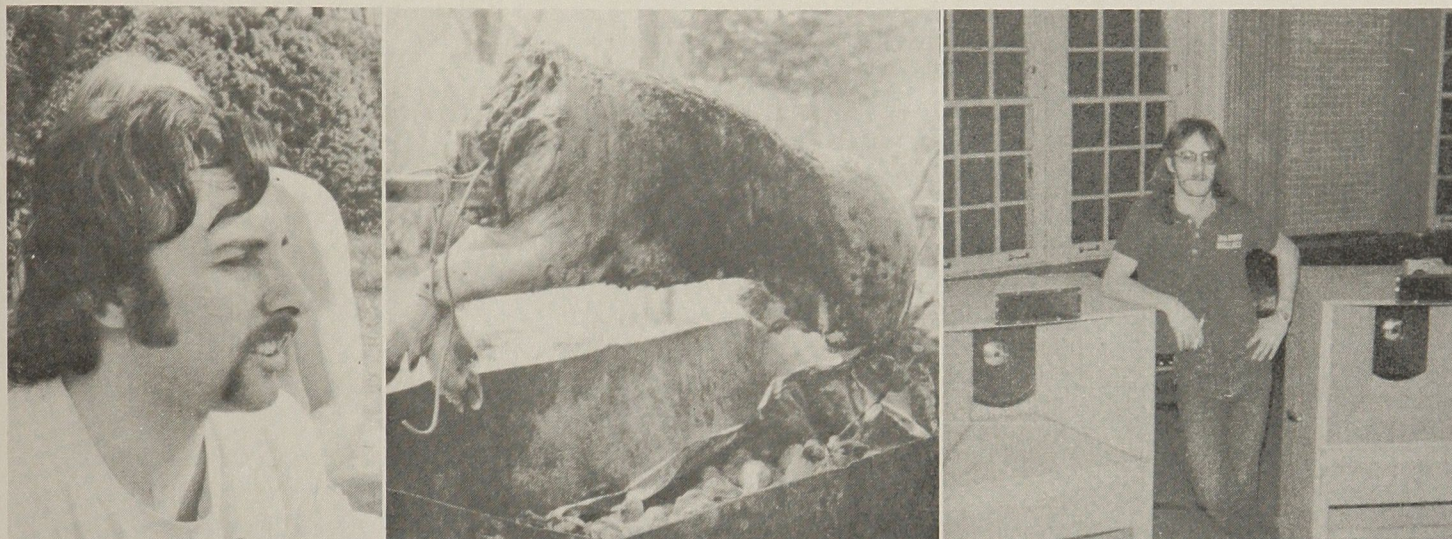


The Old Gal Gazette

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Jerry Matchett, left, was president of the Penn State chapter during its remarkable rebirth. The chapter celebrated its comeback with a pledge formal followed the next day by a pig roast. See the story in this issue. Need new equipment for your chapter? Alpha Mu, Baldwin-Wallace has a suggestion: build it yourself. That's what they did when new speakers were too expensive. A committee went to work with a kit and the result was a set of professional-looking, hand-built speakers, capable of handling the high power receivers used at parties. Brother Turner here pauses between the speakers-in-progress. Thanks to Bill Hawley for the report.

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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE '75: FUN, SHARING, LEARNING, GOAL-SETTING

"They inherit the future we create" was the theme of Alpha Sigma Phi's 1975 Educational Conference, August 14-17 at the University of Illinois.

Eta Chapter played host with Phil Lamkin and Rich Santelli heading that considerable and well-done job. Grand Councilor Richard A. Dexter was conference director.

Brothers learned how to set goals for their chapters and then learned the techniques to achieve those goals. The emphasis was on creating a fine legacy for Alpha Sigs yet to come.

Sessions were spirited and, according to delegates, very worthwhile. After work periods were fun (just check out the photos in this issue.)

Taking part as instructors was the entire Grand Council, the Fraternity staff, plus a large number of alumni including Robert G. Cabello, Michigan; William E. Cox, IIT; James C. Kirkwood, Milton and Charles M. Given, Illinois. Also Stan Miller, Purdue, who led the rush session; Bruce Burns, Ohio State, pledge training; Jim Mulligan, Massachusetts, alumni participation; Rich Dexter, Oregon State, problem solving; Evin Varner, Presbyterian, publications.

Grand Senior President George Trubow not only demonstrated the infamous pie flip, but spoke to the group on several occasions, giving a report on the state of the Fraternity. He chaired the session where three new Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council were elected. (Story in this issue.) That election saw a record-breaking number of nominations for the UGA post.

It was a great Alpha Sig experience . . . and one that, hopefully, will be having its impact on our chapters for years to come.

REBUILDING A CHAPTER — THE PENN STATE STORY

(Editor's note: Mike Rodman, HAE of Upsilon Chapter, shares with us here the story of a difficult but worthwhile undertaking — the rebuilding of a chapter. Mike's story is brutally frank about the dramatic efforts involved in the turn-around. It's a story that should encourage us all to greater achievement in our own chapters.)

By Mike Rodman

The stone structure stood up against the sky, its chimney an extension connecting ground to the above.

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The stone was big and awesome, and was granted respect from the other nearby houses. The thick door with the sculptured windows bore letters that stood for the words, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Yes, the word fraternity eeked through the physical being of the house. But the word disunity evolved from the inside.

The house was in poor interior condition. The brotherhood, or what was left of it, didn't care. They didn't care about preserving the Old Gal that many brothers before them had loved and built into one of the top fraternities at Penn State.

There were nine brothers living in the house, and 15 boarders who were taken in to foot the bills of modern-day living. At this rate, the house soon wouldn't have any brothers at all. After all, what rushee would be interested in a house crumbling as this one was?

Something had to be done.

Two of the brothers did care, and they decided to take matters into their own hands. First, they got alumni that lived nearby to help out.

Second, they kicked out the seven other brothers and all the boarders because nothing constructive could be accomplished with them there.

Third, they got a \$15,000 no-interest loan from the national for house improvements.

Fourth, they got six brothers who had moved out of the house earlier for lack of wanting to live with the people just removed, to help them with the rebuilding of the chapter.

It wasn't going to be easy. But, the eight, with the alumni, worked on the house. And then, they worked some more. And then, when they were deathly tired, they worked some more.

The rebuilding had started in the winter, and by early May it had been completed.

But what of new membership? Well, by offering the challenge of rebuilding a house to rushees, a five-man pledge class was completed before the end of the academic year.

In the next year, five more pledge classes were initiated. The rebuilding was almost complete, for this year thirty brothers reside in a house with not only rebuilt physical aspects, but rebuilt fraternal unity as well.

The Penn State Upsilon chapter was almost in the grave, but thanks to the initiative of two brothers, is now flirting with reincarnation as it climbs back towards the top of Penn State Fraternities.

AN OLD PROBLEM — HOW DO YOU HANDLE IT?

Several people have posed the question recently: a young man wants to be a part of fraternity . . . but chooses not to drink. Will his choice be respected? Often he's told that it will, only to find that his brothers bring great pressure on him later. Does drinking have to be a part of the fraternity scene? Can a man who doesn't drink be comfortable in Alpha Sigma Phi? Perhaps this could be a topic of discussion at a chapter meeting soon. Let us know your thoughts so we can share them.

FRATERNITY ADOPTS BROTHERHOOD

A most unusual service project has been reported in the press recently. Delta Tau Delta at the University of Washington is serving as a foster home for a 15-year-old boy. The Washington State Department of Social Services has formally licensed the fraternity to provide foster care for the boy. Social workers report that it is tough finding foster homes for older children. "Here's a chance," says one caseworker, "to offer a teen-age boy an alternative. He'll be living with young men who believe in getting an education, setting goals and working toward achieving them." Jim, the 15-year-old, had no delinquent behavior in his background. "At first I wasn't too sure about it," he says, "but now I think it's great. There's always something to do and the guys are all nice. I can see if I had a problem, I wouldn't have to worry about who to go to." Jim goes to a nearby high school. He doesn't participate in ritual or exchange parties. But he takes part in banquets, intramural athletics and fraternity housework. The state pays the fraternity \$130 a month for Jim's foster care and the fraternity provides Jim with a \$20 a month allowance doled out by one of the brothers. At Christmas, Jim's "parents" gave him a clock radio, desk lamp, sweater and tennis shoes. One of the brothers says he believes the fraternity as well as Jim benefits from the experience. "It gives everyone in the house an added responsibility and causes us not to be so selfish with the things we have, but, rather, to share them with someone else who needs them." Jim has his own room in the Delta house on the same floor as those of the fraternity members. Like many of the rooms, Jim's has a pennant on the wall. But the legend on Jim's pennant doesn't say "Washington Huskies" — It says: "Love one another."

NEW OFFICIAL ALPHA SIG MUG AVAILABLE

Those attending the '75 Educational Conference got a preview of the new official Alpha Sig mug. Beautifully sandcast of heavy-duty aluminum, the mug features the coat of arms on one side, the Greek letters on the other. The mug is a handsome piece of metal work — durable, non-breakable and very useful. Orders for the mug should be sent to headquarters. Individual orders are \$8.50 each, including postage and handling. In lots of 20 to the same address, the mugs are only \$6.00 each, F.O.B. Columbus, Ohio. The mugs will make fine party gifts, alumni gifts and every member will want one as well.

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INTERESTED IN BLACK LANTERN, LITTLE SISTERS?

Write to headquarters for detailed information. Available from our office is a pattern for making lanterns and on how to organize the Black Lantern processional. For those with or starting Little Sister groups, suggested ritual material and Little Sister pins are available.

EXTENSION EFFORT UNDERWAY

Work is underway now at starting a new colony of Alpha Sigma Phi at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Heading up that effort is Robert G. Cabello, an active Alpha Sig alumnus who is currently assistant director of student activities at the school. Bob has been instrumental in the development of the Greek system at Eastern Illinois.

START PLANNING NOW FOR CONVENTION '76

Every Alpha Sig in the world will want to put down August 11-15, 1976 on his calendar — the dates for Alpha Sigma Phi's biennial convention. Seven Springs near Pittsburgh is again the convention site. The beautiful resort offers plenty of distractions and fun . . . but the greatest fun will be in taking part in the greatest Alpha Sig gathering of them all. Why not plan on your entire chapter attending?

A TIP ON RUSHING . . .

A major book published by Dr. Alexander W. Astin, Graduate School of Education, University of California, gives another plus for fraternity membership. His research (over 41,000 respondents) shows that membership in fraternities and sororities makes a major difference in preventing students from dropping out of school. In fact, he found that fraternity or sorority membership leads to a significant reduction in drop-outs.

NEW PROVINCE CHIEFS NAMED

Grand Senior President George B. Trubow announces the appointment of three new Province Chiefs.

Province II: William E. Cox, Illinois Tech '69, 2206 Tulip Lane, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005. Brother Cox was president of Alpha Xi chapter, was an Undergraduate Advisor to the Grand Council.

Province V: W. Bruce Burns, 837 Pinecreek Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45459. Brother Burns, Ohio State '63, was president of Zeta Chapter. He was in charge of the sessions on Pledge Training at the '75 Educational Conference.

Province VI: Peter L. Tourtellot, president, Sedgefield Sportswear Co., 1301 Carolina Street, Greensboro, N. C. 27401. Brother Tourtellot, American '57, was in charge of Province II when he lived in Kansas.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS DIRECTOR NAMED

James M. Mulligan has been named as director of alumni affairs and development for Alpha Sigma Phi. A member of Gamma chapter, Jim was previously a chapter consultant for the Fraternity. He is an attorney, practicing in Denver where he is also active in a large realty firm. Be sure to put him on your mailing list for newsletters and also alert him to any and all Alpha Sig alumni who would like to get involved again in the Fraternity. His address is 1060 South Parker Rd., No. 5, Denver, Colorado 80231. Efforts are already underway to start new alumni councils in several cities.

THREE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISORS ELECTED

Those attending the '75 Educational Conference at the University of Illinois elected three Alpha Sigs to serve for the coming year as Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council. They are:

Dave Stover, Oregon State University (Psi), a political science major. He has served his chapter as social chairman, IFC rep and rush chairman.

Allen Stallings, Atlantic Christian College (Gamma Lambda), a psychology major. Allen is president of his chapter and is treasurer of the student government.

Ken "Moose" Ringwald, Eastern Michigan University (Gamma Upsilon), an accounting major. "Moose" has been president, vice president and treasurer of his chapter.

PARKS NAMED AS NEW CHAPTER CONSULTANT

Dennis "Skip" Parks, a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace, is now on the road for Alpha Sigma Phi as our second full-time Chapter Consultant. Skip is a native of Fulton, N. Y. He served our chapter at Baldwin-Wallace as secretary for four quarters. He was editor of the Baldwin-Wallace yearbook; editor of Greek Affairs in the college newspaper and vice president of the IFC. Skip looks forward to a career as a city manager.

OREGON BROTHER SERVES AS CONSULTANT

Working as a chapter consultant for part of the summer and fall was Mike Waters, Psi, Oregon State.

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Mike, who is entering the fourth year of a 5-year engineering program at Oregon, had six weeks free following the end of his Navy ROTC cruise and volunteered to work for the Fraternity. "It was an exciting, rewarding experience," reports Mike. He promises a story about his travels for Alpha Sigma Phi for the next issue . . . including a tale of running into Alpha Sigs all over the world.

APPLY NOW FOR WORK WITH ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Graduating this January or this coming June? It's not too early to give thought to working for Alpha Sigma Phi as a traveling chapter consultant for a year or two. The experience is the kind that a future employer will find mighty attractive on your resume. You'll find that no matter what you plan to do in the future that working for the Fraternity will be excellent preparation. Because you'll be traveling a lot, you'll probably find you save a lot of your salary, too. If you're interested or think you might be, write to headquarters for more information.

CHAPTER VISITATION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Every chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi will receive an official visit by the Fraternity by the end of 1975. This ambitious program has three chapter consultants in the field. Additional visits will be scheduled by members of the Grand Council and by Executive Secretary Ralph Burns.

Gary Anderson has already visited American, Slippery Rock, Westminster, Michigan, Northern Michigan, Milton, Loyola, Illinois Institute of Technology, Toledo, Baldwin-Wallace, Penn State, Lycoming. He'll be at Cornell October 12-15; Martwick October 15-18; RPI, October 19-22; Tufts, October 22-25; Stevens, October 27-29; Wagner, October 29-November 1.

In November, Anderson will be at Rutgers November 2-5; Lehigh, November 5-8; Penn., November 9-12; Widener, November 12-15; American, November 16-19. He'll be at Coe November 30-December 3; Iowa State, December 3-6; Tarkio, December 7-10; Missouri Valley, December 10-13; Oklahoma, December 14-17.

Chapter Consultant Skip Parks has already visited with Marietta, Morris Harvey, Concord, Davis & Elkins, Marshall, Rio Grande, Ohio State, Ohio Northern and Findlay. He'll be at Bowling Green, October 12-15; Baldwin-Wallace, October 15-18; Westminster, October 19-22; Slippery Rock, October 22-25; Bethany, October 26-29.

In November, Parks will be at Lawrence Institute, November 2-5; Eastern Michigan, November 5-8; University of Michigan, November 9-12; Tri-State, November 12-15; Indiana Tech, November 16-19; Purdue, November 19-22; Cincinnati, November 30-December 3.

In December, he'll visit Indiana, December 3-6; Eastern Illinois (extension), December 7-10; Illinois, December 10-13.

Chapter Consultant Mike Waters has already worked with American University in its recolonization program for two weeks, visited with Atlantic Christian, Wake Forest and Presbyterian Chapters and also worked with the groups that are underway at North Carolina State and University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

GSP Trubow will represent the Fraternity in official visits to Stanford, Oregon and Washington in November.

MILESTONES COMING UP

Wagner and Stevens will both celebrate their 50th anniversary in '76. Other anniversaries include Rutgers and Tufts, moving toward their 45th birthday . . . Toledo and Cincinnati, 40th . . . Bowling Green and Lycoming, 25th . . . Concord, 10th . . . Tarkio and Slippery Rock, 5th.

Dennis Dark, rush chairman at Michigan, announces that the chapter has set its fall pledge goal at 30.

Beta Gamma, Bethany reports that almost half of the chapter is pinned or engaged. "Makes it easier to get a date now!" Brother George Bauman has returned to work at Bethany, running the college bookstore. He is taking an active role in the Beta Gamma Property Association.

Terry Womack of Alpha Alpha, Oklahoma, has been elected president of the University's Students Association . . . the first Greek within anyone's recollection to be elected to the office! James Slayton of Alpha Alpha has been elected by the IFC as rush chairman of the university for '75. He heads the rush commission and is the coordinator and policy maker for all 22 fraternities on the campus.

Larry Franklin at Alpha Omicron, Missouri Valley, reports that the chapter this past year placed on top on campus scholastically. The chapter sponsored a blood drive that was very successful. The chapter is also intramural and IFC chapters in football and is working on the basketball trophy.

Iowa State reports a remarkable intramural program. The chapter fields 2 flag football teams, two six-man volleyball teams, racquetball, tennis, handball and a team in a 50-mile bicycle race. There are three chapter basketball teams, hockey team; two softball teams . . . and on and on! The chapter has the University handball singles champ, Jim Gilbert who also took an award as the outstanding wrestler in the intramural tournament.

Jim Kuhner, Alpha Mu, Baldwin-Wallace, has been elected president of the IFC. The chapter recently added a second VP to its officer line-up in order to involve more members in the running of the chapter.

The Chapters

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David Willman, HAE, Tri-State, reports that the chapter has started a Sig-O-Gram, published monthly during the school year that goes to all chapter alumni. The Sig-O-Gram is in addition to the chapter's regular newsletter and contains only alumni news. The regular newsletter reports on chapter activities and accomplishments.

Lawrence Tech, after hearing about the Dance for Chance program at the 1975 Educational Conference has decided to adopt the project. Hopefully, there will be further reports on their success and how they did it.

PSI Chapter, Oregon State, utilized its first newsletter of the year as a very fine rush tool. The issue gives history of Alpha Sigma Phi, of Psi Chapter, and has articles on the pledge program, social activities and house traditions. It also contains news on campus honors and intramurals. Probably many of the alumni brothers who received the newsletter found the issue a welcome "refresher course" on the Fraternity and the chapter. Good idea!

CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS RECENTLY REPORTED

Coe brothers — Raymond Dale Todd, Stephen Wright . . . Coe pledge — Russell Paul Phillips, pledge . . . Iowa State pledges — Michael Joseph Fischer, Gregg Dean Congwer, Todd Jonathon Marolf, John Dean Paul, Alan Frederick Philippi, Craig Allan Shubert . . . Concord Brothers — Carol Delano Carter, Jeffrey Blacke Combs, Michael Owen Crews, John Martin Hurd, Robert Wilson Reed, William Eugene Sanders, Johnny Mack Sparks, Philip Bruce Sparks, Franklin Delano Smith . . . Purdue brothers — Mike Anderson, Mike Andrus, Craig Bailey, Tim Burns, Tom Dickerson, Steve Dowham, David Dure, Jeff Erny, Don Falty, Mark Goodman, Gary Graham, Mike Henry, Bill Johnson, Jim Murphy, Jeff Painter, C. David Stadterman, Donald Stock, Peter Thoesen, Rodney Topel, Bruce Troughton, Roy Tsuchida, Marvin Villiard, Stephen Wanders, Mike Yucevicius . . . Rutgers brothers — Thaddeus Casmir Kleczko, Thomas Walter Marchwinski, Scott Raymond Mason, Anthony John Thomas Mroz, Keith Martin Rosser, David Bruce Williams, Steven Richard Wingert . . . RPI brothers — Jonathan Todd Reinhardt, Thomas Illkon Sohn . . . Indiana pledges — Lawrence W. Berggoetz, Randall J. Brasich, Thomas S. Brooks, Donald D. Gibson, Charles R. Hert, Mark A. Iverson, Jathan W. Janove, Bradley R. Karagin, Michael R. Lake, Richard D. Lamberson, Scott A. Loise, Kenneth A. Miller, Jeff L. Neal, Thomas W. Peters, Kenneth W. Rogers, Paul E. Smethers . . . Ohio Northern brothers — Tom Beck, James Marshall, Thomas Danko, Troy Tippet, Steve Winkle, Michael Wolf, Randy Francis, Gregory Grimsli, Richard Kelling, Michael Kolakowski, Bruce McConnell . . . Atlantic Christian brothers — Thomas Gregory Carr, Gordan Dean Ferrell, Walter Thomas Hanna, Jr., Gary Mack Jackson . . . Cincinnati brothers — Brian Moore, Phil Mente . . .

POSTER NOW AVAILABLE TO CHAPTERS

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A large, handsome all-purpose poster is now available to chapters through headquarters. Printed in bright red on heavy poster-board, the posters are designed to really catch the eye. The posters have a center section for specific message — to announce parties, rush events, campus projects, etc. By using standard white typing paper for the message, the actual poster can be used over and over again. The posters can be ordered from headquarters for \$3.00 for five posters, including postage, packaging and handling. Brighten up your image with official Alpha Sig posters today.

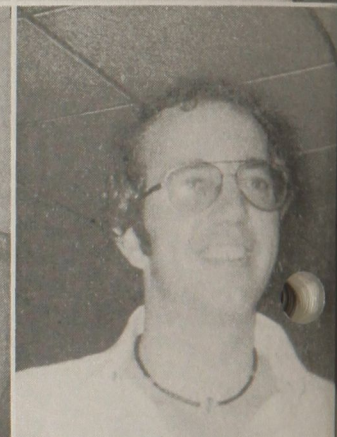
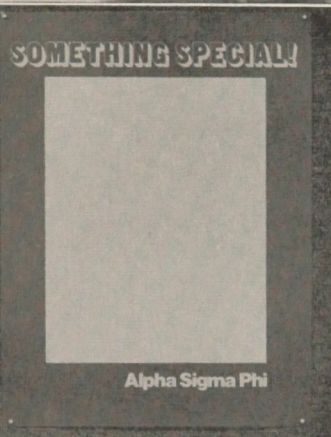
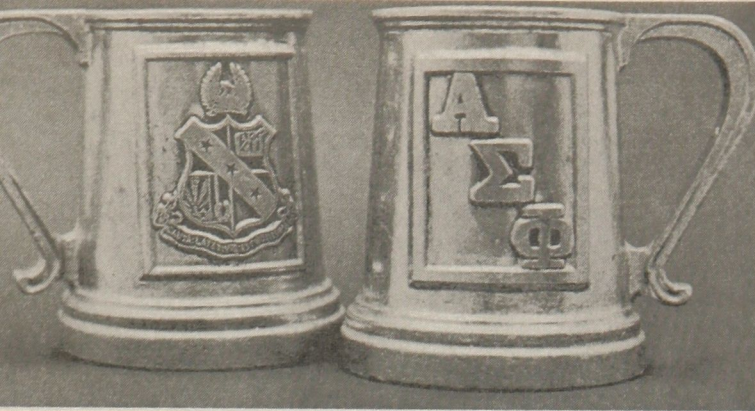
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Odds&Ends

Hazing: It was reported at Educational Conference, but it bears repeating. Recent rulings in some cases where hazing resulted in injury means that claims will be made against the homeowner's insurance of the parents and guardians of all chapter members. It's another good reason to reassess any pranks that go on and to re-read the Fraternity's position on hazing of any kind.

Fire hazards: Alpha Sigma Phi has been lucky . . . but other fraternities report quite a few house fires. Now is a good time to check extinguishers, to get rid of all hazards and to work out emergency systems. Your local fire department will be glad to run a check and make suggestions if you call them.

Want a speaker for Founder's Day, Sig Bust or any special event? Drop a note well in advance to Headquarters. A visit by a member of the staff, Grand Council or an outstanding Alpha Sig in your area can be coordinated through headquarters — but it does take plenty of lead time, so plan ahead.

Get out your pledge manual and take a look at the various awards and grants given to chapters by the Fraternity. Decide which ones your chapter would like to have and go after them! There are awards for service, scholarship, province leadership, chapter operations, newsletters, and others as well. Have at it!

Grunt. "Hello." "Yeah." "Speak to me." Those are the ways you'll find Alpha Sigma Phi phones answered. A more polite, business-like "Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity" sure sounds nicer . . . and you never know when it's a rushee, a parent, an alumnus or whoever calling. Good public relations is made up of many little things . . . and little things like good phone manners can make a big difference in your chapter's image.

Chapter newsletters. Be sure to send copies of every issue to headquarters, to The Tomahawk editor, to all other chapters, and to Jim Mulligan, Alumni Affairs Director, 1060 S. Parker Rd., No. 5, Denver, Col. 80231. It might be a good idea to send copies to a few special faculty and administration members, too.



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