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NATIONAL NEWS

NLC PLANS CONTINUE

We are pleased to announce that **Kevin J. Garvey, Westminster '75**, Grand Councillor, and **Stuart A. Spisak, Westminster '78**, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alumni Development, are Co-Chairmen for the Fifth Annual Alumni Conference to be held August 9-11 in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference. Registration materials informing volunteer alumni of the event were sent from Headquarters the week of March 11. Interested alums who have not received registration forms may do so by contacting Headquarters.

The Keynote Speaker for the National Leadership Conference will be **Richard B. Funk**, Coordinator of Greek Life, Division of Student Programs, Penn State. "Rick" is an interfraternal brother, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, initiated at the University of South Carolina.

EAST COAST CHAPTERS VISITED

Executive Vice President **John R. Chaney, Indiana '67** visited with the Lehigh, NJIT and Stockton State chapters on a recent trip to the east coast. While on the coast, Grand Senior President **Charles J. Vohs, Penn State '75** joined Brother Chaney in attending the gala 60th Anniversary celebration for Rutgers' Beta Theta Chapter held on Saturday evening, March 2 at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. Nearly 200 alumni, guests and friends of the chapter, including one founding member, attended the affair.

WILL "NATIONAL" LOAN US MONEY FOR HOUSING?

Each week as I travel and meet with various groups and individuals or just work at my desk, I invariably am asked about "making some of National's money available" for a chapter housing project. Let me bring you up to date about National Housing.

Years ago, Alpha Sigma Phi created the A-S-P Corporation to assist chapters with housing ventures. Currently, the A-S-P Corporation has two pieces of property to which we lay some claim. First, we own the Widener Chapter House. The Gamma Xi Alumni Corporation pays more than \$20,000 a year for rent and back debt retirement. At the present rate of amortization, the debt should be paid off in approximately four years, at which time the alumni will have the opportunity to purchase the house.

A-S-P Corporation also has a second mortgage on our chapter house at the University of Oklahoma. The housing market in Norman is very soft and the house cannot be sold even to pay off the current first mortgage. At the present time, we are in a no win situation with this property.

So, where does that leave us? Technically, the A-S-P Corporation does not have any assets to loan. The current thinking is to not make any additional housing loans



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in order to get out of the A-S-P Corporation all together. It is not that there is no need for the National Headquarters to assist chapters with various housing initiatives, but rather that the current A-S-P Corporation set-up will not be of any real assistance to those that do require National backing.

The Grand Council certainly recognizes the need to assist chapters and colonies with housing projects. How to best go about the endeavor is the question. Our Grand Senior President Vohs has appointed various ad hoc committees to deal with our future. One of these committees is charged with investigating undergraduate housing. Headed by **John B. Gibson, Indiana '85**, the committee has already begun to dream the great dream, making housing available to all chapters who desire it and to make each Alpha Sigma Phi chapter house or lodge the best facility on each campus. Great, lofty goals indeed! Hopefully, this ad hoc committee will have a solution that will eliminate the need for the current A-S-P Corporation and still offer the requisite financial backing you require.

So why do we have so many millions of dollars and not spend it? That's just part of the problem! The dollars belong to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. It is endowment. Endowment in simple terms is money invested for our future, not to be spent on today's programs. Besides, the ad hoc committees on scholarship, province activities, membership development, national service project, alumni development and 150th Anniversary celebration also demand a fair share as they compete for scarce resources.

What happens when I receive a call about a housing situation? First of all, we must deal with alumni. As much as the housing situation impacts on the undergraduates, the alumni corporation must legally be responsible for the facility. No alumni corporation or organization? Actually, this is square one in solving your housing dilemma, whether it's improving a current structure or buying or building something else. It is the alumni corporation who will have to make the necessary financial package to secure any chapter house.

I will keep you informed on the progress of our ad hoc committee for undergraduate housing as they work on your problem.

- **John R. Chaney, Executive Vice President**

UPCOMING CHAPTER VISITS

The following is the tentative schedule of National visitors during the upcoming weeks:

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| March 28 | Westminster | Owen McCulloch |
| March 28 - 31 | Slippery Rock | Owen McCulloch |
| March 31 | Lock Haven | Owen McCulloch |
| April 1 - 4 | Cornell | Owen McCulloch |
| April 4 | Central Michigan | Bob Cabello, Grand Secretary, John Chaney and Jeff Owens, Colonization ceremonies |
| April 4 - 6 | SUNY-Binghamton | Owen McCulloch |
| April 7 - 10 | Washington | Jeff Owens |
| | Hartwick | Owen McCulloch |
| April 10 - 22 | Cal-Berkeley | Jeff Owens |

HOW TO DETERMINE IF AN ACTIVITY IS HAZING

Robert L. Keith, Coordinator of Greek Affairs at Ohio Wesleyan University, suggests that the following six questions be asked about a particular activity.

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1. Will the activity achieve one or more of the predetermined goals of the pledge program?
 2. Would you be willing to tell your chapter adviser about the activity?
 3. Would you be willing to perform this activity in front of a university administrator?
 4. Would you be willing to send the parents of the pledge member(s) involved a snapshot of this activity?
 5. Would you be prepared to go to court to defend the merit of this activity?
Would you feel ridiculous doing this activity?
 6. Would you be willing to share a written description of this activity for other chapters to use?

If there is the slightest question in anyone's mind about the activity, there is a quick and definite answer. DON'T DO IT. IT'S HAZING.

IS IT HAZING IF . . .

- . Door, telephone, etc., duty is assigned to pledges only?
- . Checks are made to see if pledge pins are worn?
- . A particular door, stairs, etc., is prohibited for pledges' use?
- . Signatures must be obtained for books or paddles?
- . Personal favors must be performed for the actives?
- . Stares, whispers, silence, etc., seem to indicate pledges are in disfavor?
- . Candy must be carried and given to anyone who asks?
- . Pledges must "line up" for any purpose?
- . Memory drills are required of pledges?
- . Scavenger hunts are planned for pledges?

The answer to all of the above is a resounding YES! Each is hazing, even if subtle or seemingly harmless, and must not occur!!!!

- The Key, Spring 1991

NIC ADOPTS FIPG RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The risk management policy of the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group (FIPG) became the risk management policy of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) at its annual meeting in December. The NIC House of Delegates, representing the 62 member fraternities of the Conference, passed this legislation and placed high emphasis on the role of the campus Interfraternity Council/Greek Council in adopting a system-wide alcohol risk management policy for all fraternity chapters to follow.

- The Fraternity Newsletter, Feb/Mar 91

Alpha Sigma Phi is a charter member of FIPG and continues to be a "key player" in FIPG risk management, contrary to what you may have heard!

COLONY UPDATE

GAMMA EPSILON COLONY, SUNY BUFFALO

Outgoing Gamma Epsilon President **Ed Munz** reported, "We have experienced some major setbacks regarding our existence. Because the petition (for chartering) was put on hold due to numbers, many of the brothers decided that they did not care any more. They have refused to pay their dues, show up to events, and basically have brought everyone down with them." (NOTE: The petition was accepted by the Grand Council on a "hold" basis until the colony at SUNY-Buffalo reaches a membership of fifty undergraduates.)

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BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Beta Delta certainly has been busy since the rest of our brothers have heard from us. Our pledge class for Spring '91 grew by three in the past month. We now have a pledge class of twenty-one outstanding men. They are gearing up to complete their pledge projects in order to join the Mystic Circle on April 13. We held a pledge workshop in which the pledges viewed a video tape of Ed King, Bradley University, who spoke on the subject of rituals at this past year's National Leadership Conference and Convention.

We have completed two more successful service projects during the past two weeks. Over a period of three days, we collected donations for the American Red Cross's \$30 Million Gulf Relief Fund. Nearly thirty brothers a day came out to a local McDonalds to man the Red Cross tables. For a donation of one dollar, those who donated received a car sticker that indicated support for the troops in the Middle East. Then, last weekend, over twenty brothers participated in our Adopt-a-Highway program. As always, we picked up trash on our three mile stretch of U. S. Route 60. We do this at least twice a year to try to make a small part of the world a little more pleasant.

On a related brotherhood note, several brothers have been involved in some much needed house improvements. We now have two picnic tables, benches, and a sun deck bench because of some skilled carpentry brothers. We are also awaiting the

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arrival of a fooseball table arranged through a brother's contact. Also, several brothers travelled to a Leadership Conference at Bowling Green University with several other Greek members here at Marshall in conjunction with IFC/Panhellenic Council.

We have had TGIFs with Alpha XI Delta and Delta Zeta Sororities. The first had a Mardi Gras theme. Brother **Keith Harris**, who lives in Louisiana, brought back the beads and trinkets that the actual event is so well known for. We helped the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority work a table in our Student Center offering information on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse to mark Drug Awareness Week.

Upcoming events include an Easter Seals service project, Initiation, Black and White, and Greek Week (chaired by one of our own brothers). And we hope to welcome home Brother **Scott Stover** now that peace has come about in the Gulf. Good luck and God bless all of our Alpha Sig brothers!

- **Arden K. Sansom, HR**

PLEGGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College: Kevin William Hughes, Todd Denton Whited, Phillip John Engelmere, Christopher Saul Schall, Joseph Thomas Hirz, Craig John Whitman, Brent Edward Angott, William Michael Beilas, Paul Clarke Baker, Chet John Neve, Paul Jeffrey Pillitteri, Mark A. McHaddon, Richard E. Beggs, Sean C. Cauvel and Matthew D. Chelf on March 4, 1991.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University: William T. Carroll, III, Matthew D. Mossburg, and John A. Swanson on March 3, 1991.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER, Tufts University: Matt Abbott, Chris Barros, Chris Bauman, Marc Garrigus, William Hooper, Ken Jachman, Chris Journeay, Leo Leo, Will McFarland, Eric Rose, Dan Weiner and Ian Woo on February 8, 1991.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University: Bob Dorr, Bo Evarts, Dave Frank, Matt Irelan, Troy Mack, Jim Poskocil, Bob Radwan and Dave Robison on February 20, 1991.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Michael Galloway, Michael Napolitano, David Neudorfer, Gus Obleada, Lee Piascik, Don Schopp, Aaron Sheets and Robert Small on February 19, 1991.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: Patrick J. Hill, Shannon F. Herr, David A. Durst, II, Rhett A. Hellgren, Richard J. Huston and Todd E. McQuillen on February 19, 1991.

Gamma Delta Chapter, Davis & Elkins College: Andrew C. Miller and Mike A. Daring.

Gamma Epsilon Colony, State University of New York at Buffalo: Shaun P. Smith and James M. Liptak.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



MU CHAPTER, University of Washington: Jason Kauhane, Tony Richardson, Matt Doering, Athan Tramountanas, Jim Peters, Ken Acevedo, Kris Solvang, Brett Holmstrom, Brendan Mervin, Jeff Schulte, Derek Webber, Karl Schmidt, Dave Collins, Roger Kao, Mark Lawrence, Zeger van Aschvan Wijck and Matt Karotko on January 18, 1991.

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College: Albert Macias, Gunther Sanford Goheen, David Anthony Tettamble, Jr., Jay Paul Elliott, Michael Shane Ahlbon, Keith Anthony Losing, Gregory Todd Dickerman, John Patrick Pena on December 14, 1990.

BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Mark Thomas Isham, Patrick Bernhard Kopp, David Norman Roddy and David Martin Ungaro on March 1, 1991.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Joseph L. Nagy, Mark Bibee, Matthew Todd Bowman, Brent Steven Lucas, Larry Charles Wylie, Jr., Scott Christopher Wade, John M. Hotzler, Michael David Hakerem and Stephen Blood on December 7, 1990.

TWO SIMPLE WORDS SAY IT ALL

For forty years, Noah Webster worked on his dictionaries. . . which today, enlarged and revised, are used by federal and state courts as the final authority on the meaning of words. Forty years of purpose! Two of the simpler words, defined by Webster, are:

- * **Keep** - maintain action by care and labor*
- * **Doing** - deeds of interest and excitement*

*Put them together, **Keep Doing**--"Action by care and labor for deeds of interest and excitement"--is a two-word autobiography of anyone who would become all that he or she was created capable of being.*

*Two words, **Keep Doing**, express the guiding principle for the achievements of your yesterdays, for today, and for all your tomorrows. They are the spirit of useful living.*

- James M. Black in "Working Together," August 13, 1990

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