

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### ALPHA SIGS SERVE COUNTRY

The following Alpha Sig Brothers have been reported to the National Headquarters as participating in OPERATION DESERT SHIELD. Please take a few minutes and write to these Brothers to show your support for their patriotic service.

Lt. Michael A. Ferrara, USN (Missouri '83)  
USS Nashville (LPD-13) N/X Div.  
FPO New York 09579-1715

Eric Stoll, Capt. 456-33-2427 (Indiana '79)  
23TFW/74TFS  
OPERATION DESERT SHIELD  
APO NY 09855

Jeffrey Lewis (Rio Grande '78)  
287-64-2998  
92nd MP Co., 93rd MP BN  
93rd MP Brigade  
OPERATION DESERT SHIELD  
APO NY 09746

### ASSISTANTSHIP AVAILABLE, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

A part-time (20 hours per week) graduate assistantship is expected to be vacant in the Organizations and Activities Center. The position, Interfraternity Council Advisor, will assist the Coordinator for Greek Programs in the services, resources, and advisement of the Interfraternity Council, twenty-four National Interfraternity Conference chapters. The position assists with the advisement of joint leadership and programming activities for the 4000+ member Greek system at the campus. Application deadline is April 1 for the position which is available June 1. If interested, contact Margaret Miller, Coordinator for Greek Programs, Organizations and Activities Center, 400 Kansas Union, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; telephone 913/864-4861.

### TRAVEL SCHEDULES

The following is the tentative travel schedule for National Headquarters personnel:

January 13-17	Miami - Jeff Owens, Chapter Leadership Consultant visit
January 14-17	Marshall - Owen McCulloch, Chapter Leadership Consultant visit
January 20-23	Westminster - Owen McCulloch visit Central Michigan - Jeff Owens visit
January 25-27	Columbus, Ohio - Grand Council Ad Hoc Committee Meetings/Grand Council Meeting
January 27-29	SUNY-Buffalo - Owen McCulloch visit Michigan - Jeff Owens visit







### INSURANCE STATEMENTS FORTHCOMING

Chapter treasurers will soon receive renewal statements for 1991-92 liability insurance. Although we do not have a final quote, we have been told by the insurance underwriter that we should expect a significant increase over last year's cost of \$60 per chapter member. The new coverage will run from March 12, 1991 to March 11, 1992. Invoices will be due and payable March 1.

### BLACK LANTERN PROCESSIONAL SUPPLIES

Black Lantern Processionals are being held at an all time high. Nearly every week chapters are scrambling to locate enough black lanterns and black robes to repeat this traditional ceremony which dates back to the 1800s.

To help chapters, Headquarters has worked to make this equipment more readily available. The black robes are fairly expensive to order, especially when there is need for a large amount. We have robe patterns available for \$8.00. This will enable you to economically make, or have made, your robes.

Lanterns, the other required piece of equipment, can be made with candles and large metal cans, or kerosene lanterns may be ordered by contacting: Academy Broadway at 1-800-338-7000. Refer to item #500 (12" kerosene lantern) when placing your order. The cost is \$54.00 for a case of twelve lanterns plus shipping costs. The lanterns are red and will need to be painted black by chapter members.



### PALACE OR DUMP: The Deterioration of Chapter Houses

Not too long ago, fraternity houses were "the place" to live on campus. Fraternity houses tended to be palaces, offering home-style meals, luxurious common living areas and a variety of other benefits that come from belonging to a close knit group. Although generally more expensive, the value for the dollar was far greater than dormitory living.

It was during the 1960s that this began to change. Student demands for better on campus living conditions with more freedoms prompted changes in dormitory living. With fraternity houses, the opposite was occurring. Luxurious houses became seedy. Housemothers became a rarity, lowering the quality of both house care and meals.

Chapters that used to compete by offering luxurious living conditions now compete by offering inexpensive housing. The short-term success this strategy may have had has proven to be ultimately self-defeating. Even more defeating is the frequent use of fraternities to sell themselves as havens from campus and state alcohol regulations.

The following is an excerpt from a letter submitted to officials at a prominent university recently. It demonstrates the lack of attention paid to fraternity housing.

*My husband and I would like to make you aware, if you aren't presently, of the slum-like living conditions offered and provided by some fraternities for the young men who have been enticed and cajoled into joining their ranks. We would hope you would be in a position to*



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### PALACE OR DUMP (Cont'd)

*investigate and help correct these conditions. Like it or not, the fraternities are very much connected to and with [name withheld] University. We and other parents, whom we have discussed this with, feel that the fraternities have a responsibility and obligation to provide decent, well maintained and repaired living quarters and clean, sanitary living conditions. The services and living quarters offered and provided should be no less in any way than those provided by [name withheld] University. Some are quite appalling. Some of these young men are away from home for the first time and they are being taken advantage of.*

*Who is in charge and responsible for monitoring the fraternities and where is all of the money paid for room, board and membership fees going? We can testify that it obviously isn't being used for cleaning and repairing the houses or for providing basic necessities. Some of the fraternities are nothing more than slum landlords.*

*We hope you will see this as a problem worth your time and attention. We would most certainly appreciate anything you are able to accomplish.*

*In all other regards, we are happy and pleased that our son chose [name withheld] as the school he wanted to attend. Over the past year, everything we have seen and heard directly related to the university has only served to reinforce our pleasure that he is a student at [name withheld] University!*

*Sincerely and Respectfully,  
A Concerned Father and Mother*

What is the solution, then? Obviously the house structure should be used as an asset to the fraternity and not a liability. Therefore, it needs be maintained in a responsible manner. To do so, house bills must be high enough to enable house corporations to maintain safe, comfortable, and competitive housing for its members. Additionally, conduct of the membership needs to reflect the ideals of the organization and not irresponsible bar room rowdiness.

Furthermore, fraternities must work on implementing their programming. Traditionally, fraternity chapters excelled in offering constructive activities and programs to supplement education. If our chapters are unable to do these things, sooner or later it will be time to close our doors, and leave the campus to those who can.

(Reprinted from Delta Chi In-Brief, October '90.)



## CHAPTER NEWS

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### **IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

This past semester, we initiated our first fall pledge in almost twenty years. Atul Groves '90, received his bid with the spring 1989 pledge class, but was unable to accept until this fall. His pledgeship and initiation served to bring the brotherhood closer together during the fall semester and he will undoubtedly add a great deal to Iota Chapter.

Gary Bonas, Director of Greek Life at Villanova, came to our chapter early this fall to discuss current issues facing fraternities. The discussion included such topics as sexism, elitism, racism, and alcohol abuse, and was well received by the brotherhood.

After coming in seventh in the hotly contested 1989-90 Fraternity All-Sports Race out of 44 houses, Alpha Sig looks poised to crack the top five in 1990-91. This past summer, our defending finalist softball team got a big boost when the brotherhood fielded a team for summer intramurals. The team made the playoffs in the open division, and feels confident that we can take the fraternity division this coming spring. Soccer and broomstick polo also turned in successful seasons, with hockey, volleyball and basketball expected to help the cause next semester.

- Steve Harbula

### **UPSILON CHAPTER, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

The brothers and pledges of Upsilon Chapter are making a conscious effort to encourage one another in sustaining a high level of academic performance. In addition, Upsilon Chapter is in second place overall in the race for the Bischoff Trophy, which is awarded to the fraternity who acquires the most points during the school year in various athletic events. Recently, we also held an alcohol awareness program with Delta Zeta Sorority. The turnout for the event was excellent, while a very informative evening on alcohol and its effects was shared by all in attendance. Presently we are engaging in various forms of fund-raising for the kids at Hershey Medical Center. Hopefully, we will be able to surpass our last year's total of \$146,200, and win the overall money raiser for an eighth straight year at this year's Dance Marathon.

- James C. Marino, HCS

### **BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**

On November 30 Beta Delta Chapter performed the most impressive ritual that anyone here at Marshall could remember. The initiation went smoothly thanks to HM Harold Dorton's planning and preparation. We are especially proud to announce that Alpha Sigma Phi now has sixteen more outstanding members.

To celebrate both the initiation of our new brothers and also the founding of our "Old Gal", the next evening a Founder's Day Dinner was held at a local restaurant. Also, brothers were recognized for being exceptional in various areas. Some of the winners were Sam Mano, Model Pledge; Ron Whittington, Most Improved GPA; Mike Willauer, Most Athletic Active; and Shaun Sizemore, Most Active. However, the most coveted award was affectionately given to Bill Headley, Eternal Pledge. Though he is a full brother, his time of being a pledge will not soon be forgotten. Continuing to celebrate, on Sunday we held a formal meeting.

- Arden K. Sansom, HR



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### **GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER, TULANE UNIVERSITY**

Calling all brothers! From the dates of February 1 to February 9, the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Tulane will be undergoing a reconstructive rush period. This is your opportunity to help your fellow brothers and enjoy the Mardi Gras holiday. If you will be able to be in New Orleans on those dates, please contact David Berman, HSP, at 504 - 861-2728.

## **PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS**

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**ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, University of California at Los Angeles:** Vernon K. Ragasa, Stephen L. Woods, Christopher M. Garcia, Anthony Cortez, Joey K. Liu, Brian D. Shaw, Mark L. Benthien, Vincent H. Messina, George L. Gildred, Jr., Robert L. Kenney, Gary M. Roldan and Matthew P. Weathers on September 26, 1990.

**ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College:** Dave Lovett, Brian D. Pfister, Daniel Brooks, Erik Kochanowski and Christopher Hudson on October 6, 1990.

**ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College:** Gunther Sanford Goheen, Gregory Todd Dickerman, Jay Paul Elliott, David Anthony Tettamble, Jr., Michael Shane Ahlbam, John Patrick Pena, Albert Marias and Keith Anthony Losing on September 16, 1990.

**BETA RHO CHAPTER, University of Toledo:** Brandon Cullen, Edward Gawell, Richard Ritter, Dustin O'Neil, Gary Bozigar, Neil Ford, Raymond Kriz, Nathaniel Burke, Ryan Finnegan, Lance Muzie, Michael Gehings, Robert Patterson, Michael Distin, Brian Villhauer, Michael Dolgoff, David Cooper and Doug Boyd on October 28, 1990.

**DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, Loyola University:** Shawn Hallinan, Najih Hasan, Lawrence Maya, Chris O'Meara, Antonia Allen, Dennis Nessinger, Nicholas Gamuranes and Peter Johnson on September 9, 1990.

**DELTA PHI RHO INTEREST GROUP, Central Michigan University:** Mark Jewell, Albert Johnston, Lou Moreno, Dale Leix, Rodney Rusk, Tim Warvel, Scott Mooney, Bruce Harvey, Tracee Senter, Tim Hornby, Dave Hoag, Jon Haupt, Don Lincoln, Chad Johnson, Chuck LeClear, Dennis Barth, Jason Blastic and Mark Bugge on December 4, 1990.

## **INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE**

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**THETA CHAPTER, University of Michigan:** Roopal Bhagwat Thakkar, John Bernard Gutierrez, Ingmar Leo Yao, Eric M. Phillips and Robert Dodsworth Garth, Jr. on December 6, 1990.

**ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College:** Larry Stockman (Faculty Advisor) on December 14, 1990.

**ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College:** Daniel T. Brooks, Erik Kochanowski, Dave Lovett, Christopher Hudson and Brian D. Pfister on January 5, 1991.



## **INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE (Cont'd)**

**ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology:** Amit Sadana, Omar Khattub, Orlando Teixeira and Michael Ahearn on November 30, 1990.

**BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University:** Kevin Heath Bailey, Scott Allen Cottrell, Ivan Wayne Dixon, Daniel Dominic Fournier, Dana Joe Godfrey, II, Daniel Todd Griffith, William Davidson Headley, Daniel James Lewis, Erik Alan Linsell, Samuel Anthony Mano, Gregory Todd Parrish, Jack Davis Sells, Jr., Tracy Berman Smith, David Eugene Stewart, Joshua Scott Stinson and Darren Sean Wamsley on November 30, 1990.

**BETA MU CHAPTER, Wake Forest University:** Anthony Michael Balistrori, Brinley Edward Bodnam, Jr., Gregory Scott Sorenson and Frank Wititten Todd on December 14, 1990.

**DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, Loyola University of Chicago:** Najih Hasan, Larry Maya, Chris O'Meara, Tony Allen Dennis Nessinger, Shawn Hallinan, John Tierney, Nick Gamuranes and Peter Johnson on December 16, 1990.

**DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University:** Daryl Leuck, Michael D. Roseberry, Timothy R. Aylor, Scott Whitley, Jeffrey W. Canavan, Joseph M. Rind, Carlos Rodriguez and Clayton J. Grant on December 14, 1990.

**DELTA MU CHAPTER, William Paterson College:** Jason Alvarez, Marc DeVito, Randall Koch and Michael Simone on November 29, 1990.



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