

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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**ATTENTION!**

### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & CONVENTION THEME ANNOUNCED

The theme of the 1990 National Leadership Conference & Convention has been announced as "Creating Our Future Today" by Director of Chapter Services, **Randall S. Lewis**, Oregon State '81. The convention will be held August 8-12 at American University in Washington, D.C.

"Creating Our Future Today" describes what Alpha Sigma Phi has to do," remarks Brother Lewis. "1990 signifies great opportunities for our chapters, volunteers, and entire brotherhood, to enhance our fraternity by making significant decisions and changes. The fraternity has to continue to grow and change in order to survive in society today. The beginning of this decade reaffirms Alpha Sigma Phi's commitment to excellence and the ideals in our Ritual."

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & CONVENTION

All undergraduates and alumni should plan now to attend the 1990 National Leadership Conference & Convention at American University in Washington, D.C. It is promising to be one of Alpha Sigma Phi's largest conventions!

A few of the speakers who have already committed to participate in "Creating Our Future Today" include Mike Green, Eileen Stevens, and Ed King, who are all nationally acclaimed speakers. Start making plans to go to Washington, D.C. today!

### CALL FOR CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

Director of Chapter Services Lewis has announced that he is accepting applications for Conference Coordinator for the National Leadership Conference & Convention at American University August 8-12. Conference Coordinators arrive one day early to set up for the conference, work behind the scenes, and work with the staff to make the conference run smoothly. It's a very demanding job, sometimes tiring, but always rewarding and well worth the effort.

Anyone interested should fill out the enclosed application and send it to Brother Lewis by March 1st. Only quality, dedicated brothers need apply.

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CROWD THAT'S  
Got it Together!

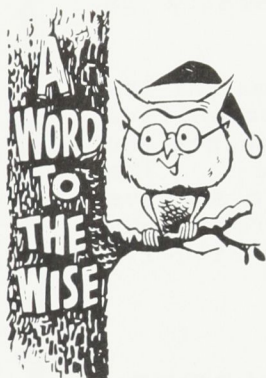
## NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)

### DOWNEY APPOINTED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Grand Senior President, Edmund A. Hamburger, Polytechnic '45 has announced that Mike Downey, Illinois '87 has been appointed as the undergraduate representative to the Finance Committee of the Grand Council.

This representation comes as a result of the undergraduate committee on finance at the 1988 Convention at Ohio State. The delegation at that convention voted in favor of the proposal and amended the by-laws accordingly.

Brother Hamburger called for nominations in the fall with a fine response of qualified candidates. Brother Downey has served as HSP, treasurer, philanthropy chairman, and is currently pledge educator of his chapter and Province III President. He attended the 1989 National Leadership Conference and is active in the Greek System at the University of Illinois.



### ONE IN FIVE COLLEGE MALES USES SMOKELESS TOBACCO

One in five male college students uses snuff or chewing tobacco--half again as many as smoke cigarettes, according to a Pennsylvania State University study.

Elbert D. Glover, a professor of health education who conducted the study, said the nation "could see an oral-cancer epidemic" unless steps are taken to educate people about the dangers of smokeless tobacco.

Mr. Glover surveyed 5,900 students at 72 colleges and universities across the country. 12 percent--22 per cent of the men and two per cent of the women--said they used snuff or chewing tobacco. Mr. Glover said only 14 per cent of college students smoke--13 per cent of the men and 16 per cent of the women.

Most of the students perceived smokeless tobacco as a safer alternative to cigarettes, Mr. Glover said. In fact, smokeless tobacco is highly addictive, he said.

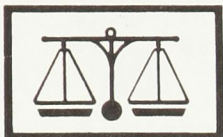
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### SPRING BREAKERS SAVE AT DISNEY BREAK '90

From March 1-31, Walt Disney World is offering special savings to students with valid college I.D. A one-day ticket to either the Magic Kingdom or EPCOT Center is \$19.99 plus tax! A special two-day ticket, a day at each park, is only \$38.00 plus tax! Tickets are available at both the Magic Kingdom and EPCOT Center.

## NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)



### EX-STUDENT WHO SET FIRE TO SORORITY TO PAY \$92,000

A former Syracuse University fraternity member who started a fire in a sorority house five years ago has been ordered by a trial court to pay more than \$92,000 to the women who lived in the house.

Tush Nikollaj, the former student, pleaded guilty in 1985 to a misdemeanor count of criminal mischief for throwing a smoke bomb that ignited the fire at the Alpha Omicron Pi house. Mr. Nikollaj threw the smoke bomb through an open third floor window, starting a fire that spread throughout the house.

Other parties have already paid more than \$300,000 to sorority members to settle related lawsuits. The sorority had sued several people who had parked their cars near the house illegally at the time of the fire. The cars hampered the efforts of the firefighters.

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### GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY REGARDING SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Headquarters recently received a letter from our liability insurance broker, Harris & Harris of Kentucky, Inc., stating that they have had a number of incidents involving sporting events (i.e. pick-up football, basketball, and hockey games). With a number of these incidents, fraternity members thought their medical bills would be paid under the general liability policy.

There appears to be a misconception among the members about the general liability policy. This policy at this time will respond to liability suits involving sports activities. If the insurance carrier feels the fraternity is not negligent involving a sports event, the insurance carrier will deny the claim. In the vast majority of the cases the carrier has denied making any payment.

Jeffrey McGowan, Senior Vice President of Harris & Harris, went on to explain in his letter that our general liability policy is not a health insurance or accident policy for our members. If any member should get hurt in a sporting event, he should notify his medical carrier (i.e., Blue Cross/Blue Shield) and seek reimbursement of his medical bills.

If the chapter feels it was negligent or someone has threatened a lawsuit then Headquarters should be notified immediately and notice of the incident should be sent to Harris & Harris of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 909, Louisville, KY 40201-0909, (502) 584-2193, who will forward it onto the insurance carrier for investigation. We hope this will help avoid any misconceptions or confusion.

## NATIONAL NEWS (Cont'd)

### MIDDLEBURY FRATERNITIES TOLD TO ADMIT WOMEN

Fraternalities at Middlebury College must admit women or face termination of their charters, the college's trustees have unanimously voted.

The action was taken in response to last year's report by a special committee on how student social life could be improved on the campus. The report suggested that the college's six fraternities--to which 300 males and two females belong--be banned because they promote elitism, alcoholism, and sexism.

"It's a rather creative, imaginative way out of a thorny problem," said Ron Nief, the college's director of public affairs.

Under the board's mandate, the Middlebury chapters must gain their national fraternities' approval to include women or sever all ties with the organizations. Fraternities have until March 31 to decide whether to comply.

The college has had fraternities since the turn of the century, but has not had sororities since the 1960's when interest in them declined.

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### COUNCIL SAYS TIGHTER REIN ON FRATERNITIES IS NEEDED

The board of directors of the American Council on Education last week called on colleges to take tighter control of fraternities and sororities by setting strict standards of conduct and penalizing students who break the rules.

The board said institutions should require students to wait until at least their second semester of college to join Greek organizations and require fraternity and sorority members to maintain a minimum grade-point average. It urged colleges to adopt sanctions against alcohol abuse and sexual harassment by Greek members and said officials of institutions should establish standards to protect the health and safety of those who live in fraternity and sorority houses.

The board's recommendations followed a two-year study of Greek life by an A.C.E. panel.

Robert H. Atwell, the council's president, said the guidelines could be used "to improve the learning environment and discourage abusive behaviors that have become all too common."

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### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IFC PASSES RESOLUTION ON LITTLE SISTER GROUPS

The following resolution on Little Sister Groups and Women's Auxiliaries was passed at the IFC Presidents Council Meeting on November 30, at the University of Illinois which has the largest Greek System of any other university.

Whereas Little Sister Groups and Women's Auxiliary Groups are perceived as second-class or subservient in their association with fraternities and

Whereas Little Sister Groups and Women's Auxiliary Groups are inconsistent with the philosophy of separate and equal women's fraternities and

Whereas such groups may impart additional liability on the fraternities with which they are associated,

Be it Resolved, that Women's Auxiliary Groups or Little Sister Groups which include or involve any of the following will no longer be allowed or accepted:

- Programs or groups involving the title "Little Sister"
- Organized Rush or Formal Selection Processes for choosing Women's Auxiliary Members or Little Sisters
- Little Sister Rush Parties or little Sister Parties in general
- Pledge Programs or Points Systems of any kind
- Oaths or Required Activities of any kind
- Dues payable to the fraternity or any account associated with the fraternity
- Fraternity organized meetings and/or officer elections or appointments
- Activities of any kind which could be construed as degrading to women

This resolution took effect beginning January 1, 1990 and is being incorporated into the Interfraternity Council Bylaws.

## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

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BETA OMICRON CHAPTER, Tri-State University: Kimm K. Karrip and David E. Quinn on September 17, 1989.

## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE

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ETA CHAPTER, University of Illinois: Brian J. Singer, David H. Crockett, Jon E. Mittelhauser, Gregory R. Goelkel, Matthew J. Starks, Richard G. Hartwig, David E. Meneely, Eric J. Novotny, Greg J. Hatlestad, Brian S. Knudson, Kevin C. Kerrigan, David A. Tjhio, Eric H. Plummer, Lito Toreja, Christopher K. Olsen, Jeffrey S. Dockins, Michael C. Hinnant, Scott T. Drewno and Melvin Wilson, Jr. on January 13, 1990.

MU CHAPTER, University of Washington: Michael J. Divita, John Murphy McCullough, Dale Yoshio Tsue, George Edward Telquist, Ryan Albert Nelson, Antonio Frank Luque, Michael M.K. Hemphill, George Athan Tramountanas, Matthew Aaron Baebler, Forest Lincoln Murphy, Steven Michael Beeghly, Jason Edward Heiser, Michael Joseph Locke, Jason Kirk Hellmann, Eugene Yongsu Thacker, Troy Eugene William Woodward, Charles Chonghoon Kim, Robert Arthur Skarperud and James Pryor Smith on January 12, 1990. (Note: These initiates were inadvertently listed as Mu Chapter, University of Michigan, in Issue No. 8. Our apologies to all concerned.)

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, University of California at Los Angeles: Mike Yakimovich, Derek Leek, Clark Huang, Blair Huizingh, Adam Singer, Avram Aelony, Jeff Chen, Ed Morrissey, Josh Dicker, Jon Finnecy, Eric Jenkins, Matt Nix and John Fairbanks on January 20, 1990.

BETA CHI CHAPTER, American University: Matthew Herndon Kaiser, David George Nason, Glenn Barry Jasper, Andrew Daniel Goldberg, Joseph Lyle Watson, George Edgar James, Christopher Jameson Wynne, George Britton Morgan, II, Daniel LaMar Hunter, Paul Michael Sayegh, Timothy Robert Gravino, Theodore Shields, Braden Robert Huenefeld, Matthew Nester Wood, John Francis Lisciandro, Scott Jeffrey Gordon, Garrick Kirk Groves, Roberto Jose Coquis, Jonas Heller, Javier Alberto Fletcher and Patrick Francis Casey on January 27, 1990.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: Terry Maurice Andrus, Eric Douglas Wilkinson, Thomas George Smith, Jr., Donald Richard Sanders, Jr., Louis Michael Maione, David Michael Hagan, Jr., Daniel Thomas Kous, James Thomas Reigle, Glenn Jay Ostfeld, Paul Mathew Fedor, Stephen Roy Hill, Christopher Martin Coleman, Jeffrey Charles Tognola and Robert Francis Bamford on December 6, 1989.

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