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## Hazing Closes Chapter

From the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal, November, 1981:

"A 70-man chapter, ranked number one on campus and preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary, has had its charter withdrawn and house closed. That chapter, Delaware Alpha at the University of Delaware, violated Sigma Phi Epsilon's non-hazing by-law.

"Delaware Alpha did not take seriously Sigma Phi Epsilon's position on brotherhood development and hazing. It cannot be more clear that chapters which do not change poorly-designed pledge programs, and chapters which mistreat pledges, will lose their authority to operate.

"For the alumni of Delaware Alpha, it is unfortunate that their chapter will not operate for at least 16 months. When operations resume, it will be with a totally new membership, as a colony petitioning for reinstatement of charter. This is a long and difficult process.

"Perhaps the biggest disappointment is that it sets Delaware Alpha back to a beginning status, at a time when it was to celebrate 75 years of operations."

## Chapter News Round-Up



...TO PROMOTE SCHOLARSHIP...Beta Chi Chapter at American University is planning a lecture series for the chapter. One AU professor has already consented to speak for the chapter on the drug problem in the U.S. And of course plans are under way for the annual Alpha Sig College Bowl.

...NATIONWIDE HOSPITALITY...Gamma Phi at Concord College made a visit to Beta Mu at Wake Forest in November, and hopes to get to Beta Delta (Marshall) and Delta Epsilon (Rio Grande) next term.

...TO MAINTAIN CHARITY...Beta Xi at Hartwick College reports that they hosted the Boys Club of Oneonta at a swimming party in the Hartwick College Pool. Many members of the chapter are varsity swimmers, and were able to give some helpful hints.



## Policy Commended

Alpha Sigma Phi's Policy on Pre-Initiation Activities was recently distributed to all college and university deans and fraternity advisors. Many have commented that they are glad to see the Fraternity taking the subject of "hazing" so seriously.

Robert E. Heffner, Dean of Student Services at Hartwick College, writes in a letter to the president of Beta Xi Chapter at Hartwick:

"The statement from your National on Alpha Sigma Phi's 'Policy on Pre-Initiation Activities' is one of the best I have seen. Also, the use of the Special Committee should be considered in reviewing planned Pledge Programs prior to instituting of the program.

"Perhaps Alpha Sigma Phi could provide some helpful leadership and guidance to other Hartwick groups with this helpful contribution your Fraternity is making to an extremely serious matter."

## Delta Beta Xi Awarded



Grand Senior President Richard R. Gibbs proudly announces the selection of three brothers to the 1981 Delta Beta Xi Class. They are James R. Hammond (Washington '66), Robert W. Kutz (California '67), and James I. Reid (Missouri '36).

Brother Hammond is currently serving as Grand Province Chief for Province I and is Grand Chapter Advisor for Mu Chapter at the University of Washington. Jim has been actively involved with Alpha Sigma Phi since he joined in 1966. He was a member of the Headquarters staff in 1970-71, and is currently Executive Director of the King County Automobile Dealers Association in Seattle. Jim has served on the "faculty" at National Educational Conferences, and is perhaps best known for his presentations on rushing. He was nominated by Mu Chapter.

Brother Kutz resides in Bakersfield, California, and Attorney-In-Charge of the State Compensation Insurance Fund. His nomination came from the Bay Area Alumni Council of which he is currently a member and past officer. Bob has attended National Conventions as a undergraduate and as an alumnus, as well as National Educational Conferences. He has recently reorganized the Los Angeles Alumni Council and publishes its newsletter, the "Southland Alpha Sig." He has traveled widely for Fraternity and chapter activities, having visited over 15 chapters since 1969. Bob has spent in excess of 1000 hours compiling a data base for a future historial work on Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Brother Reid is president of Midwest Alloys, Inc., Midco Industries, Inc., and Midwest Precision Castings Company in St. Louis, Missouri. As an alumnus of Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Missouri, he has been instrumental in the reactivation of that chapter, providing support and guidance for the new undergraduate members. Brother Reid's son, James S. Reid, is an Alpha Sig alumnus from Tulane University.

No more than 10 men may receive the honor of Delta Beta Xi in any given year. The 1981 Class received their keys and certificates in separate ceremonies held in Seattle, San Francisco, and St. Louis. Our sincere congratulations!



## The Circle Round

Nu Colony at the University of California, Berkeley has started a new tradition of "passing the candle." After colony meetings the lights are dimmed, and the HM lights a candle, passing it to his left. The recipient says whatever is on his mind, and passes it again. No one else may speak except for the member holding the candle. When all have spoken, the HM finishes the circle, and extinguishes the candle. The candle's power, the colony reports, in uniting the brotherhood is amazing. One member was inspired to pen the following lines:



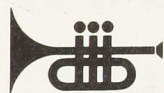
A quiet group, oh so proud,  
Never more quiet, never more loud;  
Shaking with anguish bordering fright,  
I joined them in the circle tonight.

The candle had come by my way;  
They listened to what I had to say.  
Only the darkness hid my fear,  
As the candle had drawn near.

To the light's glow I was wed,  
And in the end all was said:  
"A better group cannot be found  
Than my brothers in the Circle Round."

- David Merenbach  
Nu Colony

## Number 60 On Its Way



Alpha Sigma Phi will begin recruiting men for the eventual rechartering of Epsilon Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University this January. Epsilon Chapter was first chartered in 1863 and was closed in 1970.

Interest is very high on the campus located in Delaware, Ohio. This will bring the number of active chapters and colonies to 60. In 1975, Alpha Sigma Phi had 47 active chapters.

## Phoenix In Flight



Eta Colony at the University of Illinois will become "official" at ceremonies on December 12, 1981 in Urbana, Illinois. The new group will receive a Colony Certificate and enter into a pact of fellowship with the Fraternity, working toward the day when they will be chartered as Eta Chapter. Each new member will receive a special certificate signifying him to be a "Second Founder." Stan Miller, Grand Treasurer, will confer the certificate on behalf of the Fraternity.

## Office Closes For Holidays



The Fraternity Headquarters will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!



## 136 Years Ago

Louis Manigault, Stephen Ormsby Rhea and Horace Spangler Weiser would beam with pride on this, Alpha Sigma Phi's 136th birthday. Alpha Sigs young and old across America are celebrating the founding of this glorious Fraternity on December 6, 1845.

You too have reason to beam with pride. Alpha Sigma Phi remains today one of the most respected college fraternities in America. The Fraternity is experiencing a near-unprecedented growth within chapters and with new chapters. At this time we salute those who, over the years, have made Alpha Sigma Phi a Fraternity of which we can be so proud!

From coast to coast our hearts are bound,  
Linked with ties which never break.  
A Sig's a Sig wherever found,  
A brother's part he'll always take.

We sing of college life and pals;  
May those friendships never die;  
But boys, a toast to our "Old Gal,"  
For we love you, Alpha Sigma Phi.

## The Mystic Circle



PSI CHAPTER (Oregon State University): Brian Dazey, David Johnston, Benedict Ochs, Kenton Woolhiser, on October 24, 1981.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER (Bethany College): Philip Thomas, Robert Ewing, Vincent DeSomma III, Scott Waters, Timothy Buxton, Lee Zalud, Mark Law, David Butz, Phillip Krasinski, Peter Fitzkee, Greg Trowbridge, Peter Franks, Douglas Lang, Kevin Sunday, George Barney, and Timothy Hume, on November 8, 1981.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER (North Carolina State University): Paul Green, Mark Dunbar, Scott Calderone, and Frederick Craft, on December 4, 1981.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER (Marshall University): Troy Acree, Reginald Adkins, Greg Akers, Scott Bowen, Brian Jackson, and Karl Snider, on December 4, 1981.

GAMMA PHI CHAPTER (Concord College): Jeffrey Gregory and Tommy West, on December 4, 1981.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER (Indiana University): Jeffrey Lind, Glenn Barb, Eric Born, Andrew Gurrentz, Michael Metz, James Miller, William Swanson II, Daniel Tomkiewicz, Jr., and Michael Whitacre, on December 4, 1981.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER (East Carolina University): Melvin Johnson, Raymond Kroninger, Richard Ray, Christopher Stone, and Andrew Zdrodowski, on December 4, 1981.



## To The Seven Points



PHI Chapter (Iowa State University): Thomas Staecker, David Keese, Michael Kauchak, John Hermetet, Peter Stephenson, Jeffrey Peters, Timothy Wood, William Fauro, David Krull, Greg Allie, Gilbert Lortz, Jon Scheer, Paul Hamilton, Andrew Lundsgaard, Barry Leggett, Alan Branhagen, John Burge, James Rich, Gentry Mullen, and James Slivovsky, on August 24, 1981.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER (University of Missouri): Jeffrey Parker, Gregory Busch, Fred Fitts, Rod Reis, and Marc Sword, on March 9 and November 10, 1981.

ALPHA PI CHAPTER (Purdue University): Stephen Chen, Christopher Chudek, Gregg Cummings, William Dick, Michel Dickmayer, Bruce Dunlop, David Heidenreich, Kent Holly, Robert Hughes, Ronald Jones, Edward Lawton, Gregory Ledger, Stephen Lewis, Anthony Norton, David Sanders, Ernie Saldivar, Herman Shumaker, William Ufer, Mark Ulanowicz, Jeffrey Unger, Daniel Vadimos, Todd Wagner, Richard Whelan, and James Witter, on October 12, 1981.

ALPHA RHO COLONY (New Jersey Institute of Technology): Stuart Altman, Kevin Delen, Doug Fulcher, Don Green, Sami Ismaili, Shpend Ismaili, Carl Koberle, John McGee, Stephen Penik, Steven Riley, and Thomas Thoman, on October 28, 1981.

GAMMA PI CHAPTER (Findlay College): Jeffrey Lewis, Danny Fought, James Neubeck, Robert Schultz, Paul Johnson, and Edward Shearer, in November, 1981.

GAMMA PHI CHAPTER (Concord College): Scott Coelin, Dan Craghead, Ron Gillis, Jeffrey Gregory, Joseph Haynes, Richard Suarez, and Tommy West, on Oct. 20, 1981.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER (Rio Grande College): Thomas Mack, James Colburn, Wayne Widener, William Hutchman, Jr., Craig Colopy, Carson Mummey, Michael Walton, Samuel Toppins, Robert Rickman, Bradley Logan, Larry Carter, Winfred Bidwell, and Chris Moore, on November 1, 1981.

PHI ALPHA COLONY (Francis Marion College): Michael Hiott, David Welch, Lance Howle, and Trent Tedder, on September 27, 1981.

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