

THE BROTHERHOOD BULLETIN

THE JOURNAL AND RECORD OF THE ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

Number 6

March 11, 1994

"The Future of Chapter Services"

The ability to adapt to a changing environment is essential for survival. A good example of this is the extinction of the dinosaurs. Scientific studies have shown those creatures became extinct because they were not able to adapt to a new and different environment.

What does this have to do with Alpha Sigma Phi, you may ask. A lot more than you may think.

We as members of the Greek system exist in an environment that is very different from what it was even ten years ago. In order to ensure our survival in a new environment, "The Future of Chapter Services" Task Force was created by the Grand Council.

This group consists of ten brothers from across the nation. They will be studying the questions of what brotherhood is and what it looks like in order to "create the future of Chapter Services in a way that best enables brothers to live our mission statement--'To Create and Perpetuate Brotherhood'--with integrity."

The Task Force met for the first time in February, and although they didn't attempt to define brotherhood, they did identify four elements that make it necessary for brotherhood to occur. Those four elements are community; a safe place or environment; a commitment to each other; and integrity as a way of being.

The Task Force would like the input of brothers from across the country in order to consider as many opinions as possible. Specifically, they would like your opinion on what brotherhood is and what it looks like. If you have any thoughts on this issue, please contact Jeff Owens, Director of Chapter Services, or Mike Macfarlane, Chapter Leadership Consultant, at Headquarters. □

HQ Seeks Executive

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Executive Vice President of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and President of the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

The Executive Vice President leads the professional staff in executing the vision, directives, plans and programs for the Grand Council. Responsibilities include providing leadership to an experienced staff, financial planning and budgeting, and representing the Fraternity to external communities.

The President of the Educational Foundation develops strategies and goals with the development staff, manages financial transactions and coordinates the investment of the Foundation resources as well as supervising educational grants.

All inquiries and applications should be directed to Beverly J. Moody, Vice

President for Administration, at Headquarters. The deadline for applications is March 31, 1994. □

Grand Council Nominations Accepted

Nominations are being accepted for brothers to serve as members of the Grand Council of the Fraternity.

1994 Nominations Committee Chairman and Immediate Past Grand Senior President Charles J. Vohs, Penn State '75, has identified the following attributes that potential nominees should possess: love for and commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi; flexibility of time to allow attendance at Grand Council meetings and other events throughout the year; experience or expertise in fields related to fraternity operations; leadership abilities and experience; previous volunteer experience with the Fraternity; and willingness to be a highly visible role model.

If you feel you know an alumnus who possesses these attributes, please send his name, chapter, address, and occupation to Headquarters to the attention of Brother Vohs. The Nominations Committee will recommend candidates to the voting delegates this August at the National Leadership Conference & Convention. □

Just a few reminders about the National Leadership Conference & Convention-"Where Brotherhood Comes Alive"-to be held August 18-21, 1994 at the Marriott O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois...

Proposals to amend the national constitution need to be received at Headquarters by March 28, 1994. The reason for this is that copies of the proposed amendment need to be mailed to all Chapters and Chartered Alumni Councils on or before the first day of April before a Convention year.

Also amendments to the by-laws and proposals for resolutions need to be received by June 1, 1994 in order for the Committee on Credentials, Resolutions, and Law to properly prepare them for consideration by the voting delegates at the Convention.

Getting Them To Pay Attention

To encourage listeners to pay attention to what you are saying:

Tell them what's in it for them. Do it at the beginning of your discussion.

Be a good listener. You'll understand what others are saying, gain their respect and prompt good listening in return.

Project an attitude that makes people eager to "hear you out." People listen to a speaker who has a cheerful can-do attitude and doesn't grumble or "bad-mouth" things or others.

Make unpopular ideas more acceptable. Being honest and forthright, even if what you say isn't popular, will add a measure of acceptance to your message.

Don't take things too seriously, especially yourself. When thinking about what you are going to say--and you should--give thought to how you are going to say it. Friendly tones create friendly minds, hearts, and ears.

Be confident. It works better than you may suspect. Success breeds

respect. Being positive and confident is contagious and tunes in the listener to what you are saying.

Enlist the trust and respect of your listeners. When people trust you, they will listen to you and believe what you say. Earn the trust by telling the truth and keeping them "in the know."

Source: John R. Clarke, 411 S.W. 7th Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33486

How to Play Peacemaker

When you must play Peacemaker to settle a serious argument between two individuals:

Separate them. Never try to hear both sides of the story at the same time.

Don't take sides. Agree as much as you can with everybody or you'll never be able to placate anyone.

Realize that your one task is to get them to "cool it" until they can control their anger. You could make the situation worse if you try to do more than that.

Source: Management Letter, 24 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06386

Chapter News

Iota Chapter, Cornell University
Submitted by Rob Hargreaves, HSP
The chapter is accomplishing quite a lot this winter. We have 15 new pledges, and each has been assigned an alumnus from his hometown or area, and that person is tasked to make contact with that brother during spring break. This will give the pledges a chance to see our history and keep alumni brothers involved in the chapter.

The chapter recently held Cornell's first Greek God Pageant. Each fraternity on campus sends a delegate to the pageant and there is competition in four areas: talent, bathing suit, formal wear, and question and answer. We co-sponsored the event with one of the sororities in the hopes of spreading the spirit of interfraternalism. Brother Scott Cohen was largely responsible for the success of the event.

We have also continued our search for a faculty advisor by having professors over for dinner. The main result of this search thus far has been the benefits the brothers are receiving by interacting with a faculty member.

Beta Delta Chapter Marshall University

On February 4, Beta Delta pledged 10 men to the seven points. We extend our congratulations to these 10 future brothers and welcome them into the brotherhood of Beta Delta Chapter.

In mid-February, the weather warmed up enough to allow us to participate in a service project. We had an excellent turnout of 23 men at our most recent project at the Huntington Boy's Club. We were also glad to receive an invitation to attend the Second Annual Habitat for Humanity Dinner. Many of us are looking forward to attending the dinner.

In late February, the Prudential Committee will be taking a retreat to Cincinnati, OH. Brother Skip Nitardy, IFC president at Marshall, will be attending the MIFCA Conference that same weekend.

Finally, Beta Delta would like to congratulate all of the new pledges throughout the Fraternity!

Delta Mu Chapter
William Paterson College
Submitted by Larry A. Moody, HR
It has been a positive year so far for Delta Mu Chapter. The chapter recently held elections, and most of the officer positions were won by newer, younger, but in no way less capable, brothers. New HSP Patrick Lukasavage has been working hard to

keep Delta Mu Chapter the finest chapter on campus. HJP Wade Knapik has done an exemplary job of handling meetings, and overall, the new officers have the dedication and enthusiasm to push the chapter to even greater heights. We eagerly await our pledge period, in which we will show our future brothers the true spirit and pride of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. □

Pledged to the Seven Points

PSI CHAPTER, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY: John Timmons on February 21, 1994 and Clayton Moore on February 28, 1994.



DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE: William Scott Pierce, Thomas Patrick Donnelly V, Robert Michael Sharfenaker, Hiroaki Uetake and David Frederick Ackerman III on January 2, 1994.

DELTA RHO CHAPTER, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: James Lee Standen, David Paul Knox, John George Styles III, David Glen Thompson, Carlo Joseph Krnjaja, Damian Cruickshank, Matthew James Klint, Christopher David Hilliker and Dennis Robert Duyck on February 8, 1994.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLONY, FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL UNIVERSITY: Dave Albert, Erik Askew, Adam Azig, Thompson Bellingrath, Christopher Barkauskas, Brennan Banard, Mike Brillman, Josh Berde, Billy Boyle, Ethan Miller, Jess Feldman, Jon Greer, George Hill, Dave Gutowski, Darren Maccanico, George Mackenzie, Russ Marcus, Kurt Meyers, Todd Palmquist, Dave Pennino, Pete Reilly, Matt Renda, Jake Ritting, Stefan Rosenbach, Chris Sacco, Phil Schoonmaker, Todd Winn, Kevin Wiercinski, Greg Swope and Eric Blanchard, David Rosenberg, Josh Rosen, Mike Rubenstein, Don Abraham, Joe Bellapianta, Paul Silver, Jason Gresalfi, Ray Bonita, Marc Madonia, Matt Penchuck, Andy Delinsky, Adam Marcus, Josh Carlin, Jared Katzman, Andy Duncan, Matt Becker, Sam Adams and Kevin Kamdar on February 26, 1994.

Initiated Into the Mystic Circle



ALPHA NU CHAPTER, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE: R. Scott Penters, Shayne Roos, Justin Porter, Donald Genkinger, Chris Elliot and Michael McQuaid on December 5, 1993.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Mark David Dixon, Daniel Thomas Manning, Jason Peter Fitzgerald, Michael Christopher Marscher, Jeffrey William Brill, Rashesh Pravin Shah and Christopher Michael Budney on December 4, 1993.

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, TRI-STATE: Chad Smathers and Rick Heitkamp on January 23, 1994.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY: Jeffrey L. Alexander, Michael V. Assaf, Matthew J. Banker, Matthew R. Hanisian, Brian W. Thompson, Michael J. Boros, Brian A. Capo, David R. Centanni, Joseph Alex DeBonis, Carl W. Foreman, Michael S. Kellot and Jason B. Williams on October 1, 1993.

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER, LYCOMING COLLEGE: Aaron Luke Fitt, Jason Wade Parks, Colin Gregory McNeil and James Lawrence Albert on January 26, 1994.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, RADFORD UNIVERSITY: Jeremy Lisenby, Robert Sapio, Brian Dodrill, Stuart Williamson, Steve Marucci and Chris Padgett on December 4, 1993.

"Ideas from the Road"

The Chapter Leadership Consultants of Alpha Sigma Phi travel the countryside assisting chapters and learning new ideas from each chapter they visit. "Ideas from the Road" is a special feature of *The Brotherhood Bulletin* in which the Chapter Leadership Consultants will share some of the ideas they feel are noteworthy and explain how they can be implemented at your chapter. If you have a question about one of the "Ideas from the Road" ask the Chapter Leadership Consultant visiting your chapter or contact Jeffery Owens, Director of Chapter Services at the Headquarters, (614) 363-1911.

Idea: Gavel Pass or Candle Pass.

Idea seen in action at: Gamma Zeta Chapter, Bowling Green University; Zeta Chapter, The Ohio State University, among others.

Officers/Committee Chairman/Brother responsible for implementing idea: This idea can be the responsibility of the HSP, meeting chairman.

How to implement idea at your chapter: GAVEL PASS/CANDLE PASS - Supplies needed: Fraternity president's gavel or large dripless candle. Suggested time: Two to three minutes per chapter member. Activity agenda: Gather the membership in a circle. The president begins the activity by sharing why he values his membership in the fraternity. When finished, he passes the gavel/candle to the next member. Whoever holds the gavel has the floor. No one can interrupt him.

REVERSE CANDLE PASS - Supplies needed: Chapter gavel or large dripless candle. Suggested time: One to two hours. Activity agenda: Depending on size of the chapter, you might want to break the group into smaller groups of 10-12. This is an intense sharing exercise that will require a great deal of time. The traditional gavel pass involves the passing of a gavel and each member speaking his mind. With a Reverse Candle Pass, the person that holds the gavel does **not** speak. When a brother gets the gavel, 11-12 others tell him how much they value his membership in the fraternity or what they appreciate most about him. Allow each individual to share for two or three minutes. When all have spoken to the member holding the gavel he passes it to the next participant. Continue until all members have been "appreciated."

Benefits to your chapter: Promotes Brotherhood and allows brothers to share their feelings and allows them to air their differences without any conflict and with positive feedback. Gives a chance for brothers to show their appreciation for one another.

* * * * *

NOTE: If your chapter has an idea that they would like to see included in the "Ideas from the Road" section of *The Brotherhood Bulletin* talk to the Chapter Leadership Consultant visiting your chapter or contact the Fraternity Headquarters at 12 Lexington Blvd., P.O. Box 838, Delaware, Ohio 43015-0838, (614) 363-1911.