

The Old Gal Gazette

Number 6

November 15, 1991

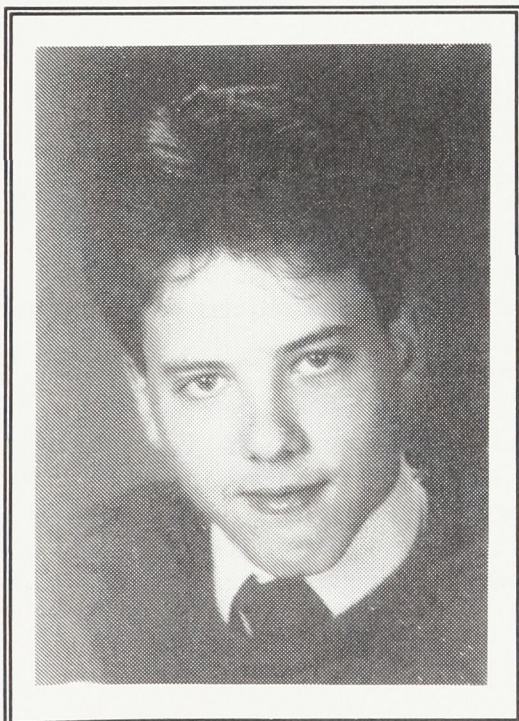
NATIONAL NEWS

ORDER OF OMEGA INITIATES ANNOUNCED

Order of Omega is a national Greek Honorary that was founded at the University of Miami as an honorary for fraternity men. The original constitution was approved on April 14, 1959, which is the recognized founding date. In the spring of 1977, Order of Omega became co-ed. The idea of a Greek honorary came from Parker F. Enwright, the fraternity advisor at the University of Miami. There are now over 150 chapters in the United States.

The purpose of the Order of Omega is as follows:

- 1) To recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment.
- 2) To bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.
- 3) To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on the basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness.
- 4) To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

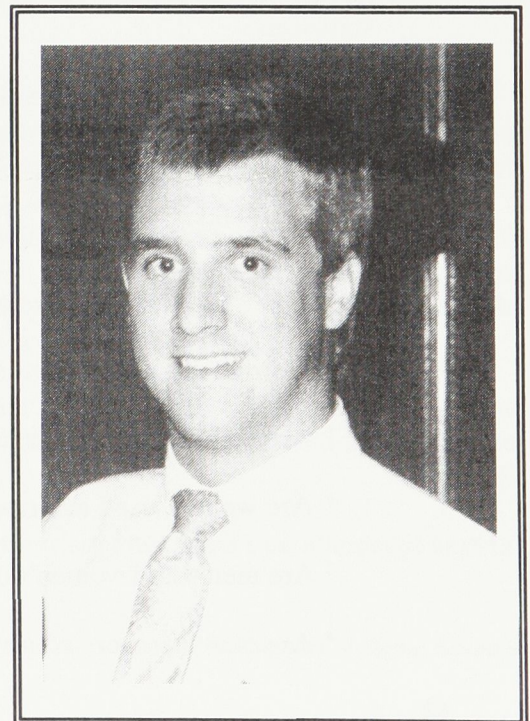


Paul Haluska

**O
R
D
E
R

O
F

O
M
E
G
A**



John Lyon

The following men of Alpha Sigma Phi were initiated into Order of Omega during the 1990-91 school year:

Andrew Goldberg
Eric Muth
Santo F. Russo
Cliff Watanuki
Mark Clauss
Paul Haluska
Michael Prickett
Brian Jablonski
Norm Scarazzo
Kurt Johnson
Jon Russell
Craig Haseley
Edward Lenane
Mark VanSchaick
John Lyon
Bill Harris
Dan Dubs
David Groth

American University
Hartwick College
Hartwick College
Illinois State University
Indiana University
Indiana University
Longwood College
Ohio Northern University
Ohio Northern University
Penn State University
Penn State University
SUNY-Plattsburgh
SUNY-Plattsburgh
SUNY-Plattsburgh
Radford University
University of Toledo
Widener University
Widener University



Order of Omega

Congratulations to these fine men for their outstanding accomplishments!!

DATE RAPE: A SOCIETAL ISSUE AFFECTING GREEKS

Twenty-five fraternity and sorority representatives attended the First International Conference on Sexual Assault, October 3-5, in Orlando, and received an earful from the other 475 participants. When discussion was not focused on athletes and rape, it was centered on fraternities and rape.

Sexual assault occurs in society, and unfortunately, it occurs in fraternities. Many outsiders to the Greek system believe that the single-sex environment of fraternities increases the probability of date rape and even gang rape. Any situation in which men and women come together, whether or not in association with a Greek-sponsored event, the potential for sexual assault exists. If alcohol is being consumed, the likelihood increases. The safety concern within the Greek community is evident given the following statistics:

- 1) 90% of date rapes involve individuals who have been drinking and
- 2) One in four college women will be a victim of rape or attempted rape

All Greeks need to engage in dialogue about the message that organizations send either formally or informally. Initially, these questions should be asked of Greek leaders:

- * What happens when women walk past a group of fraternity men or a fraternity chapter house?
- * Do some chapters have party themes degrading to women?
- * Are little sister organizations still in existence or have they been banned?
- * Are women used as ornamentation or exploited during fraternity rush?
- * Are men's and women's organizations engaged in cooperative dialogue on the sexual assault topic?
- * Are new members educated on date rape?

A lack of discussion can create public relations nightmares for Greeks. At the University of Virginia (UVA), dry rush was finally implemented this fall. One chapter chose to use female strippers in place of alcohol. Public reaction from both the Greek and campus community was extremely negative. John T. Casteen, UVA President, said the alleged introduction of strippers into rush activities, notorious in the past for their drinking parties, was "substituting one form of idiotic behavior for another."

The pressing issue, however, was summarized by Sharon Davie, director of the university's women center when she was asked about potential disciplinary action. "I don't see anything useful in punitive or judicial action. This incident will be useful if it serves to focus attention on the issues involved, and I think it would be really useful if the fraternity members were to sit down and talk with all the people on campus who disagree with what they allegedly did."

Sorority and fraternity members together need to create an arena in which candid conversation on male and female expectations, roles, and stereotypes can be initiated and expanded upon. Not all students understand the implications of their personal decisions, and the Greek system cannot afford to be the testing ground for pushing the limits of unacceptable behavior. Unless students truly talk to one another, inappropriate attitudes will continue and breed tomorrow's newspaper headlines.

- Campus Commentary

YALE UNIVERSITY CLUB VOTES TO ADMIT WOMEN

Six women reportedly were initiated into Yale University's secret society, Skull and Bones, after alumni members voted to bring an end to the club's 159-year-old tradition of admitting only men.

The Rev. Sidney Lovett, a spokesman for the club, said he would not reveal the vote of the alumni, but said "you can keep your assumption" when he was asked whether reports of the vote to admit women were correct.

A debate over whether women should be allowed into the club had been raging since April, when Bonesmen in the Class of 1991 voted to admit women. The Board of Directors of the club opposed admitting women and suspended the club's operations, but alumni, in two separate tallies, later voted to admit them.

- Source, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

STUDENTS, FACULTY MEMBERS MARCH TO PROTEST SORORITY PARTY

Nearly 1,000 University of Alabama students and faculty members marched across the campus to protest an incident in which several white sorority members appeared at a party in black face.

The Kappa Delta sorority members attended a party at the Sigma Chi fraternity house with basketballs under their t-shirts so they would look pregnant. "The theme of the party was 'Who Rides the Bus,' and the women dressed as poor black mothers," said Keith Ayres, a spokesman for the university. The marchers called the incident racist and said such events should not be tolerated.

Roger Sayers, president of the university, condemned the incident and cancelled the so-called swap parties. The popular parties, in which fraternities and sororities swap houses, resumed last week after black and white Greeks met to discuss new guidelines for the parties.

The incident came shortly after the university told all fraternities they must meet new standards next fall if they want to be recognized by the university.

- Source, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*



ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER, MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

We held the finest ever homecoming weekend to salute our alumni. Our chapter has worked very hard to bring as many as possible back to the chapter, and we are still working to grow even bigger!

We successfully solicited for donations throughout the community stores and organizations, and we gathered enough donations to organize an alumni comeback. In return we recognized the organizations and our status in the community grew stronger.

Without financial management on the move upward, we have had more involvement and greater relations, and our chapter house improvements are growing with great results.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

On November 2, Beta Delta celebrated Marshall's homecoming in style. A very enjoyable tailgate was held at the house before everyone watched the Herd pull out an exciting victory. In the evening the brothers and their dates danced the night away at the fall formal. Many alumni were present and the undergraduates enjoyed welcoming them back.

Excitement is high here at Beta Delta as we prepare for Pinnacle Week. A group of twenty young men will be initiated on November 15. HM **Chuck Curry** has been very busy preparing for this important event. The pledge class has been very busy also. They recently completed installing a doorbell on the fraternity house, and on November 10 the pledges took their final examination.

DELTA XI CHAPTER, SUNY-PLATTSBURGH

We recently initiated nine pledges into our "To Better The Man" program. The nine men are listed in this newsletter under "Pledged to the Seven Points."

Our chapter recently won first place in the annual Homecoming Float Competition. The winning float was built under the supervision of brothers **Mark Hale** and **Kevin Williams**. The mock up of a Huey Cobra Helicopter took over 15 hours to build, but it definitely showed that Alpha Sigma Phi was in full support of this year's theme: "America: The Pride is back."

Our Second Annual Pig Roast/Alumni Weekend was also a success. The pig was acquired from Canada by brothers **Bob Ahrens** and **Mark Sortman**, and was roasted over an open fire in our front yard. I would suggest that each chapter try to organize a pig roast, it is a great way to bring all brothers together.

This semester a new pledging program was initiated by the brothers under the supervision of the pledge educator, Robert G. Ahrens. The program included more activities in which the pledges became better acquainted with the brothers and learned what being a brother is all about. We seem to have removed the "Animal House" mentality from them and have planted the true spirit of Alpha Sigma Phi within them. We have noticed immense improvement in their attitude towards pledging with this new program. The men who are pledging are more responsible and are working towards being initiated into the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following is a list of ten positive actions that can be applied to your chapter operations, or can also be used to better oneself:

1. *Believe that change is possible;* your self-talk will stem from your beliefs.
2. *Have a desire to change;* you've got to want it!
3. *Be willing to work at it;* any new behavior must be affirmed and used consistently for 21 days before you can expect it to become part of your habits and personality.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (Cont'd)

4. *Don't think of yourself as the victim*; avoid the trap of thinking, 'If only this or that would have happened, I'd have reached my goal.'
5. *Take responsibility*; in his tape program, Jack Canfield suggests the affirmation, 'If it is to be, it's up to me.' Nike simplified it further: 'Just do it.'
6. *List your strengths and find ways to build on them*; the scope of your list may pleasantly surprise you.
7. *Re-program your thinking*; substitute positive thinking for negative.
8. *Use positive affirmations*; remember the subconscious mind's ability to bring about whatever thoughts the conscious mind holds. Use short, positive, simple and personal statements which are focused in the present.
9. *Visualize yourself already having made these changes*; create mental pictures of yourself completely achieving your goals. Be very specific.
10. *Do it now*; take action on your conscious decision in moving toward your desired state."

- Written by Gary J. Hubbell in the winter issue of The Journal.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AREA ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' DAY

The following areas will be celebrating Founders' Day with local alumni. Check below for the banquet in your area!

BAY AREA FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET will be held in Berkeley, California on December 6, 1991. "Mr. Alpha Sig" Ralph F. Burns, Epsilon '32 will be attending this **BROTHERS ONLY** event.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS AREA "SIG BUST" will be held in Bloomington, Illinois on December 6, 1991. Guest speaker will be Brother Bob Cabello, Eastern Michigan '70, who is presently on the Grand Council as its Grand Secretary. Brother Bob Denny is the chairman for this **BROTHERS ONLY** banquet.

COLUMBUS AREA FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET will be held on December 5, 1991. The featured speaker for this event will be Damon Asbury, Ohio State '61, who is presently Superintendent of the Worthington Public School System. Spouses and/or guests are welcome!

BETA CHI CHAPTER, American University will celebrate Founders' Day on Saturday, December 7, 1991. Alumni Association Meeting at 4:30 p.m., with Dinner/Reception following. Robert Tucker is Chairman of this **BROTHERS ONLY** event.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (Cont'd)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November

- 15 Winter Tomahawk Reports are due
- * 24 Findlay Colonization Banquet
- 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

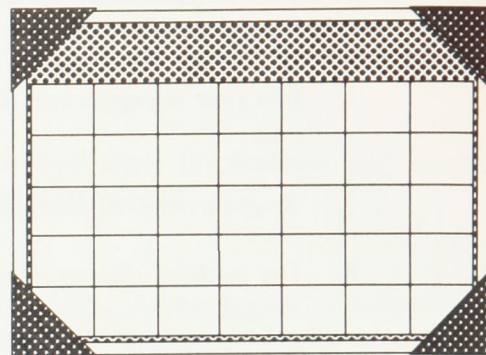
December

- 1-7 National Brotherhood Week
- 1 John Chaney to UNCC for installation of officers
- 2 HAPPY HANUKKAH
- 4 John Chaney to visit Presbyterian
- 6 ΑΣΦ FOUNDERS' DAY
- 13 Chapter Leadership Consultant applications due
- 14 Delta Pi Chapter, University of Delaware
Chartering Banquet
- 16 Submit copy for winter issue of newsletter
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

August 1992

- 5-9 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Charlotte, NC
- 7-9 VOLUNTEER ALUMNI CONFERENCE, Charlotte, NC

- * All brothers are invited. If you are interested in attending this banquet, please contact Tom Skellie at (419) 424-2951.



PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



BETA PSI CHAPTER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: David Marcus Arm, Matthew David Arnold, Jeffrey Todd Groth, James Michael Hill, Roger Bradford Jones, Jr., Paul Joseph Lambeck, Christopher McComas, and Steven Allan Wade, Jr., on October 4, 1991.

DELTA NU CHAPTER, Lock Haven University: David P. Bellomo, Donald E. Cole, Jr., Michael L. Herman, Shawn W. Herncane, Robert K. Noll, David M. Yocom, and Jason A. Zahor on October 1, 1991.

DELTA XI CHAPTER, University of New York at Plattsburgh: Michael Kevin Harding, George Edward Kotz, James Edward Murphy, Nathaniel Cole Pratt, Jeffery Robert Snell, Michael Scott Sussman, Christopher Robert Stephens, John Joseph Umina, and Glenn William VanNeil on October 5, 1991.

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER, Illinois State University: Kevin Uhrh, Troy Marble, Brian Lapinkas, Chris Carroll, and Dave Johnson on September 8, 1991.

PHI LAMBDA INTEREST GROUP, Coastal Carolina College: Jeffrey Edgar DeLong, Brian D. Bristol, Bret Michael Barron, Jon Jared Johnsnton, David Michael Brennan, Brook William Boyd, Jason W. Beasley, Anthony Crane Thomas, Brian Stephen Vaughn, Alexander Jude Sankowski, Joseph Brian Seay, Timothy Alexander Moore, Christian James Meserino, Kenneth M. Lohr, David William Knotts, Jonathan Rudolph Klempa, Fred William Hutcheson, Timothy Joel Huffman, Laurence David Friedland, Rod Andrew Foy, and Jeff Johnson on November 4, 1991.

The Old Gal Gazette is published every two weeks during the academic year by the National Headquarters. It is distributed to all chapters, colonies, advisors and fraternity volunteers in an effort to keep all informed of their Fraternity's activities, plans and progress.

News items for **The Gazette** may be sent to: Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters, 24 West William Street, P. O. Box 838, Delaware, OH 43015-0838.