

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### FRATERNITY LIFE: IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO START

The following article was written by an alumnus, Al Cohen, Cornell '81 for "The Iota Sig," Cornell's newsletter. "Rockledge" or "Rock" is an endearment used by the chapter when referring to our fraternity. Their chapter house is known as Rockledge Manor.

1985 was a strange year.

I graduated.

I accepted a job from a legitimate company.

The Mets didn't win the NL East.

Ouch. Fortunately, two of these bizarre occurrences were corrected the following year. The Mets crushed the Red Sox like chicken bones in a garbage disposal, to claim their rightful place as World Champions. And I quit my primo desk job.

Of course, I had no idea of what I was going to do next.

Being an engineer, I first tried to design things. Actually, I was pretty good at designing things. It was the producing part that stymied me. I didn't have capital. Production can't start without serious money. And unless you want to sell your soul to investors, start-up money ain't easy to get.

I was back with my hands in my pockets. Emptier pockets. What to do now?

As I had been working with computers for over seven years and I had set up a number of systems for fun and profit, I decided to try my hand as a computer consultant. Computer problems? No problem! Just call Al. He'll come to the rescue.

It's been about a year and a half since I hung out my shingle. I'm making a living, expanding my customer base, and it looks like things may work out swell.

Many of you are probably wondering how a squid like me could pull this off. And I know you're not going to believe the fresh air and clean living bit.

The single most important factor enabling me to start a business was Rockledge.

While Cornell Engineering was doing its darndest to fill my brain with mathematical detritus (good word--look it up), I was getting a real education at the Rock. The fraternity offered an array of precious experiences that would be difficult to match anywhere else.



In my pre-Rock days, public speaking was a gut-wrencher. After participating in 40+ person house meetings, I learned to relax and think on my feet. This translated to smooth presentations in the 'real' world.

My semester as steward taught me much about management and salesmanship. Where else could a 19-year old run such an operation? The sales skills were employed when I would regularly sell the brotherhood on the important benefits of not showering, swirling, or waffle-bellying me after serving them such haute cuisine as golden stew, bread pudding, and knockwurst (yum!).

As assistant treasurer, I learned that merchandising (running concessions) was fun. Doing phone bills taught me to never, ever, under any circumstances, attempt my own accounting.

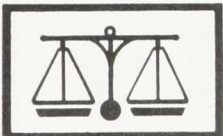
While a member of P.C., I learned a bit about politics. Look for my presidential campaign coming soon.

Other skills that I picked up during my association with Rockledge are house-painting, faucet washer replacing, foosball, bartending, loft-building, and a host of others that cannot be mentioned in material traveling via the U.S. Postal Service.

So what? So what I am saying is that fraternities are fantastic. They can contribute enormously to the undergraduate experience. The formal education portion of my time at Cornell will doubtlessly be of some use someday (perhaps a client will ask me about p-suborbitals or the net charge of an infinitely distant dipole). But the skills learned at the Rock make us better people each and every day.

I urge our undergraduate members to be strongly involved in the house. Savor all that the experience has to give. Do well at your studies, but never forsake your house! Run for offices. Do things. And mostly, have fun.

- Al Cohen '81  
The Iota Sig



### MAN SUES FRATERNITY TWO YEARS AFTER ASSAULT

A man who was a student at the University of Oregon two years ago when he got drunk at a fraternity party and was assaulted after leaving it has sued the fraternities involved for causing his injuries.

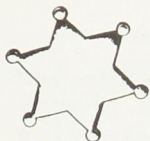
Craig A. Vincze claims in his lawsuit that the fraternities are responsible for his inability to defend himself due to drunkenness because they provided him with alcohol even though he was a minor and obviously intoxicated.

He is suing the 16 fraternities that participated in the gathering, which was billed as an "All-Greek keg party," as well as the past president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which organized the party, and Tyrone B. Jones, the alleged assailant.

Mr. Vincze alleges that after Mr. Jones's car almost struck him outside the party site, Mr. Jones got out and knocked him to the ground, causing facial and cranial injuries that required surgery. Mr. Vincze is asking for just over \$20,000 for his medical expenses, plus an unspecified amount in damages from Mr. Jones and the fraternities.

- Chronicle of Higher Education





### POLICE CALLED IN TO HALT DENISON FRATERNITY BRAWL

Granville, Ohio--Licking County law enforcement officers broke up an alcohol-fueled fight involving at least 100 members of two rival Denison University fraternities recently.

No one was arrested, and injuries were confined to a few cuts and bruises.

The fight between members of Alpha Tau Omega and Beta Theta Pi started about 1:30 a.m., Granville police Sgt. James R. Hoekstra said.

The fight was caused by Alpha Tau Omega attracting more prospective members than Beta Theta Pi did, Hoekstra said.

"Some individuals were trading punches," Dennison spokesman Stewart B. Dyke said.

Dennison security officers could not disperse the students and called for police assistance. Six deputy sheriffs and two Granville police officers went to the campus.

The Newark Police Department and the State Highway Patrol dispatched cruisers to the village, but those officers were not needed.

It was the first time police were called to quell a large Denison disturbance since April, when several hundred students broke windows and caused other damages on the campus's east residential quad, Hoekstra said.

"People were everywhere, and they were beating the heck out of each other," Hoekstra said of the fraternity fight. "Of course, there was a lot of drinking, which escalated it. I am sure the alcohol played a big part."

As soon as a fight among one group was quelled, another fight started, a police report said. The fights stopped when authorities threatened to make arrests, Hoekstra said.

- Columbus Dispatch

### 'GHETTO PARTY,' SLAVE SALE GET FRATERNITIES BANNED

Fraternities at DePauw University and the University of Wisconsin at Madison have been suspended for sponsoring social events that had racist overtones.

DePauw University has placed a fraternity on probation for the remainder of the academic school year following a "ghetto party" in the Greek organization's house.

A student disciplinary committee at the University of Wisconsin at Madison is investigating a mock slave auction held by Zeta Beta Tau fraternity as part of a fund-raising event.

Some of the Wisconsin fraternity members wore Afro wigs and were in blackface at the event. The Interfraternity Council suspended Zeta Beta Tau from all activities on the campus and recommended the expulsion of all students involved in the event.



The members of the DePauw chapter of Alpha Tau Omega are prohibited from participating in any social activities as a group, and each must contribute a day's work in a community-service project. In addition, the fraternity must conduct an educational program for its members on ways of improving interracial relations.

The five other fraternities and sororities that were involved were prohibited from sponsoring any gatherings with other campus groups for the remainder of the semester.

- Chronicle of Higher Education

### TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION:



### MIDDLEBURY FACULTY VOTES TO REVAMP FRATERNITIES

The faculty at Middlebury College has issued the college's six fraternities an ultimatum: Either cooperate with a plan to reorganize fraternity houses into coeducational student residencies or be abolished outright.

The ultimatum was implicit in two recent faculty votes. The first postponed until March a vote on a measure calling for the president to abolish the fraternities. The other established a reorganization plan and invited fraternity leaders to begin cooperating with it before the faculty's March meeting.

Under the plan, the fraternities must dissociate themselves from their national organizations, drop their Greek names, and stop calling themselves "fraternities" by next fall, said Ronald Nief, a Middlebury spokesman. At that time, they must also have plans for setting up coeducational residencies to open in 1991.

While some students have denounced the plan, fraternity leaders have indicated they will cooperate, Mr. Nief said.

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November 16, 1988

### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS SHUTS DOWN FRATERNITY FOR HAZING

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has shut down the Alpha Tau Gamma Fraternity for reported hazing violations.

Acting on complaints from parents and students, university officials first moved pledges out of the fraternity's house on the campus and then gave the 32 members of the group until Thanksgiving to find other housing. The fraternity has no national affiliation.

Amherst police and university officials are continuing their investigation. They declined to give details of the charges.

"The information we have is serious enough to shut them down," said Dennis Madison, the university's vice-chancellor for student affairs.

- Chronicle of Higher Education





### AIDS VIRUS FOUND TO BE GAINING ON CAMPUSES

Early data from a nationwide study of AIDS infection on college campuses "clearly establishes" that the virus has reached significant numbers of students, health officials said last week.

Gary Noble, deputy director for AIDS of the federal Centers for Disease Control, told a meeting of college newspaper editors that, among the first 5,000 blood samples tested for the study, 3 in 1,000 contained antibodies to H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS. Other C.D.C. officials cautioned that the rate could rise or fall as more samples are tested.

#### A Real Problem'

Even though incomplete, the figures "should once and for all wake people in higher education up to the fact that AIDS is a real problem on campuses," said Richard P. Keeling, who is director of the student health service at the University of Virginia and president of the American College Health Association.

The study, which is being conducted by the association for the C.D.C., will eventually test the blood of at least 20,000 students from 20 universities and colleges. It makes use of blood drawn for other reasons in selected college health services. The study is part of a larger effort by the C.D.C., to estimate the level of H.I.V. infection in the population.

Dr. Keeling said an initial analysis of the completed survey should be ready in January.

- L.B.

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### BOWLING GREEN ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The ninth annual Bowling Green State University Leadership Conference, "Calling On Commitment," promises to be challenging and rewarding for all those in attendance. Students and advisors from Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana will assemble to discuss matters pertaining to leadership, professionalism and current issues. Greek advisors and International fraternity and sorority officers will offer their expertise and advice as conference speakers/facilitators. The Bowling Green State University Leadership Conference is the largest student run conference of its type in the nation. It is a conference filled with enthusiasm, experience, and knowledge from a wide variety of leaders. It is a conference that you won't want to miss.

The conference will take place from February 17-18, 1989, on the Bowling Green campus. Students and advisors are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Conference fees are again kept to a minimum so that it is financially feasible for all those who wish to participate. For additional information, write: Annual Leadership Conference, 425 Student Services Bldg., Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.



## NATIONAL COLLEGIATE DRUG AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 6-12, 1989

National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week is a nationally unified and comprehensive drug prevention week to help college and universities focus on the issue of drug abuse.

Why focus on drugs? Considerable attention has been placed on alcohol over the last several years. While for many college students alcohol is still the "drug of choice," the use of many other drugs, from prescriptions to street drugs, merits the attention of educators and policy makers.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### ALPHA MU CHAPTER, Baldwin-Wallace College

We at Baldwin-Wallace enjoyed another victory winning the Breezer award for having the most spirit at the homecoming festivities. This was the third year in a row that Alpha Mu has received this award.

The same evening, a successful Pig Roast was held which served also as an informal rush event which gave us the opportunity to meet many new freshman. A Milestone service was performed for our Advisor, Alan Swanson.

In the area of scholarship, we earned a 2.86 average last spring quarter, topping both the all Greek and all fraternity averages. We came only within 3/100 of the sorority average, but we expect to average well above a 3.0 for the fall quarter.

- Kevin R. Stromsky

### ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, Presbyterian College

In October we had shirts printed up to sell at the Grateful Dead Concert in St. Petersburg, FL. At the time we ordered the shirts we were unaware that the stadium held only 8,000 people. We were also unaware that 50% of the people attending the concert would also be selling items. We ended up ordering way too many shirts and just barely covered our losses on this failure of a fundraiser.

Last semester all of our hard work on scholarship paid off when we received the highest GPA on the court. Our file system is growing larger and better than it has been in the past. Studyhall is held every week for the pledge class in order to encourage them to develop their study skills even more. Our goal is to keep the academic lead in order to win the award presented each calendar year.

- Mike Vance

### DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College

Ten brothers from Delta Lambda celebrated the 21st birthday of Gene Rogan in New York City on Halloween Night. Also included was brother Rich Butler from Stevens Tech. Brother Rich guided the Alpha Sigs through the city. The festivities included singing "For He's An Alpha Sig" through Greenwich Village. An awesome time was had by all and a special thanks go out to Brother Rich and all the brothers at Stevens for housing us for the night.

- Darren Caffery, HSP





## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

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**ETA CHAPTER, University of Illinois:** Richard John Verback, Hugo F. Chavez, John Joseph Reisenbuchler, III, Ralph Eric Williams, Kenneth Peter Smorynski, Daniel Patrick Duhig, Richard Rewerts, Stephen D. Myers, Brian Anthony Laskowski, Sean Lawrence Stauder, Daniel Eric McCandless, Bradley E. Clem, Phillip John Pilon, Donald Robert Smith, Craig Stanton Questelle, Robert Bruce Handel, Jonathan Horley McDonald, Michael Thomas Dover, John Robert Krunnfusz and Christopher Muir Haymaker on September 28, 1988.

**PSI CHAPTER, Oregon State University:** Steven Robert Nokleby, Tyson Edward Asivido, Christopher Rebert Leno, Anthony Lee Johnson, Jeffrey Scott McClelland, David Andrew Stewart, Christopher James Stout, Craig Anthony Roberts, Tyler Dean Storer, Scott Alan Underwood, Brian Lee Sicotte, Robert Allen Rue, Marc James Schuette, Stephen Craig Wilson, Craig Rudy Combs, Matt Massey, Ken Lain and Byron Tatsumi on October 26, 1988.

**ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, Stevens Institute of Technology:** Craig Lee Bowser, Sy V. Bui, Michael Cocca, Geoffrey Garabedian, Anatoly Litvak, Michael Percarpio, Peter W. Schoettler and Robert William Vesterman on September 30, 1988.

**DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University:** Brian David Baddick, Brian David Cristini, Robert Michael Samick, Shahid Tawawalla, Joel Giles Strohecker, George Robert Fritz, Jr. and Christopher Brian Bailey on October 13, 1988.

**GAMMA XI CHAPTER, Widener University:** Darryl Eric Johannessen on October 20, 1988.

**DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, University of North Carolina at Charlotte:** Brian Edward Thompson, Peter Joseph Burroughs, Richard David Clary, Mark Bradley, William Bruce Yarbrough, Sean William Toohey, Jack Kendrick Talbert, Johnny Wayne Lequire, Aaron Lee Lewis, Paige Gilbert Nance, Erol Giani Atakkaan and Thomas Lee Shatley on September 23, 1988.

## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

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**GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tulane University:** David Michael Berman and Anthony Allen Galindo on November 12, 1988.

**DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University:** Robert Heinle, Michael Lees, Matthew Best, Robert Carson, Kevin Grecek, Robert Harry, Michael Leroy, Brad Morrison and Joseph Piccirilli on November 13, 1988.

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## **Will The Real You Please Stand Up?**

Submit to  
pressure  
from peers  
and you move  
down to their  
level.

Speak up  
for your own  
beliefs  
and you invite  
them up to your  
level.

If you move  
with the crowd,  
you'll get  
no further than  
the crowd.

When 40 million  
people believe in  
a dumb idea,  
it's still a  
dumb idea.

Simply swimming  
with the tide  
leaves you  
nowhere.

So if you  
believe in  
something  
that's good,  
honest and bright—  
stand up for it.

Maybe your peers  
will get smart  
and drift  
your way.