



1998 NLCC a Huge Success!

The 1998 National Conference and Convention in Norfolk, Virginia was an experience not soon forgotten. Attendance was tremendous!!! This year's Conference and Convention was more than 50% larger than the 1997 National Leadership Conference attendance in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The weather was marvelous, the accommodations were unsurpassed, the food was great, and the brotherhood was stronger than ever.

SOCIALLY: A great time was had by all!! On the first day of the convention the brotherhood went on a dinner cruise touring the Hampton Roads harbor. The highlight of the cruise was the tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the world and home of the brunt of the United States Atlantic Fleet.

On Thursday night of the convention "after" hours fun was had by all at the billiards hall. The pool hall was rented out and food was provided. From 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. brothers shot free pool and got their fill on the free food that was provided. Even a few pool sharks were sighted on the premises, watch out for Executive Director, Thomas R. Hinkley he will rob you blind.

The Awards Banquet was held on Saturday night at the Chrysler Museum of Art. It was stated numerous times that there had not been a more impressive and awe-inspiring place in which the final awards banquet had ever taken place. The attendance of 250 brothers, wives, and friends created a feeling of euphoria among all that attended. The toughest part of the night was fitting all of the brothers into the photographer's lens for the group picture.

On an **EDUCATIONAL** note, the quality programming provided kept all on their toes. The Etiquette Luncheon headed by Dr. Larry Spees was without a doubt the most enjoyable way to learn about proper etiquette. In between instruction on how to properly pass the bread or how to cut your food properly, Brother Spees directed the singing of our Fraternity's songs unlike anyone in history. The brotherhood learned etiquette and how to sing a musical note . . . nice combination!

Furthermore, a recruitment symposium was held. Dave Stollman, a leading professional in this field, facilitated the pro-

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Award Recipients

This year the Grand Senior President's Award for the best chapter went to:

Large Greek System: Gamma Zeta,
Bowling Green State University

Small Greek System: Delta Phi,
Grand Valley State University

Alpha Gamma Upsilon Award for the most improved chapter went to:

Delta Tau, Murray State University

The Gary Anderson Award for the best new member program was awarded to:

Delta Tau, Murray State University

The Hargear Award for the top undergraduate brother went to:

Gordon Heminger, III, Gamma Zeta
Bowling Green State University

The Scholar-of-the-Year for 1997-1998:

Ryan Spiegel, Epsilon Delta
University of Maryland, College Park

Your New Grand Council

At the 1998 National Leadership Conference and Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, a new Grand Council was elected. We have a new Grand Senior President and one new member to our Grand Council. Brother Greg Sinise, Purdue '70, is the newest addition to the Grand Council. Brother Sinise is a Principal with Whittman-Hart in Indianapolis, Indiana and has served as President of the Purdue Housing Corp. for numerous years. Welcome and congratulations to Brother Sinise!

GSP - Stuart Spisak, Westminster, '78

GJP - Bob Cabello, Eastern Michigan, '70

GS - Mark Williams, Rio Grande, '79

GT - Ed Leedom, Bowling Green, '86

GM - John Gibson, Indiana, '85

Grand Councilor Scott Olson, Iowa State, '65

Grand Councilor Greg Sinise, Purdue, '70

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gram and he provided pearls of wisdom to all in attendance. Hopefully, Mr. Stollman opened our eyes to the numerous possibilities we have to expand our brotherhood on each of our campuses.

A convention never goes by without Society work; this year was no exception. All attendees had the opportunity to discuss in their societies the issues and the successes their chapters are experiencing. This provides the perfect forum for discussion, collecting of ideas, and most importantly information attendees can take back to their home chapter for their own improvement.

Of course, since it was a convention year, BUSINESS was conducted and executed in multiple ways. First of all, the convention floor was the forum where the issues of our chapters were brought to the forefront and discussed by all. A few important results include the changing of the Fraternity's flower. The Talisman rose prior to the convention was our flower, but after the issue of availability and other dilemmas the flower was changed. Being that the Talisman Rose is a cross between two roses, the convention floor approved a resolution to create the "Twin Roses" of Alpha Sigma Phi. The two flowers that create the Talisman Rose are the Yellow Tea Rose and Cardinal Red Rose,

thus the convention floor adopted the Yellow Tea Rose and the Cardinal Red Rose as the official "Twin Roses" of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Moreover, financial issues were a hot topic! The convention made the following changes:

- I. there will no longer be a chapter fee;
- II. the pledge fee is now \$70.00;
- III. the initiation fee is now \$180.00;
- IV. to reduce billing of chapters a Lifetime Membership Fee was approved by the convention floor. This is the impact:
 - a. all brothers initiated and properly reported to National Headquarters prior to September 1, 1998 will pay \$82.00 and that will be considered their Lifetime Membership Fee;
 - b. all freshmen and sophomore initiates after September 1, 1998 will pay a single Lifetime Membership Fee of \$175.00;
 - c. all junior and senior initiates after September 1, 1998 will pay a Lifetime Membership Fee of \$100.00. This issue was passed and supported by chapter delegates overwhelmingly.

Headquarters Adds New Staff



Executive Director Thomas R. Hinkley has put together a spectacular staff for the 1998-1999 academic year. However, before we move on any further, this year National Headquarters will be using a modular system of servicing our chapters. In simple terms, each consultant will be responsible for a selected grouping of chapters. The rationale behind this philosophy is that chapters will know who their consultant will be from the start and utilize their services as needed. For the consultants, this will enable them to become more involved and aware in the everyday functions of the chapter. Hence, whenever, a chapter needs assistance they will know who is responsible for them and which consultant will be held accountable. This will promote a more positive relationship between the consultants and the chapters.

The first new staff member to be introduced is Terry "Toby" O'Brien who is a graduate of the University of Toledo, Beta Rho Chapter. Toby held key positions in his chapter ranging from Marshal, New Member Educator, to Rush Chairman. On a national level, Toby was a national trustee for Bacchus and Gamma. Toby will be visiting the following chapters:

MTSU	Marshall	Bethany	WV Wesleyan	UNCC	Ohio State
Coastal Carolina	Widener	Presbyterian	Shawnee State	Wake Forrest	Rio Grande
East Carolina	Otterbien	Barton	OH Wesleyan	VA. Tech	Longwood
Radford	Miami, Fla.	Murray State			

Drew Thawley comes to National Staff from Ohio Wesleyan. Drew was instrumental in re-establishing the Epsilon chapter. While at Epsilon, Drew was a two-term HSP. In addition, Drew was a Resident Assistant for three years and was on the track, tennis, and soccer teams. On the national level, Drew served as an undergraduate representative to the Grand Council, 1995-1996. Schools Drew will be visiting are as follows:

American	Wlm Paterson	Maryland	Stevens Tech	Slippery Rock	NJIT
Westminster	Rutgers	Lock Haven	RPI	Lehigh	Hartwick
Penn State	Plattsburgh	F & M	Cornell	P State-Altoona	Umass
Bloomsburg	Bethany				

Returning for his second year is Ryan I. Brown. Ryan graduated from Coastal Carolina University. Ryan served the Delta Sigma chapter in various capacities including, but not limited to HSP, HJP, HS, and HCS. Ryan spent the summer as the Co-Director for the National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. Ryan will be visiting the following schools:

Michigan	Elmhurst	Michigan State	Illinois Tech.	Central Michigan	Illinois
Grand Valley	Iowa State	Tri-State	Lindenwood	Toledo	MO Valley
Bowling Green	Oklahoma	Findlay	So. Indiana	Purdue	Calif-Berkeley

Chapter Leadership Consultant & Expansion Consultant

Have you ever thought about working for National Headquarters? Being a consultant is a great way to personally develop the leadership and managerial skills so sought after by future employers. Also, this once-in-a-lifetime experience will enable you to travel the country and represent over 153 years of Alpha Sigma Phi Excellence.

The "Old Gal" Is On The Move!

This Fall will surely be a busy one for expansion. Alpha Sigma Phi has been given the opportunity to spread its brotherhood to three more campuses.

Expansion efforts will begin this Fall at Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, and Salisbury State University in Maryland. A special and new addition to the expansion philosophy of Alpha Sigma Phi is the integral role of neighboring chapters.

The brotherhood and talent of neighboring chapters will be utilized in the expansion effort by creating a Sponsorship Program. For example:

- Maryland, Epsilon Delta is sponsoring Salisbury State
- Michigan, Theta, is sponsoring Eastern Michigan
- Grand Valley, Delta Phi, is sponsoring Western Michigan

If there are Brothers out there who know of possible expansion opportunities please contact National Headquarters. Thank you.

Important Items to REMEMBER:

Miscellaneous

- Please report to your consultant chapter news to be included in the Fall edition of the *Tomahawk* no later than September 11, 1998
- October Report of Membership is due October 1, 1998
- Risk Management Compliance Statement is due October (F.Y.I.: Each of the above is included in the September mail packet)
- In order to be initiated a required minimum grade-point-average of a 2.3 is required

Financial

- There is no longer a chapter fee (last year it was \$243.00) due in the Fall
- Membership Dues (Brother Dues) will be due by November 15th if initiated prior to September 1, 1998 and properly reported to National Headquarters
- Pledge fees are due at pledge initiation
- Initiation fees are due 6 weeks prior to initiation if the chapter wants to have the new member's badges at the time of initiation.
- For Brothers initiated after September 1, 1998, the lifetime membership fee is due six months after initiation (The new fee structure is included in the September mail packet)
- The Risk Management Policy was altered at the convention. The convention floor increased our total coverage and increased our deductible. The impact of this change will not be known until the October Report of Membership is returned to National Headquarters.



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Delta Beta Xi Recipients

At the 1998 National Conference and Convention in Norfolk, Virginia the Delta Beta Xi was awarded to the following phenomenal men who we are lucky to call Brothers.

Mike Young, Murray State University, '94
Advisor to the Delta Tau Chapter at
Murray State University

Robert Shaw, American University, '84
Advisor to the Beta Chi Chapter of
American University

Richard Roth, Ohio State University, '58
Advisor to the Zeta Chapter at
Ohio State University



The Risk Management Incentive Program



There are three ways chapters can save 5% on their liability insurance premium for 1999. The total amount saved can be up to 15% of the premium amount.

Opportunity #1 (5% savings) Submit the October Report of Membership by October 1, 1998. These numbers are needed to figure an accurate premium amount.

Opportunity #2 (5% savings) Complete the risk management education program. The chapter would need to have held three risk management education events by November 15, 1998, and submitted the certification forms by November 20, 1998, to be considered.

Opportunity #3 (5% savings) Payment of the 1999 liability insurance premium by the January 31, 1999 deadline.

This is money in your pockets!! Two of the steps are simple, fill-out paper work on time and pay a bill on time! The three educational programs can be easily completed. For starters ask you're Chapter Leadership Consultant to do a presentation during his visit and ask for ideas... it is that simple. Take advantage of this golden, money saving opportunity.