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ALPHA SIGMA PHI SEEN NATIONWIDE!

Those who were fortunate enough to turn on the TV to "The Today Show" on February 1st saw several glimpses of Alpha Sigma Phi at American University in Washington, D.C.

Famous Alumnus, **Willard Scott**, American '53, was at his alma mater with his fraternity proudly displaying our letters with enthusiasm. Brother Scott was presented with an Alpha Sigma Phi jersey in between segments and wore it proudly as he did the weather on his 8:05 shot. He then received an Alpha Sig baseball cap from service chairman **Jeff Lockwood '86**.

All of this was coordinated by S.A.M.S.--Students Against Multiple Sclerosis and Beta Chi Chapter. Brother Scott is honorary chairman of MS and works closely with the organization to try to fight this progressive neurological disease which is chiefly found in young adults. Ed Kaye, Programs Consultant stopped at the Headquarters to talk with Director of Chapter Services, Randall S. Lewis, about Alpha Sigma Phi's involvement with "The Today Show's" broadcast and possibilities of being a National Sponsor of S.A.M.S. Information on this will be given at the **National Leadership Conference & Convention** this summer at **Ohio State, August 10-14, 1988**.



COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

"The task is no easy one. Without faith, boldness, firmness, and decision, failure is inevitable. On every side obstacles arise, and countless impediments are cast in the way."

-Louie Manigault

Our founder, Brother Manigault put it so well. Being a chapter or fraternity member is not an easy task. It takes a lot to succeed. One basic ingredient is the confidence that you can be better. There is no such thing as a perfect chapter or man but our goal should be: To strive to be the best that we can be.

It's time to take stock of your chapter and yourself; are you fulfilling your obligation? Your purpose? Are you being the best that you can be? A commitment to EXCELLENCE is required to make Alpha Sigma Phi and yourself an intricate part of society. Is the world a better place because of your existence?

As a chapter it is important to be financially stable and responsible, to continue to grow in membership, to recruit large-quality pledge classes, to have a high retention rate, to develop positive educational programs for all members, to implement strong scholarship programs, to provide service to community and campus; plus to have a strong brotherhood recognizing individuality but stressing responsibility for one's action as a whole. These are a few of the key ingredients to a successful chapter.

As an individual it is so important to believe in yourself. You have the ability within you to excel in whatever you desire. You as a fraternity man are responsible for your actions, finances and conduct, as they not only reflect you but the fraternity as well. When you joined the fraternity it told the outside world that they should look to you for an example, as fraternities are built on high ideals and standards which their members are expected to follow.

Alpha Sigma Phi and you have joined a partnership to be the best you can be. In taking stock of how the chapter and individual stack up ask yourself these questions: What can I do to make Alpha Sigma Phi a viable force on our campus and in our National Fraternity? What can Alpha Sigma Phi do to help me be the best that I can be? Once these are answered you have a good start on how to improve the fraternity and yourself!

WATCH OFFER EXTENDED

The "Official Alpha Sigma Phi Watch" is still available. This is a Seiko Quartz watch bearing the coat-of-arms of the fraternity, and comes in three different styles. Check with your HSP for the color brochure enclosed in this week's mail packet.



UNDERGRADUATE DUES AND INSURANCE DUE

February 15, 1988 is the due date for the Undergraduate Dues and delegate fee for the National Leadership Conference & Convention. These should be received by the 15th or an annual service fee of 18% is added monthly; plus any certified mail charges will be in addition to the current billing.

Insurance payments are due March 1, 1988. Chapters for which payments have not been received will be assumed to have other coverage as decreed at the 1984 Convention. If that is the case, a copy of the policy must be on file at the Headquarters. If not, the current policy will run out on March 12th and the chapter will not be covered. They however must find liability insurance by that time or buy into the national program or be in direct violation of the 1984 resolution.

POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF PELL GRANTS

More than 50,000 low-income college students will be denied Pell Grants and 1.2 million more will receive smaller grants than they are eligible for in academic 1988-89 unless Congress provides more money, the Education Department announced last week.

The \$4.3 billion that Congress approved for Pell Grants during the next academic year is \$259 million short of the amount needed to increase the maximum award for each student to \$2,200, the Education Department estimated. Congress has directed the department to provide \$2,200 to students who qualify for the maximum award.

Education Department officials said they would be able to come up with \$160 million extra by using money left over from funds allocated for Pell Grants in previous years. But the department said it would still be \$99 million short next year.

Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees may approve the extra money, Congressional aides said last week. The Pell Grant program has run short of funds in the last several years and Congress has routinely approved extra money or borrowed from the funds it had planned to allocate in the future. Members of Congress have often had a difficult time deciding how much money is necessary, because student-aid programs are structured in a way that requires them to estimate how many students will qualify for grants nearly two years in advance.

This year, however, providing extra funds could be particularly difficult. The huge federal deficit has made members of Congress reluctant to provide more money for anything.

Congressional aides said lawmakers would consider ways to ease the effect that a shortfall would have on students if extra money were not provided.

At present, if the Pell Grant program runs short of money, awards to higher-income students are either reduced or eliminated so that awards to the lowest-income students can be maintained. With a \$99 million shortfall, some college students would lose up to \$400 each, while the awards of others would be left intact.

- Robin Wilson
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KOOP DESCRIBES PLAN TO TEST CAMPUS FOR AIDS

U.S. Surgeon General **C. Everett Koop, Dartmouth '34**, told reporters at the first global AIDS summit in London recently that health officials might test every student at one American university to help gauge the level of infection among young people. The AIDS testing would be conducted anonymously, at an urban university.

Ellen Casselberry, a spokeswoman for Mr. Koop, said the surgeon general had no definitive plans to conduct the testing. The idea was "kind of a gleam in his eye," she said. "It's something he'd like to see done."

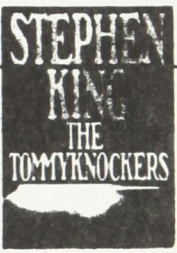
Mr. Koop reportedly said the screening would be done under the auspices of the Centers for Disease Control or the American Medical Association.

Richard P. Keeling, chairman of the American Health College Health Association's AIDS task force, said he had no knowledge of plans to conduct testing at a single university. But he said officials of the Centers for Disease Control were considering a plan to test blood drawn from a number of students around the country.

The program, part of a larger effort to measure Americans' exposure to the virus that causes AIDS, would test blood drawn for other reasons, he said, and the blood samples would be identified only by age, sex, and race. The program is still in the planning stages, Dr. Keeling said.

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ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology:

The members of Alpha Rho Chapter had a unique opportunity to help a fellow student obtain a Ph.D while at the same time make money to put towards a new chapter house.

Irene Giorgiou came to the New Jersey Institute of Technology to look for volunteer male subjects for a dating study. The first place she walked into was the office of the campus newspaper, the NJIT Vector. **Bob Zotti** of Alpha Rho Chapter (who happens to be the Editor-in-Chief) took Irene's case to the membership, where it became an instant sensation. All members volunteered to participate in the study. And the \$5 per volunteer made Irene's study the easiest service project the chapter performed in recent memory. It was also a timely one, for Alpha Rho is looking for a new house. The money gained by participating in the study provided the starting funds toward this goal.

"It's a drop in the bucket, but an important one," said treasurer **Brian Kiel**. "We're looking at houses that cost in the area of \$100,000 in the middle of Newark."

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University:

1987 Delta Beta XI award winner **Chris "Moby" Koch '79** recently returned to Gamma Chi to meet with the brothers and pledges to discuss alumni relations and other important issues. Brother Koch was recently elected President of the Gamma Chi Alumni Association and discussed his plans for the future with the members present. After this meeting the chapter got together to watch the Superbowl. "Moby" provided the house with refreshments such as pretzels, chips, peanuts, and hot barbequed chicken wings. A good time was had by all (except Denver fans!).

For our spring rush, we had a Rush Smoker modeled after an "around the world" party. Rushees were met at the front door and given a sponsor who was to lead them thru the house. Seven rooms with three to four brothers were set up with different refreshments in each room. Sponsors led the rushees through the seven rooms in ten minute intervals. After the rushees had passed through all seven rooms, they had met most of the brothers and most of the brothers had met them. Then, everyone got together in the game room after the smoker and met the people they hadn't seen yet, and sponsors met other sponsors' rushees. The benefit of this type of rush function is that rushees are certainly meeting new brothers and vice versa. Rush doesn't need to be a boring series of dinners.

The Gamma Chi pledges raised over \$900 for the American Heart Association during one Saturday afternoon by soliciting money from cars stopped at stoplights at a local mall. This was the most money ever raised in an afternoon by any group. The chairman of the Indiana chapter of the American Heart Association wrote an editorial to local papers praising the positive aspects of our fraternity and fraternities in general. Congratulations to our half-class pledges!! You made us proud.

- Eric Rusack

Pledged To The Seven Points



DELTA CHAPTER, Marietta College: Josh Barstow, John Erwin, Bernard Adam Nirode and David Mitchell on October 25, 1987.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER, East Carolina University: Stanley Arnold, Jr., Michael Daly, William Garner, Lee Jernigan, Bruce Liner, Roderick McKenrick, William Pope, Giovanni Rossi, John Slattery and Jason Yoder on January 25, 1988.

Initiated Into The Mystic Circle



ZETA CHAPTER, Ohio State University: Andrew Sheldon Beard and Thomas Michael Foster on November 20, 1987.

NU CHAPTER, University of California-Berkeley: Mark Andrew Fong, Kyung "Woody" Hwan Hong, Saba Quaraishi and Stephen Ryan Dos Santos on January 29, 1988.

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Christopher James Beisner and Lyman Wallace Ross on February 13, 1988

ALPHA MU CHAPTER, Baldwin-Wallace College: Erick Von Ahn, Jonathan Patrick Dickhaut, Trevor Doucette, Stanley Richard Gilbert, Jr., Andrew Scott and Christopher Scott Woelies on February 7, 1988.

ALPHA PSI, Presbyterian College: Scott L. Grandy, John K. Kihle, Richard T. King, Anderson H. Scott and Corey A. Williams on February 2, 1988.

DELTA THETA, Radford University: R. Thomas Campbell, Michael A. Carney, Scott Deusebio, Lane C. Dezan, Steven D. Kirk, Duc T. Ly, Edward Murphree, Maurice P. Pruneau, Phillip A. Riggins, Richie Rosenberry and Craig Simpson on January 22, 1988.

DELTA MU CHAPTER, William Paterson College: Dave Balsamo, Glenn A. Bleickl, Mark Eastmead, Thomas R. Hill, Craig Kovacs, Gil Meneses, Robert Sangiamo, Keith Skinner, Steven Swelg, Al Traverso, James Tumminelli, Donald E. Wall, Terence M. Whalen and Freddie Williams on December 2, 1987.



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