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NATIONAL NEWS



BUFFALO INTEREST GROUP COLONIZED

The members of the **Jeff Hunter** Interest Group (named after a Marietta brother who died in an automobile accident last year) was colonized as Gamma Epsilon Colony April 8, 1989. Grand Marshal, **Robert G. Cabello**, Eastern Michigan '70, granted the status at a banquet at which 75 members and guests were present.

This reactivation was started by **Mark Palazzo**, Marietta '88 who transferred to SUNY-Buffalo. The colony has twenty-six members and are looking forward to doubling their size while fulfilling the requirements of the chartering standards.

Many alumni were present at the banquet to celebrate the revival of their chapter. An alumnus from Middlebury was even present as the oldest alumnus while the oldest Gamma Epsilon member present was Roster #8, **Donald E. Brown** '50, Bryn Mawr, PA. **Kieran Kriess**, '51, Buffalo, NY served as the master of ceremonies and provided music for the evening.

Letters of congratulations may be sent to:

Steve R. Phillips, President
222 Lisbon Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215

Best wishes on your Road to Chartering! We look forward to welcoming you into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi.

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BETA THETA PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROBATION

Beta Theta Chapter at Rutgers University has been placed on Administrative probation by Grand Senior President, **Edmund A. Hamburger**, Polytechnic '45. The situation centers around "kidnapping" which the pledge class was directed to do by the pledge educator.

"Kidnapping" is in violation of the Policy on Pre-Initiation Activities established in 1980 at the National Convention. The kidnapping occurred April 3 when a carload of four pledges proceeded to "kidnap" a brother. A nearby student witnessing the event, called security who in turn contacted the local and state police. The five men were then charged with disorderly conduct and underage in possession of alcohol.

Five brothers were cited at a later date for hazing. These brothers included the current president, treasurer, pledge educator and two other members of the pledge education committee. The chapter will go before the Board of Control at Rutgers and await the final decision to be passed down by the Dean of Students.

1989 CONFERENCE COORDINATORS NAMED

Director of Chapter Services, **Randall S. Lewis**, Oregon State '81, has named the coordinators for the National Leadership Conference to be held August 2-6 at Indiana University. They are: **Mike Campsey**, Westminster; **Brian Clegg**, Toledo; **David Critchlow**, Iowa State; **Todd Holstrom**, Washington; **John Lyon**, Radford and **Shaun Sizemore**, Marshall.

These young brothers will be working to make the conference more enjoyable for everyone who attends. They will be doing a lot of the behind the scenes work which will enable brothers from across the nation to acquire the optimum experience of the conference.

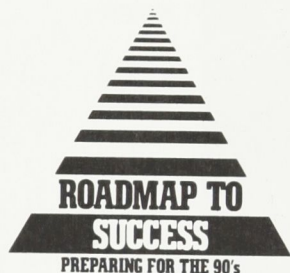
"We have a quality group of coordinators for this year's NLC," says Lewis. "It will only make the conference more successful with these brothers helping us."

REFLECTIONS OF A CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT

Dear Alpha Sigma Phi,

Traveling the country these past several months, I've gained increased pride for my fraternity. At the same time, I've become increasingly concerned for the direction of fraternities in general. I'm not talking just of Alpha Sigma Phi, but of all fraternities. It seems an increasing number of chapters are becoming nothing more than drinking clubs and boarding houses. So many chapters and members are missing all the "extras" fraternity membership has to offer.

It seems that several members have been misled and believe that their fraternity should give, give, give. They seem to think a fraternity has a life of its own, as if it was a living creature. Our fraternity is not a living creature but rather the sum of its



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parts. It depends on each member to make it move forward. Every Alpha Sig achievement is caused by an Alpha Sig achieving. Without each member fulfilling his responsibilities to the fraternity we cannot expect our fraternity to continue, much less grow.

Many members of today's fraternity seem to look at fraternity membership as a variety of choices. They seem to think that they can pick and choose what they will and will not do for their fraternity. If they don't like to rush then they won't. These members still expect, however, for their fraternity to give them all the rights and privileges. They seem to think that their individuality is supreme and the fraternity has no right to set standards for them. The fraternity has no right to dictate whether they have achieved scholastically, morally, or personally. These members seem to forget that their actions reflect on all of us. This is why our fraternity must have standards. These standards must be standards of excellence. We should demand excellence from our fraternity. We should demand excellence from our fraternity headquarters, our national meetings, and our programs. However, we can not demand excellence unless we give excellence; each and every member demanding excellence of himself. Our ritual does not set standards for Alpha Sigma Phi, the creature, to follow. Our ritual sets standards for Alpha Sigs to follow. Reaching these standards should be our motivation.

So many chapters complain of lack of motivation and always are asking for the answer. The answer is to never, never, never give the rights and privileges of Alpha Sigma Phi away. We should demand excellence throughout each member's life in Alpha Sigma Phi. Unfortunately we often only get excellence during the few months of pledgship. During pledgship the world is simple. You go to your first meeting and what is expected of you is laid out. You are told, and you know, that you must do all that is expected of you. If a pledge did all that was expected of him except he did not attend a single pledge meeting, what would happen?

This is why pledges perform so well. They know what is expected and they know if they don't do it they'll never receive the benefits of membership. This should not change because one goes through our ritual. It should only intensify. We should lay out clearly what's expected of our members and then demand them to live up to it. Don't let them have what they do not deserve.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone, from the Grand Council to the newest pledge of our fraternity, for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Chapter Leadership Consultant. I thank each and everyone of you because we all are Alpha Sigma Phi. We make everything this fraternity does possible. My pride in my fraternity is much greater than when I started. I have realized that even though others may seem to have more than we do, there are some 40,000 things they don't have that Alpha Sigma Phi does. Alpha Sigma Phi has me, you and some 39,998 other great people as members. Alpha Sigma Phi is America's Premier Fraternity because of it's members, my brothers. Thank you.

John B. Gibson, Jr.
Indiana '85

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QUALITY OF CAMPUS LIFE IS FOCUS OF NEW STUDY

Racial intolerance, sexual harassment, and campus crime will be among the topics examined in a major study of the quality of life at colleges and universities, two education groups have announced.

The Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and the American Council on Education are cooperating in the study, which will begin this spring and is expected to end with the publication of a report early next year.

Surveys will be distributed to college presidents and student affairs administrators to gather information about campus life, and visits to about 20 campuses are planned, according to a statement by the two groups.

Robert H. Atwell, president of A.C.E., said: "Incidents of racism, sexism, and violence, heightened conflicts between the faculty and administration, poor living conditions in the dormitories--these pose a strong challenge to the basic values of academia and the missions of our institutions of higher learning."

He added: "Our hope is that this study will engage academic leaders from diverse institutions with diverse populations in a much-needed discussion of the future of the campus community."

-The Chronicle of Higher Education
April 5, 1989

BALFOUR ORDERS DELAYED

We have received several calls regarding badge orders placed with Balfour. It seems that Balfour has run out of stock and must refill that stock in order to fill the orders they have received. Several orders that have been filled have not included the engraving on the back of the badges. If this happens to your order, send the badges to L. G. Balfour Co., c/o Eugene Cote, 25 County Street, Attleboro, MA 02703 so that the problem can be corrected. Please include your summer address.

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College: Bryan Kebrdle, Phil Wren, Pete Padillo, Intikhab Baluch, Raymond Twente, Kevin Conway, Byron Moore, Rob Jordon, Chad Cox, Allen Eaton, Darren Hedrick, Troy Hipsher, Brian Burns, David Arrayola, and Scott Trometer on February 23, 1989.

GAMMA EPSILON COLONY, State University of New York at Buffalo: Randall C. Divito, Ralph M. Fico, Michael G. Wetherell, Joseph P. Whalen, Bryan R. Schwartz, Christopher J. DeSena and Michael J. Tengeres on April 8, 1989.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: Lee T. Norman, Jon D. Tiller, Sidney M. Scott, IV, Irwin M. Lazar and Robert L. Drain on March 9, 1989.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



MU CHAPTER, University of Washington (Corrected from April 7 issue): Matthew Scott Freiberg, Glenn Andrew Gesell, Paul Eric Winters, Christopher Saul Champoux, Peter Matthew Gortner, George Athan Dremousis, Sean Terence O'Leary, Eric Ron Engelland, John Michael Hasslinger, Thomas Henry Asp, Gerald Harvey Asp, Scott Andrew Baebler, Dusty Michael Ingalls, Alan Wayne Snook, Matthew James Frank, Thomas James Turner, Matthew Stephan Munger, Timothy Alan Meyer, Michael Eugene Houck and Robert Michael Nathan on January 20, 1989. Ryan Joseph Anderson, Richard Andrew White, Jeffrey Scott McDonald, Theodore David Frey, Mitchell Andrew Ross and Rusty Wayne Moore on April 6, 1989.

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER, Lawrence Technological University: Matthew James Ozog on April 23, 1989.

DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock: Steve Bryant, Don Komoroski, Mike Lawrence, Mark McGrail, Greg Pisula, Larry Rock and Don Stoner on April 21, 1989.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: Brian Baddick, Christopher Bailey, Brian Cristini, George R. Fritz, Jr., Robert Samick and Joel Strohecker on December 14, 1988.

DELTA XI CHAPTER, State University of New York at Plattsburgh: James H. Cotton, Erik James Froehlich, Douglas Manford Reynolds, David Andrew Szekeres, Thomas Joseph Tallon and Gary Young on March 31, 1989.



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TEN COMMANDMENTS OF RUSHING

- I. **Think like a rushee** - and you'll act like a good rusher. Remember, he is probably a graduated high school senior and is most likely leaving home for the first time, knows nothing about college and especially fraternities. Your assumption is that he knows nothing. Make him feel at home!
- II. **Assume a rushee knows nothing** - because he doesn't know any more that he's read in the papers and been told by "somebody who knows" who's given him a list of the best fraternities on campus (probably invalid). He doesn't know the terms you use and he doesn't even know the Greek alphabet. Explain everything.
- III. **Sell the fraternity system first** - He has to be sold on the idea of a fraternity before you can sell him on your chapter.
- IV. **Spectacle is cheap** - not cheap to pay for, but it's cheap in effect. Personal contact is paramount; spectacle can supplement it, but it cannot replace it.
- V. **Keep in mind what you are selling** - You're selling a group of friends. Diverse and varied in interest, yes - but who share the same values. That's what he's buying, so...
- VI. **Make friends** - Most rushees pledge where they have the most friends and believe the other brothers to be the best group they can find. Be yourself and put your best foot forward and try to present yourself as a good example of your chapter, but be honest, straightforward and friendly.
- VII. **You get what you rush** - The trouble with most rushing techniques is they attract the more casual, insincere types, and worse, they frighten away or disgust the highly motivated men who will do something for the chapter and in return improve themselves.
- VIII. **What's the competition?** - Is it the other fraternities or the new dormitory "Hiltons" on campus? In either case, do not knock the competition. You show and explain why your chapter is better than the competition.
- IX. **Keep good records** - If you talk to a great guy, it is to your advantage to be sure he doesn't get lost in the "Rush." If you find a successful rushing approach, give it to the rush chairman. Don't trust your own memory, write it down. Use a small pocket notebook.
- X. **Plan ahead, think, try** - Only the individual can do the job of rushing. Be positive in your approach and don't pass the buck. Everybody has a job to do and they must all do it for rush to be successful.