

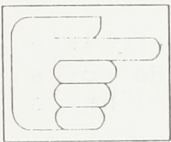
# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### BETA XI CHAPTER SETS EXAMPLE

The brothers of Beta Xi Chapter at Hartwick set the example for the other Greeks this spring. They were the first fraternity on campus to implement a dry rush and were very successful!

The decision to go to a dry rush was not easy, but due to an alcohol related incident last fall, they felt that it was an important addition to their operations. Hartwick College was supportive and concerned about Beta Xi's decision to perform a dry rush. "Our concerns were unfounded as Alpha Sigma Phi extended bids to seventeen individuals which were all accepted. Our other two fraternities did not have this success," writes Mindy Lou Gaffney, Director of Greek Life.

She also writes, "I officially want to commend Alpha Sigma Phi at Hartwick to you. They tried something new and succeeded beautifully. They showed not only themselves, but their fellow Greeks that a dry rush can work. The academic quality of their pledge class is also positive with an average cumulative GPA of 2.57, the highest of the fraternities here." (Quoted from a letter written to Randall S. Lewis, Director of Chapter Services.)

Beta Xi is to be commended for their proactive trend and encouraged to continue to be the leaders on campus! They are well on the Road to Success!



**BETA DELTA BROTHER NAMED "MR. MARSHALL" AT MARSHALL**  
Craig Dlin won the title of "Mr. Marshall" at Marshall University as a sophomore, competing against other men who had been there for four to five years. Although winning the title will undoubtedly give a boost to the attention given to him on the social scene, he did it for other reasons. The following are excerpts from Marshall's newspaper The Parthenon printed February 24, 1989:

"He's 5-10, has dark brown hair and eyes, but he didn't run for the Mr. Marshall title "to meet girls."

"I wanted to change the attitudes of those who look down on people with learning disabilities," Craig Dlin said.

Dlin is dyslexic.

He said he wants people to see that students with learning disabilities aren't stupid. "We are just like everyone else, we just need extra help to get by."



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Being dyslexic, Dlin is a member of Higher Education for Learning Problems (HELP). The program is designed to ensure successful completion of classes and to improve skills in language and math areas. The students are taught good study and test-taking skills.

Lynne M. Weston, assistant director of HELP, said Marshall's program is one of the best in the country. "Marshall has received a lot of good comments for its HELP Program and many students have chosen to come here because we have a good program," she said.

Weston said there are approximately 120 students from 21 states in the program.

"A lot of people don't understand about learning disabilities," she said. "Through the attention Craig has gained by being Mr. Marshall, he has shown that people with learning disabilities can do anything they want to."

She said Craig is willing and helpful to talk to students interested in HELP and always presents a positive image. "He works hard within the program and wants to do well," she said. "He is very willing to help the program out."

Dlin said by becoming Mr. Marshall, he also hoped to build the confidence of students in the HELP Program. "I want them to look at me and say Look at Craig, he is not ashamed to admit he has a learning disability, so why should I be?"

Dlin said he wants people to see how impressive the program is. He said Barbara P. Guyer, associate professor of teacher education and director of HELP, is responsible for its excellence.

"Dlin, who is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, said being a member of a fraternity also prompted him to run for Mr. Marshall because he wanted to show people that members of the Greek system do not have low GPAs, but can do good for the university and community."

Our congratulations go out to Brother Dlin. The example you are setting is a good one for all of us to learn. Thank you for representing Alpha Sigma Phi in such a manner!



### **SURGEON GENERAL KOOP WINS JEFFERSON MEDAL**

**C. Everett Koop**, Surgeon General of the United States, has been named winner of the 1988 Jefferson Medal by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The award, first presented in 1981, is given to a college graduate who has made extraordinary contributions to society.

Past recipients of the medal include John W. Gardner, former president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame.

- Chronicle of Higher Education, March 29, 1989

(Brother Koop is a member of the 1934 initiation class at Dartmouth.)



### THREE KILLED, HUNDREDS JAILED AT SPRING BREAK SITES

At least three people died this month in accidents related to spring break, according to police reports, and thousands of students have been arrested for violations of liquor laws, disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, and theft.

In Palm Springs, Cal., a 22 year-old woman was killed when the pickup truck in which she and her friends were riding over-turned. Police said the woman was there for spring break festivities, but it was unclear whether she was a student. More than 760 students had been arrested there as of late last week.

Two young men vacationing on South Padre Island, Tex., also were killed when their car over-turned. Police were unsure whether the two were students. More than 300 others were arrested there.

A University of Texas student who had been vacationing on the island was reported missing after visiting a bar in a Mexico border town. Police suspect foul play.

Police in Daytona Beach, Fla., reported that about 700 students had been arrested. The city attracted more than 500,000 vacationing students.

Chronicle of Higher Education, March 29, 1989



### A DYNAMIC COMBINATION: MEDICAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY

As one of the richest areas of our country for broad and imaginative educational institutions, Washington, D.C. and its local communities are especially well known for training in medicine, the medical sciences and medical research. One such institution is our nation's only fully sponsored U.S. Government medical school, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, which offers its students complete tuition-free educational programs leading to the degrees Doctor of Medicine (MD), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). At USUHS, the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine is a rich training environment for more than 635 medical students and over 100 graduate students preparing for either the practice of medicine, or a life of research and teaching in the biomedical sciences. USUHS has 162 positions each year for M.D. candidates.

At matriculation, medical students preparing for the M.D. degree are commissioned Second Lieutenants in the Army or Air Force, Ensigns in the Navy or Junior Assistants in the Public Health Service receive pay and allowances of about \$23,000 a year, pay no tuition and receive books, equipment, a microscope and a computer without charge. Following all training, students are required to serve seven years as a physician in their service.

The F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine is a fully accredited four year medical school and is one of the most modern and best equipped medical schools in the United States. It is located near Washington, D.C. on the grounds of Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, where U.S. Presidents usually receive their health care. It is also across the street from the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine, the world's largest medical library. In addition to the Naval Hospital, students receive clinical training at the famed Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base as well as other military hospitals throughout the country.

For complete information on this contact National Headquarters at 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### GAMMA RHO CHAPTER, Lycoming College

On March 18th we held our Black and White. Although it was held on campus, we had a wonderful time. Some alumni even came back to have an Alpha Sig great time!

Currently we're playing volleyball. Basketball on the other hand didn't go as we'd like; we came in 5th out of 6 fraternities. On a more positive note, we have Greek Week coming up and our chances of winning several events are very high.

- Gary Harvey

### DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University

Delta Theta has raised their total number of pledges from ten to fifteen, by being the first fraternity on campus to take advantage of the new open rush program. Radford's new rush is comprised of an orientation for all rushees followed by two open houses and up to four rush events per fraternity. This takes place during the first four weeks of each semester. From here bids are extended and pinning ceremonies are conducted. The next week begins informal rush where bids may be extended and pledge classes formed at any time.





## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

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**ALPHA NU CHAPTER, Westminster College:** Randall Kruger, Anthony Ferrari, David Andrews, James Jones, Adam Eberhardt, Thomas Finney, Lance Damaska, Brian Irwin, Andrew Marsh, Brent Chrisner, Eric Ewing and Michael McGrath on March 5, 1989.

**BETA IOTA CHAPTER, Tufts University:** John Hambleton Bride, Marc Anthony Chiarini, Andrew David Glass and Peter Coleman Brown on February 20, 1989.

**BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** Bradford Giles, John Isham, Brian Patrick, Alex Gross, Andre Asselin, Peter Buss, George Little, Paul McChesney and Michael Haynes on October 12, 1988.

**DELTA ETA CHAPTER, East Carolina University:** Gordon Scott, Vincent Boyd, Bryan Crisp, Jay Savles, Konreth Vojta, Bryan Berning, Glen Burns, Scott Street, Dean Smith, and Anthony Adams on February 2, 1988.

**DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, University of North Carolina at Charlotte:** Sherwood W. Keel, Jr., David R. McEachern, IV, Kevin J. Clayton, Eric J. Stevens, John E. Coleman, Joseph W. Pelone, David L. Rau, Chad A. Chapman and Charles L. Holliday, Jr. on February 3, 1989.

**DELTA LAMBA CHAPTER, Stockton State College:** John Martin Heim, Frederick Michael DeNardo, Eric Bernard Williams, Eric Paul Barlow, Steven James Slimowicz and Jeffrey Patrick Flatley on February 8, 1989.

**DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER, Illinois State University:** Edward C. Nowak, Joseph S. Servi, Michael A. Batten and Timothy W. Channell on February 5, 1989.

## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

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**MU CHAPTER, University of <sup>Washington</sup> Michigan:** 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.

**BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tri-State University:** Joe Gajdostik, William G. Weber, II, Mike Greer, Dan Willis, Scott Bohr and Patrick Closser on December 17, 1988.

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# It's time to put an end to fraternity hazing

BY E.P. GUNN



Last year eighteen-year-old James Callahan died of alcohol poisoning the morning after a Lambda Chi Alpha pledge party at Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. At the time of his death his blood alcohol level was four times the legal intoxication level for an adult. One of fifteen students charged in the incident explained, "We never thought anyone would die from drinking a lot—we do it all the time."

Why is this cavalier attitude toward alcohol consumption and hazing still so prevalent? Despite outcries to curb such abuses, hazing is still disturbingly commonplace on college campuses, and it must be stopped. In the past ten years fraternities have experienced a revival—and along with their new popularity, hazing continues out of control.

The rituals for initiation into most fraternities—which happen during "Hell Week"—have been known to involve forced heavy drinking coupled with mental cruelty and physical strain and other "tests of manliness." But getting drunk and submitting yourself to physical punishment is not a show of manliness—it is a dangerous practice that needs to be closely reexamined by colleges and students alike.

While Lambda Chi Alpha's party was in the works, a little farther south another time-honored tradition was taking its toll. Princeton's eating clubs (a coed answer to fraternities) were finishing off their initiation rites with a party that resulted in over thirty-five students being taken to local hospitals for alcohol-related injuries—with one new member slipping into a coma after having difficulty breathing. Fortunately, he recovered within a few days and was released in good condition. The legal consequences of this night? Two students were sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined five hundred dollars for serving alcohol to the new members who were minors.

Although death from drinking is the most serious result of hazing, it is only one of several. Personal degradation and physical abuse are too often a part of the process a new brother must endure. In 1986 nine pledges of one fraternity at the University of Texas at Austin suffered serious injuries as a result of being periodically pelted with raw eggs while locked in a room for four days. Two years before that, a pledge at Tennessee State University, in Nashville, had his head shaved and later died from a fatal combination of alcohol overconsumption and exercise.

You may wonder why anyone would put his life at such risk. Those who have endured hazing say that it's motivational and builds character. It supposedly allows the members of the new pledge class to become closer while enduring common hardship. But this closeness is of very little use to anyone who doesn't survive it.

The first step to keeping initiation rites within the bounds of real character building is for colleges to enact and enforce strict anti-hazing laws. Eileen Stevens, who formed the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings after her son Chuck died ten years ago in a hazing incident, explained the importance of enforcing anti-hazing laws in her letter to Ann Landers: "Hazing and underage drinking are against the law, but until college officials and authorities enforce the law, the tragedies will continue."

The best way to fight fraternity hazing is to reform the way the whole initiation process is conducted.

Fortunately a new social awareness is making its way into fraternities, and some have turned Hell Week into "Help Week." One Rutgers fraternity recently repaired a local homeless shelter. And after the death of one of its members, a University of Texas fraternity changed its bylaws to prohibit the use of house funds to buy or serve alcohol. Instead, that money is donated to charity.

Sigma Chi, one of the largest fraternal organizations in the country, has always opposed hazing. (Its national doctrine forbids cruelty and excessive drinking.) So instead of Hell Week, chapters hold I ("inspiration") Week—helping members understand themselves through personal improvement projects, encouraging character building from within.

While the problem has not been as severe in sororities, many have followed suit. Several forbid alcohol at sorority-sponsored functions. Kappa Kappa Gamma does not allow its funds to be used for alcohol at any social event—events that often involve fraternities—thus setting a useful example.

There are some who will defend hazing as a necessary part of college life, as inevitable as finals. But dying as a result of initiation rites can never be that easily dismissed. Fraternities are social clubs and often honor societies. And fraternities have a large influence on many students. It isn't one they should use without regard for the well-being of their members.

E.P. Gunn, seventeen, is a high school senior from Queens Village, New York. She is planning on attending college and joining a sorority.

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