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NATIONAL NEWS



FRATERNITY MEMBERS COMBAT RACIAL PREJUDICE

COLORS (Campus Organized Lectures on Racial Sensitivity) was created by two University of Pennsylvania students, and was brought to life by their two fraternity chapters. Their members have been angered and disheartened by the occurrence of incidents of racial prejudice on their campus. The fraternities are Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Chi.

University President Sheldon Hackney commented: "From everything I hear the entire four-day event was a complete success. It was a wonderful cooperative effort toward improving the quality of life for everyone in our culturally diverse community."

More than 300 students, mostly from predominantly white and predominately black Greek-letter groups spent three evenings each involving two-hour sessions. First, each group made a ten minute presentation about itself, followed by in-depth, small group discussions.

The second round of discussions explored specific campus problems and situations such as interracial dating and relationships, living arrangements, and sexism. Skits involving role reversals by students dramatized some of the thorniest issues. The third evening, open to the entire campus, featured an outside speaker focusing on how different viewpoints all fit into society.

On Saturday, all joined together for a mini carnival to benefit underprivileged kids. Fraternities and sororities were paired as teams to sell raffle tickets and T-shirts and stage a carnival for kids. That night, the two sponsoring fraternity chapters "broke out the D.J.s for a final jam," which was open to the entire campus.

- Fred Yoder
The Magazine of Sigma Chi

GREEK BAN POSSIBLE

The Bucknell University faculty, calling sorority and fraternities racist, sexist and anti-intellectual, has recommended abolishing the organizations on campus. The recommendation, adopted 94-96 will go before the board of trustees at its meeting in May. University President Gary A. Sojka said the faculty recommendation would have an impact on the board's decision.

The faculty vote came on a motion by George Jenks, collection development librarian, who said the organizations have not made any improvements since 1985, when he also recommended their abolition. His 1985 motion before the faculty was amended to merely recommend improving the Greek-letter organizations, a proposal also made last spring by a special Greek study commission.

The commission pointed out a need to address the racism and sexism issues and a need to remove the Greek system as the primary source of social activity on campus.

- Associated Press

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A LOOK INTO THE 1990'S--GREEK CHALLENGES

Time is running out for the Greek system on an increasing number of campuses. The challenge is reform: reform or be banished. Colleges and universities continue to face unacceptable standards of behavior in and out of the Greek system and on most campuses. The majority of the students are outside of the Greek system. But Greeks are considerably more visible--most particularly organized excessive drinking and raucous, often illegal, behaviors. Add drugs, discrimination, sexual harassment, hazing and date rape and you have a fairly complete bashing agenda.

So as we plunge into the 1990's, we find ourselves surrounded by issues largely of our own making with the mandate to show progress and leadership towards our ideals.

We do add lasting value to the college experience. We do provide an organized structure to help the colleges face and correct the difficult problems of today's campus life. We do present programs on alcohol, drugs and discrimination in all of our chapters. We do provide the most practical leadership and volunteer training available in the academic environment today. We are building future leaders. We are addressing, through peer pressure, the problems of passage to mature behaviors and lifestyles. We are not just part of the problem--we are aggressively part of the solution.

- Sam Yates
Delta Upsilon Quarterly

THE LEADER BURNOUT

Leadership and its transition is the single most important factor in avoiding burnouts. In a well organized chapter, leadership is developed rather than anticipated or forced. Leadership development is a smooth flow from pledges, who serve on committees, to new initiates, who work as assistants, to officers and chairmen, to appointed chairmen, to elected officers. Key positions have assistants to provide for consistency. A comprehensive file or notebook is kept to retain knowledge and train newcomers with the ideas, errors and mistakes of several generations of past officers.

Delegation of authority is encouraged and practiced. Younger members, particularly pledges, are asked to serve on a committee of their choice. Seldom, if ever, is a call for volunteers made at a meeting. Encouragement is a key word in staffing committees.

"People support what they help create," is an ancient but true concept. Involving more members in the operation of the fraternity and spreading out the decision making authority to the committees will give more members a stake in the affairs of the organization, and less opportunity for burnout.

Recognition and reinforcement are equally important in keeping leaders active and in developing new leaders. The collective experience, practical policies, and abilities of the seniors must be tapped by the chapter if progress is to be made each year.

It's ironic that those qualities of fraternity life which attract new and enthusiastic members--spirit, pride, help from others, leadership traits--are the factors which, when left without organization, contribute to the burnout of many of our best members.

-Dave Westol
Sickle & Sheaf of Alpha Gamma Rho



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RESPONDING TO AIDS

The crisis of AIDS is a reality--one we must all deal with. As brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, we vow to make a virtue of necessity to accept with a positive attitude that which must be accepted. Thus, the challenge is to face the AIDS crisis in a constructive, compassionate way, building bridges of brotherly love and understanding to others.

To succeed in this is to learn important lessons in life. The Chinese word for crisis "wei ji," is made up of two parts: "danger" and "opportunity." The word is a reminder of the seemingly small but important opportunity that can come out of danger--and this is true of the AIDS crisis.

Our opportunity is to become more compassionate and understanding, more virtuous and brotherly, as we reach out to those less fortunate. AIDS is only an illness, and in the final analysis, it is the people that count. The true challenge is to realize that all people, whatever their condition or situation, are our brothers.

The National Board of Directors of Sigma Phi Epsilon has adopted this policy on AIDS: If a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon is stricken with AIDS, then he should be treated like any other brother afflicted with a life-threatening illness--with utmost dignity and brotherly love.

- Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal

ALCOHOL POLICY INSTITUTED

The only way to hold a chapter social event which includes alcohol service is to conduct it BYOB.

Alumni must be aware of and recognize this change from what has been past practice at many chapters. This is important because chapters need alumni support and guidance to successfully implement this required change in programming.

The key to our ability to confront this challenge will be our ability to educate all members to the following points:

1. The decision to drink or not to drink is a personal decision each member must make.
2. If a member chooses to drink, he must accept individual responsibility to obtain the beverage of his choice.
3. It is not the obligation or responsibility of the chapter or any member to provide alcohol for another member or guest.
4. No member has the right to jeopardize the status of the chapter if he personally chooses to drink.

The public is becoming less and less tolerant of tragedies and irresponsible behavior throughout society resulting from alcohol abuse. Theta Xi and the American fraternity movement will either take control of this situation or our right to regulate our own actions and behavior will be taken away.

- James E. Vrendenburgh
The Unicorn of Theta Xi

NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)



OPERATION RECYCLE

Operation Recycle, part of the Bloomington Community Action Center, presented first place trophies for the Greek Winter Recycling Competition to the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi Sorority of Illinois State University on Thursday, March 22.

The winning fraternity collected 341 pounds of recyclables and the top sorority collected 117 pounds of aluminum.

Alpha Sigma Phi president, **Bruce Burns** feels that recycling is easy and more people should do it.

"My fraternity brothers and I are conscious of the environmental problems," Burns said. "Therefore we are willing to put forth the extra effort to recycle."

Don James, the Director of Operation Recycle, feels this is a very encouraging sign that the ISU Greek system is becoming conscious that recycling is necessary. He also feels that it's a good foundational start.

"One of Alpha Delta Pi's goals for the up-coming year is to become more involved in community events," Molly Schlicksup, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority president said. "We feel that this is a great way to improve relations between the community and our sorority."

"Recycling is going to be a way of life," James said, "or we will bury ourselves in garbage!"

-TSE Enterprises

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College: Gregory R. Bauer, Gregory R. Erhard, Jr., Gary T. Flage, Nicholas R. Fratto, Roy G. Fuller, II, Taylor R. Keenan, Jason F. Knott, Dirk D. Link, J. Bryan Lukehart, Michael E. Manning, Basel M. Masry, David P. McCommons, Ian J. McCormick, Douglas A. Mehls, Christopher T. Moore, Gregory A. Patterson, Thomas J. Sesko, Eric J. Speis, William G. Tharp and Michael J. Yoder on March 11, 1990.

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tri-State University: Shane M. Libunao, Kenneth A. McLouth, Santana M. Meaux and Jeffrey A. Walters on March 11, 1990.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

THETA CHAPTER, University of Michigan: Eric Gardner Moore on April 19, 1990.

UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University: David Eric Lane, Kenneth Allen Fox, Arron Hine Songer, Bradley Joseph Hayes, Gary Schofield Danehower, R. Chadd Bauer and Christopher Edward McBride on February 5, 1990.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE (Cont'd)



MU CHAPTER, University of Washington: Michael Madison King Hemphill and Charles Chonghoon Kim on March 30, 1990.

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, Stevens Institute of Technology: Keith Bloomer, James R. Burke, Louis Coless, Steven Foundakos, Sean M. Garner, Richard T. Kwapniewski, Jason A. Marantino, Joseph Pansini, Christopher C. Trott, Frederick Weisman and Mark Whittaker on April 1, 1990.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER, Bethany College: Alex J. Robson, James A. Schnell, John J. Costa and Richard B. White on April 8, 1990.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University: Chris Colavita, Chris Cox, Gary Cremeans, II, Craig Hensley, Jason Hill, Matt Lambert, Ronald Maynard, Scott Moore, Chris Stephens and Ted Tomblin on April 20, 1990.

BETA CHI CHAPTER, The American University: Walter M. Bastian, Jr. on April 20, 1990.

BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Karl Frederick Sipperley on April 15, 1990.

GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tulane University: Richard Band on April 21, 1990.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University: Michael Howard Weir, Kevin Scott Wright, Christopher Alan Egan, Joseph Michael Batiller, Tony William Geller, Douglas David Gutsell, Peter Wayne Lashley, George Edward Nedeff, Jarrod Michael Reid, Michael Ross Rosen, Mark Andrew Ruppert and James Marckmann Wilson on April 1, 1990.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: James Lawson, Erik Goacher, Brian Kennedy, Jeff LaCorte, Will Sessoms and Javier Montes on April 20, 1990.

DELTA MU CHAPTER, William Paterson College: Chadwick J. Orevillo, Brian J. Bowers, Mark Wersow, Jr., and Anthony J. Carnatz on December 10, 1989.

DELTA XI CHAPTER, State University of New York at Plattsburgh: Roy Paul Kretzler, Derek Wayne Averell, David Romano, Dustin Robert Steiner, Scott Andrew Owens, Roman Henry Wolny, Timothy Wells Treman, Gerald E. Brucker, Jr., Robert Tuomas Schofield, IV, Brian John Wersinger, Robert George Ahrens and John Read Smith, III on April 6, 1990.

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POSITION STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WHEREAS, Alpha Sigma Phi is the fraternity "TO BETTER THE MAN" and all of her functions and actions should exhibit this as listed in our *Code of Conduct*, and

WHEREAS, our Constitution and By-Laws, Article XVII, section 1 and section 3, prohibits illegal alcohol and substance use and prohibits inappropriate conduct of members of our fraternity, and

WHEREAS, the illegal use of substances or abuse of legal substances is in direct opposition the purpose of our organization "TO BETTER THE MAN". It does not foster brotherhood, demonstrate leadership or help to build a better community.

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that all members of our fraternity be educated on the perils of substance use and abuse. That peer pressure is used in a positive manner of responsibility and influence.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all chapters, colonies and alumni organizations promote and participate in peer intervention strategies for brothers and/or pledges with symptoms of substance addiction as well as responsible use of legal substances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that it is the position of our fraternity that no illegal substances shall be used in the structure of our fraternity nor shall the abuse of legal substances be encouraged or tolerated at fraternity events.

