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NATIONAL NEWS

SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alpha Sigma Phi is proud to present on an ongoing basis the following chapter and individual scholarship recognition certificates based on term by term scholastic performance.

For Chapters:

- **Summa Cum Laude Award** to any chapter whose GPA ranks in the top ten percent of the fraternities on campus.
- **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.
- **Academic Achievement Award** to any chapter whose GPA is higher than the campus All Men's GPA.

For Individuals:

- **Academic Excellence Award** to any brother who achieves a perfect grade point average during any academic term.
- **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. They were included in the last mail packet.

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 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.



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4) To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions. The following Alpha Sigs were initiated into Order of Omega during 1992:

*Stephen Gehr
David Robison
David Baird
Dante Ricci
Robert Henderson
Andy Hermansdorfer
Ryan Dunham
Owen McCulloch
Thomas Stroffolino
Steven Zizzo
Jeffrey Cardoni
Doug Gielow
Andrew Erman
Scott Juliano
Larry Phillips
James Signoriello
Robert Ahrens
Robert Schofield IV
Jeff Daugherty
Athan Tramountanas
John R. Chaney*

*Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green State University
East Carolina University
Longwood College
Marietta College
Marshall University
MIFCA/MAPCA
MIFCA/MAPCA
MIFCA/MAPCA
MIFCA/MAPCA
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Rutgers University
Rutgers University
Rutgers University
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
State University of New York - Plattsburgh
State University of New York - Plattsburgh
University of Toledo
University of Washington
NEIFC*

Congratulations to these fine men for their high example and continuing commitment to serve!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

February

- 1 National Leadership Conference Coordinator applications due.
- 1 Apply for chapter and individual scholarship recognition certificates.
- 11-14 Southeastern Interfraternity Conference Leadership Academy (SEIFC), Atlanta, GA.
- 12-13 Bowling Green State University Leadership Conference, Bowling Green, OH.
- 15 Final date to submit copy for winter issue of newsletter.
- 25-28 Mid-American Interfraternity Council Association Conference (MIFCA), Columbus, OH.
- 25-28 Northeastern Interfraternity Conference Leadership Academy (NEIFC), Stamford, CT.

March

- 26-28 Province VI Leadership Conference, Marietta College.

April

- 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.

****Reminder:** If you have not submitted the following items, please do so today:

1. Fall edition of the Roadmap to Success
2. Undergraduate dues and fees
3. Report of Elections
4. Risk management compliance certificates

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ZETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

On January 9, we held a retreat at the Fraternity Headquarters in Delaware, OH. The retreat was facilitated by Chapter Leadership Consultants **Mark Winston** and **Dave Gatzke**. We had a great time and one of the most memorable feats was watching brother **Tom Lacey** eat 45 chicken wings at the local Bonanza Restaurant.

One of the most beneficial outcomes of our retreat was the development of a mission statement for Zeta Chapter. When all was said and done, our mission statement looked like this:

Alpha Sigma Phi, Zeta Chapter, exists to create and foster an atmosphere of brotherhood, scholarship, and individual achievement, for its members.

Our brotherhood is a friendship based on honor, pride, loyalty, equality, and honesty.

Our brothers support each other to overcome apathy, conflicts, and prejudice, both internal and external to the organization. By creating an environment of encouragement, positive examples, open communications, and self-discipline, the result is conducive to the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth.

Not only do our members benefit from enriched lives, the community also benefits from the actions and contributions of Zeta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

If your chapter is interested in developing your own mission statement, please contact the Chapter Leadership Consultant visiting you or Jeff Owens, Director of Chapter Services/Expansion at the Fraternity Headquarters.

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MU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The quarter has started out busy at Mu Chapter. We have also done some work on our house. The second and third floor bathrooms received a new coat of paint and a new floor. We put formica on our heavy traffic areas of our downstairs to keep it looking good. Additionally the shower room has been fixed up. The house is sure to stay looking good under our new House Manager, **Chris Solvang**. Other new officers for this quarter are **Andy Bley** and **Tony Richardson** as our Winter Quarter Rush Chairmen. **Mike Culbertson** has been elected to Social Chairman.

Social for this quarter is full and is off to a good start with our first hall party. This quarter we are all looking forward to our 2nd Annual Comedy Night and our Black & White formal to be held in Vancouver, Canada. Our Dance Chairman, **Brian Jackson**, assures us all that the dance is going to be unforgettable. Brother **Ryan Nelson** also took the initiative to plan a Broom Hockey event that we are all looking forward to.

Our second rush season has just started and is off to a wonderful start. We have one pledge already and with the amount of fun many rushees have had recently, we are sure rush will be great!

Mu chapter would like to wish all other chapters a fun and successful winter quarter!

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UPSILON CHAPTER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The letter on the following page was recently received at the Fraternity Headquarters from the Chief Executive Officer at Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity:

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*John R. Chaney
Executive Vice President
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delaware, OH 43015-0838*

Dear John:

I want you to know that your chapter at Penn State deserves your knowing of its recent interfraternal good deed. When the Pi Kappa Phi chapter house caught fire your chapter opened its arms to our student members and assisted them in more ways than I can relate.

All of Pi Kappa Phi is so pleased at their help and we wanted you to know how much we appreciated their good effort.

You can be proud of them. We certainly are indebted to Alpha Sigma Phi.

Interfraternally,

*Durward W. Owen
Chief Executive Officer*

Here's a "pat on the back" to the brothers of Penn State. You make us all proud to be your brothers!

PLEDGED TO THE SEVEN POINTS



MU CHAPTER, University of Washington: Alan Bruns, David Ryder, Adam Smith, Ardi Mekanik, Ehben Elliot, Steve Takada, Mark Robertsen, Kenny Rogers, Jim Kim, Mike Cuthbertson, Keith Mohr, Chris Mervin, John Yim, Jaime Cooke, Scott Okino, Trung Vo, Shawn Blubaum, Kent Mueller, Adam Pruitt, Paul Macri, and Todd Smith on October 3, 1992.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, Bowling Green State University: Matt Dobransky, Ryan Honeyman, and Dave Kopp on December 3, 1992.

INITIATED INTO THE MYSTIC CIRCLE



ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, University of California-Los Angeles: Derek Arteta, Hank Aryan, Ned Vasquez, and Brent Blue on January 9, 1993.

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 National Headquarters, P. O. Box 838, Delaware, OH 43015-0838.

IDEAS FROM THE ROAD

Goal: Increase interaction between brothers, prevent cliques.

Idea: Group brothers and have them choose their own opportunity for interaction with each other some time during the following two weeks (i.e. see a movie, have lunch, go to a sporting event, etc.)

Seen In Action At: Gamma Pi Chapter, University of Findlay

Officer/Committee Chairman/Brother Responsible for Implementing Idea: Brotherhood Chair and his Committee. (If you do not have a brotherhood committee, elect/appoint one and have them do this as their first activity. Committee should include at least one member from each class year.)

How to implement idea at your chapter: The brotherhood committee should group brothers into small groups of no more than four brothers. Each group should include brothers who do not frequently interact so that each can get to know each other better (i.e., include brothers from different pledge classes, who live in different places, different majors, etc.).

Announce these groupings in chapter meeting, and instruct each group that they are to arrange an opportunity where they can "go out" and interact some time during the next two weeks so they can get to know each other better. They can choose to go to a campus event, movie, play cards, or whatever they like.

After two weeks, have each group report to the chapter what they did together. This is a good opportunity to share funny stories, and tell other brothers unique things they may have learned about other members in their group.

You may want to have a contest and award prizes to groups for "Most Original Activity", "Most Exciting Time", "Funniest Story", "Best Example of Brotherhood", "Most Interesting Thing Learned About Another Brother", or whatever else you choose.

Once the process is complete, begin again with new groups.

Benefits to your chapter: This program is an ideal way to make sure that all brothers are interacting with each other. By doing this you will prevent the formation of cliques, and strengthen your brotherhood.

By focusing on small groups, events can be planned which fit everyone's schedule, and brothers have a greater opportunity to interact and spend "quality time" with each other.

Something to Think About

Find out what the organization courts, that's what they'll reward, not what you want.

Have very specific goals and review them at least every other day.

No matter what you think your job is, you are in sales. What are you selling?

Develop a passion, a need to be excellent at something.

Performance appraisals are not fair, the rules don't apply equally to everyone, nothing is fair.

Pick the people who can determine your success and stay in direct, personal and continuous contact with them.

Be polite, practice being gracious.

Smile when you win, smile when you lose. Don't be difficult.

Ask, until you get what you want.

There are no secrets, never expect anyone to keep a secret.

Never say anything about anyone you wouldn't say exactly the same way to their face.

Don't lie. If you can't tell the truth, keep quiet, trust.

You can't go around the hierarchy, don't try.

Revenge is not worth pursuing, it never ends and saps your energy from what really counts.

Be happy or unhappy: Whose choice?