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NATIONAL NEWS



KUTZ ESTABLISHES CHAPTER FUNDS

Robert W. Kutz, California '67, has established "The Nu Chapter (California) Endowment Fund" and "The Psi Chapter (Oregon State) Endowment Fund" within the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in accordance with a new program instituted by the Foundation. Under the new program any person can establish a "Chapter Endowment Fund" for any chapter with a contribution of at least \$500. Once a fund has been established any alumnus or friend can add to it with additional contributions of at least \$500 each.

The Educational Foundation Trustees have the responsibility for investing the funds. Annual net investment income is then made available for financial support of the specific chapter's educational programs. The "Chapter Funds Program" requires chapters to develop written proposals for usage of the funds by working jointly with their alumni organization. Once a proposal is made to the Educational Foundation the Trustees will assure that it meets IRS "educational" standards and make awards as appropriate. Legitimate educational programs would include sending students to national leadership conferences, funding educational speakers for the chapters, providing scholarships, and more. The endowment "corpus" of a chapter fund **will not** be spent.

Kutz was pledged into Alpha Sigma Phi at Psi Chapter, Oregon State University in 1966 and transferred to the University of California-Berkeley where he initiated into Nu Chapter in 1967. He served as Grand Province Chief of Province I (West Coast) from 1984-88, has served as Grand Historian since 1982, and he has been very active in both the Bay Area and Los Angeles Area alumni councils. He was very significantly involved with chapter reactivations at UCLA and Cal-Berkeley, and was awarded the Delta Beta Xi in 1981. He currently serves the State of California as a Workers Compensation Judge in Eureka, CA.

The Nu Chapter Endowment balance is currently \$1,500 and the Psi Chapter Endowment Fund is \$1,350. If Brother Kutz has his way these funds will grow rapidly, and will be joined in the Educational Foundation by funds from other chapters. "I would hope that the idea will catch on and that within the next couple of years we will see the beginnings of meaningful endowment funds for over half of our active chapters," writes Kutz. "However, I would urge prospective donors not to build these funds to the exclusion of the general fraternity."

Brothers wishing to make donations to chapter funds or desiring more information on the Chapter Endowment Funds program should contact Robert M. Sheehan, Jr., Executive Director, Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation, 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015, 614/363-1911.

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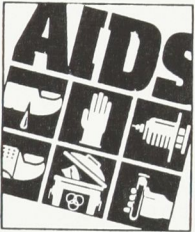
WHOSE FRATERNITY IS IT?

Each Sigma Chi member and chapter has our name. Each has, and often does, influence our reputation and our future. All 200,000 of us. Each member has taken a solemn obligation to uphold that reputation and to enhance that future. And to do so not only now, but for life.

The actions of one person, and one chapter, can and do affect the lives of many others near and far, from the same chapter, the same fraternity, the same university--others of the past, the present, and the future.

Whose fraternity is it? Yours, yes. But the vast majority of that word involves the letters OURS.

- Fred Yoder, The Magazine of Sigma Chi



A NEW PHILANTHROPY: AmFAR

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) is the nation's leading private sector funding organization dedicated to AIDS research, education, and public policy, and is an excellent philanthropy for Greeks to support.

Not only can Greeks raise significant amounts of money for AIDS research as did the Phi Delta Theta Chapter at Randolph Macon College (\$9,000) but they can increase awareness of the deadly disease among their peers.

AmFAR serves as a catalyst to identify major gaps in AIDS biomedical and social science research and education, and provides funding to support innovative projects designed to fill the gaps.

Since it started in late 1985, AmFAR has awarded \$18 million in seed or start-up grants to more than 290 research teams and education projects. AmFAR makes funds available quickly by putting money into the hands of grant recipients within 60 days of receiving their applications. By contrast, the government takes up to 12 months.

AmFAR does not duplicate the efforts of the government and gets greater impact, dollar for dollar, from its contributions by limiting grants to \$60,000. This funding enables researchers to compile preliminary data. If promising, these grants can be used to leverage larger grants from other sources, including the government and pharmaceutical companies.

Researchers with AmFAR grants are at work in 71 cities in 11 countries to develop agents that will prevent AIDS virus infection and drugs that will effectively treat the disease. An estimated 1.5 million Americans, including one out of every 300 college students, are infected with the AIDS virus.

Although recent research offers hope for prolonging life of AIDS victims, the disease remains fatal. There is no cure. The best defense against the spread of AIDS is a well-informed population. Interfraternity Councils should sponsor or co-sponsor ongoing AIDS education programs in conjunction with student health centers and student affairs professionals.

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WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

The "Animal House" myth seeks to identify the young men and women of Greek houses as persons who disregard normally accepted standards of state, community, and campus conduct. The following formula represents the myth: It goes something like this: $A+S-V-R=TMOGL$. Or, put another way: Alcohol plus sex minus Values minus Responsibility equals the Mean of Greek Life.

With an "honest heart" we must conclude that the Greek system has been grossly misrepresented by individuals, and at times entire houses, who have mistaken their opportunities for brotherhood and sisterhood as licenses for irresponsibility and imprudent behavior. But hear this: We are not an Animal House! The formula more accurately reads: $L+B+S+CS=TMOGL$. Or put another way: Leadership plus Brotherhood plus Sisterhood plus Community Service equals The Meaning of Greek Life.

- Will Keim, Delta Upsilon Quarterly

GREEKS TRYING TO POLISH CAMPUS IMAGE

Whether the negative publicity is factual or just a bum rap, fraternities around the country are trying to polish their images. At the urging of national fraternities, many college chapters have taken steps to do away with old traditions and increase their community volunteer work.

"The public perception has gotten a lot worse in the last two or three years," said John Green, executive director of Phi Kappa Tau. "Because of the conduct of a few, everyone has had to suffer. Now we have to sell to the public that we're something other than a party place."

Added Juan Ponce, president of Phi Kappa Tau at Cal Poly Pomona, "Society is putting on pressure for change. Fraternities are like dinosaurs. If we don't adapt, we're going to put ourselves out of existence."

Hazing is banned on all college campuses, but most fraternity members agree it still happens. Now fraternities, like those at Cal Poly, are planning to set up their own policy against it.

"University and state laws are too vague," said Troy Dean, a Phi Kappa Tau and chair for Cal Poly's Greek Council. "We want to write it down, so it will be really specific about what you can or can't do."

Green believes membership is up because of the partying image. "It's all for the wrong reason," he said. "The drinking age has changed. They believe that by joining a fraternity they can do the same as they did in high school. They are looking at us as a social outlet."

Rich Leibowitz was one of those who believed in the stereotype. Coming out of high school, he had the worst possible image of what a fraternity was like. "I thought it was just for partying. I never imagined that I would be doing anything in a leadership position," said Leibowitz, who is IFC president.

Paula Monarez, The Daily Report

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A DISSENTING OPINION

"Despite all the 'good deeds' news clippings that fraternities and their alumni trot out, most fraternity cultures are still centered on proving manhood in accordance with three basic beliefs: that women are sex objects to be manipulated at will; that drinking and drug-taking are endurance sports; and that all nonmembers, be they other male students, professors, or college administrators, are deficient weenies. Because fraternities are essentially closed shops, both morally and intellectually, members are unlikely to have those beliefs disputed in any way they will find convincing.

The fact that fraternities are flourishing on campuses today is not an argument to allow them to exist. Although increased diversity at universities may frighten some students into retreating to reassuringly familiar and homogeneous groups, schools need not support such a backlash. Those fraternity members who are truly committed to public service can volunteer directly, through the American Red Cross or literacy programs, while those interested in developing management skills can gain all they want in open-membership student government groups. In short, there is no benefit offered by most Greek-letter groups that does not already exist in a better form or could not easily be developed on any college campus. Amherst and Colby Colleges, like Franklin and Marshall, recently severed their Greek letter systems. There's no reason that the same couldn't happen at other schools where scholarship and social diversity are valued and the inherently destructive influence of fraternities is finally recognized."

- Nation magazine

GREEKS SHOULD END NATIONAL ATROCITY

Picture this scenario: You are in a fraternity. The brothers of your fraternity have worked extremely hard to secure pledges to join your group. The more pledges the better, so you would want to take extra care to ensure the pledges enjoy every moment with the fraternity.

Plenty of booze. Possibly plenty of women. Make sure that the pledge is thoroughly drunk so he doesn't remember when you rearrange his face.

Considering the accusations of hazing that fraternities must constantly live down, it would make sense to act responsibly during pledge week. Greeks have no right to complain about their tarnished image. What if student government made its new members drink to receive clues as to which board they would sit on; or "The State News" bruised up an intern's face? That certainly would be newsworthy.

Many fraternities have disposed of certain physical intimidation tactics used in the past. Still, these have often been replaced by psychological torture. If there is a point to this madness, it would make sense for someone to let it be known.

There is a very simple solution to the problem. Initiation policies need to be changed. No human being should have to endure pain--physical or mental--to join an organization.

- The State News, Michigan State University

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FRATERNITY HAZINGS IN COURT

A fraternity chapter at the University of Texas-Austin is paying for hazing. A fraternity member being chased by two pledges fell off a cliff and died. The state prosecuted the fraternity under the two-year old anti-hazing act. Although the act allows for a \$10,000 fine, the judge originally assessed a \$5,000 fine, then finally agreed to drop the fine in exchange for an agreement to perform 2,000 hours of community service. The university placed the chapter on probation, and ordered members to raise their academic standards and remove non-members from their house.

A University of Oklahoma fraternity and its national organization are facing a \$50-million suit. The suit was filed by the family of a student rendered quadriplegic from injuries in a temporary fraternity pool. The suit claims the fraternity knew of the dangers in the pool and failed to warn him. The fraternity has argued that the injured student was not a member, was not supposed to be in the pool, and had been warned off the diving platform.

At the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the local district attorney is investigating a hazing complaint. A student has complained he was beaten earlier this year by four fraternity members. In campus proceedings against the four accused students, a fight broke out and hearings had to be suspended. Further charges are now being considered.

- Perspective, July 1989

A TRIP TO THE QUIETEST ROOM IN TOWN

They have been expecting you. They knew that eventually you'd show up. It won't be possible for you to know what is happening so I'm going to take the liberty of filling you in.

The beginning for you will be when you stagger to your car. The beginning for them will be when a bulletin goes out on the police radio reporting the location of a serious accident with instructions to "proceed at once."

You won't hear the sirens. The ambulance and the police car will arrive together. They will check you over and pronounce you dead. A few curious motorists who heard the crash will stop their cars and walk back to look at your broken, bloody body. Some of them will get sick.

They will drive you to the coroner's office where a deputy coroner will wheel you over to a big scale.

Your clothes will be cut off with scissors. You will be weighed and measured. The deputy coroner will make a record of your injuries, cover you up again and wheel you to a small room with white tile walls. There are hoses in that room. Traffic victims are almost always a bloody mess.

You will be cleaned up (as much as possible) and moved to a long hall with several stretchers lined up against its pale green walls. In that hall are 41 crypts. If it has been a slow evening,

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...QUIETEST ROOM IN TOWN (Cont'd)

you will have a stretcher and a crypt all to yourself. But if it's Christmas, New Year's or Memorial Day weekend you may have lots of company. They will go away and leave you there in the quietest room in town.

In an hour or so, they will come back and move you again. You will be placed behind a large glass window so your wife or your husband or your parents or a friend can identify you. You won't see the agony and pain in their eyes and it's just as well. Nor will you hear the screams and sobbing when they lower the sheet and ask, "Is this your husband--wife--son--daughter--brother--sister--friend?"

As I was saying, they are waiting for you--the police, the ambulance crews, the coroners at the morgue and the morticians. They are expecting you. Remember this tonight, when you toss down that last drink and climb behind the steering wheel.

- Xi Psi Phi Quarterly

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BETA RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

We made house improvements over the summer and are now looking forward to fall rush. We're looking to move on campus for the 1990-91 school year.

Brother **Brian Clegg** is the current IFC president.

We have fundraisers coming up this fall quarter.

In spring 1989 we won the all-sports trophy for the 27th time. **Brian Clegg** and **Jim Graybill** won all-campus table tennis. The chapter was also strong in bowling, golf, football, basketball, weightlifting and track, placing no lower than third in each event.

- Tony Czerniakowski, HSP

DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Our chapter had some bad luck in the first few weeks of the new year with one of our alumni, **Moses Asturataga**, passing on and having two undergraduates, **Glenn Suacillo** and **John Tierney** winding up in the hospital with health problems. But on the bright side, two brothers, **Bob Eichler** and **Dean Mack** each got married.

Our chapter is revamping our pledge program and so far it has been working. We have seven strong pledges who are sure to make strong brothers.

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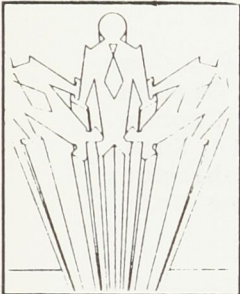
DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY (Cont'd)

Greek Council, after a successful rookie year under the leadership of **Pat Miday**, became the twelfth funded organization at Loyola. This allows the Greek Council to appropriate funds directly from the University. This is the first year that Loyola has ever contributed monetarily to the Greek system.

Delta Alpha held an informal party for our alumni members on September 23. We would like to especially thank **Dave Scott** and **Carl Moore** for their efforts in helping us contact our alums. We hope to see more alums next semester.

- Chris Jessen

GAMMA EPSILON COLONY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO



Brother and Sister can you spare some change? That was the theme of the community service project that we recently held on September 25, 26, and 27. The brothers of Gamma Epsilon Colony with the help of the sisters of Chi Omega collected spare change for a local soup kitchen that helps feed Buffalo's homeless. Over the three days of collecting money, \$901.78 was raised for the support of The Friends of Night People. This event was so successful that we will be holding a similar collection every semester, besides volunteering our time down at The Friends of Night People drop-in center serving food.

- Clinton Smart

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER, ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Our Summer Party was held July 30. We are also involved with Adopt-A-Highway service project and Wednesday Night Pool Tournaments. Gamma Lambda won the Fraternity Cook-Off September 9, for the 3rd consecutive year.

A new tile floor was installed in the front foyer, and donations were given for the back yard deck and basketball court.

Dry Rush was installed by Gamma Lambda in the spring of 1989. We had the best pledge class in three years. Day 1: Kick-off; Movie Night. Day 2: Campus Display; Pool Tournament. Day 3: Chicken Cookout and Volleyball. Day 4: Casino Night. Day 5: Extended Bids and Installation.

Our Pledge Education program will go through some extensive changes this fall. The past programs were weak. Our Alumni Control Board talked with the brothers and **Robbie Gurganus** was chosen as Alumni Pledge Education Controller. His responsibility will be to work with our undergraduate pledge educator and redo the whole process of pledge education, as far as "To Better The Man" is concerned.

- Patrick Marshall

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ALPHA XI CHAPTER, Illinois Institute of Technology: Tom Elliott, Joe Neal, John Haleas, Rommel Ofulsa, Erich Domingo, Jason Kawamura, Randy Supnet, Marty Krause, Michael Thomas, Joseph Conner, Tom Flooding, Gary Park, Elias Fernandez, Ron Rudniski and Jack Kozlowski on August 30, 1989.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, Presbyterian College: Timothy Dwayne Green, William Armitage Hendry, George Theodore Karres, Kai Erik Larsen-Basse, Kyle Edwin Simmers, David Franklin Thomas, Jr., and Christopher Brent Vedova on September 24, 1989.

GAMMA EPSILON COLONY, State University of New York at Buffalo: Gary H. Gossel, Albert J. Gray and John S. Spaargaren on September 26, 1989.

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Atlantic Christian College: Eddie Dean Whitley, Todd Barron, Tom Hemby and Greg Ellis on September 25, 1989.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University: Kip Allen, Jr., Joe Batiller, Joe Branham, Eric Bratton, Brian Butzen, Scott Casbon, Brian Clark, Jeff Clayton, Rob Coyle, Bryan Craddick, Mike Cronin, Pat Curley, J.R. Hogan, P.J. Isaacson, Ken Johnson, Chris Karl, Matt Layton, Eddie Lee, Rob Marzalek, Jeff Roberts, Scott Robinson, Richard Salewicz, Mike Stribling, Chris Topa, Rob Vogt, Mike Weir, Dave Wilson and Kevin Wright on September 22, 1989.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER, University of Rio Grande: Greg Lightle, Eric Hamon, Brent Free, Kevin Newman, Rusty Ballinger and Ed Miller on September 17, 1989.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Blas Castro, David Dotson, Jason McLaughlin, Chris Norem, Lee Norman and Michael Prystash on September 29, 1989.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Scott Parrish Abell, Erik John Hunter, Eric William Hutzler, Robert Mal Gately, Stephen Peter Hemschoot, Michael Vincent Denmark, Lee Andrew Kimble, Thomas Owen Marcey and John Thomas White, Jr. on September 27, 1989.

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER, Illinois State University: Dave Albrecht, Tony Allen, Bill Bankes, Joe Cox, Eric Epley, Jim Grider, Mickey Kauffman, John Lusa, Doug Mattsey, John Pickett, Brian Rhodes, Cliff Watanuki, Mark Wienand, Jim Wyrick, Jay Zukowski, Lonnie Felter, Daniel Kerber and Thomas Novotney on September 10, 1989.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University: Steven R. Dotter, Stephen D. Colafella, Jeffrey E. Cardoni, Perry J. Dick, III, Stephen E. Pozniak, Scott Alan Blodgett, David Douglas Segal, Richard A. Schliffka, Todd Cameron Stewart, Mark Robert Bobsein and Corey M. Fogarty on September 24, 1989.

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Carl Ray Kirschbaum, Jr. and Scott E. Olson on October 20, 1989.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE (Cont'd)

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, University of California at Los Angeles: Michael Kalt, Peter O'Hara, Hussam Hamadeh, Johnathan Fragodt, Thomas Gillespie, Marc Maiman and Benjamin Mack on September 22, 1989.

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, Stevens Institute of Technology: Michael Cocca and Anatoly Litvak on October 22, 1989.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER, Bethany College: Rory Douglas Dillon, Daniel Barlow and Edward Johnson on March 27, 1989.

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tri-State University: Bronson J. Funke, Shahedul Hug and Anthony T. Warner on April 6, 1989.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: Eric Barlow, Steve Slimowicz, John Heim, Jeff Flatley, Eric Williams and Fred DeNardo on April 13, 1989.



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 Sisters On Their Way Out

Sexist or Single-Sex

In an effort to decrease claims of sexism, minimize liability, and safeguard the single-sex nature of fraternities as confirmed by the federal government in 1971, many national/international fraternities are calling for the elimination of little sister organizations.

Setting a precedent in 1988, a court in Nebraska ruled that a little sister of a local fraternity was indeed a member of the fraternity and was entitled to all membership benefits, i.e. living in house, attending chapter meetings, voting.

More than half the litigation now facing fraternities has come from little sisters, either through alleged negligence causing unintentional damage or a direct suit filed by a female member. Cases of sexual abuse have demanded multi-million dollar settlements.

A court of law may determine little sisters are members on any of the following grounds:

- pay dues
- maintain a budget/bank account
- elect officers
- hold official membership in a structured club
- appear on chapter composites
- exist on an on-going basis for an indefinite period
- are selected by chapter members
- collectively wear fraternity jewelry or sportswear
- have responsibilities and/or benefits

Campuses, including the University of Oregon and Northern Illinois University, have mandated the elimination of little sister organizations.

In similar action, the Pi Kappa Alpha board of directors called for the permanent disbanding of all little sister groups by July 1, 1989.

New INTERCHANGE members include:

Fairleigh-Dickinson University-
Madison (NJ)
Vincennes University (IN)
St. Louis University (MO)
State University College
at Oneonta (NY)

NIC Resolution

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, i.e. 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 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. (adopted 12/5/87)

Little Sister Alternatives

To promote fraternal organizations among women and/or sorority members, to offer social interaction and to create positive feelings toward the chapters and its members, fraternity systems and individual chapters may find the following alternatives useful:

Social Activities

- informal date parties
- games day with women's residence hall floor
- non-alcoholic reception for 3-5 pledge classes
- four-way exchanges (two fraternities and two sororities)
- exchange with sorority pledge class
- mixer with Panhellenic representatives or other inter-sorority group
- picnicking and sporting events

Dinners

- monthly dinners with brothers inviting special women
- dinner with sorority presidents
- dinner with sorority social chairs
- dinner with sorority pledge class presidents
- dinner with sorority house directors
- dinner exchange with sorority
- annual recognition dinner inviting most respected Greek women
- academic dinner for sorority members in same class, major, and/or departments as chapter members

Events

- co-sponsorship of philanthropic event with sorority
- participation of sororities in chapter philanthropy
- hosting of a guest speaker and inviting a sorority
- sponsorship of a women's sporting event and encouragement of either individual or group participation

Other

- serenades with entertainment
- impressive ceremonies for lavalierings and pinnings
- regular correspondence congratulating sororities on pledge classes, philanthropies, and awards, and extending greetings on holidays, chartering dates, and founders' day