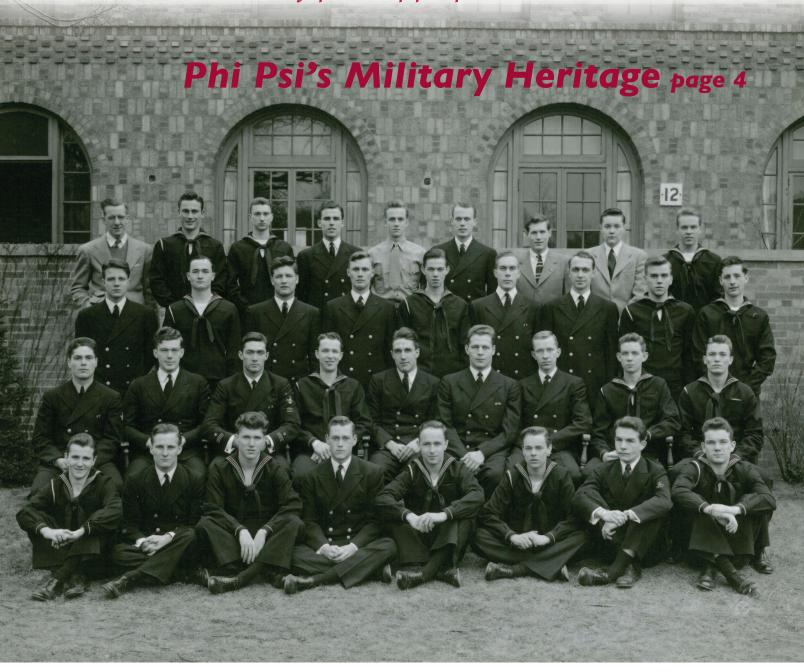


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By: Mike McCoy, Indiana Beta '58, National Historian

In its history, four members of Phi Kappa Psi – two of them from the same chapter – have received the nation's highest recognition for military bravery, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The first was authorized for Henry H. H. Bingham, Pennsylvania Alpha 1858, for gallantry at the battle of the Wilderness during the Civil War. (Bingham also is a central figure in a dramatic story about an event which took place on the third and last day of the battle, when Bingham rendered aid and comfort to a dying Confederate General who with a small group of men briefly breached the Union center during Pickett's Charge. It was the failure of that charge that many historians believe marked the beginning of the end of the Confederacy. A Masonic memorial marking Bingham's action stands today on the battlefield.)

U.S. Navy surgeon Middleton S. Elliott was recognized for his actions during the 1914 military engagements in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

William J. Donovan, New York Gamma 1903 – later to achieve the rank of Major General and to be known as the "father of the Central Intelligence Agency" – received his for personal bravery in battle during World War I.

The most recent was authorized posthumously in 1946 for Billy Mitchell – the "father of the U.S. Air Force" – by a Special Act of the Congress.



ATTENTION PHI PSI VETERANS:

At Phi Kappa Psi, we cherish the history of our organization and members. As a part of that, we celebrate the service many of our brothers have given our country over the years through service in the military. As we move forward, we would love to be able to document that service as a permanent recognition to our brothers that served our country.

If you have served in any branch of the military, WEWANTTO HEAR FROM YOU. Please contact our database manager, April Johnson at 317-632-1852 or AMJ@phikappapsi.com. Please indicate what branch of service you served in, the length of service, highest rank achieved and any conflict seen during your time. We will add this to your profile in our database.

Why provide us with this information? There are many reasons. First and foremost, we want to honor your service both in this life and beyond. Secondly, we want to create opportunities to bring veterans together to honor their service.

Again, as brothers we are thankful for your service to our country and hope that by knowing of your service in the past, we may honor you appropriately in the future.

It may have been the darkest Grand Arch Council in the Fraternity's history, convening as it did in the earliest days of World War II.

Phi Psi historian Harry Gorgas, who attended the 42nd GAC in 1942 in Des Moines, Iowa, later recalled the four-day gathering "as an extremely serious meeting, with everyone present conscious of the unknown dangers and hazards to the individuals, the United States and the Fraternity."

"All knew that it might be the last Grand Arch Council," he wrote later, "not only for some of the venerable members but also for some of the youngest."

Indeed, when the sessions ended June 27, no one could know if it would prove to be the last Grand Arch Council for anyone.

After all, it was little more than six months since the surprise and devastating Japanese attack on U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor. The U.S. still was struggling to respond by building a war machine for what The Shield described as already "the most terrible war in the history of civilization."

It would be Brother Gorgas who would be entrusted with guiding the Fraternity through those dark days. He was elected President at Des

Moines, a post he would hold for the next four years. With the war still underway in 1944, there would be no GAC that year.

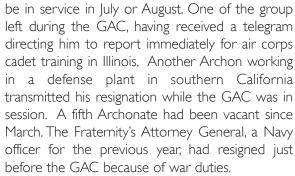
Adding to the seriousness, a Centerville, Iowa, aviation cadet died seven days before the GAC convened when his plane crashed into the Missouri River. It was two days before the body of James Chase Fannon, Illinois Alpha 1939, was recovered. Announcement of his death was made at the opening of the GAC and marked with a moment of silence.

Prominently on display in the South Ballroom where the business sessions were held (today it's known as the Wedgwood Room and is largely unchanged from the 1940s), was a Phi Psi chapter service flag displaying individual stars bearing the names of about 100 California Deltas in military service. One star had been quickly added, in gold, for a 1930 initiate, Lt. James C. Owens. He had been second in command of a torpedo plane squadron who died June 4 just northwest of Midway Island.

At the time of the GAC, three of the six Archons on the Executive Council either recently had departed for military service or expected to



California Delta kept track of enlisted men with stars on a Phi Psi flag; by March 1942 it bore 96 names



Some of those at the GAC also knew at the time they would be leaving civilian life behind shortly. For example, John A. F. Wendt, Jr., Michigan Alpha 1939, began his Army service shortly after attending the GAC.

It was the fourth time in the Fraternity's 90 years that Phi Psis had gone to war. (We'd match that number of conflicts in the 60 years since.) An estimated one of every four members initiated into Phi Kappa Psi between 1852 and 1942 had served



Lt. James C. Owens, California Delta '30

in the military. An estimated 3,000 Phi Psis already were in military service by the time the 1942 GAC convened at the downtown Hotel Fort Des Moines, with mainly undergraduates in attendance.

As this is written, few – if any – of those in attendance at that GAC survive. Indeed, the number and names of surviving Phi Psis who served in the military during World War II also is unknown. All that is certain is that they are among a rapidly-dwindling group upon whom national attention has been increasingly focused in recent years. Soon, as the last of them join their brothers from other wars in the Chapter Eternal, we no longer will have the privilege of knowing any of them or sharing their company.

For 147 years, from the first battles of the Civil War to today's conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, Phi Psis have been there in defense of their fellow soldiers, their own loved ones, and their country, and have done so in the same spirit of serving

others that inspired the founding of Phi Kappa Psi.

"Many thousands of our members (in military service) performed their duty conscientiously and heroically," Gorgas wrote later about those who served in World War II – but true, as well, for our veterans of other wars. "Some achieved unusual distinction, and some found heroic death.... Wherever and in whatever capacity a Phi Psi served, he did his best and no one could have done more."

A tribute to these soldiers was published in the Shield in December 1942, written by Morgan B. Cox, California Delta '27. It included these lines:

"Some of these casualties (of war) have more poignant meaning to us in Phi Kappa Psi. We knew them more intimately, for we shared with them a special habit of belief. Even now, in our sorrow, we point to them with pride. They have exemplified our fraternal heritage — and thus themselves are now a part of it... Those of our brothers who are now war dead are also now our leaders. They have

set the example for us to follow. It is our sacred duty to do no less."

Perhaps inevitably, only a relatively small number of those reflections of these, our own brotherhood of warriors, has yet been told within the Fraternity, and most will never be, to our loss. But we have new ways available to us today to make it possible to more permanently recall many of the stories we once knew and to begin the memories of those still with us.

Here are just a few of the stories, only briefly told, from World War II:

A Pennsylvania Beta, Brig. General Newton W. Longfellow 1910, took the first group of heavy bombers over the Atlantic early in the war and pioneered high daylight precision bombing for the 8th Air Force.

Two of the lieutenants who flew on America's first offensive action of the war two months before the Des Moines GAC were Phi Psis. Richard O. Joyce, Nebraska Alpha '37, and Robert G. Emmens,



Francis Pope, Pennsylvania Eta '37, joins the Armed Forces

Oregon Alpha '32, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for their bravery in action during the bombing of Tokyo on a mission led by Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle – the "Doolittle Raid." (The planes used were B-25s Mitchell bombers, named to honor a D.C. Alpha, William "Billy" Mitchell.)

Passengers aboard planes flown by Lt. Commander Allan Waggoner, Oklahoma Alpha '33, included: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox; Harry Hopkins, a longtime close advisor to FDR, and the highestranking (five-star) Army general, George C. Marshall.

The executive editor of Yank, the worldwide army newspaper, was Capt. Hartzell Spence, Iowa Alpha '28.

An unsolved mystery of the war was how the Phi Psi badge of Harold L. Haughton, California Beta 1912, was found in a dresser drawer in a house in Germany by a soldier. Years after the war, the fate of Brother Houghton still was unknown, as

was the connection of his badge with the house. (It brings to mind the discovery of the badges of unknown Phi Psis, one at the battle of Gettysburg and another in Luxembourg in World War II, both of which are held by the Archives of Phi Kappa Psi.)

Lt. James C. Owens, California Delta '30, piloted a torpedo plane at one of the biggest Pacific engagements, the battle of Midway Island in early June 1942, just before the GAC convened. Second in command of the squadron of 15 planes, he led seven into the attack without a fighter escort. None of the 15 planes returned.

Three other Phi Psi aviators – Navy Lt. j.g. Luther A. Berger, Iowa Beta '30, Marine Lt. John D. Lucas, California Gamma '37, and Marine Lt. David W. Pinkerton, North Carolina Alpha '37 – each received the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism during the battle of Midway. The awards to Brothers Lucas and Pinkerton were made posthumously.

(I-r)Lt. Arthur B. Koontz, Virginia Beta '39, Lt. John A. Moorhead. Minnesota Beta '27, Lt. Edwin J. Kroeger, Indiana Delta '37, Maj. Robert J. Bear, New York Alpha '38, Lt. j.g. Luther A. Berger, Iowa Beta '30





Fenion A. Durand, Kansas Alpha '36, 2nd Lt., U.S. Marine Corps



Lt. Harry Cornelius, Illinois Beta '37

A year later, in June 1943, one of the most famous American collegiate athletes was killed when the Navy fighter plane he was piloting crashed into the Pacific during a carrier take-off. Ensign Nile Kinnick, lowa Alpha '38, had won many honors for his football exploits, including the Heisman Trophy and Maxwell Award, both in 1939 and, after his death, induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. While at the University of lowa, he also had been selected for Phi Beta Kappa for his outstanding scholarship.

A few weeks later, during the invasion of Sicily, a former District Five Archon died. Captain J. Arch Ross, Texas Alpha '35, had been credited as having been "a driving force in his active chapter" and, like Kinnick, described as an "able, conscientious, and gentlemanly member" of Phi Kappa Psi.

Capt. Robert M. Dungan, Missouri Alpha '35, was killed early in 1944 in a bombing mission. His mother was the chapter's housemother. His close friend since childhood, Lt. Robert C. Glenn, also Missouri Alpha '35, died in aerial combat over Greece at about the same time.

Three men who were initiated at Illinois Beta on the same day in 1937 and who were assigned consecutive badge numbers – 535, 536, and 537 – all died in separate actions before war's end. They were 1st Lt. Harry Cornelius, Capt. Water X. Young, and Capt. John W. Wallace, Jr.

Three Boyson brothers were in service, in Europe and the Pacific, while their father was stationed in France, where he also had fought in World War I. All were initiated at Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Officially recognized as the first soldier to set foot on the Philippine Islands at Leyte was Lt. Ralph E. Conrad, Virginia Alpha '40, a Bronze Star recipient. He was killed in action soon thereafter.

Two Phi Psis were known to have died in the sinking of a Japanese prison ship. They were Capt. Russell H. Cracraft, West Virginia Alpha '32, and Lt. Frank A. Ansley, New York Beta '37.

Two Navy ships were named after Phi Psis during the war. The U.S.S. Walter X. Young was a high-speed Navy transport named after that Illinois Beta. The U.S.S. James C. Owens was a destroyer honoring a California Delta who died in the battle of Midway.

A Phi Psi on New Guinea in late 1943 wrote a lengthy poem about boys turned men by the war and who were proving themselves to be the "lifeblood of America." The Centennial History devotes nearly five pages to its reproduction, of which this is just a brief excerpt. Its sentiments are timeless, regardless of the military conflict of the era:

"...Can you, who read this within the security of your home, feel the desperation we knew when we left the security of our home? Can you know the heart's emptiness as the miles of land spilled over the horizon's edge, and gave way to blue water? Can you feel the silent terror, unspoken fear, which shook the bravest heart when first the chill realization of peril struck miserably into every soul?...

"Can you hear the whine of shells...? Have you ever mistaken thunder for the roar



(I-r) Ens. Walter F. McNiff, Massachusetts Alpha '39, Lt. j.g. Edward J. Garvey, New York Epsilon '36, Lt. j.g. Arthur K. Bradley, New York Beta '29, Lt. j.g. Charles A. Caldwell, Pennsylvania Kappa '35

of enemy guns, or awakened thanking God with every fervent prayer you know that your restless, torturous sleep was otherwise undisturbed? Or having been warned of their coming, have you ever sat under the strained quietude of the pale stars, waiting for that coming? Just waiting — and wondering — waiting and wondering..."

General William "Billy" Mitchell, D. C. Alpha 1896, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I, had seen a war in the Pacific coming as early as 1924. He did what he could to prepare the military and the country for the coming war he saw.

In a report following a trip to Japan that year, "he foretold of Japanese expansionist ambitions in the Pacific and presented what he considered would be the start of a Pacific war," according to a U.S. Air Force Museum report. "Basically, he stated such a war would start with a Japanese air and sea attack upon Pearl Harbor in Hawaii with an accompanying aerial attack on the Philippines."

Quoting from his report: "Attack will be launched as follows: Bombardment, attack to be made on Ford Island (Hawaii) at 7:30 A.M. ... Attack to be made on Clark Field at 10:40 A.M." On Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor at 7:55 a.m. and later, Clark Field in the Philippines at 12:35 p.m.," reports the Air Force Museum. "Mitchell had erred by only 25 minutes for Hawaii and less than two hours for the Philippines."

He did not live to see his predictions come true, dying on our Founders Day in 1936, 10 years after his decision to resign from the military following his court-martial – something he also had predicted – for criticizing the country's military leadership for leaving the country unprepared. Long regarded as the "father of the U.S. Air Force," Mitchell retained strong supporters within and outside the military, and was posthumously honored by the U.S. Congress in 1946 with a unique Medal of Honor – one bearing his profile.

"A loyal Phi Psi, (he) was the man who sacrificed his career and finally his life to make America safe by air power," wrote Gorgas for the Fraternity's 1952 Centennial History. "He was the man who welcomed his court-martial because it was one



Medals awarded to Lt. Philip C. Roettinger, Ohio Alpha '34, displayed against the outline of the Phi Psi badge

opportunity officially to bring to light his views on the misuse of the airplane."

Another Phi Psi contributed to the war effort in World War II and since in a unique and lasting way. He wrote a morale-building song that became the signature of the then-Army Air Corps in World War II and remains the official U.S. Air Force song in all the wars since. Alaska-born Robert Crawford, Ohio Epsilon '20, and later an Air Corps captain, took part in an Air Force competition against such outstanding composers as Irving Berlin and Meredith Willson in 1939. He gave the song its first public performances during that Labor Day weekend in Cleveland – by chance the same weekend that Hitler invaded Poland and World War II began.

The first page of the score that Mr. Crawford submitted to the selection committee in July 1939 was carried to the surface of the moon on July 30, 1971, aboard the Apollo 15 lunar module.

Ironically, at the moment the module blasted off the surface of the moon, a rendition of the "Air Force Song" was broadcast to the world by Maj. Alfred W. Worden Jr., who had a tape recorder



Lt. Philip C. Roettinger, Ohio Alpha '34, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves

aboard the "Endeavor" command module, which was in orbit above the moon.

In its most recent nationwide salute to veterans, Phi Kappa Psi chose to spotlight all World War II veterans for honor when it dedicated its 2004 Founders Day observance as a "Tribute to America's Greatest Generation." The Greatest Generation was the title of a best-selling 1998 book of WWII recollections of veterans, compiled by long-time NBCTV news anchor Tom Brokaw.

"At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure, love, and the lessons of the workaday world, they were fighting in the most primitive conditions possible across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, and the coral islands of the Pacific," Brokaw wrote. Others

produced the weapons which would win the war.

It may have been the Fraternity's first themed Founders Day. Alumni associations and chapters were encouraged to invite veterans of that war to speak. As then-SWGP John Ciccarelli later would recount, those speakers helped Phi Psis of subsequent generations to be more aware of "the young boys raised in the Depression who then answered our nation's call to duty" through service in World War II, "thus insuring a life of freedom and liberty for millions in succeeding generations."

Such ceremonies can have tremendous impact on both those honored and those doing the honoring. The following story, never published within the Fraternity until now, is just one example of Phi Psis in military service who honor her as they honor themselves — and how they inspire their brothers.

Rob Ulaszek, Wisconsin Gamma '89, recalls his being put in charge as an undergraduate of his chapter's 1992 Founders Day.

"We were working on trying to find a theme, a guest, or anything else to build on," he recently recalled.

"During this process we received a letter from an Isabelle Luhrsen [who] had to write the letter because [her husband, Robert, Wisconsin Gamma '35] was legally blind. In the letter, she relayed his fears that Phi Kappa Psi and Wisconsin Gamma had lost touch and forgotten him." Perhaps the Fraternity "might not even be interested in the views of an old man," Isabelle wrote.

Unfamiliar with Luhrsen, Rob found through subsequent research that he had graduated from Beloit College in 1937, shortly after he lost both of his parents and one of his brothers to disease. As he later told Rob, "one of his proudest moments as a Phi Psi was in getting the entire chapter to donate blood for his ill family members."

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 1943, with his first assignment after basic training being to train infantry and heavy weapons companies. In March 1945, as the Pacific forces prepared for the invasion of Japan, he was transferred to Leyte in the Philippines as a First Sergeant.

Ulaszek continued: "He soon led the longest sustained march during World War II when he led his troops on a 144-mile, 17-day march to capture the Japanese stronghold of Davao on the island of Mindanao."

"In the march, Luhrsen and his men had to hack through dense jungles and cross 34 rivers and







Ist Lt. Charles F. Light, New York Epsilon '37

streams while under constant attack by Japanese Imperial Marines. He quickly earned a reputation and was referred to as 'one-man Army Luhrsen' by General Douglas MacArthur's staff officers. By war's end, he had become one of the most decorated war heroes of WWII, earning 23 medals and decorations for heroism and valor, including four purple hearts and two Bronze Stars.''

After Japan's surrender before the invasion was launched, Luhrsen was sent to Japan. "On Dec. 7, 1945, during a devastating barracks fire, Luhrsen carried eight men to safety who had been overcome by smoke. While making a final check of the burning structure for any other victims, the staircase burned away and he was forced to jump 30 feet to the concrete walkway, fracturing his leg, injuring his back, and suffering serious facial burns."

"For his extraordinary efforts, he was awarded the Soldiers Medal. While recovering in the hospital, he was visited by... Gen. MacArthur's chief of staff and was informed that he was being recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor." (Despite the efforts of the late Les Aspen, then a Wisconsin House member and later Defense Secretary under President Bill Clinton, the award was never authorized.)

Plagued by the injuries he sustained during Pacific combat, he retired from civilian employment at 62, retiring to Florida.

"We were able to track down his phone and I remember the call distinctly," Ulaszek said.

"Isabelle answered and I explained who I was, that we had gotten his letter, and what we had in mind. I could feel the emotion of gratitude and relief in her voice as she turned to Bob and explained what was going on.

"Once we got him on the phone, we relayed our wish to fly both of them from Naples, Fla., to be the guests of honor at our Founders Day. Hearing his voice crack as he accepted let us know that we had really hit on something big. He was overcome at the magnitude of the response.

"The Founders Day program was an overwhelming success. Bob, who was our main speaker, was thrilled to be able to relate his Phi Psi, war, and business stories to a collection of men with eager ears. Gamma undergraduates could not help but be fascinated by the story of his life. Several observed he was just like us, and we had the same potential to do amazing things.

"By the end of the weekend, I am sure that he left knowing that the Gamma he loved still existed and that it was not possible for him to be forgotten. For me, this was the first time I really understood the gravity and timelessness of brotherhood."

Bob Luhrsen lived three more years, until age 79, and is now buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

"After his death, Isabelle sent me his badge and his Phi Psi ring," Ulaszek said "The badge is only brought out on truly special occasions, but I wear the ring at every Phi Psi event. He sent [Wisconsin Gamma] the formal plaques for all of his medals, as well as Purple Heart registry books showing his name. When I'm in Washington, D.C., I try to make a trip out to Arlington to see the grave he shares with Isabelle."

One story from the first military conflict in which Phi Psis served, the Civil War, can not be repeated often enough.

In one of the most dramatic minutes of any chapter meeting in the Fraternity's history, Virginia Alpha met May II, 1861, soon after the outbreak of the Civil War. The brief business-like tone of the minutes only fuels the imagination as to what it must have been like to have been present in that room as they met together for the last time.

Fraternity called to order by Brother Shearer.

After prayer by the Chaplain the roll was called, and the following brothers were found present: Davidson, Estill, Hale, Massie, Payne, and Shearer. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. No communications.

Then, in large letters, are written these words: "War! War!! War!!"

Farewell addresses were made by Brothers Estill, Hale, Payne and Shearer, which were offered and received with great feeling.

It was stated that there were four or five Phi Psis in the Richmond Howitzers, seven or eight in the Rockbridge Dragoons, besides a great many others in different companies.

Then the last matter at hand was introduced.

"The question arose whether, if we should meet a Phi Psi in an opposing army, we should raise our hand against him."

The discussion then began, but for how long we do not know. Nor do we know whether there were differing positions advanced by any of the six present. All we know from the terse unemotional language is that the question was resolved and in a way true to the tenets of Phi Kappa Psi.

"It was decided that we should not, but if he were captured, to take the best care possible of him.

"Whereupon the present minutes were read + stood approved, and the Fraternity adjourned in Phi Kappa Psi. Adjourned sine die."

The minutes were signed by R. B. Shearer and E. B. Massie, Virginia Alpha would not convene again



Claude C. Winkler, Indiana Alpha '40

as a chapter until 1865.

As far as our records show, Edwin Blackwell Massie, Virginia Alpha 1860, a second lieutenant with the 20th Virginia Volunteers, survived the war. Richard Baxter Shearer, a 1856 initiate, was killed leading a charge of his company at the battle on the Monocacy in Maryland in the summer of 1864, in a last attempt by the Confederacy to keep fighting on northern soil.

One combatant who would initiate into Phi Psi at Virginia Alpha only after the Civil War was present when the last shot of the Civil War was fired, about four months after Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. His story is still to be told in Phi Kappa Psi but, very briefly, John Thomason (spellings vary) Mason was a midshipman on the Confederate man-of-war CSS Shenandoah, which was trying to destroy the New England whaling industry by sinking its unarmed ships in the Pacific. It was at sea for just over a year in that assignment, and Mason was a member of the crew the entire time.

Finally convinced in August 1865 that the war

was over (they had heard rumors before) the ship and its crew headed to England where they disembarked. Mason and a handful of others headed to South America for several years before concluding it was safe to return to America. Mason enrolled at the University of Virginia and, in 1871 was initiated as a member of Virginia Alpha. He became a successful lawyer in Baltimore.

At least four books about the Shenandoah's mission have been published just since 2005, relying in part on Mason's diaries from the period. (He was one of only four crew members to keep a diary.)

Today, the Hotel Fort Des Moines still stands and remains in operation, a fellow survivor with Phi Kappa Psi. From time to time Phi Psis in the area still gather for dinner and meetings there, in part to spiritually "reconnect" with the Phi Psis who met there in 1942 with the weight of the world on their shoulders and at the only GAC ever held in the state.

Today, we also can explore ways to spiritually

reconnect with our Phi Psi veterans.

One challenge still awaiting us is one from Phi Psi historian Harry Gorgas, in his volume of the Centennial History: "Someday it may be possible to publish in a separate volume the Fraternity's service record in World War II and a more complete and detailed account of exploits, decorations, and distinguished services rendered to the Nation by the more than eight thousand brothers of Phi Kappa Psi."

One Phi Psi hopes to do just that. Blair Schoell, lowa Alpha '03, wants to gather the recollections of those still living who have served not only in World War II, but other past conflicts, as well as those serving in current ones. He's working out the details now and plans to share it all no later than this year's Grand Arch Council. We'll look for additional ways to get the word out.

Tom Brokaw once described the veterans of World War II this way, in a CNN interview:

"They came home to joyous and short-lived celebrations and immediately began the task of

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Lt. Dwight D. McKay, Illinois Beta '35

The Story of Marbella Suites – Home of the American Leadership Academy

By: Tom Pennington, Texas Alpha '80

On a white stretch of beach in Los Cabos, Mexico, Marbella Suites en la Playa is writing a story that will make a very big impact on the world. This picturesque 40-suite boutique hotel is transforming itself into a premiere group event location whose mission is to create leaders for tomorrow. It's a perfect niche for this unique facility, combining traditional Mexican architecture with color and character not seen in the many massive projects changing the Baja.

Purchased six years ago by Brother Jerry

Nelson, California Epsilon '48, one of the founders of TicketMaster, the hotel was little more than a concrete shell. The former owners had given the hotel back to the bank, unable to compete with the growing number of multi-million dollar golf and spa resorts popping up on what is one of the most beautiful stretches of beach on the tourist corridor. But Brother Nelson had an idea – a vision – and the hotel was an important part of the legacy he and his wife Florence want to leave.

For over a decade, Jerry had hosted college



Interactive sessions are crucial to the ALA's success



Beneath the Phi Psi flag, Phi Psis from around the country show their enthusiasm for the ALA

men from across the nation at his estate just a few dozen yards down the beach. Starting with a group of pledge brothers his son JP, California Epsilon '93, brought down during a campus break, the population grew as more and more students heard about the experience and the fantastic Cabo environment.

Jerry found, when the students came to visit, much of their time was spent asking him questions about life, success and what it took to be a leader. During perfectly beautiful days, when the blue waters of the Sea of Cortez were only a few feet away, these men were more interested to know what lessons he had learned from his many years in business than to hit the surf.

From discussions around a breakfast table, the program grew to organized presentations and discussions on ethics, leadership, etiquette,

networking, relationships, negotiation, conflict management, personal finance, time management and other important topics – topics these men were not getting from their academic experience. To help him, Jerry recruited other successful alumni leaders in a variety of professions.

By year 10, Jerry's hospitality and home were reaching their limits as dozens of students and guest faculty visited each week during the Spring Break season. His choices were to discontinue the program, limit the experience to smaller numbers, or find a bigger location and formalize the program. No stranger to leaps of faith, he decided on the most ambitious option.

The first step was the formation of the American Leadership Academy (ALA) - a U.S. charity formed for the purpose of bringing successful leaders in business, science, technology,

education, politics, law and medicine, together with college students wanting to learn how to lead in an ever more complicated global society.

The second step was the purchase and renovation of the hotel to serve as home to the ALA programs. Jerry closed on the hotel in December of 2002, triggering a flurry of activity. Over 100 workers toiled day and night to get the hotel ready for the first group of students – repairing roofs, repainting, furnishing, wiring and replacing all the items that had been lost over the years to scavengers. The doors opened March I, 2003 to the first group of students and the hotel has grown and improved annually since.

Today, the ALA's Cabo Leadership Experience hosts over 600 men a year from over 75 campuses, in a weeklong experience unlike any other leadership program. The Marbella Suites en la Playa hotel has been improved and upgraded to accommodate the growth and has found a growing public audience of travelers looking for a unique hotel experience in a location nothing less than breathtaking.

Advertised on many of the major online travel sites, Marbella Suites has become a popular getaway for those who want to stay in a more traditional Mexican hotel. Weddings, reunions and retreats have increased, as groups discovered they could take over the entire property at a reasonable cost. And the staff has grown to support a wide variety of groups and activities.

In 2007, Mr. Nelson made a gift of the hotel to the ALA, to establish his legacy of leadership for the years to come. The ALA Board recognized the responsibility to steward this amazing gift and also the challenge to generate profits to underwrite their educational programming. All of a sudden, a vehicle existed to offset the fundraising efforts and create a more stable source of income.

After a careful review of options, the ALA Board voted to begin a process of transformation – improving the beachfront hotel to a premiere group event location. Most Board members are successful business owners themselves. They saw a need that was not being filled by other hotels and a property that was a perfect size and location for a group market.

The process began with an invitation to



ALA participants are encouraged to write down what they learn, the better to remember later and share with others

professional event planners to visit the property to make recommendations and help design the facility they would want to bring their groups to use. As a result, approximately \$1 million is being invested to add and improve meeting space, update guest rooms, improve the bar, pool and patio activity areas, add a fitness center, provide wireless access throughout the property and, generally, create an event space unlike any other in Los Cabos - one of the most exciting and exotic locations in North America.

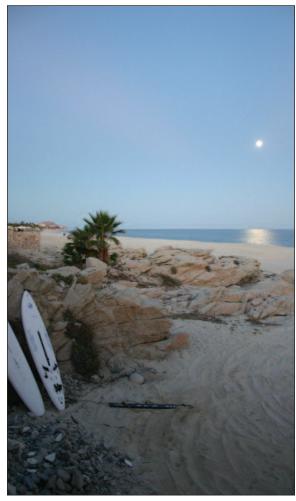
The best part about the entire project? The profits generated each year from hotel operations are invested in the education and training of college students, helping to create the leaders for tomorrow. Groups are provided a unique, personal experience and have the satisfaction of knowing the funds spent to improve their companies also are improving the pool of young graduates they soon may be hiring.

And isn't that just what Jerry would have

wanted? His legacy of leadership for young Americans, at least partly underwritten by the very organizations who stand to benefit most from talented, ethical young leaders – all as a result of funds spent doing something they'd need to do anyway... and it doesn't hurt that it's done in Los Cabos!

For more information on the American Leadership Academy, visit their website at www.ALACabo.org, or write to Executive Director Tom Pennington, at TCP@AmericanLA.org.

For more information on Marbella Suites en la Playa, visit the hotel website at www.MarbellaSuites.com, or write the hotel's General Manager, Mark Graef, at Mark@MarbellaSuites.org.



The ocean from the Marbella Suites hotel in Los Cabos, Mexico, at dusk

Currently, the ALA's Cabo Leadership Experience (CLE) attendees are predominantly Phi Psis. Freshmen and sophomores are given preference to provide them information, energy and skills early in their college career. The impact has been significant. Recent attendees wrote:

"This experience has totally changed my life and has inspired me to make changes. Thank you for getting powerful speakers and making this experience something I will never forget. Thank You!"

"Every morning, I was inspired. I'm exploding with ideas, goals and motivation."

"The CLE was one of the most influential experiences of my life. The Alumni you meet there you would never have access to in another venue. Their wealth of knowledge is unparalleled."

Alumni faculty participants added:

"I didn't know college student were so "thirsty" to learn about the real world and found the undergrads really wanted to spend time talking to alumni. I felt very needed and was happy to share with the undergrads about my experiences!"

"The ALA program is a phenomenal experience and a great opportunity for young leaders to learn about the real skills to succeed in life."

Even attendees' parents have commented: "I just wanted to thank you and all the people involved in providing this amazing experience... [Our son] came back very excited. As [his] parent, I'm very pleased with his experience at the Leadership Academy. In conversations with him I see him thinking more deeply about his future and his impact in his community."

The ALA programs have done much to reconnect alumni with students and to provide invaluable life lessons to the youngest generation of Phi Psis, who go back to help lead their chapters.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES

With each chapter's newsletter, you will find the chapter's level of accreditation, if applicable. A chapter is considered "Accredited" by successfully completing at least 8 of the 11 areas of the accreditation packet, which is due on a biannual basis during Woodrow Wilson Leadership School years. A chapter is "Accredited with Honors" if it exceeds our standards in 10 of the 11 categories, and a chapter that is able to surpass National guidelines in all 11 categories is "Accredited with Distinction."

There are several reasons that a chapter may not be accredited. The packet may have been submitted after our deadline, or not submitted at all. Documentation may have been lacking in certain areas, or the chapter may struggle to meet our standards in several areas. For more information on a chapter's accreditation status, please contact the chapter. To find out how you can help your chapter become Accredited with Distinction, contact your Alumni Advisory Committee, Housing Corporation or Chad Stegemiller, Director of Chapter Services, at cms@phikappapsi.com, or by calling I-800-486-1852.



University of Alabama

Accredited with Distinction

This semester, the Alabama Alpha Chapter has been busy with work. Between philanthropy, Greek relations and school, it's amazing that we have time for anything. This semester, we have had several opportunities to work on philanthropy by working with the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama, Best Buddies of Tuscaloosa, Habitat for Humanity and various other philanthropy projects around campus. Most recently, Alabama Alpha held a wing eating contest and cookout with all proceeds going to the Alabama Center for Oncology. In the cookout, our very own Brother Tim Hughes made a noble attempt but came up short eating just under 3 pounds of wings for the title of 2nd place.

This year, Alabama Alpha has been accredited with Distinction and is in the running for Grand Chapter. This spring, the Order of Omega selected brothers Chad Durrance and Nabil Dawarhre to the prestigious honor society for the Greek System.

With the spring semester drawing to a close, we are looking forward to our Outback party, football season and to the beginning of the fall semester. We are planning recruitment events for the summer and fall months in hopes to bring our membership level up. We are anticipating a large fall pledge class to bring total membership numbers up.

Adam Rudolphy



Accredited

Alabama Beta at Auburn University has had a busy spring semester. We are currently in the processes of moving into our new house that is not only bigger but is also in a better location near the campus. There will be a lot of work that will be put into improving this house but we believe this will lead our chapter to the next level in all categories, including recruitment.

We have also begun some early preparations for our big philanthropy in fall: Get Hands On which raises money for breast cancer awareness. We have set a goal to raise over \$10,000, which is double the amount we raised last fall.

As far as recruiting has gone this semester, we were able to get four pledges, which is a nice-sized group for spring semester. During summer we have several events that we are planning so that we can get a jump early on recruitment for the fall semester.

One last thing: we have been looking to get into touch with some of our older alumni from Ala. Beta, so please contact Robert Berezov, our alumni chair, at berezra@auburn.edu.

Keith Simon



Accredited with Honors

This semester, Arizona Alpha's main focus has been building a new house on campus. We have been working hard on it and are already well on our way to completing this exciting process. So far, we have set an offer for our old house and have selected the lot that our new house will be built on. In the meantime, we have rented out an apartment complex on the edge of campus and have 42 of our 55 members currently living in. With so many people living in close proximity, our chapter has grown substantially closer over the last year. This new setup has allowed us to easily set up brotherhood events that promote brothers who do not see each other often to work together in various sports. Nicholas Sturiale and activities chair Justin Kimura have set up wiffle ball tournaments throughout the semester, which almost all of our brothers participated in.

Another big accomplishment this semester was gaining recognition as a fraternity on campus. With former president Scott Kaser put numerous hours



Arizona Alpha members enjoy a tug-of-war

into filling out paperwork and making sure the process went smoothly, we are now a recognized chapter on campus and can have events sponsored by the university.

We had 10 members attend the ALA leadership academy this spring break, where Jerry Nelson graciously allowed us to spend the week listening to some amazing speakers, while also coordinating with other chapters throughout the country. We would like to thank all of the alumni that took the time out of their busy schedules to come down and share their words of wisdom with us.

We currently have 12 new members that will soon be initiated into the fraternity and initiated 20 members in the fall. These larger than average pledge classes should help us in attaining our goal of becoming a 100 man chapter.

Another noteworthy thing we have accomplished this semester was our second annual Phi Psi for Gls. This competition has allowed us to establish a solid philanthropy event that is competitive with other chapters on campus. Run by our philanthropy chair, Sam Ellis, the event raised over \$4,000 for care packages to send to our infantry overseas.

This has been a revolutionary year for our chapter. We have made a big impact in many areas of Greek Life on campus and plan to continue this success into the future.

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CALIFORNIA BETA Stanford University

Accredited with Distinction

The sun is out and the warm weather is back at Stanford University. The California Beta brotherhood welcomed five new members this past winter quarter. After the initiation ceremony at the house, we were honored to host Brother Gordon Letterman, great-grandson of Founder William Henry Letterman, as the guest speaker for our Founders Day celebration. The event was a great opportunity to learn first-hand about the personal history of one of our Founders, as well as reconnect with alumni in the area.

This winter quarter, Cal Beta was also pleased to award its annual Public Service Grant to Stanford GRID, a campus organization dedicated to installing affordable solar panels in neighborhood houses. The group's combination of local impact and student involvement best exemplified the spirit of service we want to foster at our school. We especially enjoyed sharing our dedication to service with AEPhi, the newest member of Stanford's ISC sororities, through a joint beach cleanup event. It was great to establish ties with AEPhi so quickly after their chartering and to show the diversity of chapter involvement in the community.

Seven of us attended the American Leadership Academy in Cabo Alpha this Spring Break, all but one for the first time. Meeting fellow Phi Psis from other chapters was an eye-opening experience for these first-time brothers. They've returned with a renewed drive to increase inter-chapter bonds and alumni relations.

Our spring quarter started out strong and promises to end with a bang. During the first weekend of the quarter, Stanford students rocked out at our 18th Annual Battle of the Bands. Student bands ranging in style from funk to heavy metal performed to a packed house. We were even more excited to have brothers from California lota drive all the way from UC Davis to visit us that night. We are now halfway through Stanford's Spring IFC recruitment period. A strong showing of freshmen, sophomores and juniors interested in joining Cal Beta have been visiting our rush events,



California Beta poses following an initiation ceremony



California
Beta
brothers
worked
with Alpha
Epsilon Phi
sisters to
clean up a
beach

and we're looking forward to bringing in a strong spring pledge class this year. After our spring rush, we are also looking forward to hosting Brother Mark Stevens, California Delta '81, as our keynote speaker for our Looking Ahead Speaker Series. His talk will be sure to offer many insights through his experience as a venture capitalist at Sequoia Capital. Finally, our Phi Psi 500 Philanthropy Event in May promises to be a success, with a dinner series and a Guitar Hero tournament all benefiting Prayas, a group dedicated to caring for and educating underprivileged children in India. We've managed to sustain lots of enthusiasm and energy in all of our accomplishments. In short, this year has been an exciting time for California Beta, and we hope to continue strengthening our strong band.

Luke Li



Accredited with Distinction

As the school year has progressed it is exciting to offer a glimpse of some of the many people, events and new developments which have been prominent at California Epsilon. Recently, the house has worked towards cooperation and contributions outside of the house walls, working with the school, fellow Greeks as well as local organizations to make a bigger impact in the communities in which we are involved. Though sorority relations may be one of the more conspicuous areas of effort, we have been conscious of all of the ways in which are able to contribute and improve our brotherhood. Most notably, the house has made unprecedented efforts towards improving philanthropy. Having put on a Halloween Carnival for the kids at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club early in the year, Cal Ep set the tone for increased involvement, whether it is on or off the UCLA campus. Coming up in the spring we have begun to organize a concert on campus benefiting Heal the Bay, an organization focused on preserving and cleaning up Southern California beaches. If this year has been any indicator, the concert should certainly a valuable (and entertaining) event.

On a more individual basis, the brothers of Cal Ep have been excelling in each of their individual endeavors as well, embodying the diversity of talents and interests that make this house what it is. Whether it is embarking new careers, continuing

their education at top graduate schools, founding or leading student organizations or participating in varsity athletics, the skills of our brotherhood are many and the areas in which active members of Cal Ep are becoming leaders are equally numerous.

Spring quarter has a lot in store Cal Ep, beginning specifically with a rush which yielded 24 new pledges - an unprecedented number for spring recruitment. We are excited to welcome these new men into the pledge process and are excited to see the kinds of contributions they can begin to make. As rush concludes, attention shifts towards other aspects of life at Cal Ep. House parties and pinning are certainly key ingredients to a great social calendar and a united brotherhood, but as with most other aspects of the chapter, we continually strive towards new ideas. With everything from Dodger games to dodgeball, there is no shortage of activities going on at the Phi Psi However, beyond any social or philanthropic events is another pivotal project which has seen significant progress over the course of the school year. With the help of numerous alumni, the chapter is moving forward towards the building of a new, state-of-the-art-house, one capable of accommodating our continually growing brotherhood. With many of the requirements and plans on track, every brother in Cal Ep, from undergraduate to alumnus, is confident that our efforts and dedication to the project will prove fruitful. Every individual in our chapter is excited about the new developments and recent achievements here at California Epsilon, and we are thankful to the support of an outstanding network of alumni, both in the chapter and Nationally, who have lent tremendous support.

Matt Anderson



Accredited

The brothers of California Eta are excited to initiate four new members into the chapter. Measuring our rush success on improvement from previous years, we improved our spring rush

program with the accumulation of successful recruitment techniques. A record number of brothers are enrolled in the nationwide renowned. volunteer freshman orientation program at Cal Poly. Over 10 brothers will be introducing freshmen groups to the San Luis Obispo community. The orientation program doubles as a recruitment tool, as incoming freshman first come in contact with Phi Psis as leaders. Alumni support continues to build momentum. A new "Active Alumni" program allows alumni to give back to Phi Psi with monthly bank withdrawals that help fund scholarships, house restoration and maintenance, and alumni events, such as Homecoming, the Annual Alumni Golf Tournament, and a debuting Casino Night. We continue to thank all of our supporters and look forward to the next year!

Brent C. Johnson



Accredited with Distinction

The Davis California brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi is expecting another prosperous and successful spring quarter under the new leadership of President Chris Casas and Vice President Leo Cristobal. Under this new leadership California lota can only grow and prosper further within the Davis community.

Our current II man pledge class looks even more promising than our extremely successful initiates from the winter quarter. Our winter quarter pledges were initiated early in the spring quarter, but have already proven themselves to be loyal and trustworthy brothers. A great future for the Cal lota Chapter can be expected with the leadership and enthusiastic qualities of our younger brothers.

Our new committee chairs are working tirelessly to organize better philanthropy and social events in an effort to further establish Phi Kappa Psi as one of the leading Greek organizations on campus.

Good luck and best wishes to everyone as we enter the final term and summer of the 2008 year.

David Langone



California Kappa's intramural basketball team enjoyed the season and a second straight championship



CALIFORNIA KAPPA UC-Irvine

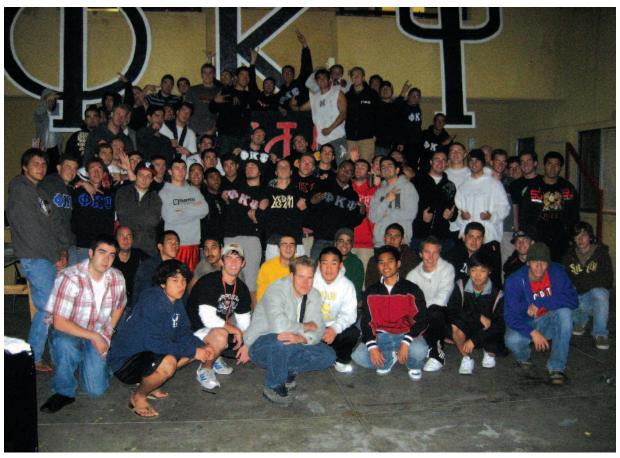
California Kappa is making a strong push towards acquiring a chapter house by the 2008-2009 school year. As one of the largest chapters in the nation, the brothers have been fundraising to create a permanent establishment for California's largest chapter. California Kappa surpassed the All-Fraternity, All-Greek and All-Undergraduate GPA this year, topping out with a 3.12 chapter average – one of the highest at UCI. In addition, the chapter took home the 2008 Greek Week Trophy and remained undefeated in basketball for the 2nd straight year, becoming back-to-back IFC Champions. Recruiting excellent brothers has never stopped, with the addition of 33 brothers in the fall and 13 brothers in the spring. Phi Kappa Psi's Fight Against Cancer, an Interfraternity boxing match this Spring, is expected to raise at least \$20,000 towards cancer research. Brothers don't stop there, with over 1,900 logged community

service hours this year. For more information or how you can help contribute to California Kappa's future house, please visit www.uciphipsi.com or contact GP Michael Sene at msene@uci.edu.

Michael Sene



Cal Lambda started the academic year off with a very successful recruitment; in fact, it was the biggest pledge class we have ever seen. We initiated over 30 new members, all of which are very dedicated to the chapter and are already showing great signs of leadership. We are approaching 350 members initiated, quite an impressive number considering we received our charter just over a decade ago. Our second annual "Champions of the Blacktop" philanthropy took place April 26, 2008. We raised over \$2,000 for our beneficiary, the Tyler Ream Foundation. Cal Lambda is undergoing many changes, some minor



California Lambda's undergraduates assembled for a nighttime group photo

and some drastic. We have identified our major weaknesses and formulated solutions. Among the top, we plan to strengthen our local alumni base and alumni relationships, raise our average GPA, and bring back traditions that haven't been seen in years.

Greg Muender

COLORADO ALPHA
University of Colorado

Over at Colorado Alpha, the theme is progress. Conducting membership reviews early in the year gave the chapter a solid foundation to build on, and the knowledge as to which direction it should be moving. Our current brothers are eager to help out, and nowhere is this more evident than in our newly initiated brothers. Our philanthropy, Powder Puff, was a hit. The two-day tournament in which

sororities compete against each other raised over \$5,000 for the Boys and Girls club of Denver. The Interfraternity Council also honored Colorado Alpha by presenting us with the award for philanthropy of the year. On another note, Founders Day was a success. Alumni from all around shared stories from their college experiences, while sipping glasses of Quimbambuli, the unofficial drink of the Phi Psis; many alumni had never tried the drink.

Kevin King



The brothers of D.C. Alpha have had another outstanding year. Our spring rush had the largest

turnout in the Greek community, which culminated in the addition of twelve new pledges that will soon make great new brothers. This past fall, the Greek community hosted their annual Greek Week, D.C. Alpha dominated and won the entire event, and was also recognized for its outstanding philanthropic contributions. Our philanthropy, "RAINN Out Rape," got amazing support from all of the sororities on campus. The chapter also organized a Relay for Life team, headed by Brother David Miranda, and donated more than \$10,000, making the team and our captain the largest fundraisers of the event. Also, six brothers were elected to the student government senate; another example of DC Alpha's continuing leadership and presence on campus. Finally, the brotherhood wishes all of our seniors good luck and continued success as they graduate.

Chris Pappas



The brothers of Florida Alpha would like to congratulate Devon Reddick and Joseph Fernandez on being initiated into the Phi Psi brotherhood. Florida Alpha's Founders Day 2008 was a successful and enjoyable weekend for active brothers and alumni. The chapter put on a Phi Psi Phish Fry on Friday, Feb. 22 to kick off the event. Saturday, Feb. 23 included a beautiful day of golf at the Seminole Golf Course, and then a delicious and entertaining dinner at the Renegade Grill. The brothers of Florida Alpha would like to thank the alumni who came to Founders Day 2008. We appreciate their contributions and commitment to Florida Alpha, and we look forward to seeing more alumni next year. The chapter also spent a relaxing weekend in Steinhatchee, Fla. on a brotherhood retreat, where we evaluated this year and began preparation for next year.

Aaron Freeman



Accredited

The Georgia Alpha Chapter is experiencing great success in all aspects of fraternity life at the University of Georgia. Under the leadership of our new officers and committee chairman, we have seen great strides made in our philanthropic, social, academic, and rush efforts.

The Georgia Alpha Chapter has become one of the most proactive chapters on campus in regards to our philanthropic involvement. Recently, several chapter members received appointments to various planning committees for UGA HEROs, the University of Georgia's largest campus philanthropy. Our chapter has also teamed up with Kappa Alpha Theta to coordinate fundraising efforts for UGA's annual Relay for Life event. Upcoming in the fall, we are looking forward to our annual "Get on the Ball" fundraiser as well as the inaugural Greek Family Feud competition with Sigma Delta Tau.

On the social front, the Georgia Alpha chapter recently hosted our annual Oasis Party April 12th to celebrate a great year of brotherhood at our house in Athens. Upcoming in the fall, we have a full calendar of band parties, football tailgates, date nights and sorority socials for all brothers to look forward to.

The Georgia Alpha chapter is continuing its improvement in the classroom. We have revamped our test bank and study hour resources. In addition to these improvements, we have placed more stringent academic requirements for all pledges and brothers.

With the end of the spring semester approaching, our chapter is hard at work coordinating our summer and fall rush efforts. We have a full calendar of events for various young men to attend, and we are hoping for a record pledge class this fall under the guidance of our rush team. The Georgia Alpha would also appreciate any recommendations from any brothers or alumni in regards to any fine young men attending the University of Georgia.

Britt Bush

GEORGIA BETA Georgia Institute of **Technology**

Accredited

The Georgia Beta Chapter has been keeping busy this past semester down here in Georgia Tech. Our chapter kicked off the year with a weeklong rush that included billiards night, two sporting events and a chapter dinner. At the end, we gave out many bids and inducted one pledge. In February, our chapter, along with numerous alumni and members of the Georgia Alpha chapter, attended a Founders Day banquet in Atlanta. The event was very memorable and had a very large attendance. Many brothers from our chapter recall the memorable speeches delivered at the banquet. Throughout February and March, the chapter hosted parties, outings and other events catered towards spreading our chapter's name on campus. We initiated our pledge and had an amazing brotherhood retreat at a lake house in Augusta, Ga. Recently, we participated in Greek week, a special event at Georgia Tech in which fraternities and sororities on campus compete in various sports events. We placed second in one event, and are ranked in the top half of the fraternities. With the semester's end approaching, our chapter still has a few events planned for the last few weeks. These include a clothing drive, a semi-formal event in St. Augustine, Fla. and a Frat Rat to honor our graduating brothers. Also, many of our brothers are planning to attend the GAC this summer.

Rohit Joshi



ILLINOIS ALPHA Northwestern University

In the last several months, Illinois Alpha concentrated its efforts on improving the house for its members. In a collaborative effort between the undergraduates and our House Corporation, several additions have been made to the house's kitchen, in order to accommodate the brothers and their guests at meals. In the coming quarter, the chapter hopes to complete its renovation of the chapter room.

Illinois Alpha is also proud to welcome 17 new brothers following winter recruitment, most of whom have recently been elected to leadership positions in the chapter. Already, the newly initiated brothers have successfully organized and held a philanthropic event, the proceeds of which were donated toward a memorial for the victims of the tragic shootings at Northern Illinois University in February. Illinois Alpha extends its greatest sympathies and support toward its brothers at NIU and the school as a whole.

Recently, Illinois Alpha also held its annual card party, attended by both current brothers and alumni. The chapter looks forward to a spring quarter filled with social events specifically for new brothers, in which they will strengthen their friendships and enjoy the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi.

Kevin Ryan



University of Illinois

Accredited

Greetings from Illinois Delta! This semester has been a fast and exciting one for everyone at Ol' 911. Coming into this spring semester, a group of seven Phi Psis drove down to New Orleans and donated time and hard work towards the Katrina. relief efforts. Like the previous year, we logged over 300 man-hours and spread the word to our alumni and the local New Orleans community of our outstanding work ethic.

Hard work seems to be a theme at Illinois Delta. We had a great rush, and pledged seven quality men. Our work didn't stop with recruitment; this year we have taken the initiative to develop the inaugural Rick Riley 3-on-3 basketball tournament to raise money to benefit the Nothing But Nets organization. We are working with the ladies of Pi Beta Phi, the Illinettes, the Men's Varsity Basketball team as well as the National Championship Men's Wheelchair Basketball team. Overall, it is shaping up to be a great event.



Illinois Delta members pose with Jerry Nelson at the District III meeting

It's not all hard work here, we like to have fun too, especially with our lovely mothers! This year we participated in the Greek event Attius-Sachem, which takes place on Mom's Day. We were partnered with the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta and we produced a skit to perform for our moms. This event was great, because we showed our moms, the Alpha Gams and the rest of the Greek community our "great" dance skills.

We are culminating this semester with our annual Alumni Golf Outing. We encourage all alumni to come and golf with us either this year or next spring. This is a great way for everyone to see the house and what we have done since homecoming. If you can't make it down please visit us at www.phipsiuiuc.com for continuous updates on chapter activity. Amici.

Joshua Wesolowski



This has been a difficult semester for Illinois Epsilon. Over winter break, six of our members went to the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas and during their stay, our dear friend and brother, Alex Michael Shelton had a terrible fall, leaving him in critical condition and in a coma. Alex has always been the heart of our chapter, constantly optimistic and energetic, and it was very hard for us to cope with the reality of not having his presence for the remainder of the year. However, our chapter came together and held a benefit concert for him and his family, appropriately named "Shelton-Aid," raising over \$5,000. Today, he is in physical therapy, working hard towards what will hopefully be a full recovery.

As for our campus involvement, we have continued to outdo ourselves. Our participation in other organizations as well as campus activities is countless. Recently, we took 4th place in our school's "Camp Week" (similar to Greek Week), have nearly dominated in many of our intramurals, and have been increasingly become one of the premier fraternities at Illinois State. Furthermore, we will soon be having our annual alcohol awareness philanthropy, involving personnel, equipment, and squad cars from six local police departments.

As this semester's end comes nearer, so does the day when we lose nine of our beloved brothers to graduation. Beyond strengthening a chapter from twelve strong just three short years ago, to one that is nearly forty, these men have come to emulate everything a Phi Psi should be: they have lived by the Creed day-in and day-out, they have earned the respect of many of their peers and mentors, and, above all else, they have inspired 30 others to continue the traditions of brotherhood. Live Ever, Die Never!

Brendon Weidner



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It has been a very successful year for the Illinois Zeta chapter in the areas of recruitment, philanthropy and academia. We set our goals high and in turn we accomplished these important items due to a strong sense of brotherhood, determination and focus. The university and ourselves are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to an even better future.

Our winter recruitment culminated with the initiation of an II man pledge class. This was our most successful recruitment in the winter in many years and brought our newly initiates total to 21. We are already in the process of planning our recruitment for next fall with the goal of "replacing ourselves" in mind.

We have already logged 505 total hours of community service since the beginning of 2008,

thanks to assistance from the Aspire organization and the DePaul University Community. We recently provided assistance for an indoor children's carnival that was held on campus. We were in charge of the rides and games which was fun for all. There is more philanthropy in the works including other Aspire events and Relay for Life.

Over the past quarter we have raised our average GPA over 0.1 points and plan to continue on this path. This is in thanks to our scholarship committee which has implemented some new policies and motivation for us. We are still working on getting that GPA even higher, but that is going to take more quarters and hard work to accomplish.

The brothers of Illinois Zeta would like to give a hearty thanks to our local and National alumni as well for all the support they have given us over the past couple months. Also, we would like to thank the fraternity and our University for all their help. Proud To Be...

Joe Perry



ILLINOIS ETA

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

Illinois Eta had a very busy spring semester. We've never experienced such camaraderie between brothers. Our campus involvement has been the greatest in many years. We are very proud of our initiative to participate in so many events, such as Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is having its first annual SIUE event and everyone from our chapter is planning to participate. The recent 65 Roses Gala, an auction and dinner hosted by the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority to raise money for cystic fibrosis, was attended by much of our chapter. We have also attended many trivia nights for local groups benefiting several charities. We would like to congratulate and welcome our new members: Gerard Russell, Doug Sandweg, Zach Sandefer, Jim Herchenback, Brad Sandefer, Jeremy Dombeck, Ben Dorrington, and Daniel Pavlisin. We must sadly say goodbye and good-luck to those who are graduating: Steve Vano, Brandin Rardin, Rushit Patel, and Gaurav Jethi. To our alumni we would like to say that we appreciate when you come back. Please feel welcomed! Also, remember that we have our 10-year celebration coming up next February '09 and we want you at the events (more details to follow). Quite a few of our members are going to GAC this year and we are PUMPED.

ILLINOIS THETA University of Illinois – Chicago

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This year, Illinois Theta launched the academic year with our Fifth Anniversary Celebration Banquet on February 23 at the Intercontinental Chicago Hotel, celebrating half a decade of brotherhood and a remembrance of the effort exerted by our colony founders, and succeeding brothers, to earn us our place within the Fraternity. Their achievement enables our fraternal future. All brothers rose from their seats and sang "Sweetheart Song" to their receptive dates. After rousing speeches from our chapter advisor, Marc A. S. Dumas, GP Ben Johnson with his State of the Chapter David Haim with the Alumni Corporation Address, Matthew Swanson with a Keynote Address and Jon Aardsma with the Alumni Recognition Ceremony, we settled down to eating and great conversations. Additionally, many undergrads and alumni provided pictures and stories of their experiences as a Phi Psi for Five Year Memoir, published by our SG, Tim Johnson.

Additionally, we were pleased to receive Brother Zhi C. Yee, Educational Leadership Consultant, on April 3, who instructed us on risk management. Several brothers were able to take advantage of his visit and individually speak with him throughout the day.

Our spring initiations on April 10 held a special fondness as it was held at St. Francisco Assisi

Church, the same place five years previous where our colony was founded. To celebrate, the brothers went out for 50 cent wings to congratulate the new initiates with a renewed sense of camaraderie and brotherhood.

Subsequently, on April 11, we volunteered for Colleges Against Cancer's Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research and were pleased at their warm reception. Additionally, we volunteered at TV channel WTTW PBS, to man the phones for donations during their spring drive. Also, the entire Greek system at our school competed in a fundraiser called Penny Wars, raising money for various charities. We raised \$130 in excess of everyone else, in essence raising much more than 13,000 pennies.

This year, our chapter fundraiser working for the Chicago Bears was very successful, and we are pleased to be invited again next year to continue this lucrative opportunity. With more brothers to work the concessions, we project generating more income for working capital and to increase our charitable donations.

This week, Illinois Theta is in the midst of Greek Week, and the competition is intense, especially soccer, football and tennis. During these challenges we were reminded how great is to be a Phi Psi, with those brothers not participating cheering until hoarse on the sidelines. If the rest of the week is as exciting as these first few days, maybe a cool down in Lake Michigan might not be too bad.

Jason Whiston

ILLINOIS IOTA Northern Illinois University

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This spring semester has once again been a very eventful time for Illinois lota. The brothers participated in many philanthropy and community service events. Keeping active with the Greek community at NIU, the brothers had a lively social and intramural schedule and our second annual

formal. Through the events of February 14, 2008 that rocked our campus community as a whole, the brothers used this experience to band together and become stronger in our brotherhood. The brothers were very active in vigils and memorials on campus, helping with whatever we could.

Different community service events Illinois lota participated in included Relay for Life, YMCA Swim meets, the Tyler Elementary Fun Fair, Delta Gammas annual Anchorsplash event, and for our first time in our short history, Men's Tugs. For Anchorsplash, the brothers teamed up with the women of Sigma Lambda Sigma to place first in the lip sync event, Mr. And Mrs. Anchorsplash, the swimming events and finally the overall event. Taking first place overall is a tradition that the brothers would not mind getting used to at Illinois lota. The brothers have also begun to participate in Men's tugs teaming with the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity to field a team. The two fraternities have high hopes of being competitive this year together.

Getting a house has also become one of Illinois lota's main goals. They have begun to work with the Emperor Group to build the brothers a house to be completed within 2-3 years on campus. Finally, recruitment has brought the brothers to an all time high of actives with reaching above the 30-brother mark for the first time in our young history. With a new recruitment process being set up within the chapter, Illinois lota hopes to double its numbers by the end of next year, with over 60 active members in the chapter by the end of next spring.

One new tradition the brothers have started at NIU is the Phi Kappa Psi Illinois lota Leadership Experience, or PKPILLE for short. Different members of the chapter led the event, to remind the brothers of why they joined Phi Psi, help set goals for the upcoming semester, and remind everyone of their duties from executive board members to committee members. The event was a huge success and they hope to open up the event to other Phi Psi chapters in the area starting next year. Needless to say the spring semester has been a very eventful semester for the brothers, and they only look to continue to build on the success.

Chris Champion



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This semester has been another great success for the brothers of Indiana Alpha. We have recently initiated 21 pledges who have taken great initiative in their new roles as brothers and will continue to contribute to the chapter's success in the coming years. Although we will be graduating 24 seniors at the year's end, the active brothers are excited to see the new pledge class' potential.

The undergraduates in the chapter have achieved much this semester as well. We have increased our GPA, which remains well above the all-men's and all-fraternity average. Brothers have enjoyed athletic success on the university's nationally-ranked baseball, tennis, golf and track teams, as well as increasing our intramural championship streak to 10 years. Indiana Alpha's commitment to philanthropy has resurged this semester, with brothers arranging events from barbeques to concerts to raise money along with participation in campus philanthropies such as Special Olympics and Relay for Life. We also hosted a successful dad's weekend golf tournament (although the weather did not cooperate) and will host the first mother's weekend in recent memory in early May.

Alumni of Indiana Alpha are more than welcome to drop in the house whenever on campus and say hello to the brothers. We will be hosting another alumni symposium in the fall, which is welcome to all alumni from any year, as well as events during the Monon football weekend and Homecoming. The chapter house likely host a reunion for the class of 1978 during DePauw University's reunion for the '78 class, so any alumni on campus during that weekend should keep an eye out for fellow brothers. If any alumnus should wish to contact the chapter house or our house mother Dorothy Brown, the address is: 110 East Larabee Street, Greencastle, IN 46135, (765) 658-5008.

On a more somber note, the brothers of Indiana Alpha would like to send their condolences to the family of Brother Guy Morrison "Binx"

Walker, who truly embodied what it meant to be a Brother and whose memory shall live forever in the Indiana Alpha house. Live Ever, Die Never!

Scott Smith



Indiana BETA Indiana University

Indiana Beta's 2007-08 academic year has been one of the most active and eventful years to date. Besides winning IFC Chapter of the Year, we have a new class of 34 that were initiated at Phi Psi Headquarters Laurel Hall on Founders Day 2008. The live-in brotherhood has risen to 90 for next year. With these new numbers, the Housing Corporation and alumni have begun the fundraising for a new house to be built on our current location in Bloomington a few years from now.

This year's philanthropy initiatives have been stronger than ever. On Halloween 2007, lead by sophomore philanthropy chair Eric Phillips, the chapter threw a haunted house with a suggested donation of two canned goods to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, which was attended by over 350 people. Our chapter is also very involved in IU's largest fundraiser, IU Dance Marathon. Besides four brothers who are active members of IUDM committees, over 30 brothers participated in the event itself which is a 36-hour, no-sleep dance-athon that raised \$1,041,197.20 for Riley Children's Hospital. Also, just this past January the freshman class paired with Zeta Tau Alpha for IU Sing, finishing with the award for Most Entertaining Act.

One of Indiana Beta's largest traditions is our bike team and Little 500. In last year's race, our riders qualified 1st and finished 2nd, winning us the Greek Little 5 Champions award. This year, we qualified 3rd and in the race our riders competed alongside some of the toughest teams in years, pulling much of the beginning of the race and finishing 5th. Two star senior riders, Mike Segal and David Schweer graduate this semester leaving behind two banner Phi Psi biking careers and a legacy for the younger riders to uphold.

Andrew Saucier



Mabash College

Accredited with Honors

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Purdue University

There have been some great things happening here at Indiana Delta. First of all, our very own Robert Heeter organized and ran a very successful philanthropy. We cleared off our parking lot and held a trike race benefiting CASA. We had a great showing, and we packed our lot with spectators and racers. Another of our members, Mark Granum, is working to start up a philanthropy this fall for the Oaken Bucket Game. We want to run the game ball from IU up to Purdue using our members as well as involving Indiana Betas. We have a good group of guys that will be moving in



Indiana Delta participated in several philanthropies this school year

next year, and we are packing the house to maximum capacity. It's a good thing that we'll be moving to a new, and bigger, house for the 2009-10 school year. We are all excited for this opportunity we have been granted. We are seeing the effects of this in bigger recruitment numbers and greater chapter participation in many campus and Greek activities.

A.J. Schoch



Accredited with Distinction

It's time once again to inform Phi Kappa Psi of all the great things that Indiana Epsilon has done this past semester. The start of this semester resulted in a pledge class of 13. This was the second highest among fraternities, but we feel the quality of the men is more important than the

quantity of men. We are very happy to have them with us and hope that they do great things for Phi Kappa Psi.

We have been updating the quality of the house thanks to the house improvement fund we created. A few changes we have made are modernizing our chapter room, kitchen and recreation room. Our chapter room received new tables to study at and a new computer. Our kitchen received a new freezer and, with help from our alumni, new cabinets and a new paint job.

Indiana Epsilon prides itself on philanthropy. This semester we have gone above and beyond the expectations we placed on ourselves. The small city of Valparaiso has felt our presence because we volunteer for events such as the soup kitchen, the local YMCA 5K Run and the Valparaiso Easter Egg Hunt. From our campus dance parties we were able to raise nearly \$1,000 to give back to the local Boys & Girls Club. However, we don't just serve the city; we also help Valparaiso University and its organizations. From events such



Indiana Epsilon's new members pose outside of Laurel Hall, Phi Psi's Headquarters

as Mr. Valpo, Make-A-Swish, MLK Service Day and Phi Psi 500 we are able to give back to the university and other organizations charities. In this past year we have contributed nearly 3,000 hours of community service. We are devoted to the foundation upon which Phi Kappa Psi was created.

Even outside of community service, our presence is still very much felt because of all of our on campus involvement. We have two members on the Interfraternity Council (the vice president and the treasurer/secretary), three Orientation Assistants, the First Vice President of Student Alumni Association, three very high-ranking members of Air Force ROTC and many other positions that help Valparaiso University.

We are very proud to announce that our brother Erich Maul will be spending his summer in Turkey at the Incirlik Air Force Base. He will be doing maintenance work on KC-135 refueling planes. The duties are to assist in refueling the planes that are serving in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We wish him the best of luck and keep him in our prayers.

As you can see, this past semester has been filled with great events and great people from

Indiana Epsilon. We are continually working to achieve our goals and create new opportunities for ourselves both with Valparaiso University and the campus community. Amici.

Vince Faso



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The men of Indiana Zeta are enjoying another successful semester at Butler University. With the start of the semester and Formal Recruitment we brought 28 new members into our chapter. The new pledge class started strong with a victory in the campus wide Freshman Skits. This was the 11th year in a row that IN Zeta had won this competition and we were all very excited about the victory.

Another success the new pledge class has enjoyed was a recent philanthropy event they organized. For this event, children from a local after school care program came to Butler University for



Indiana
Zeta's
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competition

a field day. The day consisted of the kids playing kickball, having a delicious lunch prepared by the men of IN Zeta and hanging out with the brothers and other members of the Butler community. It was a great day for everyone, but especially the children.

An on-campus event in the near future that IN Zeta hopes to succeed in is the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. At Relay for Life, people from within the Butler's community gather to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and to fight back against this disease. Last year the IN Zeta team raised the most money for this overnight walk to raise cancer awareness, and this year we will be bringing two teams and hope to raise even more money.

As the semester nears an end, we look for the future to improve IN Zeta. One area we are really looking to improve in is our alumni relations. With Homecoming in the fall we hope to increase the numbers of alumni present as well as have them become more active in our chapter. We are very excited for what the new school year will bring in the fall. We hope to continue with the success we have seen this semester, and work on the things we need to improve upon.

Brian Rochford



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Fourteen years ago, the men of lowa Alpha at the University of lowa suffered a great loss when our chapter house burned to the ground in 1994. Brothers lost their belongings, their memoirs, and their home. After the new house was built, we were only at half of our maximum capacity, and faced with paying off a \$300,000 mortgage.

Now, a little over 10 years later, lowa Alpha is proud to report that we have paid off the entire mortgage in full, due in large part to outstanding alumni support. With monetary burdens lightening up, we have been able to pursue additional furniture, carpeting, and a new brick patio area complete with a small, modest-sized, two-and-a-half foot wide grill. We look forward using it during the many weekly BBQs we host with sororities on campus in the fall.

We are very enthusiastic about some very big plans for the summer months. With the continued help of the National Foundation and our House Corporation, we hope to give away an unprecedented \$10,000 in scholarships to incoming freshmen through our Kinnick Scholarship program. Since starting the Kinnick program at the University of Iowa, we have been fortunate to welcome to the chapter men displaying strong academics, good character, and outstanding leadership qualities. To expand on the program, we are very pleased to have two brothers working throughout the summer for the sole purpose of spreading the word of Phi Kappa Psi to incoming scholars. We hope these new positions will give Iowa Alpha a head start on the normal fall recruitment period.

This past semester, Iowa Alpha held our annual Founder's Day Celebration in the Kinnick Stadium press box, overlooking the Hawkeye football field. Brother Paul Wineman was in attendance as our guest speaker for a crowd full of current members as well as a fantastic turnout from alumni and their families.

This past spring also featured lowa Alpha's Dad's Day, where brothers and fathers were invited over to the house for a BBQ and then a round of golf. Many of the dads expressed their anticipation of the next event before even making it out of the house.

With the house currently at full capacity with 40 men living in, and a total of 114 members, lowa Alpha is very content with the progress made over the past years, but isn't stopping there. After reclaiming the top GPA of all fraternities on campus, we already have higher goals next

semester thanks to an academic incentive program we instituted. Continuing involvement in the community is also a main focus, as many brothers participated in Dance Marathon this semester, an event where participants raise money from sponsors to dance 24 hours straight to benefit children with cancer. Organizers of the event commented that had it not been for the crucial commitment of some lowa Alpha brothers, they might not have reached their goal for the year of \$1.000.000.

lowa Alpha looks forward to a successful summer recruitment as well as another round of excellent men through our Kinnick Scholarship. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude from each and every member to any individual who assisted us over the past years whether it be helping with the completion of the new chapter house or allowing us to offer such a successful scholarship program year after year. Please, take this an invitation from the men at lowa Alpha to all brothers to stop by the house and allow us to show you how excited we are at where our chapter is and the direction it is heading.

Axel Larson



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The Iowa Beta Chapter has had a very busy semester. Since being re-chartered in October, we have thrust ourselves into the Greek community at Iowa State. Every Wednesday this semester, we have had a social event with a sorority and/or possible recruits. Events ranged from college board game night with Delta Delta Delta to Bowling with Phi Beta Chi. We have also been regaining recognition in the community through our annual philanthropy event and an all-Greek party we hosted on the Friday of Greek Week.

The Phi Psi Shindig is a philanthropy event that we hold on central campus. With a western theme, we serve burgers, play a smattering of country music and sponsor barnyard style competitions. Through our efforts and community

donations, we were able to raise over \$900 for the Boys and Girls Club of Story County here in Ames. The next day we hosted an all-Greek party in our basement. The theme of the "Phi Psi Remix" was a glow in the dark rave. We strategically placed blacklights all throughout the basement and offered highlighter markers to people as they entered. The house was full through the night, and everyone had a great time.

We also had a lot of success with our pairing for Greek Week. Paired with Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Kappa and Phi Gamma Delta, we won best storefront window display, and we won second overall for Spirit. On the Saturday of Greek Week, our house hosted the tug of war tournament, and our pairing won multiple competitions, including the canoe race on Lake LaVerne. We also raised money for Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Bear Plunge. Seven of our members jumped into the frigid water for the cause.

Another successful pairing we had was with Pi Beta Phi, Beta Sigma Psi, Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Chi Omega. As a group, we won Varieties, a large "20-minute musical" competition. The upbeat show followed the various Fruits of the Loom and their rise from menial jobs to becoming the face of the famous clothing manufacturer. The audience loved it; we won best male performance, best female performance and best band, which was conducted by one of our brothers.

On Mondays at formal dinner, we invite prominent figures from the community to eat with us. This semester we hosted the university tennis team, many alumni and even lowa State's football coach. Gene Chizik, ex-football coach for Auburn and Texas. He brought his family to the house, and they stuck around for conversation and pictures afterwards. We also had a world-renowned opera singer spend an evening with us. Simon Estes is a resident artist at lowa State, and took time out of his busy schedule to eat dinner with us. It was a very fun meal with a great guy, who just happens to have an award-winning voice.

Finally, we had our first undergraduate-led initiation this semester. Though we had a few trips along the way, it was a really great event. Energy

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was high, and experiencing the Ritual again allowed us to keep the ideals of Phi Psi at heart. The new brothers are excellent additions to our chapter and the Fraternity at large. We now look to the future of lowa Beta. Summer recruitment is being led by two outstanding brothers this year, and our goal is to fill our newly renovated house to the brim. This should not be a problem, as our house is in excellent condition, our brothers are all upstanding, intelligent men, and our recruitment chairs are enthusiastic and industrious.

Nick Juelsgaard



Accredited with Honors

The year 2008 has so far proven to be a great year to be a Jayhawk. With a BCS Orange Bowl victory in January and a NCAA Basketball Championship, campus has been crazy, and the men of Kansas Alpha have had a great time enjoying a once in a lifetime experience here at KU.

While KU athletics have been stellar, the Phi Psi's have had plenty to offer to the university as well. This past semester we had an accumulated GPA of 3.08, which is impressive since we register and post the grades of 125 members, the most of any fraternity or sorority on campus.

One tradition we Phi Psis of KU take great pride in is Rock Chalk Revue. Last November, we were chosen in a selective group to perform a show that our directors worked very diligently on all semester. Kansas Alpha was honored to be able to perform with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Not only is this a fun social event, but also Rock Chalk Revue raises over \$35,000 every year to the United Way.

Upon return to our humble domicile, philanthropy was on our calendar from the get-go. We are proud to announce that we won the blood drive this semester, which is the 14th time in the past 15 semesters. Also, we have just hosted our 2nd annual philanthropy event, the Skip Day Carnival. The ladies of Pi Beta Phi and the Men of Kansas Alpha turn the Chapter house into a circus-

like atmosphere and invite the Boys and Girls Club of Douglas County, Kan. over to enjoy a variety of games and activities.

Recruitment is also in full gear here in Lawrence. So far we have had great turnout and are looking to sign a pledge class of 35-40 members. Our recruitment chairs Ricky Zahner (rzahner@ku.edu) and Brandon Budd (Bbudd05@ku.edu) have done a tremendous job, and are now preparing for our summer formal rush week.

KS Alpha is looking to start back up a Phi Psi national tradition that has seemed to disappear the past few years; the Phi Psi 500. We are hoping to launch the event in September, and are hoping to get input from fellow Phi Psi Chapters who currently participate in this great event.

Finally, we would like to take the time to thank all those who help make Kansas Alpha a great chapter here at the University of Kansas. Without the constant support of our Chapter Advisor Jeff Burgess, our loyal housing corporation or our generous and caring alumni, Kansas Alpha would not be the great Fraternity that it is today.

Charles German

KENTUCKY BETA University of Kentucky

The Kentucky Beta Chapter had a great year. The chapter currently has big plans for the future. The chapter took a trip to the Smoky Mountains to initiate all of new members in a remote cabin with beautiful scenery. We initiated five pledges during the spring semester, who helped remodel a room in the chapter house. The new pledges have started a new trend for the Kentucky Beta Chapter. The chapter house is going to have a complete remodeling this summer the week after finals week. The Kentucky Beta Chapter is planning to initiate at least 16 members next year. The upcoming years in the Kentucky Beta chapter will very exciting and set traditions for years to come. Contact our AG, David Puthoff, for more information about how to assist Kentucky Beta's growth at davidputhoff@gmail.com or 513-314-0204.

David Puthoff



Louisiana Alpha Louisiana State University

This past year has been a good one for Louisiana Alpha as we strive to provide more in the way of community outreach and public service. We have been active in several philanthropic events, including our two main annual activities, the Phi Psi Halloween Carnival, benefiting the children of faculty and campus workers, and the Phi Psi Field Day, benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Baton Rouge. Both of our major philanthropies were great successes, with turnouts in the hundreds of children. We are also attempting to grow our chapter, with the first spring pledge class in several years. This year also marks the beginning of a program to make contact with our alumni and provide more plentiful opportunities for them to become involved with the chapter. We hope that the success of 2007-08 can be continued into the next year.

Clayton Allen



Louisiana Gamma Loyola University

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The spring semester has been a busy one for the brothers of Louisiana Gamma. The brothers welcomed 12 new pledges to the chapter who all have the capacity to contribute immediately. They have developed a thorough understanding of what we stand for as members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fratemity.

The chapter continues to look out for the well-being of its brothers in many ways, including the development of a long overdue designated driver program. Despite some growing pains, the chapter is continuing the implementation of this program. This program ensures that brothers who have had a little too much to drink have a safe way to get home.

On Loyola's campus, Louisiana Gamma continues to remain visible and active with the university. Brothers continue to occupy important student leadership positions on campus including membership in the Student Government

Association, University Programming Board and *The Maroon* student newspaper to name a few. The chapter competed in Greek Week and was quite successful, with victories in the Greek Olympics and the dance competition. Recently, Brother Josh Aranguiz was elected the President of the Inter-Fraternal Council and Brother Will Minior was elected the Vice President of Standards. Prep School Paradise, the chapter's spring social event, was again an incredible success.

This spring, the chapter will achieve an important milestone in its young history as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of becoming a chartered chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. The chapter has enjoyed sustained growth in its first 15 years and looks to build upon our past success in the years to come. We will be commemorating this milestone with our spring formal which we expect many alumni to attend. Any alumni wishing to get in touch with the chapter and receive our biannual newsletter should contact our alumni chair, Brother Jay O'Conor, at hjoconor@loyno.edu.

As the year draws to a close, the chapter has to say goodbye to many brothers who will be graduating this spring. Each of these brothers has left a lasting mark on the chapter. Some will be continuing their education on the graduate level while others will embark upon their professional careers. The chapter wishes them the best of success in their future endeavors. While change in the chapter is inevitable, the brotherhood remains strong and will continue to embody all the aspects of being a Phi Psi.

Andrew Dickhute



Accredited with Honors

This semester has been marked by both expansion and diligence here at Maryland Alpha. As was mentioned in our last submission to *The Shield*, we lost the ability to live in the chapter house at 3906 Canterbury thanks to a Baltimore City hearing. Though this might have sown the

seeds of our defeat, we have responded with nothing less than enthusiastic expansion.

With our heads held high, we recruited one of the largest pledge classes of any fraternity at Johns Hopkins. This class of 26 freshman and sophomores includes varsity athletes, legacies and members of student council. In addition, Daniel Teran, brother of Alex Teran, pledge class of 2006, was recently elected President of Student Council. In being elected to this post he becomes the first freshman President elect in more than a quarter century.

Other members of the fraternity that are engaged in student council include Mark Perkins, pledge class of 2007, who is the Vice President of the sophomore class and Affan Sheikh, pledge class of 2007, who is the Secretary of the sophomore class. Both of these individuals have stepped up to leadership within the Fraternity next year along with their pledge brother, Kyle Gertridge. Next year, Affan Sheikh will be GP, Kyle will be VGP, and Mark will be P.

These three brothers are standouts among their incredible pledge class, whose efforts have brought Maryland Alpha back to where it once was. In his role as philanthropy chair, Affan helped us win the Johns Hopkins University Office of Greek Life's Excellence in Community Service and Philanthropy once again. In addition, he also won the Most Outstanding Greek Sophomore and the Fraternal Spirit awards from the Office of Greek Life.

Similarly, two graduating members of the fraternity were recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, JR Yarbrough, pledge class of 2005 and GP 2006-2007, and Andrew McTammany, pledge class of 2007.

In addition, we recently hosted an alumni barbeque over Homecoming weekend, which brought together alums and brothers for a day of lacrosse, food, and conversation that culminated with the announcements of our twelve chapter scholarships.

In sum, though we are still fighting to find a location that can house our growing brotherhood, the status of Maryland Alpha is better than it has ever been. With an eye to the future, those of us who are graduating are sad to leave in such an exciting time, but are happy leave the chapter in such good hands.

Peter Sargent



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Maryland Gamma, fresh from its installation last semester, has continued to strive towards excellence in all aspects of college and fraternity life. We began the semester with an efficient recruitment that brought to us eight highly motivated pledges who instantly became ingrained in our culture. They all graduated the program to become brothers and are already actively seeking leadership roles. Their initiation was followed by an alumni barbeque which was a great success. Along with George Washington University, we celebrated Founders Day in Washington D.C. In order to remain in good standings with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, we have completed several events throughout the semester including a presentation on sexual assault, a workshop on internships, and barbeques with the Maryland Cultural Grilling Society. Recently, we hosted an event with two a capella groups and a belly dancing club and donated the money from it to the Boys and Girls Club. We sent seven brothers to the American Leadership Academy and the enthusiasm and passion it has given them has inspired and energized us all. We are currently partnered with Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Delta Theta for Greek Week and are looking to be strong competitors. The remainder of this semester will likely be very busy as we have several philanthropic events scheduled, including D.C. Outfitters, a program that gives clothing to homeless in the D.C. area, and Adopt a Highway. We are also in the process of applying for a house on Fraternity Row. This would be a very prestigious jump for us socially as well as politically. We are at a disadvantage because we are so new, but we are still strong competition in part due to our having the highest grade point average of any fraternity for as long as the University of Maryland has kept records. Also, our formal and Six Flags event is rapidly approaching, as well as the end of the semester. We will be hosting presentations by Paul Wineman and Jerry Nelson on September 27th and we would like to encourage that anyone interested in attending contact our AG, Noah Myers, at nmyers I 2@umd.edu. Finally, we are graduating twelve seniors this semester, several of whom are Founding Fathers of our chapter. Though this is about a third of our organization, we are confident that we will be able to continue to grow and to succeed.

Noah Myers



Accredited with Honors

Massachusetts Beta has seen tremendous growth and progress throughout the last year. Only a four years ago there were 12 brothers, while now this prospering chapter proudly claims 49 brothers as of this spring semester. All the brothers are extremely proud of this growth, and hope to continue this success in the upcoming years. Led by a very strong senior class, Mass Beta has established itself with a stable foundation at Brandeis, and we look forward to making our presence felt even more both locally and nationally in the near future.

Another recent development which we are extremely proud of is our new Chapter Scholarship Fund through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. Used for the first time in spring 2007, this new scholarship fund should enable Mass Beta to continue to help its brothers better than ever before. Also, the Foundation has just recently accepted the generous donation of our new house from brother Jerry Nelson, California Epsilon '48. This new house has brought great pride to the brothers of Mass Beta. This new house will ensure brothers both now and into the future have a place to call their home, and a place where the great traditions of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity will be able to grow and thrive.

This year has provided the brothers of Mass Beta with amazing opportunities in all areas of the college experience. The cumulative GPA of the Mass Beta chapter continues to be excellent and place us within the top 5 chapters Nationally. We look forward to establishing an even longer-lasting tradition of academic excellence. Outside of the classroom, we have made our presence known both on campus and in the community. Brothers serve as leaders of many on campus clubs, and our members are known for their courteous and cultured nature. In the community we have taken advantage of many volunteer opportunities including serving at local soup kitchens and raising money to help cancer research. Mass Beta is extremely satisfied of all that it has accomplished this year, and we look forward to continuing to build upon the strong base created by our departing senior class.

David Magid



Accredited with Honors

As brothers of Michigan Alpha, we returned to Ann Arbor excited and ready for winter semester. Our chapter is still maintaining brothers at full capacity, with 31 live-ins and 108 total brothers. We take pride in our status on campus, as we are the second largest fraternity with one of the top GPAs in the IFC. We also elected a new executive board composed of four very talented and hardworking men. After the most successful recruitment in chapter history during the fall, our winter recruitment did not falter. Our four recruitment chairmen headed an extremely successful rush period, and we formally initiated eight enthusiastic gentlemen into our winter 2008 pledge class on January 27. The dedication and hard work from our recruitment chairmen did not go unappreciated, as they worked endlessly to improve the chapter. Philanthropically, Michigan Alpha continued to serve others, as we hosted our first ever "Bowl-a-thon" for Scleroderma, a disease that personally affected the family of a brother. The event raised over \$1,000, and we will host our second annual "Bowl-a-thon" next winter. On March 10, we hosted 35 alumni for our largest Founders Day in chapter history, and we all had a



Alumni and undergraduates of Michigan Alpha celebrate Founders Day

great time visiting with alumni members. Most alumni were in Ann Arbor for the entire weekend, and we truly appreciated their supporting presence during our most important fraternal tradition. Socially, we have continued to thrive within the rules set forth by IFC. A major highlight was a trip with Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority to Boyne mountain for a weekend of skiing. Kappa Kappa Gamma also accepted our request to be partners with our chapter for football Saturdays next year. Looking forward, we will once again have a full house next year, and have recently appointed the new membership, social, philanthropy and brotherhood chairmen for the upcoming fall semester. As always, we continue to embody the ideals of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and are excited about the progress we have made and the improvement to come.

Ryan Patrick Dolan

Michigan BETA Michigan State University

With the semester flying by and the weather warming in East Lansing, the brothers of Michigan Beta look forward to finals week and what the summer will bring us all. We had quite a few brothers attend the American Leadership Academy conferences in Cabo San Lucas this semester taking home valuable resources we will be employing in the future. We partook in our local Relay for Life

charity fundraiser as well as several other philanthropy events, and have already started working on our softball game for the annual Alpha Chi Omega softball tournament. In intramural sports news, we ended up bringing home the gold in the Greek basketball tournament, and last fall came close to winning football, finally succumbing to our friends at Theta Chi. Congratulations to graduating brothers Adam "Fancy" Crandell, Steve Drake, James Looby, Evan Marks, Tom Polanic, Justin Richards, Erik Cheffler, Nick Sears and Matt Sutika.

Erik Nielsen

MINNESOTA BETA
University of
Minnesota



Accredited with Honors

The gentlemen of the Minnesota Beta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi have had a very successful Spring Semester so far. We kicked off the semester with a very successful Date Auction in which we raised a coincidental \$1,852 dollars which we donated to the American Cancer Society. Continuing our philanthropy, we will have enough brothers participating in Relay For Life to have two teams participate in which each participant will raise \$115. We have also been very busy planning our annual Insanity for Humanity philanthropy concert which will be held May 1st at a local Minneapolis venue, where all proceeds will also be donated to the American Cancer Society.



The Minnesota Beta Chapter gives a thumbs up to Phi Psi

We also had a very successful Sweetheart Week in which each sorority on campus sent a candidate to be chosen as the sweetheart of Phi Kappa Psi. Although each candidate did a great job, seniors of our chapter chose the representative from Kappa Kappa Gamma to be the house sweetheart. Also during this week, we held our Founders Day banquet where we heard SWVGP Paul Wineman speak. After the event, undergrads and alumni had a social hour at a local restaurant where we were able to get to know many of our supportive alumni.

We are currently looking forward to Spring Jam, a weeklong homecoming type event, which we will be paired with Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta. Two of the major events that week are Ballyhoo, a dance competition, and Battle of the Bands which both of our teams look very promising and we are hoping to take first place.

This past semester has been very busy socially as well. We held our annual Tubes and Tubs date party last February where each brother invited a date to go tubing at a local ski hill and then return to the house to relax in hot tubs that we rent. We have also had successful exchanges such as a discotheme with Alpha Phi, a carnival-theme with Alpha Chi Omega, and are looking forward to future

exchanges with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Omicron Pi.

At the annual Greek Awards, Phi Psi was awarded for Outstanding Community Service for the second year in a row and also received the Chapter of Excellence Award. As the Minnesota Beta chapter continues to grow and develop we strive to uphold the standards of Phi Kappa Psi focusing on academics, philanthropy and brotherhood.

lames O'Brien

MINNESOTA GAMMA Minnesota State University at Mankato

Accredited

The brothers of Minnesota Gamma have enjoyed a productive semester with many exciting events. Over winter break, many of the brothers organized for the floors of our house to be redone. The carpet was ripped up, the floors were sanded, and a new coat of sealant was put down. The process proved to be very time consuming but was well worth the effort.

We started the semester off with our annual alumni poker tournament. A number of alumni made the trip and participated in the tournament. The event has become very popular with the alumni and it has given the active brothers an opportunity to fellowship with our great alumni.

We would like to congratulate Brother Matthew Hamilton for leaving us to the evils of graduation. We will also have three active brothers graduating this spring and we would all like to congratulate Patrick Wilson, Josh Partlow, and Adam Hendriks. Their dedication to the chapter has been very much appreciated.

Our recruitment efforts over spring semester have paid off with a new great class. We hope these prospects will help lead our chapter for years to come and help us where we have been lacking. Recruitment has become one of our top priorities over the last year with two very successful pledge classes. We hope to continue our success in the future.

Ryan Rafferty



Accredited

To get the semester off on the right start we had a brotherhood weekend at one of our brother's cabins. Although the weather was poor, a good time was had by all. On February 16, our chapter hosted its annual Founders Day Banquet at Blackwoods in Proctor, Minn. Over 50 guests enjoyed a nice happy hour, presentation and dinner. Spring in Minnesota is known for unpredictable weather as all who attended our Spring Banquet at Grand Superior Lodge noticed. Saturday was a warm, sunny day and many of the brothers and guests visited some of the beautiful state parks along the North Shore. By night we found ourselves snowed in as a blizzard dumped over a



Minnesota Delta undergraduates met to celebrate Founders Day

foot of snow across the northland. Many memories continue to be built through our brotherhood and its experiences.

On campus we sponsored two major events. The first event was our annual Poker Tournament. Every participant bought in with canned food items to be donated to the Great Harvest Food Shelf of Duluth. Of the over 50 participants, the top three finishers received prizes provided by the chapter through a grant from the UMD Student Association. Again this semester we participated in Relay for Life. Aside from raising money for the American Cancer Society we carried on the tradition of Poker and Pancakes with Phi Psi. At midnight we hosted a poker tournament for relay participants and provided free pancakes to everybody at 4am.

For some of our brothers, this was the last semester of their college Fraternity lives. We wish them well and thank them for all of their contributions. At the same time we'd like to welcome Brother Robert Dowd. Our semester was marked by fun events to build our brotherhood along with making our mark on the campus of UMD.

Matt Slinger



MISSISSIPPI ALPHA University of Mississippi

The Mississippi Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has reached new heights during the 2007-2008 academic year. The membership committee of Mississippi Alpha had one of the most successful campaigns in chapter history by initiating 32 brothers to its already strong chapter. The current committee plans on building the total brotherhood to over 100 members by the end of fall 2008. The most apparent growth for Mississippi Alpha has occurred within the chapter house. Numerous projects have been led by house committee chairman Joey Napoletan that have given new life to many aspects within the chapter house. Alum Alex Thesmar, as well as numerous dedicated alumni, has spearheaded the renovation process with the assistance of brothers and alumni from

Missouri Alpha. The future of Mississippi Alpha lies within the strong ties between the current brothers and alumni that have so graciously assisted the chapter in its most recent accomplishments.

Kory Keys



Accredited

This year Missouri Alpha is taking a break from putting on a traditional philanthropy and is hosting a benefit concert featuring the hit hip hop artist Afroman. Proceeds from ticket sales are going to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia. The chapter is excited to have the opportunity put on a fun event that's different from anything hosted by any other Greek chapter.

Greek week is fast approaching and should be an excellent test for the chapter as members compete in athletic and social events. Missouri Alpha's annual Chapter Day celebration/parents' weekend is in late April. The event is centered around a pig roast and an awards ceremony recognizing the outstanding brothers from the preceding school year. Also towards the end of April, many brothers from the chapter will be visiting the Auburn chapter to celebrate their rechartering.

The Men of Phi Kappa Psi Missouri Alpha have had a busy year. Fall marked the pledgeship and initiation of 11 new brothers into the chapter. Currently, the chapter has 5 spring pledges and is recruiting for a Fall Alpha '08 class (please contact Craig Becker at cby77@mizzou.edu with any rushee names). We wish your chapter the best. Live ever! Die never!

Brandon Laughridge



NEBRASKA ALPHA University of Nebraska

Since the beginning of the semester, much has been happening around Nebraska Alpha. Many alums and family members showed their support for the chapter at the annual initiation banquet, where 21 initiates joined the brotherhood. 13 initiates attained a grade point average of 3.0 or better and were awarded scholarships.

Many brothers traveled to Cabo Alpha for the American Leadership Academy in both January and March. Each experience has brought excitement and valuable ideas to improve our chapter.

Currently the house is gearing up for the annual Phi Psi 500 philanthropy event. Sororities will compete in various events, including a tricycle race, all while raising money for the Lincoln City Mission.

Looking ahead, the chapter will be coordinating an all-class reunion banquet and golf outing on the weekend of September 12, 2008. The plan for the house renovation will be unveiled during the event.

| Jared Knoell



Accredited

Spring has been extremely busy for the brothers of Nebraska Beta. As a follow up to our last issue, we have initiated a tremendous pledge

class of 32 and bolstered our numbers to 87 active members. We look forward to a strong 2008-2009 as we will only lose six seniors. We certainly wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and are confident that their experience at Neb. Beta has given them the ability to excel in whatever career path they head down.

This spring semester has been especially busy philanthropically. Our brothers are actively involved with the Siena Francis House, a charity for housing homeless persons, Habitat for Humanity, a charity to build and rebuild houses for low-income families, and tutoring at the Jesuit Middle School, a 4th-8th grade school focused on inner-city Catholic education. Last but not least, on April 18th we hosted Skating with the Jays, a disco-themed roller-skating philanthropy, and raised a significant amount of money for the local chapter of the Boys and Girls Club.

Nebraska Beta also did exceptionally well at this year's Creighton University Greek Awards. We received the Chapter Award for Excellence in the Alumni Relations category for the great success we had at February's Founder's Weekend celebrations. In addition to this award, we were honored for excellence in our Recruitment Programming, University and Community Relations, Chapter Leadership Development, and New Member Education.



Nebraska Beta assembled for a brotherhood photo during the holidays

Finally, with the fantastic house improvements mentioned in the last update (new carpet, repainted chapter room, HD projector) and the improvements in the weather here in Omaha, we have been able to enjoy our brotherhood by watching movies and sporting events on the projector screen and holding many grill-outs. We are looking forward to the summer and are already planning for a great fall semester.

Conor Mannix Cory Collins and ideals that are Phi Kappa Psi, we ushered in our 101st, 102nd, and 103rd brothers, each pinned by New Jersey Epsilon's first three members. This historic event has greatly improved our alumni involvement, and set our chapter up for new heights. Our new officers have been elected and have started the wheels of progress for next year. We look forward a positive certification from Rowan University's new Greek Achievement Program and the future of great organization. Live ever, die never!

Matthew Bellifemine



The College of New Jersey

The New Jersey Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi continues its winning ways. For the second straight spring, we took the largest pledge class at TCNI. There will be over 60 brothers by the end of this semester, making NI Delta the second-largest fraternity on our campus. Our activities run the gamut from philanthropy to intramurals. This year we have donated for and participated in the annual Polar Bear Plunge and ran the Vincent M. Sullivan Memorial Drive for our troops in Iraq. Also, we recently took first-place in our intramural basketball league, and are also in the finals in intramural football. There are many reasons why people join Phi Kappa Psi, I joined Phi Kappa Psi because I saw that these guys were able to have a good time and get all their stuff done. I am proud to say that that tradition still continues today.

Stephen Vendola



NEW YORK ALPHA Cornell University

New York Alpha recently enjoyed a successful recruitment period, inducting 11 high quality men to join our ranks. Rush week had a number of exciting events such as paint balling, casino night and our annual Pines Dinner for both brothers and pledges. Following the success of this year, we have already begun our recruitment preparations for next year.

We are currently gearing up for our Annual Reunion Weekend to be held June 5-8. There will be plenty of good food and drink available, and we hope to see all who can make it. Last year there was a great turn out and we are hoping for more this time around.

Our annual homecoming celebration will also take place September 26-28. We encourage anyone who can attend to join us for our meet and greet on Friday night, followed with tailgating at the field on Saturday. Go Big Red!

Jordan Banninga



Rowan University

The brothers of New Jersey Epsilon have been working hard to improve the quality of the chapter. This past January, 12 members traveled to the American Leadership Academy to learn important lessons that are in the process of improving our beloved chapter today. With the strong leadership



NEW YORK BETA Syracuse University

New York Beta is undergoing a period of rapid, high-quality growth. This spring, we hosted our first philanthropy event named Phi Psi GUTS, where sororities competed in mud wrestling, tug-of-war

and an obstacle course, raising about \$1300 for the Boys & Girls Club of America. In addition, we actively reached out to alumni this semester, getting them involved in all the great things going on with our brotherhood. Many alumni returned for our Founders Day celebration, and we have since welcomed back others to speak at our chapter meetings. Our alumni are helping us look to the future and create large-scale programming. This fall we are planning a weekend conference in which brothers Jerry Nelson and Paul Wineman will be coming to NY Beta to speak. All in all, we are quickly becoming a very strong presence on the Syracuse campus and living up to our name: Men of Excellence.

Daniel Klamm



NEW YORK ETA University at Buffalo

Throughout this academic year, The N.Y. Eta chapter has been making steady improvements chapter-wide. We had two successful recruitment periods and initiated 10 new brothers. engaged ourselves with the community through multiple events. Several chapter members are participating in a local community program to help area youths learn to swim. Founders Day was yet another eventful gathering, with more alumni support than in years past. The repeated years of dedication to the Fraternity by many N.Y. Eta brothers is unbelievable. This year's attendance broke all attendance records for years past, proving that Phi Psi brotherhood lives on forever. We are currently working to help increase funds and increase our budget through many different fundraising events, the most recent including promoting Mountain Dew. Have good one and look forward to seeing some of you at GAC.

Adam Grav



Rochester Institute of Technology

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The brothers of New York Theta have been through some drastic changes the last couple of months. Our officer transitions have happened spring quarter, which presented itself with a new and young governing committee. We are excited to see our new chapter leaders jumpstart a somewhat stagnant chapter this past year. Our main goal is to hold our brothers more accountable in areas such as scholarship, dues, and involvement.

During the past few quarters, we have stayed true to our founding principles. The "Great Joy of Serving Others" is not only seen in our chapter, but it is something we take pride in heavily. We have a very strong record of community service through donating our man-hours and not just money. Since the beginning of this school year, we have compiled 919.5 hours of community service and have raised \$3,155 for charity. In the fall, we had our 11th annual Mud Tug tournament where we cosponsored with Zeta Tau Alpha, which raised \$2,400 for The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Then in the winter we had our 8th annual Dodgeball Derby which raised \$645 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Our alumni weekend was held April 24-27, 2008. We had over 20 alumni come back to partake in the events that include a Rochester Red Wings baseball game, meetings, a barbeque at our house, and heading over to Jeremiah's for lunch (a favorite of some alumni). I would like to encourage alumni of NY Theta to update me with their email addresses so we can stay in better contact when events like these happen.

Justin Blais



NEW YORK IOTA Binghamton University

Although we are a relatively new chapter, being under a decade old, we have established a great reputation on campus with the Greek community, Greek advisor and the student body. This past semester we have decided to go even further. Among the various activities we are currently executing, we decided to create a coalition called "The Machine" with 3 multicultural fraternities to help break some racial boundaries that have unfortunately remained unbroken in our Greek community for a long time. We have allied with the Asian fraternity, Indian fraternity and African American/Latin fraternity under the understanding of the importance of diversity in both ethnicity and culture. Our first big event is a charity softball event scheduled in May. We have meetings together and all support each other's events on and off campus. We hope that all of the effort we are putting in will help make this alliance last well into the future.

Dan Cohen

NEW YORK KAPPA State University of New York College at Oneonta

Accredited

Greetings from the brothers of New York Kappa!

Here at SUNY Oneonta we are experiencing transition in our chapter, as we just said goodbye to our last founding brother last semester. I am sure other young chapters can relate to this turning point in our early history. While it is sad to see our last founding brother graduate, we are extremely excited about our new brothers. The Lambda's have shown great potential thus far and their individual talents show a promising future for our chapter.

New York Kappa just recently celebrated our 4th anniversary, and it is exciting to see our alumni

base grow. As a young chapter, alumni relations is a new area for our members but something we look forward to developing. New York Kappa is proud to announce its full participation in the Live Ever-Die Never campaign this past fall, with each member donating the full \$18.52. After hearing about the importance of mentors in Cabo, we decided to start our own mentor program. Each brother with a high GPA was paired with a brother with a lower GPA, in an effort to help out with their academics. Just one part of the mentor program includes an actual refrigerator door on our wall, which each week the mentor is supposed to post a note or test score on the door. It has been a very rewarding experience thus far and we look forward to seeing the results that it will produce at the end of the semester. Brothers that live on campus have continued to volunteer as hosts for the Red Dragon Spend-A-Night program, which allows prospective students to spend a night at college. It is great to see Phi Psi hosting the majority of male students and its potential as a recruitment tool has yet to peak. This semester we all participated in Relay for Life, while also sponsoring roller skating for AIDS awareness and bowling for Ducks Unlimited for Earth day.

We look forward to the great philanthropy events that we have planned for the remainder of the semester, including a community-wide food drive. Later this spring we will be putting our two-time Greek Week Champion title on the line and we are confident that we will defend it successfully. If you would like to plan an event or visit NY Kappa, contact Edward Hyde Clarke, Corresponding Secretary, at edwardhydeclarke@gmail.com

Edward Hyde Clarke



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оню агрна Ohio Wesleyan University

The Ohio Wesleyan Chapter of Phi Psi is currently working on reconnecting with our alumni base. As we are working towards building the base again we are continuing the traditions set by our fraternity. In our spring semester we have gotten 13 new pledges and are losing 5 seniors to graduation. Phi Psi at Ohio Wesleyan is the largest of the fraternities out of 9 others with 39 undergraduates in our organization.



Wittenberg University

The Ohio Beta Chapter enjoyed a great spring semester, full of success and accomplishment. We proudly initiated 14 fine men, our largest class in over three years.

Phi Kappa Psi was founded under the premise the "Great Joy of Serving Others," and the brothers of Ohio Beta have lived up to this ideal. In March, we raised over \$350 benefitting a Lesotho orphanage where two of our brothers will serve this summer. Our chapter also had the privilege of hosting a bone marrow awareness event at Wittenberg for an alumnus whose son was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer.

The brothers of Ohio Beta continue to strive for excellence. Our house looks much better thanks to the renovations led by our house manager, Jim Henson. We also have brothers leading student organizations, clubs, and varsity sports teams. It is our desire to uphold the lofty standards that those that came before us set.

leff Hochstetler



Accredited with Distinction

We at the Ohio Delta Chapter have continued to excel academically, philanthropically and

athletically. Our rush chairs have done an exceptional job of recruiting new members that have added to the diversity of our chapter. Furthermore, we have recently elected new officers, and everyone is in agreement that they will continue to lead the chapter in a positive direction.

Our grade point average is currently 3.2, ranking us seventh out of the 30 fraternities at The Ohio State University. Though this is a great achievement, our commitment to academics is pushing us to do even better in the future. We continue to encourage library study times twice a week and have made them mandatory for those who do not achieve a 3.0 to help us reach this goal.

We have continued to have a strong presence in the intramural sports program at the University. Our basketball team won the championship this past winter, and our softball team is currently undefeated. In addition, our hockey team, formed for the Kappa Delta Slap Shot Philanthropy Tournament, won the event.

In the Philanthropy area we have been doing weekly street clean-ups in our neighborhood. We have and are continuing to participate in various sorority philanthropies that include the Delta Gamma Anchor Slam and Anchor Splash, the Chi Omega Moon Ball tournament and the Kappa Gold. Also, our chapter planned the Phi Psi 500, which took place May 17th, 2008 and raised money for the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus.

Many of our brothers made the trip to Brother Nelson's resort in Cabo over spring break. They all agreed it was a very positive and beneficial experience. Their interaction with important business professionals was great for networking. They greatly benefited from the presentations on success and leadership and shared their new insight with the rest of the chapter.

We have been fortunate to find a new house mom who has made some very positive improvements to our chapter. Our house continues to stay clean, and she does an excellent job at monitoring our progress, as well as improving our manners and etiquette, while respecting our personal space.

Our dedication for excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and philanthropy, as well as our other improvements inside the chapter has

continued to make the Ohio Delta Chapter a productive and successful one.

Ryan Cooney



Accredited with Honors

The Ohio Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi started the spring term off great as II members returned from the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. While in Cabo these brothers heard from many motivational speakers including Ohio Epsilon alumnus Brother Charles Brandman. The brothers drafted several goals that helped to define the course of our semester.

We decided that our first goal was to increase membership. Although we are currently one of the largest fraternities on campus we wish to maintain the strong momentum that has been driving our recruitment for the past several years and recruit more men who will further develop our chapter. That being said, we are very excited about our freshman class, including eight new brothers who were initiated on March 29, 2008.

Another of the chapter's goals is to continue improving alumni involvement. We are very pleased with the current level of alumni relations, and are proud to report an outstanding turnout of over 55 alumni in attendance at our most recent Founders Day celebration. However, the chapter is continually striving to contact more alumni. If you would like to join our mailing list and receive more updates on the state of our chapter please contact our alumni chair Chris Carach at christopher.carach@case.edu.

After a two year absence we were delighted to again host our Heaven and Hell party with a local sorority, Sigma Psi. Headed by our social chairman, Brother Thomas Highberg '07, this was one of the largest social events on campus with the biggest turnout in recent memory. We are also currently looking forward to our 11th annual 24 hour Softball Tournament to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. Led



Several Ohio Epsilon undergraduates attended the American Leadership Academy

by Brother Daniel Dennhardt '04, this year's tournament looks to be bigger and better than ever and will feature over \$1,000 in prizes and several new twists.

As summer approaches we are pleased with the events of this semester and look forward to seeing our brothers at the GAC in Indianapolis.

Brice Lambelet



Accredited with Distinction

The Ohio Eta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has been very busy throughout the year participating in community service, philanthropy, sports and social events. Our chapter is Accredited with Distinction nationally due to the tireless had work accomplished by the brothers and the area alumni to achieve this great honor.

The brothers had their semi-annual quesadilla dinner on Mach 27. Even though there was a blizzard that night, the philanthropy event raised \$1,303 for University of Toledo's Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon is the largest philanthropy event on campus. The event requires participants to stand for 16 hours and they learn a line dance throughout the night. The dancers have people sponsor them through donations, which is how the money is raised along with organizations making contributions. The proceeds, which go to the Children's Miracle Network, benefit children who have been afflicted with disease at an early age. In support of this wonderful event, 16 of our brothers participated, with Alton Lynum becoming the Dance Marathon King for his sensational dancing throughout the night. The brothers were awarded the "Baby Shoe Award," which was given to the organization that had the second highest percentage of participation in the event.

Ohio Eta will reach the benchmark of 500 community service hours this semester. Brothers have given back to the community in such great events as the Race for the Cure, Multiple Sclerosis Walk, the Delta Delta Delta Golf Outing and Dance Marathon. Recently, brothers have been attending the Boys and Girls Club of downtown

Toledo. They have been busy playing games such cards, pool and chess. To the surprise of some of the brothers, they have even been challenged in basketball games.

Over spring break, 19 brothers attended the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. In Cabo, brothers participated in many seminars where they learned from the life experiences of alumni, and have been implementing what they have learned at ALA to become a better and more complete chapter. While many new ideas were learned and life lessons were taught, the brothers also found time to have fun in the sun and visit many of the local hotspots.

The Ohio Eta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi is especially proud of our current president, Alton Lynum. He recently has been awarded with the College of Business Student Pacemaker Award. The award is given to five juniors and five seniors who are believed to "set the pace" for the rest of business students. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and campus and community involvement, Brother Lynum has also been invited to join Blue Key Honor Society, which is the most distinguished society on our campus. The society is comprised of 13 student leaders that are selected by the current class. The basis for selection is academic achievement, community service, leadership experience and campus involvement. The announcement of his invitation was very exciting for him, along with the entire Fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi had not been represented on Blue Key in over 20 years.

The semester is coming to an end and the brothers will continue to work diligently and hard on everything that is in their path. Will we finish this semester strong, in all aspects of Fraternity life and are looking forward to a successful future. We wish all other chapters well in all their endeavors.

Nikolas Fabianich



Accredited with Distinction

It's a great to be an Ohio Theta and an even better time to be a brother of Phi Kappa Psi. We are extremely busy this spring semester with,

philanthropy, recruitment, intramurals, chapter improvement and of course brotherhood.

This semester we already have done over 650 hours of community service, many of those coming through our campuses involvement with St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Brothers Jason Steele and Ken Pelasky did an excellent job this semester serving on the executive committee for St. Jude's that raised over \$45,000.

We have two new freshman pledges: Brandon Collins from Shelby, Ohio and Kent Rhode from Millersburg, Ohio. We had a very successful Super Bowl party with over 100 guests. Membership Chair Jarrod Williams is continually working on creating events that will generate interest across campus and allow us to find more quality men that could become brothers of this great Fraternity. We will be working extra hard to improve our fall recruitment due to the fact that 22 of our brothers are going to be seniors next year. We need to replace them in order to stay the largest fraternity on campus.

While we are working on recruitment, our alumni committee has worked on making this years' Founders Day better than ever. We added an undergraduate alumni golf scramble that we hope will become an annual event. Ashland University President Dr. Frederick Finks will be our speaker this year.

Intramurals continue to become a staple of this chapter. We clinched the campus all-sports championship over a month before the end of the academic year. Our brotherhood has become very involved in our schools club sports program. We have brothers playing soccer, lacrosse, rugby and tennis.

Many of our brothers took advantage of our spring break and went on trips together. Five of our brothers went to ALA Cabo Alpha, five went to Wrestle Mania 25 in Orlando and four went on a backpacking trip on the William Bartram trail in Georgia.

Max Julian



There are a number of improvements to the house including the pledge project (revamp of landscaping between the House and the TKE's,) gutting the Manager's Closet and the conversion of the kitchen to a TV room. Upcoming events: lamboree, Mom's Weekend, and Senior Pass-Down. Sports: We are in division I hockey league and won the philanthropy flag football tournament. We just applied for the Grand Arch Council awards and at the Greek Awards and won the award for most active chapter in Adopt-A-School. Alumni, check out our redesigned website at www.ohiolambda.com. Visit the site and add/update your contact information in the "Alumni" section. It's a great way to reconnect with brothers and stay attuned to 122 S. Campus alumni events. The annual Alumni Golf Outing is Saturday July 26. Group rate rooms at the Miami Inn are available under "Ohio Lambda." For more info, contact Tom Merritt: trmerritt@hotmail.com. It should be another great turnout, as this event keeps growing. Meet us at 122 for Alumni Weekend June 12-15 and Homecoming October 25-26. Activities are planned throughout the weekends; stop by to reconnect, visit with active brothers and just reminisce.



UNIVERSITY of OHIO MU **University of Dayton**

Accredited with Distinction

Greetings from Ohio Mu! The past few months have seen a lot of change in the chapter. In December, the chapter had elections and voted Ryan Carpenter as our GP, and Gregory Marconi as the VGP. Since the election, Ohio Mu's committees have been hard at work implementing many new programs. Our Scholarship Committee headed by Tyler Deutsch has continued the distinguished speakers and started a "scholarship brother of the week". Every week academically successful brothers email their accomplishments to Tyler, and then at chapter he announces a winner who wins a gift card to a local area restaurant. The brotherhood committee and Chaplin have teamed up to start the brother of the week program where every week at chapter a brother gets announced and receives distinction for Creed-like behavior.

The Philanthropy committee lead by Russ Pierce has been feverously at work with Relay for Life, an event where teams raise money for the American Cancer Society. Over the past years, the brothers of Ohio Mu have commanded the fundraising stage of Relay. This year was no different. We initially set a goal of \$10,000 among our 66 brothers. However, we met this goal with a week to spare. Since we had two more fundraising events left, we reset the goal to \$12,000. Again we triumphantly met and exceeded this goal, and although the numbers have not been completely tallied yet, we are expected to have over \$13,000 raised!

We have been very active in service as well this semester having accrued over 1000 service hours! One significant event was our volunteering for the American Heart Association Heart Mini-Marathon in Cincinnati. Our Brotherhood Committee, headed by senior Kevin Eble has been active, planning exciting event for our brothers to enjoy. We recently had our first "Mom's Weekend" on April 5th. Events included a "Mom Prom" and a luncheon. Also, our membership committee, led by Ryan Wittrup and Alex Vogl, has been active. They were able to recruit 17 young men to pledge and are working on a mid-semester rush event to get a leg up for next fall's recruitment.

Speaking of the 17 pledges, we traveled to Ohio Delta in March after 6 weeks of pledging to initiate those 17 pledges into our brotherhood. They have been a great addition to the chapter with one of the new brothers Anthony LoPresti even setting up a fundraiser for Relay for Life within weeks of being initiated. Everyone is excited to see everything that these new brothers bring to the table in the next few years.

At the University of Dayton Greek awards dinner fraternity advisor Michael Hauck won the award for most outstanding advisor for the third year in a row, and Greg Marconi won the award for outstanding Phi Psi. The chapter is very excited for the end of the year events including formal and the senior roast. We welcome anyone living or visiting in the Dayton are to stop by 106 Lawnview to see what we are up to.

Nathan Deutsch and Gregory Marconi



Ohio Mu brothers Ryan Wittrup, Kevin Eble, Tim Field, and Jeff Pfeiffer volunteer at a relay



As the spring semester draws to a close, the men of Oklahoma Alpha can look back on a successful semester. During work week, we completed several chapter projects, including painting the foyer and repairing the chapter room. We celebrated Founders Day at the house, with a good turnout from the local alumni. Michael McCoy, National Historian, was our guest speaker and encouraged and enlightened us with lesserknown tales of our Fraternity's history. Special thanks go out to the alumni who attended and to those who donated further to the chapter's improvement. The brothers recently participated in The Big Event, OU's campus-wide philanthropy, helping clean up a church retreat center. As summer approaches, our focus turns towards recruitment. Kyle Ray, our recruitment chair has been busy planning events geared towards the incoming freshmen. If you would like to donate time or money to these events, please contact him at 940-368-6590.

Matthew Deeg



The best word to describe Oregon Beta this year is "progress". We have had progress in academics, bringing our GPA up from among the lowest on campus last year to an initiated member average of a 3.0. We have made progress on the house, instilling pride in our home through renovations and several makeover projects. Every term, our pledges provide the plan for a new improvement and the entire membership takes part. Most importantly, we have had progress in recruitment. We have gone from 11 members at the beginning of this year to 21 today, with spring recruitment just beginning. We are proud of the progress we have made but our vision of a renewed Oregon Beta and a full house is still ahead of us - the undergrads and alumni are ready to meet the challenge. Please visit us at our new website: www.phipsiosu.com.

Ryan Saffores



W&J PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA Washington & Jefferson College

Pennsylvania Alpha is thriving in our new fraternity house, and is proud to report a healthy pledge class of I3 for 2008, second highest among W&J fraternities. We were recently honored with a visit from SWVGP Paul Wineman over Founders Day, who gave a presentation at the Pittsburgh Alumni Association's Founders Day event, held at the prestigious Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh. Brother Jim Denny organized the event and continues to lead an exceptional local alumni association. Many brothers from our chapter in attendance were privileged with receiving advice on leadership, responsibility, and mentoring from Brother Wineman. Our brothers have also participated as volunteers in a program that trains



Oregon Beta undergraduate and alumni members pose outside the chapter house

local police officers for certification in field sobriety testing, have volunteered for the Special Olympics, have raised funds for the Children's Miracle Network, and are planning a joint charity softball game with Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. We are also proud to announce that Brother Matt Schiavone recently pinned his sweetheart Carly Wilson, and we welcome Carly into our fraternal family. We are now planning our annual golf outing, and hope that even more brothers will participate this year. We thank our brothers and alumni for their continued interest and support in PA Alpha. Visit our website at www.PhiKappaPsiAlpha.com for more chapter news. High, high, high, high...

Joe Morascyzk



PENNSYLVANIA BETA Allegheny College

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Pennsylvania Beta has been emphasizing creating positive events for the wider school community by cooperating with the school and working alongside the school's Greek Life staff. Additionally, Penn Beta has been trying to

emphasize engaging in community service directly with residents of Meadville to be sure that community service directly helps the citizens that live so close to their school. Penn Beta has adopted a community service philosophy of direct engagement in order to improve not just the lives of the residents but also the community's attitude of the students. We recognized that this would serve both the community and serve our school. We have been striving to build stronger bonds with our alumni, as evidenced recently with our Founder's Day celebration which included an hors'dourves reception and a dinner served in the new Bush Tippie Alumni Center, along with a keynote address from Jim Denny, president of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, regarding increasing involvement of alumni,

Trevor Filipiak



Accredited with Honors

There have been many new and exciting changes within the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter



Pennsylvania Beta undergraduates have emphasized community service that has a direct impact on their neighbors

these past few months. Some highlights include a highly successful recruitment and new member education program, increased philanthropy and community service, and the substantial growth of our chapter scholarship program.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority affairs recently awarded us with the Recruitment/New Member Education award for an outstanding fall rush program. Our chapter was the overwhelming favorite and through a long selection process we awarded 32 bids. Of the 32 bids we initiated 31 members this past fall.

Brother David Quinn was also awarded the John Dunlop Commitment to Excellence award; it is the most distinguished award for any Greek member at Bucknell. His contributions to Greek life at Bucknell are truly laudable and we wish him luck in the future.

After sending 9 members to the American Leadership Academy, we have returned with innovative ideas to grow our philanthropy and community service programs. Through hard work and dedication, we recently gathered over \$1,600 for the American Cancer Society from our annual Battle of the Bands. We also worked with the Lewisburg Lions Club to earn and donate \$1,000 to the Janet Weis Children's Hospital at Geiseinger this past fall. The chapter was also able to donate \$250 to the American Heart association because of our outstanding attendance at one of our Plan for Prominence events. This sporting event featured in two of our brothers on Bucknell's Club Hockey Team. In addition, during spring break, 9 of our members performed 300 hours of community service in working with Habitat for Humanity to build low income housing in Miami Florida.

Through the generous contribution of our late Brother Norman D McKenzie '33, our scholarship fund has grown in leaps and bounds. These new funds will allow the board of trustees and chapter members to award approximately \$2,000 in scholarships each May. The board of trustees has chosen to name the scholarship after Norman D. McKenzie in honor of his single largest contribution. Furthermore, some of Brother McKenzie's contributions have been saved in order to re-furnish the first floor of the house.

For more information regarding upcoming

events please visit our alumni website at www.penngammaalumni.org.

Eric Miller

Bullety PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON Gettysburg College

The men of Pennsylvania Epsilon have been doing great work on the Gettysburg College campus. We have been involved in numerous philanthropic events this year. Some highlights include raising over \$1,200 for the American Cancer Society, being recognized for 10 years of service for the adopt-a-highway program by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, helping to build a house with the Habitat for Humanity, and continuing our tradition of the King of the Wings Buffalo Chicken Wing Challenge with this year's proceeds going towards Dystonia research.

Our chapter has even been honored by the Order of Omega, the Greek Honors Society here at Gettysburg College. The chapter won two awards, one for Most Improved Chapter, and the other for having The Most Outstanding New Member. PA Epsilon would also like to congratulate its 13 graduating members and wish them all luck in their future endeavors.

Adam Ortiz



PENNSYLVANIA ETA Franklin & Marshall College

great deal of energy and enthusiasm from alumni, undergraduates and pledges alike. This semester started off terrifically with a solid recruitment campaign led by David Lerner '07. Following an enthusiastic week of rush events, the chapter got one of its largest pledge classes in years, with ten new member candidates. Recently, they were

This semester at Pennsylvania Eta has been one

of the most fruitful in recent years, filled with a

initiated at Miller Hall at Gettysburg College. Many alumni, who took part in this magnificent time, joined us.

Alumni support has also been at its highest in recent years. Led by our Chapter Advisor Marc Persson and the President of the Lancaster County AA, Ricardo Rivers, alumni support has been growing as Penn Eta makes its way to its 150th anniversary. Beginning with Founders Day, we were presented with a new copy of our charter as well as a copy of the original letter sent to National in 1859, requesting that Franklin and Marshall College become a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. Despite our cheerful spirits, there were some solemn moments as well, as we remembered the passing of Brother Roy Scheider '54, perhaps Penn Eta's most notable alumni.

Recently, an old tradition was re-established, as the alumni took on the undergraduates in a game of broomball. Fun was had by all, and despite the alumni's claims, the undergraduates went on to win the game.

Finally, in keeping with Phi Kappa Psi's long-standing philanthropy tradition, we have been maintaining our connection with the Boys & Girls Club, while also fundraising for the MS Walk. This past weekend, we raised over \$1,000 for MS, truly defining the charitable nature of Phi Psi.

In short, it is an exciting time to be a Phi Psi at F&M.

Hormuz Masani



This semester, in addition to initiating two outstanding gentlemen, Pennsylvania Theta has planned its first Founders Day event in the renovated house. The event was a great success with more than 120 in attendance; the undergrads hope to capitalize on this with our annual golf outing. On campus, the chapter is a well-rounded presence, we recently won the intramural hockey championship, and some of our members are successful varsity and club athletes. Our undergrads have taken numerous roles on campus, in community service events such as Lafapalooza and Adopt-A-Highway and pursued internships

working with special needs children, as well as community outreach programs working with local children.

Rob Gordon



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No newsletter submitted. For more information, contact GP John Swierk at jswierk@sas.upenn.edu or 814-779-9314.



The members of the Pennsylvania Lambda chapter have been keeping busy this semester. Eight new pledges this year have already made important contributions and rounded out the chapter. With three of these eight young men from out of the country, we have all gained a broader understanding of our own pledge program and its overall effectiveness. We are always excited to extend the bond of brotherhood to deserving new men. One of the most unifying programs we have been involved in this year was THON, Penn State's philanthropy for children with cancer. As the largest student-run philanthropy in the nation, we raised over \$6.6 million as a school. Our chapter alone raised over \$60,000 of that total. Currently, we are focusing on Greek Week, which officially began on April 13. With dozens of philanthropic events scattered throughout the week, Greek Week is one of our favorite times to give back to the community and strengthen our ties within the Greek community at Penn State. Our future looks bright, with plans for major renovations to our house and the promise of continued involvement in our community and brotherhood.

Eric Brown

PENNSYLVANIA NU Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Nu is proud to announce the construction of our new chapter house. Special thanks goes to our Housing Corporation, dedicated alumni, Jerry Nelson, California Epsilon '48, and the tireless work from our undergraduates. In February, many of us attended the Founders Day Celebration sponsored by the Pittsburgh Alumni Association. This celebration, the construction of the new house and other efforts has bolstered our brotherhood to new heights. Another great experience for us has been the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas. In addition to a fantastic time, we learned life lessons from successful alumni, met brothers from many chapters and learned new ways to address issues regarding recruitment and alumni relations. We all came back energized about Phi Psi. Not long after returning to the IUP campus, Pennsylvania Nu received the most improved chapter at IUP, and a great sense of accomplishment was felt by all. The spring also boasted a strong pledge class of fine men eager to add to the success of our Fraternity.

Jake Graham



The past year has been one of the best years for the Pennsylvania Xi chapter in a long time. Our second annual homeless for a week philanthropy raised over \$1,200 for the Erie City Mission and the Second Harvest Food Bank. We are also proud to have added eight new members in the past year, putting our total at 19 undergraduate brothers. We have already started planning the 2008 homecoming picnic and will be inviting all of our alumni to join us. Within the past year we have become a dominant name around campus and look forward to expanding in the next couple years.

Stephen Ondek



York College

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Hello brothers! The Pennsylvania Rho Chapter is on an upswing of success. The brothers have been constructive and interactive with the school and community. We are continuing our philanthropy tradition of Adopt-A-Block and are seeing better turnouts with different organizations taking interest. We have also been participating in mentoring programs and habitat for humanity. The brothers of PA Rho are doing their best to keep our neighborhood and campus attractive. On the academic side we have one of the highest GPAs of any organization on campus and still rising. Some brothers are even recognized by the school for their academic excellence. Fun was had by all during our long-established Christmas party. It was great to see alumni turnout to catch up with brothers and greet new members; we always enjoy seeing alumni so don't be shy!

Timothy R. Moulthrop

PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

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It has been a good 5 months since the last update from the Pennsylvania Sigma Chapter. However, 5 months ago we were eight brothers fewer than we are now. We are happy to report that we have initiated eight new brothers into the great Fraternity of Phi Kappa Psi! Congratulations to our Upsilon Class! As all can imagine, we are ecstatic about our recent addition, but wait, there is more! We will soon be having our annual alumni barbeque in early May. As stated in our last update, it is a time where alumni from the Pennsylvania Sigma Chapter are asked to participate in a day of fun, food, and reminiscing. Furthermore, it is a great way for younger brothers to connect to those that were before them.

As far as our philanthropic endeavors, we have continued to stay active in the Philadelphia and University community. We volunteered at the Salvation Army and our task was to sort and box toys that were headed to children in various shelters. The experience was wonderful. Another event we provided assistance for was the University's 3rd Annual 5k Race for Humanity. This walk benefited CureSearch, the National Childhood Cancer Foundation Children's Oncology Group. Brothers provided assistance by holding directional signs to direct runners, dispensing water and Gatorade to runners, and some participated in the race. Lastly, we also assisted in the Femi Memorial 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. This tournament is in honor of a fellow USP student that passed away two years ago at the age of 20. This tournament was developed not only to raise money for the Femi Memorial Fund, developed by his parents to be given to a student who exemplifies Femi's characteristics and qualities in life, but to remember him always. Brothers helped in refereeing games, keeping time and scores, and recording wins and losses of participating teams. It was truly a refreshing and inspiring event.

We are now nearing the end of our school year and are very happy with the things we have done. But we shall not stop there. We are already planning events for next school year hoping to top the efforts of this year. As some say, let the best of our past, be the worst of our future. Amici and we wish all a safe and wonderful summer.



Pennsylvania Upsilon's Mu class was initiated in early January, adding another 11 members to our band of brothers. On February 23, 2008 the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi PA Upsilon hosted their annual Winter Formal. We had more than 50 attendees comprised of brothers, alumni and honored guests. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to a bigger turn out next year. In addition, PA Upsilon recently visited Pennsylvania

Epsilon for our quarterly Hi retreat, where we discussed plans for Drexel's spring term and visited Miller Hall. We are also in the process of setting up our Alumni Housing Corporation. We look forward to its completion and seeing more of our alumni back at Drexel!

Michael McCarthy



PENNSYLVANIA PHI Lycoming College

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The Pennsylvania Phi Chapter at Lycoming College has been involved in many different activities around campus involving community service and fundraising. To start, we have a parent newsletter and an alumni newsletter that is mailed out at the beginning of the semester so we can keep our alumni and parents up to date on what we are doing. For community service this year, the brothers, along with the campus radio station club, sponsored a Battle of the Bands, and during this year's Relay for Life we opened up a grill station and served cheeseburgers and hot dogs to everyone, with all of the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Other various community service events that the brothers participated in included selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society, setting up and tearing down from this year's Good



Pennsylvania Phi members pose with a Phi Psi sign

Charlotte concert, and participating in the Autism Walk. We finished the year off with our annual pig roast, which bought all of our current brothers and alumni together to cap off a good year. Recruiting is going well for our chapter, and we recently initiate an eight man pledge class. Our brotherhood is looking to have our first fall pledge class in few years, and we are looking to replace six of our seniors who have graduated this year. Our brotherhood will have 21 members on campus at the start of next year. We are always welcoming donations from alumni or businesses, and are always looking for new ways to fundraise so we can raise money for our chapter in order for it to succeed and grow. If any alumni would like to donate money to the chapter please contact us, and if you have any ideas for fundraising, or recruiting techniques, do not hesitate to let us know.

Eddie Frick



RHODE ISLAND ALPHA Brown University

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This semester could have been bad. This semester could have been bad for our chapter

considering that when this term began in late January, the brotherhood had to immediately address a house with only five graduating seniors, many brothers with hectic schedules, and thousands of dollars of debt. This semester could have been bad, but the efforts of the 30 brothers here this semester ensured that our chapter will continue to thrive.

Treasurer Chas Crandon produced an excellent budget that effectively restored our house's financial position while allowing the house to enjoy myriad social and philanthropic events.

Athletic Chairmen Adam Epstein and Jeff Lian led the house in successful intramural seasons in flag football, indoor soccer, basketball and softball this spring. Community Service chairmen Gabe Doss and Bobby Kaufman organized a Phi Psi team for Relay for Life, raising hundreds of dollars in the effort to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. On Phi Psi's National Service Day on April 26, the brothers welcomed a dozen kids from the Rhode Island chapter of the National Disability Sports Alliance to play games, tour the campus, and enjoy a barbecue at our house.

President Corey Goerdt and membership cochairmen Adam Epstein, Alex Korzec and Chi Nwogu all significantly contributed to recruiting a



Rhode
Island Beta
members
and alumni
pose at the
chapter
house

pledge class of 14 well-rounded and ambitious freshmen. This semester could have been bad; but Rhode Island Alpha demonstrated its collective courage under adversity this term and enjoyed a semester that was both rewarding and fun for every brother.

Bobby Kaufman



RHODE ISLAND BETA University of Rhode Island

The Alumni House Corporation of the Rhode Island Beta Chapter is proud to announce its new officers: Kevin Low President; Joe Hart Treasurer; Ted Casassa Vice President, Iim Grueb Secretary. The biggest news for RI Beta is the rebuilding of the chapter house this summer! Work starts in May and will wrap up in time for a ribbon cutting ceremony, tentatively scheduled for August 31, 2008. We are asking all Alumni and family to attend, if at all possible. To help with building renovations we have officially kicked off our capital campaign. The more we can raise, the less we have to borrow. We have always been a fiscally responsible chapter and it's been because of the efforts of our alumni. We have set a fundraising goal of \$250,000. We will need each and every alumnus to contribute and help us reach this goal. Please email kevin@sns-usa.net for information.

Kevin Low



Vanderbilt University

The members of Tennessee Delta are pleased to report another exciting and successful semester. This spring saw 15 new members initiated, bringing our chapter's total membership to 75 active brothers, the largest count in recent memory. In partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Nashville and the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, our chapter recently hosted our annual "Play Day" event. Brothers enjoyed a beautifully sunny afternoon of entertaining children of all ages with a variety of fun and games.

Building on the strength of our most recent pledge class, we expect that Tennessee Delta will fully adapt to Vanderbilt's rapidly changing environment while preserving the traditional moral values that have defined Phi Kappa Psi for years, thus ensuring our continued improvement well into the future. As always, we invite all of our alumni to return to Nashville in the fall to enjoy our Homecoming celebrations.

Peter Madden

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University of Tennessee

The brothers of Tennessee Epsilon have been focusing on school, philanthropy and recruitment. On campus we have continued to raise our GPA and find ourselves above the all-fraternity average. We have participated in multiple philanthropies including the Sigma Alpha Epsilon boxing tournament; we had three brothers participate and gave a strong showing for the three day event. This spring during Greek Week, we are paired with the sisters of Sigma Kappa and hope to compete in all the events. We will also be working on building a house for Habitat for Humanity. Our alumni golf tournament is quickly approaching; we hope to see a good showing of alumni for a rowdy day on the course. We also would like to remind alumni of our reestablished East Tennessee Alumni Association. We encourage our alumni to stay up to date and in touch with our chapter through our website www.utkphipsi.com.

Andrew Fleming



With the initiation a strong spring 2007 pledge class, Texas Alpha celebrates another year of success. Our chapter now boasts over 140 active brothers. Combining our size with our social strength, Texas Alpha has maintained its steady climb to "top dog" status within the UT Greek community. As always, recruitment is one of our strengths at Texas Alpha.



Members of Texas Alpha help keep a community street clean

We enjoyed a solid summer recruitment this year, yielding a top caliber pledge class that is comparable in size to the other large fraternities on campus at UT. Our active social calendar has seen the repeat of Bermuda, this year featuring Paul Wall and Corey Morrow. This event among others benefited our philanthropy partner, the Bastrop Food Bank, which received another large donation from Texas Alpha's perennial Field Day canned food drive. We look forward to continuing Texas Alpha's tradition of excellence in 2008.

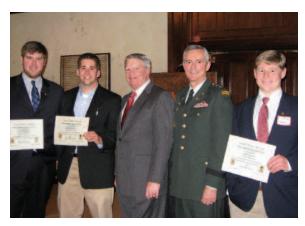
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2008 is a time of change for Texas Beta, as we usher in the next generation of Phi Psis. We

concluded the fall semester by initiating 19 wonderful men and electing our new President Zack Etlinger, who has already improved Texas Beta's excellent standing on campus. This spring we inducted four additional men to Texas Beta and have successfully recruited several more for next fall. We are on track to reach our goal of a 30-man pledge class for the 2008 fall semester. By accomplishing this goal Texas Beta will rival the size it was at its heyday. This February we had an incredible and inspiring Founders Day when the current Judge Advocate General and Phi Kappa Psi California Polytechnic State University Alumnus Major General Scott Black spoke to the active members and alumni of Texas Beta about his life. his family, and our country. Each of us at Texas Beta would like to thank Major General Black for his inspirational words, wisdom and service that is keeping our country safe. We would also like to thank Texas Beta alumnus Major General Walter B.



Guest speaker Major General Scott Black and Major General Walter B. Huffman present awards to Texas Beta undergraduates

Huffman for arranging the keynote speaker at Founders Day this year. As we move into 2008, Texas Beta is excited to see the increase in alumni support and interest in the Fraternity. We hope to continue to see the boost in alumni interest because the history and advice they bring greatly helps in the growth and camaraderie of the Texas Beta brotherhood. Once again thanks to you, the alumni, who helped put Texas Beta on the road to continue its expansion and success at Texas Tech. As you know "From here anything is possible."

Brent Kirbo

TEXAS TEXAS GAMMA Texas State University at San Marcos

Nearing the end of a great year, the men at Texas Gamma have succeeded in reaching new heights and setting new expectations for years to come. Our chapter received a \$250 dollar check from IFC for most improved grades on campus. After our very successful Phil up the Truck philanthropy campaign that we held in the fall, we have followed that up with our inaugural philanthropy, the Respect and Honor campaign, to aid the Hays County Women's shelter. Donating the money to help beaten and battered women has become a large success with the community. Nine young gentlemen were initiated and have

become great brothers this spring and for semesters to come. This summer we are looking forward to hosting our inaugural scholarship dinner for incoming freshmen. We will be handing out two scholarships and giving campus tours to ease the transition from high school to college.

Jonathan Vera

TEXAS EPSILON Stephen F. Austin University

Things at Texas Epsilon are going well this semester. Though we were cut down to three actives at the beginning of the semester, we have initiated six new members. Brothers Terry Huvel II, Drew Steely, and Kevin Peavy have worked tirelessly their first active semester to revive this chapter. We had a blast on our chapter founding day of April 6, with multiple alumni coming to celebrate. The chapter is more involved in student organizations here at SFA than can be remembered in the recent past. We entered into a co-ed softball tournament with the ladies of Sigma Alpha and had a great exchange. The brothers are geared up and ready for fall recruitment. We expect to be able to pull at least six at the beginning and who knows how many more next semester.

Dan Driver

Houston Baptist University

Accredited with Distinction

Texas Zeta is not only the newest fraternity on the Houston Baptist campus but we are also the largest. We were installed on January 19, 2008 with the pleasure of keynote speaker Paul Wineman at

our initiation banquet. We would like to thank everyone who attended or contributed to our initiation, particularly Jerry Nelson who helped start our Chapter Scholarship Fund. Since our colonization three years ago we have continued to grow, with the largest pledge class of any fraternity on campus in every single rush. We also have the highest GPA of any fraternity at HBU and we have just instituted a new service plan that will drastically increase our current community service. In the last year we have made the playoffs in every intramural sport and are in position to win the overall intramural championship. Not only did we win the best fraternity award for Greek Week, we also won the campus wide organization battle during homecoming week. We are well represented all around campus; two brothers are division one track athletes, one of whom is the vice president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Two of our brothers are representatives of the Student Government Association and we currently hold the seat of president for the IFC. We celebrated Founders Day with the Houston Alumni Association and national vice president Paul Wineman. This was a great event to get to know many of the Houston Alumni but we are continually looking for more Alumni in the

Houston area to connect with. We are looking forward to next fall when we are anticipating the largest pledge class we have ever had as the University is anticipating its' largest freshman class ever. Finally, we would like to thank our chapter advisors John Packard and Dustin Nicholson for their continued support; we would never be where we are without them.

Trice Ham



The brothers of Virginia Alpha have enjoyed an academic year chock-full of achievement and progress. The fall semester began on a celebratory note as the long-anticipated house renovations were completed, which included a new roof with a terrace, new floor finishes, and luxury furnishing for the library and chapter room. Virginia Alpha strengthened its community service resume by having the most participants of any group in the Crimson War, a university-wide blood drive held in November. In addition, several brothers are serving as directors of the Big Siblings program,



The new Texas Zeta Chapter's members and volunteers pose with National representatives

which gives underprivileged children an opportunity to spend time with role-model students. Spring recruitment proved to be one of the strongest to date, as the brothers of Virginia Alpha were able to bring in 30 pledges, a record number among the university fraternities. We look forward to a great finish to the semester with our Homerun Derby benefiting juvenile arthritis.

Bijan A. Khalatbari

we are confident that recruitment will continue to improve well into next year. One of our new members even enjoyed a nice and educational Spring Break with some of the older members and Jerry Nelson in Cabo this February. Philanthropically, in late fall we co-hosted our annual Pancake Breakfast with the W&L sorority Kappa Alpha Theta and intend to co-host a campus-wide volleyball tournament later this spring.

Jeff White

VIRGINIA BETA Washington & Lee University

The Virginia Beta Chapter is proud to welcome and congratulate its 10 new members. After many successful rush events, including Homecoming Weekend, Parents' Weekend, and Christmas Weekend, we were able to truly recruit an excellent group of guys. With our new members,

VIRGINIA ZETA Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Greetings from Blacksburg! The brothers of Virginia Zeta are proud to announce the formation of our new Alumni Association. This semester the actives and the alumni have taken great strides to



Virginia Zeta's members in front of the chapter house

increase communication and participation between each other. Additionally, we just celebrated the 30th Anniversary of our Founding Day. Over 100 alumni and active brothers and their families were in attendance to help commemorate the occasion. Lastly, as Virginia Tech approaches the one year anniversary of the April 16th massacre, we would like to thank everyone who called or emailed their support for both our chapter and university. It really meant a lot to us that so many of you kept our brothers in your thoughts and prayers during such a traumatic time.

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After just initiating 14 new members, recruitment '08 is off to a great start this quarter, having signed nine new pledges. Membership chairmen Jarrett Haynes and Michael Moldovenau are planning a full summer of activities and aiming for a fall class of at least 25, to raise our membership level.

We celebrated Founders Day on March 1st. It was again a success and a great opportunity for the undergraduates to meet alumni, and vice-versa. The

local Alumni Association organized an auction to raise money for a few projects around the house, including rebuilding a couple of the original windows from the 1930s, replacing some dining room chairs and building a backyard barbeque. We appreciated the group of alumni and parents who came back to the House after the Dinner, which has become a tradition.

Bill McCallum '56, new president of the Alumni Association, is working to increase alumni participation, and support for the chapter. They just had a Poker Evening at the House – dinner with us, and poker afterwards – that was fun! The association also hosted a Phi Psi and Friends Golf Tournament, June 14th at Sumner Meadows, with exclusive use of the 18-hole golf course. Look for the announcement of this and other upcoming events in the next Alphan. For more information email Jerry Gonzalez, SeattleUSA@aol.com.

We're involved in the usual community service and several sorority philanthropy events. We continue to volunteer twice a week at the Loyal Heights Elementary school, tutoring grade school kids in their Homework Club and Sports Club. We also spent one recent rainy Saturday cleaning up our section of Interstate-5 for the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Come by the House, or have dinner with us – we'd like to meet you and give you a tour!

Blake Thomas



Brett Peterson, Tyler Katzen and Phil Segal teaching games at Loyal Heights Elementary School



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The House Corp. has voted to remain independent from the University. By the time you read this article, the first phase of renovations covering all exterior areas of the chapter house will be underway. All interior areas will be renovated during the summer of 2009. We have scheduled the project over two summers to eliminate closing the house for construction. Our House Manager/Mother will be hired by the start of school this August and the president's suite will be renovated to accommodate her/him.

The theme is "Assuring Our Future," a renovation campaign to prepare the chapter house for the next 50 years. The renovation's projected cost will approach \$1.5 million. The House Corp needs the full support of all alumni, not only your financial contributions, but your personal efforts and participation as well. If you can volunteer some time and effort, please contact us and join the campaign. Each alumnus will be contacted by his "pledge class captain" or a member of the House Corp. A brochure is being mailed and packets of detailed information will be available. Stay "In the Bond" and strengthen your ties to West Virginia Alpha.

Please take to heart the following quote: "You never joined a finer organization so cheaply. You paid an initiation fee and a few dollars in dues for a few years and you became a member for life. Are you doing anything now to help justify the bargain you received?" -Harlan B. Selby '18

We initiated eight new brothers in February and have a spring pledge class of ten. The chapter put on a very successful Founders Day celebration. A memorial ceremony honoring brothers who have passed into the Chapter Eternal was followed by recognition of attending alumni who have served in our Armed Forces. The banquet at Lakeview was

attended by over 135 undergraduates, alumni and quests. Last semester, the chapter had an in-house GPA of 3.20. In April, our "Queens of the Beach" volleyball tournament raised money for Childrens Hospital. There will be three big alumni/undergraduate events each year: a summer cookout weekend at the house, Homecoming and Founders Day. Join us at 780 Spruce Street and renew your Fraternal friendships. For more information, contact:

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Spring has finally returned to Beloit, and with it, a spirit of growth at Wisconsin Gamma. Our Founders Day celebration in Madison brought both alums and new brothers together, along with the honor of hosting SWP John Tryon Hubbard as our main speaker. Brother Hubbard's visit was very well received; we greatly enjoyed his conversation and advice to the chapter, and look forward to hosting him again.

"Success" would be too soft a term for our 2008 spring recruitment. After a pledge process that saw one of the most cohesive, involved, and enthusiastic Spring Alpha pledge classes in recent memory, engaging both brothers and pledges alike in their education activities, we initiated nine new brothers into Wisconsin Gamma's fold on March 15: Daniel Plotnick, Matthew Reed, Misha Davydov, Alex Ebner. Jishu Guha, Nathan Landau, Peter Nencka, Ben Schechter, and Timothy Schutt. We had hardly caught our breath from Spring Alpha when we embarked on our Beta rush week, which brought us four new pledges: Ahmed Hemmat, Aaron Nesser, Graham Rogers and Jacob Williams. We could hardly be more excited about our new members, and are looking forward to even more growth in the coming years.

Wisconsin Gamma continues to work to uphold the philanthropic mission of Phi Kappa Psi, with brothers participating in such programs as on- and off-campus tutoring, junior high and high school mentoring, Habitat for Humanity, Beloit's spring blood drive, and many others. Recently, four of our brothers participated in Beloit's Girls and Women in Science program as teachers and photographers, and several more banded together to donate plasma in order to raise money for a brother in need. Last semester, we far surpassed the Phi Psi

500, and are on track to do so again this spring.

All the brothers of Wisconsin Gamma helped out with Beloit's annual Spring Day on April 16, 2008, a day where classes are canceled and all six Greek chapters sponsor a day of fun activities for the entire campus. We look forward to finishing the semester on a high, and wish all chapters the best of luck for the rest of the semester and the coming year.

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Indianapolis Alumni Association Launches Website

The Indianapolis AA is regrouping and growing to become a resource to area alumni. Our new website at www.pkpindyaa.org has been a great success and will be our primary point of information and event planning. Our e-mail at pkpindyaa@mac.com will help us communicate with over 1,200 area alumni. Our goals are: to enhance or renew the Fraternity experience; to provide social, professional and recreational opportunities; to be a resource to alumni and their families; to be a conduit for support for local chapters.

A Founders Day event at the Columbia Club on Monument Circle kicked off the year with over 120 in attendance to hear SWVGP Paul Wineman give our keynote. Paul challenged alumni in the room to be involved as mentors and leaders for the undergraduates, and encouraged the students to reach out to alumni. It was a special celebration,

as our Indiana University chapter had just come from initiating their fall pledge class at Laurel Hall that morning. What a great way to welcome these new men to our brotherhood.

The Indianapolis Alumni Association is excited to help host the Indianapolis Grand Arch Council, July 30 – August 3 at the beautiful downtown Hyatt Hotel. We are eager to welcome you to our city – home of the Indianapolis 500 and the 2012 Super Bowl. Regardless of your interests, you'll find lots to do in our thriving downtown district, including shopping, great restaurants, sports, the arts, a topnotch zoo – wonderful complements to National convention.

We invite all area alumni to attend our luncheons the first Wednesday of each month and to be involved in the Fraternity. Visit our website at www.pkpindyaa.org for details.

Members of the Indianapolis AA pose in downtown Indy



New Jersey Beta Alumni Reunite

On Saturday, August 20, 2007 New Jersey Beta (Monmouth University) held its first-ever Alumni Reunion Weekend, which was a rousing success.

We had a great cross-section of brothers represented, including five of the founding members of New Jersey Beta.

The idea for this event was born back in April 2007, in the parking garage of a rained-out Yankees

game that four brothers attended. What started as a conversation about doing something "soon" took on a life of its own, as a project plan was developed, responsibilities were assigned, and the committee began to grow.

Planning such an event for New Jersey Beta was particularly difficult, since the chapter lost its charter in the early 1990s. Therefore, there was no

formal network or link through the university – everything had to be done by word of mouth. Fortunately, we have some very resourceful brothers, who were able to solicit help in the form of contact information from the National office of Phi Psi as well as from the university's alumni office, all while being mindful of privacy laws.

Before long, invitations had been developed, negotiations with the caterer begun, and shirts designed. And then the mail began to fly – approximately 300 pieces of snail mail were sent out, accompanied by e-mails wherever addresses could be obtained. And the hit rate was pretty good – only about 7% of the letters were returned as undeliverable.

Over the spring and summer, contacts were reestablished, forgotten voices were heard again and stories re-lived. Several "planning sessions" were held over dinners in New York, and everything came together as planned.

Reunion activities commenced on Friday evening, as Brother Bill McLaughlin hosted a pool party for attendees who were arriving that night. Although the weather did not cooperate, no one seemed to notice. The next morning brought a perfect blue-sky day, and the brothers were again treated to Phi Psi hospitality by Brother Bob Holden, who hosted a barbecue at his home. Then it was off to the races — a day at Monmouth Park.

Some won, some lost, but all enjoyed the company.

The main event was the Saturday night dinner, which was held at the same restaurant where our Founders Day formal events have been held for many years, and we were fortunate enough to have located musicians from our traditional party band of the seventies!

The university's alumni association donated hard-cover pictorials of Monmouth University, and a memorabilia table displayed a wide range of items, from pledge paddles, to composite pictures and photo albums. A special treat was a PowerPoint "Then and Now" collage assembled by Brother Mike Tracey, which played throughout the evening. Hairstyles and fashions were very different back then, as was the quantity of hair!

Recognizing that we have some excellent momentum, the committee is not resting on its laurels. The next steps include disseminating a questionnaire to provide feedback for planning future social events; taking steps to formalize a N.J. Beta Alumni Association; and exploring the feasibility of re-introducing Phi Psi to Monmouth University.

Special thanks go out to the Committee members. In addition to those named above, they include Brothers Pete Bruckmann, Rich Contardi, Joe Cook, Joe Keip and Don Kleber: Well done, gentlemen!



New Jersey Beta alumni continue to keep the memory of their chapter and college days alive

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rebuilding their lives and the world they wanted," he writes. "They married in record numbers and gave birth to another distinctive generation, the Baby Boomers. A grateful nation made it possible for more of them to attend college than any society had ever educated, anywhere. They gave the world new science, literature, art, industry, and economic strength unparalleled in the long curve of history.

"As they now reach the twilight of their adventurous and productive lives, they remain, for the most part, exceptionally modest," he says. "They have so many stories to tell, stories that in many cases they have never told before, because in a deep sense they didn't think that what they were

doing was that special, because everyone else was doing it too."

Woodrow Wilson, Virginia Alpha 1879, who was President for the entire time of American participation in World War I, would say of those who fought in that conflict:

"The Americans who went to Europe to die are a unique breed... [They] crossed the seas to a foreign land to fight for a cause which they did not pretend was peculiarly their own, which they knew was the cause of humanity and mankind.

"These Americans gave the greatest of all gifts — the gift of life and the gift of spirit." ■



Illinois Alpha chapter photo from 1943-44

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