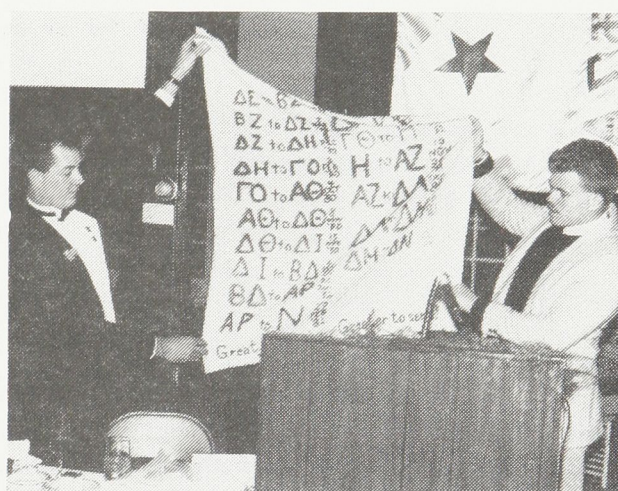


# The Old Gal Gazette

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## National News



### LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY IS THE HOME OF OUR NEW DELTA NU CHAPTER

Alpha Sigma Phi welcomed the addition of its newest chapter November 21, 1987. The enthusiastic and spirited group of men were initiated into the Mystic Circle Friday night by Upsilon Chapter at Penn State. The ceremonies took place at the Upsilon Chapter House while snow fell softly to the ground. The traditional Black Lantern Processional took place Thursday evening at Lock Haven.

November 21st, brothers, dates, and special guests gathered for a formal banquet at the Clinton County Country Club where the Delta Nu Chapter was officially installed. Special guests at the banquet included: Grand Senior President **Robert A. Sandercox**, **Bethany '51**, Executive Director **Robert M. Sheehan, Jr.**, **Westminster '76**, Grand Province Chief, Province IX, **John H. Luckenbill**, **Stockton State '84**, Director of Chapter Services, **Randall S. Lewis**, **Oregon State '81** and members from Penn State, William Paterson and Illinois State.

Grand Senior President **Robert A. Sandercox** gave the keynote address on financial responsibility, involvement and building lifelong friendships. The anticipation and enthusiasm could be felt as each member made his way up to the front for the presentation of the charter recognizing Delta Nu as having all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. The chapter was received joyously as applause and "For He's An Alpha Sig" filled the room. Walter Kramer, HSP then received the President's badge from Brother Lewis, and the chapter gavel from **David R. Claussen**, **Iowa State '84**, Chapter Leadership Consultant.

**Andrew Faccione**, **William Paterson '86** presented the new chapter with the baby blanket which has been handed down to each new chapter since 1978. Brother Luckenbill then presented the Alpha Badge which will be handed down at the next chartering. Finally **Jeff Christian**, HSP, **Penn State '85** gave good wishes on behalf of Upsilon Chapter. Brothers and dates then danced and celebrated until the early hours of the morning. **Congratulations to all the new brothers at Lock Haven University!**



## ATTENTION!

### THE CALL GOES OUT - ANY MAJOR CONSIDERED

If you're graduating in December or May and want to get a head start on your future, have you considered the possibility of gaining some invaluable experience in sales, promotion, management and self reliance? Have you thought about the invaluable experience you'd gain as a Chapter Leadership Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi, plus the opportunity to see the country, all expenses paid!!

If you're a leader, motivated to succeed and persistent, you might be one of the outstanding brothers the National Headquarters is currently looking for to serve the fraternity in 1988-89.

See your HSP for an application blank or write to:

Randall S. Lewis  
Director of Chapter Services  
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity  
24 W. William Street  
Delaware, OH 43015

### GRAND COUNCIL SCHEDULED TO MEET

The Grand Council is currently planning to gather for their winter meeting on February 5, 6, and 7 in Columbus, Ohio. The Grand Council meets at least twice a year in addition to their various committees, executive sessions and informal meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to check the progress of the Fraternity in the preceding six months and make any additional plans or policy changes for the future. The Council is comprised of seven volunteer alumni Brothers who are elected by the biennial National Convention of the Fraternity.

### SECURE YOUR HOUSE

Before leaving on winter break, make sure your chapter house is secure, saving on loss of property or costly repair bills.



1. Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked.
2. Do the mail and periodicals need to be held?
3. Make sure brothers secure their valuables; stereos, TV's, etc.
4. Will the police or campus security check the house periodically?  
Do they know who to contact in case of emergency?
5. To prevent pipes from bursting in freezing weather, don't shut heat completely off and/or let a faucet drip.

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Success is getting what you want.

Happiness is wanting what you get.

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## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS "ON BREAK"

The Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th until Monday, January 4 in observance of the holiday season.

Otherwise, the Headquarters is open each weekday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST). If we can be of service, please call. Visitors to the National Headquarters are always welcome. If you're near Delaware, Ohio, stop in!

## NEXT ISSUE

Send in your chapter news for the first issue of "The Old Gal Gazette" for 1988. Let your brothers know about your special events, accomplishments, projects, or any excellent ideas that worked for you in 1987. We're looking forward to hearing from you!!

## ALPHA SIGMA PHI TO CELEBRATE 142 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

In 1845, James K. Polk was President of the United States, Texas had just been annexed and feelings of sectionalism between the North and South were ripening. And on December 6, 1845, three Yale students, Louis Manigault, Stephen Ormsby Rhea and Horace Spangler Weiser gathered to establish the bond of brotherhood in Alpha Sigma Phi. One hundred and forty-two years later thousands of Alpha Sigs all across the country will commemorate this special date. Events are planned at several colleges, universities and major cities throughout the country.

A special event is planned for Saturday, December 5, 1987 in Dallas, Texas at the Sheraton-Downtown. A luncheon is being held to which all area alumni are being invited. That weekend is also the annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference. Grand Senior President **Robert A. Sandercox** will be attending that meeting along with Executive Director **Robert M. Sheehan, Jr.** Grand Senior President Sandercox will host this gathering of Alpha Sigs to commemorate the proud heritage and bright prospects for the future.

## BROTHER COLE WINS ON "THE PRICE IS RIGHT"

**Todd Cole, Westminster '82** is reported to have won \$4,800 in prizes on one of the most watched TV game shows, "The Price Is Right," with host **Bob Barker**. Brother Cole flew to California and was picked to play the game November 30, 1987. Congratulations Brother Cole!

**Play to Win!**

**Holiday  
CHEER!**



# *For Your Information*

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## **138 STUDENTS ARRESTED AT CMU PARTIES**

Some of the 138 students arrested in an early-morning raid of two Carnegie Mellon University fraternity houses were amused, while others were outraged. State and city authorities were dead serious.

The Saturday raid was conducted by a task force of 55 state police and Liquor Control Board officials, and officers from the city police and fire bureaus.

Jim McDonald of the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement said the raid was organized because his office had received numerous complaints about underage drinking at fraternity parties. The operation had been planned for months, he said.

"What they're doing is illegal," he said.

Specifically, the students were selling, consuming and possessing alcohol, according to police.

The raids took place at Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Tau Delta at 1077 and 1079 Morewood Ave., Oakland.

Three busloads of students were taken to the Public Safety Building, Downtown, after the raids. Eleven students ranging in age from 18 to 28 were arrested on charges of selling liquor without a license and selling liquor to minors.

Edward Borkowski, City Magistrate, accepted guilty pleas at summary hearings on underage drinking from 116 students and fined them \$300 plus costs. The fines were suspended on the condition that each student perform 15 hours of community service with the Pittsburgh Clean Cities Committee. Charges against 11 were dismissed.

During the raid, many of the students argued that what they were doing had been going on "forever" and would continue to go on "forever" on just about every college campus in the country.

"I can't believe this. We're raising money for muscular dystrophy (research) and we get arrested," student Joe Boltz said.

The fraternities were suggesting a \$2 donation at the door.

"Our intention is not to sell beer, but to raise money for MS, and that's all," said Eric Tenbus, 21, a senior writing student and a member of one of the fraternities.

- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
By Charles Lynch

## *Chapter News*

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### **ALPHA PI CHAPTER, Purdue University:**

For the first time in our chapter's known history, a Black Lantern Processional was held. On a cold and windy night, November 17, we proceeded to march through the Tower Acres of Purdue University and ended back on our front lawn where we formed the Omega. The procession went off smoothly and was a very unifying experience for our brotherhood.

The following night we went out and serenaded the house mothers of twelve sororities by singing the "Sweetheart Song" and giving each of them a rose. Being that we also had two nights of elections and exams scattered throughout, it was a very fulfilling week.

We would like to thank the brothers of Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois for letting us borrow their lanterns.

- Eric Gaby, HM



## Chapter News

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### **GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University:**

At Bowling Green's Fall Parents Day we had an Alcohol Awareness Workshop presented by Mrs. Koehler, pledge Tim Koehler's mother. After the workshop there was a group discussion with the brothers and parents giving their input.

### **DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, University of North Carolina-Charlotte:**

We recently served as Marshals for a "Say No To Drugs" march in downtown Charlotte. We also served as a support group for an Easter Seals volleyball marathon November 14 and 15 as well as held our second annual Thanksgiving dinner with the Thompson Children's Home. In between doing all of this service, we have been painting our house and have raised more money than we did all of last year! Things are definitely looking up for Delta Zeta!

- Steve Murphy, HSP

## Pledged To The Seven Points

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**ALPHA TAU, Stevens Institute of Technology:** Joseph Charles Cwiak, Christopher Joseph Frank, David Richard Friedle, Timothy A. Paglione and Vincent Angelo Torrala on October 23, 1987

**GAMMA RHO CHAPTER, Lycoming College:** Gary L. Harvey, John C. Van Dalen, Allen P. Mills and Jonathan B. Berman on October 9, 1987

**DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College:** Daryl David Seriale, Scott Michael Meade, Thomas Paul Dolan, Donald Baldwin Allen III, Frank John Pisano, Joseph Michael Stoneback, Thomas Richard Headman, Jonathan Mark Finkel, Louis Edward Sarti, Jr., Daniel Spinogatti, Erik Robert Shenk, Eugene Jude Rogan, Gregory Lawrence Gansel and Arthur Joseph Schmidt on September 30, 1987.

## Initiated Into The Mystic Circle

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**BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** William G. Haddad, Robert S. Hirsch, Dale R. Lombardo and Richard N. Mazzaresse on October 1, 1987.

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University:** Stephen Eric Pitts, Kurt Andrew Ball, Scott Douglass Barrick, Eric Jonathan Buls, David Charles Cartwright, Joel Patrick Gladden, Erin Craig Prus, Joseph Michael Salvatore and William Brian Whittle on December 3, 1987.

**GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, University of Miami:** Craig Ian Alkin, Jason Franklin Arnold IV, Alexander Auais, Larry Darrel Chidsey, Lance Eric Crawford, Jose Miguel Delgado Jr., David Diaz, Stephen Lynn Dickson Jr., Brian LeVesque Hamwey, Harri Koponen, Raine Aleksi Lahtinen, Alberto Lau, James Anthony Lawson, Nicholas Octaviano, Todd Christopher Rogers, Raul Rogue, Charles Rule, Brett Sandquist Mario Alfred Sariol, Craig Brian Waldman and Andrew David Schonebaum on November 20, 1987.

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**DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University:** Michael W. Moyer, James N. Blachek, Timothy F. Jubeck, David S. Rockey, Richard A. Johnson, David W. Gerhart, Jr., Nicholas G. Campanaro, Walter H. Kramer, David E. Ashenfelter, Stephen M. Atcavage, Robert J. Baker, Jr., Jeffrey Bednarik, Edward A. Brown, Adam L. Cole, Brett A. Cooper, Michael S. Deutsch, Patrick H. Foster, Jr., John S. Griffin, James K. Hashimoto, William D. Kane, Michael R. Miller, Timothy J. Nester, Angelo N. Petrillo, Jeffrey R. Thornton, Jeffrey A. Wagner, Kurt D. Wasson, Craig A. Yunker, Steve L. Babcock, Jr., David F. Beam, Shawn W. Carey, Steven A. Fisher, David M. Lloyd, Brian A. Zielinski, Mark C. Burfield, Brian A. Catherman, Albert S. Davenport, Jr., Anthony Drielbelbies, Joseph M. Jones, Jr., James T. Milham, Jr., Harvey S. Barnhart, Jr. and Steven Donaldson on November 20, 1987.

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## Season's Greetings

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**The Old Gal Gazette** is published every two weeks during the academic year by the National Headquarters. It is distributed to all chapters, colonies, advisors and fraternity volunteers in an effort to keep all informed of their Fraternity's activities, plans and progress.

News items for **The Gazette** may be sent to: Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015.



## LITTLE SISTER OR FRATERNITY MEMBER?

Many fraternities are affiliated to varying degrees with little sister organizations. These fraternities should be mindful of the fact that if the fraternity and affiliated little sister organization are structurally intertwined, the fraternity may face a challenge to its ability to exclude women from its general membership.

Someone wishing to assert such a challenge would undoubtedly scrutinize the relationship between the fraternity and the little sister organization. When this is done, the following factors might play a role in determining membership eligibility:

- Does the fraternity chapter possess absolute authority to create and disband the little sister organization? The fraternity generally exercises this power through a vote of the chapter membership.
- Does the fraternity chapter charge the little sisters a pledge or initiation fee? In addition, some fraternities require that the little sisters pay semesterly dues to the treasurer of the fraternity.
- How does the fraternity participate in decisions on the selection of members of the little sister organization? The control which the fraternity chapter exercises over the selection process varies depending on the fraternity chapter. In some cases, the membership of the fraternity chapter makes all decisions on the membership of the little sister organization. In other cases, the decisions on membership are made by a joint committee of members of the fraternity and members of the little sister organization.
- Does the fraternity chapter make decisions in regard to the approval of the bylaws and constitution of the little sister organization? Additionally, does the fraternity refer to the little sister organization in its own bylaws or constitution? Some chapter bylaws provide for a Little Sis Chairman who acts as a liaison between the fraternity and the little sister organization. Typically, the Little Sis Chairman is charged with coordinating the fraternity chapter and the little sister organization on social events and special events and projects.
- Does the little sister organization hold its meetings in the fraternity chapter house?
- Are the little sisters' composite pictures hung in the chapter house (sometimes together with the composite pictures of the chapter members)?
- Does the fraternity chapter have the authority to approve or disapprove of the activities of their little sister organization?

The more intertwined the affairs of the fraternity chapter are with those of the little sister organization, the more the fraternity chapter jeopardizes its status as a single sex organization. If a court perceives from the answers to the questions presented above, and perhaps others, that the fraternity chapter and the little sister organization are in essence functioning

as a single organization, the fraternity may find it difficult legally to exclude female applicants from membership in the fraternity chapter itself. In order to avoid potential problems, the fraternity chapter should strive to stay as independent as possible from its little sister organization.

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***If the fraternity and its little sister organization are too closely intertwined, the membership policy of the fraternity may be challenged.***

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In *Roberts v. United States Jaycees*, 462 U.S., \_\_ 82 L.Ed.2d 462 (1984), the United States Supreme Court established general guidelines which fraternities must follow in order to preserve their single sex status. First and foremost the fraternity must retain its "high degree of selectivity" of membership and "seclusion from others in critical aspects" of the operation of the fraternity. The functioning of the fraternity chapter and its little sister organization as a common unit at social events and special events, along with the other factors of control outlined above, could open the fraternity chapter to female membership under the standards set forth in the *Jaycees* case.

In addition to jeopardizing its single sex status, a fraternity chapter may unnecessarily subject itself to liability for conduct of members of the little sister organization. If the fraternity exercises significant control over the organizational structure, membership and functions of the little sister organization with which it is affiliated, the fraternity may create an agency relationship.

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***The fraternity's bylaws and constitution should not refer to the little sister organization.***

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If the little sisters are considered agents of the fraternity, the fraternity may be responsible for closely supervising the conduct of the little sisters. The fraternity may then be responsible for injuries that occur at or after little sister events or parties to the same extent as if it were the fraternity's own party or event.

Fraternities should examine their relationship with affiliated little sister organizations. If the fraternity's bylaws or constitution refer to a little sister organization, it should consider amending these documents to delete the references. It is in the best interest of the fraternity that little sister organizations remain as independent as possible from the fraternity. Otherwise, the "little sister" may suddenly become a fraternity member in the eyes of the law. ■

— Jeffrey J. Harmon

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