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Tom Wajnert, Illinois Tech '61, National Province Coordinator of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Brother Wajnert, a San Francisco business executive, will be co-ordinating a revitalized province program across the U.S. that will feature new people, new programs and new activities.



Grand Senior Presidents of Alpha Sigma Phi gathered in Washington recently to work on long-range plans for the Fraternity. They are, left to right, Raymond Glos, Illinois '22 (1966-1968), John Blackburn, Missouri Valley '49 (1968-1970), present GSP George Trubow, Michigan '53, Robert Miller, Connecticut '49 (1970-1974) and Charles T. Akre, Iowa, (1956-1960).

GRAND COUNCIL TO MEET

Grand Grand Senior President George Trubow has called a meeting of the Grand Council and the Undergraduate Council Advisors to the Grand Council for February 6-8, in Columbus, Ohio. This is one of two major meetings of the Council held every year. Chapters with reports or requests that should be brought to the attention of the Council should send their material to Headquarters right away.

GAMMA ZETA REPORTS BUSY YEAR

The Chapter's Randy Winland, HAE at Bowling Green, sends in a report full of news about the chapter's activities. The Alphies (that's what they call us there) placed second in both "A" and "B" football and soccer. Over 40 alumni couples attended the homecoming steak dinner and dance. In scholarship, Gamma Zeta came in second overall - and one of only three fraternities to be above all the men's average. Twenty-four women were recently pledged into the Lil Sigs program there. A new program at the chapter, Gamma Zeta feels it has been well worth the effort. (Bowling Green should write to Michigan.)

> An alumnus of the chapter, Jim Laux '72, has recently returned to Bowling Green as the new director for the Inter-Fraternity Council. Brother Laux has completed both his Master's and Ph.D. degrees at Bowling Green. He will have the difficult job of serving as advisor and co-ordinator for the University for the 22 fraternities on the campus.

DELTA KAPPA GROUP ISSUES NEWSLETTER

Delta Kappa group, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, has been busy so far this year with combination rush and party parties; a busy intramural season plus a planned bathtub pull for charity benefit. Working with the group that seeks affiliation with Alpha Sigma Phi are Atlantic Christian (Gamma Lambda) alumni Bill Caldwell and Joe Harwood.

THETA TO ISSUE DIRECTORY

Michigan's Theta has just announced that it will compile a membership directory of all living Alpha Sigs of Theta. Mailings are going out to verify addresses. The chapter, according to its newsletter, is trying to start a Little Sisters group and would welcome suggestions from chapters who have had a successful Little Sisters program.

BETA ZETA SPONSORS BIKE-A-THON

The Chapters A citywide Bike-A-Thon to benefit the American Diabetes Association was the special project of Beta Zeta group at N. C. State. The event was very successful - especially in gaining newspaper and TV publicity for the new fraternity. Many people commented about their surprise to see a fraternity that cared enough to help other people. The group has been hard at its study of the Alpha Sig Membership Manual ("To Better The Man") under the supervision of Atlantic Christian Alpha Sig alumnus Mahlon Aycock.

GAMMA CHI BEGINS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

In addition to its once-a-semester publication, The Eighth Point, Gamma Chi at Indiana University is starting a monthly newsletter to its alumni. The publication, temporarily called The Gamma Chi Newsletter, will be simpler in format than The Eighth Point. It will keep all alums up to date on the chapter and on alumni activities as well. A good alumni relations program pays off - as was evidenced by over \$4,000.00 that was collected in a single weekend toward Gamma Chi's fund for a new house.

PENN STATE TO HOST UNIVERSITY PREXY

Upsilon brother Chuck Vohs is an undergraduate advisor to the president of Penn State. So Chuck has made arrangements for the president, Dr. John Oswald, to visit Alpha Sigma Phi. He'll join the chapter, pledges and rushees for dinner and conversation following the meal.

HARTWICK HOSTS ITS NEIGHBORS

Richard Konash of Beta Xi reports that the chapter recently invited its neighbors in for a special coffee: "We rented a coffee maker and cups and personally gave our invitations to everyone within a few blocks. We had cleaned up the house and had the brothers look (and act) presentable. Attendance was not quite what we expected but was encouraging. The coffee helped to quiet complaints about loud and late parties. Also, we supplied our guests with the names and the number of officers to contact in case there is a complaint. This prevents that first call to the police or school officials. All in all it was quite successful but we feel that more activities of this sort are necessary to maintain good neighborhood relations."

OTHER CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha Pi, Purdue, recently held a chapter party for kids in the West Lafayette area . . . Tri-State College, home of Beta Omicron chapter, has become Tri-State University. Beta Omicron now has a new house . . . Delta, Marietta College, reports a pledge class of 37 - 24 freshmen and 13 sophomores . . . Baldwin-Wallace won the homecoming float competition again . . . Bethany celebrates Founder's Day in a very special way: they have written a special ritual . . . Ohio State rented their house to the OSU PanHellenic Council and hosted 40 girls for 10 days (tough!)

Two newsletters just out and received by the editor (thank you) are from Beta Epsilon, Lehigh and Alpha Xi, Illinois Institute of Technology. Both are excellent jobs. You might ask them for an extra copy if they have them as good examples of chapter newsletters. Alpha Xi's Oak Wreath has an interesting report from its mother's club which obviously has been most helpful to the chapter. If any chapter is thinking of starting a mother's club, write Alpha Xi for information.

CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS RECENTLY REPORTED

INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE:

BOWLING GREEN - Robert Nilles, Mark Hofer, Gary Kite, Rober Mealy, Robert Derge, Kerry Hartrum, Steven DiLucca, Joel Acus. ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - Hiroshi Nkajima, James Francis Basile, Randal Gerald Brown, James John McCahon, Guy Robert Huettel, George Miachael Hrbek, Gary Donald Foley. RIO GRANDE - Larry R. Saunders, Gary N. Wilcoxon, Kyle K. Drew, Timothy A. Summers, Gregg A. Smith. OHIO NORTHERN - David Allan Butterfield, Bradley Lee Scott, Dale Myron Vandemark. STANFORD - William Allyn, David Ansley, Kenneth Hausman, Alan Kojima, John Olson, Gary Robinson, Ruben Sanchez, Timothy Schulte, Mark Sexton, Edward Shapiro, Mark Showen, James Weisert.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA - Carroll Gregory Webb, Jr., Christopher Lee Ross, Michael LaWayne Davis, James Robert Dunham, Jr., James Shuler Howard, Jr. NORTHERN MICHIGAN - David Robert Aagaard, Robert Donald Maloney, Daniel Joseph Tibor, Paul Henry Toepp III. OHIO STATE - Allan Schulze, Mark Biefeld, John Bowden. DAVIS & ELKINS - Robert A. Kordonits, Danield E. Groman. TARKIO - Frank Manginelli, Rickard Patrick Callen. MORRIS HARVEY - Neil Stewart Anderson, Mark Edward Beckett, Michael John Emley, Robert James Hammond, Bruce Stephan Levine, Michael Eugene Peacock, Rodney William Pearce, Mark Joseph Russo, John Thomas Sciara, Howard Glenn Self. LOYOLA - Mark Hryniewich, Tom Luetkemeyer, John Maddalozzo, David Scott, Manfred Strohschein. RUTGERS - James John Breeker, David Emory Prouty, Philip Andrew Peter

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS:

MISSOURI VALLEY - Bryan B. Berlin, Roy C. Bernard, Douglas T. Carney, Jonathan A. Danner, Anthony C. Hunter, Keith J. Shindler, Hideyo Tanaka, Robert B. McAnelly. WIDENER - Richard F. David, Brian Duffy, Dave F. Gosselin, Eric J. Gremminger, Thomas F. Grogan, David E. Skinner. BOWLING GREEN - Andrew Mompar, Tim Malloy. UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - Art Moffit, Kris Axell, Ron Dahl, Dean Bachmeyer, Burt Joseph, Wayne Wicker, Larry Sexton, Bob Knosp, Bruce Thees, Tom Tift, Scott Kuhn, Rod Tayett, John Salsburg, Tye Minkler, Rob Berg, Bob Hamilton, Frank Brozovich, Don Van Slyke, Steve Berglund, Tim Tobin, Mike Damen, Brian Healy, Mark Haupt.

The Chapters LOYOLA - Mark Hryniewich, Tom Luetkemeyer, John Maddalozzo, David Scott, Manfred Strohschein. UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO - Nick Biniker, Kevin Coleman, Tom Comte, Kevin Cass, Scott Darah, Bob Douglas, Dave Fockler, Jeff Gramlich, Tim Haynes, Bob Kurczewski, Tim Kronbach, Al Lancz, Tom LaRue, Don Maher, Charlie McDaniels, Mike Monaghan, Jeff Peer, Chris O'Conner, Joe Restivo, Jeff Schwind, Chris Velker, Mike Wilhelm, Steve Young. UNI-VERSITY OF ILLINOIS - Timothy Wayne Behrens, Robert Allen Crowe, William Mark Glas, Edward John Kalina, Douglas John Launhardt, Steven Francis Molo, David Allan Roderick, Ronald Charles Smith, Scott Dale Watson, Andrew Howard Schutz. OHIO STATE - William Angevine, John Bowden, Glen Gray, Jeffrey Kinzback, Frederick Wachtel, Richard Wyckott. WIDENER - Richard F. David, Brian Duffy, David F. Gosselin, Eric J. Gremminger, Thomas F. Grogan, David E. Skinner. RUTGERS - James John Broeker, David Emory Prouty, Philip Andrew Peter. PRESBY-TERIAN - Mike Bailey, Rich Birmingham, Terry Connell, Vaughan Legg, Jimmy Marks, Ian McCaslin, Lane McRae, Carter Morford, Hadden Senn, George Simpson, Rich Smith, Stephan Stankewich, Jeff Thompson, Bob Wiengartner, Ben Wilson. OHIO NORTHERN - David Butterfield, Bradley Scott, Dale Vandemark. COE - Scott Custis, Scott Martin, Jim First. AMERICAN - Nicholas Brill, Kelly Brown, David Conroe, Dean Fullerton, Glenn Hoernig, Steven Kashishian, Bennet Kaufmar, Douglas Marshall, David Myers. BALDWIN-WALLACE - James M. Caffery, George C. Hammond, Robert S. Quinn. ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN - William Michael Saleeby, Louis Stephen Sledge, John Robert Griffin, Terry Coolidge Howard. ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - Frank Cannella, Beveley Dudley, Sean Gwin, Ray Grill, Stuart Hong, Keith Lasko, David Marshall, Duke Goeghegan, Steven Peterson, Jeff Rosenberg, Steve Gannon, Mike Stefanink, William Warman, Paul Wuerl, Mark Diganci. PENN STATE - Edward John Holloway, Paul Raymond Bonneau, James Michael Hall, Jack Alton Aughenbaugh, John Eric Deysher. IOWA STATE - David Landis.

PROVINCE IX MOVES INTO FULL SWING!!

Provinces Province IX had its first Province Executive Council meeting in years and things got going into first gear for a Spring Conclave, 1976. Representatives from Lehigh, Lycoming and Penn State met the American brothers and members at their house in Washington, D. C. on November 14 and 15. Everyone attended a gene ral education forum and conducted the Province business meeting. Chapter Consultant Gary Anderson and Grand Province Chief Bill Klaban were there to help start things rolling. Widener College did not send a representative because of their chapter's involvement in the colleges Parent's Day activities and the transportation which the Penn delegates had counted on fell through.

> Besides the sub-100% representation, the meetings and activities were 100% "SIG." Everyone got the chance to see the Washington, D. C. area and make use of the facilities. Many ideas were exchanged among the brothers during the rush and pledge education meetings and during the free time.

> The major portion of the business meeting and the major concentration of the weekend was directed toward organizing and planning a Province IX Spring Conclave, 1976. In other words, a good old, downhome "SIG BUST" is in the making. The dates for the event are April 2, 3 and 4 at Lehigh University, Beta Epsilon Chapter house, Bethlehem, Penna. The events lined up now include: general education forums of rush, pledge education, alumni relations and house management, sports tournament and, "Hitting the Hill." That first weekend of April looks to be a couple of dynamite days for the brothers of Province IX.

> This report comes from Charles Elliott, Penn State, who was elected Province Secretary. Elected as General Chairman of the Province was Pete Geraghty of Lehigh.

THE IDEAL BIG BROTHER . . . HOW DO YOU PICK HIM?

Operations

Ideally, the Big Brother is the major source of information and guidance for the pledge - the main link with the chapter. And for all the importance of this job, Big Brothers are often picked in a haphazard

The process varies. Many chapters ask the pledge to name three brothers and the pledge educator makes the choice, following consultations. Other chapters let the educator make the choice or use a seniority

No matter what method you use, the pledge educator should retain the final vote or veto. Consider personalities and interests in matching new member to Big Brother, but look also at the year in school of a candidate, his free time, his attitudes toward the Fraternity and the brothers, his experience in the chapter.

A senior might want to end his undergraduate career in Alpha Sigma Phi with a flourish - leaving behind a dynamite little brother. Or he may have a case of senioritis. Or he might not plan on living in the house. Another candidate might be taking 18 hours of organic chemistry, working part-time and be engaged - he won't have the time.

How long has the Big Brother candidate lived in the house? What's his attitude regarding the Fraternity? Big Brothers are a role model, a counselor, a cupid, a coach - and as a person probably have the greatest impact on the individual pledge. A Big Brother sets the pace for his little brother - good or bad.

Education. Rush School - a pre-rush session in the chapter for everyone, dealing with organization and psychology of rush - is important for a good member recruitment program. Likewise, a Big Brother meeting is important. A meeting where the pledge educator lays out the program organization for the

Operations period and outlines what he considers to be the duties of a Big Brother - number of contacts per week, assistance on the books, participation in BB/LB activities, review of counseling techniques, chapter involvement, etc.

> Follow-up and program maintenance: the quality of your program requires good, consistent Big Brother participation. The three most critical periods during pledging, in terms of dropouts, are just after formal pledging, mid-terms and just prior to activation. Two of those occur after the first couple weeks of post-rush euphoria. Some chapters program Big Brother meetings every week, some meet twice a term. Status reports are helpful here and the exchange of ideas and solutions at BB meetings can be helpful, especially for rookie Big Brothers. Meetings just before those critical periods may help boost your activation rate. You might want to consider having an assistant pledge educator in your chapter whose main responsibility is the organizing and programming of the Big Brothers operation.

Picking the ideal Big Brother? It's tough. You won't always succeed. But it's sure worth the effort.

SHARING YOUR NEWS: IT'S SIMPLE!

We've had some questions recently about how to prepare material for submission to The Gazette and The Tomahawk. It's easy, really. Every chapter should have an HAE who is responsible for sending in regular reports. But any member may do so.

Material doesn't have to be prepared in any special form or style. Write as if you were writing a letter to a buddy on another campus who has never visited your chapter. Share what's happening, getting all the facts in.

About what? About anything and everything. Funny things that have happened. Service projects. New organizational efforts. Rush. Pledge education. Financial management. Social events that worked well. Changes and improvements in your house or lodge and how they were managed. Scholarship programs. Campus and inter-fraternity co-operation. Alumni involvement and communications.

Is the material for The Gazette or for The Tomahawk? That's up to the editor. And once you share the basic information with him, you'll probably get a note back with questions for additional facts.

Photographs? Black and white are best. Polaroids don't work too well. Many chapters have had good luck with simple pocket instamatic type cameras. Print size? Just as they come back from the drug store or wherever you have them processed. (If you're having professional work done, ask for 5 x 7 prints.) Ask headquarters for a free booklet on chapter photography for pointers. Keep photos simple and upclose to subject matter and don't have too many people in a single photo. Try for an unposed look. Don't write photo identification on the back with a ballpoint pen. Write on a piece of paper and key to numbers on the back of the photos written with a felt-tip pen.

Have an idea about a story? Write the editor and ask. Want to know how to organize material for our publications? Write and ask.

The main thing is, write! If your chapter isn't featured in our publications at least twice a year, then your chapter has a serious case of Nonwritus. You are news. Your chapter is doing a lot of things that the rest of the Fraternity and your alumni will find interesting.

SPECIAL: The summer issue of The Tomahawk is planned so there is space for a story on every chapter. This big annual issue makes a fine rush tool, available for use from the day school opens. Deadline for this year's issue is May 1. So start planning now how you want your chapter represented in this special issue.

CHAPTERS UTILIZE NEWSLETTER SERVICE

National Staff Some chapters have taken advantage of assistance from Headquarters on duplication and distribution of their newsletters to their alumni membership. For communications that are simple in format, Headquarters can provide printing, mailing and lower-cost postage at cost for your chapter. For samples and information about this service, contact Headquarters.

HOW DO YOU CURE A MUG? VERY CAREFULLY!

When you get your handsome new Alpha Sig mug, the manufacturer recommends that you do the following:

- 1. Wash out with a mild dishwashing detergent in lukewarm water. Don't dry with a cloth, allow to air dry.
- 2. Fill the mug with normal cold liquid used in the mug, let it stand overnight. (Such a waste!)
- 3. Pour out and rinse with cold water.
- 4. If you're going to change from one type of cold liquid to another, repeat the process.

Remember that the new 16 oz. cast-aluminum mugs with crest on one side and letters on the other, are available from headquarters. Handsomely crafted, the mugs are only \$8.50 ordered individually or \$6.00 each in groups of 20 or more, FOB Columbus, Ohio.



The Old Gal Gazette is the chapter newsletter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Its news comes from our chapters for our chapters. The Gazette seeks to share the latest news of the Fraternity nationally, but more than that, it seeks to serve as a way chapters can share with their sister chapters ideas, techniques, solutions to problems and "how-to" stories on chapter operation. If you don't see your chapter mentioned in this issue, it's because your chapter didn't send anything. You're invited to submit material to the Gazette frequently. The Gazette is compiled and edited by Evin Varner, Alpha Sigma Phi, Box 4351, Charlotte, N. C. 28204