

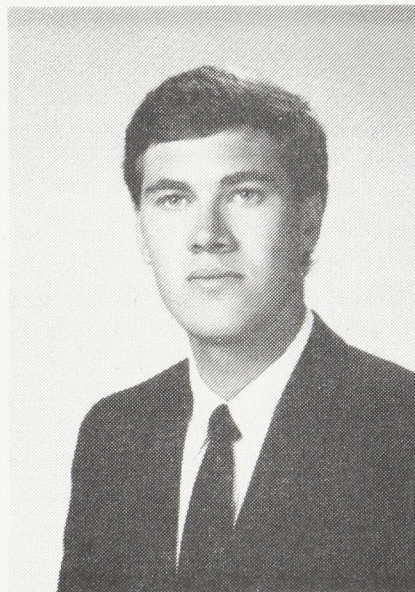
# The Old Gal Gazette

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## National News

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### **GIBSON TO JOIN HEADQUARTERS STAFF**

John Gibson, Indiana '85, will join the headquarters staff in June as a Chapter Leadership Consultant. Brother Gibson is the past HSP of Gamma Chi Chapter at Indiana University. He has also served as Rush Chairman, Pledge Educator, Secretary, Prudential Committee member, and Conference Coordinator for the 1987 National Leadership Conference.

Very active on campus, John has been a part of the IU Judicial Board, Interfraternity Council, and Chairman of the IFC Social Responsibility Committee. John also won the award for outstanding fraternity president in Indiana's Greek System. John will be getting his degree in Political Science/Economics in May.

After an intensive training period this summer, John and **Steve Zizzo, Illinois '85**, will be traveling across the nation to our chapters and colonies to help inspire and give suggestions to help improve operations. "We are real excited to have such high quality men join our staff," **Randall S. Lewis**, Director of Chapter Services says. "The quality of the consultants continues to help the overall quality of our fraternity. This program is constantly rated among the highest in our services and with individuals such as Steve and John this trend will continue."





## DELTA BETA XI AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The 1987 Delta Beta Xi Award winners are:

**Stephen A. Behrer - American '73**  
**Alan M. Breedlove - Penn State '77**  
**Christopher J. Koch - Indiana '79**  
**Michael D. Larkin - Oregon State '66**  
**Armando J. Rodriguez, Jr. - Miami '82**

In 1864, Alpha Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Yale University successfully met the challenge of imminent suppression which threatened the young society. By their adoption of a tri-lateral alias, Delta Beta Xi was born and thus Alpha Sigma Phi was permitted to live. For twelve years, from 1864 to 1876, the tradition of Alpha Sigma Phi were continued on the Yale campus by successive sophomore classes who operated under this mask but who secretly pledged their allegiance to the Fraternity which Delta Beta Xi was created to perpetuate.

When the Grand Council wished to express formal recognition to those alumni giving distinguished service to the Fraternity, it was natural that such an award reflect those early days at Yale and the spirit of strength, assistance and friendship which marked the motto and activity of Delta Beta Xi as it fostered Alpha Sigma Phi.

When the Delta Beta Xi Award was created in 1938, one hundred brothers were selected as recipients. Each year the Grand Council selects no more than ten men deemed worthy of this high award, granted to an alumnus "in honor and recognition of loyal and distinguished service to the Fraternity." The Delta Beta Xi key is an exact replica of the badge worn by the members of Alpha Chapter from 1864 to 1975, and those alumni who wear this key have served the Fraternity faithfully and have largely contributed to her strength.

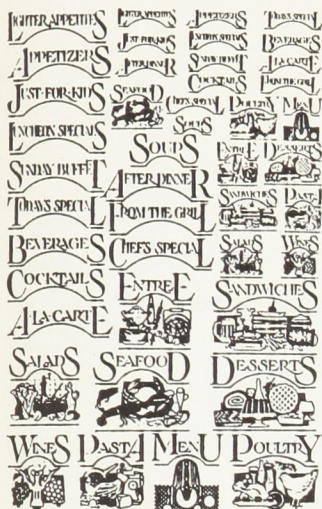
## "MAGIC BULLETS" AIM AT CANCERS

Genetically engineered drugs that act as "magic bullets" to attack tumor cells will likely become the chemotherapy of the future, experts say. "These are incredibly active agents that work directly on the cells responsible for the cancer," says Dr. Ira Pastan of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD., who discussed his work at a recent American Cancer Society seminar.

Pastan developed the new cancer-killing agents, oncotoxins, by modifying the genetic structure of an extremely potent bacterial poison so that it's attracted to tumor cells. Some tumors, particularly those that occur in the lungs, breasts and brain, grow because of an overabundance of a special protein, which the oncotoxins targets. Theoretically, since the drug is attracted only to the tumor cells, the side effects are far less severe than those caused by standard chemotherapy, which kills healthy cells as well as the cancer.

So far, it has been tested only on animals; cancer patients are expected to be tested within the year. An earlier form of the oncotoxins, meanwhile, is being tested for side effects on four patients with ovarian cancer. That form works by binding with monoclonal antibodies, which form in response to the ovarian cancer. So far, side effects are "not remarkable," says Pastan, chief of NCI's laboratory of microbiology. Oncotoxins, says Dr. Vincent DeVita, NCI director, are "a great example of the power of genetic engineering. There's no reason to think it won't work."





## TABLE MANNERS FOR THE POWER HUNGRY

Yes, mother knew best. And you did listen. You keep your elbows off the table and your mouth shut while chewing. But all is not well in the starched linen world of power lunches and executive dining. Potential faux pas lurk behind every fork. Marjabelle Young Stewart, dubbed the "Queen of Courtesy" by Newsweek, and author of 15 etiquette books, is out to help you not be caught with food in your mouth on the way to the board room. Next month at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C., she's filming the first-ever etiquette video for executives who can get dressed up but, alas, can't be taken anywhere. "Manners will take you places money can't," she says. "But your manners can't appear as if they've just arrived." And that's where Stewart comes in. Instant good manners. Stewart's \$6,000 etiquette seminars for executives are booked by corporations two years in advance. She gives about 100 a year. (Her hourlong video - Power Polish for Professionals - out mid-May, will be about \$30.) Stewart lives up to her self description as a "crusader for couth." "Delightful," she says, extending her hand in greeting. "Delightful to meet you." And with the nod of her head toward her guest's chair, a power breakfast begins. Put napkin in lap. Pick up water glass by stem. Don't wrap your hand around the coffee cup. Smile.

"Before now etiquette has been a turn-off," she says. "Now, we just want you to be comfortable with your surroundings." She calls good manners the "happy way" of doing things. "You don't need the old school or the family name anymore," she begins. "You have to have the look of it, though." "It's not a replacement for character," she opines, "it's a reflection of it." Stewart, a grandmother who loves very dry vodka martinis and a good joke with the boys, says good manners don't have to be boring and stodgy. One false move, however, and you've had what Stewart likes to call "a power failure." She tells the story of one executive who continually dangles his food at the end of his fork. And, heaven forbid, when he leaves the table he always leaves his chair out. He has taken her course three times; he has failed three times. Some executives shout at the table, she says. Some aren't aggressive enough. And some lose the power dining game the minute they pick up their forks. She refers to the "pitch fork" and "cello" hold, tres unacceptable ways to handle forks. "Then they start making puppy sounds," she says. "It's as if they're saying I'm going to get mine before the Indians get here." And then they leave their utensils out (off the plate) like oars." The mouth should be a soundproof chamber, she reminds her breakfast partner. "Not a sound," she whispers. "Some people are quite good looking until they start chewing." The goal, she reminds us, is to eat your way to the top with style and grace. "It's like learning a new language," she says. "It's an art." Once you've learned the basics you can break a few of the rules. But don't stray too far. "You always, for instance, sip your soup from the side of the spoon and just inhale like an angel," Stewart says. Most important of all, she says, is to relax. Be yourself. "If you're nervous, move slowly through your lunch or dinner," she says. "Imagine nice things, like ocean waves, or the smell of burning leaves. If you're nervous, you don't want to look like you feel." And if all else fails? "If you're ever in doubt at the table about what to do," she says, "take a sip of your water as you watch what someone else does."

- USA TODAY





## DINING DON'TS

Some "nevers" in the proper world of executive dining:

- \* Never use your own utensil to serve yourself from a serving dish.
- \* Never break up large crackers and drop them into your soup.
- \* Never mash or stir your food.
- \* Never read the menu like the Bible. Make your decision fast. You aren't there to eat, but to do business.
- \* Never have yourself paged. It only works in Hollywood.
- \* Never smell and swirl the house wine to show how much you know about wine. You'll only embarrass yourself and your lunch partners.
- \* Never haggle over the bill. He who invites, pays. It's best to make arrangements with the maitre d' ahead of time to pay the bill.
- \* Never stoop down to retrieve dropped silver. Leave it there and ask for a replacement.
- \* Never push your plate away when you're done.
- \* Never, ever hand your plate to the waiter.

- Craig Wilson  
USA Today

## Chapter News

### ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology:

The Brotherhood of Alpha Rho Chapter would like to applaud the achievement of two of our brothers for being chosen as recipients of Estrin Scholarships. The Estrin Scholarships are given annually to those who have distinguished themselves in campus activities.

**Bob Zotti** has been chosen as the recipient for Collegiate Journalism. Bob is currently editor-in-chief and corresponding secretary for our chapter.

**Steven Vedral** has been chosen for his involvement in fraternity and sorority activities. Steve is president of the Interfraternity Council on campus and president of Alpha Rho Chapter.

Congratulations Bob and Steve!

### BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University:

Spring rush was incredibly successful. We had the largest pledge class on campus. Twenty-two young men went through the pledge ceremony and are looking forward to initiation. The pledge class has already selected its officers and project and they are eager to go.

Our faculty advisor, Dr. Steven Morse, is helping to make our strong tradition of high academic standards even stronger. He has been encouraging our brothers and pledges to find help at the University Student Resource Center as well as encouraging group study sessions. On top of all of this we have started incentives for achieving good grades.

The Beta Delta basketball dynasty continues with no end in sight. We won the Interfraternity championship and the Intramural championship. That makes the fifth consecutive year for those titles, all without a single loss!



## **BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University, cont'd:**

Our most recent service project this semester was a trip to the Huntington Museum of Art with underprivileged children. All of the kids had a great time and our brothers were able to make some good friends. A toga party with Alpha Xi Delta helped the brothers relax as they danced the night away.

Brothers **John Keller, Dr. Dan Babb, Bob Metz, and Mike McCann** made a trip to the Headquarters in January. They went to collect information on Alpha Kappa Pi for our upcoming AKPi weekend. We are inviting AKPi alumni from Marshall to come and visit Beta Delta to trade stories about the brotherhood we share.

The brothers of Beta Delta are looking forward to our Black & White Formal on April 15th and initiation April 29th.

- **Chad Mitchell, HR**

## **GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University:**

On February 20th the Gamma Zeta Chapter held its annual "Florida Fling" philanthropy. The proceeds were donated to the Wood County Heart Fund. "Florida Fling" is a raffle that offers a trip for two to Florida. Held in conjunction with Alpha Phi Sorority, raffle tickets are sold and the winner is announced at the weekend gathering hosting a popular local band.

Gamma Zeta captured the All-Greek and All-Campus championship for basketball. Our all-star team and local cheering section exemplified brotherhood. While the team was hard at work on the court the brothers in the stands gave their unchallenged support. The excitement stirred by this victory made that week one of the best of the semester.

- **Thomas Gilmore, HR**

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*"Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of want of time, who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done, if we are always doing."*

- **Thomas Jefferson**



# Pledged To The Seven Points



**NU CHAPTER, University of California:** John Hilts, William Tanner and Frank Vidales on March 3, 1988.

**UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University:** Richard Phillip Schoenleber, David Daniel Pardini, William Hopkins Perry Charlton, Don Kulikowski, Eric Stinson Swyers, Thomas Frasher Songer III, Andrew James Garrity, Douglas Edward Porado, Carl Scott Andrews and Mark Vincent Incorvati on February 10, 1988.

**ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, University of Missouri:** Richard John Couldry on February 22, 1988.

**DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College:** Vince Anthony Quatrome, Glen Howard Tonkin, Jonathan Danial Meehan, Carroll Ignacious Garcia Jr., Gary Paul Anderson, George Ralph Smith Jr. and Mark Christopher Gibson on March 1, 1988.

**DELTA MU CHAPTER, William Paterson College:** Eldridge James Hurt, Randle Allen Willard, Ronald Raymond Steinwehr, Matthew Jon Richter, Richard Luther Dodson and Scott John Hofsess on March 3, 1988.

## Initiated Into The Mystic Circle



**GAMMA XI CHAPTER, Widener University:** Joseph T. Brickley, Lawrence R. Fiorini Jr., David F. Howarth, Andrew B. Capron, David L. Dauphiais, Anthony Pultrone, Maynard Ray Branscome III, Kevin T. Farnan, John Nelson Fox, Marc Alan Harris, John D. Livingston, Mark S. Schoenwald, Robert J. Williams, John Michael Zimmerman and Joseph A. Tammaro Jr. on December 18, 1987.

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# Behavior of Students in Fraternities Worsens on Many Campuses, as Membership Soars

Incidents include excessive drinking, hazing, abuse of women, and racist or anti-Semitic activity



Rutgers students move out of the Lambda Chi Alpha house after it was ordered closed following the death of a freshman at a pledge party.

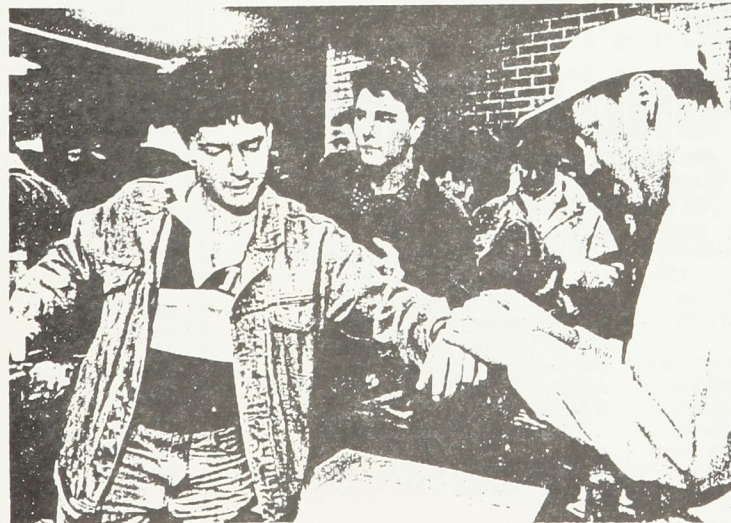
WILLIAM E. SAUBO, THE NEW YORK TIMES

Bowdoin President A. LeRoy Greason: "Fraternities today appear to be pretty much social centers without any very clear purpose."



BOWDOIN COLLEGE

At St. Joseph's U. fraternity parties, identity cards are checked. Below, a student gets an arm band, signifying that he is 21 or older and may drink.



BON TAVNER, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

By MICHAEL W. HIRSCHORN

- A Rutgers University freshman dies of alcohol poisoning during a fraternity pledge event.
- A white fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania is suspended after a pledge event involving two black strippers.
- A fraternity at the University of Rochester is banned for 10 years following a group-sex encounter at its house.
- A University of Texas at Austin report finds that ritual hazing, including the use of cattle prods and two-handed paddles, continued even after the university announced it had formed a commission to investigate hazing violations.
- On several campuses—including Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Tulane, and Yale Universities, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison—fraternities are charged with engaging in racist or anti-Semitic activity.

This has not been the Greek movement's finest year.

Charges that fraternities promote excessive drinking, haze their pledges, and abuse female students are nothing new, but some educators say that Greek behavior has deteriorated markedly in recent years as colleges withdraw from controlling and taking responsibility for student behavior.

"In the early 80's, fraternities started to get into serious behavior problems," says David H. Wilder, director of psychological services at Bucknell University and the author of numerous studies on Greek behavior. "Fraternity behavior in the 80's has been demonstrably different and worse than it was in the late 60's."

Fraternities have recently come under added pressure to behave, as colleges try to enforce tougher drinking laws and grapple with the increased liability costs and threats of litigation related to fraternity activity.

The criticism comes at a time of unprecedented interest in Greek life. More than 250,000 men—by some estimates, as many as 350,000—belong to fraternities, nearly twice the number of 15 years ago, according to the National Interfraternity Conference. About 275,000 women belong to campus sororities, up from 195,000 a decade before.

## Groups Banned at 3 Colleges

"At no time of the fraternity movement has the interest been so high among students, and at no time has the negative attention of the administrators been so high," says Michael A. Sciola, Greek adviser at the University of New Hampshire, where a gang rape last year prompted a review of the fraternity system.

In recent years, the concern over fraternities even led three small liberal-arts colleges—Amherst, Colby, and Williams—to ban fraternities and sororities from their campuses. At Amherst and Colby, at least, a half-dozen "underground" fraternities have reportedly defied the ban, operating more or less openly off the campuses.

Gretchen Bean, a member of Colby's

Class of 1985 who is now the college's assistant dean of admissions, says that when fraternities were abolished in her senior year, "there was a major opening up of the campus."

"A lot of people got to know each other a lot better than they did previously."

Bowdoin College has formed a commission to decide whether it will become the fourth institution to ban the Greeks.

"Fraternities today appear to be pretty much social centers without any very clear purpose," Bowdoin's president, A. LeRoy Greason, told students last fall. "If indeed some of them turn students away from intellectual and aesthetic concerns, then we do have a problem. If they cannot discipline themselves, and some cannot, then we have another problem."

Mr. Greason said last week that the committee's recommendations on fraternities at Bowdoin are expected to be issued next month.

At Rutgers, where a freshman, James Callahan, died last month of alcohol poisoning at a Lambda Chi Alpha pledge party, the university ordered the fraternity closed and halted all social activities by campus Greeks. The university is also reviewing the role of fraternities and sororities on the campus.

At the University of Texas at Austin, a commission formed after the 1986 hazing death of a freshman, Mark Seeberger, last fall urged the university to take active steps to develop a "fraternal system that makes more positive contributions to campus life."

The commission, calling the university's hazing problem one of the worst in the nation, said: "The university's recognition for academic achievement is adversely affected by a reputation for extreme student hazing, alcohol abuse, and extravagant outlays of money for parties by Greek social fraternities."

## Affiliation Looks Good on Résumés

Most institutions, while reaffirming the need for fraternal organizations on college campuses, are now policing fraternities more strictly or, at the other extreme, seeking to distance themselves from them.

Although educators say some of the recent interest in fraternity life is attributable to increases in many states of the legal drinking age, which led to crackdowns on dormitory parties, Jonathan J. Brandt, executive director of the National Interfraternity Conference, says the boom cannot be explained only by a desire to find a place to drink. The conference represents 59 of the nation's 62 national men's fraternities.

Students, Mr. Brandt says, are no longer antagonistic toward establishment organizations. In the early 1970's, the Greek movement's nadir, "the environment suggested that belonging to organizations, especially established organizations, was something you didn't want to be a part of," he says.

If anything, he says, students today view fraternities and sororities as helping them professionally. The affiliation often looks good on résumés, and fraternity brothers and sorority sisters know they can tap into a large alumni network that can provide career assistance.

Much of the criticism directed at fraternity members applies to the student body as a whole, fraternity officials insist. The number of racial incidents has risen among all students, they say, as has the inci-

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## Behavior of Students in Fraternities Worsens

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dence—or at least the recognition—of “acquaintance rape.” Alcohol abuse among students is also recognized as widespread.

Furthermore, abuses generally occur in violation of rules laid down by the fraternities’ national organizations. “Fraternities are not designed to be drinking clubs,” says Mr. Brandt of the National Interfraternity Conference. “We’re promoting moderate and lawful use of alcohol.”

At its national meeting in Dallas last December, the national organization banned “little sister” groups, composed of younger college women who are “adopted” by male fraternities. It also set up a commission on values and ethics to insure fraternities live up to their professed ideals.

Nonetheless, some educators charge that the fraternity environment encourages anti-social behavior such as drinking and abuse of women. Bernice Sandler, who works on women’s issues for the Association of American Colleges, says at least 80 per cent of the gang rapes reported to her office are fraternity-related. “Fraternities very often provide an atmosphere where sexual prowess, sexual activity, scoring, is encouraged, permitted, reinforced,” she says. “Some frats have posted on a bulletin board who scored with whom the night before.”

Bucknell’s Dr. Wilder says the lack of official control over fraternity functions means that Greeks are more likely to use and abuse alcohol than are dormitory residents. At

Bucknell, he says, “in our dorms, we have a residence director and residence assistants.”

“We don’t have anything comparable in fraternities.”

Another perennial criticism of Greeks is that despite their professed interest in encouraging academic achievement, fraternity life actually impedes scholastic performance.

### Survey of Grades

Those criticisms are borne out partially by a preliminary survey issued in December by the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity, based in Bloomington, Ind. The survey found that in 1986, 37.1 per cent of fraternity men polled had grade-point averages below the national average for all male college students.

Only 22.8 per cent had averages exceeding the national norm.

Among women sorority members, on the other hand, 38.9 per cent had grade-point averages above the norm for women, while only 19.1 per cent had averages below the norm.

Dr. Wilder says his research on Bucknell’s fraternities leads him to conclude that fraternity life itself is not responsible for what he calls “distinctive differences” between fraternity members and so-called independents. But he says the type of person who chooses fraternity life is different from the type who chooses to remain unaffiliated.

“Fraternity members tend to be somewhat less intellectual, somewhat less academically motivated, and somewhat less scholastically able,” he says. “By contrast, Greeks appear to be probably better socially and emotionally adjusted, more pop-

ular, better regarded by peers. They are the social glue that keeps the campus together.”

Dr. Wilder said Greeks also tended to be more conformist and less independent than non-Greeks he studied.

For all the criticism, few are arguing that fraternities should be abolished. A detailed 1983 study at Stanford University laid out a number of arguments in favor of the fraternity system. The report of the study argued that the “relationships formed in a fraternity or sorority are frequently closer and longer-lasting than the friendships established elsewhere while one is a student.” It also said that Greek organizations “accelerate social ease and comfort and the discovery of one’s common bonds with other members of the group.”

Fraternity officials interviewed at the Dallas convention also argued that many fraternity organizations were actively engaged in community-service work, but that their good deeds were ignored amid accounts in the press of drinking, hazing, and sexual misconduct. On many campuses, the officials noted, fraternities take the lead in fund-raising efforts for a variety of causes.

### Access to Alcohol Curtailed

Fraternities have also worked to deal with what many Greeks think is their most serious problem: alcohol abuse. Spurred in part by tougher drinking laws, increases in liability insurance, and threats of litigation against fraternities and universities, many fraternities and sororities have been forced to severely curtail access to alcohol at house events.

Mr. Brandt of the National Interfraternity Conference said that about 400 of the organization’s 810 affiliate campuses had instituted so-called dry rushes, in which alcohol is forbidden at events for pledges.

Most fraternities say they closely patrol house parties to prevent under-age drinking. At St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, for instance, identity cards are checked when students enter a fraternity party. People 21 and older are given arm bands. Only those with arm bands may drink.

Such measures are not foolproof. Last fall the Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board netted 350 under-age drinkers in a statewide sweep of colleges and fraternities.

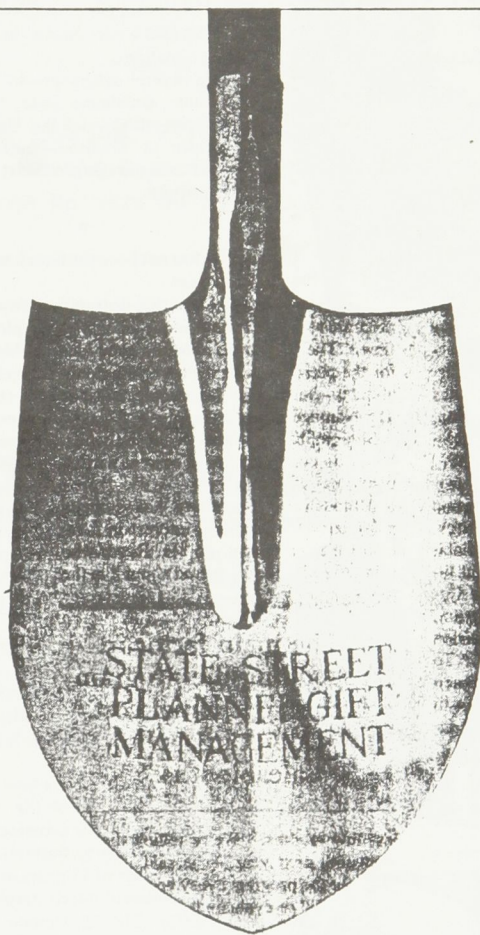
Some students also argue that the new strictures on drinking in fraternity houses in fact increase the chances of drinking-related accidents.

At Florida State University, where the student-run Inter-Fraternity Council last year banned most fraternity keg parties, Barry N. Crabtree, a senior and an official of Delta Chi, says he has to worry about students’ driving back and forth to stores to buy and consume the alcohol they can’t get at the fraternity house.

“We have to be more careful as far as the liability goes because we don’t want people out there drunk on the roads killing other people or killing themselves,” he says.

Nonetheless, Mr. Crabtree and others say the new alcohol regulations may lead to a revitalization of the fraternity movement. “It increases the brotherhood, because people aren’t always smashed,” he says.

At the University of New Hampshire, where the Interfraternity Council recently started a dry rush, Mr. Sciola, the Greek adviser, says: “I’m confident Greeks at U.N.H. and across the country will see that our founders had something a little different in mind than what has been going on in the last few years.”



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