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National News

Real Winner!

UPSILON RAISES \$92,163.35!

Once again Upsilon Chapter at Penn State has topped the IFC Dance Marathon Record for amount raised. With Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority as partners, Upsilon brothers went out and raised \$92,163.35 for the 4 Diamond Fund for Children with Cancer out of a total of \$324,199.85 raised. This is the largest collegiate fundraising event in the nation.

Craig Snyder, HSP, says, "We were really pleased with the outcome. All of the brothers and Alpha Sigma Alphas worked really hard to raise money for the worthwhile cause." Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Sigma Alpha have continued their winning combination for the last five years.

Congratulations Upsilon!

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Grand Senior President, **Robert A. Sandercox, Bethany '51**, announced that the theme to the National Leadership Conference and Convention this summer is "Commitment to Excellence." "We are all excited about the direction our fraternity is going and this theme will help to outline our future during the National Meeting at Ohio State."

Many sessions will be offered that will address the issue of excellence and what makes an excellent chapter. The committee meetings and the delegation will work on chartering the future of excellence that we will commit to.

Register now for the National Leadership Conference and Convention, "Commitment to Excellence," August 10-14 at The Ohio State University. The fee is only \$125 (\$115 if received by March 31st) for room for four nights, meals (except dinner Thursday), banquet, nationally known speakers, recreation activities and the time of your life! Register now!



LITTLE SISTER GROUPS

Discussed at the February 6, 1988 Grand Council meeting was "little sister" groups. Although the groups have never been recognized by the fraternity, some chapters still have them. The Grand Council voted to abolish the "Little Sister" pin and to support the National Interfraternity Conference's statement on "little sister" groups which states:



National
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RESOLUTION REGARDING "LITTLE SISTER" GROUPS

Whereas, the National Interfraternity Conference believes sororities and women's fraternities offer excellent opportunities for women to share a fraternal experience, and

Whereas, auxiliary women's groups organized by men's fraternity chapters, commonly referred to as "little sisters" are inconsistent with the concept and philosophy of separate and equal women's fraternities, and

Whereas, the National Interfraternity Conference believes that these groups inhibit the accomplishment of chapter goals by:

*Diverting resources of time, effort and money, which are needed for chapter operations and programming;

*Distracting chapter members in the performance of essential duties...e.g., membership recruitment and membership education.

*Inviting disharmony within the chapter by usurping the roles and responsibilities of initiated members;

*Weakening the bonds of brotherhood by adversely affecting interpersonal relationships within the chapter; and

Whereas, the Fraternity Executives Association and several member fraternities have taken a position against these auxiliary groups,

Be it resolved, That the National Interfraternity Conference and the Presidents of its member fraternities believe that "little sister" groups are not desirable adjuncts to the collegiate chapters of men's fraternities and urges and recommends that member fraternities work with their chapters to eliminate these programs at the earliest possible time.

There will no longer be any "little sister" pins available for purchase. Reproduction of the pin will not be allowed in any shape or form. This pin may be reintroduced at a later date as a form of special recognition to our brothers and is the property of the National Fraternity.



REVOCATION OF THREE CHARTERS BEGUN

Also, at the February 6 meeting, the Grand Council voted to begin revocation procedures on three chapters. They are: Beta Zeta - N.C. State, Gamma Delta - Davis & Elkins, and Gamma Mu - Charleston. The chapters have received written notice of this procedure as will the alumni. They then have the opportunity to present a case for why the charter should not be revoked at the summer Grand Council meeting during the National Leadership Conference and Convention.

The reasons for revocation procedures to begin include but are not limited to the following:

1. No development programs - act more like a social club than a fraternity
2. Continued low membership
3. Financial Irresponsibility
4. Lack of following our "Reasons for Being" or "Code of Conduct"
5. General poor performance/attitude of membership

RUTGERS MAN DIES

James Callahan, 19, died February 12, 1988 due to pulmonary edema, a filling of the lungs with fluid. Sources say that he was at a prospective member party at Lambda Chi Alpha in which it is alleged he was encouraged to drink large quantities of alcohol. The death of this young man is a tragedy for the society of America, especially the fraternity system.

The chapter was "closed" by Dr. Edward Bloustein, the President of Rutgers, while encouraging the Alumni Corporation of Lambda Chi Alpha to close it permanently. The university is also requesting that the International Headquarters of Lambda Chi Alpha remove the charter of the local chapter. The president is also investigating the possibility of not recognizing the entire Fraternity system.

Our Beta Theta Chapter is being very smart in their operations and are being supportive to the system. They are very concerned with their system and what will happen to it. The brothers took 14 pledges the night of the incident and feel very positive about their operations.

Past Grand Senior President, **Richard Dexter, Oregon State '60** makes the following observation about the Rutgers Incident:

"This is a real tragedy--counter to everything we have been trying to promote. A graphic example to our chapters and chapter officers of their responsibilities and the risks they run personally for not enforcing a responsible drinking policy."

It is important for us to remember that every member, pledge, rushee, guest, etc., is our responsibility. It is imperative that we strive to make our existing environment a positive one that eliminates peer pressure that destructs or has the potential to destruct one's physical or mental well-being.



PHI ETA AND BETA IOTA COLONIES TO CHARTER

The Grand Council voted February 6th to grant a charter to Phi Eta - Illinois State University and Beta Iota Colony - Tufts University.

Illinois State will charter on April 9, 1988 and take the chapter designation of Delta Omicron. Tufts' chartering date will be announced later. They will be reinstated as Beta Iota Chapter.

Initiations will be held on the preceding Friday as all of the pledges will then become a part of the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. Their long awaited Journey of becoming a fully initiated brother comes to an end as an even more challenging road toward a successful chapter begins.

CHARTERING INFORMATION

March 26, 1988

S.U.N.Y. Plattsburgh
Plattsburgh, New York
Elks Lodge
6 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Banquet
\$17.50/person
RSVP John Pugliese
(518)564-6128

April 9, 1988

Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois
The Elms
6 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Banquet
\$20.00/person
RSVP John Kim
(309)454-9236

Tufts University
Medford, Massachusetts
To Be Announced



ETA CHAPTER, University of Illinois:

The fall semester of 1987 was one of strong academic excellence for the Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois. Seven members in particular proved to be outstanding. The dedication and devotion to their educational pursuits were rewarded as final grades were issued. Six "five-points" (a five-point being a perfect tally of grades) were earned along with a GPA increase of 25%. The men of well deserved recognition are as follows: **Jim Niewlarsa, Jim Smith, Young Kim, Matt Nieldinger, Mark Osadjan, and Kyle Jeray.** Mark Ernst increased his GPA from 3.2 to 4.4. The Scholarship Recognition Award will be issued to each. The educational achievement, well balanced with strong participation in house functions, displayed by our fraternal colleagues, has been an inspiration to us all.

Eta Chapter at the University of Illinois, Alpha Omicron at Missouri Valley College, Phi Chapter at Iowa State University, and Phi Eta Colony at Illinois State University will join together in a collective effort to assist the Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Missouri. The Alpha Theta Chapter is in the rebuilding process and will be aided during Spring Formal Rush on February 28. The past success of Eta Chapter will hopefully bring methods and information that will spark growth and build a strong foundation. This trial program of chapters sharing ideas and methods and learning from each other will hopefully prove worthwhile and will be continued in the future.

- Michael R. Springer, HR

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College:

A number of brothers from our chapter got the chance to be contestants on a new game show called "Yahtzee". Brothers **Darren Caffery, Mike Ferrante and Jon Finkel** sang "For He's An Alpha Sig" on National TV. Brothers **Lou Sarti and Ralph Spangnole** won \$10,000 while Brothers **Brad Conlan and Dan Spinogatti** walked off the show with \$36,000 and a trip to Hawaii. The Delta Lambda Chapter can probably expect a healthy donation! Watch for re-runs.

- Darren Caffery

For Your Information



APRIL 1, 1988 DEADLINE NEARING FOR BALFOUR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

National Interfraternity Foundation President Dr. Robert Ausman is pleased to announce the competition for Balfour Scholarships is available for 1988.

Funded by income from a significant grant to the Foundation from the estate of Lloyd G. Balfour, Sigma Chi, awards last year totaled \$17,000. Mr. Michael A. Rhodes, Phi Kappa Psi, and a student of veterinary medicine was the top 1987 Fellowship winner with an award of \$5,000. Ms. Beatriz G. Llorens, Phi Mu, and Ms. Katherine A. Kelley, Gamma Phi Beta, were recipients of the next two top awards of \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Five additional awards of \$1,000 each were awarded. It is expected a similar amount will be available this year.

These scholarships are for graduate or professional school study. Selection is based upon the candidate's record of undergraduate performance. Application forms are available now through the executive office of the:

National Interfraternity Foundation, Inc.
3901 W. 86th Street, #380
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Pledged To The Seven Points



IOTA CHAPTER, Cornell University: Mark Alan Adams, Hong Keun Choi, Joseph Francis Cullon, Scott Mitchell Deutchman, Scott Michael Dubowsky, James Ashton Dulfer, Thomas Charles Easley, Steven Elliot Feinleib, Louis Stuart Gimbel IV, Daniel Lawrence Herman, Rodrigo Hernan Levy, William Martin McCall, Gregory Stephen Munsell, Lawrence Charles Soboleski, Jr., Timothy Stadel Steenstrup, Won-Suk Warren Suh, Samuel VanKesteren Tankard, Gregory Scott Wolmart and Phillip Yang on February 4, 1988

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Troy Charles Townsend on January 25, 1988.

ALPHA MU CHAPTER, Baldwin-Wallace College: David P. Schaar, William M. Glenke, Lawrence P. Woods, Jon D. DeMart, David M. Adams and Troy A. Holmes on January 29, 1988.

BETA EPSILON, Lehigh University: Timothy P. Armstrong, Jonathan A. Clark, John B. Delfini, James W. Garrett, Todd D. Gill, Devin A. Gross, Kevin P. Harvey, Atul D. Mathur, Scott A. Miller, Patrick G. Nestler, Christopher M. Nolte, Gregg A. Riccio, George N. Saddic, Robert A. Sceifele, Brett D. Sherman and Charles E. Zimmer, Jr., on January 30, 1988

BETA MU CHAPTER, Wake Forest University: Jason Todd Abelkop, Joseph Edwin Bowman IV, Alan Keith Chastain, Keith Randal Grove Goodwin, Michael Matthews Hall, Gregory Montague Hundt, Lance Wesley Huthwaite, William Craig Jones, Richard Kim, William Joseph Kopelman, Donald Steven Mueh, John Michael Elias Saad, Matthew Evan Schroeder, Bradley Alan Whitehead, and Thomas Francis Williams on February 5, 1988.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University: David M. Atha, Scott M. Harbaugh, Todd W. Powell, Mark A. Struhar, Rodney W. Thomas, Marc F. VanHorn, Max L. Walker and Ryan A. Corris on February 4, 1988.

PHI ETA COLONY, Illinois State University: Marcos Beinder, Michael Donnellan, William Higgins, Douglas Jones, Anthony Payne, Brian Prater, Marc Rice, Craig Richter, Robert Strle, Bryan Thompson and Scott Woodrum on February 15, 1988.

Initiated Into The Mystic Circle



ETA CHAPTER, University of Illinois: Andrew J. Clausen, Paul R. Forsberg, James A. Smith, Thomas C. Russell, Robert Walligurski, Stephen D. Miller, Stephen J. Rhoades, John H. Marlott, Matt T. Voss, Stephen J. Madden, IV, Michael R. Springer, Charles T. Riggs, Jr., Jeffrey J. Shura, Matthew A. Neidlinger, Todd A. Wallace, Stephen J. Novotney, Matt J. Gryzlo, Gregory W. Hirsch, John J. Massurelli, and Brian S. DeDecker on January 24, 1988.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College: Joseph Casorio, David Jayroe, Jon Hunter and Steven Ray on February 7, 1988.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Keith Darrah, Noel T. Bird, Kevin Baker, John Barone, Trente Balderson, Deepak Randae, Mike Hill, Jeff Hodgson, Steve Houchin, Stewart Knott, Mike McKinney, Brian Simpson, Jeff Smiley, Craig Sullivan, Eric Watkins and Nils McCarty on January 15, 1988.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: Jeffrey Scott Bill, Rudy Andrew Ferretti and Ali Abbas Sikander on February 26, 1988.

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