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NATIONAL NEWS

FRATERNITY ANNOUNCES CHAPTER SERVICES GOALS FOR 1992-1993

Every summer, your fraternity's staff attends a retreat where they discuss the year in review, the issues facing Alpha Sigma Phi, and determine goals for the year ahead. The goals established for the upcoming year are as follows:

- 1) Put ourselves out of a job
- 2) Instill Alpha, Sigma, and Phi in members
- 3) Lead by example
- 4) Provoke thought (make people think)
- 5) Communicate early and often (postage paid reply cards)
- 6) Alumni leadership development
- 7) Increase awareness of mission
- 8) Align Fraternity into a partnership with higher education
- 9) Create responsible citizens
- 10) Family/Parent }
University } Leadership
Community } Development
Other Greeks }
- 11) Implement a fully functional province system
- 12) Identify and cultivate young undergraduate leaders
- 13) Hold an HSP and GCA Leadership Weekend
- 14) Educate chapters about pledge education
- 15) Every chapter represented, by undergraduates and alumni, at every NLC(C)
- 16) Increase personal development at NLC(C)
- 17) Update Resources
- 18) Overhaul Evaluation System (postage paid reply cards)
- 19) Vehicles of Education
Research other
- 20) Research our Future
- 21) Create a new "To Better The Man"
- 22) Incorporate more personal development for staff and volunteers
- 23) Progressive staff training
- 24) Enhance vehicle and effectiveness of communication
- 25) These at all chapters: (effective)
 - Grand Chapter Advisors
 - Faculty Advisors
 - Parents Club
- 26) Publicize our goals and objectives to chapters and alumni
- 27) Develop and implement Values & Ethics education
- 28) Examine different models of staff structure
- 29) Undergraduate Interns - Summer
- 30) Develop Graduate Advisor program
- 31) Understand and adapt to future students



Our mission as a fraternity is "to better the man," and the fraternity staff's role is to assist you in becoming "better men." The staff exists to help you, and is always open to comments and suggestions you might have. Please feel free to call Director of Chapter Services/Expansion, Jeffery S. Owens, at (614) 363-1911 anytime with input.

PROJECT CORNER

Periodically, the Old Gal Gazette will update you on some of this year's Chapter Services goals. This issue chooses to focus on:

"Educate chapters about pledge education."

Does your chapter ever experience trouble with apathy among your members, cliques in your chapter, or lack of sufficient time for chapter activities?

What about troubles with alcohol misuse, leadership, and respect?

Would you like to solve these problems?

Many challenges and successes that a chapter experiences each year can be traced back to the quality of the pledge education program in your chapter.

Pledge and Member Education are the backbones of a strong chapter. Recognizing this, Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters Staff is committed to creating exemplary pledge education programs at its chapters. If your chapter shares our commitment, we want to work with you.

We are seeking five chapters to pilot a new program offered by Headquarters. If your chapter commits to creating a pledge program that can be used as a model for our other chapters, we will commit the extra staff resources to make it happen. It's that simple.

If accepted into the program, and your chapter agrees to the program goals below, we will provide a member of the national staff to facilitate your efforts to design a pledge and member education program. Your chapter will design and implement the program in the way you decide best. Our staff member will provide the expertise, support, and additional resources necessary to make that happen.

Goals: To create a pledge and member education program that:

- Develops men into good fraternity brothers, understanding and fulfilling the expectations for all members.
- Challenges participants, preparing them to meet the challenges of full fraternity membership.
- Complements the university experience, encouraging participation outside the fraternity, and recognizing the time constraints of most college students.
- Focuses on the individual contributions that each member has to offer.
- Strives to unify the chapter into a cohesive whole where support and friendships are strong.
- Is the responsibility of the entire chapter, not just an officer or a few committee members.
- Focuses on activities which include the entire chapter, participating on an equal level.
- Creates an understanding of the possibilities of the fraternal experience and brotherhood.
- Fosters pride, acceptance, and self-respect among members.
- Encourages the continual learning of members at all levels.
- Provides post-initiation education which underscores the importance and value of our ritual.
- Is consistent with Alpha Sigma Phi's position on Pre-initiation Activities and Human Dignity.

If you are interested, ask your Chapter Leadership Consultant for more details, or call Jeffery Owens, Director of Chapter Services/Expansion at (614) 363-1911.

NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)

KUDOS TO . . .

- The chapters at U.C.L.A. and Ohio Northern University who ranked #1 among all fraternities on their respective campus for the highest grade point average last spring!
- The chapter at Lehigh University which received a certificate of achievement at their Greek Awards Banquet in the spring and is considered one of the stronger chapters in their Greek Community.
- These following brothers who were initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society:

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Matthew H. Kaiser (American University)
Craig J. Lehmkuhl (Ohio Northern University)
Michael C. Wingard (Presbyterian College)
Robert G. Ahrens (SUNY-Plattsburgh)
Kevin C. Holland (SUNY--Plattsburgh)
Robert T. Schofield IV (SUNY-Plattsburgh)

To be initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, one has to be in the top 35% of their class academically and must have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas of college life: scholarship; athletics; campus or community service, social, religious activities, and campus government; journalism, speech, and the mass media; and, creative and performing arts.

Congratulations and keep up the good work, gentlemen!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Did you know that Alpha Sigma Phi provides to its chapters a newsletter service that is second to none? Consider these questions:

- Do you wish that relations with your alumni were stronger?
- Do you like free things?
- Do you like to get results with as little efforts as possible?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should be taking advantage of the Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters Newsletter Service. The purpose of this service is to provide chapters with an effective, graphically pleasing, low cost method of communicating with their alumni.

Did you say low cost? Yes, in fact, two newsletters per academic year will be produced FREE OF CHARGE, the fall and winter issues as long as the newsletter content is received in the time frame below, and the chapter is in good standing. Each may be up to four pages long and may include up to four photographs!

The service includes typing, layout, printing, folding, labeling, postage, and third-class mailing of the two newsletters as well as other related costs.

The Chapter Editor will send copy for the newsletter to Headquarters by:

September 15/November 1:	for the Fall Newsletter
December 15/February 15:	for the Winter Newsletter
March 15/May 1:	for the Spring Newsletter (produced at cost)

If you are interested in taking advantage of this exceptional service, please contact Bev Moody, Director of Administrative Services at Headquarters today!



GRAND COUNCIL NOTES

Grand Senior President Dr. Dennis R. Parks has announced the following changes to several Grand Council offices as a result of the recent resignation of Grand Treasurer Robert G. Cabello. The following is effective immediately:



Grand Senior President:
Grand Junior President:
Grand Secretary:
Grand Treasurer:
Grand Marshal:
Grand Councilor:
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Dr. Dennis R. Parks, Baldwin-Wallace '72
Stan G. Thurston, Iowa State '66
Dr. Larry G. Spees, Ohio Wesleyan '57
Kevin J. Garvey, Westminster '75
Mark D. Still, Washington '75
Larry D. Philippi, Bowling Green '76
Stuart A. Spisak, Westminster '78

VOTE ABOUT IT

Is your chapter looking for a unique service project this fall? Does your chapter care about America's future? If yes, please read on.

In the 1988 presidential election, only 36 percent of America's 18 to 24 year olds voted, continuing the long downward trend of voter turnout in this country. The Vote America Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, has developed a national project to reverse this trend and encourage young people to register and vote.

Your fraternity chapter can play a vital role in this effort by organizing a Vote America service project on your campus this fall. The project is easy to conduct, provides a much-needed service for your campus community and can generate a great deal of positive publicity for your chapter.

Here's how it work: Vote America will provide everything -- free of charge -- that you will need to coordinate a successful project. In September, you will work with your local election officials to register students to vote and encourage students away from home to vote by absentee ballot. Then, in the last week before Election Day (November 3), you will conduct a promotional campaign to remind and encourage students to go to the polls or mail in their absentee ballots.

Included in the materials you will receive are:

- a step-by-step manual with suggestions on how to organize, publicize, and conduct a program on your campus;
- posters to advertise your chapter's program;
- camera-ready artwork to create and produce additional posters, fliers, and other promotional items;
- information charts with registration and voting regulations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia;
- ads for your campus newsletter; and
- public service announcements for your campus or local radio stations.

This Vote America service project is endorsed by numerous educational associations, including the National Interfraternity Conference and the Professional Fraternity Association.

To join this national effort, please contact Vote America by calling toll-free, 1-800-424-8683, or by writing to 1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Suite 603, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202)659-4545/FAX (202)785-7839. You can help America's young voters begin a lifelong habit of civic participation.

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Gary Nicklas II, Kurt Christensen, Dennis Crane, Jason Hurst, and Joe Kim on September 1, 1992.

BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Michael DeAngelo, Timothy Hughes, Mike Wilson, and Michael Zeylikman on March 3, 1992.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, Presbyterian College: Matthew Chandler Brown, William Rogers Cobb, Jr., Michael Anthony Crawford, Arthur Lee Turner II, Joseph Maxwell Vallotton, Jr., Samuel Shamba Warlick, and Mark Benjamin Woodall on April 6, 1992.

BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Matthew D. Arnold, James M. Hill, Roger B. Jones, Jr., Christopher McComas, and Steven A. Wade on April 15, 1992.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER, East Carolina University: Kenneth M. Lohr on August 29, 1992.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Andy Byer on September 4, 1992.



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, P. O. Box 838, Delaware, OH 43015-0838.



POSITION STATEMENT ON LITTLE SISTERS

WHEREAS, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity 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, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity believes that these groups inhibit the accomplishments 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, e.g. 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, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and several member fraternities have taken a position against these auxiliary groups,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity believes that "little sisters" groups are not desirable adjuncts to the collegiate chapters of men's fraternities and urges and recommends that chapters work to eliminate these programs at the earliest possible time.

