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Alpha reactivated at Syracuse after 57 years

Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity has gone home again after more than 57 years. Alpha chapter at Syracuse University, inactive since 1936, was reactivated on November 5, 1992, when seven Syracuse students took the oath of brotherhood. The initiation took place on the 78th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Delta at Syracuse.

The road to reactivation was paved at the start of the Fall 1992 semester when **Michael DiBlasi** (Beta Iota, 1991), a junior majoring in Environmental Science, transferred from Utica College of Syracuse University in Utica, N.Y., to the university's main campus in Syracuse, N.Y. DiBlasi quickly went to work to start the rebirth of Alpha chapter. Before the end of that semester, two pledge classes were initiated at Syracuse, and the long-dormant Alpha chapter was ten men strong. Two more brothers were initiated this spring.

The seven men who joined DiBlasi to reactivate Alpha chapter are **Timothy Bodkin, Justin Goudreau, Christopher Lewis, Daniel**

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Brothers from New York area chapters and alumni groups marched in the city's annual Columbus Day Parade on October 12, 1992. See page 12 for more Chapter Chatter.

President's Message

Fraternity leadership no different, east or west

Right from the start, Otto, Cesidio, and the boys conducted Alpha Phi Delta business as volunteers. Although unpaid in tangible terms, our fraternity leaders of past and present have exemplified the amazing powers of pride, confidence and ego.

Why else would men allow an eternity of personal time to be swallowed up by a commitment to fraternity leadership? The perquisite has been, and remains today, the notion that an individual's efforts are respected and appreciated and that his intent is considered positive for the organization.

On the surface, that would appear simple enough, something that you wouldn't need to be a Gamma or Upsilon alumnus to figure out. But look deeper and you'll find that the toll of serious disagreement and heated exchange in the unpaid arena is much greater than negativity experienced in the callousness of play for pay.

Operating this fraternity is as much a matter of the heart as it is the mind. That can be a good thing, but it also lends leadership traits to emotion and personality conflict. Matters of the heart differ from matters of the wallet because the heart, unlike

the mind, does not necessarily worship the greenback. The heart craves gratitude and respect.

Many of us have a boss we respect strictly because he or she signs our paycheck. Alpha Phi Delta is void of paychecks and must rely solely on maturity, respect, understanding and patience.

Matters of the heart are far more complicated than issues of dollars and cents because you can't measure a man's pride by the number of digits in his bank account balance. The yardstick of successful leadership in a volunteer setting is

controllable emotion, reasonable expectations and the ability to negotiate solutions without the use of an incentive, such as a pay raise or a transfer to Pigs Knuckle, Ark.

Sensitivity is the most understated virtue of volunteerism. We all have our own way of conducting business, especially in dealings designed for the good of the order without regard for personal gain. It is fascinating that Alpha Phi Delta has conducted business by volunteerism for almost four generations and yet, with the exception of the 13-year-old Foundation, has retained its Otto and Cesidio structure.

Stan Raffa's "History of Alpha Phi Delta" and the later updates, are bereft of accounts of attempted murders, kidnappings or assaults that surely must have taken place during fraternity business "discussions." Considering that the participants were often men of Italian extraction, it is amazing that no one was stabbed with a stick of pepperoni or bludgeoned with a loaf of provolone.

Look at the east and west scenario of our fraternity. Think of it as a Greek version of the Hatfields and McCoys with words replacing weapons.

For geographical purposes (apologies to the Southern California Alumni Club) let's draw a vertical line through Harrisburg, Pa., to separate brothers in the "east" from those residing "west."



Through the years, Alpha Phi Delta's nerve-
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News Briefs

Russo joins foundation board



Former Executive Vice President and Kleos Editor **John J. Russo** (Psi, 1972), left, is the newest member of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Board of Directors, and has taken over publication of the foundation's biannual

newsletter. Russo, an active member of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club for two decades, succeeds former Executive Director **Anthony Carfang** (Psi, 1969) as editor.

Foundation working on new directory

The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation has begun work on compiling a new alumni directory. The last directory was published more than five years ago.

The foundation is producing the directory and compiling data. If you have not received a notice from the foundation about this project, write to John J. Russo, 201 Verdant Street, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642.

Calligrapher Randazzo pens resignation

Joseph Randazzo (Eta, 1934), whose handiwork appears on thousands of membership certificates, is retiring as Alpha Phi Delta's official calligrapher after more than a decade.

Randazzo is an active member of the Long Island Alumni Club, and has edited its newsletter for more than 25 years.

Alpha Phi Delta clothing, merchandise available through new company

Alpha Phi Delta has contracted with Rosa's Greek Boutique of Dover, Del., for sales of clothing and other merchandise bearing the Alpha Phi Delta name, Greek letters, crest and emblem.

Rosa's Greek Boutique accepts orders for Alpha Phi Delta merchandise by phone when paying with a credit card.



The fraternity's arrangement with Rosa's makes an even wider variety of Alpha Phi Delta merchandise available. Items include T-shirts, golf shirts, cardigan sweaters, baseball caps, shorts, socks, sweats, jackets, decals, rings, tie tacs, key chains, money clips, letter openers, belt buckles, glasses, mugs and squeeze bottles.

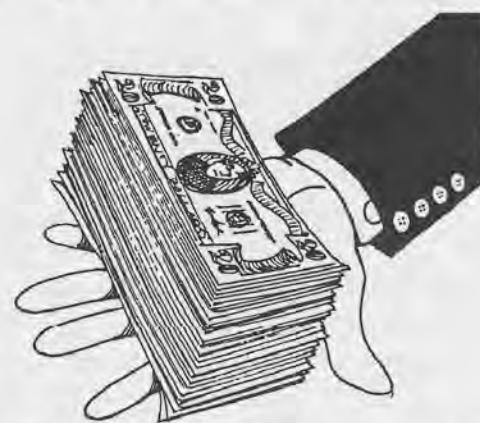
For a complete catalogue of available merchandise and information about ordering, write to Alpha Phi Delta Central Office, 56 Greenway Square, Apt. L-12, Dover, Del. 19901-2611.

Fraternity makes graduates pay debt to chapter

Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity has begun tracking members who leave their undergraduate chapter without paying debts incurred to the chapter.

National Secretary **James Lentini** (Beta Sigma, 1981) said the fraternity is contacting these members to warn them of disciplinary action, including expulsion from the fraternity, unless they meet their obligation to their chapter. ■

Cash paid for brains!



The Alpha Phi Delta Foundation wants to help you train your brain. Applications are now available for the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation's annual scholarship awards. The Foundation expects to award scholarships totalling \$16,000 to 21 applicants. The deadline for applications is June 30, so get yours now. Write to:

Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Inc.
Scholarship Division
 c/o Central Office
 56 Greenway Square - Apt. L-12
 Dover, DE 19901-2611

Expansion Update

Alpha Phi Delta still growing strong

by Howard Beder

Vice President for Expansion

Alpha chapter at Syracuse University is re-activated!!! (See page 1.) They presently have 12 brothers and are very enthusiastic about making Alpha Phi Delta once again a strong and respected fraternity at Syracuse. Furthermore, I am proud to announce that at the National Council meeting in February, Alpha Phi Delta added two new chapters and one alumni association to its roster. (See page 6.) The new entities are as follows:

◆ New York Institute of Technology (city campus). This chapter, which has nine brothers, colonized in the spring of 1992. They were thoroughly trained by Executive Secretary **James Lentini** (Beta Sigma, 1981) and Manhattan District Governor **Andrew Cozzolino** (Beta Beta, 1987). They are recognized by the school and are so active in service projects that their work has been profiled in the student newspaper. N.Y.I.T. (city campus) was named the Delta Lambda chapter.

◆ University of South Florida (Tampa). On October 31, 1992, with the help of **Todd Cook** (Gamma Pi, 1989), a transfer from Ramapo State College, 11 men from the University of South Florida were initiated into Alpha Phi Delta. Although our first attempt for a colony at USF never took root, under Todd's guidance this group is enthusiastic and has developed a positive image on campus. The process for campus recognition has already begun, and with the induction of the Beta class this spring, they have 20 brothers. USF was named the Delta Mu chapter.

◆ Gamma Sigma Alumni Association. This group hopes to maintain the ties of Gamma Sigma brothers after graduation from St. John's University's Staten Island campus, and help strengthen its undergraduate chapter.

More expansion in the works

The following is an overview of expansion projects already in progress:

◆ Seton Hall University (South Orange,

N.J.) This colony has 14 brothers, and has received recognition as an associate member in the interfraternity council. They also have a campus advisor who meets with them regularly. The colony has attended all district meetings, and looks forward to becoming a respected fraternity at Seton Hall. I will most likely recommend this colony for chartering at the summer convention.

Brad Stoudt, a transfer from Beta Phi, assisted with the Seton Hall project.

◆ University of Buffalo (Buffalo, N.Y.). This colony has one brother who is hoping to create an interest group in the near future.

◆ Eastern Connecticut State University (Connecticut, N.Y.). This colony has nine brothers.

◆ Cooper Union (New York City). This colony has six brothers. This is a prestigious engineering school.

◆ Rutgers University (Newark, N.J., campus). This colony has four brothers and three pledges.

◆ Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona, Fla.). This colony consists of nine



11 men took the oath of brotherhood at the University of South Florida on October 31, 1992, to become the founders of Delta Mu chapter.

brothers initiated in April. Interaction has begun between this colony and our new chapter at the University of South Florida.

Alpha Phi Delta is expanding and becoming stronger every day. This is accomplished through the efforts of very devoted brothers. In order for Alpha Phi Delta to maintain its strength, we need to eliminate the idea that there is a separation between those brothers who hold a national office, and those who do not. We are all working for the same cause. National officers should be given respect, for it is these brothers that have stepped forward and accepted specific responsibilities for the welfare of Alpha Phi Delta. If Alpha Phi Delta is to continue to expand and remain strong, we will need many more leaders in the future, as well as constant support from all brothers. ■



Eight men at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. took the oath on December 5, 1992. The initiation took place at Delta Beta chapter at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Cover Story

Alpha chapter reactivated at Syracuse University

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Quintero, Sean Redding, David Scognomiglio and Ryan Shea. John Waterman and Brian Wohrman comprise the Beta class, while Kevin O'Connor and Steven DiSouza make up the Gamma class. Upstate New York District Governor David Barr (Beta Chi, 1986) officiated over all three initiations, joined by brothers from Beta Iota chapter and Beta Chi chapter at the State University of New York Institute of Technology in Utica, N.Y.

According to DiBlasi, Alpha chapter meets every Sunday evening in a meeting room on campus, and have dinner together, usually spaghetti, roughly every two weeks. The chapter is recognized as a student organization, but is not yet recognized by the inter-fraternity council. Dr. John Bennett, an Environmental Economics professor, is the chapter's faculty advisor.

Alpha chapter has begun to make its presence known on the Syracuse campus. The chapter has participated in a fund-raiser for the "Save The Children" foundation. They also participated in a student fair for under-privileged children in the community. The brothers staffed a carnival booth and enjoyed the day with local children.

Alpha chapter is also active within the Upstate New York District, joining frequently in social activities with Beta Iota and Beta Chi chapters.

The chapter's headquarters is now DiBlasi's apartment, but nine brothers will move into a fraternity house just off Syracuse's fraternity row, next semester.

Old chapter, new page in history

It is Alpha Phi Delta's heritage that sets it apart from all other fraternities. The reactivation of Alpha chapter restores a cherished piece of that heritage. It is fitting that the new brothers of Alpha chapter should take the oath of brotherhood on November 5.

Francis X. Pagano (Eta, 1921), Alpha Phi Delta's 14th Grand Consul (National President) and early historian, noted that it was on November 5, 1913, that seven Italian-American students at Syracuse - Cesidio Guarini, Ferdinand DiBartolo, Anthony Frascati, Nicholas Frunzi, Joseph Cangiamila, Otto Gelormini, and Dominick Ciolli - formed *Il Circolo Italiano*. It was exactly a year later that those seven men themselves took the oath of brotherhood and founded Alpha Phi Delta, beginning a journey that has come full circle. ■

National Council Meeting

National Council chooses stability

by Christopher Pascoello
Associate Kleos Editor

One old adage that the men of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity apparently hold close to their hearts is "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." This was clearly demonstrated at the National Council meeting February 13 and 14 when the Fraternity unanimously reelected National President **Joseph Rossi** (Beta Phi, 1980) and Executive Vice President **Joseph Malecki** (Beta Chi, 1983) to second one-year terms.

Returning the favor, Rossi reappointed virtually his entire Executive Board, including **Anthony Cerrone** (Beta Delta, 1977) as Vice President for Financial Affairs, **James Lentini** (Beta Sigma, 1981) as Executive Secretary, and **Andrew Cripps** (Beta Phi, 1982) as editor of *The Kleos*.

Elections at this 1993 meeting of the National Council, which took place at William Paterson College in Wayne, N.J., also yielded a new Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs in **Daniel Cimmino** (Gamma Nu, 1990), the president of host chapter Gamma Nu.

Also new to the fraternity are two chapters, Delta Lambda at the New York Institute of



National Council delegates confer before a vote at the meeting February 13 and 14 in Wayne, N.J.

Technology in Manhattan, and Delta Mu at the University of South Florida.

Turning to alumni matters, the Council recognized the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association, which touts a roster of more than twenty members.

On a disappointing note, this meeting of the National Council also marked the closing of four chapters and two alumni clubs. Gamma Tau (Neumann College, Aston, Pa.), Gamma Upsilon (Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y.), Gamma Phi (N.Y.I.T., Old Westbury, N.Y.), and Delta Gamma (Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science) closed because of debt to the fraternity or inactivity. The Boston and Youngstown alumni clubs also closed due to inactivity.

As was the case at last winter's National Council Meeting in Pleasantville, N.Y., a highlight of this weekend was the celebration of Roman Catholic mass by the National Chaplain, **Rev. Ronald Falotico** (Gamma Mu, 1992). And, like last year, the weekend was full of discussions with outcomes that could have had profound effects on Alpha Phi Delta.

One of the more heated topics debated during the meetings was the suggestion that Alpha Phi Delta rescind its membership in the National



Mayor Newton E. Miller welcomes the National Council meeting to Wayne Township, N.J., home of William Paterson College.

Interfraternity Conference. Some brothers argued that the NIC no longer stands for or believes in the same principles as Alpha Phi Delta. They cited NIC policies promoting female membership in fraternities and the abolishment of pledging. Others said Alpha Phi Delta's membership in the NIC lends it credibility in the eyes of college administrators. After much heated discussion, the delegates voted to remain in the NIC.

Three amendments to the national constitution were considered. One, ending the practice of circulating fee proposals in the same manner as constitutional amendments, passed unanimously. The others were not as popular with the delegates.

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Mail the convention package fee to Alpha Phi Delta, c/o Anthony M. Cerrone, 1640 S. Clarion St., Philadelphia, PA 19148 to reserve your place at all Alpha Phi Delta Summer Convention events.

The 1993 Alpha Phi Delta Summer Convention begins Monday evening, August 16, with a welcoming cocktail party and dinner. Tuesday we'll visit a fine local Italian restaurant, where you can order your favorite dishes from the menu. Wednesday night is a family fun pizza party. The traditional awards banquet and cocktail party highlight Thursday evening. After dinner, join your brothers for conversation and refreshments at our deluxe hospitality suite, or take in Ocean City's nightlife.

Join us for an exciting week of fun and brotherhood in Ocean City, Maryland, August 16-20. ■



Our Italian Heritage

Italian-American identity found in history

by John Peter Curielli

Vice President for Cultural Affairs

I hope everyone enjoyed my last article about Christopher Columbus. As an attorney in the Midwest, I am a member of the Justinian Society of Italian-American Lawyers. In a recent newsletter, I came across a poetic piece written by Angelo Bianchi. I would like to present it to you now and hope that it instills in you the same pride that it did in me when I first read it:

"I am an Italian-American.

My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow-capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of a mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world I first spanned the seas to the New World. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto, known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World - America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1676, founder of the territory that became the state of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American, I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and

Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico, to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904 I founded in San Francisco the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America - the

largest financial institution in the world. I am A.P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the Medal of Honor in World War II, I am John Basilone of New

Jersey.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs and can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I am an Italian-American." ■



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Angelo Bianchi, quoted by John Peter Curielli, V.P.-Cultural Affairs

Alumni News

Move over Oscars: ΑΦΔ alumni clubs bestow honors



Spring is the season when several of Alpha Phi Delta's alumni clubs take time to honor the best of the best: their outstanding alumnus or undergraduate.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its annual awards dinner Friday, April 2. Their choice for alumnus of the year was Past National President **Anthony Carfang** (Psi, 1969), left, who last year stepped down as Executive Director of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. the PAC's selection for Outstanding Undergraduate is **Andrew Lamboley** (Psi, 1989), former president of Psi chapter at Duquesne University.

In honor of the club's 60th anniversary, the PAC is planning a gala dinner dance celebration on October 16 at a hotel in Pittsburgh's Station Square. For information contact new PAC president **Jerry Smulski** (Psi, 1970) at 115 McKinley St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223-1518. The PAC is also planning a visit to root on what's left of the Pittsburgh Pirates at Three Rivers Stadium on July 21.

Rahtelli target of praise from Long Island Alumni Club

The Long Island Alumni Club chose Past National President **Joseph Rahtelli** (Beta Beta, 1982) as its Man of the Year, an award it bestowed at its annual cocktail party on March 28 in Roslyn, N.Y. Rahtelli was lauded for his continued dedication to the fraternity. Among the highlights of the affair was a Napoleon sheet cake imported from Corona, Italy, by **Joe Fabrizi** (Beta Pi, 1959).

New York Alumni Club honors Ceciliani

Former district governor **Michael Ceciliani** (Theta Beta, 1977) was the New York Alumni Club's guest of honor at a semi-formal dinner Saturday, April 24 in Brooklyn. The club

showed its appreciation to "Mikey," who is NYAC secretary, for his record of service to the fraternity, including his support of several expansion efforts withing the New York area.

According to club president **Joe Piras** (Beta Omega, 1989), the NYAC is holding a trip to Atlantic City in May, and plans a day at Yankee Stadium on June 26.



NYAC member and Past National President **Al Palazzo** (Theta Beta, 1946), left, was recently hospitalized, but Piras reports doctors have since given Palazzo a clean bill of health. He was, however, ordered to abandon his trademark pipe.

Steubenville Alumni Club marks Beta Theta chapter's 45th anniversary

On July 12, 1948, the Beta Theta chapter of Alpha Phi Delta took root at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. In "a celebration of 45 years of permanent activity and support," the Steubenville Alumni Club and Beta Theta chapter marked the anniversary of the chapter's founding with a reception Friday, April 30, at the Steubenville Country Club. ■



The Brooklyn Alumni Club softball team is preparing to improve on last season, when it placed second in its league.

Chapter Chatter

Gamma Kappa says, 'Let's do lunch!'

by Christopher Pascoello
Associate Kleos Editor

One of the first things a pledge of Alpha Phi Delta learns is that brothers always have a 'home' to go to whenever they are in need. What we may not have known is that we'd have lunch waiting for us when we got there. Well, that's what brothers will find if they stop by the College of Staten Island. According to chapter president **Charles Arrigo** (Gamma Kappa, 1990), Gamma Kappa sponsors a Brothers' Luncheon on campus every other Wednesday, usually at 1 p.m. All the brothers of the chapter get together to feast on catered food and good old brotherly camaraderie. All Alpha Phi Delta brothers are invited to attend, but Charles requests that you call ahead at 718-987-5263 to confirm.

Gamma Kappa is setting up a voice mail-type answering machine message. It will inform brothers about goings-on within the chapter.

Gamma Iota aids S.W.A.P. housing program

The brothers up at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y., are spending their free time SWAPing. S.W.A.P. stands for "Stop Wasting Abandoned Property." Chapter president **Scott Jennings** (Gamma Iota, 1990) explains that the program, run in part by **Mike Nestor** (Gamma Iota, 1990), involves volunteers rebuilding and renovating dilapidated houses in Yonkers, working side by side with tenants who will eventually move into the refurbished dwellings.

Chapter chaplain **Ron Densk** (Gamma Iota, 1991) has also arranged for Gamma Iota to participate in a program called "Midnight Run," to bring food, clothing, and companionship to the homeless of New York City.

Psi donates big bucks

I wonder who got the better part of this deal - Psi chapter had all the fun, and the American Cancer Society reaped the financial benefits. Alpha Phi Delta's contingent at Duquesne University recently held a major

fund-raiser, its annual Valentine's Day Ball, and subsequently donated \$1,500 to the cancer research organization. Both parties were reportedly quite pleased with the results.

Beta Delta helping the environment

According to chapter president **Joe Kinsman** (Beta Delta, 1990) the Beta Delta chapter at Temple University in Philadelphia has been busy doing its part to help the environment, starting a recycling program in the fraternity house, participating in a program to clean up nearby Fairmount Park, and participating in P.I.R.G., an environmental study program.

Beta Eta still drip drying

Still recovering from the soaking they received during December's violent Nor'easter storm, the brothers at Beta Eta in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, thank all the brothers who lent a hand in the clean-up process, and those who called just to offer words of encouragement, (or dry socks).

Between trips to the clothesline, Beta Eta is co-sponsoring a "Bachelor Auction," auctioning off dates with eligible brothers. Proceeds go to research concerning Cooley's Anemia, a rare



Brothers of the Gamma Iota chapter at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y., are volunteering their time to S.W.A.P., a program to refurbish low-cost housing.

blood disorder. The chapter will also participate in the upcoming Multiple Sclerosis Walk-a-Thon.

Beta Rho twirls spaghetti for kids

The guys at Beta Rho chapter filled their bellies for a good cause recently when they threw a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Gertrude Barber Association for Underprivileged Children. The chapter at Gannon University raised several hundred dollars for the organization by charging admission to the dinner and by selling ads promoting the face-stuffing fest. A good time was had by all. Burp.

Beta Xi gives the shirts off their backs

As any brother who attended AΦΔ's National Council meeting can tell you, it is difficult to leave any large fraternal gathering without buying another T-shirt from Beta Xi chapter at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. The "Beta Zoo" guys have become seasoned salesmen, converting even the most penny-pinching brothers into paying customers. We all fall for it pretty easily because we know the money is going to a good cause. Three of their most recent sales have raised money for the Newark Police and Fire Departments, and for the flood-stricken brothers of Beta Eta.

When they're not out hocking Hanes this semester, the guys at Beta Xi will be participating in a phone-a-thon for N.J.I.T., and in a campus-sponsored blood drive.

Gamma Mu plays b-ball with NFL stars

AΦΔ's group at Stockton State College in Pomona, N.J., shot baskets recently with sports pros in a charity basketball game pitting representatives from the school's Greek organizations against



NFL football players from the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Giants.

Gamma Mu is also involved in an "Adopt a Grandparent" program organized by National Chaplain Rev. Ronald Falotico (Gamma Mu, 1992). The program has Alpha Phi Delta brothers visiting an Atlantic City nursing home at least once a week, providing companionship and conversation to the residents.



Gamma Nu chapter president Dan Cimmino discussed education with N.J. Governor James Florio at William Patterson College, and presented a T-shirt to Florio.

Gamma Rho shooting hoops for tots

AΦΔ's contingent at Baruch College is taking part in a school basketball tournament, with monies raised going to the Children's Hope Foundation. Gamma Rho is also sponsoring a booth at Baruch's annual Street Fair, raising money for the school's day care center.

Beta Pi spreads luck 'o the Irish

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, AΦΔ's chapter at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual Shamrock program, where individuals or organizations pay to have a cardboard shamrock hung up in their name around campus. The program was a rousing success, as the chapter raised a lot 'o green for MDA. Beta Pi thanks past chapter president Nick Deninno (Beta Pi, 1987), who now works with MDA, for his help with the project.

Gamma Xi doing some special things

Alpha Phi Delta's Gamma Xi chapter at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven will, along with Eastern Connecticut State University's Alpha Phi Delta colony, help out with preparations for the state's upcoming Special Olympics. In another special event, Gamma Xi will play bingo with the retired folks of a local health center. And in an equally special happening, Gamma Xi threw its annual semi-formal at the end of April. What makes this semi-formal unique is that the brothers' parents were whole-heartedly invited to attend.

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Brothers in the Community

Montemuro joins state Supreme Court



Frank Montemuro Jr. (Beta Delta, 1943), left, was sworn in Thursday, November 19, 1992, to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Montemuro, who served for 15 years as a Philadelphia trial judge and 12 years as a state Superior Court judge,

was elected to the Common Pleas bench in 1965. Montemuro was nominated September 18, 1992, by Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey to fill an unexpired seat on the court. The Pennsylvania Senate confirmed the nomination on November 16. Montemuro will serve until January 1994.

After graduating from Temple University and Duke Law School in 1952, Montemuro kept a private practice for several years, then worked for the head of the Republican Party in Philadelphia.

According to the *Pennsylvania Manual*, in 1982 Pope John Paul 2nd awarded Montemuro the papal honor of "Knight Commander of the order of St. Gregory the Great."



Several brothers from the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association turned out for the wedding of Pete Nesci (1989) and the former Karen Leo on January 16, 1993. In the front row are, from left, John Autovino (1990), Adolfo Lunardi (1989), Mr. and Mrs. Nesci, Angelo Lunardi (1989), Jeff Breen (1989) and Tony Silva (1987). In back are Frank Shipman (1989) and Carmelo Gulino (1990).

Montemuro lives in the Bustleton section of Philadelphia with his wife, Margaret. They have two sons, Michael, a 33-year-old landscape architect, and Anthony, 30, a doctor. ■

The Chapter Eternal

Benjamin Verdile, 23rd National Vice President

Benjamin V.P. Verdile, Ed.D. (Beta Delta, 1957), who served as Alpha Phi Delta's 23rd National Vice President from 1976-78, died January 12, 1993, at the age of 54.

Verdile, a Philadelphia resident, was Superintendent of Vocational-Technical Schools in Burlington County, N.J. He also served as a superintendent in the Philadelphia and Camden, N.J., school districts.

Verdile was elected National Vice President (renamed Executive Vice President) at the 56th National Convention in Stevensville, N.Y. In addition to two terms as National Vice President, Verdile served as Fourth District Governor.

Verdile is survived by two sons, Vincent (Beta Phi, 1986) and Anthony.

Dr. Anthony Nardacci

Dr. Anthony Nardacci (Iota, 1935), a dermatologist in Albany, N.Y., passed away October 25, 1992.

Nardacci was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy Albany Medical College and the New York Skin and Cancer Clinic. He had a private dermatology practice in Albany from 1946 to 1976. He then went to the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, where he was chief of dermatology.

Nardacci was a communicant of St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, and a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Pacific.

Nardacci is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; a son and daughter, and three grandchildren. ■

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Gamma Pi helps children long distance

The Alpha Phi Delta brothers at Ramapo State College in Ramapo, N.J., sponsor three children overseas through the "Save The Children" organization, sending money regularly to help feed and clothe them. President **Michael Colasurdo** (Gamma Pi, 1989) says the chapter is considering "adopting" two more children.

Gamma Omega on the road to success

Like other chapters before them, Gamma Omega has decided to adopt a highway, keeping it free of litter. Our guys at the University of Georgia also participated in a dance to raise funds for a local rape crisis center. In addition, plans are in the works for a Gamma Omega contingent to visit one of Alpha Phi Delta's newest chapters, Delta Mu, at the University of South Florida.

Delta Epsilon marching for dimes

The men of John Jay College had better invest in some good walking shoes, as they plan to walk in not one, but two walk-a-thons, for Multiple Sclerosis and the March of Dimes. They also painted Easter eggs for John Jay's day care center.

President's Message

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center, Central Office, has received its mail in both regions. National Presidents have risen from alma maters on each side. Migration back and forth, however, doesn't occur very often. Fraternity leaders, for whatever reason, appear to maintain residence near their school or home region.

Cruel coincidence, not geography, has permeated the thinking that men west of Harrisburg conduct volunteerism differently than men in the east. In this case, I don't buy the "Birds of a Feather" notion. In all locations, Alpha Phi Delta volunteerism is an animal of immense pride and emotion.

I see no real differences in the way we live the virtues of our fraternity, our desires for a strong organization, the way we break bread or pledges (just kidding, your honor).

Anthony Cerrone, our Vice President for Financial Affairs, and Joseph Malecki, our Executive Vice President, recently joined me for a tour of the "western" entities. Aside from the cumbersome hills and recently snow-covered-now-potholed roadways of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, we found fantastic fraternalism, great leadership and superb spirit. We find the same when we travel the noise-polluted, bustling streets of New York, North Jersey and Philadelphia.

No difference.

Maybe I believe in Saint Nick and the Tooth Fairy, because I also believe we are men of the same cloth, the same devotion and the same desire to see Alpha Phi Delta flourish. Perhaps we just see that growth in our own image of what it should be.

Volunteerism can do that to an organization. As we continue to grow and the times continue to change, future fraternity leaders will wrestle with the viability of continuing without paid staff. When the issue is raised, I hope the voices of disagreement will not be. It should be a talk with a basis in fact, not emotion, and certainly not geography.

Joseph Rossi
National President

RAISE ECO-AWARENESS WITH GREEN CUP GAMES

Students around the country are organizing Green Cup programs on their campuses, saving their schools lots of money. These eco-competitions encourage students to compete dorm against dorm to conserve energy, reduce water use and decrease waste.



To get a copy of the *Cool It!* Green Cup packet, which provides examples of current programs, proposals and advertisements - call Lisa Schreibman, Regional Coordinator, at (202) 797-5468.

Cool It! is a project of the National Wildlife Federation.

Make plans now to attend the Alpha Phi Delta Summer Convention in Ocean City, Md., August 16-20. See page 8 for details.



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