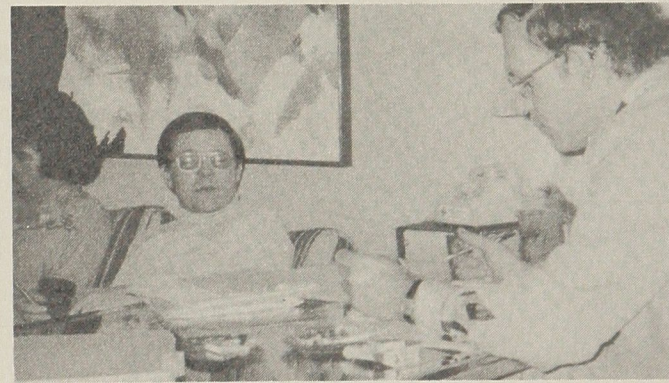
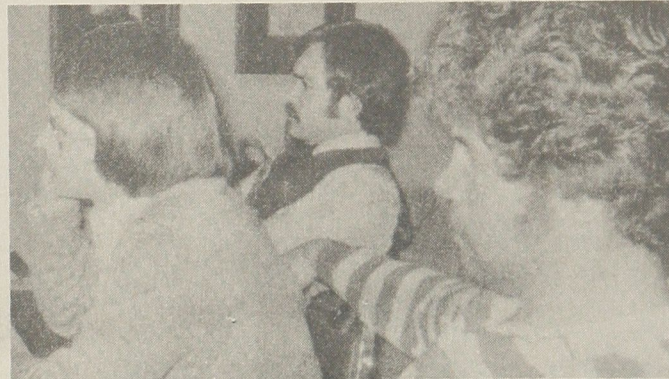
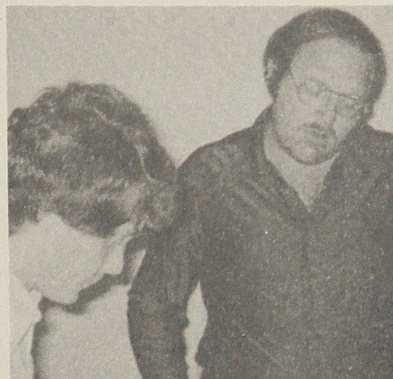
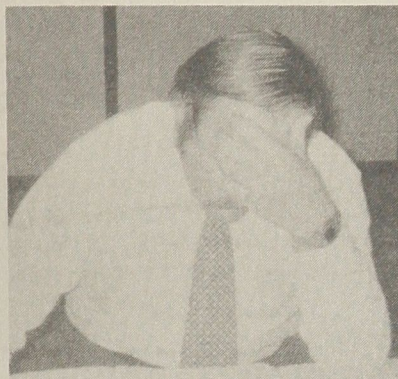
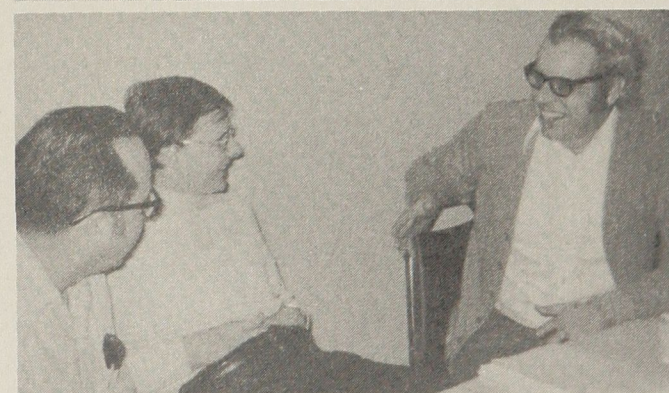


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Grand Council meeting in action . . . Top left - Tom Wajnert, new National Province Programs Coordinator, apparently can't face all his responsibilities. Top center - Chapter Consultant Gary Anderson and Wajnert confer. Top right - Chapter Consultant Skip Parks is framed by Undergraduate Advisors Allen Stallings and Ken Ringwald as they take part in Council proceedings. Center left - Executive Secretary Ralph Burns, Grand Senior President George Trubow and Grand Marshall Lou Deluca talk about Fraternity projects. Center right - In an Extension Committee meeting, new directions are worked out by, left to right, Dave Stover (at edge of photo), Undergraduate Advisor, Rick Dexter, Grand Councilor and temporary national extension chairman and Evin Varner, Director of Publications. At right a light moment during the three days of meetings for Grand Councilors Richard Gibbs, Dexter and Grand Secretary George Lord.



## STEVENS TO CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

### The Chapters

Alpha Tau of Alpha Sigma Phi is inviting all of its brothers everywhere to a big semi-formal affair on June 19. The event will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the chapter.

It was June 24, 1926 that Phi Nu local at Stevens became Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappi Pi. With the merge of Alpha Kappa Pi and Alpha Sigma Phi, the chapter became Alpha Tau.

Stuart "Rusty" Klatzman, '74, is chairman of the celebration.

## ETA WORKS ON ALUMNI PROGRAM

Eta, University of Illinois, has sent a special mailing to all its alumni, inviting them to the chapter for a meeting. Luncheon is planned and a social event during the evening. In the mailing, they point out: "No Chapter can hope to be successful without alumni support and involvement. We need you as a vital part of Eta Chapter."



## The Chapters

### AMERICAN RE-COLONIZATION GOING WELL

A great deal of effort has been made at American University toward rebuilding Beta Chi chapter there. Alpha Sigma Phi's staff, volunteers and chapter alumni have put in a lot of hours. The new group there has visited other chapters and is now aggressively at work recruiting additional membership to continue the rich tradition of Alpha Sigma Phi at American.

### PURDUE SINGS A SPECIAL SONG

Alpha Pi has a tradition that might be of interest. They have a sing called "Alpha Pi Boys." It's sung to the tune of the Loyalty Song . . . but has words that are unique to Alpha Pi. It's an idea that might be worth using in your Chapter.

Alpha Pi and the women of Delta Gamma combined to raise money for the Indiana Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Setting up a "toll road" at selected traffic lights and handing out educational literature, the groups collected over \$1000 in six hours.

### WAKE FOREST PLAYS "SOAK-A-SIG"

"Super Saturday" is an annual event on the Wake Forest campus, when hordes of underprivileged kids visit the university that takes on a carnival atmosphere, complete with booths and games. Beta Mu took a clue from the dunking clown idea and created a "Soak-A-Sig" booth that really had the kids lined up.

In a Red Cross drive, the chapter donated more blood than any other campus organization.

A beautiful new Alpha Sigma Phi coat of arms painting in oil by HSP Tyler Cox graces the chapter rooms. Improvements are underway: New paint, a new game room and new floor tile.

In addition to its annual "Learning how to learn" seminar for all incoming freshmen, the chapter this year sponsored a seminar on English Composition.

### OREGON STATE WELCOMES BACK A LEGEND

Dave Knudson, HAE at Psi Chapter, sends the following report on why there are daily celebrations at mealtimes!

Heroine of earlier campaigns at the Psi House, cook Dorothy Smith of Monroe, Oregon is once again creating rotund Alpha Sigs after an absence of over a year. In her absence, the Sigs collectively lost so much weight that visitors to Oregon State frequently mistook the house for a local Biafran society.

Lunches during her absence resembled the oft-cited Botswana Pygmy Termite Festivals, which are strictly a matter of catch-as-catch-can. All meat had the flavor and texture of freshly killed moray eel. The stew was infamously regarded as road kill.

In this era of nutritional deprivation, Mrs. Smith's reputation grew to epic proportions. Older members reminisced about the days of home-made cookies, fresh apple pies, and cinnamon rolls the size of rutabagas! She was even reputed to walk on water.

This was all above the heads of the gaunt, sickly pledges, and the succession of hired and fired cooks, who couldn't understand how cinnamon rolls could come in cans. These cooks were sure cooking was an art of the can-opener, and the underclassmen had never seen different. Only the upperclassmen knew different. It was these feast and then famine upperclassmen who chewed the most furiously on their hockey-puck biscuits, and prayed to the spirit of Mrs. Smith.

Winter term started, and sixty eager Alpha Sigs heard that the guru of gourmet cookery was to return. Visions of real food danced in their heads. The legend arrived, and they were not disappointed. One of the first dinners included not only home-made, delicious rolls, but also great-tasting salad, vegetables and beef. Then the legend created another one of those "Great Moments in Eating", when she topped the meal off with huge slices of cocoanut creme pie a full half-a-foot tall! Sixty Alpha Sigs religiously let their belts out a few notches, and after dinner slowly ambled upstairs to recuperate from the evening's gastronomic delights.

As a result of her return, the ever beaming poo-bah of pots and pans has caused a new Alpha Sig to emerge on campus. Slightly beefier, a tad paunchier, the Alpha Sig of Oregon State is a creature who vaguely remembers size thirty-four pants. As he rolls along to class each day, he offers up silent, yet intestinal praise to the truly epic Mrs. Smith.

### RIO GRANDE SPONSORS TOURNAMENT

Delta Epsilon, according to word from J. Kevin Honnold, has just sponsored an Alpha Sigma Phi basketball tournament for all chapters in the region. The tourney, complete with trophies and a big party at the conclusion, will be reported in a future issue.

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HOLDS TALISMAN FORMAL

Marnelle Zoffell, of Delta Delta Delta was crowned Talisman Queen at the big annual formal event held by



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Mu. Another big social event will be the chapter's annual Founders' Day Dinner set for May 8.

Mu and its 24 pledges recently welcomed GSP George Trubow for a visit.

In the sports field, Mu watched as both of its football teams placed in the top eight in the intramural league. Charlie Conners took first place in the ski meet. And the chapter's basketball team is aiming toward being one of the top three teams on the campus, claims HJP Randy Yamane.

### GAMMA CHI WINS DANCE-A-THON

Indiana University brothers cheered on dancing fools Paul Smethers and Little Sister Anne Garvey to the Muscular Dystrophy Dance-A-Thon championships. Under the leadership of Cary Moorman, the chapter raised over \$1,300 for MD!

Charlie Clevenger and Jim Kariya are recipients of Arthur Metz Scholarships. Clevenger, Steven Stone and Kirk Ostby are all Associate Instructors for IU.

### GAMMA DELTA IMPROVES QUARTERS

It took special permission and the removal of a wall, but Gamma Delta, Davis and Elkins, has installed a new bar and social area in its rooms. Walls were panelled and painted. The area got a special canopy complete with shingles and two foot high Greek letters. Future projects, according to George John Gorham, include painting the TV room and halls and furniture repair.

### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER CONSULTANT JOB

## National Staff

A lot of travel, a lot of hard work, a lot of frustrations, a lot of paperwork, very little sleep, all kinds of unexpected challenges, meeting men of all ages and all types, dealing with university administrators, deadlines . . .

That's just part of the description of the life of a Chapter Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi. No, it's not a snap. Alpha Sigma Phi doesn't promise that it'll be easy. But the Fraternity does promise a good salary and a chance to do something that is not only fun but very worthwhile.

Serving as a Chapter Consultant for a year or two does guarantee you a feeling of true accomplishment. It guarantees you the kind of varied experience that will go far in your next career step . . . whether it be business or graduate school.

(It is possible to combine graduate school and work for the Fraternity as well.)

If you think you're up to the challenge, you should write to headquarters and request an application blank. Today!

### CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS RECENTLY REPORTED

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#### INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE:

Illinois Institute of Technology — Massimo Robert Busterna, Stephen Edward Gannon, Stuart Kam Young Hong, Keith Alan Lasko, Joseph Aloysius Geoghegan, Jr., Bevely Thomas Dudley, Jeffrey Isaac Rosenberg, Frank Cannella, Jr., Paul Gerard Wuerl. Atlantic Christian — John Robert Griffin. Findlay — Gary E. Bell, Mitchell Sirota. Indiana University — Paul Eugene Smethers, Randall James Braisch, Thomas Scott Brooks, Donald Dwight Gipson, Charles Richard Hert, Mark Alan Iverson, Jathan William Janove, Bradley Ray Karagin, Michael Ray Lake, Scott Alan Liose, Jeff Lynn Neal, Kenneth Wayne Rogers.

Coe — Scott Custis, James Byron First, Scott M. Martin, Russell Paul Phillips. Indiana Institute of Technology — Charlie Giesting, Ralph Gossman, Mike Martin. Oregon State University — Donald Louis Longtain, Jr., Gary Grant Frueler, Robert James Kipper, Curtis L. Harlow, Gary Douglas Berg, Richard Thomas Reeves, William Joseph Lyon, John Jeffrey Gardner, Philip Clay Russell, Donald Patrick Cowan, Mark Wayne Bailey, Serdar Halim Ergene, Mitchell William Josh, Steven Guy Hoffmaster. Westminster — John H. Gibney.

#### PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS:

Westminster — Paul Cammisa, Gerald Delo, Joel Skudlarek. University of Illinois — Steven Borkowski, Michael Grahm, George Lampros, Steven Mueller, Miguel Munoz, Jose Negron, Eric Schmisser. University of Pennsylvania — James Sigmond Blaszczyk, Robert Hyman Elias, Steven Roger Jahelka, Anthony Michael Kane, Bruce Neal Lassman, Roy Edward O'Brien, William David Sack.

Purdue — Randy Mitchell Collack, Bryan Wesley Crary, Michael James Danis, Charles Andrew Froman, Robert Morris Hasse, Timothy Blaine Holmes, Joseph Walter Lebryk, Jerry Rhea Malayer, Allen Joseph Mannion, Michael Jeffrey McBride, Steven Keith Miller, Thomas Wilson Mullikin, Jr., Jerald Kent Noll, Bryan Robert Rathert, Randall Ray Riggs, Donald Bradley Sterling, Edward Charles Wilkinson. Findlay — Ronald W. Kriz. Ohio Northern — Gene Bertsch, Ronald Burkey, Michael Fichera, David Johnson, Joseph Kuchinski, Jr., Daniel Smoot, Christopher Wilson.

### CONVENTION '76 . . . MAKE IT A GROUP AFFAIR

Many chapters seem to think that only the official delegate may attend the National Convention. Not so. In fact, we'd like to see a group from every chapter. Often a group will travel together, with the official delegate's travel reimbursement helping with the cost. Cost of attending the Convention itself — room and board — is quite reasonable. And just ask anyone who's been to a Convention, it's an experience you'll never forget! So get a group together now and plan on heading toward Seven Springs resort, Champion, Pa., August 11-15. (Do let Headquarters know how many are coming, please.)

If you're issuing a chapter newsletter, you might remind your alumni brothers that they're more than welcome at the Convention, too. If you can get an alumnus to a Convention, you'll have a really turned-on involved and supportive alumnus for your chapter.



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### AIMING FOR A NATIONAL AWARD?

Is your chapter hoping to pull in a national award or two? You're not? Just check To Better the Man... probably there's an area that your chapter has done outstanding work in and just might bring home an award for. Now's the time to write headquarters if you feel you qualify for consideration for any of the Fraternity's awards.

### A DING-A-LING IDEA

A chapter of another fraternity at the University of Mississippi recently installed a statewide WATTS line. The idea has worked beautifully, they report. Mississippi members are billed \$7.50 each month, out-of-staters \$2.00. Everybody has ample phone time, everybody saves money, everybody is happy — the treasurer most of all because the chapter makes a small profit and there are no more individual bills to worry about.

### TRADITIONAL EVENTS . . . WE HAVE A LOT OF THEM

Founders Day is the one thing that is probably observed by more chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi than any other traditional event.

But what other events are carried on year after year? We asked, and here is a summary. There might be some ideas for your chapter.

Concord has a wine party before the Bluefield State game every year, a homecoming dance, a Black and White and something (they didn't explain) called the Hairy Buffalo. Marshall has a Black and White formal and an Alpha Sig Bowl — touch football competition for sororities. They also sponsor an annual spring softball tourney for Alpha Sig chapters in the region.

Michigan always observes parent's weekend, has a pledge party and burns the campus rock. (It seems everyone else paints it.) Lycoming has a day long event called Gainer's Blowout to honor a deceased brother. Purdue marks Founders Day with a Black and White, has an annual spring party and a dinner dance at homecoming for alumni.

Slippery Rock holds an annual Beachwhale Festival, whatever that is. Rutgers has big doings around the Princeton game and a milli-ball (?) at the end of May.

Lehigh has a dinner every Founders Day and a kid's party at Halloween or Easter. Cincinnati has a Black and White, a Sig Bust and an annual summer alumni picnic.

Loyola has an annual senior party. Ohio Northern always has chicken barbecue for parents and a formal in winter and spring. Wake Forest always plans a special event, usually a brunch, for their alumni at homecoming. Coe has an annual Black and White. Tri-State has a Spring Frolic every year.

Eastern Michigan's homecomings are something else (140 plus alumni attend) and they also have an annual Black and White.

Oklahoma has a yearly Talisman Rose Formal and a Bayou Bounce (which they didn't describe.) Missouri Valley has a Black Lantern processional every year when pledges are taken in and do the same at Founders Day, coupled with a 24-hour candle watch.

### THE SECRET THOUGHTS OF A RITUAL

I generally live in a locked up place. And about once a semester, suddenly I'm under 24-hour surveillance as members memorize me quickly. Then I'm presented with great drama to new members . . . then I'm locked up again.

In some chapters, however, the members then come one by one, get me out, look me over. Some just like to read me, others try to memorize me. Sometimes they even argue about me and this gets exciting. Because, you see, that's what I'm about. I'm meant to be read carefully, discussed and even argued about. Yes, in fact, I can even be changed. I'm really a very human document, one that was written down some time ago after a lot of thought . . . and I have been reworded, rephrased and reevaluated.

In order to know what I'm really about, I need to be used and studied. In fact, one of my most important jobs is helping at weekly meetings. Understood and properly used, I can really help the chapter get things together. A few always want an informal meeting. What a joke! Informal meetings usually last a heck of a lot longer than chapter meetings when I'm used.

You know, chapters have done an excellent job in keeping me an esoteric document — that is, secret — not only to outsiders but to most of the members as well! They don't study me. Some people, I suspect, would like to keep me very, very secret because if non-members found out what I stood for, they might expect the members to live by it and that would be very difficult. Therefore they keep me secret and they won't have to change their lifestyle.

When you boil me down, I'm essentially a system of values. I don't change very much because I am the



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product of history and the spirit of man and how he relates to his fellow man and to his God. This relationship between man and man and man and God has never been a static one. It is confusing and illuminating, painful and exciting, a separation and a reunion and although I appear to be a contradiction, I am really no more of a contradiction than man himself. Too frequently we forget that man is both animal and spiritual in nature and to reconcile the two can often be painful, confusing and frightening. And that is why it is so critical that man understands who I am and what I am for.

Because I am a system of values I am therefore an instrument of self-evaluation. My values are clear and absolute and yet difficult to emulate.

Why do some members get my message and others do not? To some the message goes deep and becomes a part of their very being, while for others it never scratches the surface. In your meetings — chapter, province, national — how much time do you spend discussing and sharing with each other what personal effect I have had on your lives?

If there is something about me you don't like, then change me. But do not ignore me. It is the indifference to and ignorance of my essential message that continues to stifle the growth of Alpha Sigma Phi and the fraternity system. Today, as never before, people need and want the kind of message, guidance, value and leadership that has been so long hidden in my pages.

If you would just realize that by better knowing and understanding me, many of your day-to-day problems would simply fade away.

Basically I am a road map to help a person along his journey of life and assist him in his communion with his fellow travelers.

Who am I. Your Ritual. What am I? A system of values. What am I for? My purpose is not to make you a better fraternity man, but rather a better human being.

*(Adapted from a longer article that has appeared in many fraternity publications, based on an original article from The Magazine of Sigma Chi.)*

## Alumni

### THE IMPACT OF FRATERNITY — 25 YEARS LATER

We often point out that real involvement in your chapter is like a course in management, human relations and leadership development. Here's proof that effort pays off:

Phi Gamma Delta started its Educational Conference over 25 years ago. To observe that, they sent questionnaires to all those who attended the first Conference. The response of those undergraduate leaders 25 years later was interesting. 75% earn more than \$25,000 a year, most well over that. 95% own their own home. 37% went on for graduate work. Nearly one-half had been with the same employer for 20 years or more. If they were going to college today, they would learn a profession with a heavy emphasis on English which probably means they feel great importance attached to written and verbal communication. All but two said they would encourage their son to be a chapter president of the student body! Over 95% felt that fraternity today is as viable and as great an experience as it was for them over 25 years ago!

What better recommendation can you have for membership today? What better reason for really getting involved in your chapter?

### MILLER NAMED ALUMNI AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

New emphasis in Alpha Sigma Phi is going towards the founding of alumni councils and chapter alumni associations. More and more it is being recognized that strong chapters and a strong national organization are dependent upon broad alumni involvement and support.

Stan Miller (who spoke at the '75 Educational Conference), a Purdue brother, has been named by the Grand Council as Alumni Affairs Director. A lawyer and an insurance executive, Miller was instrumental in the development of Gamma Chi chapter at Indiana University.

He will co-ordinate the efforts of Alpha Sigma Phi towards its alumni. Chapters with questions or seeking advice on how to develop an alumni relations program should write to him. Mr. Stan Miller, District Manager, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Suite 1001, Life Building, 300 Main Street, Lafayette, Indiana 47901.

## Grand Council

### GRAND COUNCIL MEETS, CHARTS THE "OLD GAL'S" COURSE

Columbus, Ohio was the scene of three meeting-filled days in February for the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi. Joining in the meetings were the Fraternity's staff, Executive Secretary Ralph Burns and Chapter Consultants Gary Anderson and Skip Parks. Also the Undergraduate Advisors to the Grand Council: Ken Ringwald, Eastern Michigan; Allen Stallings, Atlantic Christian and Dave Stover, Oregon State. In addition were Tom Wajnert, National Province Programs Co-ordinator and Evin Varner, Director of Publications.



## Grand Council

The days were full as were the evenings. Full sessions of all attending; executive sessions of the Council; special Committee meetings . . . all working on the direction of the Fraternity and its welfare.

Some of the major decisions:

Colonies — Beta Zeta at North Carolina State and Delta Kappa at University of North Carolina at Charlotte were granted full colony status by the Council. The status will be conferred in special ceremonies by GSP Trubow on March 19 in Raleigh and March 20 in Charlotte.

Computerization — The Council directed the Fraternity to take the major step to computerization of its membership roles and membership information files. This will be done on a shared-time basis through a firm that specializes in work for non-profit organizations.

The conversion of all files to the computer will be a major undertaking, but it will allow Alpha Sigma Phi to offer better service to chapters and alumni.

Beginning in the fall, the Fraternity will be able to offer increased mailing services, special rosters and aids to chapters thanks to the modernization move.

Chapters — The Council reviewed the conditions of every chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. The Council moved to suspend the charters of Milton, Tarkio and Marshall.

Concerned that some chapters have not been meeting the standards of Alpha Sigma Phi in programming or membership, the Council placed six chapters under the observation of the Grand Council. These chapters will receive special help from the national staff and organization during the remainder of the year, working on goals and objectives outlined in writing for them by the Council. Delegates of the chapters will report to the Council at the time of the National Convention this August. If objectives have been accomplished, the chapters will be taken off observation.

Constitution — The Council recommends to the Convention that By-Laws, Article XIII, Section 10 be amended to read: "Each Chapter shall pay to the Fraternity an annual fee of one hundred and fifty dollars, which shall be due and payable by November 1 of each year. Chapter fees remaining unpaid on January 15 shall be increased by 10 per cent."

This is intended to clear up confusion concerning the term "Convention fees".

Extension — Noting considerable interest throughout the country for Alpha Sigma Phi to start chapters on various campuses and for it to re-establish inactive chapters, the Council approved an aggressive expansion program. The position of Director of Extension was created, with Grand Councilor Rick Dexter temporarily filling the post. The Director of Extension will be in charge of a program that will seek to place new colonies and chapters in geographical clusters centering around existing chapters. Chapters as well as alumni will be asked to assist in the program. Policies and criteria for colonies and for groups seeking charters were established. The Fraternity will seek to establish and maintain five new colonies each year.

Convention — GJP Robert Allen was named chairman of the '76 Convention, August 11-15, Seven Springs, Pa. The council urged all chapters to send as many as possible to the Convention.

Council — Reviewed its membership. Members are elected for four-year terms. They cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms, or eight years. Terms ending in 1976 and number of terms they have served are: GSP George Trubow (2), GJP Robert Allen (2), GM Louis DeLuca (1) and Grand Councilor Rick Dexter (1). Terms ending in 1978 are GS George E. Lord (2), GT Alfred B. Wise (2) and Grand Councilor Richard R. Gibbs (1). Nominations for vacancies on the Council and for the officers of the Fraternity will be made by a nominations committee, half of which are undergraduates, at the National Convention.

Publications — The Council approved the development and production of new rituals for chapter use. Various other publication services to chapters were discussed.



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