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NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PROGRAM IDEAS

The plans are underway for the 1989 National Leadership Conference which will be held at Indiana University August 2-6. Any program ideas or recommendations for speakers may be sent to:

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Mark your calendar now and plan on attending Alpha Sigma Phi's largest Leadership Conference ever. Help make history in Bloomington, Indiana where the Gamma Chi Brothers are looking forward to welcoming you to their home.

As you think, you travel; and as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the result of your thoughts, but you can endure and learn, can accept and be glad. You will realize the vision (not the idle wish) of your heart, be it base or beautiful or a mixture of both, for you will always gravitate toward that which you, secretly, most love. Into your hands will be placed the exact results of your thoughts; you will receive that which you earn; no more, no less. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain or rise with your thoughts, your vision, your ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration.

- James Allen

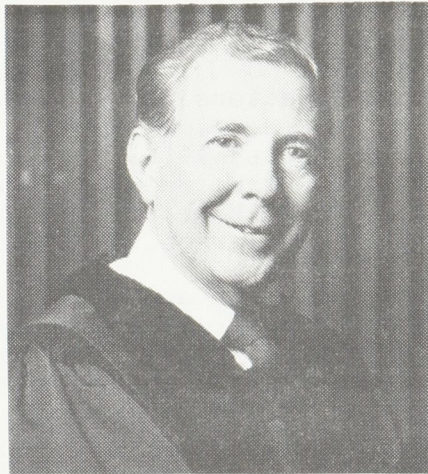
A MESSAGE OF BROTHERHOOD AND INSPIRATION

At the 1988 National Leadership Conference & Convention we had the distinct honor of having Ohio's Supreme Court Justice **Andy Douglas**, Toledo '51, speak at the Awards Banquet. His story was one of excitement for the Old Gal and how it has helped him through life. The following are some excerpts from his fantastic message.

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"I can remember being privileged to attend, as a delegate, a like conference of the fraternity some thirty-six years ago--a conference held at the lodge in the Pocono Mountains. I can remember being pushed, trained, instructed, enthused, directed--and yes--loved by persons who cared about us, our futures and our fraternity's role in that development. I recall wondering if ever I would be, as an alum, invited to speak to others of our fraternity, who might be in the development stage, about the training you are receiving and how it stands you in good stead for a lifetime. Tonight, I have been accorded that privilege--and I'm honored.

"Briefly, I want my message to be that anything is possible, that one person can still make a difference, that unselfish service to others remains a high calling, and that our fraternity has a vital and important job to do.



Justice Andy Douglas, Toledo '51

"My father died early in my college career and I was responsible for the support of my invalid mother and my younger brother, but I remained in school. How? That's the real story. My strength and my support were my brothers and advisors in Alpha Sigma Phi. We were the political fraternity on campus and the activities in the fraternity were to set the pattern for the rest of my life.

"I was chosen by my brothers to run for the office of Freshman Representative to Student Council. It was my brothers--and my big brother--who really won that election--and our class in the fraternity was on its way. Subsequently, I was elected President of the Sophomore class and eventually the leader of our inter-fraternity council. Eventually--after entering law school, I became the class representative to the student bar association and finally its president.

"Who made all this possible--my fraternity brothers--AND Alpha Sigma Phi! Why? Because I was taught--and I learned how to get along. I was taught--and I learned how to handle problems.

"As an illustration, let me return for just a moment to that convention of 1952. In 1952, and before, our great fraternity had a rule excluding blacks from membership. We debated that policy at that great convention. I was privileged to be one of the debaters arguing that this unfair, discriminatory policy be changed. To my surprise (other movements had been unsuccessful) when I made the motion it carried and we, as a leader in the fraternity movement, had done the right thing--we did away with our caucasian clause--and, as always, others followed the leadership of Alpha Sigma Phi.

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I learned a lesson--an Alpha Sigma Phi lesson--that has stood me in good stead my entire life--and especially in my life's work.

"After graduation, I decided to run for Toledo City Council. At the age of 29 and with no real financial resources, I was discouraged by many. But--not my fraternity brothers. With their help, I was not only elected--I led the ticket out of a slate of thirty-four candidates--and was re-elected ten consecutive times.

"Who made all of this possible? Life long friends--persons as close as real brothers from whom I now buy insurance, clothing, cars and sports goods.

"After being elected as a court of appeals judge, the next step was the job I have now. Suddenly, I was a candidate in eighty-eight counties--the entire State of Ohio. My family at just one school--and in a few counties--wasn't going to be enough. It was like a miracle. Wherever I went in Ohio, it seemed there was an Alpha Sig. It didn't make any difference that I was from the Beta Rho Chapter or a different school. The unanimous response was--"What can I do to help?" Individuals--Brothers--all over this state put their shoulders to the wheel.

"Have Alpha Sigs--and Alpha Sigma Phi made a difference? You Bet!

"Why do I go through all this with you? Because you are our future. The time fast approaches when many of us will turn over to you the mantels of leadership. You are being trained here, and in your local chapters and schools, to meet the challenges of an ever-changing society. You are being taught the importance of service--and the importance of selfless public service. We have seen--all too often--on all levels of government, persons in positions of trust who have sought power for selfish reasons--to benefit themselves and their friends. It goes without saying that is improper--even though you each know this, we all need to be reminded and that's why part of this conference has been devoted to character development.

"And that brings me to my final point--the importance of this great fraternity to its members past, present, and those yet to come. Some of us have blood brothers. That can be a blessing of birth--but we really had no choice in the matter. Not so as we gather here tonight. We are brothers by choice--and we will always be brothers no matter where we are or where we might go. We need never be really alone. There is always a brother--ready and willing--to pick us up when we are down.

"Let's continue to be proud that we are members of Alpha Sigma Phi, and continue to believe that there are not very many things that we can't accomplish through fraternity. Clearly, there's life in the Old Gal yet!

"Should I offer you more advice, you who are the future of our fraternity? I think not. Your accomplishments will make ours seem insignificant. I would end this talk by again referring to the Bible, to Joel 2:28--"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

"Make these visions, for all our sakes, ones of honesty and service--thereby assuring accomplishment.

"This then is your challenge. Are you up to it? We're betting on you!"

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SORORITY SUSPENDED FOR BRANDING PLEDGES

A sorority at the University of Maine at Orono has lost its recognition after a hazing incident in which pledges were branded with the initials of the Greek organization.

Sixteen Alpha Chi Omega pledges were blindfolded and driven to a cemetery, where they were asked to walk between two rows of sorority sisters. At the end of their walk, the pledges were stamped with a metal instrument heated over a candle flame. Three of the pledges received minor burns.

The sorority sisters involved in the incident may be subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action when the university completes an investigation. The sorority will not be eligible to apply for recognition for at least two years.

- Chronicle of Higher Education
October 19, 1988

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UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University:

In recognition of the National Alcohol Awareness Week (October 16-23) and to contribute to Penn State's program, we took part in two events.

The first event took place on October 18th where we had John O'Connell speak to us on the subject of drug and alcohol abuse. John is a former owner of a prominent bar in State College and a former drug addict and alcoholic. He has recently begun lecturing for On Drugs, Inc.

On October 20th we took part in "TKE Tap-out," a non-alcoholic social event which involved three fraternities and three sororities.

- Larry Walker, HSP

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University:

Beta Delta has come up with a way of motivating our members to be involved in a positive way. We have created the Phoenix Club which will be honored by a free dinner, a Phoenix Club T-Shirt and a gathering of all the inductees and their dates.

The following lists the requirements for being inducted into the club:

1. 3 points per meeting with a minimum of 36 points.
2. 4 points per service project with a minimum of 12 points.
3. 10 points for attendance at 75% of fundraisers or 5 points for attendance at 50%.
4. 10 points for paying dues on time.
5. 2 points for each intramurals sport played with a minimum of 14 points, pending participation in 80% of the scheduled games.
6. 10 points for attendance at pledge ceremony and initiation.

HERE'S NEWS
...that's current, clear and to the point!

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BETA EPSILON CHAPTER, Lehigh University:

On October 20, 1988 fourteen men were initiated into the Mystic Circle. They seem to be a strong group and will contribute to the chapter tremendously.

Of the 31 fraternities at Lehigh, we rank in the top five intramurally, and have made playoff appearances in tug-of-war, softball and football. We are currently planning for a Bowl-a-Thon in November with the proceeds going to MS.

We have instituted formal dinners every few weeks and invite special faculty up to meet the Alpha Sigs. This has improved relations with the faculty as well as increased the brothers' morale.

- Walt Holder, HR

BETA IOTA CHAPTER, Tufts University:

Rush went well and we got seven pledges because of the hard work everyone put forth. We were also involved in providing the much needed manpower to aid the Tufts Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers to construct an entire kindergarten playground at a local elementary school. Recently the fraternity gathered together to give blood for the blood drive.

As a newly chartered chapter, we have just begun getting involved with mixers. The sororities on campus seem very receptive to the idea of an invitation to a mixer with Tuft's newest fraternity.

The brothers are excited about finally having access to the ritual books of our beloved fraternity. We plan to study the rituals, and to the best of our ability, implement them here as the ideals of Tuft's best fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi.

- Bruce Perelman, HCS

BETA XI CHAPTER, Hartwick College:

Beta Xi Chapter has seen many new changes since the year's beginning. We inducted thirteen new pledges to our program and can't wait to get them started. This has been one of the largest since the class of twenty-three.

Our alumni weekend was not as productive as we had hoped. The golf tournament was a good time, however, not as large as we had hoped. The brotherhood worked together for an exhausting week to get our new basement done in time for the weekend.

One of our new pledging programs was to play football with the rushees. This enabled the brothers to better know the rushee by forcing them to learn their names. Before we had only had parties at the house where brothers and rushees alike felt uncomfortable.

Our intramural team is strong as usual. Losing the intramural trophy to one of our chief rivals last year was very upsetting. Some of the names that have attributed to our success are: **Bob Philips, Chris Kondo** and **Jeff McCoulagh**, the team captains and chief organizers. We are eagerly awaiting the soccer season.

- Carl Lehrkind

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GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University:

The Gamma Zeta Chapter has the following scholarship activities:

Each semester a check for \$140 is given to the bursar's account for the undergraduate with the highest semesterly GPA. This award went to **Thomas Gilmore**.

For the spring semester 1988 a brother put up a \$50 award to the member who improves his grade point average the most. This award went to **Steve Musgrave**.

A Scholarship dinner is served to the brothers every semester. Those brothers who get a 3.25 or better get a steak dinner, while everyone else eats beans and weenies. This semester only two brothers were eligible for the steak. These brothers were **Thomas Gilmore** and **Josh Hart**.

The scholarship file was just recently re-organized. The old files (pre 1983) were taken out, and will (hopefully) be replaced by new tests, notes, and handouts next semester. This will be the second duty of the new HA next year.

A book box was recently initiated. This takes any old or outdated books which the brothers donate to the house, and stores them in a certain box in the attic. Currently these books reside in the test file cabinet, but they will be moved soon.

- Scott Miller, HA

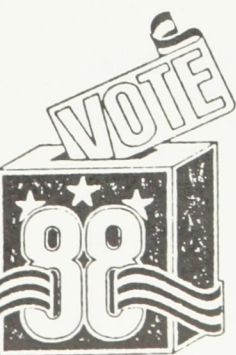
DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University:

We recently sent letters to our alumni inviting them to our Homecoming. We look forward to many alumni coming back to "The Rock" to renew old friendships. Our chapter is now 26 members strong, not to mention the 18 pledges we got this fall. The president and vice-president have done an excellent job getting our chapter on its feet again. We were recently taken off social probation thanks to the hard work of all the brothers.

It seems that we are always involved in fund raisers; right now we are collecting recyclable cans. With all of the brothers in the house and the dorms, it has been very successful. We also raffled off the Homecoming football, which brought us some good profits.

Currently, we are searching for an advisor. Slippery Rock's new soccer coach, **James Herlinger**, an alumnus, has been showing some interest and we are confident that he will be our next advisor. **George Mikalik**, another alumnus, has been named the head football coach here.

- Robert W. Heinle, HR



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ZETA CHAPTER, Ohio State University: Steve Blais, Mike Chapin, Chris Aldridge and Dan Kazyo on September 28, 1988. Dave Bowers and Syra Veima on October 26, 1988.

NU CHAPTER, University of California at Berkeley: Jeffrey Dale Anderson, Darren John Delvin, Christofer Lucas Hoff, Karl Laurits Pedersen and Jeremy David Singer on October 10, 1988.

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Peter David Wendel on October 3, 1988.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology: Stephen Joseph Charney, Edniel Elimanco, Richard Allen Hyjack, Peter Alfred Murray and Michael V. Gutwillig on October 17, 1988.

BETA THETA CHAPTER, Rutgers University: Andrew David Lee and Stephen Andrew Marcinek, Jr., on October 13, 1988.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER, Tufts University: Adam J. Elbirt, Jacob A. Witherell, William H. Sandberg, Joshua A. Rosenthol, Kenneth A. Pierce, Richard W. Blagbrough, Jr., and Christopher M. Denig on October 11, 1988.

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tri-State University: Scott Bohr and Pat Closser on October 3, 1988.

GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER, State University of New York at Buffalo: Jonathan Vecchio, Stephen Rogenthien and Roger Chin-Sang on October 5, 1988.

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER, Lawrence Institute of Technology: Robert L. Brumm, Jr., Todd A. Boyce, Scott W. Christensen and Dean W. Martindale on October 1, 1988.

DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University: Mike Gesing, Jeff Bourbon, Robert J. Roberts, Bill McClements, Greg Pisula, Mike Lawrence. Don Stoner, Lawrence Rock, Jim Hancock, Steve Black, Larry Gaburri, Mark McGrail, Donald Komoroski, Stephen Bryant and Ed Frederick on September 24, 1988.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Jerry A. Fain, Scott Farrer, James Gillispie, Judd Houck, Greg Locke, David Neff, Bernie Schulz, Matt Shriver, Hans F. Simpson and Steve Sumner on October 5, 1988.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Scott Johnson Wiseman, Darrell Lee Nichols, Samuel Craig Harris and Robert Joseph Costa on September 28, 1988.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: Robert J. Feury, Darren J. Dorris, Michael V. Megaro and Mark R. Edwards on October 3, 1988.

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A WISH FOR LEADERS

I sincerely wish you will have the experience of thinking up a new idea, planning it, organizing it and following it to completion and then have it be magnificently successful. I also hope you'll go through the same process and have something "bomb-out."

I wish that you could know how it feels "to run" with all your heart and lose...horribly.

I wish that you could achieve some great good for mankind, but have nobody know about it except for you.

I wish you could find something so worthwhile that you deem it worthy of investing your life within it.

I hope you become frustrated and challenged enough to push back the very barriers of your own personal limitations.

I hope you make a stupid mistake and get caught redhanded and are big enough to say those magic words -- "I was wrong."

I hope you give so much of yourself that some days you wonder if it's worth all the effort.

I wish for you a magnificent obsession that will give you reason for living and purpose and direction and life.

I wish for you the worst kind of criticism for everything you do, because that makes you fight to achieve beyond what you normally would do.

I wish for you the experience of leadership.

-- Dr. Earl Rheum