

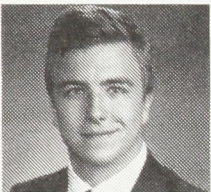
# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### OWEN TO JOIN STAFF AS A CONSULTANT

**Wes Owen**, Iowa State '87, has been named as a new Chapter Leadership Consultant for Alpha Sigma Phi. He will join the staff in June and will start an intense training program which will continue throughout the summer.

Brother Owen has served Phi Chapter as the Rush Chairman, Alumni Director and House Manager. He has also served as a Conference Coordinator for the 1988 National Leadership Conference & Convention. At Iowa State, Wes has been involved in the Public Relations Student Society of America, Section Leader of the Iowa State Marching Band, Greek Week Subcommittee, Iowa State Alumni Association, and Squad Leader in the Naval ROTC unit.

He brings with him the experience of a strong Greek system and will bring a great vision to the fraternity as he travels to our chapters.



### PHI THETA COLONY ADDED TO ROSTER

The newest colony of Alpha Sigma Phi was added to the list May 4, 1989 at the State University of New York at Binghamton. The group started with a pledge from Tufts, **Eric Lustwig**, transferring and meeting a brother from R.P.I., **Lou Agresta** '87, who had also transferred.

They then began recruiting their friends to start a group who committed to the ideals and purposes of Alpha Sigma Phi. They have been involved with service projects and are working with the IFC to gain recognition.

The colonization was attended by Grand Treasurer, **Charles J. Vohs**, Penn State '75 and Chapter Leadership Consultant, **Steven V. Zizzo**, Illinois '84. The original date for the colonization was April 29th, but due to a measles epidemic it had to be rescheduled.

Congratulations to Phi Theta Colony!



## NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)

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### CONTEST FOR COLLEGE PHOTO STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

Prize money totalling \$2,500 will be awarded to college photography students in a creative photo contest being conducted by the Centennial Pay Phone Committee.

The competition, marking the 100th anniversary of public communications, features a grand prize of \$1,000. First prize is \$750, second is \$500 and third is \$250.

No restrictions are placed on composition or presentation as long as a pay telephone is included in the shot. Winners and other top entries will be displayed at the PACE/PublicComm '89 Conference and Exposition, June 6-9, at Walt Disney World Village, FL. Selected photos will also be published in Public Communications Magazine, a committee sponsor along with AT&T, GTE and others.

Black-and-white or color prints, 8x10 or smaller, are eligible. Photos are not returnable and should be identified with the entrant's name, address, phone and school. Entries must be submitted by May 30 to Pay Phone Centennial Photos, 3721 Briar Park, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77042. Complete rules are also available at that address.

### FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY DANCE ENDS IN FIGHTS, GUNFIRE

Fights that broke out during a fraternity-sponsored dance at Florida A&M University ended in gunfire outside a campus gymnasium. Fifteen people were arrested. One university student was among those arrested by police, who quelled the disturbances, said Eddie Jackson, a Florida A&M spokesman.

Mr. Jackson said the 14 non-students arrested were part of a rowdy crowd kept outside the dance after the gymnasium had reached its capacity of 3,500 people. One campus police officer was injured in the fights, which spread inside the building when police called an end to the dance. Police recovered three guns from those arrested, Mr. Jackson said. Shots were fired in the air and into a police car during the unrest, he said.

Frederick S. Humphries, president of the university, has banned all fraternity and sorority parties for the rest of the semester, Mr. Jackson said. The president will also appoint a committee to make recommendations about the future of the Greek system.

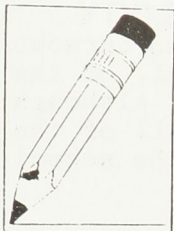
Chronicle of Higher Education  
April 19, 1989

### "CAMPUS CAPSULES"

NUDE STUDENTS MAY BE PUNISHED. Villanova University officials are considering discipline for two part-time students and a former student whose nude pictures appear in Playboy magazine's "Girls of the Big East" pictorial. The school's code of conduct requires students to conduct themselves at all times "to ensure the continuance and enhancement of the university," according to one official.



## NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)



A BLIND TASTE TEST added a new twist to drug awareness week at Averett College, VA. Students who were first asked if they were allergic to anything, were blindfolded and given certain things to eat. An unknown food "pusher" acted like a "thug" and tried to get students to put anything in their mouths. The point: Would you trust a stranger to put something in your mouth when you don't know what it is and how it will affect you? All participants were eligible to win a drawing for dinner for two at a local restaurant.

WHO'LL GIVE ME A FIVE DOLLAR BILL? The Sigma Nu Fraternity at the University of Rhode Island raised more than \$1,000 by auctioning off dates with fraternity brothers. Each house picked its two "most popular" and "best-looking" members to appear on the auction block. The winning bidders were allowed to keep him until midnight to do "fun things" with. Proceeds benefited underdeveloped countries.

MUSICAL HOUSES. During Sister Sorority Week at Indiana University, sorority members can temporarily move into new houses and interact with members from different chapters. Each house, organizers say, is paired with another sorority in the program, and the girls don't know who they'll be paired with until the last minute.

TOO MUCH ALCOHOL AND TOO LITTLE SUPERVISION cause problems at the University of Wisconsin-Madison fraternities, according to a UW commission's report on the Greek system's future. The commission found a direct relationship between the amount of adult involvement in house activities-- by alumni, house corporation, or an advisor--and the quality of life in the house, especially the level of alcohol consumption.

FRATERNITY SUBCHAPTER BEHIND BARS? It's true: Cochise College's Phi Beta Lambda (business) fraternity recently signed on 25 new members--all prisoners of the Arizona Dept. of Corrections. The college has been offering educational programs at the prison for some time, and a sub-chapter was a natural extension. The fraternity will give inmates who're studying business courses an opportunity to establish contacts in the business world as well as practical skills.

AND A SEMI-NUDE Delta Theta Sigma member at Pennsylvania State University was hung from a tree in six-degree weather by his fellow fraternity members. Police and witnesses say that he was used as a target for food, vomit, and water thrown by other fraternity brothers. The fraternity was cited for disorderly conduct and the unidentified victim, who was not injured, chose not to file charges.

COVER YOUR NECK, "vampires" are growing in number, says "vampirologist" Stephen Kaplan, a parapsychology professor at SUNY-Stony Brook. He claims that 150 vampires live in the U.S. and Canada, with 35 of them being "physical" vampires who drink human blood. (That's a 62% increase since 1981.) The typical male vampire, says Kaplan, stands about 5'10", weighs 150 pounds, and looks about 21 years old. The average female is 5'8", 118 pounds, and is about 20 years old. Neither male nor female vampires, however have fangs.

- National On-Campus Report  
May 1, 1989



## CHAPTER NEWS

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### A T ALPHA TAU CHAPTER, STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Our Annual Talisman Ball was on April 10 and had an increased turnout of alumni brothers. We initiated Professor **Charles Suffel**, of the Stevens math department, who is also our faculty advisor. Although he did not serve a normal pledge period, he experienced all of the initiation ceremonies. Hopefully, it will bring him and the school closer to our chapter.

Alpha Tau has had a strong sports season this semester that shall follow into next year. We had a 2-2 street hockey season, losing only by a single goal each loss. We shall continue to improve by the strong showing in our Seniors vs Young brothers hockey game. We are currently undefeated in softball and tied in our division.

We are planning for graduation or summer vacation. The senior class are all eager to start their new lives and jobs while the underclassmen look forward to a long deserved rest. Good luck and have a safe summer!

- John Berger

### B P BETA RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

The university has unveiled the plans for the soon to be built on-campus Greek housing. Although there are twenty Greek organizations at the university, only sixteen housing units are being built. At an open forum held on April 17, undergraduates and alumni were told that letters of intent to move on campus needed to be signed by June 1, 1989 and needed to provide \$40,000 by July 1, 1989. The short notice of this situation has upset the majority of the Greek community.

To improve our rituals, we held rehearsals the day prior to the event. The Marshal and key individuals practiced their parts and arranged the rooms as they would be for the ceremony. There has been a tremendous improvement in the ritual as a result, especially in organization.

The members of Beta Rho are making a push to increase our campus activity/involvement. **Brian Dehaven** was recently named Scholarship Chairman of IFC, joining **Bill Harris**, Community/Campus Involvement Chairman, and **Brian Clegg**, President. Numerous other brothers have or will be joining such organizations as the student union board, the university-Y, the bicycle club and the fishing club.

- Paul Westrick

### Γ Θ GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

We had a huge weekend recently. On Friday, we had our annual Black and White Formal complete with a slide show, senior ceremony and friendship circle. On Saturday we had our initiation for our Spring '89 pledge class. We had four men enter into the Mystic Circle, they are: **Orlando Vasquez**, **John Polk**, **Nestor Lubowicz** and **Rob Hernandez**. The weekend came to a close with a brothers' meeting on Sunday, where a bunch of tired old and new brothers discussed the past events at what was the second to last meeting of the semester.



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Gamma Theta is known for the Pink Pussycat Party. It is usually held at our suite and needless to say it gets very overcrowded and very difficult to dance. This year, the Rathskellar, the on-campus pub, offered us the use of their facilities for the party. We took full advantage of the situation and through heavy advertising and a bikini show, we had the party of the semester. Although no alcohol was served, a fantastic time was had by all. Through the decorations, the music and the bikini show, Gamma Theta proved that you can have a great time without serving alcohol.

Gamma Theta has been very active on campus since the beginning. Now that some of the brothers have achieved the class status necessary to be inducted into the campus honor societies, we are doing just that. Some of the brothers and their accomplishments are: **T.J. Mannix**, President of Order of Omega, Vice President of Selections of ODK. **Matt Brotoman**, inducted into Order of Omega. **Todd Rogers**, ODK, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key. **Don Resnik**, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi. **Dave Paolini**, inducted into ODK. We also have brothers active in non-honorary organizations: **Stu Schaag**, resident assistant, program council. **Steve Dickson**, peer counselor. **Jim Lawson**, chairman of program council. **John Polk**, chairman of Cinematic Arts Commission. We are proud of the brothers and their accomplishments.

- Don Resnick



### DELTA THETA CHAPTER, RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Delta Theta recently raised over \$20,000 for the March of Dimes with our annual Dime Roll. We rolled an eight foot wooden dime from the Alpha Sigma Phi house at Radford to Valley View Mall in Roanoke. A popular Roanoke radio station accompanied us most of the fifty-two miles, promoting the Dime Roll every fifteen minutes with their live microphone. We all had a blast and at the same time raised a lot of money for a worthy cause.



### DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, STOCKTON STATE COLLEGE

The following paragraph appeared the week of April 10th in Greek Update: A Weekly Newsletter from the Office of Campus Activities:

On Thursday, April 13, 1989 at 9 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity will conduct their traditional Black Lantern Processional in memorial to all their deceased brothers across the nation, especially brothers **Joseph Bitonte**, **Shane McCoy** and **Richard Hanson** of the Delta Epsilon Chapter, who were killed in a tragic automobile accident in February. The processional, which will include members in black hooded robes, also serves to honor those who will be initiated into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that evening. The processional will follow the lighted path from G-Court to the dorm area. Observation of this procession is encouraged and observers are asked to be respectful of this tradition.



## CHAPTER NEWS (Cont'd)

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Delta Lambda's Grand Chapter Advisor, **John Luckenbill**, Stockton State '84, reports that six Alpha Sigs ran for Student Government positions which consists of 25 senators. All six were elected! They are:

**Dean Carnival**  
**Mark Edwards**  
**Mark Gibson**  
**John Meehan**  
**Mike Megaro**  
**Gene Rogan**

Congratulations Brothers!

## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

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**NU CHAPTER, University of California, Berkeley:** Brent David Colvin, Edward James Ponce and Dale Robert Vinski on March 31, 1989.

**PSI CHAPTER, Oregon State University:** Sean P. McKeel, W. Howard Goodman and Michael R. Sullivan on April 10, 1989.

**BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** Markus Frank Hughes, Colin Richard Kelly and Jason Michael Lelyveld on April 6, 1989.

**GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Atlantic Christian College:** Scott Charles Peter Cassin, David C. Stucky, Gregory Baker Daniel and Ernest Wade Woodlief on January 29, 1989.

**GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tulane University:** Jeffrey Olson on February 26, 1989.

**DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University:** Frederick George Rasch, Timothy Paul Stoops, James Anthony Signoriello, Claude Martain, III, Robert Charles Skelly, Marty Louie Bartlett, Mark Joseph Zigarovich, Richard Tomas Zigarovich, Robert Lawrence Fonzi and Scott Emmitt Smith on February 28, 1989.

## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

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**IOTA CHAPTER, Cornell University:** John Aston Bailey, Miroslav Patrick Bobeck, Stephen Kurt Brueckner, David Paul Capelli, Christopher Mark Craney, James John Doyle, Steve John Harbula, Matthew Denny Healey, William Charles Joyce, Todd David Kantorczyk, Christopher John Massing, Noel Matos, Brian Joseph Nowicki, Hugo Antonio Olivera, George Christos Papaioannou, James Penna, Rowland Richards, Christopher Albert Ritter, Jason Lewis Sherry, Todd Carroll Smalley, Jamie Scott Stallman, Lance William Theiser, John Christian Voellmicke, Christopher Kaufman Wallach, Timothy Joseph Wells and Quintan Wiktorowicz on April 23, 1989.

**PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University:** Eric David Carlson and Peter David Wendel on April 21, 1989.



## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE (Cont'd)

**ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College:** Eric Woodfine, Jason Moss, Paul Kaminski, Michael Hedrick, Billy Hutchinson, Tarran Smith, Kevin Box and David Parish on February 5, 1989.

**BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University:** Michael Allen Barb, Brian Douglas Baumgard, James Howard Crona, Todd William Diuguid, Harold Ellis Dorton, Jr., Douglas Gesner, Paul Andrew Hermansdorfer, Jason D. Koontz, Eric Davis Lewis, Kevin Lee Meadows, Thomas M. Miller, III, Matthew Franklin Moore, Brian Keith Mott, Lance Edward Pruett, Roderick L. Smith and Melvin Samuel Wenmoth on April 28, 1989.

**BETA XI CHAPTER, Hartwick College:** Marc E. Pearlman, Brian E. Carter, William A. Beckwith, Jared C. Bryans, Kevin C. Yusko, Norbert E. Andres, III, Eric R. Muth, Kieth P. Burinskas, Geoffrey Nolan, Thomas J. Bell and Scott U. Hunter on December 4, 1988.

**BETA CHI CHAPTER, American University:** Jason B. Chalik, Brett A. Chelf, Jay C. Burke, Stephen P. Gaenzler, Jonathan F. Hall, Jake Y. Pratt, Alfie V. Wilkes, James C. Collins and Gordon S. Glenner on April 28, 1989.

**BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:** Albert Andre Asselin, Peter Carsten Buss, Bradford Alan Giles, Alex Christian Gross, Michael James Haynes, John David Isham, George Alden Little, Paul Norman McChesney and Brian Ronald Patrick on April 16, 1989.

**GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, University of Miami:** David W. Walker and Page F. Stribling on January 15, 1989. Orlando Vazquez, Nestor Lubowitz, Jonathon Polk and Robert Hernandez on April 22, 1989.

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University:** Michael Andrew Delph, Aaron Robert Doup, Steve Parker Haddad, Scott David Melchior, Chad Victor Schmidt, II, Robert William Wagoner, Josh Michael Engquist, Bill Robert Betts, John Michael LaBella, Steven Edward Miller, Steve Robert Niebert, Scott Douglas Pelath, Kevin Jay Perlmutter, Kurt Eric Schaecher and B. Daniel Wawrzyn on April 13, 1989.

**DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, University of North Carolina at Charlotte:** John Edward Coleman, Chad A. Chapman, Kevin J. Clayton, Charles Holliday, Jr., Sherwood W. Keel, Jr., David Ray McEachern, IV, Joseph W. Pelone, David Lawrence Rau and Eric J. Stevens on April 21, 1989.

**DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University:** Brian T. Ambrose, Daniel S. Fleeger, Michael H. Jones, Paul J. Kabara, Christopher J. Matalik, Gerald M. Miller, Gerlad J. Mullery, Barry S. Peters, Troy D. Schoeneberger and John E. Yearick, Jr., on April 28, 1989.

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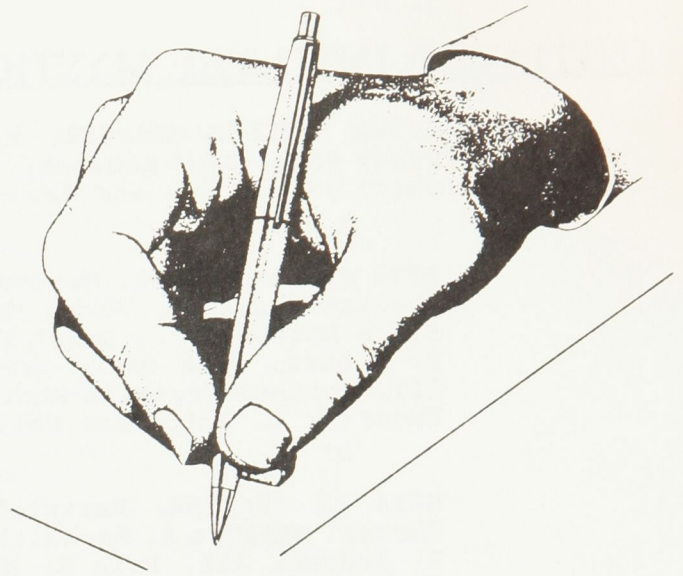
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News items for The Gazette may be sent to: Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, 24 West William Street, Delaware, OH 43015.



# Dear Brothers?

## letter from a pledge



**I AM WRITING TO YOU** because I am confused...confused because what I have seen and heard, or not seen and heard, from you in recent months is at odds with what I was told during rush and pledging.

**WHEN YOU WERE TRYING** to get me to pledge, you talked a lot about your parties, intramurals, and campus activities. You also mentioned a little about brotherhood, although you seemed a bit uneasy with the subject. That was what really got my attention—the brotherhood. You see, I figured I could find most of those other things in other places if they were all I wanted. They're nice, but true brotherhood and friendship in an atmosphere almost like a family is pretty hard to find in college. That's why I wondered why you didn't emphasize it as much as the parties, intramurals, and chapter house.

**I FIRST BEGAN TO GET** confused at my second pledge meeting when the pledge rules were explained and we had the first lineup. The pledge rules and activities were supposed to instill unity in the pledge class. Maybe that was the first step to brotherhood. I had to wonder how long these unifying activities had been used in the pledge program, because the Brothers sure didn't seem unified. Oh, you pulled together at the fraternity football championship and seemed to have a great time partying together, but day to day around the chapter house, I didn't get the family or brotherly feeling for which I had hoped. Everybody seemed to be doing his own thing or associating in the same small group all the time.

**THIS MADE IT EVEN** harder to understand the unifying activities for the pledge class, which seemed to me to be only humiliating and tiring, and keeping me from studying. There weren't any paddles or pushups or other things I used to associate with hazing; only a lot of yelling, intimidation, and mind games.

**AND WHAT ABOUT THE** form, I think

it was called the pledge acknowledgment form, that we signed when we filled out our pledge form? I read most of it, even though it wasn't explained to us and we were rushed through signing it. As far as I could tell, it said that a Phi Gamma Delta Chapter couldn't haze. I read the same thing in the front of *The Purple Pilgrim*, and then I wondered how we could be doing some of the things we had to do in our pledge program.

**THE ONLY TIMES THINGS** really let up during pledging were when the Field Secretary or Section Chief visited. I didn't get a chance to talk to the Field Secretary personally, but he did speak to the pledge class about his job, the Fraternity, and the purpose of pledging, which also was different from what I saw in our pledging program. The best thing about his visit was that we didn't have any lineups, and we could eat our meals in peace, instead of constantly answering questions about fraternity history or Brothers' hometowns, majors, and girlfriends. For a few days, I was able to relax and really enjoy the Fraternity.

**IN SPITE OF ALL MY** confusion and the apparently meaningless activities, I stuck it out and went home for Christmas break already looking forward to coming back to school for initiation.

**I GUESS ALL OF YOU** know that I didn't make it back to school in January. Just a week before I was supposed to return, I was in a serious car accident. Some of you may have heard about it. I was in the hospital for a month and then had a month of recovery at home, so the semester was shot.

**IN THE HOSPITAL, ONCE I** recovered from the initial shock of my injuries, I looked forward to hearing from my pledge Brothers and the other Brothers in the chapter. When none of you visited or sent a get well card in the first few weeks,

I just assumed things were really busy at school with the beginning of classes, initiation, and winter rush. I knew that one day I would get a card or a phone call, or the next weekend some of the Brothers would come to visit, since several of you lived in or near my hometown. After all, didn't my pledge program stress unity and concern for your Brothers when things get tough? But it didn't happen.

**BY THE TIME I WENT** home from the hospital, I had begun to give up hope of hearing from you and also to doubt if any of you really cared about me. Should I make the first move by calling the chapter or by visiting after I recovered? That would be awkward for you if you realized how disappointed I was, and for me if you really didn't consider me to be a part of the chapter anymore. So it was easier to stay away.

**IT'S ALMOST THE END** of the spring semester now, and I need to make my plans to return to school in the fall. This is where I'm really confused. Am I still considered a pledge? Do you want me to come back and be initiated? And how do I find out without embarrassing myself?

**MORE IMPORTANTLY, DO I** want to return to the chapter? Is this lack of contact caused by your inexperience and social immaturity, or has your talk of brotherhood and unity been a hollow claim? Is this the kind of fraternity experience I want?

**BROTHERS, I'M NOT** trying to play the martyr or make you feel guilty. I'm confused. What should I do? What would you do?

Sincerely,

Your Pledge Brother

(This story and situation are fictitious...we hope.)