

The Old Gal Gazette

MEET ALPHA SIGMA PHI'S NEWEST PUBLICATION

Publications

Delegates to the 1974 National Convention sounded off on Fraternity publications. Make them meatier, more frequent, more useful, they said. Give us a way for chapters to share problems and achievements.

The newly elected Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council undertook the need for better communications between chapters. *The Gazette* is the result.

To be timely, the format is simple. But the intent is to provide worthwhile information. Two copies of *The Gazette* will be sent to each HJP. One is for the chapter bulletin board. The other is for Prudential use. Copies should be kept in a loose-leaf notebook. Subjects of articles are indicated in the margin for easy reference. Ultimately it is hoped that a collection of *Gazettes* will become something of a handbook of shared experiences of chapter operation.

The HJP is also responsible for communicating his chapter's news and ideas. Why the HJP? Because he presides over the Prudential Committee and should be well aware of chapter operations.

The Gazette will seek to be frequent, honest and open. It will report on activities of National staff and of the Grand Council. But more importantly, it will seek to report on chapter activities such as elections, community relations activities, sports, scholarship, province work, alumni and faculty activities, rush and pledgship and other aspects of chapter operations. It will try to give not only what happened but how it happened so other chapters may benefit. Chapters facing problems are invited to share those, too, so other chapters might offer solutions out of their experience. Chapters enjoying success with any kind of project or aspect of chapter operation are invited to share that experience as well.

Undergraduate Advisors (see story on them in this issue) will compile the material. Send your material directly to them or to the editor at the address on the last page of *The Gazette*.

It goes almost without saying that the success of *The Gazette* depends on each chapter. *The Gazette* to be worthwhile must be a medium of two-way communications.

OTHER PUBLICATION CHANGES

In response to the direction of the delegates at the convention that an attempt be made to improve *The Tomahawk* and other publications, the Grand Council has named Evin Varner, Presbyterian '58, as editor.

Any Brother with comments or suggestions should send them to Varner at the address on the last page of *The Gazette*. Work is already underway on the gradual revamping of all publications and printed materials.

Grand Council

MEET YOUR UNDERGRADUATE ADVISORS

Elected as Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council at the national convention were Brothers Craig Briner, Mike Lawless and Rick Volpe.

Craig is HSP of Gamma Zeta, Bowling Green State University. A junior, he is an accounting major who plans to enter law school. His home is Findlay, Ohio.

Mike is HSP of Gamma Chi, Indiana University. A senior, he is majoring in political science and also is aiming at law school. He has served his chapter as HS, HAE and HJP. His home is Kokomo, Indiana.

Rick is in his fourth year of a five year engineering-business program at Lehigh University. He is currently HJP of Beta Epsilon. He served last year as an Undergraduate Advisor to the Grand Council. He is from Norristown, Pennsylvania.

The chapters of the Fraternity have been divided among the three UA's. Craig Briner: Provinces 4, 5 and 8 plus Baldwin-Wallace and Bethany. Mike Lawless: Provinces 1, 2, 3 and 12. Rick Volpe: Provinces 6, 9, 10 and 11 plus Slippery Rock and Westminster.

You'll be hearing more from these men.



New Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council. Left to right: Craig Briner, Rick Volpe, Mike Lawless.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS THE EASY WAY

Housing

Advantage in rushing and a boost in morale are the results of a \$82,500 face lift job on the Gamma Zeta house at Bowling Green, according to Craig Briner. Since the twenty-year-old house is owned by the university, the state paid for the renovation. New heating, plumbing, roof, plaster, carpeting, paneling, doors and lighting. A new kitchen was also furnished with stove, dishwasher, refrigerator and freezer and dining room furniture.

With a new house, the chapter applied for a \$3,200 loan from National for new living room, lounge and game room furnishings.

Maintenance of the house is also the university's responsibility. The chapter pays only room fees equivalent to dorm rent.

NEW CHAPTER CONSULTANT SELECTED

National Staff



Gary A. Anderson

Already at work in the field is Gary A. Anderson, Alpha Nu '71, Alpha Sigma Phi's new Chapter Consultant. Gary graduated from Westminster this past June with a B. A. in elementary education. He was a resident advisor to upperclassmen for two years. He served as HCS as well as a Prudential Committee member. He also worked as liaison to the chapter's alumni association.

Looking toward a very busy year ahead, "Andy" states his goal as "... a desire to see Alpha Sigma Phi revitalized where necessary, from both the standpoints of internal development and of strengthening the lines of interaction among sister chapters."

GAMMA CHI REVISES PLEDGE PROGRAM

Pledges

In 1972, Gamma Chi at Indiana University switched from traditional pledgship program to what they call the associate member program. The goal is to prepare pledges better for their brotherhood experience. The chapter, through the program, expects the pledge to be able to handle chapter offices, understand the complete operations of the chapter and be able to start playing an active role as a member as soon as he becomes a Brother. (Any freshman may hold an "H" office if elected.)

During the pledge period, the chapter encourages much pledge active participation in activities rather than just in pledge activities. The program seeks to involve the new member into university life as well as the Fraternity. Scholarship is stressed with a nightly 4-hour study hall on Sunday through Thursday nights.

Other details of Gamma Chi's pledge program include carrying out four projects. A money-raising project (car washes, selling candy, etc.) to develop the class sense of responsibility and fiscal matters. A community service project (Halloween party for retarded adults) to develop further responsibility in organization and to fulfill the purpose of maintaining charity. An open project (paneling TV room, making a message board) to motivate the creativity of the class and provide improvements to the chapter house. The fourth is a closed project which should reflect the pride and strong feelings for the chapter and the Fraternity by the class.

Pledges must meet scholastic requirements, attend pledge meetings and are encouraged to become involved in campus activities. Other occasional duties may include being in charge of waking brothers and pledges for a day; answering the house phone for an evening, plus work sessions. Work sessions are usually combined active and pledge affairs.

PROVINCE VI SCHEDULES MEETING

Provinces

Province VI conclave has been scheduled for November 9 with Atlantic Christian, Presbyterian and Wake Forest. Wake Forest will serve as host chapter.

ZETA SETS SCHOLARSHIP RECORD

Scholarship

The winner of the 1974 scholarship award, Ohio State, lays no claim to any special program in achieving their record.

Chip Dutcher of the chapter attributes it to "Continued efforts of the chapter." The chapter lost the highest mark on its campus last year by two tenths of a point. That made them determined to do better so that Brothers hit the books a little harder.

Does your chapter have an organized scholarship program? Share the details with *The Gazette* so other chapters may profit from it.

Operations

A NATIONAL AMONG LOCALS

Joe Glutting of Tarkio reports on a special problem the Alpha Sig chapter faces there. They are one of only two nationals on campus.

Since the locals have no national dues to pay, Joe says, they can keep all of their resources within the chapter. And thereby have more parties and events than the nationals. And thereby make rushing really tough for the Old Gal at Tarkio.

Does anyone have any suggestions on how the chapter there can offset this problem?

TURNING A CHAPTER AROUND

Last fall, Penn State's chapter was down to three active brothers. To keep up the house, the chapter had to take boarders. Action was obviously called for.

Alumni president Steve Heisler contacted the national office. National went into action with a loan to help remodel the house and also put Heisler in touch with the Lehigh chapter.

Despite tremendous odds, the three active brothers had 6 freshmen ready to pledge. Lehigh agreed to visit to help with morale and also to assist with the pledging program. Nine Lehigh brothers spent a long weekend at Penn State where they took part in a rush party, met and worked with the actives and pledges and then helped conduct the pledge ceremony.

It was a turning point for Penn State. The chapter has continued to work and work hard — as evidenced by the fact that the chapter starts this fall with 28 brothers!

BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

Reports in from efforts to turn the Tulane chapter around indicate progress. A small core of outstanding men have been pledged. Gary Anderson has been with them, helping them get organized for continued efforts to make the chapter a strong one again. Local alumni support has been very good.

Geoff Hall has been active in two chapters. At Presbyterian and now at Marshall where he is a graduate student and is serving as HSP of the chapter. The Presbyterian chapter has established a senior brother award that is given annually and has named the award in honor of Geoff.

Know if any of your alumni are working for the telephone company? If so, let *The Gazette* know.

Fund raising projects — does your chapter undertake any? Are they successful? We'd like to know.

The Old Gal Gazette. A communications tool that seeks to share techniques, methods, ideas and solutions to problems within chapter operations and report on the most current activity of the Fraternity so that we, Alpha Sigma Phi, can grow together. Compiled by the Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council: Craig Briner, Gamma Zeta, Fraternity Row, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Mike Lawless, Gamma Chi, Indiana University, 625 North Jordan, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Rick Volpe, Beta Epsilon, Box 2, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. 18015. Edited by Evin Varner, Alpha Sigma Phi, Box 4351, Charlotte, N. C. 28204



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