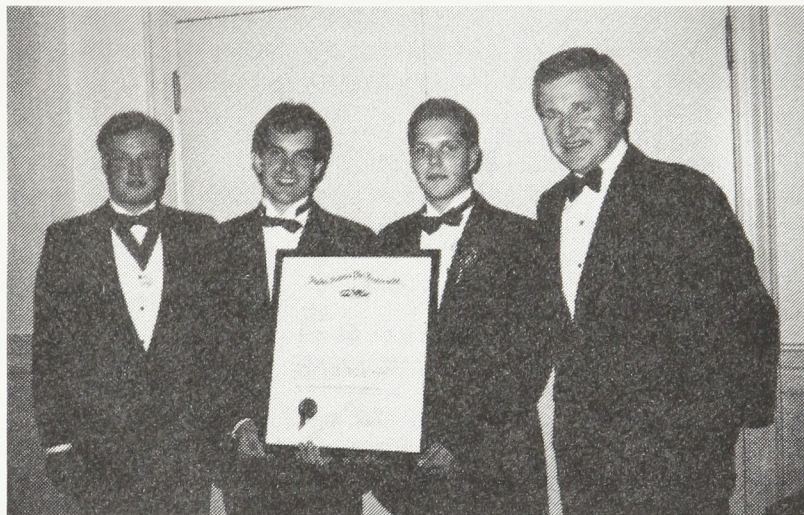


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National News



Charles Vohs, Penn State '75, Grand Treasurer, along with Brett Clemmer, Tufts '88, Howie Wexler, Tufts '88, and John Johnson, Tufts '60, at September 17 Rechartering Banquet

TUFTS CHARTERED!

On September 17, 1988 Beta Iota was once again added to the roster of active chapters in Alpha Sigma Phi. An excited group of men came to the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Cambridge, MA for the black tie affair.

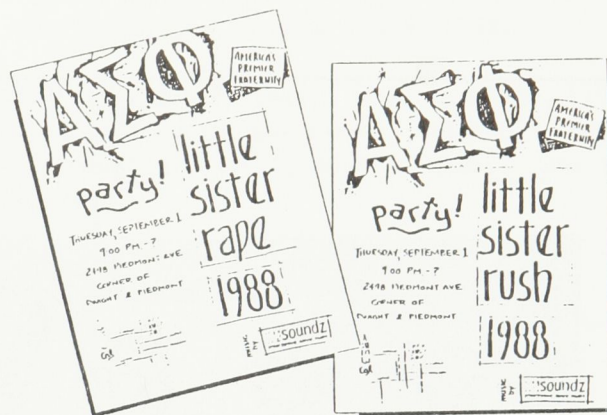
Grand Treasurer, **Charles Vohs**, Penn State '75, presented the Charter with the assistance of **Randall S. Lewis**, Director of Chapter Services and **Steven V. Zizzo**, Chapter Leadership Consultant. Alumnus **John Johnson**, Tufts '60, was also on hand and spoke on behalf of the alumni in thanking the charter members for bringing back the chapter. "Now we have someplace to come home for," he said, "and we will be back." Brother Johnson is the President of Lamalie Associates, Inc. and spoke at the 1985 NLC at Penn State.

Tim Schulien, Ohio State '84, assisted in the Black Lantern Processional held Thursday and played a key role in the initiation of the members on Friday, September 15. Brother Schulien became good friends with some of the Beta Iota members at the 1986 National Convention at the University of Michigan and wanted to participate in this glorious event.

It was indeed a glorious event for all who attended! Welcome back into the Mystic Circle, Beta Iota!

LITTLE SISTER RUSH ATTACKED

On Cal-Berkeley's campus someone voiced their opinion against "little sister" organizations by using Alpha Sigma Phi as an example. The following is the story as recorded in **The Daily**, the student newspaper at Berkeley (September 2nd edition).



In an apparent hoax, a flyer advertising a "Little Sister Rape" party last night at a fraternity appeared on campus yesterday. The flyer, which advertised a party at the Alpha Sigma Phi house at 2498 Piedmont Ave., was disavowed by the fraternity yesterday, whose members said they had nothing to do with it.

Fraternity member Steve Dos Santos said yesterday that Alpha Sigma Phi had issued a flyer several days ago advertising "Little Sister Rush 1988." Yesterday morning, he said, house members discovered the nearly identical flyer (see photo above) and contacted university officials.

Bill Wrightsman, the university's Greek system advisor, recommended that the party be canceled, but not because he believes fraternity members distributed the flyer, which he said was an altered version of the original. "At this point, I feel extremely strongly that the fraternity is not responsible for the flyer," Wrightsman said.

Dos Santos said yesterday fraternity members "don't know how it happened." But, he added, "we are sure it is not anyone inside the house."

Wrightsman said fraternity members approached him about the flyer first, and said they have been extremely cooperative. The party was cancelled, he said, because "I didn't want the fraternity to go through any problems that they did not intend to create."

An investigation will be conducted to try and determine who is responsible for the flyer, Wrightsman said. It will be supervised by Michelle Woods, the Director of Student Activities and Services.

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Wrightsmen said he does not know who is responsible for the flyer, but he said one of the reasons he believes the "Little Sister Rape" flyer is a hoax is that two other flyers have appeared and both are highly critical of the fraternity system.

According to Wrightsmen, one flyer read:

"Girls! Thinking about going Greek? Wanna be a little sister? How about a little rape? Beware! Don't do it."

The other flyer, printed in block letters, read:

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to violence; the word and the act. While violence cloaks itself in a plethora of disguises, its favorite mantle remains sex. Beware! Little Sister Rush 1988."

Neither of the other two flyers mentioned Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Wrightsmen said, and the flyers were "certainly not designed to attract little sisters to their rush party."

Wrightsmen said the fraternity has a very good reputation with the university. "Nothing in their past history would lead me to believe that they were responsible for (the flyer)," he said.

Alpha Sigma Phi officials kept a low profile yesterday. House President Brian Smith could not be reached for comment. Vice President Jeff Brehmer said, "We have no comment at this time. The party has been cancelled."

Fraternity member Dos Santos, while repeating Brehmer's statements, did say the "rape" flyer did not reflect the views of the fraternity, and that house members were "upset" about the incident.

Michael Singman, a senior and former director of Men Against Violence Against Women, said singling out one fraternity as the target of a hoax would be a "misdirected" tactic.

"If you name a specific fraternity that doesn't have a record of sexual assault, then I think it's a cheap shot," Singman said.

Wrightsmen said he hoped the matter could be cleared up so Alpha Sigma Phi's "little sister party" could be rescheduled.

This is just one instance of a group's showing dissatisfaction with little sister organizations in existence. In the Supreme Court NYC Club case, an attorney wrote this statement, "an alternate view on the Supreme Court's NYC Private Club Case: Truly private associations can remain single-sex. Those who seek forced coed status should keep Little Sister groups, hold open parties, and trumpet the advantage of business networking."

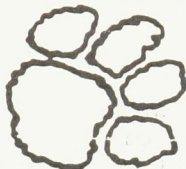
Alpha Sigma Phi does not recognize any "little sister" organizations and the Grand Council voted to support the NLC statement on "little sisters."

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BEAR-O-GRAM

This is to inform you of an exciting program, **Hugs Not Drugs**. There is a written educational program for grade school students as well as a costume character, Huggie The B.E.A.R. The program was started by Phi Gamma Delta and Lambda Kappa Sigma at the University of Pittsburgh.

HUG'S



NOT DRUGS



Far too many times, college students (especially the Greek system) have been criticized about the animal house image. This image overshadows the work and contributions that have been given to social service and fund raising. Because of that, the Bear Drug Programs Foundation has established an award and incentive program to honor and gain national recognition for those who have a fun but serious attitude toward Greek life on campus. The award "The Golden Greek Goblet" comes with a fun filled spring break trip. There is also an exciting line of officially licensed Greek products at wholesale prices to participating organizations.

With the help of participating chapters the organization can create greater community awareness and will be able to gain news coverage needed for recognition.

They will mark off geographically all the areas the Greeks wish to cover before they approach any other organization.

If your chapter wishes to participate please contact the Foundation so you can inform them of your plans as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please call (412) 884-3360, Bear Drug Programs Foundation, PO Box 154, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301.

STUDENT ELECTROCUTED IN SUNY POND

A sophomore at the State University of New York at Albany was electrocuted when he and a group of fellow Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity pledges waded into a campus pond.

The students intended to cap off their pledge activities with a symbolic "washing away" of their non-fraternal status, when Bryan O. Higgins was electrocuted, according to a university spokesman. No other students were hurt. Members of the Albany fire department brought Mr. Higgins to shore, but it was later determined that he had died before disappearing under water.

State police and campus officials who investigated the incident found that neither the student nor the university had any prior knowledge of any electrical charge in the pond. The university pumps water from the pond to use in watering campus lawns, and officials said the charge apparently had resulted from a leak in an electrical feeder cable that leads into the pump house.

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15 AT RUTGERS CHARGED IN DEATH OF STUDENT

Fifteen members of a fraternity at Rutgers University have been charged with encouraging a student to drink himself to death.

Alan A. Rockoff, the Middlesex County, N.J., prosecutor, said the 15 members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at the university's New Brunswick campus had been charged with aggravated hazing in the February death of James Callahan. Mr. Callahan, who was 18 years old, died after he and other pledges at a fraternity-initiation party had been encouraged to consume excessive amounts of alcohol over a short time (The Chronicle, February 24). The legal drinking age in New Jersey is 21. The University banned the fraternity after the incident.

Aggravated hazing is punishable by up to 18 months in prison and a \$7,500 fine, but Mr. Rockoff said first offenders did not face "a presumption of incarceration." The 15 students are to be sentenced May 20.

A university investigation of the incident is continuing.

-The Chronicle of Higher Education
May 11, 1988

FRATERNITY MEMBERS RESPOND TO HAZING CHARGES

(Taken from the September 12, 1988 Ann Landers Column)

Dear Readers: Do you remember the letter from Chuck's mother? Chuck died after drinking a bottle of Scotch while locked in the trunk of a car as part of a fraternity initiation ritual. Then came the fine response by Edward Bloustein, who addressed the fact that one of his students had died during a hazing incident. Both letters created a firestorm of responses from all over the country, mostly from fraternity members. Here is a sampling of what I've been getting:

From Sierra Madre, Calif.: I am a student at Cal Poly, Pomona, and pledged to Tau Kappa Epsilon. I cannot understand why some fraternities are still involved in hazing. It is clearly against the law and everybody knows it. As for alcohol consumption--our chapter is completely dry, which means no fraternity funds may be spent on booze. -F.W.

From Alexandria, Va.: My fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, has a national non-hazing policy that is strictly enforced by its chapter officers and advisors. During my tenure as president we pledged several fine men who came to us after other fraternities tried to haze them. They opted to turn down the invitation to join rather than put up with that garbage. I admire these guys for their self-respect and dignity. - George Mason U., Sig Ep

From Houston: My son pledged Lambda Chi this year at the University of Texas. I received a letter from the chapter president stating that they were discontinuing the practice of buying alcohol for their parties. He said that the fraternity would save approximately \$600 a month and the money would be used for soft drinks and charitable contributions. -A Relieved (and Proud) Mother



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From Austin, Tex.: Your alignment with the Greek bashers surprised me, Ann. You usually consult with experts when you don't know the answer. Before throwing out the baby with the bath water, please note that we don't ban automobiles because accidents kill and maim hundreds of people every day. Fraternities create excellent leadership role models. Friendship groups will always be around in one form or another. -B.F., Beta Theta Pi

From Appleton, Wis.: There is no place for fraternities or sororities in a democratic society. They promote snobbism, elitism and a brand of toadyism that is revolting. When our colleges and universities grow up, they will abolish these social crutches for all time.

From San Bernadino, Calif.: As a brother of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, I would like to point out that the practice of hazing has significantly decreased around the country. There is a clause in our pledge handbook that says, "Any pledge who allows himself to be hazed does not deserve to be a member of this fraternity." -Calif.State U.

Dear Ann Landers: Please be aware that less than 6 percent of all college students are in the Greek system but 90 percent of the members of the House of Representatives and United States Senate belong to a fraternity. Surprised? -A Proud Teke

Dear Teke: Not at all. Most men who seek public office are extroverts. They love to press the flesh and are joiners by nature. They recognize the value of fraternities where they can develop their people skills and, of course, the fraternities go after such men. It's a perfect fit.



GREEK WORK FOR CHARITY

Fraternities and sororities are increasingly raising money and spending time in their communities for national charitable causes, said a recent report. The average Greek male collegian today is raising nearly twice as much money and devoting almost double the time to community service as the average fraternity man did in 1984.

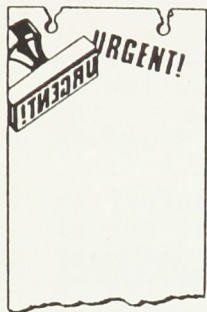
Figures show each member annually contributes \$25 and 3.4 hours to philanthropy. With 50 men in 5,000 chapters, that adds up to \$6.25 million and 850,000 volunteer hours each year.

Sororities have 26 members with 2,600 chapters. They give over \$3 million annually to help handicapped children, the blind, the speech and hearing impaired, the mentally retarded and for medical research.

They donate over 1.5 million hours of individual volunteer service each year to projects they support.

-Buckeye Letter Service, Inc.

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CALL FOR HELP

The brothers of Gamma Theta Chapter at the University of Miami have asked that brothers from across the nation be alerted to the disaster that Hurricane Gilbert caused Jamaica. Having friends that live there it only seems just to help out this country in their time of need.

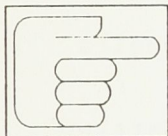
Any chapters willing to help Gamma Theta can contact **T.J. Mannix**, at (407) 284-4663 or 391-8336. "They need everything," says Brother Mannix, "anything you can spare; clothes, food, tents, etc. would be greatly appreciated!" Mailable goods can be sent to Alpha Sigma Phi, P.O. Box 248858, Coral Gables, FL 33124, in care of T.J.

REMINDERS

Pledge fees have been increased to \$40 and are due seven days after pledging occurs.

Initiation fees are still \$110 and are due ten days before the initiation occurs.

Undergraduate dues are now \$55 per member and are due by November 1. Any accounts not paid in full are subject to disciplinary measures by The Grand Council.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

1989-1990 NIC CHAPTER HOUSE CORPORATION OFFICERS WORKSHOPS
Listed below are the proposed meeting sites and dates. The preference is to locate attractive properties that are easily accessible to major airports.

Proposed Dates

January 27-28, 1989
February 24-25, 1989
March 10-11, 1989
April 7-8, 1989
May 5-6, 1989
October 13-14, 1989
November 10-11, 1989

January 26-27, 1990
February 23-24, 1990
March 9-10, 1990
April 20-21, 1990

Proposed Sites

Raleigh, North Carolina
New Orleans, Louisiana
St. Louis, Missouri
Boston, Massachusetts
Seattle, Washington
Rochester, New York
Orlando, Florida

Dallas, Texas
Phoenix, Arizona
Washington, D.C.
Kansas City, Kansas

National News (cont'd)



FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINEES TAKEN

Grand Senior President **Edmund A. Hamburger** is calling for nominations for an undergraduate member to be a part of the Grand Council's Finance Committee. This was passed by the delegation at the NLC&C as recommended by the Committee on Finance. The resolution is below:

The Finance Committee shall include the Grand Treasurer, as Chairman, Grand Junior President, and two members at large, one of whom shall be an undergraduate member who shall serve a one year term. This committee shall serve as the Reserve Loan Committee to investigate applications for loans from the Reserve Fund and make appropriate recommendations to The Grand Council. It shall be responsible for such other matters of finance relative to the Fraternity which may be referred to it by the Grand Council.

Nominations should be sent to Grand Senior President Hamburger c/o Headquarters at 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015. Please include a statement of the candidate's qualifications along with the nomination.

Initiated Into The Mystic Circle



NU CHAPTER, University of California-Berkeley: Richard Pesqueira, William Tanner and John Hilts on September 9, 1988.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER, Tufts University: Kenneth Ankiewicz, Matthew Birkner, Eric Brown, Brett A. Clemmer, Brian Crowley, Avram Dorfman, Michael Eidelkind, Scott Fink, Jonathan Goldman, Ian Goldsmith, Daniel Groszmann, David Hung, Timothy Lohse, Bruce Perelman, Howard Wexler, Peter Gargalianos, Michael Hopkins, Brian Kane, Serge Botsaris, Mark Treitel, Robert Tormaschy, David Pucci and John N. Giantis on September 16, 1988.

BETA MU CHAPTER, Wake Forest University: Jason T. Abelkop, Joseph E. Bowman, IV, Alan K. Chastain, Keith R.G. Goodwin, Michael M. Hall, Gregory M. Hundt, Lance W. Huthwaite, William C. Jones, Richard Kim, William J. Kopelmon, Donald S. Much, John M.E. Saad, Matthew E. Schroeder, Bradley A. Whitehead and Thomas F. Williams on April 29, 1988.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University: Ryan Corris, Marc Van Horn and Mark Struhar on September 2, 1988.

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