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NATIONAL NEWS



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY HELD

Gamma Chi Chapter of Indiana University, Bloomington, IN held ground breaking for a new \$2 million structure on February 23, 1991.

Gamma Chi has outgrown three other houses on campus through increasing membership, and this will be the first facility built exclusively for the chapter. It will house up to 98 members, and will include a state-of-the-art computer facility, dining facility, and conference facilities. The dining and conference facilities will be made available to other student organizations upon request for educational purposes.

After the ground breaking the chapter alumni held a reception and banquet at the Ramada Inn. Past Grand Senior President, Stan N. Miller, Purdue '64, was the featured speaker. As a graduate law student at IU in 1966, Brother Miller was the principal man in getting the chapter established. The chapter awarded the first Stan N. Miller Outstanding Alumni Award to Robert B. Cockrum, Indiana '67, for his long term contributions to the chapter.

A key attendee at the ground breaking ceremony was Gary Serganni, Indiana '67 (Pin #1), visiting his chapter for the first time in 23 years. Gamma Chi Chapter was founded in 1968 by a group of young men looking for an alternative to the usual social organization; a fraternity for gentlemen with scholarly interest.



ALPHA ZETA ESTABLISHES CHAPTER ENDOWMENT

Congratulations to Alpha Zeta Chapter at U.C.L.A. on the establishment of a chapter endowment fund within the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. The Alpha Zeta Chapter Endowment Fund was begun through the generosity of Brother Robert W. Kutz, California '67. The chapter will receive the proceeds from the invested endowment fund for educational programs for the benefit of Alpha Zeta brothers.

A chapter endowment fund within the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation may be established by any brother or friend with a minimum gift of \$500, and may be increased in increments of \$500. The proceeds may be used for educational speakers, scholarships, leadership conference attendance, or any other program that is educational in nature under the guidelines of the Educational Foundation. Brothers or chapters interested in establishing a chapter endowment fund should contact the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation.

Alpha Zeta becomes the fourth chapter to have a chapter endowment fund established by Brother Kutz. The first three are Nu at the University of California, Psi at Oregon State, and Alpha Nu at Westminster. Thank you, Brother Kutz!!!



CONFERENCE COORDINATORS ANNOUNCED

The six undergraduates selected for the 1991 National Leadership Conference coordinator positions were announced recently by Executive Vice President John R. Chaney, Indiana '67. More than 20 fully qualified applications were submitted for the coveted, expense-paid volunteer positions. Those Brothers chosen are: R. Chadd Bauer, Penn State '90, John DeRaeve, Oregon State '90, Glenn Gesell, Washington '89, Timothy Glynn, Illinois Tech '89, James W. "Warren" Smith, Barton '90, and Bernard D. "Bernie" Schulz, Radford '89. The conference coordinators will report to Penn State on August 6 and work with the National Headquarters staff to ensure the conference runs smoothly.

STAFF VISITS

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

March 10-13	Penn State	Jeff Owens
11-14	Barton	Owen McCulloch
12-13	Penn State	John Chaney
16-21	West Coast	John Chaney
23-24	NIC Rush Symposium	John Chaney and
		Jeff Owens attend

OFFICER TRANSITION: Make it Smooth!

A smooth chapter officer transition can greatly assist incoming officers and allow outgoing officers a chance to receive credit for a job well-done. At a minimum, the officer transition should be a time for outgoing officers to pass notebooks and records to their successors. Too often, new officers complete several months in office before tracking down materials of past officers. The officer transition meeting must be made a priority.

By making time for old and new officers to meet individually followed by overall group sharing and goal setting, the new administration will begin its term of office with confidence and accurate information. Discussion topics may include:

- review of all projects undertaken by officers in the past year
- review of pending projects which new officers will need to complete
- identification of key individuals with which the officers interact
- explanation of budgetary procedures
- communication with chapters and IFC delegates
- communication with Panhellenic and Black Greek Council counterparts
- resources of Greek Advisor, student activities office and room scheduling office
- use of IFC office and supplies, key procedures
- publicity and advertisement, relationship with campus newspaper
- concerns areas for upcoming year
- use of any applicable committee or chairpersons
- suggestions for success and common mistakes to avoid

Poor officer transition can have a devastating effect on the chapter that could take years to correct. If you need help, please contact your Chapter Leadership Consultant.



TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADER

- 1. **Persistence.** Not insistence. A strong leader hangs on a little longer, works a little harder.
- 2. Imagination. He harnesses imagination to practical plans that produce results.
- 3. Vision. The present is just the beginning. A good leader is impressed with the possibilities of the future.
- 4. Sincerity. A good leader can be trusted.
- 5. Integrity. A good leader has principles and lives by them.
- 6. **Poise.** A good leader isn't overbearing, but friendly, assured.
- 7. Thoughtfulness. He is considerate, aware.
- 8. Common Sense. A good leader has good judgement based on reason.
- 9. Altruism. A good leader lives by the Golden Rule.
- 10. Initiative. He gets things started--Now!!

THOUGHTS ON BROTHERHOOD

While many say their fraternity experience has brought them academic success, leadership opportunities, or social skills, I do not believe these to be distinguishing characteristics of Alpha Sigma Phi. I can say without reservation, in fact, that I would have achieved these without the guidance of the Old Gal. So what has made my fraternity experiences vital to me? In truth, it's not been something I have been able to explain very easily to friends outside the chapter.

"Brotherhood," I've said, and then questioned what the word means. Certainly, not brotherhood in the sense of friendship (I have many friends who are non-fraternity members). And not the same kind of brotherhood I experienced in the dormitories, either. There was a kind of camaraderie, but not quite the same feeling Alpha Sigma Phi has given me.

There's a saying at Gamma Chi that is repeated constantly during rush: From your friends, you choose your brothers. In fact, this is true. But what is that quality which separates the two? That quality is the elusive thing we call brotherhood; a sort of spiritual bonding between men sharing common goals, experiences and expectations. Brotherhood is not something that is there, but is something which must evolve. And for some reason, an Alpha Sig I've just met is just as much a brother as my pledge brothers at Gamma Chi, but why?

Simply put, I believe the traditions, rituals, and history of Alpha Sigma Phi can succeed in its quest to "Better the Man." I think that the past we all share, the past given to us in 1845, has made us "brothers" in the truest and purist sense of the word. So while others may say otherwise (or may not explain why), it is "brotherhood" which made my fraternity experience so meaningful to me.

- Steve Haddad, Indiana '89

For rush, you can begin publicizing that freshmen pledges taken in future classes will be members of Alpha Sigma Phi's Sesquicentennial Class.

UPSILON CHAPTER, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Upsilon Chapter raised its GPA from a 2.59 to a 2.9 for the fall 1990 semester. This moved our standing to seventh overall in the Penn State fraternity academic ranking. On March 12, 1991, our alumni corporation will be inviting those members who achieved a 2.9 GPA or better to a dinner with Executive Vice President John Chaney and Chapter Leadership Consultant Jeff Owens to honor their academic achievement.

- James C. Marino, HCS



ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The chapter held a weekend outing at the Lake of the Ozarks in which every brother took part. Upon arriving, board games, boating, and fireside conversations helped strengthen unity among the members and was a memorable experience for all.

Some of our rush activities are:

- rush hayride co-sponsored by Phi Beta Xi outside of Jefferson City
- rush volleyball and barbecues planned with the coming of warmer weather
- house tours and a videotape of chapter activities to be displayed during weekend of formal rush, March 1, 2 and 3.

BETA DELTA, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Formal rush has ended here at Marshall University, and Beta Delta greatly succeeded in recruiting Alpha Sig pledges. When the smoke had cleared, a grand total of eighteen men had chosen our brotherhood. We tacked on an extra week of rush at the beginning of the semester and plan to continue inviting potential Sigs over to our house at least a week after. Hopefully, we will initiate a class of twenty-five.

Not letting our momentum slow in the least, we have already completed some projects and many more are on our agenda. We traveled to the Guyandotte Boys Club recently. There we once again played "Beat the Staff" with the children. When one of our brothers lost a game, the winner received a reward of candy. All of us had loads of fun. Also, we sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on January 30 and 31. In addition to assisting their workers in setting up and dismantling the equipment, we were responsible for advertising. This consisted of hanging up posters, constructing the "table tents" that were placed in the cafeterias, and distributing leaflets in university mailboxes. With the situation overseas, people were extremely generous in donating blood.

In the area of fundraising, we participated in a phone-a-thon for the university. Several brothers called alumni of Marshall to request donations for their annual fund drive. As a thank you, we received a fifty dollar donation. One brother in particular, Brother Harold Dorton, was able to get a \$550 pledge to Marshall. He was allowed to make a long distance phone call to anyone in the country. But he lives relatively near home, so he gave his call to Brother Jamie Crona, who called his parents in Alabama.

Our fellow brother and advisor, **Dr. Daniel P. Babb '80**, presented a workshop on alumni relations recently. We received some valuable information on an aspect of fraternity life that can be easily overlooked. But everyone knows how enjoyable it is to remain in contact with graduated brothers and talk over old times!

BETA DELTA CHAPTER (Cont'd)

Upcoming events include a service project at the Huntington Museum of Art, and a brotherhood development chili cook-off. We hope that all our brothers are as eager as we to make this another year of fabulous success for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity!

- Arden K. Sansom, HR

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

We recently had the pleasure of meeting with Owen G. McCulloch, Chapter Leadership Consultant. He was very helpful in meeting personally with each of the house officers (H-positions) and also the committee heads. We appreciate his help and will attempt to follow them with his advice on running the chapter more effectively. Thanks, Owen!!

We are attempting to change our social policy to meet and abide by new university and FIPG policy. Many brothers find it difficult but we are trying very hard to make the radical change as painless as possible.

Along with my duties as HCS, I am house manager. This semester I plan to renovate our chapter's library. When the university extracted the asbestos from the house last year, they tore out the lighting. So, we are having a new and quite adequate lighting system put in. The funds for the renovation are provided by the generous alumni of the chapter.

- Philip Robson, HCS

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, New Jersey Institute of Technology: Ashley Almazan, Humberto Baquerizo, Christian Donzella, Adriano Duarte, Michael Feier, Timothy J. Holcomb, Greg LaSala, Timothy O'Connell, Frank Schuamberg and Jack Tamir on February 8, 1991.

BETA THETA CHAPTER, Rutgers University: Donald H. Anderson, Brian Jason Dold, Patrick Jay Harrington, Allan C. Ho, Peter Mitchell Hodes, John William Hohmeier, Jonathon Scott Jaffe, Steven Lewis Kahn, David S. Kamenir, Jalsa Kuldinow, Scott Bryan Laurence, Timothy John McCoy, Kevin McFeeley, Jack Alan Rosenbloom, William Andrew Scarpinato, Jeffrey Allan Tagliareni, Richard Otto Weber and Edward J. Zubrzycki on February 9, 1991.

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Barton College: Robert Alexander Bonner, Jr., Brian Charles Grass, Travis Zachary Hunter, Matthew Lawrence McIntyre, Frederick Hamilton Peters, III, Stephen Bradford Webb and Ryan Christopher Baysden on February 10, 1991.

GAMMA XI CHAPTER, Widener University: Glenn M. Bley, Eric Chini, George A. Contino, Brian B. Cottone, Andrew E. Grieb, Paul N. Holden, Mark A. Huttman, John F. Klekner, Clayton E. Miller, George A. Parsons, Leland F. Patterson, Robert B. Schopf and James W. Work on February 22, 1991.

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS (Cont'd)

DELTA DELTA CHAPTER, Slippery Rock University: William Patrick Brasko, William Nelson Dean, Jr., Daryl Louis Hasley, Patrick Joseph Mannarino, William Lawrence Patterson and Benjamin J. Willenbecher on February 6, 1991.

DELTA IOTA CHAPTER, Longwood College: Jerry Acheson, Michael Carter, Michael Paschall, George Papadakis, Brian Puhlick, Chris Peebles, and Ed Simmons on January 27, 1991.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, Stockton State College: David Anthony Jones, William Frank Beyer, Jr., Andrew Alexander French, David Joseph Gomolka, Michael David Marro, Jeffrey John Longman, Todd Louis Caponi, Brian Thomas Reasoner, Damian John Cavalli, Michael Zahorsky, III, Jonathan Scott Albala, Vincent A. Trippa and Domingo Lawrence Isasi on February 11, 1991.

DELTA XI CHAPTER, State University of New York at Plattsburgh: Kevin Kenneth Marin, Andrew Jon Chandler, Scott Eric Clements, and Salvatore Benito Sorrentino, Jr. on February 17, 1991.

PHI THETA COLONY, State University of New York at Binghamton: John Grasso, Marty Wiesner, Anthony Gigliotti, Keith Macklin, Chris Cohen and Jung Lee on February 17, 1991.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



UPSILON CHAPTER, Pennsylvania State University: Edward A. DeCecco, Nicholas R. Walter, Thomas J. Piombino, Todd M. Blodgett, Jason B. Cohen, Kyle S. Schmidt, Brad J. Eisenhower, Joshua S. Nasar, Robert E. Baisch and Douglas G. Colafella on February 4, 1991.

PHI CHAPTER, Iowa State University: Richard Baur, John Lee Jackson, Brian Daniel Lofgren, Tom James McArthur, Randy Scott Oakley, Jr., Frank J. Pinero, Scott S. Rediger, Jason Matthew Riley, Patrick L. Schoolen, Ryan Wolterman and Michael Edward Zeiser on March 2, 1991.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University: Wayne Speiker, Jason Menz, Joe Bazan and John Asendorf on February 17, 1991.

GAMMA XI CHAPTER, Widener University: Mark N. Breen, Anthony J. Digneo, Daniel L. DuBois, Robert W. Fessler, John A. Gimblette, Scott Ross McClave, Kevin O'Toole, Michael W. Priest, Brent A. Reinheimer, Charles Carter Reynolds, Edmond J. Smyth and Jeffrey Whittaker Wilmot on February 28, 1991.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: Roy A. Brodzina, Robert W. Chase, Jr., Steven C. Gillette, Richard W. Merrifield, III, Francesco Morrone, III, Michael E. Signor, Jr., Steven R. Spong, Lance M. Wolfron and Christopher A. Young on December 1, 1990.

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