

# The Old Gal Gazette

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### GRAND COUNCIL REVISES RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Grand Council voted to revise the Risk Management Policy March 4, 1990. The revised policy is enclosed in this mail packet. The changes are two additions to the policy. The additions are:

- 2. B. The chapter shall not allow individuals to make available common sources of alcohol (such as kegs, etc),
- and stating that alcohol is not to be used during Ritual activities: 6. All rush, pledging, and **ritual** activities associated with any chapter shall be non-alcoholic, Dry Functions.

### POSITION STATEMENTS

The Grand Council also approved four position statements for the Fraternity. These include Position Statements on AIDS, Substance Abuse, Racism and Religious Discrimination, and Human Dignity. These position statements will be released in the next four mail packets (starting with this Old Gal Gazette with the Position Statement on AIDS). Please make sure that these position statements are read before the brotherhood and followed in the practices of the chapter.



### PENN STATE EXCEEDS ALL GOALS

Our brothers at Penn State have combined forces with Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority once again to raise more money than any other duo for the IFC Dance Marathon. This year \$146,000 was raised for the Four-Diamond Fund for Children with Cancer by our brothers and their partners.

Once the details are received by Upsilon Chapter a complete article will be put into the "Old Gal Gazette."

**Congratulations, Upsilon!! We're very proud!!**

### RITUAL TEAM SEARCH STARTED

Grand Marshal, **Robert G. Cabello**, Eastern Michigan '70 has announced that he will be putting together a ritual team for the exemplification at the National Leadership Conference & Convention. Applicants should have a good understanding of the Ritual, be able to memorize lines, and perform ritual as a theatrical production. All interested brothers should contact Brother Cabello at:

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Vice President. Student Services  
Delta College  
University Center, MI 48710  
(517) 686-9340 office  
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## ALPHA SIG PRIDE

The following is part two of a letter sent to Director of Chapter Services, **Randall S. Lewis**. It was written by a past Mu Grand Chapter Advisor, **Jack Merrill**, Washington '39.

Closely tied in with PRIDE are Respect and Consideration. Sure an undergraduate is only going to be around for three or four years, but does that person have any consideration for the young men who are coming along in future pledge classes and will have to live in the "Old Gal" for his three or four years? Not if the undergraduate does not have proper respect for the rights of property of others, and does not abuse or trash private or corporate property. We are all individuals and what a sad world this would be if we were all alike. We are now enjoying the privilege of having other cultures come into our houses, and we should give them the same respect and consideration we have for all others, and we should be willing to listen and learn about their cultures, and maybe by doing so we could all become more respectful and considerate of theirs. None of us is perfect, but we can sure learn a lot about our brothers if we will just listen and learn.

I will venture to say that nationally, 80% of the physical damage done to a fraternity house is caused by irresponsible drinking. Yes, they all enjoyed Mike Green's (ed., Pres. Collegiate Consultants on Drugs & Alcohol) great presentation, but by the time they got back to their local chapters, they had forgotten everything they heard or learned. I have the feeling that if an undergraduate is not able to go three or four hours during rituals, etc., then possibly, and very probably, that undergraduate needs some outside help. He is rapidly becoming an embryo alcoholic. And I certainly cannot go along with a brother who has to have a can of beer in his hand to be able to talk to a potential pledge during a rush function. He should have taken a course in public speaking in high school.

I am mindful that everything that happens within the brotherhood must have had some start within the family life, and I certainly know that a large number of our brothers come from broken families, and that there has been a definite upswing in the lack of "family" in our society. Our values have depreciated and values must be a part of our teachings. I was recently asked if it was easier in my day to get "laid" than it is today. Naturally, the first question I asked the perpetrator of that question was whether or not he was writing a book, and then gave him an honest answer that in my day we most certainly had a lot different values on a lot of subjects, one of which was sex. Where there is a decline in "family" there follows a lack of personal recognition within the family setting. I see so many brothers doing strange things to get in the limelight and I often wonder what kind of life they led in their adolescent years to cause them to try so hard to get some recognition.

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### ALPHA SIG PRIDE (Cont'd)

I firmly believe that a major portion of our pledge program, To Better The Man, should be PRIDE and Respect and Consideration. Hazing is out, so we have a lot more time to devote to a new member learning that an Alpha Sig is always a gentleman and that he has PRIDE. It might be well for all the undergraduate brothers to repeat the vows they took when they entered into the Mystic Circle, and having done so, re-evaluate themselves in light of current events and settings.

### ONE CHAPTER'S RISK MANAGEMENT

At the beginning of the spring semester my class took over leadership of the house and now it was our motto, "leave it better than you found it." My duty as President was to be the guy whose main job seemed to be dealing with LIABILITY. Joe, one of the members of my original class, distinguished himself by being elected to the position of Vice-President of the Interfraternity Council. Little did I know that this guy and I would spend long hours talking to each other and the rest of the chapter about the word that, by now, I had begun to despise. It seems that no one wishes to be held accountable for their actions but now we must.

Several serious events, coupled with numerous lectures and guest speakers on the subject, really began to give me nightmares of what could happen to my beloved house due to the hated LIABILITY. Joe and I spent many house meetings trying to explain new rules that we were imposing in order to protect the house. Some of these rules came from the Interfraternity Council and others directly from our National. One of these was the policy that chapter funds could no longer be used to pay for alcohol. We talked a long time about that rule and found a solution that was agreeable to both the chapter and the National Fraternity. Long gone were the days of carefree parties and little responsibility. All of this was due to that one word LIABILITY, which people are constantly finding new terms for but it is still the same thing. The scariest part of all this is that it is part of my life and your life if we wish to be true fraternity men. There is no escaping it! I have lived with it day and night for a year and have now turned over the reigns of this monster to our new President who is going through a tough learning experience.

There is no controlling this beast called LIABILITY, but we can learn to manage it to some extent. Many policies that we receive from our National organization seem like just a big waste of time, but I know several chapters that have no more time. When I came to school three and a half years ago this was a pro-Greek school and now it is a system faced with many problems. Greek enrollment is down to roughly 30%, the faculty are no longer 100% behind us and the city itself is asking for our destruction at times. We are down to eleven chapters and within a year we could be down to none without even considering any new developments.

If you still think that LIABILITY is someone else's problem you are greatly mistaken. Each and every one of us must do all we can to preserve our beloved Fraternity. I hope that someday my son can learn what it is to belong to the greatest Fraternity, but it cannot come true without a lot of work from each and every brother

## **ONE CHAPTER'S RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)**

in our organization. All it takes is to adopt measures to eliminate as much risk as possible and then to stick to them. At times it will seem ridiculous but it is definitely worth the preservation of the Greek way of life. Most of all, it is worth the effort to maintain the traditions started by Noble Leslie Devotie many years ago. Let's keep Sigma Alpha Epsilon a proud institution! (Second Part of Two Part Article.)

-Kevin Webb  
-Sigma Alpha Epsilon

## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



**THETA CHAPTER, University of Michigan:** Eric Gardner Moore on February 2, 1990.

**ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, University of Missouri:** Matt Poepsil, Aaron Grist, Brett Phipps, John Kearns and Rick Mesz on February 15, 1990.

**ALPHA XI CHAPTER, Illinois Institute of Technology:** Mark Christopher Williams on January 31, 1990.

**BETA THETA CHAPTER, Rutgers University:** Joesph Nicholas Lardi, Gregory Jon Jankunis, Kevin F. Baldes, Michael Lee Kuhnsman, John C. Wu, Kevin Thomas Forster, Ian Howard Katz, Michael Lui, Michael Scott Bain, Louis Christopher Masters, Adam Scott Aronoff, Scott H. Juliano, Rupesh R. Shah, Scott J. Johnson, Kevin Eugene Cahill, Kenneth Alan Becker and Robert Andrew Allen on February 10, 1990.

**BETA MU CHAPTER, Wake Forest University:** Stephen Arthur Anderson, Dirk Jan Beisner, John Castelli, III, William Holliday Harkins, Jr., John Burton Hunter, IV and Thomas Grant Irons on February 9, 1990.

**GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University:** Russel James Kahler, Joseph Adam Miller, III and Daniel John Sturtz on February 18, 1990.

**GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, University of Miami:** John Carl Hudert, Sergio M. Gomez, Daniel Bartlett Muelhaupt on February 4, 1990.

**GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, Indiana University:** Joseph M. Batiller, Christopher A. Egan, Tony W. Geller, Douglas D. Gutshell, Peter W. Lashley, George E. Nedeff, Jarrod M. Reid, Michael S. Robinson, Michael R. Rosen, Mark A. Ruppert and James M. Wilson on February 1, 1990.

**DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University:** Daniel Allen Gropp, Brian J. Dehaas, George Anthony Brain, James M. Vus and Mark Bunting on February 14, 1990.

**DELTA ZETA CHAPTER, University of North Carolina, Charlotte:** Nicholas Stephen Kirkley, Shannon David McCarton, William Goldstein, Brad Simmons and Richard Buss on February 2, 1990.

**DELTA ETA CHAPTER, East Carolina University:** Doug Bernhardt, Marcus Berry, Dave Burnette, Mark Davis, Brandon MacGillis, Paul Seng and Ron Thayer on January 30, 1990.

## PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS (Cont'd)

**DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University:** Erik T. Goacher, Jeff LaCorte, Brian J. Kennedy, William H. Sessoms and Javier M. Montes.

**DELTA MU CHAPTER, William Paterson College:** Scott L. Furletti, Glenn Kudysch, Kris VanCleave and Dave Morgan on February 23, 1990.

**DELTA XI CHAPTER, State University of New York at Plattsburgh:** John R. Smith, III, Derek W. Averell, Roy P. Kretzler, David Romano, Dustin R. Steiner, Scott A. Owens, Roman H. Wolny, Timothy W. Treman, Gerald E. Brucker, Jr., Robert T. Schofield, IV, Brian J. Wersinger and Robert G. Ahrens.

## INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



**ALPHA XI CHAPTER, Illinois Institute of Technology:** Michael V. Lukich, James A. Fiorida, Jr., Erich Domingo, Jason H. Kawamura, Thomas D. Elliot, Gary Seung Chan Park, Rommel C. Ofalsa, Randolph P. Supnet, Elias Fernandez, Demetrios Agalianos, Martin L. Krause and John Haleas on January 13, 1990.

**ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, Missouri Valley College:** Joe Burke, Ricky Limer, Jim Ferrel, Andy Erickson, Mike Emanuel, Ray Morrow, John Ketterer, Bryan Smith, John Evans, Rob Nicoll, Juan Torres, Jr., David Gangl, Russel Wood, Hobie Rowley and Intikhab Baluch on December 7, 1989.

**ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology:** Robert Burns McCleish, IV, Scott Misha, Andy David Sherrer and Dennis L. Pavagadhi on February 9, 1990.

**BETA THETA CHAPTER, Rutgers University:** Esteban Fernandez, Brian Scott Cahill, Richard Tin-Cha Kao, Jeffrey Alexander Repke, Jr. and Michael Vincent Bonner on September 15, 1989.

**GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, University of Miami:** Markham Murphy on March 9, 1990.

**DELTA THETA CHAPTER, Radford University:** Larry Vallario, Ken Jamerson and Pat Albee on February 10, 1990.

**DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College:** David Bruce Sisson, Samuel Craig Harris, Thomas Owen Marcey, Stephen Peter Hemschoot, Erik John Hunter, Eric William Hutzler, Scott Parrish Abell, John Jack White, Lee Andrew Kimble and Robert Mac Gately on January 29, 1990.



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## POSITION STATEMENT ON AIDS

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 strive at all times to be educated about the world situations and strive to educate our brothers so that they can be better informed citizens, and

WHEREAS, we are a brotherhood of gentlemen who extend brotherly love and concern to all brothers and friends of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, and

WHEREAS, the membership of Alpha Sigma Phi is knowledgeable and concerned with the epidemic of ACQUIRED IMMUNE-DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS), and we realize that all persons are at risk who are active sexually regardless of sexual orientation.

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all chapters, colonies and alumni organizations educate our membership about how AIDS is transmitted and what precautions can and should be taken to lessen the risk of being infected.

BE IT RESOLVED, that any brother/pledge who contracts the AIDS virus is entitled to all of the rights and privileges that our fraternity can extend to him; and shall not be condemned for any activity which may have led to this situation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity that it is the position of our fraternity that any brother or pledge who contracts the AIDS virus is indeed no less a brother.

