

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## Seeking The Greater Circle



Alpha Sigma Phi, the Fraternity "To Better the Man." An underlying motive of any organization is to perpetuate itself. Alpha Sigma Phi chapters constantly seek men worthy of membership in the Mystic Circle. Just who is worthy of membership?

## Tradition Of Local Autonomy

Alpha Sigma Phi is uniquely an undergraduate-run Fraternity. A strong tradition is that of the responsibility of each chapter in selecting the men who will perpetuate that chapter and Alpha Sigma Phi itself.

Unlike some organizations, Alpha Sigma Phi has never formally or informally suggested the criteria to be used in membership selection. That is up to your chapter. To be sure, members of other chapters may express concern if they feel your chapter is selecting men they feel unworthy of the name Alpha Sigma Phi.

Alpha Sigma Phi is unique in that its Constitution states that no one should be denied selection due to race, creed, color or religion.

## Tradition Of Diversity



The most successful chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi have always represented a cross-section of its campus: scholars and solid "C" students; athletes and those with two left feet; the wealthy and those working their way through school; those with fine social ties and those who are first-generation college students; extra-curricular whizzes and those who work quietly to make things happen.

Over and over again it has been shown by experience that the chapter which becomes all jocks or all scholars or all of any one type is the chapter that is in trouble.

Diversity means that reaching consensus is sometimes difficult. But diversity is also representative of the real world we live and work in. An Alpha Sig chapter with diverse membership gives us a leg up in learning how to deal with that real world. It gives us an appreciation of different fields, people, and philosophies.



## Why I Like Alpha Sig...

One undergraduate brother recently wrote about his chapter:



"What do I like about Alpha Sigma Phi? Alpha Sigma Phi is special because each brother is different, because each brother has something unique to offer.

"A fraternity where all were alike academically would not be nearly as exciting as finding out about European history, collective bargaining, electrical engineering or biometry.

"Alpha Sigma Phi is special, too, for its sports role. A chapter of all football players cannot compare to a chapter of cross-country skiers, oarsmen, sailors and tennis players.

"In campus activities, Alpha Sigma Phi is enthusiastically a leader, whether it's naval ROTC, orientation committee, the IFC, or being a teacher's assistant. Alpha Sigs get involved. It's what makes being a brother in Alpha Sigma Phi such a learning experience.

"By far the best part of Alpha Sigma Phi is that when there is one goal to achieve, one challenge to meet or one purpose, everyone unifies and gets things done, regardless of the uniqueness or diversity of individuals."

## Bank Account Test

There are some organizations that want to know about a prospective member's family -- wealth, country clubs, etc.

That's never been the case in Alpha Sigma Phi. Our society looks for outstanding men, not moneybags.

But there is nothing wrong with tactfully determining if an individual can manage the financial responsibilities he will have to the chapter, either through family resources or through his own earning power. There is nothing fair about overselling someone who truly cannot afford the small extra cost that fraternity membership requires.

By the same token, it is only right to think twice about someone who demonstrates an inability to manage his finances and handle his responsibilities. A brotherhood is also a business. Anyone who won't live up to the business part won't live up to the brother part.

## Academic Test



Alpha Sigma Phi was founded as a literary society. It strongly stresses good scholarship and encourages academic excellence.

That doesn't mean that every man you consider should have straight A's. But it's worth having some idea of a man's academic background and promise. Alpha Sigma Phi can encourage and help men to be better students. But it cannot instill a willingness to accept the responsibility of academic discipline. A man with a history of poor classroom performance can be a drain on a chap-

ter, not only in its academic ranking on campus, but in other ways. Poor students are often those who are always there when it's party time, never there when it's work time. Or indeed, they don't have time for the fraternity if their academic problems are severe.



## Great Guy, But...

The problem child: personable, not a bad student, outstanding athlete, but . . . But he drinks too much. But he gets into fights. But he is heavy into drugs. But he mouths off at the wrong times. You fill in the "buts" . . . .

Alpha Sigma Phi exists "To Better The Man." And it has a remarkable record for doing just that. But it can't create the man. A chapter is not a haven for the maladjusted. Beware of the "We'll get him in and knock off the rough edges" suggestion. By the time a man enters college, his approach is set. Unless your chapter wants to major in group psychology, beware of the personality problem person.

## Legacies



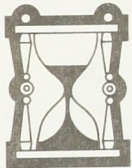
Alpha Sigma Phi is a very old fraternity. So your chapter may encounter prospective members who are sons, brothers, nephews of Alpha Sigs.

That does not mean that you are required to extend them membership.

But as a courtesy to the brother to whom they're related, you'll want to give them strong consideration and every courtesy. After all, wouldn't you want your younger brother or the son you may have someday to become an Alpha Sig?

If after consideration your chapter chooses not to extend membership to a legacy, it is wise to let your chapter advisor or Fraternity Headquarters know so it can be properly communicated to the related brother.

## Rush Of Rush



In the rush of rush, it's easy to overlook men who would add luster to your chapter. The quiet, non-assertive guy who needs to be brought out a bit, the older man, the transfer student, the handicapped student.

## Beyond The Surface

The prospect is an outstanding athlete? A great-looking guy full of charm? A classroom whiz? A go-get-'em extra-curricular type who'll be elected to every office on campus? A guy who will really fit into the chapter?

Fine. But . . . But what kind of man is he? What kind of brother will he be?

Does he care about others? Has he demonstrated sensitivity to the feelings of others? Has he worked with others (Scouts, DeMolay, service organizations)?

Is he someone you'll be comfortable with after spending a lot of time with him? Is he someone you'll be proud of whether he fails or succeeds because of the way he tries? Is he someone you instinctively trust, whose word you believe? Is he someone you feel you could share your innermost dreams and concerns with? Is he someone who would share his with you? Is he responsible without being a drudge? Is he someone who is interesting because he himself is interested in many things? Does he have a true sense of humor?

Does he believe in something? Has he demonstrated evidence of having developed strong personal standards?



## Final Test



The final test is this: At the time of initiation, a question is asked about the candidate: "Would he honor us as we would him?"

For every friend you would honor by asking him to become an Alpha Sig, ask yourself this question. If the answer is "yes," you've found another Alpha Sig.

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## Convention Registration

It is now time for chapters to select their Official Delegates to the 1982 National Convention to be held August 15-18 in Bethany, West Virginia. In this week's mail packet HSP's can find more specific information about the Convention and how to select their chapter's Delegate.

It is very important that each chapter complete the "Delegate Credential Form" and return it to Fraternity Headquarters with the \$25.00 registration fee, no later than April 5, 1982.

All members of the Fraternity are welcome and encouraged to attend. Information on room rates, meals and registration for non-delegates will be sent in the next few weeks. Expenses for Official Chapter Delegates, including room, meals, Convention materials and some transportation expenses, will be paid for by the National Fraternity upon receipt of the \$25.00 registration fee.

## Mark Your Ballot

Voting for the 1982 Alpha Sigma Phi Sweetheart will begin in a few weeks. The deadline for submitting a nomination was February 26. Some 20 women have been nominated by our Alpha Sig chapters and colonies. The winner will be announced in early May, and may be invited to attend the Final Banquet at the 1982 National Convention where she may be properly honored.

## Thanks

...Special thanks to Evin Varner (Presbyterian '58), Grand Secretary and Editor of The Tomahawk for his help in preparing the "Old Gal Gazette" article on selecting new members.

...Hats off to Nu Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley for providing the flyers on "Brotherhood" and "Hazing" which were run in the last two issues of the "Gazette."

...Sincere thanks to the three men from Psi Chapter (Oregon State University) who trekked over hill and valley to assist in the initiation and installation of Nu Chapter last weekend.

**AΣΦ National Convention • Aug. 15 - 18**  
**In Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia**



## The Mystic Circle



ZETA CHAPTER (Ohio State University): Richard McAlister, Daniel Miller, Christopher Shaffer, John Aman Jr., Larry Fritz, and Danny Schooley, on October 16, 1981.

NU CHAPTER (University of California, Berkeley): David Merenbach, Michael Press, Thomas Toller, Ken Avery, Adam Bickford, Jeffrey Zucker, Steve Allison, Cary Petzel, Stephen McBee, Mallory Bonpua, Robert Naegele, Roland Spickermann, James Goodwin, Michael Marriner, Stuart Smith, Howard Solovei, Troy Trenchard, Sean Ramsay, Peter King, Elliott Lowe, Victor Yung, Steven Baisch, Timothy Herr, Timothy Howe, Roger Hurqitz, Michael Schwartz, David Woodford, Robert Arne, and Spencer Chen, on February 26, 1982.

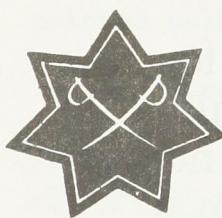
ALPHA PI CHAPTER (Purdue University): Christopher Chudek, Gregg Cummings, William Dick, Michel Dickmeyer, Bruce Dunlop, David Heidenreich, Kent Holly, Robert Hughes, Ronald Jones, Edward Lawton, Gregory Ledger, Stephen Lewis, Anthony Norton, Ernie Saldivar, David Sanders, Herman Shumaker, William Ufer, Mark Ulanowicz, Jeffrey Unger, Daniel Vidimos, Todd Wagner, Richard Whelan, and James Witter, on February 20, 1982.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER (Presbyterian College): Graham McKinnon, February 28, 1982.

BETA CHI CHAPTER (American University): Chris Thompson, Oscar Soto, Craig Abrams, Paul Hopgood, Jonathan Chaet, Paul Kukla, David Cardiff, and Michael Ross, on January 22, 1982.

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER (Lycoming College): Eric Nordstrom, on January 21, 1982.

## The Seven Points



IOTA CHAPTER (Cornell University): Tom Acquista, Alex Badia, Dave Biederman, Dennis Callahan, Stuart Cameron, Jim Eckert, Chris Gaechter, George Gifford, Karl Malchar, Bob Ooyama, Craig Stanley, Steve Tate, and Scott Ugoretz, on February 4, 1982.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER (Marshall University): Kurt Taube and Mark Kelley, on February 19, 1982.

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER (Lehigh University): Andrew Bergdoll, Jarvis Brecker, Scott Gallopo, Scott Goldstein, Paul Hagerman, Thomas Healy Jr., Philip Koppenhofer, Richard Mansfield, Ernest Normington III, Terence O'Brien, Jeffrey Pedigo, Keith Thompson, James Murphy, and Joseph Yammanno, on January 30, 1982.

BETA MU CHAPTER (Wake Forest University): Robert Bilbro, Stephen Clark, Timothy Covey, James Harper Jr., John Mason, Glenn Paetow, William Passera, Christopher Smith, and John Stephens Jr., on February 12, 1982.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER (Bowling Green State University): Jeffry Frederick, Robert Stovash, and Scott Williams, on February 7, 1982.

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER (Atlantic Christian College): David Hicks, Timothy Nanney, and Robert Turner, on September 12, 1981.

ALPHA CHI COLONY (Coe College): Franklin Gonzalez on February 27, 1982.



## Keep It Simple

Strike three.  
Get your hand off my knee.  
You're overdrawn.  
Your horse won.  
Yes.  
No.  
You have the account.  
Walk.  
Don't walk.  
Mother's dead.  
Basic events  
require simple language.  
Idiosyncratically euphuistic  
eccentricities are the  
promulgators of  
triturable obfuscation.  
What did you do last night?  
Enter into a meaningful  
romantic involvement  
or  
fall in love?  
What did you have for  
breakfast this morning?  
The upper part of a hog's  
hind leg with two oval  
bodies encased in a shell  
laid by a female bird  
or  
ham and eggs?  
David Belasco, the great  
American theatrical producer,  
once said, "If you can't  
write your idea on the  
back of my calling  
card,  
you don't have a clear idea."

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