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NATIONAL NEWS

"BROTHERHOOD...A POINT OF LIGHT" THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE THEME

No, this year's conference theme was not developed in honor of George Bush, and no, brotherhood is not one of 1,000 different points of light. The theme, "Brotherhood...A Point of Light" does however clearly state one of the Fraternity's dominant values, or "points of light," if you will, brotherhood.

This year's conference will once again focus on you, the individual, and will be packed with dynamic speakers, sessions, and other activities that will exemplify our brotherhood from coast-to-coast. You will have the opportunity to meet, learn from, and share experiences with brothers from all parts of the country, and maybe even some from abroad.

The Conference Coordinators will join the Headquarters staff throughout the week to assure a smooth running program, so that all attendees can obtain maximum benefit from the conference. They have recently been selected, and again, we have four very qualified and dedicated men for this year:

Patrick Dalessandro, Toledo '92

Patrick Hill, Lock Haven '91

Daniel Lewis, Marshall '90

Jason Souza, Washington '92

These men are essential to maintain the quality of America's premier conference for national fraternities. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Registration forms for the conference will arrive in one of your upcoming mail packets. Plan now to be at the Somerset Marriott Hotel in Somerset, NJ, five minutes from Rutgers University. The conference takes place August 4-8, and is considered by many to be one of the most memorable experiences of brotherhood ever! Hopefully, you'll be there so that you can experience the illumination of "*Brotherhood...A Point of Light!*"

ROLE OF A CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Fraternity editors view the role of a chapter newsletter as including the opportunities to:

- ▶ Continue Fraternity membership as a lifetime experience: "I am" rather than "I was."
- ▶ Communicate frequently and rather inexpensively.
- ▶ Present any message with appropriate words, illustrations and layout.
- ▶ Keep alumni interested and involved with each other, chapter, alumni organization and national Fraternity.
- ▶ Encourage the contribution of time, talent and money.
- ▶ Enhance the image of the organization locally and nationally.
- ▶ Engender feelings of pride among both alumni and undergraduates.
- ▶ Take advantage that some alumni may be more likely to read a chapter newsletter than the national magazine.
- ▶ Provide learning leadership opportunities for those involved in its production.



- ▶ Facilitate undergraduate/alumni and chapter/alumni organization relationships.
- ▶ Aid rush through positive communication with prospective rushees and parents.
- ▶ Develop good PR with other publics including parents, campus officials and faculty, neighbors, businesses and other chapters on campus and within the national Fraternity.
- ▶ Provide a card or form for securing news and information to use in either the newsletter or magazine.
- ▶ Track addresses through mailings and inquiries.
- ▶ Report, explain and promote national Fraternity concerns, policies and programs, especially as they relate to chapters and alumni.
- ▶ Extend positively--and more personally--what the national headquarters cannot provide in the magazine and other publications/communications.

-- Alpha Tau Omega publication The Palm

If your chapter did not enroll in the Headquarters newsletter service this year, please consider it for next year. The benefits to your chapter far outweigh the cost to you.

You will be given the opportunity to sign up for the newsletter service at NLC '93; and again with the first mail packet in September.


INTEREST GROUP AT VIRGINIA TECH

A dynamic group of 21 undergraduate men at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech) has committed to the ideals and principles of Alpha Sigma Phi, and has officially become an interest group of the Fraternity. Their goal for the spring is to become organized and colonized, all on their way to eventual chartering into America's premier fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi.

The interest group can be contacted through Vinny Peters at: 368 Vawter Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24060-0017. Phone: (703) 232-2374.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

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- 6 WRGC scholarship applications are due
 - 15 Delegate registration form for National Leadership Conference is due*
 - 15 Submit copy for spring issue of newsletter
 - 26-28 Province VI Leadership Conference, Marietta College
 - 26-27 Mid-Atlantic Greek Interfraternity Conference (MAGIC) Meeting, Roanoke, VA**

April

- 1 April Report of Undergraduate Membership is due
- 1-4 Western Regional Greek Conference (WRGC), San Francisco
- 9 Scholarship applications due for Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI)***

August

- 4-8 National Leadership Conference, Somerset Marriott Hotel, Somerset, NJ
- 6-8 Volunteer Alumni Conference, Somerset Marriott Hotel, Somerset, NJ

* This is inaccurately listed on the 1992-1993 Calendar for Officers. Please note this change.

** For more information, please contact Jeff Owens at the Fraternity Headquarters, 614-363-1911

*** Please call Jeff Owens at the Fraternity Headquarters if you need additional scholarship applications.

USC SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR GREEK HOUSE ADVISOR

The University of Southern California is taking applications for the openings in the position of Greek House Advisor (GHA) for the 1993-1994 academic year. The GHA position is open to men and women who have been admitted at the graduate level at USC. GHAs are assigned to live in one of the fraternities or sororities at USC and help in the management, programming, and advising of the operations of the chapter. For further information, please call Beth Saul at the Office for Residential and Greek Life, (213)740-2080.

CHAPTER NEWS

GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, University of Miami

The Gamma Theta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is pleased to announce many accomplishments from the Fall 1992 semester. During the past two semesters, our chapter has maintained a high enough GPA to merit a second place among fraternities at our campus. It was very frustrating to come so close to a goal and not attain it. Luckily, we were not discouraged. I am happy to inform you that for the Fall 1992 semester, Alpha Sig finally took over the highest ranking in academic performance, and improving our cumulative semester GPA to our highest level yet! We look forward to continuing the standards of excellence that Alpha Sig is famous for!

During the semester, our chapter continued old traditions as well as starting new ones. Our annual Sig Bust football game and picnic was a great event. Over 50 members attended and many friendships were rekindled. Our other annual alumni gathering, the Thanksgiving Dinner, filled our chapter room to capacity. Many alumni attended including Alpha Sigs from the original chartering in the 1950's.

For our service project, many of our brothers helped distribute Christmas toys for underprivileged children whose families were hit hard during Hurricane Andrew. **Chris Blanco**, a pledge to initiate soon, organized the event for the chapter.

Though last semester was a success in every way, this semester may prove to be even better. For starters, our initiation ceremony on February 5, 1993 initiated our largest pledge class in many years.

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY: Craig Allen Brumfield, Zachary Gene Campbell, Gregory Lile Cremeans, Merritt Frank Davis, John Samuel Fry, Tobias Nicholas Hore, Christopher Todd Hutchinson, Ryan James McClure, Christopher Harold McKeand, Benjamin Harris Mills, John Matthew Mooney, Siamak Nabatchi, Michael Eugene Nitardy, Okey Noe II, James Todd Ritter, Robert David Russell, and Gary Patton Trautwein on January 31 and February 14, 1993.

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER, BARTON COLLEGE: Eric Laurence Adams, Todd Mitchell Bancroft, Todd Parrish Bunch, Ernest Franklin Owens, George Richard Creech, Charlie Gilantzis, and Justin Robert Jones on February 15, 1993.

DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER, STOCKTON STATE COLLEGE: Frank Steven Racanelli, Richard Joseph Esandrid, Thomas Patrick Julian, Robert Phillip Panzer, Robert Denovellis, Marc Edward Jourdan, Bradley W. Shive, Michael Leo Arcaro, Russell McVeagh Babb, Jr., Charles Victor Cagno, and James R. Conant on February 8, 1993.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI: Guy Andre' Rodon on September 24, 1992. Jason Cowin and Ryan Freebern on January 22, 1993.

ALPHA XI CHAPTER, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: James Andrew Wolinski, Himgan Wibisono, Michael Enriquez Galvez, Joseph Andrew Peto, Christopher Lee Davidson, Roger Edward Stanley, Gabriel Jara, Martin Donald Freeman and Owen F. Bassett on January 30, 1993.

BETA RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO: Chris Shaffer, Zach Bergen, Brian Bickmire, Chad Bumb, Brian Duck, Ted Lawson, Sean McGuinness, David Miller, Tim Miller, Max Ohnezeit, Nick Padilla, Jim Schindler, Jr. and Jim Sutherland on January 30, 1993.

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY: Brent Nathan Ash, Paul Robert Chapple, Mark Alan LaBoyteaux, William Henry Clarkin III, Peter Charles Buck, Mark Thomas Eberhart, James Francis Groves, Ronald Lee Haskell II, Robert Allen Hydell, Andrew Gavette Kelly, Anthony Phillip LoBue, Michael David Metzger, Adam Bard Millman, Eric Daniel Newman, Alan Marwood Patterson III, Scott Andrew Saylan, Brandon Lee Sieg, Matthew James Valentine and Ryan Thompson on January 22, 1993.

The greatest revolution in our generation is the discovery that human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives.

- William James

The *Old Gal Gazette* is published every two weeks during the academic year by the Fraternity 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 Fraternity Headquarters, P. O. Box 838, Delaware, OH 43015-0838.

IDEAS FROM THE ROAD

The Chapter Leadership Consultants of Alpha Sigma Phi travel through the country assisting the chapter and learning new ideas from each chapter they visit. "Ideas from the Road" is a special feature of the *Old Gal Gazette* in which the Consultants will share some of the different ideas they feel are noteworthy and explain how they can be implemented at your chapter.

If you have a question about one of the ideas ask the Chapter Leadership Consultant visiting your chapter or contact Jeffery S. Owens, Director of Chapter Services/Expansion at the Headquarters, (614)363-1911.

Goal: To provide a saferide service to the brothers of the fraternity.

Idea: Create a program to provide rides for brothers.

Seen in action at: Delta Theta chapter, Radford University

Officer/Committee Chairman responsible for implementing the idea: Brotherhood chairman.

How to implement the idea in your chapter:

To begin with, the brotherhood should decide exactly what services should be provided. For example, the chapter could decide to provide rides home for brothers, Friday and Saturday nights from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The service should only be for brothers getting a ride home, with no rides given to and from different parties.

Once the exact services have been decided, a calendar should be used and the brothers should sign up for the night(s) they want to work. Depending on the size of the chapter, each brother might only have to work one night during the semester.

During the nights serviced, the brothers on duty spend the evening at a central location, waiting for brothers to call needing a ride. When a call comes in the brothers on duty give the callers a ride.

Benefits to your chapter:

This service will provide a safe way for the brothers to get home at the end of the evening. Since the laws for drinking and driving are getting stiffer, this will provide a way to combat these pressures, and feel safer when going out for the evening.

This can also be used as a brotherhood event. The brothers on duty have the opportunity to get to know each other; this would be a great chance for big brothers to get to know their little brothers and vice versa.



NOTE: If your chapter has an idea they would like to see included in the "IDEAS FROM THE ROAD" section of the *Old Gal Gazette* talk to the Chapter Leadership Consultant visiting your chapter or contact the Fraternity Headquarters at 12 Lexington Blvd., P.O. Box 838, Delaware, OH, 43015, (614) 363-1911.

Don't Be Afraid To Fail

You've failed
many times,
although you may not
remember.

You fell down
the first time
you tried to walk.

You almost drowned
the first time
you tried to
swim, didn't you?

Did you hit the
ball the first time
you swung a bat?

Heavy hitters,
the ones who hit the
most home runs,
also strike
out a lot.

R. H. Macy
failed seven
times before his
store in New York
caught on.

English novelist
John Creasey got
753 rejection slips
before he published
564 books.

Babe Ruth struck out
1,330 times,
but he also hit
714 home runs.

Don't worry about
failure.

Worry about the
chances you miss
when you don't
even try.

A message as published in the Wall Street Journal