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NATIONAL NEWS

EFFORTS AND EDUCATION ARE PAYING OFF FOR FIPG

Attitudes about drugs, alcohol and relationships with other people are changing slowly but surely on college campuses today, according to a recent survey by the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group, Inc. (FIPG). "A key part of the FIPG's mission is to provide assistance to our young members in dealing with these issues that affect all of society," said Ray Galbreth, Executive Director of Delta Chi National Fraternity.

The FIPG was founded in 1987 to effect changes in risk taking behaviors among Greeks. The FIPG Policy was developed as a result to address these issues and provide clear-cut standards.

The survey measured awareness of the Policy and compliance with various aspects of it. Three distinct groups were interviewed by phone: undergraduate fraternity and sorority members, alumni and volunteers who work closely with those groups and their national offices, and administrators in charge of the Greek system on their campus.

The survey showed, among other things, that a majority of undergraduates and alumni/volunteers feel strongly that their membership is sensitive to the issue of sexual harassment, no longer hazy, no longer has kegs at social events (no alcohol present at all for rush activities), and that chapter houses generally meet local fire and health codes. All are requirements of the FIPG Policy. A majority of administrators also agreed with the statements, though less strongly than the other two groups. All three groups indicated that FIPG is followed somewhat strictly on their campus.

All groups surveyed demonstrated a strong awareness of FIPG when given only its initials, including more than 50% of undergraduates, 72% of alumni/volunteers, and 83% of administrators. When read a brief descriptive statement, awareness rose to 76% among undergraduates and significantly higher with the other two groups as well. Undergraduate awareness was attributed to chapter meetings; alumni/volunteer and administrator recognition to written communications.

"We are quite pleased with the results of the survey," said Sidney N. Dunn, FIPG President. "They show a good compliance rate, a good awareness rate, and that our written communications are effective. Of course, we will continue our efforts towards 100% awareness and compliance.

There are currently more than 34 national fraternities and sororities that have adopted the Policy, affecting more than 3,000 chapters across the country.

HAVING FUN AND MANAGING RISK

Local chapters of many fraternities believe they cannot comply with FIPG rules and policies without giving a competitive edge to other fraternities on their campus. They feel they will fail to get their "quota" of pledges if they don't offer alcohol at rush events. They are convinced they must have alcohol at their parties, or their parties will be failures. They are wrong.

They can have fun at parties and can reach their pledging goals while staying within FIPG guidelines. They don't have to resort to serving alcohol to those under legal drinking age. Their rush events and parties can be self-policed without depressing the enjoyment of either their members or their guests.

Working within risk management guidelines may appear difficult, even impossible. But several local chapters refused to take the easy way out and have found they can manage risk with success. As examples, consider what a few chapters have done. They all belong to one fraternity, an old-line, nationwide organization which has been working for several years to instill consciousness of risk management in its chapters.

One chapter at a large state university (over 25 fraternities) in the southwest kicked off its 1991-92 school year with a pledge-sponsored party that was FIPG-safe. The party was "unforgettable." That chapter has taken an active stance towards managing its own risk and is making a concerted effort to obtain adoption of a Greek system-wide risk management policy.

At a smaller northeastern private school (less than 10 fraternities), the Social Chairman of the chapter spent months negotiating with school administrators, local political authorities, lawyers, chapter elders, and the fraternity headquarters, to work out a new social policy. Then it incorporated its social activities into a separate business. Under a contract, it provides parties and other events for listed member students. Each party is now BYOB. The chapter arranged with a local restaurant to sell their pizza at its parties in exchange for payment of party advertising costs. This process enables having bands play at the chapter house. The chapter has become a stop on the Boston music circuit, and even hosted MTV's Battle of the Bands at its school.

Also in the northeast, at a very large and prestigious private school (over 25 fraternities), the chapters main social event in the fall drew 250 brothers and pledges from 13 chapters in the region. One of the few BYOB parties at the school, it drew more people than any other campus party this past season.

In another instance, a Rocky Mountain chapter made its annual visit to a mid-western chapter, where there are less than 10 fraternities on campus. The visitors were impressed that the host chapter held a great Ladies Night Out party under risk management guidelines.

WHERE IS MY BADGE?

Do all the brothers in your chapter have a badge? Since our founding in 1845, we have had a standardized badge. Every undergraduate member receives a badge as part of the initiation fee. The Fraternity Headquarters is making an effort to help all undergraduate members have the standard badge, but we need the cooperation and involvement of every chapter.

Since Alpha Sigma Phi engraves the member's name, initiation date and founding year with Greek letter chapter designation on the back of his badge, the chapter must take great care in providing accurate records for the Fraternity Headquarters. Often the spelling of a man's name on his Pledge Report (submitted seven days after pledging) is different from the spelling submitted later on the Initiation Authorization Request Form (submitted at least 10 days prior to initiation). This creates a roadblock, and ordering both badges and certificates stops.

Badges take only four to six weeks to reach the new initiate!

Other times, the chapter sends all the materials about the newly initiated brothers without a flaw. However, the chapter treasurer does not send payment for the initiation fees and the paperwork sits. Again, no badges are ordered.

If the treasurer uses the money earmarked for badges to pay other bills, he is doing a gross disservice to each new initiate and to the chapter as a whole. It may seem like a quick fix to pay other bills and is always done with good intentions to repay the initiates' money for membership and badges. But there are other short-term priorities that unfairly take precedence.

Sometimes the chapter sends a report of the new brothers to the Fraternity Headquarters, but we come to find that the men had not been reported as pledges!



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If you or members of your chapter do not have the official badge, it is probably due to one of these reasons:

1. An error in the spelling of a brother's name, so badges cannot be engraved.
2. Initiation fees of some men not collected by the treasurer before the ceremony, which holds up everyone else.
3. Initiation fees not sent with the Initiation Authorization Request Form for new initiates.
4. Accumulation of unpaid chapter debt. Without proper advanced planning, fees are used as payment on the chapter's oldest debt. Thus, the current payment might release a previous man's badge!

Solving the riddle of the missing badges is an easy task provided your chapter officers and their predecessors have kept good records. If brothers have not received their badges within six weeks of their initiation, check your chapter's records for copies of the Pledge Report and the Initiation Authorization Request Form. Also, check with the HE to be sure the proper fees were paid.

With these records in hand, contact the Comptroller at the Fraternity Headquarters at 614-363-1911. Working together on membership records, we can make sure that every brother receives his badge, membership certificate and card, and subscription to The Tomahawk in due course.

With proper advanced planning, it is very easy to have the newly initiated brothers' badges on hand on the date of initiation. How? Just have the necessary paperwork submitted and fees paid at least six weeks prior to the ceremony. Many successful Alpha Sig chapters routinely have the new member's badge for him on the actual date of initiation!

Every brother has the privilege of wearing the badge of our Fraternity--help us get their badges to them!

- adapted from The Aeropagus

CHAPTER NEWS



DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE

Several of our members took part in a leadership project where they traveled to Florida to help in relief for the Hurricane Andrew victims. Their duties consisted of the distribution of necessary items such as blankets and bottled water, and in the clean up of all the fallen trees and debris.

We really decided to put positive efforts into rush this year. Formal rush began on Monday, September 14. We started the week off with House Tours and a cookout. The next day was Movie and Pizza Night, for all prospective members, followed by the last night of Formal Rush, where we held another cookout with a sorority and their new pledges. All in all things went pretty well. We expect a decent pledge class this year.



UPSILON CHAPTER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Our pledges were initiated on September 20. The ceremony was a huge success, all brothers were present and the newly initiated brothers were very impressed with the Mystic rituals.

Formal Rush also started this week. For one of the dinners, we had the rushees eat in various brothers' rooms. This provided a much more relaxed atmosphere than the usual rush dinner. It was a big success.

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DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE

Sig Bust was a great success and everyone had a great time. It was held at Cosma Bitonte's place (Grandmother of Rich Bitonte). Hope to see more alumni next year. Rush events were September 15-23. The first one was a hayride with Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, and the second rush was at Dr. Spees's house (Invitation Only). Convention was a huge success. We all learned and shared many good ideas. Our chapter is really excited about our accomplishments and recognition of awards we received. We are ready for a good year! Keep the Phoenix flying!

We were visited by Mark Winston, Oregon State '88, Chapter Leadership Consultant, and he was a pleasure to have. He helped us out a great deal. We would like to thank him once again, and hope to see him soon. A thing we are stressing this year is Brotherhood Development. Since we are edging close to 40 Brothers, we try to get activities once a week where we can all get together and have a good time. We recently all went tubing down Raccoon Creek. We had a great time, and now plan on having a cookout including all parents. We are really excited about a great year and hope to even prosper even more. Brotherhood is the key...and we plan to use it to our advantage.

National Convention this year was very nicely done. We had four delegates attend: Eric Autenrieth, Todd Riegle, Troy Tripp, and Brian Bennett. Also, Grand Chapter Advisor, Jeff Lewis and former Grand Chapter Advisor, Dr. Spees; and of course, Mark Williams, Grand Province Chief. They brought back many great ideas from the Convention. Everyone had a great time, as well as learning more about our Fraternity and to help her keep on growing. Our very own Mark Barnhart won a \$700 Scholarship, which he appreciated very much. Delta Epsilon Chapter was very excited for winning the second highest award. Watch out Marshall...we are on your tail! We hope to do even better this year, "To Better The Man."

We recently had a Walkathon which was to raise money for the visually impaired at Rio Elementary School. It was about 15 miles, and we all had a great time. We raised more than \$300. We have also had our invitation rush at Dr. Spees'. It was very successful and it looks like we're going to have three quality men. Pledging begins October 4 and everyone is excited.

We had Parents Weekend which was a good time to show our parents what we're all about. We had a big cookout/picnic and played softball and volleyball. It was a great time to get to know the parents and for them to meet all of us. We also had officer induction for them, which they really enjoyed. We showed the video from the National Convention, "Building Better Brothers." The parents were really impressed. Everyone had a great time.

We are really stressing scholarship development this year. As a chapter, we are not satisfied with our current GPA's, so now we are going to have study tables for two hours a night, every night. We have certain awards to encourage everyone to do their best. Pledges will also join the brothers for study tables at least two hours a night. We're very serious about scholarship, since after all that is the reason why we are here.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University: John Gerard Butcher, Jackson Paul D. Purkey, Robert Andrew Woerner, Brian Louis Dodsworth, Thomas Ward Allen, Jr., Terry Patrick Allison, Chadrin L. Baker, Scott Alan Bevan, Scott Steven Bolfig, Jason Michael Hollar, Manish Ravi Jain, Michael Charles Long, Derek Alan Pirkola, James Edward Rossow, Jr., Kevin Christopher Tyschper, and John Andrew Vanecko on September 10, 1992.

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Terry Louis Folken, John Christopher Leonard, and Daniel Robert McArthur on September 25, 1992.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OCTOBER CHAPTER VISITS FROM FRATERNITY HEADQUARTERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ED LENANE</u>	<u>DAVE GATZKE</u>	<u>MARK WINSTON</u>
Oct. 1	Bethany/Ar. Westminster	Office	Ohio State
2	Westminster	Oregon State	Ohio State
3	Westminster	Oregon State	Ohio State
4	Slippery Rock	Oregon State	—
5	Slippery Rock	Oregon State	Office
6	Lv.Slippery/Ar. Cornell	Oregon State	Ar. Rio Grande
7	Cornell	Oregon State	Rio Grande
8	Cornell/Ar. Hartwick	Oregon State	Lv.Rio/Ar. Marshall
9	Hartwick	Oregon State	Marshall
10	Lv. Hartwick/Off	Oregon State	Lv. Marshall/Off
11	Off	Oregon State	Ar. UNCC
12	Ar. NJIT	Oregon State	UNCC
13	NJIT	Oregon State	UNCC
14	Lv. NJIT/Ar. Wm Pat.	Oregon State	Lv. UNCC/Ar. Presby.
15	William Paterson	Oregon State	Presbyterian
16	William Paterson	Oregon State	Presby/Off
17	Lv. Wm. Pat./Off	Oregon State	Off
18	Ar. Rutgers	Oregon State	Ar. Coastal Car.
19	Lv.Rutgers/Ar. Stockton	Oregon State	Coastal Carolina
20	Stockton State	Oregon State	Lv. CC/Ar. Barton
21	Lv. Stockton/Ar. American	Oregon State	Lv.Barton/Ar. W. For.
22	American	Lv.Oregon/ Ar. Washington	Lv. Wake/Ar. Marietta
23	American	Washington	Marietta
24	Lv. American	Washington	Lv. Marietta/Off
25	—	Lv. Washington	—
26	Office	Office	Office
27	Office	Office	Office
28	Office	Office/Ar. Miami	Office
29	Office	Miami	Office
30	Office	Miami	Office
31	—	Miami	—

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Ten Commandments of Leadership

1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest person with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest person with the smallest mind. Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. Help them anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

-Barbie Tootle
The Ohio State University