, for example, just report that your chapter has a new scholarship program — describe it. We welcome good black and white photos, too.

Don't wait to do an annual or semi-annual activity report. We want to share ideas and case histories. (See report on Gamma Phi's fund-raising project in this issue.) We want to "talk" to each other through the *Gazette*. It'd be great if every chapter had something in every issue!

And don't feel that you have to be an officer to sound off or contribute. We're delighted to hear from *any* Brother or Pledge.

But sound off. The desire for better communications, better publications came through loud and clear at the convention. And, as evidenced by the existence of *The Gazette*, efforts are underway. But we can't create the news, the ideas, the opinions . . . you have to share them. You determine how timely, useful, informative your publications are by your contribution. Get your news to your Undergraduate Advisor to the Grand Council—or direct to *The Gazette* — for the next issue by November 15.

FEEDBACK: CONCORD'S FUND RAISING PROJECT

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Gamma Phi at Concord replies to *The Gazette's* question in last issue on ideas for fund raising.

The chapter has a "sub-sale". The chapter buys meats, breads, cheeses and produce from the College Food Service then assembly-line style turns out submarine sandwiches. The Brothers then head for the dorms with 300 sandwiches produced in one hour. Each sandwich sells for \$1.50. Profit? \$100 for about three hours work.

Gamma Phi asks for feedback from other chapters on housing. The chapter started a fund a few years ago to build a lodge for meetings, socials and pledge initiations. (The chapter has no house.) If any other chapter has a lodge, they are asked to send information concerning the approximate costs of construction and the funds budgeted for maintenance. Send replies to *The Gazette* or directly to Drexel Adkins, Jr., Box C-6 Alpha Sigma Phi, Concord College, Athens, W. Va. 24712.

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PROBLEMS THAT YOU MAY HAVE ANSWERS FOR.

Some chapters have encountered difficulties with their neighbors. In some cases, as even the chapters admit, the neighbors do have a case for complaining. In others, it seems that nothing the chapter does can make the neighbors happy. Have you had any success in dealing with such a problem? Share it with other chapters through *The Gazette*.

This one is ticklish. Drugs. Like everything else, this is an individual choice as it should be. But use of grass in the house causes problems. Legal for one. And it turns off a lot of prospects, can tend to divide a house. How to handle without becoming dictatorial? If your chapter has confronted this difficulty and found a way to handle it, let us know. If you feel sensitive about it, we'll report it without naming your chapter. *The Gazette's* address is Box 4351, Charlotte, N. C. 28204.

PHI SETS OUT TO "BETTER THE MAN"

Today's fraternity must do more for its members to remain a valid part of the campus. And Phi chapter, Iowa State University is presenting a series of programs for its members that are varied, fun and worthwhile.

David Rugen, Cultural Affairs Chairman, has presented an evening with a candidate for the U. S. Senate; a talk on proper table and dating etiquette; a lecture on parliamentary procedure; a program on sex education and birth control.

There was even a short course on bartending and another on Bridge. Also planned are speakers from the Interfraternity Council, from the Greek Planning Committee and a dinner discussion with Al Peterson, the new Iowa State University Greek Affairs Advisor.

The chapter has even issued dinner invitations to various symphony orchestra members.

The series will continue throughout the year. A fine idea, and one worth taking up by all chapters.

Phi has published the first of four planned newsletters. A Brother majoring in computer science is computerizing the chapter's membership rolls.

The chapter reports operating with 50 men living in the house and four more in a next-door apartment complex. Plans are underway for a \$200,000 renovation of the house.

Founder's Day will be observed with a dinner in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union on December 7. A lot of Brothers are expected to join the undergraduate members for the event.

PENN STATE ALUMNI FORM BLACK LANTERN CLUB

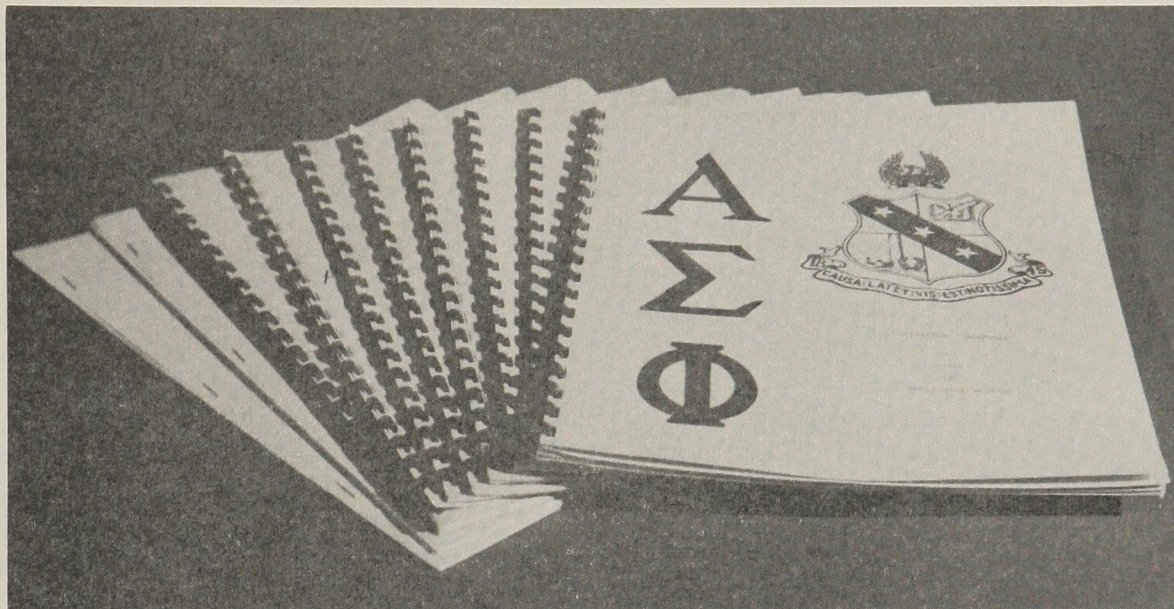
In 1946, the Penn State chapter had a Black Lantern march to commemorate its revitalization following the war.

And that's the same spirit that a dedicated group of alumni have in getting behind the chapter today as it achieves a turn around with their help. Another Black Lantern procession is planned this fall.

Alumni making contributions even receive a special Black Lantern Club membership card. Alumni support has been especially helpful in refurbishing the Penn State house.

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As a letter to the members of the new club points out, it is the fraternities with strong, organized alumni that weather storms and come back stronger than ever. Penn State undergraduates and alumni have done it. And it points out the real opportunity - - and need - - for every chapter to put continued effort toward good communications with alumni. If your chapter doesn't have an alumni program underway and you want suggestions and help, let us know.



ARE YOU MAKING USE OF "THE LIBRARY"?

Manuals and handbooks on almost every aspect of chapter operation are available from the national office. You probably have these on file already. They contain a wealth of information that can be very helpful. Manuals on chapter newsletters, publicity and public relations, orientation for pledges, extension, guidelines for the treasurer, the corresponding secretary, the H. S. C. There is a guide to rushing . . . an outline on chapter activities. There is even one booklet that lists over 170 services available to chapters through the national office.

If you aren't putting this library to use, dig out your copies or order new ones from the national office. And, after using, share your thoughts on how these guides and manuals could be made even better and more useful for your chapter. "*The Old Gal*" is always out to improve - - but your guidance is needed.

THIRD CLASS MAILING RATES AVAILABLE

Ralph Burns reminds chapters that you do qualify as part of a national, non-profit organization for special third-class mailing rates.

If there is any question at your local post office, refer them to: Section 501 (c) (8) of the United States Code, covering fraternity beneficiary societies. These regulations were published in the January 15, 1973 issue of The Federal Register and became effective 30 days after publication. As for being non-profit, Alpha Sigma Phi has on file rulings from IRS dating back to 1941 that confirm its tax-exempt status.

CHAPTER CONSULTANT IS ON THE ROAD!

National Staff

If this is Tuesday, it must be . . .

Gary Anderson, new Chapter Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi, has quite a schedule lined up. Gary has been to New Orleans, working to revitalize the Tulane chapter.

During October, here are the chapters he visited:

Marshall, Morris Harvey, Concord College, Ohio State, Westminster, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Lawrence Tech.

Scheduled for November visits are Milton College, Coe College, Iowa State University, Tarkio College, Missouri Valley College, Stevens, Wagner and Tufts.

While Gary is on the road, there has been a great deal of work in the national office, putting into action the work of the past convention. Planning sessions with members of the Grand Council have been underway.

Executive Secretary Ralph Burns has somehow found time to attend special rush functions in Cincinnati and Toledo. He has scheduled visits at the end of October to Wake Forest, Atlantic Christian and Presbyterian.

And things will really get into full swing now that Katherine Ditslear has returned from a well-deserved vacation in Honolulu!

WANT TO WORK FOR ALPHA SIGMA PHI?

Applications for the position of chapter consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi are always being accepted. Outstanding Brothers who are interested in working for the Fraternity are asked to contact the national office.

Openings occur for full time work and also for possible short-term employment.

NEED HELP? NOW'S THE TIME TO ASK.

Grand Council

Grand Senior President George Trubow reminds chapters that schedules of Grand Council members must be made up well in advance. (They are, after all, volunteers with full-time jobs in addition to fraternity work.)

If your chapter has something special coming up and you'd like a member of the Grand Council in attendance, be sure and let the national office know as soon as possible. If you have a major rush effort in the spring, now's the time to ask for help from Grand Council members.

Pledge training is an area that the Grand Council is concerned about. If your chapter wants help in training of pledges, let the national office know.

PROVINCE XIII SCHEDULES MEETING

Provinces

The Marshall chapter has agreed to spearhead work on a province conclave November 8 - 9 - 10 and to host the event as well. (Marshall promises a report on their Sig Bowl for the next issue.)

PROVINCE IX PLANS CONCLAVE, VISITS

Provinces

American, Lehigh, Lycoming, Penn, Penn State and Widener have a very active province relationship. A conclave is currently scheduled for the second or third weekend of November with Penn or Widener to host. A big Sig Bust for Spring will be planned at that meeting.

A group of Lehigh brothers visited Penn on the occasion of the Lehigh-Penn football game (Penn won for the 35th time, by the way) . . . A group from Widener came to Lehigh for a series of parties. Penn plans on visiting Lehigh later this fall. Rick Volpe reports that the Widener guys are giants — just the ones to invite as bouncers for parties.

LEHIGH SOARING IN SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship

David D. Auferin, HSC of Beta Epsilon, reports that the chapter has made some dramatic improvements in its scholarship record.

At the end of the Fall, 1973 semester, the chapter ranked 15th among fraternities; 37th among all living groups, with a 2.70. After the Spring, 1974 semester, however, Beta Epsilon achieved a 2.78 for a fifth place ranking among fraternities and 17th among all groups. (That's a field of 31 fraternities and 85 living groups.)

David also reports that the chapter's present pledge class has hit a 2.93!

WIDENER SCORES IN SPORTS

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Six Brothers of Gamma Xi made up Widener's 1973 Cross Country Championship team: Larry Garner, Ken Guy, Gary Hart, Mickey Lobb, Jerry Kane and Jeff Fowler. Larry Garner and Ken Guy qualified for the NCAA Track championships.

Len Smith, Mike Valcheff, Dom Mancini and Steve Ryan helped Widener win its division in baseball.

Chuck Erisman and Bill McGrath led the Brothers of Gamma Xi to the IFC basketball championship.

Current officers are Jim Onaro, HSP; Jim Miller, HJP; Gary Hart, HE; Paul Bryan, HCS; Bill McGrath, HM; and John McElroy, HSC. New Brothers are Craig Aven, Craig Breknie, Kevin Farrell, Jim Johnstone, Dom Mancini, John McElroy, Skip Morrolo and Joe Pospiach.

Gary Stokvis provided the leadership that resulted in a redecorated house - - new carpeting, furniture, drapes and newly-painted walls. A new stereo system has been installed and even the cellar has been cleaned out, says Ralph Treat!

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TRI-STATE GETS ADDITION TO HOUSE

Planned for completion this summer was an addition to the Beta Omicron house that would accommodate 20 brothers.

Spring pledge class included Don Shaheen, Don Tyler, Jim Buckley, Gary Smith, Rick Ellers, Mark Mathews and Thom Karshan. Robert Hansen and Mark Redker were pledged in the fall.

The chapter top the IFC scholastic award for the fall quarter; finished second academically for the winter term.

Winter pledges were Richard Paridise, Jim Guilfoyle, Roger Forness and Dave Willman. A big bash for undergraduates and alumni marked the occasion.

A DRAMATIC CHANGE AT AMERICAN.

A year ago Beta Chi Chapter was down to two active members. But two determined members. Thanks to intensive rush activities, the chapter starts off this year with membership in the 'teens. And with the prospect of even more growth.

Rush included the usual beer busts and house parties along with a roast beef dinner and current movies.

The chapter presented a "Distinguished Alumni Award" to Sen. James Allen of Alabama and held a reception in his honor.

Officers are currently Tim McProuty, president; Charlie Clotz, vice president; Chuck Balone, treasurer; Bob Axelrod, recording secretary; and Pat Scatuorchio, corresponding secretary.

BOWLING GREEN STARTS LITTLE SISTER PROGRAM

Lil' Sigs is what they're called. John Moyer at Gamma Zeta reports that the little sister program has added a great deal of spirit and interest to the house. Far from little in impact, the group has been a special help during rush and social functions.

John reports that the chapter had a very active intramural year, fielding teams in cross-country, hockey, basketball, softball and track. The chapter claimed the league championship in softball. Mike Fry starred in track with his win in the mile run.

The chapter has been working toward an organized alumni association which should become a reality this fall.

BETA SIGMA REVIVES ALUMNI NEWSPAPER

The Sig Bits, the chapter publication, has been revived. And it is helping the chapter's ties with its alumni. Social events with alums, including an annual Black and White formal and a Sig bust, have also helped.

Weekly work sessions around the house have paid off . . . from stump removal to re-seeded grass. Supervising all this work is Sandy, a golden retriever who is the chapter's new mascot.

Cincinnati, according to Paul Eberl, has pushed its scholastic average up to a chest-thumping 3.0.

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COE ADDS STRENGTH; REDECORATES

Alpha Chi started rebuilding this past year with a small membership. A successful rush and an active program have brought compliments from the school's administration.

Coe's John Mitchell was elected vice president of the IFC and helped start an all-Greek co-operative project, assisting the American Cancer Society.

The chapter has redecorated Coe's one and only fraternity house on the inside and the outside. The Craig Harris House should continue in good repair, thanks to a contract for future care of the house, drawn with the help of Brad Herman.

Coe maintains the tradition of Black and White formal - - the only formal Greek affair on the campus.

GAMMA PHI INITIATES NUMBER 100

Quite a milestone for a chapter founded in May, 1966. And a proud achievement. But there has been much else going on at Concord, according to Don Jenkinson:

Number 1 position this past year in intramurals. A Little Sister organization begun with ten girls. Seventeen more were added later in the year.

The chapter has been in jail lately - - carrying out a community project of painting the jailhouse for the community of Princeton, W. Va.

Outstanding scholastic achievements marked this past year, along with the largest (19) pledge class on campus. Alumni and undergraduates alike are working at building up the chapter's housing fund.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FINDS ITS NICHE

When you're one of the smaller fraternities on campus, yet intensely competitive, how do you set yourselves apart? John Cebalo reports that Delta Beta chose drinking. And went into year-round training. Greek Week saw the Alpha Sig team take the Rhino Run prize. Rhino Run involves drinking a lot, in a hurry and walking a lot in a hurry. Twelve stops, each with a different refreshment mixture, was spread over a mile course. Gathman, Willis, Frankavitch and Sevcik was the team that took only 23 minutes to run the course.

John reports that the chapter ranked high academically. Fielded teams in all sports. Had elections: David Reid, HSP; Charles Pelto, HJP; Michael Willis, HE; Mark Gathman, HS; Douglass Cravens, HM and HC and John Cebalo, HCS, HSC and HAE.

At Black and White special awards were presented: Michael Bressette, scholar of the year; Richard Sturgin ('73), alumnus of the year; John Cebalo, athlete of the year; Douglass Cravens, Alpha Sig of the year; and Terry Deland, President's award.

EASTERN MICHIGAN MOVES INTO NEW HOUSE

Ken "Moose" Ringwald reports that Gamma Upsilon has just moved into their new house at 208 Normal Drive, Ypsilanti. The house has six bedrooms, with two men in each room. Each man has his own lease with the owner (so the chapter doesn't have to collect rent.) There's a large living room, a sitting room and a screened-in porch. A dining room will become a game room. There is a kitchen and dinette. The house even has a washer and dryer in the basement!

TUFTS BREAKS SCHOLARSHIP RECORD

The Chapters

Beta Iota really set a record last semester. Not just good scholarship — great scholarship. 80% of the house made dean's list. It's a house record. Probably something of a record anywhere.

Officers of the chapter this year are: Tri-presidents — Chuck Price, Jay Pike and Gordon Arnold; vice president — Walter Salwen; quartermaster — Kip Hollowell.

Fourteen new members are now in residence . . . a house that has a new TV, new storm windows and a renovated chapter room.

Kip Hollowell reports that the membership includes two soccer captains — Chuck Price and Walter Salwen. Lettermen in other sports include Bob Norton, Pat Sullivan, Pat Walsh and Rich Lewis.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Odds&Ends

The Associated Press recently reported on the resurgence of fraternity life on the American college campus. AP did a survey that indicated new interest and growth on a nationwide basis, with particular growth in the West and Midwest. The report indicated that one reason for renewed interest is the change of emphasis in fraternities, getting away from hazing and more toward brotherhood and service.

Alpha Pi chapter sends out a very nice printed invitation to alumni, asking them to participate in the initiation of its pledges. The invitations are printed with blanks left for the Brother's name, the date and the time.

Fraternities at Lehigh, including our own Beta Epsilon, pooled their buying power with a local butcher. They're buying beef for \$1.15 a pound!

Publishing a chapter newsletter? Be sure and put *The Gazette* on your mailing list.



The Old Gal Gazette. A communications tool that seeks to share techniques, methods, ideas and solutions to problems within chapter operations and report on the most current activity of the Fraternity so that we, Alpha Sigma Phi, can grow together. Compiled by the Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council: Craig Briner, Gamma Zeta, Fraternity Row, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Mike Lawless, Gamma Chi, Indiana University, 625 North Jordan, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Rick Volpe, Beta Epsilon, Box 2, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. Edited by Evin Varner, Alpha Sigma Phi, Box 4351, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

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