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NATIONAL NEWS



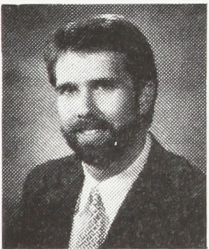
ORDER OF OMEGA

BROTHERS INDUCTED IN THE NATIONAL ORDER OF OMEGA

The National Order of Omega has released the names of brothers who were inducted in the 1988-89 year. They are:

Gregory Cooper, American University
Stephen Dos Santos, University of California, Berkeley
Johnathan Cohen, Hartwick College
Keith Walker, Hartwick College
James Wray, Hartwick College
Michael Downey, University of Illinois
Bill Bietsch, Illinois State University
Marc Baumgard, Marshall University
Shaun Sizemore, Marshall University
Matthew Brotman, University of Miami
Timothy Mannix, University of Miami
Thomas Foster, Ohio State University
Mark Telfer, Ohio State University
James Pazzaglia, Pennsylvania State University
Allan Beattie, Slippery Rock University
Jonathon Zins, Tulane University
Brian Clegg, University of Toledo
Paul Westrick, University of Toledo

Congratulations Brothers!



SHEEHAN TO LEAVE POST SEPTEMBER 1, 1990

Grand Senior President Edmund A. Hamburger, Polytechnic '45, and Educational Foundation Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Miller, Connecticut '49 have announced that Robert M. Sheehan, Jr., Westminster '76 will leave his post as Executive Director of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation effective September 1, 1990. Brother Sheehan has worked on the National Headquarters staff since 1979, and has served as Executive Director since 1981. He has announced that he will pursue his doctorate degree in the Ohio State University's School of Public Policy and Management on a full-time basis in the fall of 1990.

Grand Senior President Hamburger will chair a search committee charged with selecting the next Executive Director. Undergraduate and alumni leaders will be asked to nominate outstanding candidates for the position. The committee is committed to recruiting the best possible brother for the job.

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GSP HAMBURGER ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Effective October 2, Grand Senior President **Edmund A. Hamburger**, Polytechnic '45, has accepted the position of Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Pathe Communications Corporation in Beverly Hills, CA. We wish Brother Hamburger much success in this new endeavor.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN UNFOLDS

The Fraternity Executives Association (FEA) has begun implementation of its \$35,000 public relations campaign. All IFC presidents and Greek advisors were sent an informational mailing earlier in the month.

"The Chronicle of Higher Education," a weekly publication seen by virtually all faculty members nationwide, features four advertisements which offer IFCs an opportunity to localize attention on pertinent fraternity issues: hazing (September), alcohol abuse (October), racism (November), date rape (December). October's broadside is with this week's mail packet.

For more information on developing an IFC campaign in conjunction with the FEA advertisements, contact the NIC office, 3901 W. 86th St., Suite 390, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

PROPOSITION EIGHT ELIMINATES TKE PLEDGING

At the Tau Kappa Epsilon Conclave in August, the talk both in and out of every meeting and meal focused upon Proposition Eight, the legislation to eliminate pledging from the 280 TKE chapters nationwide.

Although Zeta Beta Tau was the first fraternity to eliminate pledging, Tau Kappa Epsilon is the first to have the measure enacted by a vote of undergraduate chapters. (The ZBT action was delivered independent of a chapter vote, but within the authority of its Supreme Council.)

When the votes were all cast, 109 chapters voted in favor of Proposition Eight and 107 voted against. With alumni votes, the final tally totaled 271-216.

In addressing a news conference in Indianapolis, immediate past international TKE president Bruce Melchert announced, "TKE hopes to provide the leadership for all fraternities to take similar actions."

The TKE Membership Development Program will be phased in over the next two years with mandatory compliance by September 1, 1991. Twenty-four chapters will pilot the program this fall.

Unique and innovative features of the program include a five-part video series featuring Ronald Reagan and Gary Cuddebade, a TKE from Furman University (SC) who nearly died in a hazing incident and who campaigned extensively for the "no-pledging" initiative.

Three levels of fraternal achievement will encompass the undergraduate experience. Within approximately 14 days of bid acceptance and following an interview with the Membership Quality Board, new members will be initiated into the Order of the Founders.

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PROPOSITION EIGHT ELIMINATES TKE PLEDGING (Cont'd)

Members in good standing at the conclusion of the junior year will be inducted into the Knights of Classic Lore, and all members upon graduation will gain admission into the Fraternity for Life. Brothers attaining the "Knight" level will be granted special privileges such as eligibility to be officers and big brothers and service on the nominating committee.

Eileen Stevens, whose son died of acute alcohol poisoning during a hazing incident at Alfred University (NY) and who is founder of CHUCK-Committee to Halt Useless College Killings, addressed the TKE Conclave opening banquet, "Whenever you have a two-tiered system where there are members and pledges, the opportunity for hazing persists. TKE can take the lead in removing that opportunity."

PARTIES NO LONGER RIGHT BUT PRIVILEGE AT WASHINGTON STATE

The Washington State University IFC passed landmark legislation by a vote of 24-1 to suspend chapter social privileges for two weeks for every 0.05 points that the organization's grade point average falls below the all-men's undergraduate average. The policy will become effective Spring Semester 1990 based upon fall term academic ratings. The vote came after considerable discussion. The positive relationship between Greek organizations and the institution was being reviewed, the Greek system knew its abuses, and research showed that sophomore and junior-standing members were performing poorly.

Scholarship chairmen were frustrated. Their efforts primarily focused on pledges and associate members who needed to make grades for initiation, but they needed a plan to motivate others. Just as a standard for initiation eligibility at Washington State; fraternity leaders decided that a standard was necessary for social eligibility. Social privileges would become a positive incentive for those members previously not inspired to achieve academic success nor spend time studying.

As fraternity men returned to campus this fall, IFC has taken measures to assist chapters in raising academic standards. A minimum GPA to participate in IFC rush was enacted, and the IFC scholarship chair arranged meetings during the first week of classes for chapters to share successful scholarship programming.

Based upon last spring's grade ranking, chapters were shared a "what if" situation in August using the new IFC policy. Eight of 25 chapters would have each received ten weeks of social suspension. With the potential of limited social calendars approaching reality, IFC had the chapters' attention.

With fall rush completed, chapters scrutinized individual rushees' grade histories more thoroughly than in the past years. Even with the new grade requirement to rush, rush members were higher than ever.

"The past is no longer with us," says Jack Burns, Coordinator of Fraternity Affairs. "The system has been moving in positive directions in defining what Greek organizations are all about. IFC leaders wanted faculty, townspeople, and grass roots chapter members to know they were serious."

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COLGATE ALUMNI TAKE STAND AGAINST FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

By a vote of 131-37, the Colgate University faculty voted in May to abolish the fraternity and sorority system within five years.

The action followed a break-in at the Delta Kappa Epsilon house in which stolen materials disclosed incidents of drug dealing, theft, sexual harassment, and hazing.

The Alumni Interfraternity/Sorority Council (AIFSC) is not taking the decision lying down.

In reviewing the minutes of the June 3, 1989 AIFSC meeting, the following positive elements of the Colgate Greek system were uncovered:

- * With recent physical plant improvements, all chapter houses comply with applicable building codes.

- * In 1987, the AIFSC enacted a restrictive alcohol policy which eliminated open parties and created use of a guest list.

- * Community service and charitable activities have increased over the past year with Greeks responsible for over 90% of all charitable work performed by Colgate students.

- * All five sororities and five of ten fraternities boast grade point averages above the all-women's and all-men's averages.

The AIFSC has called upon the Colgate faculty and administration to open genuine dialogue on a variety of issues ranging from alcohol policies and officer education programs to the timing of rush and pledging.

A resolution unanimously passed by the AIFSC confirms the alumni position, "The Greek system has been and continues to be an integral and positive element in Colgate's residential and educational life. As such, it deserves the strongest support of the University, including its administration, faculty, alumni, and trustees."

The undergraduate Interfraternity/Sorority Council also hopes to play a major role. "We're hard at work to cooperate with the faculty and administration, alleviate problems, and bring about closer understanding," says Russell Sherman, president of the Interfraternity/Sorority Council. It's a time for working together, not for confrontation. We are looking at all areas of operations, even those in which we excel."

The 1989-90 academic year will be one of evaluation. The Colgate Interfraternity Council has joined the INTERCHANGE network and an on-site evaluation is scheduled for October. Hopefully, the communication gap between alumni, undergraduates, faculty, and university officials can be narrowed. The social life of 60 percent of Colgate's men and 50 percent of Colgate's women could rest upon this future relationship.

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CONVICTIONS UPHELD

The Pennsylvania Superior Court has upheld the conviction of 11 Pennsylvania State University fraternities for serving beer to minors.

The organizations were originally sentenced in May 1987 and in June 1989 received the 2-1 decision of the Superior Court judges to uphold the earlier verdict.

The appeal was based upon three claims, including: the state failed to prove the beverage served was beer; police entry in the fraternity houses was illegal making evidence inadmissible in court; and impermissible statements were made by district attorney.

Only the point of proving the beverage was indeed beer received attention by the judges. The one dissenting judge claimed the state should have required a chemical analysis rather than relying solely on the testimony of a local police officer.

According to Penn State IFC president, Tom Lynch, the 11 groups are attempting an appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. "The fraternities want to set a precedent that raids on their property will be conducted within the law, and confiscated beverages will be tested."

OREGON FRATERNITY HOUSES UNSAFE

As many as six University of Oregon fraternity houses may sit empty come fall rush due to fire code violations.

In July, five houses were "posted" for fire code violations and given ten days to correct problems. All five were cited after the ten day period, and summer occupants were forced to vacate the property. Three of the five have since corrected the problems.

In the meantime, two other houses have been posted and another two will probably be posted. Promises of repairs by alumni corporations kept these organizations from inclusion in the initial posting, but renovations did not materialize as scheduled.

In the past years houses were inspected twice each year. Violations were regularly documented but routinely ignored by some chapters. The assignment of a new fire marshall who demanded attention to violations eventually resulted in the severe action.

"Some house corporations hustled and complied," says Shelley Sutherland, Assistant Director of Student Development and Greek Advisor. "Others wanted their houses up to code, but ran into financial difficulty."

Incomplete centralized fire alarm systems, outdated range hoods, improper remodeling of individual rooms, and blocked doors were among fire marshall complaints.

If houses are not brought up to code, fraternity members may be hard pressed to find housing. University residence halls are overbooked and surrounding apartments are leased.



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CHAPTER BANNED FOR STRIPTEASE

The 102 year-old chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Lehigh University was banned from campus for a period of at least four years following a striptease performance at a fraternity-sponsored social function during the final weeks of spring semester.

In closing the chapter which occupied housing owned by the University, two reasons were cited. The chapter had created a "sexually offensive environment" and had "degraded the entire fraternity system."

The Executive Committee of Sigma Chi Fraternity took similar action at a July 12 board meeting and suspended the charter of the chapter.

A similar incident involving the Zeta Beta Tau Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania occurred during the 1987-88 academic year and resulted in equivalent disciplinary action.

Sigma Chi officials have reaffirmed to their chapters the total inappropriateness of such activities whether connected with rush or purely social in nature. The Lehigh chapter did not anticipate public outcry for its activity, but the insensitivity of the event cannot be retracted.

IFCs nationwide are strongly encouraged to take firm positions against fraternity sponsorship of strippers and other sexist events before the Lehigh situation is repeated on their campus.

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ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Alpha Sigma Phi's Eta Chapter celebrated Bid Night on September 1, 1989, with the women of Delta Delta Delta. Social chairmen, **Brian Dedecker** and **Matt Neidlinger** constructed an indoor sandbox downstairs complete with a miniature swimming pool and tons of food and fun. The party was one of the most successful on campus and was praised by a great number of alumni.

Alpha Sigma Phi teamed up with Alpha Xi Delta Sorority to participate in the Phi Kappa Theta Mud Volleyball Tournament. A picture of the team in action was printed all over the University of Illinois campus on the third page of the Daily Illini. Although we lost 16-14 the game was praised by fans to be one of the most exciting in the entire tournament.

On Saturday, September 2, Informal Rush Chairmen **Brian Lisek** and **Mark Williams** teamed up with HSP **Jeffrey Owens** and traveled to Purdue University to observe how Alpha Pi Chapter coordinated their informal rush week of events. On Tuesday, September 5, 1989, **Brian Lisek** and **Mark Williams** set up an Alpha Sigma Phi information booth at the Illini Union which attracted a great number of men. After an outdoor barbecue and volleyball event on Wednesday, informal rush ceremonies continued with an invite-only study break Thursday night. The week concluded with twenty invited rushees enjoying dinner at

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the house Friday, September 8. The entire week was a huge success and it is estimated that we should have twenty pledges even before Formal Rush ceremonies begin.

- Daniel P. Duhig

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER, BETHANY COLLEGE

Our chapter is currently 34 brothers strong. The reconstruction of our front porch to its original form was completed last April. We took in 18 pledges last semester and will be activating them sometime during the next few weeks.

Last October, we held a haunted house to raise money for charity. All the brothers took place in decorating the house, playing roles in the haunted house, as well as cleaning up after the final night. We raised money for a child in the community who needed major surgery. In all, the haunted house was a great success.

We also took part in the Bettie Pauls field day at a local elementary school, an activity fair which raised money for new school supplies.

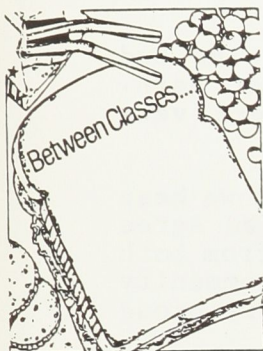
- Eric M. Sage, HCS

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

In addition to our successful fall rush of twelve outstanding men, Beta Delta is working to improve the brotherhood with the purchase of a television and a foosball table, designed to give the brothers a place to gather and socialize. Funds for these purchases are being acquired through the use of fundraisers that include: two car washes, which have already contributed in excess of \$300; and our penny collection, that has accumulated over 10,000 pennies in just three weeks. The overwhelming success of our fundraisers has carried over into intramural competition. Beta Delta is continuing their domination at Marshall University with a undefeated softball team and the advancement of both beach volleyball teams into the playoffs.

Great things are also being accomplished in the area of service, where brother **Shaun Sizemore** is more devoted than ever to serving the campus and community. Two of our most recent endeavors include an afternoon at the local Animal Shelter and a two-day program of assistance for the Red Cross Blood Mobile when it visited our campus. The unprecedented enthusiasm here at Beta Delta has all brothers eager to participate in its ongoing commitment to community service. This eagerness and enthusiasm was rewarded when we were awarded first place in the IFC All Greek Blood Donor Challenge. The award was presented to the chapter with the largest number of blood donors on a percentage basis.

- Marc Baumgard



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BETA XI CHAPTER, HARTWICK COLLEGE

We are finishing the reconstruction of our house that took place this summer. The basement is being done now and should be completed next week. Included in our reconstruction are new appliances such as a stove, refrigerator and a dishwasher. Our chapter also has re-established the honor of having the highest overall cumulative average for fraternities at Hartwick. Finally, once again we are competitive in our intramural programs. We finished soccer last week and are looking forward to our intramural flag football next week.

This year during Parent's Weekend, we initiated a wine and cheese party for parents after the annual Hartwick soccer gain. With the new improvements to the house, the parents were very appreciative of the party and the house's "new look."

With a college town like Oneonta, it is important that we keep up our reputation with the community. A new program called Agree (AGREE) has taken place here. The program includes Greeks from both Oneonta State and Hartwick, working with members of the community to keep noise down on the "rowdy" nights. Alpha Sig is very proud to be included in this program.

- Michael White

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER, LYCOMING COLLEGE

This will be our second year in our new house and it has definitely become a new home with our hall paintings and newly initiated brothers. We have really done a lot of work to bring ourselves out of debt and into a very healthy chapter where our social programs and even small fundraisers have helped us. All it took was a genuine effort from our brotherhood to realize that we could easily overcome any obstacle.

We have recently initiated five new brothers into the secret Mystic Circle: **Matt DiCiantis, Brad Burpee, Ryan Hickerson, Matthew Bassilli** and **Jay Pfaller**. The ceremony was performed on September 13. We are also involved in the Annual Avis Run as a service project. Last year our help was greatly appreciated. We also were involved with the Lycoming County-Williamsport Air Show which was a great success. There were over a quarter million people that attended this event.

We have a great way to make sure that all of our chapters will become financially successful. All of our brotherhood was asked to pay both first and second semester dues ahead of being able to reside on our house floor. We have done that for two years and because of that we are now out of a \$3,000 debt to Headquarters. We have enough now to buy a large screen T.V., refurbish our pool table and foosball game and are still comfortably in the clear.

Our rituals are, without a doubt, the most interesting of our secret Mystic Circle ceremonies. The "Black Lantern" ceremony is the only visual event that our campus watches. It draws a plethora of onlookers that wonder why we are dressed in our robes. It is truly an awesome sight where we are all very proud to say that we can be a part of the biannual "Black Lantern" ceremony. We believe that our rituals are a most important aspect of interest in our chapter.

- Jonathan Berman

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DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE

The first couple weeks have been busy. The first week back we held a retreat to schedule the year's events. Since then we have held our first fundraiser, a 50-50 drawing for the dorm residents.

Our annual teeter-totter was held at the end of last year to raise money for a plaque for our deceased brothers. An alumnus recently donated the plaque, so we used the proceeds to buy two keyboards for the Blind Class at Rio Grand Elementary.

We are currently engaged in our fall rush program. We have rented the movie cinema for a night of movies and pizza. This is our first, and hopefully successful dry rush. We have just started our 1989 Alpha Sigma Phi softball team and are currently 1-0. We are scheduling Mike Green, speaker against alcohol abuse at the National Convention, to speak to Greeks and pledges in the winter.

- Todd Reigle, HSP
- Matt Leach, HCS

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Delta Omicron is proud to have pledged 18 new men to form the Gamma Pledge Class. Mike Donnellan's hard work as rush chairman paid off and with Claude Howard's well structured pledge program, these young men will be ready to be leaders for the Delta Omicron Chapter.

- John W. Drummond, HSP

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University: Rick Bowman, Marty Downs, Douglas Harlow, Robert Leitch, George Lemasters, Patrick Miller, Phillip Mitchell, Michael Porter, Arden Sansom, Eric Sargent, Robert Wamsley and Stacy Welch on September 18, 1989.

BETA MU CHAPTER, Wake Forest University: Andrew Hull Burhans, Anthony Miguel Guajardo, John Stephen Laney and Paul Andrew Meyer on September 15, 1989.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER, East Carolina University: Dwayne A. Adams, John F. Cantrell, Charles A. Carlson, Robert A. Cowan, Charles W. Heard, Mathew D. Kraczon, Patrick K. Lindsey, Junior A. Pinnix, Stephen E. Pyles, Richard T. Spencer and Robert A. Wheeler on September 11, 1989.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



ALPHA MU CHAPTER, Baldwin-Wallace College: Matt Rich, David Vaughan, Chris Noga, Paul Hammond, Erik Johnsen, James Burgess, Richard Jones, Jay Carson, David Liatti, Vance Lunn, Michael Bouck and Robert Lawrence on April 23, 1989.

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College: Scott Trometer, Dan Hinds, Darren Hedrick, Bryan Kebrdle, Pedro Padilla, Roy Adams, Darin Stevens, Kevin Conway, Rob Jordan, Marc Emanuel, Raymond Twente and Michael Nance on September 24, 1989.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, Presbyterian College: Jeffrey Grady Butler on September 7, 1989.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER, Bethany College: Thaddaeus B. Allen, Timothy A. Bobbitt, George H. Williams, II, Philip R. Skolnick, Chris M. McGlinchey, Michael Kearns, Eric H. Yeloushan, Joseph T. Johnson, Mark A. Bailor, Christopher A. Geruschal, Alan W. Skolnick, Maston R. McLeod and Tommy C. Montero on September 22, 1989.

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER, Lehigh University: Kevin Webster Bunting, Steven Fredericks Dunn, Jeffrey Charles Grau, Barry Jeff Herman, Rex Walter Huppke, Patrick Alfred Johnson, Robert Craig Myers, Richard Lewis Olstein, Robert Andrew Scheifele, Karl Christopher von Brockdorff, Daniel Alexander Wachinski and Andrew More Weirmer on September 22, 1989.

BETA XI CHAPTER, Hartwick College: Donald C. Dinnhaupt, Santo F. Russo, Eric A. Kolben, Richard A. Wyant, Matthew Brockway, Andrew G. Gray, Brian T. Graves, Jeffrey K. Seidensticker, Matthew C. Smith, Charles R. Scott, Stephen Brimley, Preston R. Inglee, William F. Willard, Paul R. Harrison and William C. Ziobro on May 6, 1989.

DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University: John Williams, Steve Sumner, Gregory Locke, Craig Sarnier, Irwin Lazar, Mike Tambellini, Jeff Finn, Rob Drain, Jon Tiller, Gary Booth and Pete Churchborne on September 30, 1989.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Sean Edward Cox and Erwin Erhardt Bork, Jr. on September 22, 1989.

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER, Illinois State University: Michael Baten, Edward Nowak, Timothy Channel and Joseph Servi on October 5, 1989.

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