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NATIONAL NEWS



TWO CONSULTANTS HIRED

Owen G. McCulloch, Oregon State '86 (above, left) and **Jeffrey Owens**, Illinois '87 (above, right) have been named as new Chapter Leadership Consultants for Alpha Sigma Phi. They will begin in June, starting with an intense development program which will continue throughout the summer.

Brother McCulloch received his degree in speech communication at Oregon State while being active at Psi Chapter. He has been Rush Chairman, Social Chair, IFC representative and HM. For two years he was the IFC representative in charge of the Student Orientation Program in the summer.

Brother Owens will be graduating from the University of Illinois in Secondary Education. During his undergraduate years he has been IFC representative, Social Chair, HCS and HSP of Eta Chapter. At Illinois he has been a member of the campus honors program, Student Intern for Greek Affairs, Epsilon Delta Education Fraternity, Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa and Volunteer Services Program. He also served on the Student Advisory Committee to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Both Brothers will bring a great vision to the fraternity as they travel to our chapters and colonies. They come to Delaware, Ohio highly qualified and eager to learn more about the fraternity.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & CONVENTION

The registration forms for the National Leadership Conference & Convention are due on April 1st. All interested brothers and pledges should begin to register for Alpha Sigma Phi's National Meeting, August 8-12 at American University in Washington, D.C.

If you need more forms, feel free to contact the Headquarters.

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GEORGIA FRATERNITIES TO INSTALL CONDOM MACHINES

Following two years of negotiations, condom machines will become commonplace in the 26 fraternity houses at the University of Georgia within the next six months. Seven chapters have already signed contracts with a private firm to have machines installed, serviced, and maintained.

The student newspaper praised the decision of the fraternities to promote safe sex. Condoms will sell for \$1.00 each with 20 cents going to AIDS research. "We hope to use the money in the local area," says Ron Binder, Advisor to Fraternities.

A health education program will be delivered in conjunction with machine installation. A recent 30 minute presentation at an IFC meeting on use of condoms kicked off the effort.

The University of Georgia was a study site for The Centers for Disease Control last spring when random AIDS testing took place. Studies eventually revealed one in 300 college students are infected with the AIDS virus. The state of Georgia ranks fifth among the number of reported AIDS cases.

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GRADES GO UP AT WASHINGTON STATE

Following the decision of the Washington State University IFC last spring 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 average, fraternities recorded their highest fall semester average ever. The overall fraternity average for Fall Semester 1989 was 2.68, compared to 2.60 for Fall Semester 1988.

Ten of the 24 chapters on campus will forfeit social privileges. Two chapters will have no social calendar spring semester, and two others will have eight weeks of social suspension.

"The students feel good. The IFC legislation definitely made a difference in raising fraternity grades," said Jack Burns, Coordinator of Fraternity Affairs.

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GREEKS IN GOVERNMENT

In a 1989 survey of government officials with Greek affiliations, results showed:

- 49 - Senate
- 128 - House of Representatives
- 15 - Governors

This information may be used in rush publications and other PR materials.

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LEGAL STATUS

National fraternities and sororities generally are organized as not-for-profit corporations. Each organization has its own corporation, governed by the laws of the state in which the corporation was formed.

Most local chapters are not incorporated even if affiliated with an incorporated national. At the campus level, most chapters are legally regarded as unincorporated associations. As with corporations, unincorporated associations are subject to the laws of the state in which the chapter is located.

Is the difference between the two legal statuses substantial? Yes, and it's important for all involved with Greek life to understand why.

In a corporation only the assets of the group are at risk in legal proceedings. Only funds and property held in the name of the organization are subject to seizure. The personal property of its members is not at risk. In addition, when members of the corporation enter into contracts, responsibility for performance of the contract lies with the organization, not the individual.

In most states the opposite holds true for the unincorporated associations. Legal actions against the group can be pursued against individual members, and personal assets can be at risk. And since most unincorporated associations lack the power to make contracts, responsibility for performance becomes a personal matter. While the assets of the association are at risk in liability or contractual disputes, personal assets may also be claimed to satisfy judgments.

Two other legal entities may exist under the organizational framework of a fraternity or sorority. Since unincorporated associations lack the power to contract or hold real property in many states, housing corporations are formed for the purpose of purchasing and operating housing. These corporations are generally tax-exempt, not-for-profit, and managed by chapter membership and alumni. Also, due to tax laws, most national organizations have formed charitable foundations. These public charities, generally formed under IRS Code Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), provide a tax-deductible vehicle to members, for scholarships and other forms of chapter support.

Legal status considerations:

* Is your chapter a not-for-profit corporation or an unincorporated association? How about the national?

* Are you aware of the state laws governing such organizations?

* Is your not-for-profit formed and operating under the correct section of the IRS code?

* Does a charitable foundation exist, with qualifying purposes and required documentation for payments to the fraternity?

- Perspective
July 1989

CHAPTER NEWS



IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Athletics are in full swing at the Rock. Athletic Chairman **Miroslav Bobek** is holding regular physical training sessions three times a week. Our hockey team stayed an upset. Coach **Rowland Richards** was extremely impressed with forward **Tim Wells**. Coach **Steve Harbula** has been holding volleyball practice in the hopes of obtaining the elusive championship.

Several brothers and pledges attended an IFC leadership conference at Cornell. **Louis Gimbel**, HSP and IFC officer, gave a keynote speech at the conference. **Todd Kantoczys**, Social Chairman, and **Corey Wallach**, HP hope to apply several ideas to their positions as active officers. Finally, **Pete Cardoza**, '85 and **Andrew Szaphran** '86 returned to the house in the hopes of strengthening alumni relations. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

- **Scott Deutchman**, HCS

BETA THETA CHAPTER, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

The brothers of Beta Theta have been working together towards making Alpha Sigma Phi the best fraternity on campus. Last semester we had several programs at our house including an investing seminar given by the NORAD space program. This semester we took steps to improve our pledge program with a hazing seminar given by our president as well as a time management program to aid our pledges during their pledgship.

On February 22 a seminar was given at our chapter house on the subject of acquaintance rape. The members of the Rutgers Health & Safety Department were a little nervous at first, being that it was their first seminar given to a fraternity. After much discussion and debating, all were pleased at the success of the event. Our campus newspaper ran a feature story on this letting the university know Alpha Sigma Phi is on the rise.

As our brothers devote their time to make our chapter develop and grow, we have not lost sight of the academic aspect of being a member. Last semester two of our brothers, **Andrew Erman**, HA, and **Mike Kaufman**, Rush Chairman, earned 4.0 grade point averages. We had another brother, **Paul Fisher**, win a grade improvement award well. Erman has also set up a tutoring system in our house to aid all brothers and pledges in achieving and keeping up the academic excellence of Beta Theta.

- **Brian Cahill**

DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

We bought a subscription to the Chicago Tribune to help homeless children.

Now that we have seven new brothers, hopefully we'll have some new enthusiasm and build upon the work we started last semester. As long as we keep persevering we can have another good semester in terms of rush. I'd also like to remind all brothers of financial responsibility as well as all other responsibilities. Any brother who is delinquent in terms of finances will be dealt with more severely than in the past. This action is essential due to our financial situation. This also applies to alumni.

I would also like to tell all brothers that our Spring Black and White Formal will be held on April 28 at the Holiday Inn in Skokie. Please make plans now so we can have a great turn out. For more information please feel free to call me at (312) 761-9818. Let's make 1990 a banner year.

- **Glenn Suacillo**, HSP

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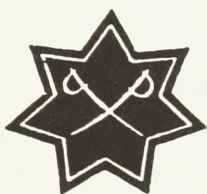
DELTA MU CHAPTER, WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE

The brotherhood recently took part in a community service event involving Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Passaic County. The brotherhood, with help from Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, assisted as Big Brothers and Sisters for an all-day picnic. The event was a success and will become an annual community service for the chapter and we are already working on the next picnic sometime in April.

With the initiation of an almost completely new group of officers we are taking on the debt head first. Fundraising Chairman **Ron Steinwehr** is planning new and innovative events and we hope to succeed in getting into the black this semester. We are open to any suggestions from other chapters for new ideas and contact can be made through Headquarters.

- **Tom Stroffolino, HSP**

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ETA CHAPTER, University of Illinois: Eric Fields, Neal Hess, Darren Kaiser, Michael Landt, Brian Leonard, Rob Montgomery, Eric Moyer, Tony Oommen, Tony Severino, Greg Taylor, John Tenhoeff, Joe Vasich, John Wyzkiewicz and Tom Zimmerman on February 21, 1990.

UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University: Chad Joseph Michna, Stephen William Kreta, David Paul Henneman, Todd Michael Kramer, Anthony Vincent Guida, William Howard Grube, James C. Marino, David Matthew Marcinek and Shawn D. Shucavage on February 14, 1990.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology: John Nichols Callari, Nick DeRobertis, John E. Drefko, Michael Anthony Ianvale, Paul Juliano, Christopher Lee Molos, Camell Elias Nammour, Michael James Pontius, Kevin Anthony Ruta and Neil William Saver on February 2, 1990.

GAMMA EPSILON COLONY, State University of New York at Buffalo: Gregory E. Healy and Anthony J. Borelli.

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER, Lycoming College: Peter Douglas Reitmeyer, Todd Harrelson Miller, Herbert Larson, Mathew Christopher Nagurney, Morton Neely Blount, John A. Kehoe and James Carl Pudish on February 19, 1990.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: Patrick Michael Conley, Jeffrey James Sherman, Steven Barbetti, Christopher Joseph Dickscheid, Charles Michael Dunn, Jr., Jeffrey Allen Forcinito and Wayne Andrew Costello on February 12, 1990.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: Steve Bill, Chris Boehm, Dan Campbell, Roger Elling, Robert Elliot, Forrest Herr, James Hopkins, Dennis Killian, Doug Kline, Christopher Reid, Jamie Reisinger, Denis Semen and Tom Wright on February 21, 1990.

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POSITION STATEMENT ON RACISM AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, Alpha Sigma Phi is the fraternity "TO BETTER THE MAN" and all of her functions and actions should exhibit this as listed in our *Code of Conduct*, and

WHEREAS, we believe that all people are created equal and should have the right to be treated the same no matter what their ethnic or religious background may be, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Sigma Phi abolished discrimination based on ethnic or religious criteria at the National Convention in 1950 and supports equal treatment among men, and

WHEREAS, racism is counter to everything that Alpha Sigma Phi stands for. It does not encourage bonds of friendship based upon individual merit and achievement. It does not demonstrate leadership. It does not prove an individual's or a group's superior qualifications in any way.

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the spirit of brotherhood knows no color, creed, religion, or national origin; we are working actively to promote cultural, religious and racial diversity in our memberships and will oppose acts of racism and religious discrimination.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that it is the continuing position of our fraternity that membership privileges should be granted to any qualified candidate without consideration of their ethnic or religious background.

