

An Alpha Sig in the White House??



The mural of accomplishments as painted by our brothers may become emblazoned with a vivid new color. U.S. Congressman, John Kasich, from Zeta Chapter of the Ohio State University, is a candidate for President of the United States!

Congressman Kasich made this announcement on, appropriately enough, President's Day. Over a thousand people cheered him on here in Columbus, Ohio as he made his announcement speech. Kasich spoke not about the current status of our country, but rather, he spoke about dreams. A simple thing like a dream, said Kasich, can carry a man to run for President of the United States. As the cheering crowd followed John outside of the auditorium, they all waved their signs as if to say "goodbye." Kasich then left on his plane for New Hampshire.

These elections begin in New Hampshire and Iowa, two states Kasich has been frequently visiting. He has been busy with talk shows, speeches, and the old fashioned political practice of "meeting folks." Kasich is certainly no stranger to this premise of "meeting folks." If you have been to a bookstore recently, you may have seen his new book, *Courage is Contagious*. In each chapter of his book, Kasich looks at the lives and accomplishments of extraordinary people whom history will never know. People who are heroes in their communities and local hospitals, people who do things to help others, not to gain public recognition.

With the release of his book, many people have been relating Kasich to President Kennedy who also released a book to address the issues of who the American people really are. Aside from both having the same first name, Kennedy and Kasich are zealous speakers with youth and experience. They both have been challenged with a tough road to the White House.

John Kasich does, in fact, have a difficult road ahead of him, but he could be up to the challenge as he has been the under-dog in every major race he has won. Kasich still needs as much help as he can get. If you hear that Kasich is coming through your town, I invite you to put on your Alpha Sig letters and show some support for a brother. Imagine telling our friends and family, "that is my fraternity brother in the White House!"



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Reporting The Facts

Ever wonder why it takes so long to get membership badges, *To Better the Man's*, or initiation shingles? While it shouldn't take that long to get many of these items to you, the delay normally results from a very basic item..... communication.

As your chapter pledges new members, it is important that each person complete a biographical data form. Those forms can be forwarded with the chapter's pledge report to headquarters along with the individuals pledge fee. Once received, we automatically have the appropriate number of *To Better the Man's* sent to the chapter. If paperwork is received without the pledge fee, than an invoice is generated to the individual for that amount, which can cause a delay in having the manuals sent out.

At the time of initiation, the Initiation Authorization Form is to be sent to headquarters at least ten days prior to initiation. Once we have the initiation date, roster number for each individual (included on the form), and collected the initiation fees for everyone, their badges and shingles are ordered. For the badges, it often takes six weeks for the manufacturer to have them prepared, engraved and then sent to the chapter.

Dates To Remember

4/1	April Report of Membership Due
4/15	UIFI & LeaderShape Applications Due
4/15	NLC Coordinator Applications Due
5/3	NLC Scholarship Applications Due 1999 NLC
5/1	Annual Chapter Report Due
5/1	Delta Beta Xi Award, Distinguished Merit Award, and Distinguished Service Award nominations Due
6/1	Scholarship and Grant Applications, Awards and Citations Applications, and Gary A. Anderson Award Applications Due
6/30	NLC non-delegate registration fee due
7/1	NLC non-delegate registration fee increases
8/11-15	1999 National Leadership Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

As a headquarters staff, we are refining our process to improve the communication with each chapter. While we would ideally like to communicate with each Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Editor, etc... the logistics require us to have one central point for each chapter. As a result, your President receives the majority of the paperwork and notifications, then forwards them within each chapter. If anyone in your chapter contacts headquarters directly for a specific application or form, we would be eager to fulfill each request.

Communication is the key. Anytime you have a question, don't hesitate to contact your Chapter Leadership Consultant. They would be anxious to assist in any way possible.

Three New Consultants Join Staff for 1999-2000 Year

After an extensive selection process, three distinguished Brothers will be joining the professional staff this summer as Chapter Leadership Consultants. They are:

Daniel F. Bushey Dan is a former HSP of our Beta Nu Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan. As a new chapter, Dan was an integral part the leadership team that led the group through the colonization and chartering process.

Joshua A. Orendi Josh is from our Beta Gamma Chapter at Bethany College where he held a variety of offices including HSP, HE, and Pledge Educator. He also served as an Undergraduate Representative to the Grand Council during the 1997-98 academic year.

Nicholas A. H. Swogger Nick has been the Pledge Educator for our Epsilon Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University for the past year. He has also served on the chapter's Prudential Committee and on the Executive Committee of the IFC.

These brothers will be joining staff this summer and are looking forward to meeting many of you at the National Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh, PA!

Time To Plan For Fall Recruitment? NOW!!

Before you pack your bags to head home, and even before you get into your final exams, you need to start thinking about and preparing for recruitment in the Fall! Developing a good plan now is crucial, because as most upperclassmen will attest to, the summer months provide a good (or bad) opportunity to forget about the chapter and cause members to return to school unprepared.

Planning now is crucial for many reasons:

- ✍ A successful recruitment class just does not happen. It takes a lot of work, which takes a lot of planning.
- ✍ If the plan is created now, you have plenty of time to inform everyone of what is going on, when it is going on, and what everyone is responsible for doing.
- ✍ Whenever you plan goals by writing something down and sharing it with other people, you are much more likely to see the goals through to completion.
- ✍ The planning process provides you with the opportunity to get other members involved.

There are many ways to go about creating a

plan, but the easiest is to look at what your chapter does now. Start by writing down everything that was done for recruitment over the past year. The next step is to determine if each event was successful or unsuccessful. If it was successful, look at ways to improve it, or ways to incorporate why it was successful into other events.

If it was not successful, you need to determine why. Was it due to lack of effort? Poor planning? Or, was it just a bad idea?

After you have done this, look to the events other chapters on your campus have done which were successful. After compiling the list of activities and ideas, you need to organize them and assign responsibilities to specific people. You also want to copy the plan, distribute it to your committee, and get their feedback. At this point it is important to get as many people as possible involved in this entire process. Report progress to the chapter at your weekly meetings and hold special recruitment only meetings to garner feedback and input. *Good luck on your Fall Recruitment Program!*

NLC '99 -- Leadership, Scholarship, Brotherhood



Just a reminder! Our 1999 National Leadership Conference will be August 11 - 15, 1999 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Our theme says it all - plan to come for *Leadership, Scholarship, Brotherhood*. Registration applications are included in the HSP's April mail packet.

Call (800) MANIGAULT for details!

DID YOU KNOW??? 40, yes - 40 \$125 scholarships will be given at this year's NLC. Have you applied?

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Expansion Update:

Congratulations to the new Epsilon Epsilon chapter at Bloomsburg University. They charter on April 10th! Additionally, we are all looking forward to the May 1st chartering of the Epsilon Zeta chapter at Penn State, Altoona!

Alpha Sigma Phi currently has Colonies at Salisbury State University, Shawnee State University, and the University of Connecticut. We have interest groups at Western Michigan State University, Otterbein, Bentley College, SUNY-Delhi, and Moravian College.

Our Privilege, Our Responsibility, Our Mission
As Members Of The National Staff
of Alpha Sigma Phi, Our Obligation Is To:

- *Advance the Established Values, Ideals, and Mission of Alpha Sigma Phi*
- *Identify and Cultivate Areas of Growth for Alpha Sigma Phi*
- *Effectively Serve Alumni and Undergraduates*
- *Recognize Strengths, Identify Opportunities, and Provide Guidance for Each Chapter*
- *Facilitate the Development of All Members*
- *Exemplify Nurturing, Positive and Responsible Relationships*