

The Old Gal Gazette

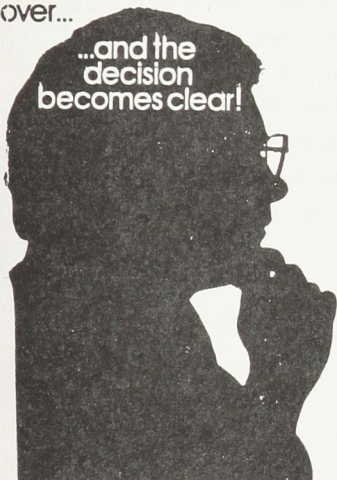
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National News

Think it
over...

...and the
decision
becomes clear!



THE HEAT IS ON

At a recent meeting of Student Personnel Administrators, one topic kept being discussed, "Are social fraternities and sororities conducive to higher education?" While the answers should be obvious, some heated discussion occurred because of the behavior exhibited by local chapters across the nation.

Although every national fraternity has policies against hazing, alcohol abuse, sexual harassment, etc., many chapters refuse to follow these. Despite concentrated efforts to work with chapters to improve operations the negative "tradition" of hazing and alcohol abuse continues.

Many of our higher education partners as well as fraternity personnel are getting fed up with the abuse of ideals and morals. At two colleges an overwhelming majority has recently voted to abolish fraternities on their campus. Fraternities are closing or rebuilding chapters to get rid of hazing, alcohol abuse, sexual harassment and several other problems that plague the Greek system.

"Boys will be boys" is no longer acceptable. (It really never was.) Now society is expecting, and rightly so, fraternity men to live up to that which they claim to represent. High ideals set us far apart from the rest of society, but when we slip it's blamed on society and its influence on us.

It's past time to take that long, hard look in the mirror. Is your chapter meeting the ideals of Alpha Sigma Phi? Are the members and pledges living up to the Code of Conduct? Is your pledge education process teaching those young men how to be good brothers or training them to be good pledges? Do you encourage or discourage alcohol and drug abuse? Are women treated with dignity or as sex objects?

Let's face it! You have a lot of house cleaning to do. It would be better if you did it before your campus administrators or fraternity brothers stepped in to close or rebuild your chapter. The time is now. The heat is on!

TO
BETTER
THE
MAN



S.U.N.Y. PLATTSBURGH - HOME OF DELTA XI CHAPTER

March 26th was the date over 50 young men had long awaited for. It was on that date that Phi Epsilon Colony, which colonized May 5, 1986, was chartered as Delta Xi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. Enthusiasm and emotions ran high during the official presentation of the charter by Grand Councilor **Charles J. Vohs, Penn State '75.**



The newly initiated brothers were all decked out in their tuxedos as their lovely dates watched the new chapter exchange embraces, high-fives and congratulations for traveling the long road to this celebration. Brother Vohs told them that the brotherhood they have experienced will help pull them through the difficult times as well as the good ones! It is this brotherhood that makes our Fraternity strong.

Delta Xi Chapter started when **Eric Kirleis** pledged Lehigh, Beta Epsilon Chapter, and then transferred to Plattsburgh. While making new friends and talking about Alpha Sigma Phi, several young men wanted to start a colony of such a great fraternity. These men then built the colony out of the need to develop an alternative to the current Greek system at Plattsburgh. Upon the success of Alpha Sigma Phi, several fraternities and sororities have come to Plattsburgh to expand. Eric and the original founders of Delta Xi have a lot to be proud of! **Congratulations Delta Xi!**

Send congratulatory cards and gifts to:

Adam Campbell, HSP
42 Draper Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

The Fraternity thanks the brothers of Hartwick, Lock Haven, RPI and William Paterson for their assistance in initiating our new brothers. The brotherhood you exhibited was exemplary to the ideals and purposes of America's premier fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi!

DELTA OMICRON TO BE ADDED AT ILLINOIS STATE

April 9th is the date for over 50 men to be chartered as Delta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi! Phi Eta Colony will be initiated into the Mystic Circle, Friday, April 8th.

The chartering banquet will be April 9th, when the official charter will be presented by Grand Senior President, **Robert A. Sandercox, Bethany '51.**

Letters of congratulations and gifts may be sent to:

Claude Howard, President
Phi Eta Colony
9 Delaine
Normal, IL 61761

The next chartering after Phi Eta will be Beta Iota Colony, scheduled for September 17th at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.



SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE

Once again this year, the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation is proud to sponsor the National Alumni Conference to be held in conjunction with the 1988 National Leadership Conference & Convention at The Ohio State University this August. Last year's conference was a tremendous success for our first effort; twenty-five alumni from eighteen chapters attended, and evaluation comments were very positive.

The purpose of the National Alumni Conference is to help alumni volunteers learn and share new ideas on the best ways to provide volunteer service to their chapter. Volunteer alumni who serve as Alumni Corporation/Association officers and board members, Grand Chapter Advisors, and Faculty Advisors will all find the conference sessions helpful and relevant to their work. Many opportunities for sharing ideas with one another will be provided, as will structured sessions on topics including fund-raising, insurance and risk management, undergraduate advising, house operations and recruiting and motivating other volunteers.

The conference will begin at 12 Noon on Friday, August 12 and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. The newly renovated Holiday Inn on Ohio State's campus will be used for our lodging. Various activities and meals will be held at the hotel and on campus during the conference.

The Educational Foundation will fund the cost of all material, speakers and other program costs for the conference. The Foundation has also made a Travel Grant to the conference, to help pay part of the travel expenses. The Grant will be distributed at five cents per mile, per chapter, for these travel expenses.

Alumni will be responsible only, then, for paying their room and meal costs. These start as low as \$120.00, if you share a room and register by May 1. This will be their only cost, and will include a ticket to the Final Banquet at the Hyatt Regency on Saturday, as well as hotel and all other meal costs. If an Alumni Corporation/Association does not have the finances to pay this cost then other chapter alumni may make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation ear-marked for alumni volunteers' attendance.

Even though the Educational Foundation is defraying travel expenses and program costs, we realize that \$120.00 per person may not fit into Alumni Corporation/Association or personal budgets. We want every chapter represented, and do not want cost to stand in the way. Therefore, the Foundation has also authorized funding for a limited number of grants for attendees who are in need. Interested alumni volunteers should contact Robert M. Sheehan, Jr., at Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters, 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015; 614/363-1911.

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1988 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & CONVENTION
The Ohio State University
August 10 - 14, 1988



ONE BAD EGG CAN SPOIL THE WHOLE BUNCH

The following article is an editorial from the campus newspaper where a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi resides. This article points out the fact that everything we do as "individuals" reflects the Fraternity and fraternity system. Every negative display of conduct is magnified and labels our Fraternity.

"While eating dinner in the dining hall this past Saturday evening, I was subjected to the juvenile behavior and wanton destructiveness of a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as he, roaring and grunting the whole time, tore up a couple of table announcements. His brothers thought this was great--I did not. I tossed a wad of napkins at the table and upon attracting their attention (short as its span may be) told this guy to cut it out. He said something like, "Well, you don't have to look at me while I do it," to which I replied, "No, but I have to listen to you." I suggested that he learn how to behave in public, and that he take up his dishes while he was at it (something that Alpha Pigs are famous for not doing). I received the ultimate Alpha Pig answer to everything: 'F..K!', screamed (grunted?) at full volume.

"I hope someone reads this aloud to these fellows (who, incidently, did **not** take their dishes up) so they can see what idiots some of this campus thinks they are.

"In all fairness one should assume that not all Alpha Sigs are Alpha Pigs. I suggest that the more cultured members of the organization curb their not-so-tame brothers for the benefit of the whole group. If this guy is going to do things like that out in public while he's wearing his letters, people are going to see him and connect his actions with the fraternity in general. If it is only a few guys giving the whole brotherhood a bad name, then I would hope the rest of the brothers would want to see these members clean up their act."

Chapter News

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State:

About 15 members of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority lent their ears to answer phones for the March of Dimes Telethon at Resorts International Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City on February 26th and 27th.

The fraternity and sorority members were an integral part of the telethon between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. on both dates as they answered phones to accept donations to aid in the fight against birth defects. Many Stockton State College students responded by calling in donations after seeing their friends on television.

Al Stanley of Delta Lambda commented, "It was funny to see how many people are up at odd hours of the morning watching TV, and I'm glad Stockton students were generous to a worthy cause. The telethon was broadcast over the CTN cable channel and raised over \$400,000.

- **Darren Caffery, HJP**

DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, U.N.C.C. - Charlotte

Delta Zeta brothers are proud of winning the service fraternity of the year award as well as the Freshman of the year. We are also nominated for the Fraternity of the Year award which will be announced at a later date.

- **Jim Brown, HSP**



ALPHA MU CHAPTER, Baldwin-Wallace College: Terry J. Kurtz, Robert J. Krempel, Joseph B. Martin, Henry J. Opalinski and Vincent T. DiScipio on February 11, 1988.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College: Richard Clifton Cumberledge, William Jay Richmond, Patrick Thomas Mellin, Michael Anthony Pesi, Joseph Andrew Keenan, Thomas William Gross, Brian Reed Stolze, Eric Gilbert Barnfather, Mark Anthony Cossu, Robert Wayne Gritzan, Darren Thomas Guido, David Ronald King, Scott Joseph Anzalone and Christopher Ellis Shewalter on March 14, 1988.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology: Anthony James Parsio, Kristian Wiede, Claudio Campanella and Richard Elias Acoury on February 26, 1988.

GAMMA XI CHAPTER, Widener University: Rich Farnan, Keith D'Ambrosio, Dave Keyes, Craig Hundertmark, Matt Herman, Vince Dragani, Dan Dubs, Dan Traynor, Dave Walsh, Denny Detweiler, Rich Rodegan, Bruce Walters and Gregg Brooks on March 12, 1988.

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER, Lawrence Institute of Technology: Keith D. Kosik, Tony D. Hartman and Bob Rechul on February 7, 1988.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Anthony V. Vita, Richard K. Spasoff, David A. Clark, Richard Maxwell, Francisco Alejandro Cordova Herrera, Gerald F. McFarland, Jerry R. Nicely Jr., John P. Williams, Frank R. Wiegand, Mark D. Porter, Hayri John Acar, Douglas S. Pemberton, John T. Farrar, Dave Noblin and Al Grande on February 17, 1988.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: James Messenger, James Wright, Neal Emory, Michael Metzgar, Samuel Stichter, Peter John, Frank Bartoli, Timothy Moore, Ryan Plaza, Jay Kumar, Christopher Parana, Lonnie Hillegass, Michael Walters and Steve Wyant on March 2, 1988.

Initiated Into The Mystic Circle



UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University: Charles Eugene Resnick Jr., John Scott Fulton, Matthew Scott Krasner, Brian Michael McHugh, Brian Theodore Licastro, Jon Robert Russell, Adrian Wesley Smith and Michael Owen Lennon on January 30, 1988.

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, Stevens Institute of Technology: Christopher Joseph Frank, David Richard Friedle, Timothy A. Paglione, Vincent Angelo Torraca and Joseph Charles Cwiak on March 27, 1988.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: Thomas Paul Dolan, Eugene Jude Rogan, Frank John Pisano, Jonathan Mark Finkel, Daniel Spinogatti Jr., Louis Edward Sarti, Gregory Lawrence Gansel, Scott Michael Meade, Thomas Richard Headman, Erik Shenk, Daryl David Seriale, Arthur Joseph Schmidt, Donald Baldwin Allen and Joseph Michael Stoneback on November 24, 1987.

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Climb to the Top !!

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far.
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
That you must not quit.