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NATIONAL NEWS

PENN STATE TOPS LAST YEAR'S RECORD FOR DANCE MARATHON

Our brothers at Penn State have teamed up with Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority to raise more money than any other pair of Greek organizations on campus for the IFC Dance Marathon. A total of \$147,800 was raised this year, exceeding last year's record of \$146,000. The entire dance marathon brought in a total of \$785,000, making it the largest philanthropic fundraiser by a fraternity system. This is the eighth consecutive year the Alpha Sigs and Alpha Sigma Alpha have combined to raise more money than any other duo for the marathon. The nearest competitor raised \$141,000. Seems that this philanthropy has no "losers."

Proceeds will go to the Four-Diamond Fund for Children with Cancer, defraying costs for research, treatment, and social work. Our brothers solicited funds with a phone campaign, a mail campaign, and canning on busy street corners in metropolitan areas such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. Consequently, their motto for the project was, "For the kids, we can." Special congratulations go to the chairpersons of the dance marathon, **Steve Colafella, Ron Rojas, Jeff Cardoni, Tom George**, and all the Upsilon brothers who put in many, many hours of hard work! **Congratulations, Upsilon!! We're very proud of you!**

WEARING OF PLEDGE PIN

Recent inquiries about the proper manner in which to wear the pledge pin have prompted us to do some research. We can find no mention of wearing the pledge pin upside down (swords tips up) in time of war. The ritual does not discuss the actual placement of the pledge pin, but does mention "the top point" which would indicate that the pledge pin is worn as we have traditionally worn it, sword handles up, points down. As our pledge pin was the former badge of Alpha Kappa Pi, possibly chapters with AKΠ heritage can trace a former ritual's intentions about wearing the pledge pin upside down in time of war.

Ralph F. Burns, Ohio Wesleyan '32, our Executive Secretary during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War, reports that he knows of no written instructions that would govern the wearing of the pledge pin during national emergencies in any other manner than the traditional way. Until the wisdom of future ages proves us wrong, let's continue to wear the pledge pin in traditional fashion.

Likewise, we can find no discussion about wearing a yellow ribbon or piece of cloth in conjunction with either the pledge pin or the badge. Grand Marshal Dr. **Larry E. Spees, Ohio Wesleyan '57**, indicates that he would not have any problem with chapters or individual brothers who might elect to wear the yellow ribbons with either the pledge pin or the badge. We would welcome your comments.





NLC '91 PROGRAM PROGRESSING

Executive Vice President **John R. Chaney, Indiana '67** has confirmed that nationally known speakers **Ed King** of Bradley University; **Mike Green** of Collegiate Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol; and Brothers **Jim Hammond, Washington, '66** and **Larry D. Philippi, Bowling Green '76** have agreed to be featured presenters and speakers at our upcoming National Leadership Conference at Penn State from August 7 - 11, 1991.

An added feature this year is an off campus retreat and is a scheduled "get to know each other and learn how to conduct a retreat." While the purpose of the retreat is obvious, it will be a tool that can be taken back to each chapter! Additionally, it is being offered because past National Leadership Conference surveys indicated that the attendees desire to get to know other delegates in an informal setting at times other than late at night. **Dee Burnhart**, a Catholic lay minister of the Lock Haven Neumann Center will facilitate the retreat.

Another new feature to be introduced this year will be strategic management (formerly called long range planning). **Mr. Marty Jenkins**, Senior Associate with Organizational Resources Group, will lead undergraduate and alumni conference sessions through the strategic management process. Hopefully, this will also serve to validate or modify the Grand Council's and Educational Foundation Trustees' strategic plan developed in October at a similar retreat.

Additional featured speakers and presenters will be announced as they formally accept our invitation to participate.

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

We are in the process of reviewing the applications received for the coordinator positions for our upcoming conference. Selection will be made soon and will be announced in the March 8 issue of *The Old Gal Gazette*.

STAFF VISITS

The following is the tentative schedule for visits by National Headquarters travellers:

Feb 24 - 27	East Carolina	Owen McCulloch
Feb 27 - Mar 2	Wake Forest	Owen McCulloch
	American	Jeff Owens
Mar 2	Rutgers	John Chaney/Steve Zizzo
		60th Anniversary
Mar 3 - 6	Presbyterian	Owen McCulloch
	Stockton State	Jeff Owens
Mar 6 - 9	Lycoming	Jeff Owens
Mar 10 - 13	Penn State	Jeff Owens
Mar 11 - 14	Barton	Owen McCulloch
Mar 12 - 13	Penn State	John Chaney

OPERATION DESERT STORM

Chadwick Orevillo, William Paterson '89 is currently stationed in California while he undergoes desert training. Those wishing to write him a letter of support can do so at: C.P.L. Chadwick Orevillo, 139807099; Co. D 2/25 Mar.; V-Marine Expeditionary Force; Camp Pendleton, California 92055-5090.

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SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alpha Sigma Phi presents, on an ongoing basis, the following chapter and individual scholarship recognition certificates based on term by term or semester by semester scholastic performance.

For Chapters:

1. **Summa Cum Laude Award** to any chapter whose GPA ranks in the top ten percent of the fraternities on campus.
2. **Scholarship Improvement Award** to any chapter whose GPA improves by 12.5% (.5 on a 4.0 scale) or more from one academic term to another.
3. **Academic Achievement Award** to any chapter whose GPA is higher than the campus All Men's GPA.

For Individuals:

1. **Academic Excellence Award** to any brother who achieves a perfect grade point average during any academic term.
2. **Scholarship Improvement Award** to any brother who improves his GPA by 25% (1.0 on a 4.0 scale) or more from one academic term to another.

Every chapter and every brother who qualifies for one of these certificates receives them. All you need to do is apply! See your HSP for applications. Listed below are recent recipients.

Beta Delta Chapter	Summa Cum Laude	Fall 1990
Beta Delta Chapter	Academic Achievement	Fall 1990
Beta Theta Chapter	Academic Achievement	Spring 1990

BALFOUR FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are available for 1991-92 Balfour Fellowships for full-time graduate study. Funded by income from a significant grant to the National Interfraternity Foundation from the estate of Lloyd G. Balfour, awards last year totaled \$20,000.

A minimum grade point average of 3.2 is required to apply and applicants are judged on the bases of fraternal service, community service, enhancement of fraternal ideals, career plans, and scholastic record.

For more information and to request an application contact NIF, 3901 W. 86th Street, #380, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Deadline for submitting completed applications is April 1, 1991. Results of the committee deliberations will be announced by July 1.



KUDOS TO . . .

. . . **Beta Theta Chapter** for their submission of a fine, detailed chapter update report. Everything you ever wanted to know about this Rutgers group was nicely prepared and well organized. The monthly planning calendar, sample rush flyers and the Black Lantern Processional press release announcement and flyers are truly works of art and worth emulation by other chapters. Thanks to Brother **Kevin Forster**, HCS for submitting this fine piece. Copies of this report are available for other chapters by contacting headquarters.

ARE WE GROWING OR ARE WE GOING?

I wonder why it is, but whenever a chapter reports a "quality" pledge class, I immediately know it is a small pledge class! The chapter who reports a large pledge class never seems to feel it is important to state it is a quality pledge class. Obviously, all pledges are quality or else we wouldn't have taken them! Somehow small pledge classes need more adjectives, as if that justifies not meeting the chapter's quantity goals.

Along these same lines, I recently had discussions with a counterpart of mine with another national fraternity and he said they had success in increasing their small chapters' size by requiring all chapters to initiate at least 16 men each year. Because the average Alpha Sigma Phi undergraduate chapter is almost ten men below the national average chapter size, maybe the time has come for us to act in similar fashion!

Many national fraternity chapters are looking to supplement their membership by paying more attention to spring term rush. At a time when there are more men, joining more chapters, on more college campuses than ever in our history, more males are waiting to join you! That's why you need to ask men to get to know you throughout the year. I've always been told that men pledge the first fraternity they visit and the first fraternity to ask them! Rushing is just like dating. You automatically get a "no" and condemn yourself to failure by not asking!

"Why the change? One, there are more options for leadership and involvement in campus life than before. Certainly, we believe a fraternity offers more than other organizations, nevertheless, there are now more alternatives."

Use members recruited last fall to generate prospective rushees. These new Brothers often have more ties to unaffiliated men than other Brothers. Invite rushees to join you for "non-events" like dinner or when you are going to the movies. Also, spend time on campus where you can be seen. Be identifiable and be approachable.

"Rushees don't show up at the door in the spring. The chapter needs to go to them by being on campus, at the library, visiting Brothers living in the residence halls, in the student union building." (Quotations from Phi Kappa Psi, *The Areopagus*.)

- The Editor

COLONY UPDATE

Gamma Pi Interest Group Adviser **Bob Thoma, Findlay '66** reports that the group will be submitting a petition for colonization in the next two weeks or so. The group had a strong rush and took 14 additional pledges recently. In addition to Brother Thoma, kudos to Brother **Randy Van Dyne, Ohio Northern '72** and to Interfraternal Brother (Lambda Chi Alpha) **Scott Riefkofski**, Assistant Dean of Student Activities/Greek Life, for their strong efforts in getting this group off the ground and soaring like the Phoenix!

CHAPTER NEWS

GAMMA RHO, LYCOMING COLLEGE

We are expecting to see a big change this semester in many aspects. The fraternity is focusing most of its time toward this semester's pledge program. We are striving to get an increase in the number of pledges through several new approaches; including a Super Bowl party as a rush function. Our fraternity will also be holding an off-campus formal this semester. This is definitely a big change from previous semesters, when the formal was always held on campus.

We are getting involved in several new programs this semester. Probably the most talked about program is Adopt-A-Highway. Last semester we were involved in several programs. The first program we did was the soup-kitchen program. We worked at a shelter serving soup to needy people. Our second program dealt with several brothers spending free time at old age homes. They provided the elderly people with companionship and company.

- Peter Reitmeyer, HCS

DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

In the fall of 1989 we had 10, active brothers with nine living in the house, and 1 pledge. Now in the spring of 1991 we have 18 active brothers, 10 brothers in the house, and a pledge class of four! Of course, the house will be full this summer. And the rush program for fall of 1991 looks to be the best rush in over five years!!

Top News: Brother **John Cullerton '68** was appointed to the Illinois State Senate by local political leaders to fill a vacated seat. Congratulations, John!

Congratulations also to Brother **Frank Moy '88** whose restaurant is doing great business. Frank opened the Plum Flower in mid-July last year with a big bash that many brothers attended, along with a throng of other well wishers.

The most heartfelt thanks go out to Brother **Will Nagle '86**. Brother "Nages" came by and donated his time and equipment and with the entire brotherhood we tore up our parking lot. Just before winter a crew came by and hauled away the remaining debris and poured the cement. That was a \$12,000 job donated to the house. NOW we have a beautiful parking lot. Thanks again, Will!

DELTA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE

Delta Zeta officially has 14 pledges for spring 1991 semester. We have recently reorganized brother meetings to promote productivity and efficiency. We have recently dedicated ourselves to a "House Appreciation Day" in which each brother and pledge was assigned a separate area of the house to clean and to note needed repairs. Also, the charter room was repainted. The house looks great!



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DELTA ZETA (Cont'd)

During rush, the brothers were encouraged to approach prospective pledges with open ended questions with the purpose of getting to know them as much as they were getting to know us. The result is a promising pledge class to help solidify the brotherhood at our chapter.

Chapter management: This semester is the first semester we've implemented an entirely new program centered on our chapter management. Each officer now has a copy of the list of duties he is expected to perform in the coming year. Each committee member has a list of his responsibilities as well. These changes, teamed with the "New Order" of brother meetings, have sparked enthusiasm and cooperation in the members of this chapter. We're looking forward to an incredible semester!

- Stacy Smith

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



THETA CHAPTER, University of Michigan: Sam Karim Ajluni, and Keith Patrick Ward on February 1, 1991.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, Marshall University: Gregory James Beasley, Larry Webster Boggess, Jason Scott Bowers, Charles Fredrick Curry, Larry Dale Dial, Jeffrey Ray Fulks, Kevin Gale Grose, Jeffrey Wayne Halstead, Gene Amos Holland, Marc Warren Jones, Jason Cord Leib, Martin Hayes Linville, Danny O'Neal Morgan, Michael Gale Pauley, James Russell Powell, Scott Edward Powell, Robert Dale Sealey and Eric Yablonsky on February 1, 1991.

GAMMA PI INTEREST GROUP, University of Findlay: Vijay Talwar, Timothy J. Chrulski, Kevin J. Doolittle, Tobias F. Von Neubronner, Mike J. Collett, Rick A. Reynolds, David A. Kittrell, Thomas D. Skellie, Jackie Donahue, Jr., Stephan M. Dickerson, Jason E. Cope, William R. Crownover, John C. Glockner, III, and Noor M. Khan on January 30, 1991.

PHI KAPPA COLONY, Central Michigan University: Paul A. Kostrzewa, Keevin J. O'Neill, Paul J. Hannon, Marty G. Barker, Jeffrey S. Rhodes and Brian A. Palmateer on February 14, 1991.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



ALPHA PSI CHAPTER, Presbyterian College: Jeffrey Randall Parkey on January 17, 1991.

BETA RHO CHAPTER, University of Toledo: Doug Boyd, Gary Bozigar, David Cooper, Mike Distin, Mike Dolgoff, Ryan Finnegan, Neil Ford, Ed Gawell, Mike Gettings, Dustin O'Neil, Rich Ritter and Brian Villhauer on January 27, 1991.

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