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Wake Forest-BM On Top



In scholarship standings released by the Dean of Men at Wake Forest University, Beta Mu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi ranked number one among fraternities for the fall semester of 1981. Their 3.0023 (4.0 scale) was far ahead of #2 and well above the "all-fraternity average" of 2.6 and the "all-men's average" of 2.5. Great job, Beta Mu!

Who's Who at BGSU

Phillip Burns, Gamma Zeta Chapter, Bowling Green State University, was one of just 45 students from BGSU named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Congratulations, Brother Burns!

If members of your chapter have received such honors, been elected to student offices, or recognized for outstanding scholarship or athletic ability, PASS IT ON to "The Old Gal Gazette" at Fraternity Headquarters.

Publicity Scam

A chapter president's letter to his brothers (of another fraternity) is reprinted below. It speaks for itself.



"During the spring semester of 1981 our chapter at San Jose State University was contacted by a representative of a national publication. She sought our assistance in helping pull off a publicity stunt aimed at creating awareness of the publication on campus. Promised were national and community recognition through the magazine and the opportunity to have some fun in the process. After chapter approval and some (but not enough) consideration, we decided to go through with the publicity stunt. On the day the event was to take place, we began to have second thoughts, but because of the commitment we had made to the organization, we went through with it.

"It went over well on campus, but much to our consternation we learned that the magazine we had helped to publicize was far from homespun, leaning more towards off-color. We thought we had researched and considered the activity thoroughly, but obviously this was not the case. What we now wish we had done (and will do if asked to perform future promotional stunts) is 1) reserach thoroughly the organization seeking support; 2) seek guidance from national officers; and 3) check with campus officials for approval. As much as we would like to, we cannot change what has happened. It is our hope that we may pass on the lesson we have learned from our mistake to other chapters and thus safeguard our fraternity from any future embarrassment...."

Gamma Alpha Goes On Trial



It was late in the evening (or early in the morn) when a few members of Gamma Alpha Chapter (Ohio Northern University) decided to venture out on campus, over to a women's dormitory.

After some shouting, talking, knocking, laughing and scheming, the few men managed to awaken some residents of the dormitory and, naturally, the dorm advisor.

This small, private, conservative university did not find the incident amusing at all. In fact, they found it intolerable. The chapter president was called into the dean's office that week and presented with written complaints from the residents of the women's dormitory.

The chapter president explained that the incident was not a chapter function, but rather actions that a few individuals decided to take. He did not believe the chapter should be held accountable, but rather that the individuals should suffer the consequences of their actions.

The individuals were held accountable and punished by the school. The chapter was also formally charged and brought to trial. Gamma Alpha Chapter, suffering from adverse publicity and tarnished reputation, all from a few individuals, contacted the Grand Council and asked for guidance and help.

The chapter came to a difficult realization: "We realize there are behavior problems involving individuals of the fraternity. We realize that stricter measures must be implemented for greater control over individuals inside the fraternity to protect our reputation even when we are not involved in the activity."

The Grand Council took action establishing a five-man alumni board and an additional Grand Chapter Advisor to assist the men in their efforts to build a national reputation of good quality, and to develop superior operations. The chapter will report on their progress at the 1982 National Convention.

Gamma Alpha Chapter was found not responsible for the actions of those few individuals by a school judicial board last week. The chapter is glad to have the matter behind them now, and realizes all too well the challenge that lies ahead.

Gamma Alpha Chapter has an impressive history. They are one of two chapters (Beta Psi is the other) who started as chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon National Fraternity. When ONE disbanded in 1940, they became chapters of Alpha Kappa Pi and in 1946 became part of Alpha Sigma Phi.

A look in the appendix of "To Better The Man" will show that Gamma Alpha received the highest award a chapter can attain, the Grand Senior President's Award, in 1966. Over the years they have received numerous scholarship citations from the National Fraternity. To this day, the fraternity's scholarship record is unmatched by other fraternities on the campus.

Gamma Alpha realizes that a fraternity is more than a house where men live and eat together. They have learned the hard way that the actions of one member can bring discredit and problems for the entire chapter. The chapter has taken the step that other chapters have taken, and others still must--not allowing members to hide behind the fraternity when they are in trouble. A chapter's umbrella may be big, but it can no longer cover up for an individual.

We'll Pay Your Way



Applications are now being accepted for "Convention Coordinators" for the 1982 National Convention, to be held August 15-18 in Bethany, West Virginia. Information about the position and an application are in this week's mail packet.

Four brothers will be selected to serve as Convention Coordinators to assist with registration, programs, group activities and housing. It may be your chance to attend the 1982 National Convention. Don't delay--send in your application today or call for more details.

The "National Quiz"

Read each question carefully and write your answer in the space provided following each question. Check your answers on page 4 of the "Old Gal Gazette."

1. Who travels over 40,000 miles by land, sea and air for the "Old Gal" each year?

2. Who attends more Black-and-Whites, rituals, social events, intramural sports and chapter meetings in one year than any other brother?

3. Who plays the role of a counselor, teacher, leader, speaker, helper, and singer?

4. Who makes contact with presidents of corporations and colleges, administrators and virtually thousands of others each year?

5. Who is based in Delaware, Ohio, visits more cities in one year than you may in your entire life, and gains more experience working for the Fraternity in one year than you will on your job in ten?

6. Who is a salaried, full-time professional staff man for your National Fraternity?

TURN TO PAGE 4 TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.

Off The Press

The new, revised and expanded Third Edition of "To Better The Man" is off the press and in the mail. Some chapters can expect to receive copies for pledges that they have reported over the last few months. When the books arrive, see that they are given to the appropriate members. Every pledge receives one to keep for life.

Let us know what you think of the new "To Better The Man." Send your comments and/or suggestions to the Fraternity Headquarters!

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To The Seven Points



DELTA CHAPTER (Marietta College): Sean Merklis and Todd Sanders.

NU CHAPTER (University of California, Berkeley): Clyde Iselin, Aaron Spingarn and David McCutcheon, on February 24, 1982.

ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER (University of Oklahoma): Robert Thornberry, Patrick Hughes Jr., Olli Juvonen, Kendall Brigrance, and David Berlin II, on February 24, 1982.

GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER (David & Elkins College); Michael Capone, Mark Davis, Jeff Deacon, Donald Horsham, Thomas McNulty, John Puma, and James Steen, on February 26, 1982.

GAMMA THETA COLONY (University of Miami): Vincente Berdayes, Mark Cheskin, Richard Cortina, Steven Gold, Paul Satty, William Scherer, Nicolas Tsikh-lakis and Ilan Weininger, on February 21, 1982.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER (Longwood College): James Conrow, Fred Campbell, and Benjamin F. Johnson (Faculty Advisor), on February 14, 1982.



Into The Mystic Circle

DELTA BETA CHAPTER (Northern Michigan University): Ralph Shine, Craig Mullett, and Kenny Chafetz, on February 9, 1982.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER (Radford University): Gregory Marshall, Michael Dupont, and William Morgan, on March 22, 1982.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER (Indiana University): Christopher Cox, Robert Beiter, Brian Haskill, Kurt Krauter, Timothy Mathis, and Anthony Nicholas, on March 16, 1982.

Check Your Answer

If your answer for the National Quiz on Page 3 was CHAPTER CONSULTANT, your score is 100%! You can ask this year's or past years' Consultants Tom Oliva, Chuck Cole, Brian Jump, Jeff Schwind, Dave Beckel, Rob Sheehan, Larry Philippi, Jeff Hoffman, Kevin Garvey, or Gary Anderson (to name a few) and they'll tell you their year as a Chapter Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi ranks as one of their most exciting and enjoyable.

If you are interested in finding out how you can become a Chapter Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi, write the Fraternity Headquarters today!