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From Our GSP *Living our Ritual*

Remember that night? You were young, excited, maybe even a little scared! You were about to experience something that would commit you to an organization for LIFE!

I remember September 18th very well. The chapter house was dark but yet it seemed alive with activity. Brothers were gathering at the door one by one. I still remember the sound of the knocks on the door that allowed them entrance. It has been several years since I took the oath. But I still *try* to use what I learned that night. I hope that you do as well.

Living our ritual is not easy. Not for undergraduates or alumni. Life is busy and society puts pressures on all of us that may keep us from remembering our ritual, much less living it. It's hard to find time for charity. You know, real charity. Not just giving of the wallet but giving of the soul to those less fortunate than ourselves. Living a life that can be examined and viewed as honorable challenges all of us. Today it is

unlikely that you will see individuals vocally express their love of their alma mater, their fraternity, or even their country in public gatherings. These acts of patriotism towards organizations have given way to the glory of the individual. In addition, many of these institutions have done things that we don't find consistent with our own values and beliefs. Alpha Sigma Phi included.

The national fraternity is working hard to reinforce our ritual into our chapters. We are holding our groups accountable when their actions bring dishonor on Alpha, Sigma, and Phi. We are also actively discussing our ritual with our members to make sure they remember what they learned that night. We are incorporating our ritual into our educational programs and every meeting we have with undergraduates. We are teaching them not just lessons that will help



them today, but lessons for life.

I call on each of you to remember and live our ritual! Remember the oath you took. It asked you to make a commitment to live your life

consistent with our ritual and to give to Alpha Sigma Phi throughout your life. We need your help. We need volunteers for our chapters. We need men of character and honor to live our ritual and demonstrate to our undergraduates what it means to be a true Alpha Sig! Live our ritual today and call the National Headquarters to volunteer. You can help other young men experience that special night.

Remember, The cause is hidden, the results well known. ★

YITMC
John Gibson
Grand Senior President
Indiana '85

Letters

I read with great interest the article about Brother Chuck McCaffrey. I was one of the Eta alumni who went to Champaign, Illinois in '82 to initiate the pledges into the reborn chapter. Chuck McCaffrey was one of them. It was a memorable occasion.

I have always been grateful for my part in restarting the chapter because those boys were the embryo that grew into a great chapter to which I am very proud to be a member.

Fraternally,
Ken Foute '38

You do a great job with each issue and I highly commend your efforts! In the Fall 2000 issue, however, there is a miscue that I would call to your attention. I am referred to on page 28 as having retired after serving for 21 years as Vice President of Corporate Development for "Envon." The correct company name should have read Enron Corporation. Enron is one of the world's leading energy companies with a market capitalization of over \$50 billion. I would greatly appreciate a correction of the information in the forthcoming issue as I believe you can understand my pride as an Alpha Sig in having achieved some success as a result, at least in part, of the ASP experience! Thank you for your attention to this request.

Louis Potempa
IIT '54

I was at my wits end looking for help for our Borough's 100th Anniversary Celebration and Fireman's Parade this fall. I could find no one to help us with all the work necessary to put together a successful event. I then remembered my nephew is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, at Slippery Rock University. I called him and he said he would gather some brothers and help out.

These young men assisted the Fire Department with traffic control, parade line up, and crowd control. After this they proceeded to the park where they ran the Riddle games all day. The Borough members are still talking about the way these boys conducted themselves with such professionalism and such an eagerness to please that I still get comments on their conduct.

I would like to think that these young men exemplify the quality of students at Slippery Rock, as well as the character of this fraternity. Congratulations to Ryan C. Bixby, Ryan Fulton, Joe Dropp III (my nephew), and Michael R. Zeman on the type of membership that warrant praise instead of criticism.

You all have a fraternity to be proud of.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Betty Dropp Busha
President EAU Claire Fire Department Auxiliary



How a High School Kid Wound Up in the Mud of France Fighting for His Life and His Country.

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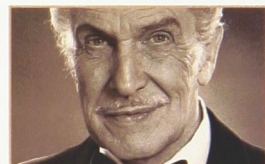
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Editors Comments:

The war had ended.

Two men, Brothers in Alpha, Sigma and Phi, met on common ground. They clasped hands. Then hugged. And pledged to never fight again.

To symbolize their pledge, each took his sword, weapons of combat and destruction, crossed them, and mounted them on the Chapter Room wall to bear witness for generations of other men that Brother should never fight Brother.

So the story goes, true or not, for the men of Marietta Chapter, Alpha Sigma Phi's Delta Chapter, founded in what had once been the Ohio frontier.

The American Civil War had indeed set fraternal brother against fraternal brother; and indeed at times, paternal brothers set to fight for different ideas.

War is truly a terrible thing.

As a society of men, the acts of war are particularly poignant. It is typically young men who are called to serve and fight.

Since our founding in 1845, Alpha Sigma Phi has survived the Civil War, the Frontier Wars, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the War in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and almost countless armed conflicts in far-flung locations throughout the world.

The stories of the men and women who answered the call are awesome, gut wrenching, funny, sad. Inspirational. My father, a veteran of the battle for the Philippines during WWII, did not speak of war for five decades and only now speaks in hushed tones of machine gun bullets dancing at his feet, leaving him unscathed, but taking his buddies on either side. I think of an Episcopal

priest I know, a former Marine, who still suffers the aftermath of frostbite from the frozen trenches of Korea. His head is filled with the smell of North Korean soldiers a few feet away in another trench just as frozen. I remember the incredible sadness in the eyes of friends as their brothers went and never returned from Vietnam.

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War touches us all, whether we fought or not.

In this issue of *The Tomahawk*, we honor those of our Brothers who did fight during World War II. And in memory of them all, we read the story of *Robert G. Tessmer, Michigan '48*, who in 1944, was a U.S. Army Staff Sergeant in the Allied push across Europe.

Please take a moment with the story. And then a moment in prayer to thank God for all of our Brothers-in-arms, with the wish that one-day the brotherhood of man will cross swords with the promise to never fight again. ★

Jeffrey R. Hoffman
Editor
Member-at-Large '76

Unsung Hero – Randy Lewis

Randy Lewis, '81 Oregon, knows his purpose.

"Uncovering the potential in young adults and helping them look past perceived limitations and hardships is my purpose," says Randy. "Witnessing the phenomenal things they achieve is the payoff."

This Delta Beta Xi award winner (1989) served as Co-Grand Chapter Advisor in Ohio and in 1994, was Resident Advisor for the Oregon State University's Psi Chapter, responsible for rebuilding the membership from four to 20 young men.

"The enthusiasm of the people and the relationships I cultivate with my brothers is what keeps me involved. Really becoming the 'better man,' is much harder to do than to say. Making it happen is what I enjoy most."

Upon graduating from Oregon State University, Randy worked at the Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters as a consultant and director of Chapter Services for five years. This, says Randy, solidified his loyalty to the fraternity as he witnessed first hand the commitment and perseverance of his fellow brothers.

"We have outstanding alumni who donate their time and money to make Alpha Sigma Phi a better place for our younger brothers," says Randy. "And the leadership of our undergrads who colonize new chapters and grow their membership is really inspiring."



Brother Lewis is currently the Psi Association Board's Undergraduate Relations Committee Chairman and spends much of his time ensuring the successful future of the fraternity. The committee's mission is to cultivate fraternity caretakers through training, planning and deeper program participation by alumni.

"Our committee is striving to make a historical and educational impact on our

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younger brothers while helping them develop planning and leadership skills to lead the chapter into the future."

As a regular speaker at Grand Chapter conferences and a lead facilitator for the Leadership Institute, Randy says it's his goal to make a difference in the world.

"I learned more in college by being a fraternity member, chapter president and school cheerleader than I ever did in the classroom. These experiences gave me the leadership skills and self-confidence to personally succeed in life. I want to pass the same lessons on to young adults that I learned during my college career."

Our Unsung Hero, like others before him, is modest and reserved about speaking highly of himself. "We do what we do because we love it," says Randy. "Not for reward or recognition."

Randy Lewis is a Human Resources Business Partner at Hewlett Packard responsible for helping managers make their organization better. It's no wonder he succeeds at this career, since he has dedicated his extracurricular time doing the very same thing: bringing out the best in others. ★



News From Around Alpha Sigma Phi

AΣΦ Staff Enhanced

Matt Mattson, Delta Phi '96, and Josh Orendi, Beta Gamma '96, have both accepted the role of Director of Expansion for the fraternity. By dedicating two dynamic and enthusiastic staff resources to this critical area, we will be able to have a more direct impact on the growth of our fraternity.

Ethan Kraus, Epsilon Delta '98, joined the staff in January, 2001 as a Chapter Leadership Consultant. Ethan has been very active within the Epsilon Delta chapter holding a wide variety of roles including Rush Chair. We are excited to have him as part of the team.

Kip Roberts, Delta Tau '97, has joined the Educational Foundation as Director of the Loyalty Fund. Kip has extensive involvement with fundraising – including the Murray State Phone-a-Thon campaign for Alpha Sigma Phi.

South Pole Update

As we reported in the Fall 1999 issue of *The Tomahawk*, *Col. Mark Still, University of Washington '75*, organized a life-saving mission that airdropped emergency medical supplies to the Antarctic.

Dr. Jerri Nielsen was the only doctor stationed at the remote South Pole outpost and diagnosed herself with cancer.

Her story made world headlines as Brother Still's aircrew had one chance to get in, parachute the medical gear and get out before the Antarctic cold literally froze their aircraft.

Dr. Nielsen says they were truly angels flying to save her. She is now back home in treatment. "It was very difficult to find the words to thank them," she said. "You can't say enough when people risk everything for you."

Brother Still agrees that the mission was dangerous but says it's the patient's health that's most important.

"She's home and the doctors are optimistic about her recovery," he says. "Saving lives is what our job is all about." ★

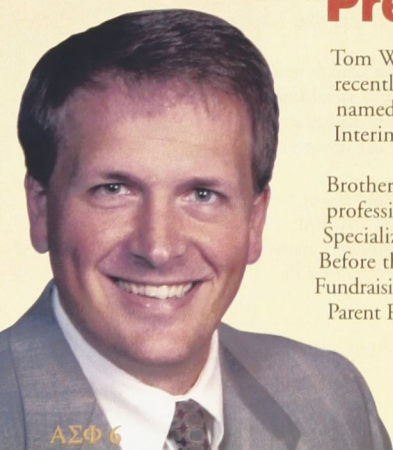
It's Official !

Ted Kocher Named President and CEO

Tom Wajnert, Chairman of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees recently announced that Brother *Theodore R. Kocher, Findlay '92* has been named President and CEO of the Foundation. Brother Kocher has served as Interim President/CEO since October 2000.

Brother Kocher has an extensive knowledge of fundraising through a number of professional capacities. Most recently, he served as the Director of Development Specializing in Planned Giving for the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Before that he was the Director of Development for Annual Giving & Athletic Fundraising at Bloomsburg University. He has also served as Director of Alumni & Parent Relations for his alma mater at The University of Findlay and as the Director of Alumni Services for Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

Brother Kocher resides with his wife Lisa and their son Nicholas. ★



National Leadership Conference 2001



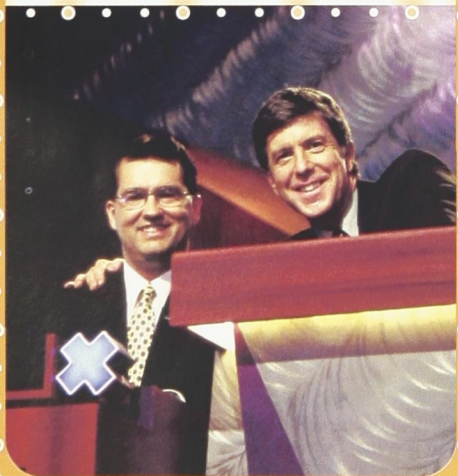
Make your plans now to attend the 2001 National Leadership Conference. The NLC will be held at the Westin Inn Downtown in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15-19, 2001.

Scott Grissom - Secret Square

We all will get our fifteen minutes of fame. But *Scott Grissom, Oklahoma '78*, had his interrupted with commercials.

Our man Scott appeared on *The Hollywood Squares* along with television stars Whoopi Goldberg, Caroline Rhea, Bruce Vilanch, Brad Garret, Gilbert Gottfried, and host Tom Bergeron.

He won \$1,000 and the producers paid for his trip to Hollywood – including air fare, hotel, and his own limo to the set. ★



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Let us know what you think! And if you have any questions, send us an e-mail at alphasigs@iquest.net.

Log on today – and experience brotherhood in the virtual world at www.alphasigmaphi.org. ★

“Alumni Initiation into a Greek Letter Organization”

By Kevin S. Konecny, Bowling Green '99
and
Edward C. Kovacs III

A student affairs administrator, faculty member, parent or local community leader, sometimes develop a unique relationship with a particular Greek letter organization. They often provide significant service and support for the students even though they are not affiliated as a chapter member. And the students may consider extending an invitation to become an “alumni initiate” of their organization.

Positive, rewarding, invigorating and personally fulfilling were the descriptors that emerged when a group of alumni initiates from around the fraternity world were asked to describe their experiences. Many claimed that affiliating with their Greek letter organization was an important and worthwhile personal experience.

Other initiates indicated relationships with students and the values of the Greek letter organization made an impact on their decision to accept membership. One professional who said, “It was an ideal fit, my personal values and those of the national fraternity were in concert with one another. Additionally, I felt comfortable being myself around the undergraduate chapter. I was respected both professionally and personally.”

The alumni initiates reflected positively on how the Greek affiliation affected them professionally and personally. For most, the connection with their

fraternity/sorority created networking and professional development opportunities previously unavailable to them.

The reasons for having such a program are clear - to promote an experience of brotherhood/sisterhood and to provide chapter advisors where alumni were scarce. This was summarized well by one fraternity

that stated, “We have alumni initiates so that individuals who have worked tirelessly on behalf of [the fraternity] may benefit from the bonds of brotherhood they missed as undergraduates.”

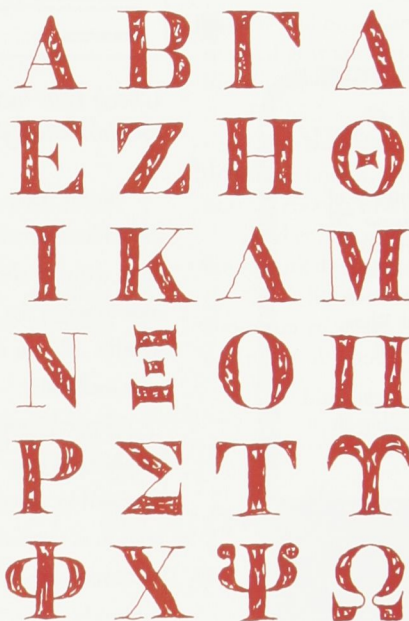
Some groups publish information in their new member education manuals about alumni initiation. Others rely upon chapter leadership consultants to suggest it to undergraduate chapters. A few organizations have more aggressive programs with actual goals to be attained.

Alumni initiates serve national organizations in a variety of roles and positions. Some have served on the local level as volunteer chapter advisors, on a regional level as district governors, and on a national level with governance boards. Others serve as full-time paid staff

with the national headquarters.

But no matter how these men and women serve their respective organizations, alumni initiates are full members of the national organization and have all the same rights as men who were initiated in college and have graduated.

This positive theme is echoed by a number of fraternity and sorority executive directors throughout the fraternity world. ★



Governance Policy

According to John Carver, author of *Policy Governance*, many non-profit governing boards fall into the trap of reviewing the work of staff and get caught in trying to manage the organizations they are supposed to be governing.

The Grand Council agrees, and has instituted a major initiative of developing a new governance model for the fraternity.

"For us to maximize the impact of our resources, we need to lead differently than we have in the past," says Alpha Sigma Phi's Grand Senior President *John Gibson, Indiana '85*. "We must do more to ensure that we are best impacting our undergraduate and alumni brothers."

Brother Gibson says that what the Grand Council really liked about the Carver governance model is it focuses on the two most important questions that face the fraternity board.

- What are we trying to accomplish?
- Are we accomplishing it?

"This model is forward looking – not looking at what happened yesterday or what is going to happen tomorrow," says Gibson. "It will allow our organization to make significant advancements in the coming years."

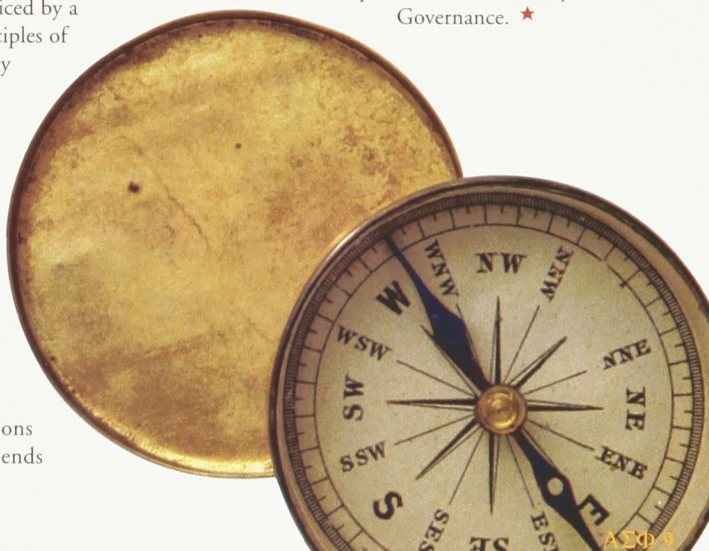
Carver, who is well known for his years of work in board governing policy says, "Modern governance is not simply modern management practiced by a governing board. To be sure, the principles of management and governance are closely related. But governance is more than management writ large. And it is more than a quality control board of expert managers and technicians running inspections and approvals to maintain order. The secret of modern governance lies in policy making, but policymaking of a finely crafted sort."

In a nutshell, Policy Governance divides all organizational decisions into two categories, "ends" and "means." Ends issues represent decisions the governing board must make. All ends

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issues answer three questions: What product or service needs to be produced? For whom should this product or service be produced? At what organizational cost should this product or service be produced? In addition, the board spends time on three other organizational areas to ensure it is upholding its governing responsibilities.

Carver has worked with boards around the world for the last twenty years helping them become governing boards that truly lead the organizations they represent. His Policy Governance model is being used by a growing number of non-profit and governmental boards. The Orlando, Florida public school system was one of the latest high-profile government bodies to implement Carver's Policy Governance. ★





August 29, 1945.



Paris France March 3, 1945.

MEN OF VALOR

They fight for you



"When last seen he was collecting Bren and Tommy Guns and preparing a defensive position which successfully covered the withdrawal from the beach." — General MacArthur, Report, Pacific, Aug. 15, 1945

OVER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH



ARMY AIR FORCES

Our Rendezvous with Destiny!

As Pearl Harbor awoke the nation to the horrors of war, thousands of men — including a number of Alpha Sigs — answered the call to arms and took their stand against tyranny.

These are the heroes who truly saved the world. In this issue of *The Tomahawk* — through the eyes of one Alpha Sig — we honor the lives of all who served, fought, and died for freedom and democracy.

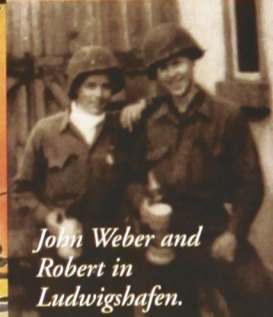
This is the story of Staff Sergeant *Robert G. Tessmer, Michigan '48*, and his 187 consecutive days of combat.

One Soldier's Story

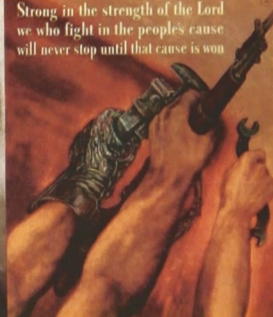
During his senior year of high school, Robert Tessmer was accepted into the Army Specialized Training Program. This meant he was to complete thirteen weeks of Basic Training and then be assigned to a college to complete his engineering degree.

He was one of the lucky ones with a chance to avoid the war in Europe — or so he thought.

"It all sounded too good to be true," says Brother Tessmer. "And it was."



John Weber and Robert in Ludwigshafen.



In the midst of his Basic Training at Fort Benning, the Army decided it didn't need students as badly as it needed soldiers. The program was abandoned, and on October 6, 1944, Tessmer found himself in the 100th Infantry Division aboard the U.S.A.T. George Washington and on his way to war.

Nineteen-year-old Tessmer and seven thousand other shipmates passed through the Straits of Gibraltar, into the Mediterranean, and landed at Marseilles, France on October 20.

“Somebody had to do the job and I was chosen, along with many thousands of others, to fight and die for our Country.”

“We were optimistic that the war would end soon because the Normandy invasion had occurred in June and things seemed to be going well.”

He soon found out he was wrong – the hard way.

The Agony of War

Since the Germans were fighting a defensive war, they made extensive use of mines. Anti-tank mines were buried in the roads to take out tanks and trucks. Anti-personnel mines, which could not be detected by a mine detector, were buried along trails.

“If you stepped on one,” remembers Tessmer, “you lost a leg at the very least.”

In November 1944, Tessmer's

Division was trucked from Marseilles to an area called Alsace Lorraine, the foothills of the Vosges Mountains, in the south of France. And on their first day of combat, his company walked into a German trap. From seemingly out of nowhere, mortar rounds blasted the trees above – spraying shrapnel down on the men. The Germans were entrenched and had strung barbed wire and mines all around.

“They started picking us off one by one and we were pinned down for what seemed like hours. We pulled back a few hundred yards and frantically dug into the snowy ground to try to make a foxhole. Total confusion reigned as we braced for a counterattack. Thank God it never materialized or we would have all died.”

From that day on, Tessmer would be in direct contact with the enemy for more than six months.

“We paid dearly for every yard of ground we took. Our Battalion of about 800 men suffered 586 casualties during the course of the war. Replacements came and went and we often didn't even know their names until they were also casualties.”

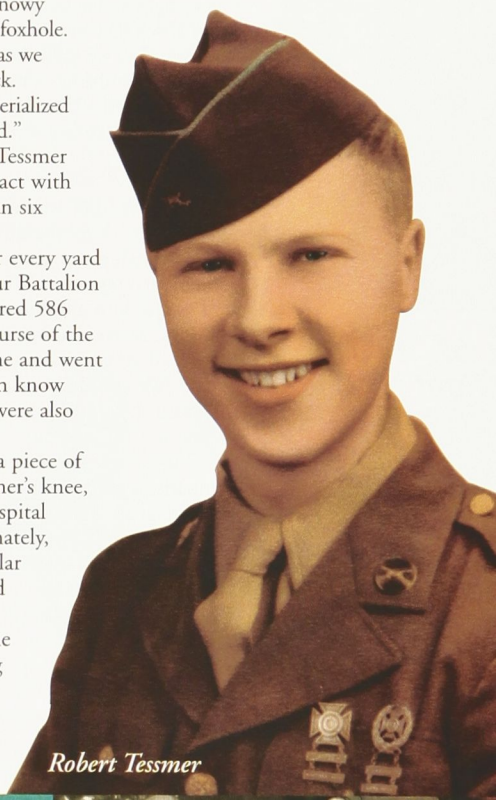
On December 15, a piece of shrapnel tore into Tessmer's knee, and he was sent to a hospital in Saarburg. “Unfortunately, it was not a million-dollar wound – what we called the type of wound that would get you out of the war without losing a leg or arm.”

He was soon back in action.

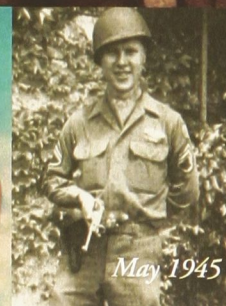
Battle Honor

By late December, the Battle of the Bulge had commenced, and everything that could be pulled off the Line was sent as reinforcements to stop the German attack.

Tessmer and his fellow soldiers were ordered to spread out their Line to cover territory that had been occupied by the forces relocating to the Bulge. This left them dangerously thin and quite vulnerable. It was a perfect opportunity for the German High Command to plan an attack.



Robert Tessmer





... last seen he was collecting Bren and my Guns and preparing a defensive position which successfully covered the drawal from the beach." — *Excerpt from station recording*
Letter to Lt. Col. Morris, Beach Subcommittee Report, Douglas, Aug. 19, 1945



Hundreds of German soldiers amassed with tanks, flame throwers, and armored vehicles. And at midnight on January 1, 1945, the 17th S.S. Panzergrenadier Division launched a mass attack.

Although nearly surrounded, Tessmer and his men held on despite heavy losses. "We opened up with everything we had," he says. "Then I looked down the road and saw a flame throwing tank advancing toward us. We were sure we were about to be dead men – no way out."

The tank approached within 100 yards but then suddenly stopped, turned around, and retreated. The Germans broke off the attack and pulled back.

"I've always thought they overestimated our strength at that point. We inflicted such heavy losses, they must have felt we had more firepower than we really did."

Three companies – including Tessmer's – were awarded a Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism during this battle.

Life in a Foxhole

"Our weather was a lot like Michigan with temperatures in the 20s and 30s with a fair amount of snow," remembers Tessmer. "The heat of our bodies would make the snow melt in the foxholes; so we tried to make a floor of twigs and straw to keep us out of the water. We couldn't build fires, but we did burn K-ration boxes to make hot coffee in a canteen cup."

But those inconveniences paled in comparison with the struggle of their ultimate goal: Trying to stay alive.

By March of 1944, Patton's Third Army had breached the vaunted Siegfried Defense Line. "As we rolled into Germany, it was with a unique feeling of pride and attainment. After all, this was what we came for and gave so many lives for."

Unfortunately, the Germans continued a fanatical resistance.

Crossing the River Neckar

Tessmer and his fellow soldiers crossed the Rhine River at the end of March. By April, they had entered the town of Neckargartach, directly across the river from Heilbronn.

All the bridges were out and the engineers were building pontoon bridges. "As we watched the bridge get closer to the other side," Tessmer recalls, "the Germans opened up and blew the

bridge to pieces. The Engineers would try again and the same thing happened."

It was obvious a bridge could not be built. Their only chance was to paddle across the river. Ten men would load into

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a boat, begin paddling, only to be blown from the water by German artillery.

The next boat was loaded . . . with the same result. Then another. And another as many men were lost. So a smoke detachment was brought up to lay down dense smoke over the river.

Finally, it was Brother Tessmer's turn.

"We were getting a lot of machine gun fire from the opposite bank and couldn't see anything to shoot back at. Now I know how the guys in a beach assault felt – pretty helpless."

But they finally made it.

Alles Kaput

As they fought through the factory area of Heilbronn, they came to a series of row houses. One by one they entered the burning houses to clear them of enemy soldiers. When they reached the last house, the door was locked.

"So I shot out the lock and burst into the house. There we found an old man and his sick wife. They were terrified. We searched the house and assured them we meant no harm. The old man walked over to his door, picked up the remains of the broken lock, and with a tear in his eye muttered, 'Alles Kaput' – which means 'All is gone.'"

Block by block, building by building, they fought onward toward one final push into the German Heartland.

By now they had met up with a number of Sherman tanks, which they would ride on top of – moving as fast as they could through roadblocks and dwindling German resistance.

They knew the end was near.

War is Over

The war in Europe finally ended for Tessmer in the town of Altbach when the unconditional surrender of all German forces was announced on May 7, 1945.

Brother Tessmer's feelings were summed up the next day in a letter he wrote to his parents. Part of it reads as follows:

"You know, I didn't have the least feeling of elation when I heard it. Of course I was glad, but I guess I've been too close to it – sweated out too many close shaves and seen too many of my buddies killed. I just sat down and thought it all over and did a little praying. I guess a soldier who has seen six months of continuous combat can't quite get the horror of it all out of his mind."

But the war with Japan still raged. In August, Tessmer learned he was to be shipped back to the

"I now know my blessings and thank God for his mercies."

United States and reassigned to prepare for the invasion of Japan.

"The idea of the States was terrific," he says. "But the thought of Japan was revolting."

*Members of Company I, 397th Regiment,
100th Infantry Division.
Pittsburgh September 1998.
left to right Lowry Bowman, Paul
Mosher, Richard Tobias, Robert
Tessmer and Ken Brown.*

World War II posters courtesy of
Northwestern University Library. Visit their website at
www.library.nwu.edu/govpub/collections/uwii-posters/.

The dreaded invasion never took place. On August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Almost two-thirds of the city was destroyed. On August 9, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

Japanese representatives signed the formal document of surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, on the deck of the U.S. battleship Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay.

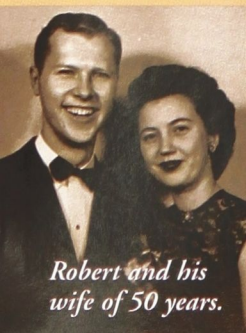
The Price of Victory

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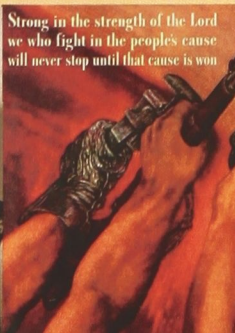
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Wounded in Action:	1294
Missing in Action:	298

"I know I must have had some good Angel on my shoulder to have survived," says Brother Tessmer. "I saw so many of my good buddies killed and wounded and it was just plain luck that I didn't get it too. I now know my blessings and thank God for his mercies."

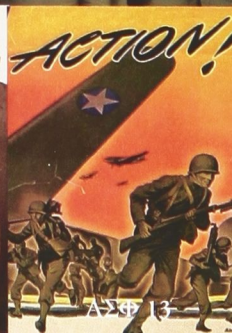
To Robert Tessmer and to all the men and women who have served to protect and defend the cause of freedom, we say "Thank you." ★



*Robert and his
wife of 50 years.*



Pledge Class – Fall 1947.





SANDY SANDERS: BUILDING A NEW CULTURE

He laughs and calls himself a hard working slob.

"Some people want to ride in the wagon," says Psi Chapter's Grand Chapter Advisor *Joseph (Sandy) Sanders, Oregon State '53*. "Me – I always wanted to pull the wagon."

The wagon Brother Sanders pulls is his personal mission to help change the culture of the fraternity experience; a culture he feels is in danger of self-destruction.

"Poor scholarship, lack of discipline, substance abuse, and a host of other problems infect Greek life. Although many of the public's negative perceptions are exaggerated, some are actually underestimated."

It wasn't always that way. Sanders recalls that when he joined Alpha Sigma Phi, the Ritual paralleled his church beliefs. "It still does today. That's why the fraternity means so much to me." Then Sanders pointed to himself and added, "If we want to change the culture of the fraternity system, it has to start in here; in our hearts. Which is why I dedicate so much time to help the men of Psi Chapter."

Brother Sanders has done more than dedicate his time. He has pledged to match his other brothers' gifts to Psi Chapter – up to \$100,000.

"These young men are good men. I want to help them as much as I can."

And his help is making an impact. Two years ago the chapter was down to five members. The chapter house had no hot water, no heat and – most importantly – no pride. Sanders says he didn't want to see the house close and move off campus.

He pitched in and helped with a refurbishing of the house. "Including all 269 lighting fixtures," he adds. "We worked on installing a new computer system, new phone system, and new windows."

We worked on the landscape to add more beauty to the surroundings.”

The Fruits of Labor

In all, more than \$1.5 million of Sanders’ money will be invested in the house when the restoration project is completed.

“These young men are good men. I want to help them as much as I can.”

The fruit of his labor is obvious. The chapter has increased its membership to more than 25 members.

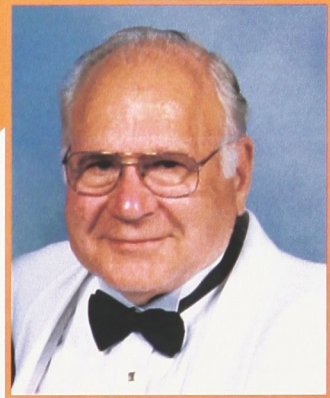
“Already the pride has been restored. The work ethic is there. It is a house filled with men who pull the wagon.”

Brother Sanders says he wants that work ethic to carry over into other areas of fraternity life. That’s why he has donated the funds that will provide for yearly scholarships that total more than \$25,000. This includes the Ben Moore Scholarship, which is named after a friend of Sanders who died three years ago.

“He was an exceptional scholar. It’s a fitting tribute to him that others will benefit from a scholarship named in his honor.”

We couldn’t help but wonder why this retired civil engineer and grandfather of sixteen would care enough to get so involved. He thought for a moment and seemed puzzled that an immediate answer didn’t come to him.

“I came from a small town,” he said. “I knew I was a mind, body, and soul filled with potential. But how could I reach that potential? Alpha Sigma Phi offered me a chance to learn the social graces, to develop a passionate work ethic, to reaffirm my beliefs in spiritual matters. I was given that chance and am grateful for it. Now is the time to give back so that the thousands of brothers who will follow have that same opportunity.”

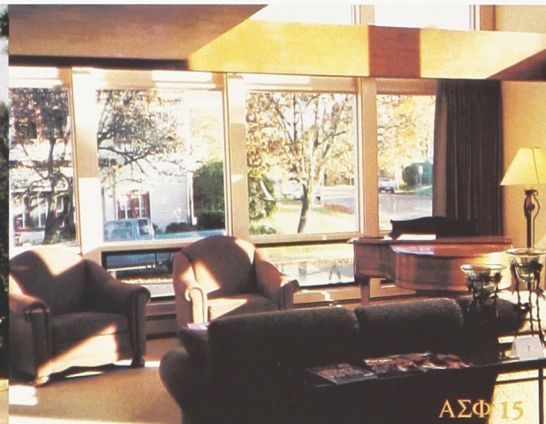


Sandy Sanders

A Call to Action

In 1955, Oregon State University had 34 fraternities. That number has dwindled down to 22. Sanders believes if nothing is done to stop that downward spiral, there will soon be none left.

“Where are the alumni?” he asks. “If the culture isn’t worth saving – change the culture. We need alumni to get involved. Not just in Alpha Sigma Phi but in all fraternities and sororities. We must be self-governing. To be willing to work hard to understand today’s problems so we can learn how to fix them. We should always expect more out of our members, because they are capable of so much more. It is a true joy to see a young man surprise himself at what he can do. The potential is unlimited – let’s reach it.” ★



If We Had Only Known

Alpha Sigma Phi recently received a surprise bequest of \$1,500 from the estate of **Foster N. Beeson, Purdue '39**, a man we had never thanked. Of course, we appreciated the gift immensely. It revealed a gracious and generous person. And the gift will certainly help us accomplish our mission.

But we feel somewhat cheated because we never had the opportunity to express to Brother Beeson our gratitude for such kindness. We were unable to let him know how much his gift would mean. If we had only known, we could have said, "Thank you."

And so we encourage our friends to let us know when they include Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in their estate plans. Not only can we express our appreciation, but also we can make sure they are kept up to date with all the developments occurring here at the Old Gal.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Manigault Society was established to recognize those who include Alpha Sigma Phi in their estate plans. Members receive an attractive certificate, signed by Alpha Sigma Phi's president and permanent recognition on the list of brothers who have remembered our Fraternity in their estate plans.



Have you named Alpha Sigma Phi in your estate plans? If so, please use the form below to let us know. If not, will you let us send you a free but valuable brochure on estate planning? It would be worth reading whether or not you choose to make a future gift to Alpha Sigma Phi.

If you would like to talk with someone personally about your giving plans, contact **Ted Kocher, President/CEO of the Educational Foundation**. His number is 317-870-1911 or e-mail to: ted@alphasigmaphi.org. You will appreciate his understanding of these matters and his sensitivity to your wishes and privacy. ★

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The Value of a Gift

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After all, what does a \$50 gift mean when compared to gifts you hear about of thousands, even millions of dollars?

The answer: Your gift means a lot. And here's why:

Your gift means we successfully made an impact on your life, because that contribution – that connection – reinforces our reason for being, and allows us to continue providing your younger brothers with the same life impact.

"I give what I can," says **John Beyer, Hoboken '83**. "I got a lot out of the fraternity and this is my way to give some of it back."

John, who has given \$50 consecutively over the years, wishes he could do more. However, it's important for all contributors to know that each gift is valuable, and your gifts do not go unnoticed.

Jerome Banyots, Ohio State '68, is a 7th grade science teacher who, after 37 years, will retire his teaching career this year.

"I've come full circle," Banyots

says. "In the past three years, I've been participating more in Alpha Sigma Phi activities, making connections with brothers I haven't seen in nearly 20 years."

Brother Banyots recalls how Alpha Sigma Phi became his immediate family at Ohio State, when he didn't have anyone. "Any questions or problems – academic or otherwise – were answered from the first day I pledged. It's important for me to donate what I can now, to show my appreciation for what they did for me then."

Eric Bond, Lehigh '72, a professor of economics at Penn State, mirrors that sentiment.

"My Alpha Sigma Phi experience was very positive and I want to make a difference for future brothers," says Eric. "I have dedicated my life to education and I contribute because I support the educational impact Alpha Sigma Phi has on students."

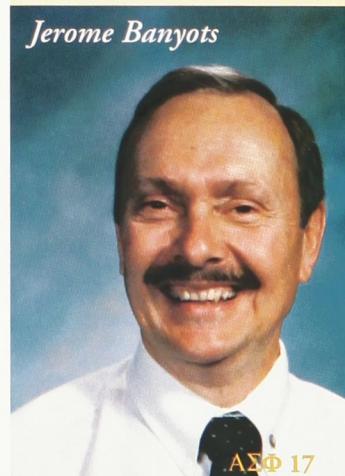
So remember the power of your gifts, no matter the size, is what keeps Alpha Sigma Phi strong for generations to come.

Your donation is truly a testament to the founding principles of our great fraternity, and is not measured in amount, but in the heart that goes into it. Your gifts continuously prove that we do in fact better the man, and the world in which we live.

Thank you to all who make it possible. ★



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Foundation Inks Deal For On-Line Giving

The Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation is now capable of accepting and processing gifts on-line via our website – www.alphasigmaphi.org.

“With advancements happening in communication and technology as rapidly as they were, we knew our members would want the same types of advancements from our organization,” says *Joshua Waggoner, Murray State ‘95*, Director of Annual Giving for the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. “On a training excursion to Chicago, we saw a presentation given by Ian Hughes, CEO of eCharity.com, and felt they would allow us to offer the most professional and efficient service to our alumni. In addition, our new interactive website would provide us with the testing ground for this business endeavor.”

A New Way to Give

Each year there are approximately 1,800 alumni that give a gift to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. Traditionally, this is done by responding to one of several letters that alumni receive during the year or by fulfilling a pledge they may have made during an undergraduate phone campaign held each fall and spring.

But many of the members are unaware of the Foundation's capability to accept gifts on line. To date very little marketing and advertising has been done to promote this new process of accepting donations.

Ted Kocher, Interim President & CEO, stated, “Before we began to promote this new form of gift acceptance, we needed to feel completely comfortable with the technology and that it would meet not only our needs but the needs of our alumni. After several months of trial and error and listening to the experiences of those alumni who gave on line, we now want to offer this as simply another way of supporting the Educational

Foundation and having an impact on our young men in Alpha Sigma Phi.”

In order for a person to make a gift electronically through our website, they simply must go into the Foundation section of the website, click on the Annual Giving section, and locate the “donate now” button on that page. From there a series of prompts takes the

person through the giving process concluding with an email certification notifying them that payment has been received by the charity, in this case the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

Safe and Secure

Not only is the donation button relatively easy to access, the transaction process is 100% secure. The Alpha Sigma Phi section which processes the gifts is through eCharity.com and uses Secure Sockets Layer protocol (SSL), which delivers server authentication, date, encryption, and message integrity.

When we asked Ian Hughes, CEO of eCharity.com, what SSL and 128 bit encryption means for the security of our donors, he said, “Essentially, this means it would take four of the world's fastest super computers working around the clock for

an entire year to decode one credit card number.”

eCharity.com has become one of the largest on-line giving portals for non-profit organizations over the past year and bring nearly 25 years of gift processing experience to Alpha Sigma Phi.

“Overall, we are excited that the Foundation has partnered with eCharity.com to offer our alumni this service,” Ted Kocher stated. He also said, “It caters to the ever-changing needs of our alumni and their growing demands to handle things electronically. Together, Alpha Sigma Phi and eCharity are moving into the 21st century.”

Take a few minutes today to go and check out the Foundation section of the new website and see how easy it is to give your donation on-line. ★

*It's an easy and
secure way to
impact the
brotherhood.*



Mark Williams Named President of Ohio Business Teachers Association

Mark Williams, Rio Grande '79, hoped education would get him out of the hills of southern Ohio.

It did, but not in the way he anticipated.

Williams, a native of Wellston in Jackson County, expected a degree in accounting would lead to a stellar career as a tax attorney.

"I've never had a day when I get up and go to work, I get up and go to school."

Instead, a career in education has led to a job teaching business students at Westland High School.

"I've never had a day when I get up and go to work," Williams said last week. "I get up and go to school. I have never regretted it at all."

Brother Williams recently assumed the presidency of the Ohio Business Teachers Association (OBTA). Mark is charged with leading the organization in fulfilling its mission of promoting the interest and function of business education within the state of Ohio. The OBTA also seeks to cooperate with other agencies endeavoring to improve business education throughout the nation.

"It's an honor," says Williams. "A real labor of love."

Toward the end of his high school career, Brother Williams was offered a full scholarship in business education to attend tiny Rio Grande University.

Williams had bigger dreams than that and rejected the offer in order to enroll instead at much larger Ohio University in Athens. He majored in accounting with dreams of becoming a tax attorney.

By the end of his freshman year, Williams said, he had decided he would rather teach the principles of accounting than practice them himself. He was still able to take advantage of the scholarship offer from Rio Grande University and received his bachelor of science degree from there in 1981.

Williams was awarded his master of education degree from Bowling Green State University in May 1983.

At that time, Williams was giving serious thought to becoming a college instructor. In fact, he had verbally accepted a job to do just that, when he came to the conclusion that the high school level was where he longed to teach.

Williams has been a member of the OBTA since the early 1980s. He was offered an opportunity to begin climbing the ladder of leadership positions to the presidency once before, but had to reject it because he was going to Russia as part of a teacher exchange program.

The next time he was presented with a chance to become an officer in the organization, both his department head and the principal at Westland High School strongly

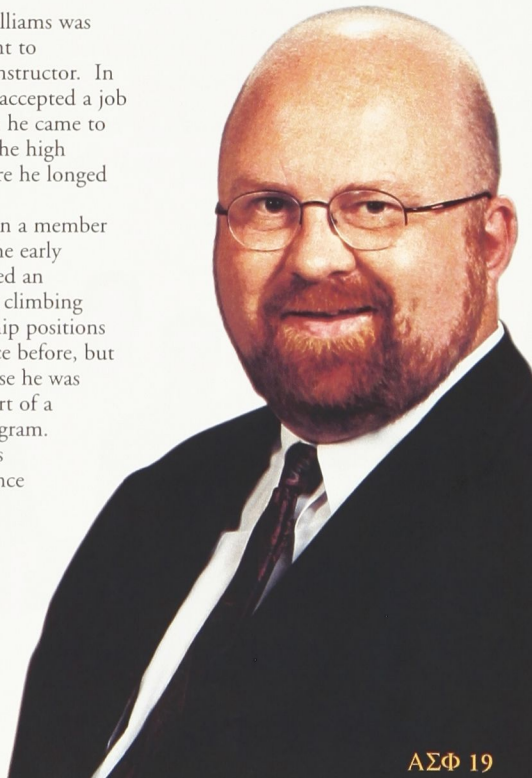
encouraged him to accept.

The organization "speaks profound pieces of wisdom for business education," according to Williams. It is a state affiliate of the National Business Education Association and works to make legislators on the state and federal level aware of issues relating to business education.

In addition to the top spot in the OBTA, Williams has received a number of teaching awards during the course of his career. He is quick to give credit for his achievements to those he has taught.

"Students are the reason you do what you do," Williams said. "I've had some students really excel and do well over the years.

"That makes all the difference in the world." ★



Putting Fingerprints on the Future

Academy of Leadership 2001



"I came in with not a real eager concept of what I was to do here, but, this has probably been one of the most inspirational weekends I've ever had."

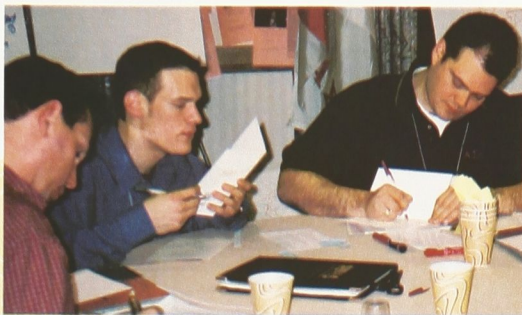
—Costa Krinas, Toledo '97

The 2001 Academy of Leadership, which took place the weekend of January 19-21, has proven to be an overwhelming success as over 100 Chapter Presidents and Chapter Advisors gathered for an intense learning experience. Facilitators and participants left their everyday schedules and environments "at the door" and focused their attention on the future of their chapters and Alpha Sigma Phi.

The environment of the academy supported the philosophy that everyone is in this together, regardless of current stage of life. Alumni recognized that they have much to learn from the youth of today and undergraduates recognized that they have much to learn from the wisdom and experience of the alumni. The bonds created between the alumni and undergraduates through the Academy of Leadership will result in sustained communication and commitment to the future of Alpha Sigma Phi.

The theme, "Putting Fingerprints on the Future" implies each individual member of Alpha Sigma Phi has a responsibility to plan for the future. It further implies that what I do now, how I live my life, and my involvement in Alpha Sigma Phi will leave a legacy... a fingerprint... for those yet to come. Three words that could be used to capture the theme would be empower, envision, and invest.





"We were able to create an amazing bond. These connections will never cease to benefit us and Alpha Sigma Phi."

—Brandon Shapiro, Barton '97



"The Academy of Leadership is one of the smartest investments that can be made by Alpha Sigma Phi. It provides a atmosphere for personal challenge, sharing, learning and growth across the generations and geography that define who we are."

—Rodney Rusk, Central Michigan '93

The National Staff of Alpha Sigma Phi and all of the attendees would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the facilitators that made the Academy of Leadership such an exceptional experience.

Lead Facilitators:

Pete Smithhisler, Lambda Chi Alpha, Director of Leadership Education, North-American Interfraternity Conference

Laura Osteen, Alpha Delta Pi, Faculty Director – Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland at College Park

Society Facilitators:

Stuart Spisak, Westminster College '78

Barry Olson, Grand Valley State University '97

Steve Zizzo, University of Illinois '84

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Begin to plan now to attend the NLC. Registration and scholarship information will be sent to all chapters, colonies, and interest groups soon.

If you have any questions please contact Ed Lenane, Director of Leadership Development at Ed@alphasigmaphi.org.

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Special Discounts for 2000 NLC and 2001 Academy of Leadership Attendees

If you attended the 2000 NLC in Washington or the 2001 Academy of Leadership, you are eligible to receive the following special discounts toward the 2001 NLC in Cincinnati.

Act now – registration and full payment must be received by May 15, 2001.

10% Off Registration Fee

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2 persons/room \$290

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Alumni Fees

Event only costs still being determined

Full Program \$450

Weekend Only \$275 (includes Cincinnati Reds event)

Get With The Program

There are several events currently in the planning stages – including a golf scramble, museum trip, society sessions, dinners, roundtable discussions, and keynote speakers.

Here are the events that have been confirmed so far:

Wednesday, August 15

Opening Ceremonies

Opening Activities

Thursday, August 16

Into the Streets Community Service Experience

Ritual Education Session

Black Lantern Processional

Ritual Exemplification

Friday, August 17

Free Time

Cookout at Cinergy Field

Cincinnati Reds Game

Saturday, August 18

Joint Alumni/Undergraduate Educational Programming

Spouse/Family Activities

Group Photo (Fountain Square)

Celebration of Brotherhood (Awards Banquet)

No Average Joe

Saigon-born, Seattle-bred *David Thai, University of Washington '92*, is living an entrepreneurial dream. In 1998 he became only the third foreigner in Hanoi to be granted a license to own and operate a private company in Vietnam.

With his residence in Ho Chi Minh City and offices in Hanoi (the Vietnamese equivalent of a bi-coastal lifestyle) Brother Thai operates the Tan Viet My coffee company, as well as the sleek Lac Viet café, near Hoan Kiem Lake in the heart of Hanoi.

Brother Thai's family fled the country in 1974 - a year before the end of the war. He says his success in Vietnam was fueled by the impact of coming back as a young adult, an experience that inspired him to "build a bridge" between the cultures.

In 1995, David was a scholarship exchange student at Hanoi's University of Bach Khoa. "Almost immediately, I saw the opportunities here," he says.

When a Time magazine tour of 70 CEO's stopped in Hanoi, David worked on the advance team and served as an escort for

the group. At dinner on the tour's final night in Hanoi, Sprint Corporation chair and CEO William Esrey included a thank-

location adjacent to Ho Kiem Lake. After six months, the café was serving 2,000 cups a day of latte, mochas and cappuccino.



you to Brother Thai in his toast.

"I was really surprised," David says. "After that, an American investor contacted me and asked what I thought Vietnam needed. I really missed the good Seattle coffee. Vietnam had drip coffee but it was poorly roasted and poorly processed from A to Z, and I saw a chance to change that."

Thai and two other Americans opened Cafe Au Lac, in a prime

Now, David's coffee plantation encompasses about 2,200 acres and has over 100 employees. His roasting facility produces a private label blend sold in overseas markets including Turkey, Singapore, Taiwan, Canada and the United States.

"Doing business here requires a deep commitment," says David. "The economy is still very young, but there's huge opportunity. Vietnam needs foreign investors who aren't out for the short-term profit, but for personal growth and the memory of friendships and special moments. Then the profits will come." ★



Alpha Sigma Phi's Finest: Vincent Price

He was best known for his blood-curdling roles in horror films . . . his distinctive, atmospheric voice . . . and his quizzical, mock-serious facial expressions that could shock a movie audience right out of their seats.

But his 130 film credits are but a small sampling of his unique talents.

Brother *Vincent Price*, *Yale '30*, *Omega '93*, was also a renowned author, chef, art expert, and raconteur. He loved art so much that he even started his own gallery – The Vincent Price Gallery located at East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park, California.

Born on May 27, 1911 in St. Louis, Price was the son of the president of the National Candy Company and the grandson of the founder of Price Baking Powder Company.

After graduating from Yale University in 1933, Brother Price moved to England and enrolled at the University of London as a fine arts major. There he appeared in a variety of bit parts in London's West End theaters. He returned to America in 1935 hoping to make his mark on Broadway.

Two years later, Price joined Orson Welles' illustrious Mercury Theater where he earned notoriety with villainous roles as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan* and Fagin in *Oliver!*

Throughout the 1940s, his stage career continued to flourish and in the 1950s he starred in a number of classic horror movies such as the 3-D feature *House of Wax*, *The Fly*, and *The House on Haunted Hill*.

By the 1960s, Price was firmly established

as the quintessential screen villain. More classics followed, including *House of Usher*, *The Raven*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *The Oblong Box*, *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*, and *Theatre of Blood*.

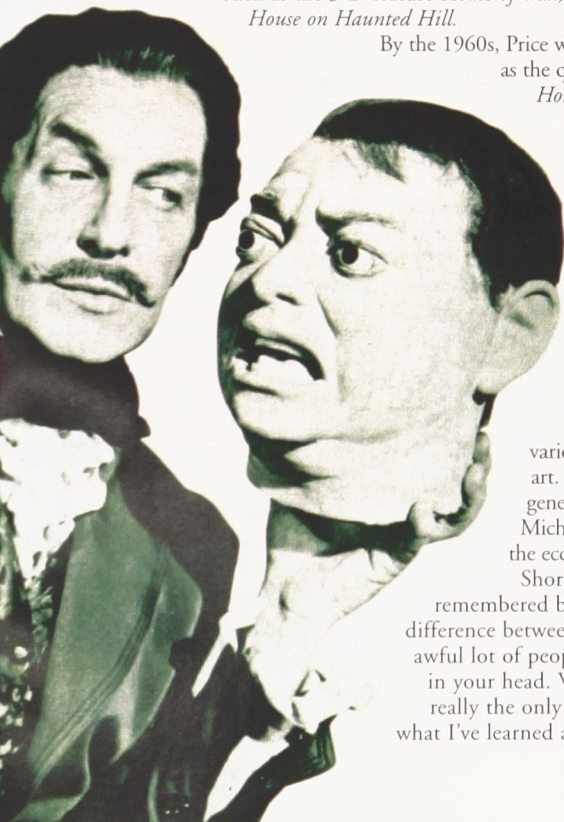
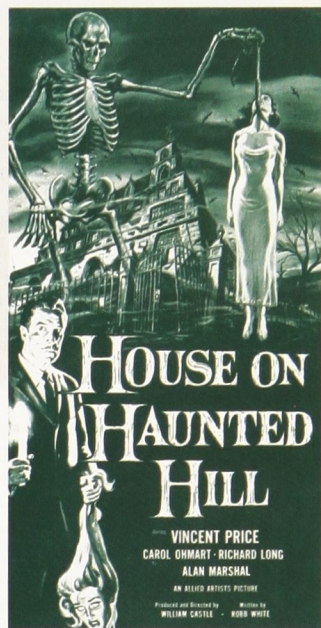
Although famous for his horror roles, he also starred in historical epics, period films, and comedies with some of Hollywood's greatest legends – including Charlton Heston in *The Ten Commandments*, Bette Davis in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex*, and Elvis Presley in *The Trouble With Girls*.

He even made his mark on television with a recurring role as the miscreant Egghead in the series *Batman*.

In recognition of his celebrated career, Brother Price was honored with Alpha Sigma Phi's Distinguished Merit Award in 1964.

During the 1970s, Price spent most of his time touring in various stage productions and lecturing college students on fine art. From 1981-89, he hosted the PBS series *Mystery*. And a new generation was introduced to his gothic voice as the narrator of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* video. His last screen appearance was as the eccentric inventor in the 1990 film *Edward Scissorhands*.

Shortly before his death in 1993, he said: "I would like to be remembered by something I strongly believe in - that there is a great difference between earning a living and knowing how to live. I think an awful lot of people earn a living to put it in their bellies. It should be put in your head. When you get to old age, it is the experience of life that is really the only thing that sustains you. The thing that sustains me is what I've learned about how to live." ★



CHAPTER NEWS

Longwood College

Delta Iota has taken active leadership on campus by having brothers serve as justices on the Honor Board, representatives and chair holders within the Interfraternity Council, and orientation leaders. In the community, we have partnered with the Farmville Chamber of Commerce to help set up and run the annual craft show.

We celebrated our 20 year Anniversary this past semester by inviting over 30 alumni, including our founding father, to an induction ceremony and formal dinner.

Submitted by Jeremy Satterfield

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Alpha Rho has refocused their commitment to scholarship. Just this past year Vice President Chris White had his work chosen to represent NJIT's School of Architecture. This is just one example of our goal of high scholarship.

Through charity and community service such as awareness walks, volunteer work at homeless shelters, and adopt a highway program, the Alpha Rho chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi has become a respected name on campus. We hope to continue our work by having the largest pledge class we have ever had this semester.

Submitted by Keith Kuistra

Illinois

Eta Chapter has just initiated 26 new members and now has a very high membership of 123 active brothers. We are looking forward to another great Spring Rush.

Submitted by Ryan Krzmarzick

University of Maryland

Epsilon Delta has received the highest GPA among the fraternities on campus. With our pledge class having an average GPA of 3.85, we hope to receive this honor again in the future.

Submitted by Seth Mirowitz

University of Southern Indiana

As a new chapter we are growing in every area and have averaged 8

members for the past three semesters. Epsilon Gamma is coming to be known as the best fraternity on campus. We have established an Alumni Foundation and had our first retreat to further emphasize the meaning of brotherhood. If anyone has suggestions on how we can improve our chapter, we are always willing to listen.

Submitted by Mark Schachte

Marshall University

Beta Delta Chapter has broken a school record with 3,800 hours of community service! Brothers also participate in other school organizations and hold positions such as Student Body President, Senators, and Director of Special Operations.

All of our alumni are invited to tailgate at football games and Fall formals (Homecoming). We have two Brotherhood Development Events each week that usually includes a dinner and movie night. In spring we hope to recruit 15 to 20 new members.

Submitted by Aaron Goolsby

Bloomsburg University

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter spends every Wednesday night at the YMCA and participates in many walks and fundraisers for different charities. Because of our involvement in the community, we are one of the top fraternities for service.

Although our Alumni relations are not what we want them to be, our brotherhood is strong by spending time together, going on road trips and playing basketball with each other.

Submitted by Russel Schiefer

University of Washington

Through the efforts of *Stuart Linscott '96* and the Alumni Scholarship board, Mu Chapter was able to award \$8,000 to undergraduate scholarships!

We have been actively involved in numerous community improvement programs from soup kitchens to sorority fundraisers and

our recent Bid-a-Sig Auction raised money for the Fred Hutchinson Research Cancer Institute.

The chapters 2000 Founders Day was a huge success with brothers coming from all over the country. This past year we have brought in 22 new members thanks to the efforts of our rush chairs and the close Brotherhood of Mu Chapter.

Submitted by Nick Lancaster

Ohio State University

Zeta Chapter had a great Alumni turnout for our January initiation and look forward to seeing more for March initiation. After initiating 6 new members, we pledged 7 more the next week. Zeta is finally moving in the right direction with 17 members and a large pledge class in the wings. We are holding a ski retreat soon and look forward to a weekend away from the hustle of school.

The chapter is an active leader on campus with brothers on the Fraternity Manager's Association Board of Trustees and two Chairmen of the Greek Life Task Force, OSU's plan to revitalize its Greek community.

Submitted by Dan Duncan

California-Berkeley

Nu Chapter gave name-plated jackets to all brothers and alumni. It created a team spirit within the group and helped unite the house and develop a stronger feeling of brotherhood. The alumni realized how much we appreciate them by making them a part of our team. It was also a great recruiting tool!

Submitted by Anthony Wirth

Lock Haven

The Delta Nu Chapter collected 350 pounds of aluminum can tabs that were donated to the Ronald McDonald Foundation. Along with this achievement, we have completed more than seven service projects, the highest of the fraternities on campus.

Our chapter has the highest fraternity GPA on campus!

By hiking together once a week and having study hours every night, we build a stronger brotherhood. We have also set up Alpha Sigma Phi chat club on the Yahoo! Network.

Submitted by Mike Prestas

Salisbury State

As a new chapter, Epsilon Eta is beginning to have alumni for the first time. It is exciting to see them take on an active role in our chapter. It is important that we have a strong rush after the sizeable changes in our brotherhood.

Submitted by Marc Mitchell

Bowling Green State University

Gamma Zeta has just celebrated our 50th Anniversary! Over 80 alumni came back to celebrate and we are all looking forward to our annual Alumni weekend this semester. We have also held many events that focus on brotherhood including Sig Groups, retreats, Sig Busts, and team building weekends with the President. Because our chapter has gained new leadership, we understand that consistency and efficiency needs to become a priority. We are working hard to flourish within our brotherhood and continue excellence on campus.

Our chapter has received the highest grades the last two semesters on campus. We have participated in Adopt-a-Highway, events for the American Cancer Society, and regularly attend Bingo at the nursing home. With our annual Mud Volleyball Tournament, Gamma Zeta raised over \$500 for CCI.

Submitted by Joshua Wymer

Grand Valley State University

Delta Phi Chapter raised money for contributions by riding bikes around Lake Michigan and chaining ourselves to buildings on campus. We also put together a lock-in for 150 children in a school with no money.

Our chapter is successful in scholarship by having the highest GPA of all the fraternities on campus.

We also had a very successful Alumni and undergraduate softball game as well as a 30 person retreat.

Submitted by Tom Boomer

Central Michigan University

Our chapter lost a lot of men, going from 25 members to just 7 in a few semesters. Well, we are on the verge of doubling our number this semester! We are involved with neighborhood cleanups, the Salvation Army and American Cancer Society. Our relationship with our alumni is excellent through constant emails and phone calls.

Submitted by Chris Pesola

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The Beta Psi Chapter has developed a new rush strategy that focuses on the individual instead of big events. With this now in place, we have slowly built up our chapter from two brothers to 18 and hope to soon have over 20 members. To insure the unity of our brothers, the chapter started a position of unity chair that plans brotherhood building events. Our chapter is fortunate to have alumni dating back to the '40s who can tell us about our past and peers.

Beta Psi has two members on the IFC executive board who play a significant role in the Greek community. Our house received the highest GPA of all the fraternities on campus. We are involved in the community by conducting food drives and holding a 50/50 raffle for a children's charity.

Submitted by Jason Negrette

Westminster College

Alpha Nu had the highest GPA out of five fraternities for Fall 2000! We are involved with our community by volunteering with the Fire Department and raising money through a haunted house. The chapter is currently planning for freshman pick up day on February 24 and our 4th Annual Relay for Life on April 21, 2001.

Submitted by Jim Houser

Oregon State

The Psi Chapter welcomed 9 new members, raising the membership to 21 brothers.

A ropes course retreat helped strengthen brotherhood through dependence on each other for success. A new program has been developed to help improve grades and those who fell short of our academic standards. Finally, we are preparing to participate in a March of Dimes walk.

Submitted by Brian Gray

University of Hartford

The University of Hartford's interest group is currently looking for a Grand Chapter Adviser and individuals in the Hartford area to advise the group. We finished the semester with a retreat in Rochester, Vermont and five new members. Next semester we hope to obtain our goal of ten new members.

Our group is active on campus with over 75% of our members in other organizations. We are also involved with a local homeless shelter and Habitat for Humanity.

We are currently looking for interested chapters in organizing a regional retreat in the New England area. If interested, please contact us at Asigphi@mail.hartford.edu.

Submitted by Jeremy Lutin

Bentley College

Bentley College's interest group is building a stronger Greek community by working with, instead of against, other fraternities. They are currently planning on having a social with Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The group is active on campus as well as in their community and many members have received academic scholarships. They are looking forward to a great rush this semester.

Submitted by Mitchell Johanson

Albright College

The Albright College colony is strong on campus and in their

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community. They held a fundraiser and volunteered for forest and river work. They are building bonds of brotherhood by promoting teamwork and trust.

Submitted by Nicholas Pomo

UNC Charlotte

Delta Zeta held their first Christmas party for all the parents and a Presidents dinner for all the sorority presidents on campus. Both were a huge success! The chapter also had their first annual ski trip in January.

We held the highest GPA out of all the organizations on campus last spring! We are active in our community and stay in contact with our alumni through quarterly newsletters sent by email. Over 150 brothers and alumni attended our 14th Annual "Pig Pickin." Four new brothers joined us last fall increasing our number to ten brothers. We have updated our website! Please come and visit: www.alphasigmaphi-charlotte.com.

Submitted by Bobby Turner

Stevens Institute of Technology

The Alpha Tau Chapter is involved with campus life by having brothers in leadership positions with the WCPR Radio Station, Indian Undergraduate Association, and I.D.C. We currently have 80 hours of volunteer time, donated clothes, food, and money to local shelters and have raised over \$11,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis walk last semester.

To strengthen our brotherhood an Alumni Council was formed, several programs started and routine outings planned to visit other chapters and colonies. Our Rush chair, developed a great program that had freshman with us everyday. We are expecting 25 freshmen this semester.

This coming spring, the Alpha Tau Chapter will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. All chapters are

invited to attend our celebration at the Talisman Ball.

Submitted by Lucas M. Martinez-Salas

Michigan State University

Epsilon Alpha is starting a semi-annual newsletter to alumni that will get them involved with the chapter again. We are also setting up a ropes course/leadership retreat that will allow us to set goals and chart our path to success. Our recruitment plans include "Recruitment Football," dinners, and other various activities. Plans have been made to launch the "Greek Strongman" contest to benefit local and national causes as well as a dance between the chapter and local nursing home.

Our chapter has been an active leader involved in several organizations. Brother Adam Gorman has started a scholarship program and installed an incentive program that gives points for participation.

We are excited to have a new chapter house on Fraternity Row. It will house 50% of our active brothers.

Submitted by Jason S. Palmer

University of Findlay

Gamma Pi helped with setting up and running the Red Cross blood drive on campus and assisting the Hancock County Historical Society with their annual Christmas Dinner Party. Although our numbers have shrunk, our brotherhood has grown. Our alumni helped fund new ritual equipment and we anticipate a large rush.

We would like to thank Consultant Jake Gamble for his diligence and leadership this past fall. His visit inspired our brotherhood in many ways. Thanks Jake!

Submitted by Jonathon Reist

Elmhurst College

Delta Chi Chapter is actively involved with campus life and other organizations. We set up and

hosted a barbeque for the entire campus during Greek week. Our chapter has the highest GPA among fraternities and some members have maintained a 4.0. Brotherhood has remained strong through trips and activities as well as having alumni at our Founders Day dinner and party. We participate in See-Saw Marathon, 3 on 3 basketball tournament for K-9 companions, and the Ronald McDonald House.

Submitted by Nicholas F. Massino

American University

The Beta Chi Chapter is actively involved with community service and has become the most noticed fraternity on campus. We have been processing applications, with Alumni help, for brothers with outstanding GPAs and brotherhood commitment with hopes they will receive scholarships. Several brothers are organizing meetings and activities to build a closer relationship within our chapter.

We look forward to a great rush this semester. Our goal is to bring in 10 to 15 new members. In the past, our chapter has had some difficulty. Those problems have pulled us together and now more brothers are actively involved than ever before.

Submitted by Brendan Collopy

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

The Delta Upsilon Chapter is in the process of developing what will hopefully become an annual event. This event will raise money and awareness for breast cancer research and involve the Greek community as well as other affiliated groups. This event will be in memory of an alumni's mother.

Our chapter forms strong bonds through pledge trips, Alumni weekends and an annual 4th of July party. We stay in contact with our alumni through our chapter web site that has biography's on the brothers. Our chapter initiated 12 new brothers and will continue to grow.

Submitted by Greg Maretta

American University

Milton Cerny '54 is serving as the President of American Friends of the Czech Republic (AFoCR's). On September 7, 2000, he chaired a dinner honoring U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright with AFoCR's Civil Society Vision Award.

Adnan Daoud '54 retired after 31 years of service at San Jose State University. During that time, he served as Professor of Sociology, Department Chair, and Dean of the College of Social Sciences. He and his wife Patricia now spend a great deal of their time traveling.

Baldwin Wallace

Dr. Dennis R. Parks '72 joined California Polytechnic State University as Dean of Extended Studies.

Bethany College

Dr. Randall B. Cutlip '39 retired in 1981. He was President of William Woods University for 21 years.

Bowling Green State University

Lee Blakemore '52 was recently honored with the Dee Ballantine Outstanding Citizen Award from United Way of Nevada County. He served seven years on the board of the Volunteer Action Center and service to youth. Brother Blakemore retired from Amoco Chemical in 1993.

University of California, Berkeley

After 25 years, *Stephen Rogers '34* and his wife are leaving their Cape Cod cottage. They are retiring to the Chelsea Retirement Community, a full serve facility in Chelsea, MI. "At 84, it was a timely move!"

Davis & Elkins College

Robert A. Landgraf '49 has added a Home Sales operation to his model airplane business! He attends three air shows a year. The Landgraf family welcomed a grandson, Dean, in October 1999.

"We now have three Alpha Sigs and a sorority sister!"

Illinois Institute of Technology

Gary F. Vajda '71 has recently joined ENVIRON International, an international environmental health sciences consulting firm as a Principal in their St. Louis office.

Indiana University

Michael DeWeese '87 has two new reasons to celebrate! He and his wife welcomed their 10-month-old daughter on February 14 and he opened his 4th BW-3 Wild Wings franchise in Plainfield, Indiana.

Iowa State University

Theodore Ziemann '65 recently joined Cargill, Inc. as President of Nutraceuticals.

Marshall University

Brother *Kurt T. Taube '82* is currently employed as an educational consultant with the Ohio Department of Education.

University of Michigan

Donald Kaufman '64 owns and operates the Shangri-La House – a sober house for recovering alcoholics and addicts.

University of Nebraska

Reuben Denning '38 writes that he still has homerun power – as shown by his performance in a recent homerun-hitting contest at the University of Nebraska. He hit three out of five pitches out of the park. Brother Denning was a pitcher for the Cornhuskers from 1936-39.

Oregon State University

Richard A. Dexter '60 and his wife Marilyn now live in North Hampton, New Hampshire. They now live close to their daughters who live and work in Boston. "We would love to see people we have known over the years. Stop by if you are ever in the Seacoast area!"

Attention Alumni:

HQ Wants YOU on Display

Alpha Sigma Phi Headquarters wants to create a permanent display of fraternity archives.

To do so, we need artifacts donated from brothers like you.

Call us if you have the following:

- Tomahawks – especially bound versions
- National manuals
- Convention materials
- Jewelry
- Clothing items
- Glass wear, plates, and memorabilia
- Mementos from Alpha Kappa Pi, Alpha Gamma Upsilon, or Phi Pi Phi
- Photos and drawings
- Charters

And any other unique items you feel are worth displaying.

Show your fraternity spirit – for all the world to see! Please contact Ed Lenane, Director of Leadership Development, at (317) 870-1911 or email him at ed@alphasigmaphi.org.

University of Pennsylvania

After 35 years in nuclear medicine, **Dave Reader '55** has retired. So click your mugs together in celebration! Dave and his wife Jean, an Alpha Sig sweetheart, divide their time between their historic tavern in Bedford, Mass. and Maui, Hawaii. They have been married for 43 years and have ten grandchildren.

Dennis C. Philapavage '98,

completed US Army Initial Rotary Wing Flight School and the Sikorsky Black Hawk Helicopter transition School at Fort Rucker, AL. Assigned to the 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Katterbach, Germany. Can be reached by e-mail at europeandenny@hotmail.com.

C. Murray Saylor, Jr. '63 was

elected Vice-President of The American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants at the organization's recent national convention in Charlottesville, Virginia. The AAA-CPA is comprised of men and women who are dually qualified to practice as lawyers and CPAs.

Penn State University – Altoona

Shawn Smith '99 is on the move! He has recently transferred to Penn State's Main Campus and is

now the President of the Penn State Hotel & Restaurant Society. "I have taken what I learned in Alpha Sigma Phi and put it towards my life and career goals."

Purdue University

Donald Morgan '57 is the Resource and Fund Raising Manager for Big Brother/Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio.

Thomas Wolgemuth '58 says his golfing isn't getting much better, but he's still enjoying retirement with his wife Mary. He retired from the Chicago Transit Authority as Chief Engineer and also taught at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

State University of New York, Plattsburgh

Phil Sorette '88 writes that he welcomed a new daughter into the world, Emma Kiernan Sorette, in December 2000.

Stevens Institute of Technology

John Yannone '86 has started a new position with TyCom Optical Transmission Systems in Exeter, New Hampshire.

University of Toledo

Brian Clegg '87 recently earned his master's degree from Central Michigan University. He and his

wife Sue are expecting their second child in December.

Tri-State University

Harold "Bus" Chaney '46 is retired and spends half the year in Delray Beach, Florida. He is currently serving as Governor of District 10 of Gyro International, which covers all of Florida.

Tri-State University awarded **Timothy C. Adams '70** in 2000 the Distinguished Service Award. Go to TSU.edu under press release for more details. Brother Adams has recently accepted a promotion at NASA in the Field of Reliability. He will be moving to Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

William Patterson

Ira Thor '97 was named the Director of Sports Information at New Jersey City University on September 2, 2000. Visit him online at www.njcu.edu/athletics.htm.

Alumni – Please send us the latest information about your career, family or other interesting news you'd like to share! You can send your update to Headquarters at 8645 Guion Rd., Suite J, Indianapolis, IN 46268 or email us at alphasigs@iquest.net.

Candy Man Can!

William F. Christ, Davis & Elkins '59, has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Hershey Foods Corporation.

Brother Christ, a 31-year veteran of Hershey Foods, most recently served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Corporation. He joined Hershey Foods in 1969 and worked in a succession of finance positions, including Vice President, Finance and Administration, in the Corporation's Hershey Chocolate U.S.A. and Hershey International divisions. Christ was named President, Hershey International, in 1988 and

became Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Hershey Foods Corporation, in 1994, adding the position of Corporate Treasurer in 1997. Brother Christ served four years in the United States Air Force, achieving the rank of Captain. In 1991, Christ was named an Alumni Fellow of the Pennsylvania State University. He also is a member of the Advisory Board of F.M. Global Insurance Company. Christ and his wife, Carol, reside in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Bill is a new member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and serves on the Grants Committee.

OMEGA CHAPTER

(The TOMAHAWK does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of Omega listings. Information from various sources is printed as it is reported to the National Headquarters for record keeping purposes. Ongoing efforts to locate brothers without mailable addresses often reveal names of those who have entered Omega. Some listings therefore are of brothers who have been deceased for some time, but are included for informational purposes and in tribute.)

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Joseph G. Bosse '50 Madison, AL
BARTON, GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER:
Dr. Edwin Rasberry '58 Wilson, NC

CALIFORNIA, NU CHAPTER:
Douglas M. Dunn '26 Sun City, AZ;
Robert B. Redus '49 San Francisco, CA;
Douglas M. Dunn '26 Sun City, AZ

CASE-WESTERN, ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER:

Victor J. Obrig '39 Lewisville, TX
COLUMBIA, LAMBDA CHAPTER:

Hunter R. Lawrence '52 Staten Island, NY

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Joseph D. Post '49 Burlington, VT
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Francis E. Ringer '44 East Petersburg, PA

ILLINOIS, ETA CHAPTER:

Warren W. Schmalenberger '36 Springfield, IL

INDIANA TECH, GAMMA TAU CHAPTER:

Ivan A. Planck '66 Chandler, AZ
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B. F. Dewel '26 Chicago, IL

IOWA STATE, PHI CHAPTER:

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Carl Ortolf Indianapolis, IN;
Alvah L. Harmon Leroy, MI;
Donald Cerget '67 Shelby Twp., MI; Donald A. Cerget '67 Shelby Township, MI

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MARIETTA, DELTA CHAPTER:

William A. Lockard '48 Saint Peters, MO

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Dr. Harry Nenni '39 Ironton, OH
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Donald G. Bronson '36 Seattle, WA;
Richard L. Miller '66 Grosse Pointe, MI;
Ross Edward Stong '70 Pleasant Hill, CA

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James E. Shepherd, '29 Concord, MA;
Robert L. Costello '46 Denver, CO;
Bernard F. Gill, '46 Kansas City, MO

MISSOURI VALLEY, ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER:

Tom G. Curry '60 Kansas, MO

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Ralph V.O. Curtis '34 Newton, NJ
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Ned W. Bush '48 Lima, OH

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Stewart F. Armington '41 Willoughby, OH

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John C. Unger '53 Ramona, CA;
Harold R. Heath '43 Bettendorf, IA

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James F. Green '42 Sebring, FL;
Albert Cunningham '51 West Chester, PA;

Donald E. Burroughs '41 Littleton, CO;

Irwin W. Obernuefemann '36 Ocean Springs, MS;

Joseph P. Epling '50 Lansing, MI;
Floyd L. Bishop '51 Meadville, PA;
Thomas Kazberovich '38 Florida;
Ralph J. Lennis '45 Farmington Hills, MI;

Richard H. Keehn '49 Rochester, NY

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Robert Hunter '28 Olympia, WA;
James B. Kaldal '46 Kenmore, WA

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