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A Grand Sig Bust



Saturday, September 11 was a big day in Columbia, Missouri for Alpha Sigma Phi. Undergraduates, parents, alumni, wives and guests came to the University of Missouri at Columbia for a grand old Sig Bust! Two charter members from 1929 came back to help "christen" the chapter's new fraternity house.

Nearly 100 guests were on hand for a Saturday brunch, the afternoon football game (Mizzou vs. Army), and an evening dinner, followed by a pledge ceremony for Alpha Theta Chapter's newest pledges. Jim Reid (Missouri '36) and Jim Reid (Tulane '68), a father-and-son combo, worked from the alumni end to promote attendance.

The undergraduates handled many on-site details under the direction of Don Hanlon (Missouri '80), the undergraduate alumni chairman. This event was a prime example of how successful alumni gatherings can be when both the undergraduate chapter and alumni help in planning and coordination. Way to go, Alpha Theta!

The Year For Moves

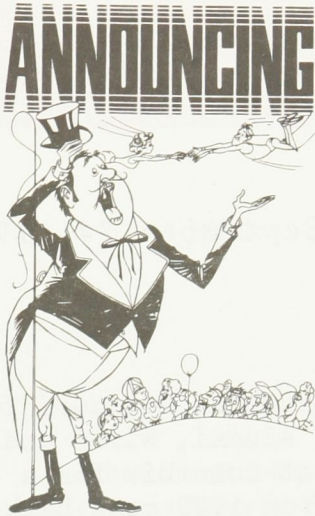


Beta Delta Chapter at Marshall University also occupies a new house in Huntington, West Virginia. The chapter had been renting property since its reactivation in 1980. With the help of alumni headed by Jim Chapman (Marshall '55) the chapter was able to arrange purchase of the property. Stop by when you're in the area: 2021 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV (304) 696-9627.

Phi Beta Colony, Otterbein College, now rents a home in Westerville, Ohio. For the first time since the group was colonized in 1981, they have a common meeting place and somewhere to hang their letters. Alpha Sigma Phi is the first national fraternity on the campus; all other fraternities and sororities are locals. If you're in Central Ohio, stop by at 64 East Main Street, Westerville, OH 43081.

Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois is back in its 55-year-old fraternity house. During the reorganization of the chapter last year, the house was rented to another student group. The lights are on and the letters are back up at 211 East Armory Street, Champaign, IL 61820. When built, the Eta house was the largest house of any fraternity in the country.

Initial Conclave Dates Announced



It's that time of year, and plans for annual Province Conclaves are under way. Some dates already in and confirmed are:

Province II (Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma, Tulane, Missouri Valley): OCTOBER 22, 23 and 24 at Iowa State University. Watch for details from Province President Bill Kellerman.

Province V (Bowling Green, Findlay, Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio State, Otterbein, Ohio Northern): NOVEMBER 12, 13, and 14 at Bowling Green State University. You'll be hearing from Chris Martin, Province President.

Province VI (Bethany, Charleston, Concord, Davis and Elkins, Marietta, Marshall, Rio Grande, Slippery Rock, Westminster): NOVEMBER 5, 6 and 7 at the University of Charleston. You've already heard from your Grand Province Chief, Larry Spees.

Every chapter is required to send at least two representatives to their Conclave. If you haven't heard from your Province President or Grand Province Chief about your conclave, contact Fraternity Headquarters.

Winner Or Loser?



How can you tell a winning chapter from a losing chapter? Here's how:

A winner says, "LET'S FIND OUT." A loser says "NOBODY KNOWS." When a winning chapter makes a mistake they say "WE WERE WRONG;" when a losing chapter makes a mistake they say, "IT WASN'T OUR FAULT."

A winning chapter goes THROUGH a problem; a losing chapter GOES AROUND IT and NEVER GETS PAST IT.

A winning chapter makes COMMITMENTS; a loser makes PROMISES.

A winner says, "WE'RE GOOD BUT NOT AS GOOD AS WE OUGHT TO BE;" a loser says "WE'RE NOT AS WEAK AS A LOT OF OTHER CHAPTERS."

A winning chapter tries to LEARN from those who are superior to it; a loser tries to TEAR DOWN those who are superior.

A winner says, "THERE OUGHT TO BE A BETTER WAY TO DO IT;" a loser says, "THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DONE HERE."

RUSH...

ARE YOU USING SCAPEGOATS?

- We're looking for quality, not quantity.
- The Interfraternity Council didn't help us.
- So-and-so chapter dirty rushed.
- Headquarters didn't send us any help.
- Our best rushers graduated.
- Rushees aren't the quality they were last year.
- With deferred rush, so many that we wanted didn't make the grades to rush.
- The campus and dorm counselors scared them off; that's why so many dropped out.
- The Rush Chairman didn't do his job; he just wasn't organized.
- All the other groups are talking against us; our new house and the higher bills scared off the rushees.
- We can't drink in the house.
- The alumni messed up our bid session.
- The seniors didn't like the top rushees, and we couldn't pledge the ones we knew well.
- We worked on campus activities and scholarship this year, not rush.
- Our goal was too high.

ARE THESE THE REAL PROBLEMS?

- Rush philosophy was not well defined.
- Weak planning in less structured rush.
- Total membership wasn't involved in planning and activities.
- Little interest in open rush.
- No plan for catch-up rush.
- Lack of understanding as to who potential rushees really are.
- Little concern for recruiting commuter students or non-Greeks on campus.
- Poorly organized and executed selection sessions.
- No understanding of decision-making processes for rushees and chapter (mutual selection).
- Poor image and self-concept on the part of members and chapter.
- Little alumni support in recommendations, local resources and leadership.
- Poor use of Headquarters resources, manuals, procedures.
- Poorly organized and executed rush by the Interfraternity Council; rules, quota, counseling, orientation, schedule, etc.
- Rush education programs, fraternity understanding, retreats, rush committee not functioning.
- Little creativity in activities, leadership, communication of "Why Fraternity?"
- Chapter doesn't know what it's looking for in prospective members.
- Members don't know how to make a commitment without oral bidding; they felt rushees didn't know they liked them.
- Chapter did things just like last year because it worked so well then.

To The Seven Points



NU CHAPTER (University of California, Berkeley): Andrew Rogers, Vincent Tabata, Kenneth Dieker, James Nicita, Eric Smith, Dennis Lang Jr., James Olness, Joseph Godfrey, Christopher Stevenson, Grant Halsing and Brian Muhs, on September 6, 1982.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER (University of Missouri): Robert Caldwell IV, Scott Johnson, Robert Keim, Robert Bennet, Joseph Fitzgerald, Darryl Glaser, David Lamping, Guy Loyd, Edward Mardini and John Marsh, on September 11, 1982.

Into The Mystic Circle



GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER (Bowling Green State University): Tony Rehmer, Philip Petrella and Scott Williams, on September 12, 1982.

Campus Sights And Sounds



PAC-MAN and other video games are providing revenue for many colleges. Texas Tech, for instance, has between 75 and 80 games on campus and receives \$150,000 a year from them.

THE FOOTBALL HUDDLE originated at Gallaudet College, the world's only four-year liberal arts college for the deaf. Players huddled together to keep opposing teams from reading the quarterback's sign language signals. (Chronicle of Higher Education)

SKATEBOARDS are back, but not just for the hotrodders in elementary school. At least one campus security unit reports its policemen using them on the beat.

A "Y" PROGRAM at the University of Missouri matches students with residents of a retirement center. The student volunteer spends at least an hour a week with the older resident.

COMPUTER LITERACY will be required for graduation from Hamline University in Minnesota, starting with freshmen entering in the fall of 1982.

A DIRTY BOOK SALE was the way the University of Kentucky Press announced its offering of damaged and soiled books. The advertising ploy worked, and more than \$3,000 worth of books were sold in two days.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE requirements have been reinstated at seven of the eight Ivy League schools.

THE BANANA SPLIT RECORD was broken by Susquehanna University with a 1½-mile long banana split containing over two tons of bananas and 800 gallons of ice cream. Prepared as a fund-raiser, it broke the record held by Texas A & M.

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