

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## National News

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### **CLAUSSEN AND PAYNE SELECTED AS CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS**

Director of Chapter Services, **Randall S. Lewis, Oregon State '81** has announced that **David R. Claussen, Iowa State '83** and **Lyndon B. Payne, Rio Grande '85** have been selected to join the executive staff of the Fraternity as Chapter Leadership Consultants for 1987-88. Brothers Claussen and Payne will begin working at the National Headquarters in June, first undergoing an extensive training program, and then visiting the chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi in the Fall. The purpose of Chapter Leadership Consultant visitations is to help every chapter with goal setting, rush, finances, pledge education, officer training, and many other aspects of chapter operations a chapter might want help with.

Brother Claussen has served as HJP of Phi Chapter as well as Rush Chairman and Pledge Educator while majoring in Agriculture Education at Iowa State. Brother Payne studied Business Education at Rio Grande College and served Delta Epsilon as HSP and Rush Chairman.

### **A NEW TREND IN THE LEGAL LIABILITY CRISIS**

The State of Virginia recently amended its civil liability laws setting limits on punitive and liability cases. The legislation was adopted in an effort to halt the number and size of settlements which has resulted in many businesses, organizations and municipalities not being able to obtain liability insurance. The limit for punitive damages is set at \$350,000 and for liability of corporate directors and officers \$100,000. Similar legislation is being pursued in several states and could be the light at the end of the tunnel in the liability and insurance crisis.

### **BILL LIMITING LIABILITY OF VOLUNTEERS HIT SNAG**

A bill that would have limited personal liability for directors of fraternities and sororities failed to win approval from a House Committee of the Indiana legislature. Committee Chairman John Donaldson assigned the bill to a subcommittee, a move that usually kills a bill for the current session.

Bill author Sheila Klinker said in a hearing that Greek organizations are having difficulty getting volunteers because of potential liability.

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Drew Young, president of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, said the number of lawsuits filed against directors of houses has increased. He agreed that volunteers should have some immunity. The fraternity itself, he added, should not be exempt from responsibility.

-- Associated Press



## NEW ORGANIZATION PROMOTES NOT DRINKING AND DRIVING

Greek leaders at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana have organized the Alpha Chapter of GLADD or Greek Leaders Against Drunk Drivers. The intention is to spread the organization and the idea to Greeks throughout the United States and Canada to curtail the senseless deaths due to drinking and driving. GLADD was created by two Indiana State seniors who, through awareness and programming want to place a stigma on getting behind the wheel of an automobile when one has had too much to drink. The organization plans to contact colleges and universities, as well as the National Fraternities and Sororities to cultivate support.

## Chapter News

### BACK TO THE FUTURE

#### ALPHA SIG CHAPTERS WITH LONG AND VARIED HISTORIES

In its 141 year history, Alpha Sigma Phi has found itself on many campuses throughout the country. What is interesting is that often when Alpha Sigma Phi has been established at a college or university, the new chapter already may have a long and distinctive history to claim. Many Alpha Sig chapters were long established local fraternities or were part of a National Fraternity that has ceased to exist. Of course, many of the chapters' "pre-history" can be traced to the mergers with Phi Pi Phi in 1939; Alpha Kappa Pi in 1946, and Alpha Gamma Upsilon in 1967. Read on to discover some of the history of Alpha Sigma Phi. Your chapter may have a history older than the date shown on its charter.

\* **Upsilon Chapter** at Penn State began as the Viking Club in 1912 and was chartered in 1918.

\* In 1913 the Aztec Club was formed at Oregon State and in 1920 became **Psi Chapter**.

\* At the University of Oklahoma, Delta Kappa Rho, founded January 1921 became **Alpha Alpha Chapter** in 1923.

\* In 1906 the Crescent Club was founded at Westminster College, later to become Nu Chapter of Phi Pi Phi in 1927 and **Alpha Nu Chapter** in 1939.

\* **Alpha Xi** of Illinois Institute of Technology (originally Armar Institute of Technology) originated as Gamma Chapter of Beta Phi in 1913, then in 1923 became Gamma of Phi Pi Phi. The chapter displays all three charters.

\* The Tri-C Club, founded in 1927, later became Alpha Delta Kappa and in 1945 **Alpha Omicron Chapter** of Alpha Sigma Phi.



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\* The German Club that became Mu of Phi Pi Phi at Baldwin-Wallace originated in 1883. Today they are known as **Alpha Mu Chapter**.

\* **Alpha Pi** at Purdue originated as the Euphemian Club in 1927 and became Phi Chapter of Phi Pi Phi in 1930.

\* **Beta Theta Chapter** at Rutgers began as Phi Lambda Sigma in 1926 and became Rho of Alpha Kappa Pi in 1931.

\* **Beta Mu Chapter** was Lambda Tau for sometime before becoming Chi of Alpha Kappa Pi in 1932.

\* **Beta Omicron**, Tri State University, traces its origin to 1924 as Alpha Delta Alpha and in 1935 became Alpha Beta of Alpha Kappa Pi.

\* **Beta Rho**, University of Toledo, began in 1921 as Zeta Omicron, later to become Alpha Delta of Alpha Kappa Pi in 1937.

\* **Beta Psi**, R.P.I., originally was Lambda Chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon founded in 1884. The National Organization folded in 1940 and subsequently the chapter became Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Pi.

\* **Theta Nu Epsilon** was established at Ohio Northern in 1903 later to become Alpha Lambda of Alpha Kappa Pi in 1942, and ultimately **Gamma Alpha Chapter** in 1946.

\* **Gamma Lambda** at Atlantic Christian College originally was Sigma Alpha founded in 1925.

\* **Gamma Mu** began in 1950 as Sigma Delta Phi and was chartered 10 years later in 1960.

\* Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Gamma Upsilon was founded in 1933 at Lawrence Institute of Technology and became **Gamma Psi Chapter** in 1968.

## Career Line

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### FORGET THE FOLKLORE ABOUT RESUMES

MYTH 1: There is only one correct way to prepare a resume. Wrong. There are many ways to write an effective resume. The only universal truth: If your resume gets you a job interview, it was a success.

MYTH 2: All resumes must have a career objective. Wrong again. Most are vague, flowery statements that offer little information like:

"I'm looking for a challenging and meaningful career in. . ."

"In my career, I wish to fully explore, identify and utilize my skills to the fullest capacities. . ."

"Hopefully, I can become affiliated with a progressive, forward thinking and growing organization. . ."

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Before using one, be certain your career objective really helps you get into the interviewer's office. This means it is concrete, short and most importantly, informative. It is useful if your career objective helps differentiate you from other candidates. An alternative to consider is to place your career objective in your cover letter.

**MYTH 3:** The resume must be only one page long. Not necessarily. It would be self-defeating to omit key information that increases your chances of getting a job because of a blind allegiance to the "one page" rule.

Length is purely a function of need. If you need more space, then take it. If the resume gets too long, do the following: Make a one-page summary of your resume. Better yet, turn page one of your resume into a skill inventory specific to the job you're applying for and the back of that page into a single page summary of your resume. Then send along a second more detailed resume. Note this in your cover letter.

**MYTH 4:** You should never put your references on a resume. Sometimes this is a waste of space. But it can be the difference between the wastebasket and an interview.

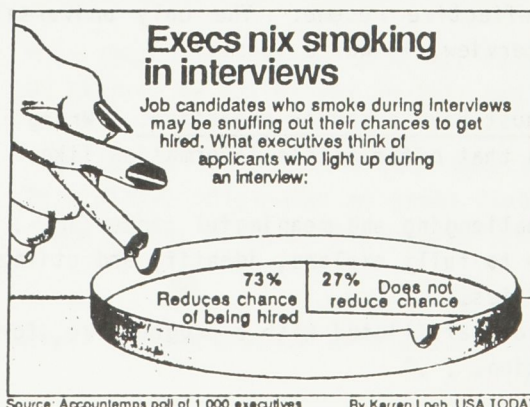
The "who-knows-who" phenomenon is one of the most effective methods of getting a job interview. If you have references who will make a prospective employer feel a need or obligation to interview you, then place them at the end of the resume or on a separate sheet of paper.

Keep this advice in perspective. Because you once shook President Reagan's hand doesn't mean the name "Dutch" Reagan should be listed as a reference.

**MYTH 5:** One version of the resume is all you need. Each resume you send out should be tailored to the job you're seeking. If you want a line-sales position, then direct sales experience and achievements should be highlighted. If you are also applying for a sales-management position, then your education, experience and achievements managing others should be highlighted. A word processor makes this manageable.

We don't like to end on a low note, but realistic expectations matter. According to Richard N. Bolles, author of "What Color Is Your Parachute?," 96 to 99 percent of all resumes result in rejections. You may have to send out 500 resumes (or more) to get a sufficient number of interviews and job offers worth considering. This is why the three most important characteristics of an effective job search are persistence, persistence and persistence.

- source Detroit Free Press







## CHECK INSURANCE COVERAGE OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL PROPERTY

How many times have you wondered if your high-priced stereo and other personal belongings in the fraternity house were insured? Most of the time the answer would be "yes." That is, if your parents carry a homeowners policy and if you have not changed your residence address.

Occasionally, college students will change their residence address to that of the institution they are attending in order to take advantage of lower tuition. However, in doing this, they may find their parents' homeowners policy will then disclaim any coverage.

Similarly, what happens when you drive a friend's car? It may very well be that, again, you are covered under your parents' auto insurance. This presumes you have no car of your own.

-Triangle Review

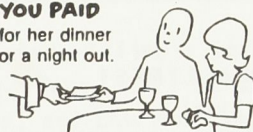
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## DATE RAPE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL RAPE.

### WHAT MEN SHOULD KNOW

You do not have the right to pressure or force a woman to have sex, even if:

**YOU PAID**  
for her dinner  
or a night out.



**YOU'VE HAD SEX**  
with her before.



**SHE AGREES**  
to have sex  
with you,  
then changes  
her mind.



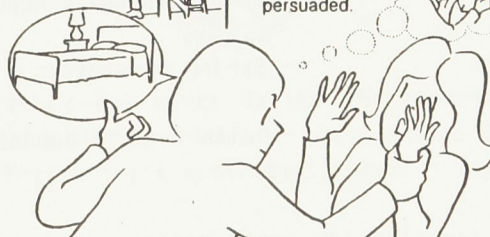
**SHE DRESSES  
PROVOCATIVELY,**  
flirts, or  
"comes on"  
to you.



**YOU MET  
HER AT A BAR**  
or picked her  
up hitchhiking.



**YOU THINK  
WOMEN ENJOY**  
being forced  
to have sex  
or want to be  
persuaded.



## ALPHA SIG ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - THE PINNACLE OF FAME

Johnnie Richardson Carter III, East Carolina '86  
Academic Excellence Award



Michael E. Cotler, American '86  
Scholarship Improvement Award

Beta Delta Chapter  
Marshall University  
Academic Achievement Award  
Summa Cum Laude Award

The Brothers and chapter named above recently took advantage of Alpha Sigma Phi's semesterly scholarship awards. We know there are other deserving Brothers and chapters out there, if a Brother or your chapter qualified for any of these awards, it's still not too late to submit the verification form. They were sent in a recent mail packet to all chapters.

The Academic Excellence Award recognizes Brothers with perfect GPA for the term. The Scholarship Improvement Award recognizes Brothers who improve their GPA 24% (1.0 on a 4.0 scale). The Academic Achievement Award honors a chapter whose GPA is higher than the campus all-men's average, and the Summa Cum Laude Award honors chapters who raise their GPA by 12.5% (.5 on a 4.0 scale).

## For Your Information

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### DEADLINES! DEADLINES! DEADLINES!

Makes sure everything is in on time!



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| APRIL 1  | - National Leadership Conference Registration                       |
| APRIL 1  | - April Report of Undergraduate Membership, Carryover Pledge Report |
| APRIL 25 | - Annual Chapter Report   |
| MAY 1    | - Summer Tomahawk Report  |
| MAY 15   | - Spring Newsletter   |
| JUNE 1   | - Delta Beta Xi Nominations   |



## *Pledged To The Seven Points*

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**Iota Chapter, Cornell University:** Brian M. Breidigan, Anthony Michael Ciabarra, Samuel P. Friedman, Thomas A. Glick, Robert Cameron Haugen, William Andrew Haumann, Brian J. Krabak, Edward Joseph McCarthy III, Jeffrey David Murphy, Joshua Baruch Scheinfeld, Daniel Nelson Schildge, Paul Joseph Staid, Peter Beck Thauer, Kai Erik Timmermann, Thomas John Van Tiem, Jr., Russell J. Weiner and Brian T. Wood on February 12, 1987.

**Nu Chapter, University of California at Berkeley:** David Michael Hassenzahl, Takuji "Tom" Kashiya, Frank Michael Medieros and Braden Scott Silva on February 26, 1987.

**Beta Theta, Rutgers University:** Keith Christopher Chu, Jack Lee Cordova, Richard Cristopher Drury, Barry Jay Edison, John Joseph Gazdus, Michael Denis Herdman, Mark Anthony Mancini, Alfonso Meghnagi, Joseph Thomas Mundi, Matthew Shamus O'Brien, Harris Laeb Rotman, Mitchell Scott Speert, Paul Samuel St. Amour and Donald Simon Weinstein on February 13, 1987.

**Beta Mu, Wake Forest University:** Michael Alan Barnett, John Howland Barry, Michael Arthur Berrodin, Gregory Alan Brondos, Peter Robert Brown, Kenneth Donald D'Antuono, John Alderman Freeman, John Joseph Froio, Borden Rhea Hallows, Jeff Todd Harris, Merril Glenn Jones, Eric Richard Kardovich, Jeffrey Joseph Lamb, Thomas Drumwright Long, James Watson Mangels, Richard Scott Messenkopf, Stephen Frederick Miller, Douglas Mathew Nally, Christopher Wilson Pearson, Jesse Patrick Phifer III, Richard Dean Schroeder and William Kenneth Stanton on February 7, 1987.

## *Initiated Into The Mystic Circle*

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**Alpha Xi Chapter, Illinois Institute of Technology:** John Janousek, Eric Schall, Edward Ewing, Troy Leaf, Mark Bohanon, Wesley Kung, Charles Ricci, John Song, John Marchese, and Lawrence Gagen on March 28, 1987.

**Beta Psi, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** Louis N. Agresta III, Vivek Bhatia, Richard T. Cote, Stephen W. Hatgidek, David B. Kitchen, John A. Lockhart IV, and Mark A. Otto on March 31, 1987.



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# Alpha Sig Scholartips

## Suggestions from Alpha Sigma Phi to help better the studying man

### ALPHA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SCHOLAR TIPS #7

The Paper - Locating Resources  
by

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After defining your topic and arriving at a manageable question to be answered, you must now begin the research. Where do you turn? You've got it--to the modern version of the wise man on the mountain: the college library. The library has more resources than you can imagine. Listed below is a partial list of resources where you can find material for your paper. Two suggestions before you begin. 1. If you have any questions, ask a librarian for help. They are so tired of cataloging they will be glad to lend any assistance. 2. Do not start with the encyclopedia. Encyclopedias are designed for elementary school children and have no place in college level work.

Possible resources to check for material.

1. The card catalog. Check by both subject and author/title. Ask if the library has an ON-LINE catalog.
2. Abstracts. They will provide abstracts of articles and other works published in popular magazines, professional journals, etc.
3. Periodical Guides. These guides will list titles of articles published in magazines. There are many periodical guides. Check for those that are most closely related to your area of research.
4. Rare books and Special collections. Many libraries have special collections of rare materials which might be related to your topic.
5. Newspaper index. Many newspapers have published an index to the articles they have published. The New York Times index is the most familiar.
6. ERIC/RIE. While the ERIC/RIE system is primarily used for education, it is swiftly becoming the largest collection of research around. Check it regardless of what your topic might be.
7. Professional Handbooks. These are good for leading you to other sources.

#### KEEPING NOTES

As you progress through your research, it is a very good idea to keep notes on your findings. Remember to stay on track. Stick to your outline. At this point it is very easy to get sidetracked and stray from the main topic. Doing this will waste a lot of time. The standard format for taking notes is on the 5X8 or 3X5 note card. The reason for this is so that you can arrange the cards in the order you are writing the paper. In order to do this, however, it is necessary that you write the bibliographical citation at the top of each card. The citation for books must include author, title, edition (if 2nd or higher) city of publication, publisher, and date. Also note the actual page number. For a magazine, you must note the name of the magazine, the title or the article, the author (if given), the volume of the magazine, the issue, the date and the page(s).

Many people use legal pads for doing research. This is workable, but causes problems when you have more than one idea on a page and you have to rearrange them.

SIDENOTE: There are a couple of "do not's" in collecting information for a paper:

1. DO NOT go to the card catalog, take out five books that you think are related to the topic, bring the books back to your room, open them up and expect to compose a paper on the spot. It just won't happen.
2. DO NOT expect to find all the information you need in one resource. After all, that resource could be wrong!
3. DO NOT waste time on resources that do not provide information directly related to your topic.



