

Grad Students, Families, Alumni—See Below:

2003 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2003 the ΣAM Foundation will offer \$103,000 in scholarship grants. While most are for undergraduate fratres (chapters are being informed separately), those described on this page are available to others as indicated.

Interested parties should secure an application form online at sam.org or directly from the ΣAM Foundation, 9245 N. Meridian Street, #105, Indianapolis, IN 46260, telephone 317-846-0689 or 888-369-9361 or FAX 317-846-9462, email samfdn@sam.org. *Do not delay*, as the completed application and supporting data must be received by January 31, 2003.

BUSINESS

The **Ira Lind Scholarship** (\$1,000) is based on need and grades, for fratres in undergrad or graduate business schools.

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The **David D. Levinson Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for needy sophomores and above or grad students, 2.75/4.0 GPA, fratres challenged or disabled in some way.

The **Robert Kauff Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for undergrad or grad student fratres challenged or disabled in some way.

DAUGHTERS OR ALUMNI

The **Bill Schwartz Scholarships** (2 grants of \$1,000) are for undergraduates, sophomores or above: daughters of fratres, also ΣAM alum-

ni who have returned to finish undergraduate work; based on need and grades at 4-year colleges.

The **Weiss Brothers Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for daughters of fratres, undergrads at 4-year colleges with need.

ACCOUNTING

The **Katch Family Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for needy upperclass and grad student fratres, accounting majors, 2.5/4.0 GPA.



LAW

The **Hanno Mott Scholarship #1** (\$1,000) is for a senior frater accepted to law school, or a law student, "C" GPA, involved in Jewish service activities.

ENGINEERING

The **Seymour D. Weiss Scholarship** (\$1,000) is open to upperclass and grad student fratres, "B" GPA, civil engineering or land surveying majors.

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VARIOUS MAJORS

The **Gormin Family Scholarship** (2 grants of \$1,000) are for needy sophomores and above or grad students, fratres in law, medicine, dentistry, business or psychology.

RESEARCH

The **Samuel Miller Awards** (2 grants of \$1,000) for original research in science, medicine or the creative arts, for grad students or alumni fratres.

MEDICINE

The **Dr. Lewis Hare Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for fratres in medical school.

ANY MAJOR

The **Gary Gormin Scholarship** (\$1,000) for needy fratres, sophomores and above or grad students, 2.5/4.0 GPA, present or former chapter officers or recognized campus leaders.

The **Allan E. Miller Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for graduate student fratres with need.

The **Raymond and Helen Sandler Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for upperclass or grad student fratres with "B" GPA and need.

The **Sigma Zeta Scholarships** (two grants of \$1,000 each) are for Sigma Zeta undergrads or grad students with need, "B" GPA, active in chapter or campus affairs.

The **Sam Fox Scholarship** (\$1,000) is for fratres, undergrads or grad students, based on need and/or merit.

The **Michael J. Weiss Scholarship** (\$1,000) is open to all student fratres (except freshmen) with need and a "B" GPA.

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Supreme Prior's Message

By Leland D. Manders

What's the meaning of a "common bond"? Last November, I had the privilege of presiding over the re-installation of the Delta Iota chapter at State University College at Brockport, New York.

There was no appropriate location in Brockport to hold our initiation ceremony; our new twenty-four man group there does not yet have a headquarters location. So our nearby Mu Rho chapter at the University of Rochester graciously agreed to offer its house for the re-installation and initiation ceremony.

The event was scheduled for mid-morning on a Sunday. Most of you know that college men rarely see daylight quite that early, especially on a weekend.

But, in fact, the Rochester men turned out in force, out of respect for the occasion and for their guests. Friendly and hospitable, they helped to make the occasion special for the Delta Iota men.

The Prior of Mu Rho chapter was honored to be asked to participate in the ceremony. This brings me to the subject of "common bond". Our members, no matter what their chapter affiliation, belong to the



SAME fraternity. Sigma Alpha Mu has stated goals and purposes, but none are quite as profound as the principle that we have shared values, shared commitment to a set of ideals, and loyalty to one named identity.

We are neither members of Delta Iota nor Mu Rho nor Mu Psi nor Sigma Theta. We are members of Sigma Alpha Mu.

We are not a conglomeration of chapters and alumni and groups. We are one fraternity. We are one brotherhood. Sammies from around North America are reminded of this throughout their lives.

We meet new people and find out they are brothers from a different time and place. But we are still brothers. Warmth and comfort come from that. We

look for new jobs or referrals or advice or ideas and we sometimes get offers or assistance from fratres that we don't really know personally. But we get that help because we are Sammies.

Pride in one's chapter or school is a beautiful thing. But there is a larger force at work here. The common bond that we share can be stronger than glue, if we want it to be. In my travels to chapter installations and to fraternity events around the continent, I meet men who share a common bond with all of us. Our identity is important. Our identity is that of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Our fratres of Mu Rho and Delta Iota shared that common bond that Sunday morning November 17. Along with several alumni who were in attendance, we were able to share a very special experience. Those alumni were Brockport grads, Delta Iota fratres initiated well before the chapter became inactive in 1999. They assisted with the Ritual as did the Rochesterians and two of our staff: Anton Steyer, the director of educational programs, and Travis Smith, one of our field reps. During that initiation, we learned and we shared; we renewed our commitment to our brotherhood's values. We shared the common bond of fraternity. The bond of Sigma Alpha Mu.



Fra Joel D. Honigberg, Purdue '57, specifies that the winner of the annual \$1,000 Honigberg Scholarship who pursues a graduate degree in the physical sciences may receive \$5,000 additionally; Fra Honigberg here presents the SAM Foundation's check for \$5,000 to 2002 Honigberg Scholar Alok Sathaye, Johns Hopkins '02, now a masters candidate in biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins.

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Our Creed
"... To foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support; to instill and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideals as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity."

Thoughts From HQ

In the fall Supreme Prior Manders presided over the reactivations of our Washington University and SUNY-Brockport chapters. Sigma Alpha Mu now has 67 active chapters and colonies. Rutgers and other colonies will be installed or reinstalled soon.

Along with expansion of the Fraternity, with support from the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation, continues effort to educate undergraduate members about alcohol and drug abuse, academic achievement, leadership development and ethical conduct. Education on these and other important topics is ongoing at local, regional and general fraternity events.

While much progress is being made, Sigma Alpha Mu is facing significant financial challenges, driven by ever-rising liability insurance costs, reduced investment return, and efforts to deliver increased services to alumni and undergraduate members without major fee increases. The Octagon, Sigma Alpha Mu Endowment Fund and Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation are working diligently to meet these challenges. The financial



support of alumni continues to be a key component of Sigma Alpha Mu's success.

For this issue, as they are each year, all chapters and colonies were invited to submit information on their activities and accomplishments in the "Around The Chapters" section. These chapter-authored articles highlight chapter projects, community service activities, scholastic achievement, and campus leadership. All such submitted reports have been published. These articles make it clear that, despite and indeed even in response to the demands of the day, the spirit of fraternity is thriving.

This spring the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation will announce winners of \$103,000 in scholarship aid to students. A list of available scholarships and the application forms are available online at sam.org. The Sigma Alpha Mu scholarship program is a leader in the fraternity world in helping students.

Past Supreme Priors Howard Miller, Maryland '58, and David Phillips, Ohio State '84, have been appointed Co-Chairmen of the Fraternity's hundredth anniversary in 2009. Howard and Dave want to make the centennial a celebration of the past that will look forward to our future.

Aaron M. Girson

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Executive Director



News & Notes About Alumni

Beta-Cornell

Dr. L. Robert Rubin, '55, has retired after 39 years in his pediatric practice....**Dr. Charles P. Weiss**, '44, was elected to the Hall of Fame for Century Norwich Academy, the Cornell Class of 1944 Hall of Fame and the Football-Baseball Connecticut Hall of Fame and was in the New Haven Register for 2 years in a row.

Gamma-Columbia

Stephen V. Berzok, '59, is proposing a 5th reunion dinner for fratres from the classes of 1956-61 on Friday evening, May 28, 2004 near the Columbia campus; if interested, contact him at sberzok@aol.com.

Eta-Syracuse

Sonny Spera III, '85, practices dentistry in Endicott, NY, where he has two offices and a staff of 42.

Psi-Pittsburgh

Maj. Jonas Vogelhut, '89, is currently serving in Kuwait as part of Operation Enduring Freedom....**Seth J. Aaron**, '00, is a business analyst in Phoenix, AZ.

Sigma Beta-OH St.

Irving M. Glazer, '41, and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 26....**Larry Shutzberg**, '81, is the vice president and CIO for Rock-Tenn Co., in Atlanta, GA....**Harvey S. Goodman**, '75, was recently promoted to the Office of Assistant Chief, Verona (NJ) Fire Dept.

Sigma Delta-Rutgers

Brian P. Reed, '02, is the chief operations officer for Red Paladin, Inc., in New Brunswick, NJ.

Sigma Zeta-Indiana

Irving M. Glazer, '41, and his wife, Pat, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 26....**Theodore M. Sosin**, '65, has been elected a Marion County Circuit Court judge, in Indianapolis; his election follows 18 years with the court as a commissioner.

Sigma Theta-Texas

Jordan L. Davis, '83, was recently promoted to Director of Marketing for Sam Kane Beef Processors, Inc., in Corpus Christi, TX.

Sigma Kappa-Lehigh

David M. Kols, '72, a stamp dealer in St. Louis, now writes a regular column in *Linn's Stamp News* called

Stamp Market Tips.

Sigma Nu-Wash.

Dr. David L. Belson, '63, teaches engineering and media at UCLA and USC....**Crespin E. Rodriguez**, '95, is an inventory specialist in San Diego, CA.

Sigma Xi-Manitoba

Dennis E. Ross, '57, a veteran security analyst and stock trader, has been running his own investment management firm for twenty years, in Oakland, CA....**Dr. Howard E. Book**, '63, Toronto psychiatrist and author, has written a chapter entitled "How Leadership and Organizational Structure Can Create a Winning Corporate Culture" for a volume on mental health and productivity in the workplace; Fra Book is secretary of the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation of Canada.

Sigma Omicron-NE

David Rosenberg, '45, chairman of the board of City Iron & Metal Co., is also a councilman for the City of Hastings, NE....**Harvey S. Perlman**, '63, chancellor of the U. of Nebraska at Lincoln, has become a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a distinction for which only the top one-third of one percent of the legal profession is eligible for nomination; a teacher of law for 35 years, Fra Perlman is a former dean of the College of Law at Nebraska....**Robert B. Mundie**, '88, is a USAF Pilot assigned to Air Combat Command Headquarters in Langley, VA.

Sigma Pi-UCLA

Barry M. Saywitz, '89, is president of the Saywitz Company, commercial real estate brokers in Orange County, CA, and founder and chairman of the CORE Network, sixth largest real estate brokerage organization in the U.S.; he recently was named a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Sigma Rho-Missouri

Franklin D. Kay, '54, is the president of the Pensacola North Rotary Club in Pensacola, FL....**Arnold G. Kratchman**, '57, is now retired from Dun & Bradstreet.

Sigma Sigma-Berkeley

Ivan F. Gennis, '48, who walked the Las Vegas half-marathon last February, is semi-retired but is still active as an engineering consultant in Sacramento....**Andrew E. Shapiro**, '83, president of San Francisco investment advisory firm Lawndale Capital Management, has been appointed to the board of directors of Arlington Hospitality, Inc.; Fra Shapiro is also in demand as a speaker on corporate governance....**Dennis E. Ross**, '57, a veteran security analyst and stock trader, has been running his own investment management firm for twenty years, in Oakland....**Andrew P. Altman-Ohr**, '85, is the assistant sports editor at *The Oakland Tribune*....**Michael W.**

Brown, '96, has joined the law firm of Snyder Dorenfeld in Calabasas, CA, specializing in insurance law.

Sigma Tau-Oregon

Zollie M. Volchok, '38, is the former president and general manager of the Seattle Supersonics; **Harry Glickman**, '45, is the former president and general manager of the Portland Trailblazers—both teams won NBA championships....**Leonard I. Donin**, '34, and his wife Yetta Ruth, have this year celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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James S. Joyner, '93, is Director of Development for the Watson School of Education at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington....**Justin M. Pearson**, '98, is practicing law in Boca Raton, FL; Fra Pearson can be contacted at justinpearson@aol.com.

Mu Alpha-SMU

U.S. Navy Commander **Joel D. Newman**, '74, who is the SAM national chaplain, has been appointed Jewish chaplain at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Mu Beta-Alberta

Dr. Robert S. Margolis, '54, has been elected to honorary membership in the Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Mu Gamma-Case Western Reserve

Steven F. Paul, '61, is semi-retired in Boca Raton.

Mu Epsilon-Miami (FL)

Howard S. Dakoff, '92, is an attorney in Chicago, IL.

Mu Eta-Drexel

Malcolm J. Roberts, '64, is a CPA in Berkeley, CA, where he heads his own accounting firm....**Shaun T. Dubin**, '89, manages a new website called 4Japan.Info that is for English speakers who want to learn about Japanese culture and language.

Mu Theta-USC

Arthur L. Berkowitz, '70, is the author of a recently released book, *ENRON: A Professional's Guide to the Events, Ethical Issues, and Proposed Reforms*, published by Commerce Clearing House and includes key internal memos and documents; it is also being distributed to universities throughout the country for business ethics discussions....**Lawrence M. Sternsheim**, '83, is a CPA in Beverly Hills, CA....**Matthew L. Roth**, '94, is in equity derivative/convertible securities sales in Darien, CT.

Mu Kappa-Wayne St.

Dr. Martin L. Lipson, '62, an ophthalmologist, has been practicing in the Washington, DC area since 1970....**Leonard H. Trunsky**, '48, a WWII veteran, is a docent at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West

Bloomfield, MI and a lecturer for the Ecumenical Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies....**Henry Droz**, '50, has been named Chairman Emeritus of Universal Music and Video Distributors, a division of Vivendi Universal in Universal City, CA....**Fred I. LaBell**, '64, a 25-year veteran of the Phoenix, AZ area real estate industry, has been installed as the 2003 President of the Phoenix Association of Realtors; Fra LaBell also serves as a director of the Arizona Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Mu Lambda-Penn St.

Dr. Albert A. Weiss, '69, is an orthopedic surgeon in Philadelphia specializing in hands....**Michael J. Saks**, '69, a professor of law at Arizona State U., is co-author of *Modern Scientific Evidence*, leading treatise on law and science.

Mu Xi-Br. Columbia

Dr. Solomon H. Frackson, '52, has retired from family practice in Southern California and now lives in Vancouver.

Mu Omicron-NYU

Armand R. Kirschenbaum, '52, was elected secretary of the Resident Civic club at Greenbriar.

Mu Rho-Rochester

Martin L. Rogowsky, '70, was elected a Westchester County (NY) legislator in a special election as the Democratic candidate....**Charles R. Slater**, '59, is completing 10 years as a writer and editor for the *New York Times*; previously he had been sports editor of the *New York Daily News*....**Steven D. Usdin**, '68, practices commercial bankruptcy law in Philadelphia.

Mu Sigma-Queens

Craig B. Bergman, '71, is a chief master sergeant in the Air Force Reserve and is currently serving in Kuwait for Operation Enduring Freedom....**Alan M. Rashes**, '64, a New York lawyer, was recently honored by the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates, which he serves as chairman of the board.

Mu Upsilon-Brooklyn

Mu Upsilon chapter is re-forming and became a colony in October....**Sheldon J. Hirsch**, '69, is the CEO of Summit Media, a subsidiary of 4Kids Entertainment-Pokemon, Yugioh and Foxbox.

Mu Phi-LIU

Terry Semel, '64, is Chairman & CEO of Yahoo.

CORRECTION

Alumni reelected to the Octagon at the 2002 Convention were Consuls Contreras, Leib and Paley, not those stated in the Fall issue. The Octagonian regrets the error.

The Importance of Chapter Advising

Dual awards for Outstanding Chapter Advisor for 2002 went to the team of Dr. Joel Moses and Dennis Paese, chapter advisors to Beta at Cornell. These dedicated fratres have shown Beta consistent interest and encouragement. While they both credit the chapter for its excellence and campus prominence, they have helped to maintain a sense of permanence and continuity and to assure stability through observations and commentary and their very availability. Sigma Alpha Mu needs more chapter advisors like them. The Octagonian asked Dennis and Joel to write a little about what they do, and why.

The role of a chapter advisor is simple. It is to advise and act as a resource for the chapter, its officers and members.

Back in 1985, Beta senior Joel Moses, along with the other officers of the newly reactivated Cornell chapter, asked me if I would serve as Chapter Advisor. My answer was conditional. I told them I would do the job as long as they and their successors asked me to, that I did not view that role as one of decision maker. My feeling is that my role is to advise, when asked, and to provide the benefit of experience. I told them that I never wanted to hear of a problem, if there was a problem, *before* I heard it from them. Finally, I told them that there was nothing they couldn't tell me and that honesty with each other would be the key to our relationship.

Seventeen years later, the formula still seems to work. I believe that despite what you read in the newspapers, young people have pretty good heads on their shoulders, that they have personal values that are compatible with those of our Fraternity and with the vision of its Founders, and that they will seek advice and assistance from we older folk if they know they will not be negatively judged for making a mistake or not knowing an answer. I've told them that there isn't a thing that they have done or can think of that I haven't seen in my lifetime, even though every generation thinks it has invented everything. They understand that, even though I may personally disagree, I respect their personal choices, will support them and never say, "I told you so."

A vital part of the fraternity experience is for young men to take on responsibility, make decisions

(good or bad), and accept the consequences of those decisions. The fraternity experience provides an opportunity to deal with people problems, organizations and institutions that would otherwise not be experienced by young men until they leave the cloistered environment of academia and enter the real world.

While no group of individuals is perfect, certainly not at our chapter, individuals draw strength of conviction and attitude from those around them when they are all devoted to a common effort. This is what makes the fraternity experience unique.

At Cornell this past June Sammies, starting with those celebrating their 50th class reunion down to those celebrating their 5th, gathered and met and talked and laughed and reminisced about the one thing they had in common, our Fraternity and the things that it added to their respective lives. I have had the pleasure of watching 17 classes of brothers go out into the world to become professionals, husbands, fathers and contributors to our society. Along with my Co-Advisor, Dr. Joel Moses, we have also attempted to bridge the void between alumni from before and since the chapter's reactivation.

For fratres who may be considering taking on the role of Advisor to any of our Chapters, I can tell you that the rewards far surpass the effort required and that the positive impact that you can have on the young men of our Fraternity is the greatest of those rewards.

Dennis G. Paese, Cornell '73

It is with a smile and an ongoing sense of challenge that I look backward and forward as one of Beta's two chapter advisors. I have been an active alumnus since graduating in 1985. I have lived in Ithaca the past eight years, go to all chapter meetings and also stop by the house from time to time. Having a co-chapter advisor not far away is a tremendous advantage. Dennis Paese is twelve years older than I; he has also been involved and so provides another link to alumni as well as being a mentor to me. He helps drive our alumni publication, the Beta Bulletin, and our alumni directory. He too visits frequently. By utilizing areas of strength of both of us, we attempt to present a consistent, united and balanced front in advising both



Dr. Joel Moses and Dennis Paese chapter officers and individuals.

I play my role in the fashion of an older brother rather than a supervisor or parent. As a physician specializing in infectious disease, I can comfortably and frankly discuss a wide range of issues including those related to drug and alcohol use, sex, and mental health. This in turn allows a close, non-judgmental, relationship with those brothers who take advantage of my approach, and many do. I have also used my professional background and volunteer experience as the varsity football team internist to inculcate the importance of continuous quality improvement (Plan, Do, Check, Act, for each cycle), of teamwork, and of community service; I am particularly proud of our chapter's self-imposed community service requirement.

People ask how the chapter keeps getting better; the answer is never being satisfied by what they did last year and learning and growing from their mistakes. When we won the Founders Cup in 2000, I told the Chapter "do not get complacent", when we won in 2001, I said "do not screw up". When we won for a third consecutive year in 2002, I repeated both with the admonition that the honor that had been bestowed on us was "ours to lose".

Having cited my own medical and volunteer background, I do not mean to suggest that similar skills are necessary to advise our collegiate fratres. Every advisor uses his own education and experience in the advising process. This is true with Dennis Paese and me. Dennis's background is in labor negotiation and conflict resolution. We call on what we think we do best and solicit advice from others when we need to. Caring is what counts.

Dr. Joel E. Moses, Cornell '85

FROM YESTERYEAR



Several years ago Fra William Newell, Rochester '74, a Syracusan, was passing by a local cemetery and casually looked through the iron fence to see a Sigma Alpha Mu coat-of-arms on the gravestone of one **Phillip Cooper**. (See picture). He showed it one day to ye editor who was curious and consulted the late Fra Walter Rose, Syracuse '22, who remembered Fra Cooper as a faculty frater keenly interested in *Eta* chapter. The Octagonian in 1924 printed a moving tribute to Dr. Cooper who had died tragically at 34. His short life was bright and promising. He had already attracted attention as a competent and popular physician in Syracuse, secretary of the county medical society, major in the National Guard, committed community servant, a modest man of intense loyalty and high ideals, and an inspiration to the men in the chapter. In his praise of Dr. Cooper, Fra Sam Amdursky—who would soon become Supreme Prior—credited Cooper with saving the lives of two fratres, namely Harry Herbert who sustained a broken neck in the big Syracuse-Colgate football game in 1921, and Aaron Rose whose spine was broken in 1922. Such fractures in those days were often fatal or crippling. Considering Phillip Cooper's standing with *Eta*, it is easy to imagine that the chapter must have caused the ΣAM coat-of-arms to be placed on his tombstone. Recalling his brief but brilliant membership illuminates another page in the rich history of *Eta* chapter. One wonders what other fratres' graves might be similarly decorated.

Thanks to Eta Co-Advisor Bill Newell and ΣAM Executive Director Aaron Girson who recently visited the Cooper gravesite. Ed.

Alumni Notes

Sigma Zeta alumni active prior to 1954, when the **Indiana** U. chapter house was at 421 N. Fess, will meet for breakfast on Sunday, February 2, 2003 at St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Time is 10:30 a.m. Wives and girlfriends are welcome. For further information, email Malcolm Witt at MalWitt@aol.com or call 305-932-0157.

The **Kentucky Wesleyan** chapter announces that Beta Omega/Tri-state area alumni club is looking for alumni interested in helping start an alumni club for fratres in Western Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Southeastern Illinois. Several who have already expressed interest meet monthly on the third Sunday at 5 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings on South Frederica Street in Owensboro, KY to discuss formation. Fratres of all chapters are welcome. For more information contact samboalumni@hotmail.com.

Stephen V. Berzok, **Columbia**, '59, is proposing a 5th reunion dinner for fratres from the classes of 1956-61 on Friday evening, May 28, 2004 near the Columbia campus; if interested, contact him at sberzok@aol.com.

Quotable

“The purpose of life...is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Letters

Dear Editor:

It is always nice to receive the latest

Octagonian. Although I am fairly proficient on the computer, I think the Octagonian is something I would still prefer on paper rather than via email.

William P. Schwartz
Ferris State '69
Buffalo Grove, IL

Dear Editor:

Gamma Theta would like to thank the Octagon, Aaron

Girson and Anton Steyer and the others involved in arranging for J.T. Thompson to come out to Davis and help us with our rush planning. Nearly the entire chapter attended his seminar; much was accomplished and we are now better equipped. Thompson's presence also rekindled drive in some of our men to be more active. While this was not a cure-all for *Gamma Theta's* problems, the Octagon has given us a great start. Again, thanks to the national office for helping us to become a chapter to be proud of.

Nicholas Huerta, Prior
U. of California
Davis, California

Dear Editor:

I want to comment about the physical house at *Sigma Sigma* in Berkeley. I am pleased at the progress the chapter has made. The actives have done a great job communicating with alumni and they recently sent (via email) a picture of the outside of the house which just looks great. I wanted to thank you at national for your support and assistance with that. I also wanted to let you know that there are several groups of *Sigma Sigma* alumni who keep in touch with each other and with the present actives through an alumni e-network.

Michael W. Brown
Cal-Berkeley '96
Los Angeles



Fred Applestein Neil, *Maryland* '56, has compiled and edited a truly funny book, now in the ΣAM Foundation's library of books by or about Sigma Alpha Mu men. It is *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Health Fair*. A public information officer and sports broadcasting figure in Baltimore, Fra Neil calls his new book "chicken soup for your mind" and he says that, "it will heal the stitches it will keep you in." He's right. Publisher is Virtualbookworm.com.



An addition to the ΣAM library is *The March to the Right* by the late Thomas Ford Hoult. Now out of print, it is an account of the highly publicized and controversial 1970 firing by Arizona State University of the late Fra

Morris Starsky, *Rochester* '55, who was a charter member of his Mu Rho chapter. A philosophy professor now deceased, Fra Starsky was discharged on a technicality, but it was common knowledge that his openly vocal stance against the Viet Nam War was largely responsible. Hoult subtitled his book "a case study in political repression." Starsky unsuccessfully fought his firing and blacklisting, his career was wrecked and he never again found a permanent teaching position. Author Hoult later said he lost his chairmanship of the sociology department because he defended Starsky.



Dr. Don A. Halperin, *Case W.R.* '45, is a retired architect and teacher in Gainesville, Florida who has written sev-

eral textbooks and two books on synagogue architecture. Yet he says he is proudest of the Passover haggadah he published privately a few years ago and which he illustrated. The Hebrew letters are patterned after those used in Spain 1100 years ago; the English type font is a Spanish Uncial alphabet of the same era.



Dr. Martin H. Levinson, *CCNY-Queens* '66, who is the director of PROJECT SHARE—a New York City drug prevention program in Queens—has written *The Drug Problem: A New View Using the General Semantics Approach* (Westport, CT: Greenwood, August 2002). The book gives an overview and recommendations for prevention, treatment and drug policy, and has chapters on the history of drugs in America, drugs and creativity, and provides a special perspective on the legalization issue. Fra Levinson has worked in the drug prevention field for nearly thirty years, has taught on the college level, and is the author of many articles on drug

Butler Trustee

Stan Levine

Until retiring recently, **Stanley W. Levine, Butler '52**, was for a quarter-century CEO of International Coating and Chemical Co. headquartered in Connecticut. But retirement to Stan Levine means only that he is expanding his considerable civic and educational interests. He is on the President's Advisory Board at Arizona State University. Now a resident of the



Phoenix area, he is actively involved in a dozen community organizations in Arizona and elsewhere. A graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, Fra Levine is an inventor, a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, and a contributor to National Chemical Weekly and Harper's. He is also active in the Republican National Congressional Committee and the Southern Poverty Law Center; he has been cited for service to the Salvation Army and, while a captain in the U.S. Air Force, was awarded the Korean Honor Medal. Active in the affairs of his alma mater, Butler University in Indianapolis, he was recently appointed a member of the Butler Board of Trustees.

For Professional Excellence

Purdue Honors Epstein

Purdue University says **Barry Epstein** is "outstanding". That is an understatement.

The Purdue department of electrical engineering has named Fra Epstein, *Purdue '61*, "Outstanding Computer and Electrical Engineer for 2002." Well deserved. Indeed, Barry Epstein is far more than an engineer. He is a businessman, scientist, inventor, author, computer expert and, not least, a dedicated community servant.

Barry Epstein has a fertile and creative mind; he started inventing things early. He was granted his first patent while still in college. Today he has to his credit 48 patents, 21 in the United States with 4 pending, plus 23 foreign patents. His inventions have such wide application that most people have been touched by them—especially those who have received mail, talked on a telephone, flown in an airplane, used a computer, watched television, listened to a CD or been to a Disney theme park.

One of Barry's companies, Current Technology—which he founded and then sold after 13 years—saw its techniques installed in more than 100,000



applications. His present company, in Dallas where he lives, is involved in consulting and development in computer and communication applications. Among the products of his expertise is *Communicate!*, a software/internet system connecting 900 Reform Synagogues in North America to each other and worldwide.

Barry sits on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Advisory Committee and the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Advisory Committee, and he is editor and contributing author for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and American National Standards Institute.

His community activities are important to him. He is President of Temple Shalom of Dallas, member of both the board and the executive committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), vice president of the Dallas Anti-Defamation League; and he is a trustee of Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation, Jewish Federation Foundation, Jewish Family Service (all in Dallas) and a director of the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation in which he and his wife have endowed the Patricia and Barry Epstein Scholarship.

Barry Epstein's accomplishments are due to a model combination of diligence, talent and hard work, plus his loyalties to community, to alma mater, to the improvement of our society, to his Fraternity, and especially to his family: wife Paddy, sons Brad and Robert and six grandchildren.

In Houston

"Surgeon of the Year"

Dr. Fred B. Kessler, Texas '53, has been named 2002 Distinguished Surgeon of the Year by the Houston Surgical Society. He was the first fellowship-trained hand surgeon in Houston.

Fra Kessler has played a key role in the recognition and development of hand surgery as a specialty in Houston. He was partly or largely responsible for these initiatives in Houston: formation of a hand surgical training program at the U. of Texas Houston Medical Branch in 1973, the St. Luke's

Episcopal Hospital Hand Surgery Fellowship in 1979 (now a part of the Baylor College of Medicine), the hand surgical services at St. Luke's Hospital in 1979 and at Texas Children's Hospital in 1984. He has been chief of hand surgery at St. Luke's since 1978, and was chief of hand surgery at Texas Children's Hospital 1984-2001.

Dr. Kessler is Clinical Professor of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine and an Associate of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Houston.

New Professorship

Schonfeld Honored

Dr. Gustav Schonfeld, Phi '56, a distinguished professor of medicine at Washington U., has been named the first Samuel Schechter Professor of Medicine, through which Fra Schonfeld will continue his lifelong research in the field of atherosclerosis and the prevention of coronary artery disease. In his 30 years as a professor, Fra Schonfeld has occupied many academic positions at the Washington U. School of Medicine. He has been referred to as one of the great people of Washington U.

Accolades to Philip Roth

At a blue-ribbon \$1,000-per-plate dinner in Manhattan last November 20, Novelist **Philip M. Roth, Bucknell '54**, received the National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. The Foundation in 1960 presented the then-unknown Roth with its coveted National Book Award for *Goodbye Columbus*. The Foundation's annual awards ceremony and dinner has become the most important event on the literary calendar. Fra Roth has received many awards that collectively recognize his pre-eminence in the American literary world.

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AidsForHandicapped.com

Eugene L. Grosberg, Washington U. '43, spends his time these days doing good deeds for the physically challenged and disabled, deeds for which he receives no compensation; his services are free. His reward is helping others like himself. He's a rare bird.

Gene Grosberg is handicapped. He has a muscular disease, inclusion body myositis, a malady that has left him weak and with a specific set of problems, especially sitting and rising. While hospitalized and later in extended care, he found little help in learning about special equipment he needed.

Using his experience as a former purchasing director, he went to work locating and evaluating useful hard-to-find prod-

ucts from all over the world. Having accumulated a lot of information, he decided to set up a website, AidsForHandicapped.com, to help those like himself. There is no charge for his service nor does he sell anything or receive any commissions. Among articles on Gene's website: health care beds, power chairs, folding ramps, lifts, stair-side elevators.

Fra Grosberg invites those interested in his services to contact him and he will conduct a search tailored to their special needs. His email address is egrosberg@earthlink.net.



around the CHAPTERS

ARIZONA

Ready to Grow

Our Fall candidates are excited and eager to work for *Beta Gamma*. A new council is soon to be elected and there is great interest from younger members to take initiative. Regional Governor Steve LaBell came to visit and advise on rush.

Last Spring we held our annual formal here in Tucson. We also had many brotherhood BBQ's which were usually run by both Patrick Morse and Joe Pierer. The chapter seems to be heading in a good direction and recruitment and growth are at the top of our agenda.

Beta Gamma has excellent men and we are poised for an upward move.

Jason Neckritz

BRANDEIS

Vigorous at Fifteen

The men of *Gamma Chi* are in another successful year. We held a parents brunch for our candidates, brothers, and their families. The event was planned by Fra Alex Pakhomov, '03 and Fra Jason Fooks, '03, and was a huge success with over 70 people in attendance. The brotherhood has been busy with various events, including a trip to New Hampshire for paintball, and a competitive season in intramural football led by Fra Brian Waldman, '03 and Fra Adam Golub, '04. The chapter council enjoyed a visit, as well as dinner, from Supreme Prior Lee Manders. The officers also attended the Chapter Leaders Day in Providence, RI, where they met with the men of Northeastern, Hartford, and Johnson and Wales. Events involving Beta Tau at Northeastern, the other Sammy chapter in the Boston area, are in the planning stages.

Gamma Chi was founded on November 21, 1987, and we are happy to announce an alumni event to celebrate our fifteenth anniversary is being planned. For more information, please check out our recently updated

website at www.sammygam-machi.com.

BUCKNELL

Tops in Scholarship

After graduating half of the chapter in 2002, *Sigma Phi* is working for a successful informal rush to get our numbers back up to what they ought to be. As part of our redoubled recruitment efforts, we are implementing our very own Sammy Plan for Prominence. Our fratres have traditionally been extremely involved in all facets of university life, and this year we hope to utilize these connections to get our name out and to meet promising candidates. Thus far, we have been actively supporting a number of university events, from football games to women's rugby matches, and we hope to sponsor events with other organizations such as Hillel and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Sigma Phi has also continued its academic dominance, once again attaining the highest average GPA of all fraternities on campus, and recently our very own College Bowl team placed 3rd overall, with several individuals being invited to join the Bucknell regional team. Internally, we have our weekly brotherhood dinners/events and our brotherhood camping trip. *Sigma Phi* has hosted a number of informal gatherings, and looks forward to Winter Formal.

We want to publicly thank our alumni for their continued support and their outstanding efforts in the formation of our new alumni corporation. Contact us via email to Prior Tim Henry at Thenry@Bucknell.edu or alumni advisor Keith Newmyer at KEN134@PSU.edu.

CALIFORNIA-

BERKELEY

A Renaissance

Spring semester of 2002 welcomed the addition of new brothers to *Sigma Sigma*, men who represent the variety of backgrounds

that make *Sigma Sigma* the most diverse fraternity on the Cal campus; represented in this class are brothers who are Jewish, Hindu, Zoroastrian, Islamic, and Christian. Indeed Cal itself is the most culturally diverse campus in North America, as the minorities are actually the majority of our student body.

This last year has seen changes for *Sigma Sigma*. First off, our house has new siding and our deck was renovated by the brotherhood. Also new is the addition of a large and excellent pledge class that makes the future of *Sigma Sigma* seem even brighter.

Socially, we held our famous annual Otterpop and SAM Quentin parties, we completed our annual Winnebago trip down to Los Angeles to watch the California Golden Bears take on the University of Southern California Trojans, and for our annual winter break trip we went again to Lake Tahoe and mixed pre-rush meetings with a weekend of snowboarding and skiing.

Fra Glen Ryan was recently given the highest honor for a Greek at Berkeley when he was named the 2002 Greek Leader of the Year. Fra Ryan, former Prior of *Sigma Sigma*, was recognized for his achievements as Vice President of IFC Risk Management. Congratulations to Glen!

Sigma Sigma is experiencing a renaissance. Membership has increased by 50 percent, rush has never been stronger, and brotherhood has never been better. We intend to keep growing and improving even more over the next year.

CALIFORNIA-DAVIS

Doubling In Size

Gamma Theta chapter is on pace for a record year. With our

fall candidates currently pledging, and more men lined up for the following quarters, the chapter expects to attain its main goal for the year: to double in size. Toward the end of the summer, the chapter realized that it needed to improve upon the previous school year. Since then, our large, old house itself has gone through many physical improvements. More importantly, we are reorganizing our internal structure, reflecting the chapter's efforts at improvement. Alumni contacts have been made and we are in the process of finishing our first newsletter to parents and alumni. Our recruiting efforts have been greatly assisted by a visit from J. T. Thompson, courtesy of the Octagon. (See Letters on Page 6).

Campus relations is important to *Gamma Theta*. The chapter has had socials with sororities; fratres have run for IFC offices and taken positions on the Greek Times, UC Davis TV, and various clubs on campus. *Gamma Theta*, along with some sororities, has been helping out with campus recreations and community service, which includes tree planting and city cleanups. The chapter is also participating in four intramural sports.

With such a strong desire to succeed and with new accomplishments, *Gamma Theta* is striving to reinvent itself.

CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO

Improving, Growing

Last spring *Gamma Rho* ended the school year with several great achievements. The chapter won most improved IFC chapter on campus due to its outstanding improvements in inter-Greek

"Traditional" Students?

The latest American Council on Education study reveals about three-quarters of students work while earning a four-year degree. A quarter of them hold down full-time jobs. Among 9 million students earning bachelor's degrees: 40% come directly from high school, attend classes full time, and work part-time or not at all, with parents shouldering most costs of college. Less than half of the college

students (47%) stay enrolled at the school where their studies began and earn a degree there within five years.

Today's college students are a diverse group: 55% are women; 30% are minorities and 20% are foreign-born or immigrants' children. Eleven percent grew up speaking a language other than English.

From BC Guidelines.

relations, the three philanthropies it held throughout the year, and its continued efforts during recruitment. The chapter also paid off its debts and ended the year with a clean slate. During the spring quarter we held a successful comedy show as a philanthropy on campus. During the spring quarter we held our annual formal. But this year, to save money, we held the dance at Fra Setzer's house in Riverside and chartered a bus for transportation between the house, restaurant and hotel. One of our new initiates is President of Warren College Student Government at UCSD, and another is now a strong candidate for Recorder for *Gamma Rho*. Leadership and commitment are important to the chapter and these two new members are strong in both areas.

Our fall candidates are strong and welcome. *Gamma Rho* has undergone a restructuring and has many goals for the chapter including membership growth, improved internal and external relations. At *Gamma Rho* we are intent on "making the impossible possible" and that is happening under the leadership of Prior Matt Bechtel, Vice Prior Craig Roberts, and Steve Setzer who is both Exchequer and Recorder.

Chapter growth is on the top of our priority list. Next is alumni participation. We are currently organizing a local San Diego alumni group with whom we keep in contact, not limited to *Gamma Rho* alumni; we would like to invite any alumni who are interested to join. If you are interested in being added to our email list, please contact our Chapter Advisor, Fra Reitz, at Brandon.reitz@baeystems.com. *Gamma Rho* looks forward to overcoming its challenges and meeting its potential.

CASE W.R.

"Back In The Game"

After several semesters of abysmal recruitment results, a class of fourteen new members has put *Mu Gamma* back in the game. Last semester, we realized that we were in trouble, and called the National office for help. It came in the form of visits from Field Reps Travis Smith and Jason Stone throughout the spring semester, as well as significant help from Travis when Rush started this fall.

We are currently giving our new brothers a crash course in what it means to be in a fraternity, and they are meeting the challenge head on. We are looking forward to an upcoming mixer

with Alpha Chi Omega, and have become very active in intramural sports. We recently competed in racquetball and badminton tournaments, and are gearing up for a one-day wrestling match.

We are also beginning plans for Alumni weekend in the

Aerospace Engineer

Klevatt's Distinguished Career

Paul L. Klevatt, Illinois '49, remembered by men of his *Rho* chapter as a studious and brilliant aeronautical engineering major, has had a remarkable aerospace career, most of it with Douglas/McDonnell/Boeing. He has held high-level assignments for key commercial, defense and NASA programs, e.g. launched missiles, rocket propulsion systems, manned and unmanned spacecraft, satellite and launch vehicles. He served as director-program manager for important company projects and for systems for the U.S. Navy, NASA, the

Strategic Defense Initiative, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

A fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Fra Klevatt holds the U. of Illinois College of Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award, American Defense Preparedness Association Award, Aviation Week Space Laurels Award, Rotary International Stellar Award, and both the Los Angeles and Orange County Engineering Achievement Awards.

on our common purpose. The Sammy Carwash added a new event to our charity schedule. And we raised our chapter GPA.

At the convention in Pittsburgh, Neil Schneider received the Rabbi Liebman Award for his continuing dedication to the local Jewish community, Timothy Mayer received the Outstanding Alumni Recorder Award, and Brad Kleinman (Becker) won the Outstanding Vice Prior award.

We brought in a solid fall class of men with pride and potential. Some members of *Omicron* are participating in a Habitat for Humanity Walk/Run at Miami of Ohio with members of the Mu Psi Chapter. Other members are participating in Nightwalk, a program to escort students to and from various destinations around the University. We are enhancing our prominence as we continue to strive for the ideals that set us apart from any other fraternity on our campus.

CORNELL

Splendid Programming

After winning permanent possession of Founders Cup #8, and the first leg on #9, *Beta* is committed not to get complacent and even to become the first to be the Founders Cup chapter four years

in a row.

Last summer we had alumni events that brought together many different generations of *Beta* men. Firstly, most of the brothers from the classes of '72 and '92 came up for their 30th and 10th reunions. Many of the actives were able to get away for the weekend, and come up to Ithaca and bond with the older guys. We also had a party in New York City to reunite and celebrate our third consecutive Founders Cup victory.

This year we are, as usual, committed to improve in all areas. In athletics, we have done well in football and volleyball. Our athletic chair, Fra Jacob Ritvo, '05, has worked hard and his organizational skills have paid off. Now we are into ice hockey season.

Beta has also decided to do even more in philanthropy activities. Many *Beta* men helped by participating in College Town Clean-Up, waking up early on a Sunday morning and picking up garbage at our assigned location. We are currently working on an organization blood drive through the Red Cross, and hopefully making it a permanent activity.

Our social calendar is full thanks to Chairmen Fra Richard Rothblatt, '05, and Fra Dave Quartner, '05. At our annual Sammy Lauderdale charity event to benefit Pediatric AIDS, the musical entertainment was provided by Fra Joshua Mendelsohn's own up-and-coming band SATB. We have had mixers with Kappa Delta, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Phi.

Fra Zachary Hollander, '04 is a board member of Democracy Matters, Fra Brian Spund, '04, is a saxophone player in the Cornell Wind Ensemble. Fra Phil Johnson, '03, is now a signed DJ, and his first single is coming out. In the fall we produced the best *Beta* Bulletin to date, thanks to the hard work of our Alumni Chair, Fra Brett Rosenthal, '05.

Beta is having a blast here at Cornell, and we intend to recruit a great new Spring class and keep the *Beta* tradition strong.

Recorder Howard Wexler

C. W. POST

Community Service

Last Spring the men of *Delta Sigma* Chapter took part in a walk on campus to benefit the Breast Cancer Society of America.

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This year there was another walk off campus in which more of our brothers participated. We have completed a change drive on campus to raise money for the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and have sent a check to that charity. Some of our fratres are volunteering to read to children in a day care center located on our campus. Others supported the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We are planning and running a fashion show that will take place in the spring; we expect a big turnout and are putting a lot of effort into it for the benefit of the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Society. We are devoting a lot of our efforts this semester to rush, and it looks like that will pay off in the Spring with a good group of men looking to pledge.

Nick Zawacki

DELAWARE

Helping Scholarship

Delta Lambda chapter continues to lead the Greek community in a positive fashion. We have the very best reputation on campus with sororities and have fratres in leadership positions all over campus.

All four members on council (Jay Freedman, Sean Liebowitz, Dave Heller and Nate Wasserman) are much involved in the Jewish Heritage Program on campus and have helped to organize some of the biggest charity functions, with proceeds going to Israel.

Our Scholarship Chair Scott Epstein has undertaken the most ambitious academic support system of all Greek organizations. He is currently compiling a list of all the brothers' schedules and is organizing seminars to facilitate intrachapter brother cooperation on school work. He has plans to lead a committee to do the same for the entire Greek community.

Vice Prior Sean Liebowitz has been elected assistant social chair of IFC; he has helped form a closer bond between our chapter and others. We are sponsoring a dodgeball tournament to raise money for Pediatric AIDS. Fratres Nate Wasserman and Jeremy Levin are spearheading a big event which is to feature Greeks from other schools in the

Philadelphia area to attend and support the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. This year can be the best ever for *Delta Lambda*.

October has been a great month, and the seeds of the best year ever at *Delta Lambda*; I look to letting everyone know how the year's great potential develops.

FLORIDA INT'L

Backing the Team

We here at *Delta Zeta* have been excited about this year for many reasons. One is the inaugural season of our football team, the Golden Panthers. Utilizing this excitement and energy, we took it upon ourselves to hold the first tailgate party for the football team. It was an *overnight* tailgate party! The festivities began at midnight and went on till about one hour before game time. We had food and music and games, and a tremendous turnout by the chapter and the entire school.

Needless to say, it was a huge success and it brought us nothing but accolades and positive attention. Our school newspaper even printed a huge article on our tailgate and its success. It was clearly something that helped to establish us as a powerhouse on campus.

On the heels of that very successful idea and the impetus it provided, we are ready for another tremendous run by our chapter. Every year we excel in homecoming and with the induction of our new football team, our spirits and our excitement were even greater than before with a week full of exciting events which rank each organization.

At the beginning of this school year, we had stressed the importance of improving in school involvement, and things are looking very promising.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Bright Prospects

Beta Omicron chapter has taken GW by storm since being reactivated May 4, 2002.

With the help of Regional Governor Ben Pearlman and fellow fratres at American U., we committed ourselves to the task of reaching chapter status. We learned about the fraternity and each other, carefully organized the chapter internally, set up a website, attracted good new men and established ourselves socially. In ten hours we raised \$1,000

for Pediatric AIDS. Our events were successful in helping to build our reputation here at GW.

Since our initiation last May, we have worked hard. This fall, we recruited 15 loyal candidates and will take another class this spring. We held a brunch reception for the parents on GW Family Weekend, a great chance for families of brothers and candidates to learn about the college fraternity. We hope to plan a similar reception for interested local alumni.

We sent out 400 letters to chapter and local alumni encouraging them to check our chapter website and sign up for our mailing list. We have done service projects for the DC homeless and participated together in the AIDS walk. Our reputation on campus is growing and we now have a great intramural basketball team.

We are pursuing the possibility of securing a house near the GW campus. We are setting ambitious goals.

Beta Omicron plans to keep up this pace in the years to come. The chapter's energy is infectious and I have no doubt that we will continue to flourish at GW. The future of this chapter is so bright it's blinding.

Prior Scott Silver

ILLINOIS

Alumni Invited

This year is going well. Athletics, great social events, philanthropy, alumni events, attention to academics and much more.

In October, the Sammy freshmen played the ZBT freshmen; a thousand or so people watched. The game went into overtime, but we managed to win in a sudden death fourth-and-goal play

to win 7 to 6. As many *Rho* men know, this is an important game to us and winning meant a lot.

Our social calendar looks great this semester. We have exchanges with Alpha Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Chi Omega, as well as other events with Alpha Delta Pi, and Delta Zeta. We just had our First Fling, and plan on having more events in the future.

We've been contributing to many philanthropic events, participating in six sorority philanthropy events, as well as contributing to Bear Share, a volunteer program that allows underprivileged children from Chicago to attend the Bears games.

With the Chicago Bears playing in Champaign this year, we encourage all alumni to come and visit and see how things are doing. We would enjoy your company.

INDIANA

Emerging Nicely

In a two-year period, *Sigma Zeta* has rebuilt. The seeds were planted when six re-founders were chosen, seeds that germinated when an eight-member class was initiated, then a class of six, and now an eighteen-member candidate class. *Sigma Zeta* has put down roots. We are back!

Hard work and dedication went into Rush this year. Every frater contributed the necessary time and effort to find quality men interested in becoming proud members of Sigma Alpha Mu. This semester was the first time the reborn *Sigma Zeta* has participated in the Interfraternity Council Formal Rush. The chapter held Rush events with the purpose of getting to know the



LEHIGH PROVOST Ron Yoshida addressed campus leaders at a dinner event conceived and hosted by our Sigma Kappa Chapter.

rushees and allowing them to meet the brothers. There was a football game, a barbeque, Formal Rush tours, and other events were held at the Chapter house, located a block from campus.

Many of the members live in this house. It has allowed the chapter to become what it otherwise couldn't. *Sigma Zeta* now has a central meeting place. Actives have a large enough area to be together for both social and non-social activities. As the chapter expands, we are looking to relocate to a house capable of accommodating all members.

Now with 37 men, *Sigma Zeta* is contributing to the community. The chapter recently helped the University set up the Health and Recreational Sports building for its normal use following a 36-hour dance marathon which helped raise \$415,000 for the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. In October, the chapter participated in an event to distribute candy to children and provide them with a safe Halloween.

Back on campus, *Sigma Zeta* is now prospering and its reputation is growing. The men of the new *Sigma Zeta* are aware of the great history and accomplishments of our chapter going back 80 years and we are glad to be carrying that forward. With the interest of men like Faculty Advisor Dr. Henry Remak and Chapter Advisor Brandon Roger, we look to continue to grow and succeed.

JOHNS HOPKINS Achievement, Service

The fratres of *Delta Epsilon*, a culturally diverse group, have a myriad of interests in academic and extra-curricular activities. Brothers actively participate in the Buttered Nibbles Improv Comedy group, Debate team, Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, the Frisbee team, South Asian Students at Hopkins, Hindu Students Council, Filipino Students Association and the Chinese Students Association.

Academically, interests lay in classes ranging from Biomedical Engineering, Biology and Civil Engineering to Mathematical Sciences, Chemistry, and History. Many fratres have received Dean's List distinction and placement in various Honor Societies such as Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-med) and Tau Beta Pi (engineering). Furthermore, three of our members have been awarded the distin-

guished Provost Research award.

We pride ourselves on our philanthropic contributions and plan on continuing this tradition as a staple in what it says to be a member of Sigma Alpha Mu. Our men direct the Barclay project which tutors middle-school students in basic math and English, volunteer in the Hopkins Emergency Response Unit that provides the first line of medical assistance on the Homewood campus, and volunteer at the Baltimore Rescue Mission to provide medical assistance to the underprivileged in downtown Baltimore.

Delta Epsilon has made great strides this year; excitement and enthusiasm have translated into positive results.

JOHNSON & WALES Solid Progress

The brothers of *Epsilon Delta* expect to get on campus soon. After our cumulative GPA of 3.05 last year, and winning the community service award, we feel the school is taking a keen interest into our success. We have made some promising strides. The Johnson & Wales cap on Greek expansion expires in January.

After the Freshman Move-In-Day, we started our second year of fundraising at Gillette Stadium, home of the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.

We have been very active in other community service as well, and are currently working with the Jewish Community Center and with Volunteers in Providence Schools. In addition to that we have participated in the "Light the Night" walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and a donation was made on behalf of Sigma Alpha Mu. We have also participated in a remembrance ceremony of September 11 and will be painting part of the Wall of Hope. A number of other philanthropy events are in the process of being finalized.

Our first Sigma Alpha Mu Parents Weekend was held on the first weekend of October and the turnout was phenomenal; the event turned out to be quite a success.

We held a Halloween Bash and a social with the lovely ladies of ΣΣΣ. *Epsilon Delta* continues to strive toward excellence. Check out our website at www.samjwu.org.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN Alumni Organize

The *Beta Omega*/Tri-state area

alumni club is looking for alumni who would be interested in helping to start an alumni club for fratres in Western Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Southeastern Illinois. There are several people already involved and we hope to get many more in the coming weeks. Currently, we meet every third Sunday at 5 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings (South Frederica St. in Owensboro, KY) to discuss issues relevant to the formation. Be looking for info about the spring Alumni Banquet soon. All SAM alumni are welcome to attend. For more information contact us at samboalumni@hotmail.com. Also visit our chapter website at geocities.com/sigmaalphamubo.

John Glover

LEHIGH Campus Relations Coup

Sigma Kappa chapter and all Lehigh fraternities are dealing with declining freshman interest, and rush numbers are low. Our chapter intends to reverse that trend and our expectations are twice those of others on this deferred-rush campus. Our recruitment focus is intense; that was also helped by JT Thompson who was sent by the Octagon and conducted an effective rush seminar at our house in the Fall.

Our semiannual alumni newsletter was mailed in November to alumni using Lehigh's address list.

Campus relations is a *Sigma Kappa* interest. This year we formulated the first-ever campus leadership reception at our house. The purpose was to create dialog between administration and student leadership. We invited IFC, Pan Hel, class officers and presidents of all major student organizations. Following dinner, Lehigh's Provost Dr. Ron Yoshida spoke to the group, followed by an open discussion. Response was positive. Chairman Christopher Morgan quoted one attendee who said, "this is the best idea ever"; another wrote, "Sammy's initiative really sets your fraternity apart." The event was a great success. Incidentally, our excellent chef, Lou Giovanni, produced a gourmet dinner for our guests, the sort he prepares on his cable TV cooking show.

The state of *Sigma Kappa* is strong; we are meeting challenges and moving up to lead the Greek system.

Recorder George Pushchinsky

MARYLAND Telethon for Israel

Sigma Chi chapter is entering its second year in its new house at 4607 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland. Having completed our first year back in a house, fratres have viewed the past year as an important learning experience. Being without a house for a year, a lot had to be relearned about living together as a chapter and functioning efficiently. As the first semester of the second year comes to an end, most feel that the chapter is about to take off. Elections will be held soon to determine who will lead the chapter in the upcoming year. Current Vice Prior Michael Katz is running unopposed to take over as Prior. The rest of the candidates running for council positions all seem motivated to help take the chapter to the next level.

There are many events planned for including those for philanthropy, community service and alumni. We will be holding our first annual "Pie a Sammy" events, where fellow students will be able to hit fellow fratres with pies for a fee, proceeds to go to the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. In November, fratres volunteered their time to answer phones for a telethon to raise money for Israel and its current struggle with terrorism. Having witnessed terrorism's ugly side on 9/11, many members are now looking to actively get involved at home and for our brethren in Israel.

We advise all alumni to be on the lookout as we will be hosting an event in the spring semester in the Maryland/DC area. Letters and phone calls will be forthcoming and we hope to have a large turnout.

Overall, there is a shared sense of excitement at the *Sigma Chi* chapter this year and we hope to bring as many people as possible along for the ride.

MASSACHUSETTS Nothing Stops Us!

"Ain't nothing gonna hold us down"; so said the men of *Beta Epsilon* when they were surprised to return to school and learn they

could not move U. of Mass. Prior back into their Jean-Claude Lebec house. Over at the Convention the summer the microphone.





fire department had been called due to a faulty wire in the wall. Our building had been condemned. But that did not stop us. Ten of our brothers came to work for a week getting the house ready for re-inspection, and we were passed with flying colors. Our house was opened and thankfully we all had homes again. In hectic times it is pleasant to reminisce about our previous year.

We were able to achieve two of our greatest goals. First, to have an excellent semester of philanthropy, and second, to win Greek Week.

By the end of last semester we raised \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society. We did this via the "Daffodil Campaign". We mailed 18,000 letters to students and faculty of UMass-Amherst. This semester we plan to do it again with even higher goals.

Greek Week was a blast. We competed in everything from pie-eating contests to softball. Upon winning, we were given \$200 for new lawn furniture, which we will put to good use. Although setbacks have hindered us, nothing will thwart us. The brothers of *Beta Epsilon* are looking ahead to even greater achievements.

U. of MIAMI Broadening & Growing

Last April *Mu Epsilon* kicked off its first annual OAM Slam, a weeklong series of events including penny wars, a brothers auction and a basketball tournament. We had enthusiastic participation from several sororities on campus and generous donations from others. We raised funds for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. By building on this success we hope this idea can spread to other chapters in an effort to raise more money to combat HIV in children...Athletically *Mu Epsilon* continues to improve. Recently we won the intramural hockey championship for the Greek division...Recruitment was a great success. We continued to grow with a class of fifteen new members. This has been our most successful rush in recent years, as our quest for a fifty-plus man

chapter will be satisfied. Now we leap to new heights in scholarship, athletics, and brotherhood.

Fra Dov Wilker and Fra Marc Rabinowitz are affiliated with Caravan for Democracy, formed to encourage campus dialog throughout the U.S. by featuring Israeli speakers discussing the challenges Israel faces as the only democracy in the Middle East. In the Fall, Dov and Marc brought to the Coral Gables campus Prime Minister Sharon's senior advisor, Ra'anan Gissin...*Mu Epsilon's* website is Miami.sam.com/news.htm.

MIAMI U. Busy Times

The men of *Mu Psi* are busy. We have a full academic and social calendar. Homecoming at Miami was a good time and last spring was our big houseboat formal on Lake Cumberland. And there were other successful events.

Recruitment is number one on our schedule as we are looking to take another pledge class in the middle or upper thirties, much like years past. Miami's annual open house for first year students triggers the recruitment process and *Mu Psi* is on its way to another strong year. Scholarship has maintained a steady climb over recent years and is continuing its rise to the top, as our GPA is now in the top third of all fraternities on Miami's campus.

Athletics are another busy part of *Mu Psi's* schedule. We placed in the top ten overall in Greek Week, and are presently in first place in our sports division. We are also a perfect 3 for 3 in intramural sports championships as we have won the titles in tennis, softball, and soccer, an unblemished record combined in all three.

Mu Psi would like to give special thanks to our house corporation, headed by Supreme Prior Lee Manders, for improvements over the summer which included a high-speed wireless internet connection.

Past Prior Matt Borgman recently ran in the Chicago Marathon and finished in the top 10% of his age bracket with a time of 3 hours and 47 minutes; Matt collected donations for the Alzheimer's Association.

MINNESOTA Great Year

Kappa has been working hard with energy and enthusiasm this

year. Our rush program again proved successful. Academically our actives achieved the second highest GPA on campus.

In the house we have three new sets of furniture and two remodeled showers.

We are most excited about increased relations with our alumni. In the Fall, we held two alumni events. Alumni and actives gathered to play casino games, watch the Twins playoff game, and share stories. Alumni present were mainly from the 70's and 80's. The following afternoon, alumni and their families had a barbeque at the house, well attended, after which we went to the National Champion Golden Gopher home-opener hockey game. Our hats go off to Fra Jack Kohler, '78, and Fra Chuck Savitt, '78, for organizing this great weekend. We send alumni our monthly award-winning email newsletter.

Homecoming week we joined with Delta Chi Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta and earned third place honors for our banner. Our 40x40 house-front soared over the parade route.

We are developing plans for a large philanthropic event, along with several sororities, in the Spring. *Kappa* men are eager to take on chapter leadership responsibilities. That's why *Kappa* is thriving.

Andy Huston, Recorder

N.C. STATE Moving Off Campus

Sigma Omega chapter at N.C. State is realizing some changes as we move from our house at 2501 W. Fraternity Court to smaller headquarters on Athens Drive. A lot of memories have been made and good times had at the old house as the chapter has been there since 1964 when Fraternity Court opened on the campus and the chapter moved from 304 East Park Drive. The move is a result of increasing financial burden on chapter members who are hoping to prepare for a new chapter house in the coming years.

The chapter welcomes its new members this semester, men who have earned respect and are deserving of being fratres of *Sigma Alpha Mu*. *Sigma Omega* chapter continues to strive for athletic excellence as we are positioning ourselves once again to claim the Sportsman's Cup.

Last fall our scholastic average was higher than the all-men's

average and we ranked 4th out of the 23 fraternities on campus. We are currently trying to repeat or even improve on that record.

NORTHEASTERN Setting Goals

Beta Tau is looking to have yet another successful year. We have set more goals and raised our standards. This being our second full year as a reactivated chapter, we are looking to build on our accomplishments over the past several quarters. We have selected a fall class which we are sure will be leaders of our fraternity. In our first community service project of the year we worked with volunteer services for the 10th Annual "Strides for Breast Cancer". This is a walk around the Charles River here in Boston that attracted 35,000 walkers, a project that raised over \$3 million for breast cancer awareness and treatment. *Beta Tau* has had successful socials with SDT and AEPi and is currently planning a 4-on-4 basketball tournament for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation ("Shoot-Out for AIDS").

We took a brotherhood trip to Montreal in November. One major goal for this year is to regain strong ties with our alumni and maintain consistent communication with them. Any alumni who wish to get in contact with us please email Pat Sweeney, alumni chair, at patrickssweeney2002@yahoo.com.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN Biggest on Campus

Epsilon Beta chapter began the year on a successful note by formally taking its Fall class. We now have the largest fraternity in our small but fast-growing Greek system here at Nova Southeastern University.

Some of the events planned for first semester include our annual Playerz Ball all-campus social, mixers with sororities, Bounce for Beats, and volunteer activities such as campus cleanups and assisting with university events.

Epsilon Beta is once again proving why it should be a Founders Cup level chapter with fratres who are willing to dedicate their time to better their fraternity as well as themselves. It has men in 20 different organizations on campus, men who care not only about the welfare of their fraternity, but campus life in

general.

Fra Jason Stone, a former field rep for the Fraternity, is now the Greek advisor at Nova Southeastern.

Sean Leahy

OHIO STATE

Moving Ahead Smartly

The men of *Sigma Beta* are in another year of growth. Last year, *Sigma Beta* chapter captured the Intramural Softball Championship and had members on the Intramural Hockey Championship team. Academics are important to our men. Twelve of our fratres made the Dean's List with a 3.5 GPA or above and there will be even more members on the Dean's List soon.

Fra Joshua Saltzman planned an excellent Homecoming Week with the lovely ladies of Tri-Delt. Afterward, he said, "My role as special events chairmen was made much easier because all the guys in the house donated their spare time to help finish all the planning; it was a great week."

We are proud of Brian Kazmin, one of only 30 OSU students in the selective Honors Business Cohort Program; he is also an IFC justice, works on *Sigma Beta's* philanthropies, and has a 3.5 GPA.

Shawn Silverman and Craig

Shapiro are working hard to find the right men to join our fraternity. Our fall candidates are excellent men, and we expect a much larger pledge class for Winter Quarter. Both Shawn and Craig are doing a fine job. This year Kenneth Mandelsohn and Eric Zimmerman are crafting a great community service program for the chapter. We plan to continue our work with the Big Brother program of Columbus, as well as a park clean up, and work at a soup kitchen. Great things are expected this year by all fratres and *Sigma Beta* chapter as we surpass our goals and strive for excellence.

Lowell Weiss

OHIO U.

Rebuilding

This year is marked by a large step in *Gamma Zeta* history. After three years at our house on Ohio University's "Fraternity Row", we will be moving in a year and glad to be rid of the problems that came with that house. After one unhouseed year, we are making plans to find a new place. IFC rules allow chapters to run recruitment from whatever venue they choose, and we will be rushing from a house in which many brothers live; we are excited about this large step in our rebuilding process.

Gamma Zeta is also very

proud of its new Alpha Beta pledge class. The new members are all of the highest quality and will most definitely make their mark on this chapter; it is one of the tightest pledge classes ever.

Our new fund raising plan for Pediatric AIDS utilizes the help of uptown fast food restaurants. Philanthropy Chair Josh Allen took empty coffee cans, affixed official stickers from the Elizabeth Glaser Foundation, and placed them in uptown restaurants near the cash registers where patrons drop their change into the can. This has been our most effective fundraising plan to date.

Brotherhood Chairman Jeremy Payton has really made a mark, has planned for paintball and a well-structured Euchre tournament and other events.

Congratulations to Brad Gankosky and Bryan Smeenk on being elected to the IFC Executive Board, where Fra Nick Lakostik just finished his term.

OTTAWA

Looking for a House

Delta Pi Chapter has new challenges and new rewards. We came close to buying a private residence for the Fraternity, but the owners backed down. Yet the momentum remains, as do our dreams of owning our own house. In the meantime, our fratres got together for a bang-up Rush week, football games, BBQ's and sororities. We were successful in recruiting new members who will no doubt strengthen our organization for years to come.

In the fall we squared off against all the other Greek organizations in the region for Greek Olympics. We walked in with our heads high, confident of our preparations for these three days, and walked out with first place overall, twenty points ahead of the next organization. The euphoria expressed when we learned of the final results was truly moving and would inevitably be tarnished if it were to be put into words. It was a defining moment for our Chapter and will be in our stories for many years.

Brotherhood remains strong as our focus now turns to completing our pledge education period, and a few philanthropy events.

PENN STATE

At Peak Strength

Mu Lambda chapter at Penn State is stronger than ever. With the initiation of its 28 new members, the biggest class in the chapter's history, *Sigma Alpha Mu* is now the biggest fraternity at Penn State with 109 members. That is no small feat considering the Greek system at Penn State is the second largest in existence with over 50 fraternities, 25 sororities and 4,000 members.

Mu Lambda is a major participant in all of Penn State's Greek Life activities such as every intramural sport, Homecoming, Greek Sing, Greek Week and Penn State's Dance Marathon, which is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. Last year's Dance Marathon raised over three-and-a-half million dollars for children with cancer. The fraternity is also proud to say that it boasts the 3rd highest grade point average of all fraternities.

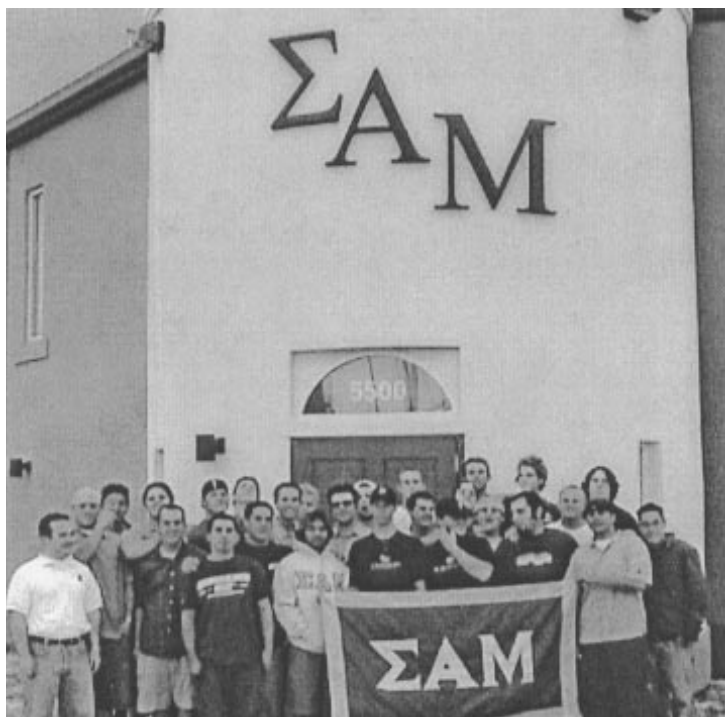
In the last couple of years we have accomplished more than we could have ever hoped. We are continuously trying to improve in every aspect of our fraternity and believe that we can grow as a brotherhood even more in the coming years.

R.I.T.

Exciting times

These are exciting times for the brothers at *Delta Omega* chapter at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Along with many new members, we have had many new ideas and events. Last spring Fra Doran Mix, a member of the RIT Ambulance Team, put on a six-hour CPR certification seminar. The event was a huge success and we hope to continue so that all Greeks at RIT will be certified in CPR. Chapter scholarship has improved as well in the past year as more study effort is being put forth; the chapter GPA has improved to a 2.9 and looks to be going up again.

This year started off with another successful Polesit, an annual event held to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; it also provided entertainment for the RIT community. Events held throughout its four-day duration included a dunk tank, flag football and a car smash. Then a concert featuring a local Rochester band



New house at San Diego State.

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and a donated fireworks display. In total, \$3000 was raised.

We are working on setting up an alumni advisory board to help us better manage our funds and support the house. We have an energetic active alumni group staying in constant contact and keeping track as men graduate and move away. This year is proving to be another great one.

Tim Falkiewicz

**ST. JOHN'S
Transformation**

Delta Chi has in the past year become an occupant of the new residence village just built by the university, and so we have successfully transformed our commuting chapter to a "dorming" one.



*Undergraduate
Consul Joe Gebbie*

We have also recently become eligible to have first-semester freshmen join our candidate education program. Two of our fratres have specially distinguished themselves: William Hannon has been elected Treasurer of the student government, and Prior Joseph Gebbie was elected the undergraduate Consul of the Octagon last August at the Convention in Pittsburgh.

**SAN DIEGO STATE
New House!**

Gamma Nu chapter started the academic year with a bang as it assumed responsibility for a new chapter house on San Diego State University's new Fraternity Row. In addition to a brand new two-story chapter house designed for events and meetings, Gamma Nu filled its allotment of housing adjacent to the chapter house. SDSU Fraternity Row, part of a larger redevelopment project, has eight unique Fraternity houses around a four-story apartment building. The design separates the living quarters from the social aspects of the fraternity.

The new year also brought a new Council, a group of young leaders eager to utilize the new house to Sigma Alpha Mu's advantage. Prior Jaime Ralph has

led the chapter through this transition assisted by a devoted brotherhood. Rush was later than usual to ensure the full use of Fraternity Row, but that just gave us more time to prepare for rush.

The fall semester has already included a philanthropy event for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, our 14th annual Dead Sam's Halloween party, held of course at the new house, and an exchange with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. We welcomed our parents during Homecoming Weekend and held a special event for alumni to tour the new housing complex.

With a new house, new leadership, and new excitement, the men of Gamma Nu are ready to move our chapter ahead!

Last spring Gamma Nu graduated a loyal frater and campus leader in Alex Abdoulin who was prior, vice prior and recorder, and held important campus positions including IFC president. As we look to developing more men like him, we thank Alex and the others who helped plant the seeds of our present and future progress.

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
Nacogdoches News**

Greetings from deep in the heart of East Texas, where the men of Epsilon Alpha have been hard at work lately. We had a solid rush and kept up our work in the community by cleaning up our section of Highway 7 in November. In addition to having another highway clean-up next spring, we also plan on holding another Bounce for Beats, benefiting the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for the Foundation and are looking to go over that mark this year.

We also hosted an Alumni Weekend in October at homecoming. The event brought together many of the original members of the chapter with some of the younger men who were able to learn a little more about our history. The festivities included a dinner Friday night, tailgating, and the football game. The weekend was a huge success and a great time was had by all. The chapter also managed to send four of its members to the Dallas Chapter Leaders Day during the same weekend. Those members brought valuable information they learned back to the rest of the chapter.



At R.I.T. Delta Omega's Shawn Carr and Tim Falkiewicz learn CPR from an emergency medical technician; the chapter's goal is to get all campus Greeks certified

CPR at RIT

**Community
Conscious**

At Rochester Institute of Technology, learning how to save lives was the goal when twenty fratres from Delta Omega Chapter volunteered. The course of study last April was the same 8-hour training given to doctors, nurses and ambulance crews. What they learned was basic life support health care, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), rescue breathing, defibrillation (sending electronic pulses to the heart), and other techniques to aid persons in emergency situations.

The event was organized by Fra Doran Mix who is a member of RIT Ambulance. It was quite a project. Most of the instructors were from ambulance crews, and time and resources were donated by five local and campus agencies.

One of the professional monitors on the scene said that by teaching young people these techniques, "you empower them to know what to do in an emergency." The technician pictured above noted that fraternities are active in the community, "but we are talking about saving lives here."

Delta Omega has demonstrated a community service commitment since it was born in 1996. It leads and others follow.

In sports, our city league softball team advanced deep into the playoffs (the farthest they've been in the past 3 seasons), before dropping a one-run heartbreaker in its final game. In addition to our accomplishments as a group, members of our chapter have received individual recognition, including Michael Selman who was recently inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Students for his outstanding academic success. Things are looking up here in Nacogdoches, and we look forward to an outstanding spring semester.

**SUNY-BROCKPORT
Reactivated, Fired Up**

The reactivation of Delta Iota began when two students decided Greek life at SUNY Brockport needed a change. Eli Brooke chose Sigma Alpha Mu, due to a history of respect and a receptive response from Executive Director

Aaron Girson. With only speaking skills and a dream, Prior Eli Brooke and Vice Prior Lorenzo Giannetti organized a strong core of 14 men that quickly grew to 24 and attracted attention of the Greek community.

Delta Iota perseveres and has excellent relations with other Greeks, has sent delegates to the 2002 convention, and to the Chapter Leaders Day. It has also helped the local hospital raise money for a new nursery via a charity car wash. The chapter has high hopes for recruitment, and plans to become a force on the SUNY Brockport campus, as well as in the community. Although the road was long with many bumps along the way, these men overcame challenges, including an unreceptive faculty, to achieve the initial dream—to become brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Delta Iota aspires to become the largest fraternity on campus and continue to achieve high standards of excellence. "We have an extremely committed group of men," said Prior Eli Brooke, who expresses appreciation for the hard work and personal sacrifices of his men and their sense of the meaning of brotherhood.

The chapter was formally reinstalled on November 17, 2002 at the Mu Rho chapter house on the U. of Rochester campus. Installing officer was Supreme Prior Manders, assisted by Anton Steyer and Travis Smith from the Fraternity staff, fratres from Mu Rho and Delta Omega at R.I.T. plus a handsome delegation of Delta Iota alumni.

SUNY-GENESEO

Birth of a Colony

The inception of the colony can aptly be described as the fulfillment of the desire to found a group "as would result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity." This idea germinated from what we thought, at the time, to be an insignificant conversation.

Upon further examination, it became clear to us that there was greater interest in such an undertaking than we had thought. It then became apparent that a fraternity was just the type of organization we sought. Unfortunately, none of the fraternities on our campus was what we wanted.

Having assembled a group of men possessing convictions sufficient to establish a fraternity we wanted to find a national organization whose ambitions paralleled those of our own. Upon extensive exploration and correspondence, we agreed that Sigma Alpha Mu was worthy of further investigation. However, it was the visit of Travis Smith that confirmed our decision that Sigma Alpha Mu was the only one for us.

Petitions for recognition to both Sigma Alpha Mu and the University were submitted and Sigma Alpha Mu graciously offered us the opportunity to become part of their brotherhood. We humbly accepted the honor, and were pledged as the Geneseo colony at the State University of New York, in a ceremony held at Delta Omega Chapter at R.I.T. on April 17, 2002.

Jonathan Davis

SUNY-STONY BROOK

Six-Chapter Meeting

The brothers of *Delta Theta* work together to make sure the chapter grows and flourishes. Since reactivation last February, the main concern has been to have a successful rush program. The fratres planned activities to attract potential candidates. We also had social gatherings at our chapter house. A lot of guys showed interest. We invited them to an informational and answered their questions, then held interviews in a more intimate setting to ascertain the extent of their interest.

One of our biggest successes was the gathering for men from nearby chapters including Delta Chi at St. John's, Delta Sigma at C.W. Post, Delta Phi at Adelphi, Mu Upsilon at Brooklyn College and Beta Xi at Hartford. There was exchange of ideas regarding rush recruitment and other areas of chapter operation. The gathering of six chapters proved to be entertaining and informative.

We made a banner with Phi Sigma Sigma and participated in homecoming. The parade and the game gave us a chance to be part of the school. We held a gathering at our house where our alumni—40 of them!—told about the history of the chapter. Most of them we had never met, but that made our time with them all the more memorable.

SYRACUSE

90th Anniversary

The men of *Eta* chapter are excited to be part of our fraternity history as we reach our 90th anniversary on February 8, 2003. We feel that we maintain a strong, vibrant presence on this campus which positions us for another hundred years.

Since *Eta* was reactivated four years ago, we have become the largest fraternity on campus and one of the most competitive in all aspects of Greek life. We are dominant in intramural athletics; we collect and donate thousands of dollars to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and other charities, as well as maintaining the highest grade point average for a chapter of our size. Our reputation on campus is held high by other Greeks and student organizations.

Last year we joined with a multi-cultural community to

Loyalty to Alma Mater...

The Generous Valensteins

Fra Murray A. Valenstein, Maryland '40, and his wife Suzanne have become interested in the U. of



Maryland's Baltimore Incentive Awards Program. That is the initiative designed to lure Baltimore students to the College Park campus. The reason for the project is amazingly simple: barely 1% of the U. of M's freshmen come from Baltimore public schools. The program, now in its third year, grants full scholarships to nine Baltimore high school grads each year. The school pays half the cost and asks alumni to help.

Enter Suzanne and Murray Valenstein, both products of

Baltimore public schools, who are sponsoring two students with full scholarships which the school estimates is costing a bit over \$27,000 per year; each year two new recipients will be named Valenstein scholars—"valentines from the Valensteins" one might say. Murray said they are interested in "building a closer bond between the university and the city of Baltimore".

The Valensteins' gift to support two students a year in the Baltimore incentive program is not their only largesse to UMCP by any means. The couple has also made a planned gift commitment to establish a scholarship fund to support academic and arts superstars. They conceived of the Suzanne G. and Murray A. Valenstein Merit Scholarship Endowment as a way to recognize students of extraordinary talent.

hold a campus forum on racism, and we received an award for our commitment to diversity from the campus chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

Many of our fratres hold high profile roles in clubs like the College Democrats, the University Senate, and the Student Activities board. Our brotherhood excels even off campus where active fratres have been selected to intern for top government agencies, offices of U.S. Senators and Representatives, law firms, investment banks, sports franchises, and TV networks.

In 2003 nearly half our men will be graduating. So member recruitment is our priority concern. With our efforts and help from our alumni, we will meet this challenge as we have all others for 90 years.

TEXAS

#1 Academically: 3.35

Sigma Theta rush was very successful as we took an incoming class of 40 freshmen from across the country. And our 2003 rush captains are already working for the next fall's class. That's what we do.

Our annual Paint Your Date party with the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority succeeded, as did our annual Jungle party. The whole chapter pitched in to build and paint a cave that wrapped around the entire courtyard and

a huge volcano which erupted throughout the night. The freshmen class painted themselves too.

For the Texas-Oklahoma game in Dallas, nearly the entire chapter made the trip with dates and had a great time, even though Texas lost again!

We are planning for the spring: our annual formal, the bull-riding event which benefits the American Cancer Society and a Dad's Weekend. Most important will be the Alumni Weekend which will celebrate *Sigma Theta's* 80th anniversary. A hallmark of that long history has been the scholastic achievements of *Sigma Theta* men; that distinction continues as our chapter currently has the highest GPA on campus, 3.35 out of 4.0.

VIRGINIA

New Alumni Club

Beta Psi alumni have established the chapter's first alumni club, the Beta Psi Alumni Foundation. Its mission: to foster and maintain unity among the alumni of Beta Psi and between the alumni and the chapter. They hope to organize opportunities for alumni to strengthen their ties to one another and to the chapter. Several events this past summer and fall have already taken place, a BBQ during UVA's Alumni Reunion Weekend and a pre-game reception at the house that revived old memories. The Foundation is



excited about hosting more events in the future.

Second is the formation of the 619 Club, named for the street address of the chapter house in which *Beta Psi* is celebrating its 30th year of residence, organized to provide alumni with an easy and safe way to contribute to the Beta Psi Alumni Foundation and the chapter, with funds going towards special newsletters for members, cookouts, tailgates and other gatherings, and to provide a scholarship fund for the undergraduates. The Foundation and Beta Psi Housing Corporation are organizing an alumni fund raising campaign to help garner financial support for both the chapter and the Housing Corporation, which provided the physical house with \$60,000 in renovations in 2001. This effort will eventually be part of the 619 Club. Now, thanks to the new Foundation, the chapter will now connect with alumni from past decades.

The formation of this organization has roused great enthusiasm and the chapter looks forward to this new time of increased alumni relations, long overdue. Thanks to Fra Rob Mahini, '97 and Fra Nitin Malhotra, '91, and the other Foundation Directors, for their efforts in getting this organization off the ground. To learn more about the Beta Psi Alumni Foundation, visit <http://www.betapsialumni.org>.

Prior Gary Dunn

WASHINGTON U. *Active and Vibrant*

Phi chapter, now back on campus and excited, is this winter planning for the big student-run Thurtene carnival in the Spring, for which we are teamed up with Sigma Nu and Delta Gamma. Plans are to build a magnificent façade, put on a creative play, and raise money for this year's school charity. The chapter is also planning a Bounce for Beats event second semester to raise money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Phi is also in the middle of creating a scholarship program under the leadership of Scholarship Chairman Alan Bannett.

In October *Phi* held a weekend for parents and family which included a meet, greet, and tour Friday night, a Saturday afternoon BBQ, followed by a reception and 15-minute video made by Jonathan Diamond titled "A Day in the Life of a Sammy." On Sunday, the men said goodbye to parents and family with a morning brunch.

With incredible alumni support, *Phi* is planning an early second semester alumni open house and reception to meet alumni and to express gratitude by showing what they have done with the house.

Phi has re-established itself on campus with good relations with other fraternities and sororities, Office of Greek Life, administration, alumni and parents. They continue on building an even stronger chapter and stronger relations.

Phil Katz

WEST FLORIDA *Fine Performance*

Delta Eta chapter has been named the best student organization out of 120 student groups for the past 6 years! We have also been 1st runner-up for the corporate service award. Prior Lalama is "Mr. UWF", the 6th consecutive frater to hold this title. The chapter took a 17-man pledge class for the fall of '02 that boosted our membership to 47.

At *Delta Eta* chapter we strive to be as visible as possible on campus, and do so by maintaining a presence in programs such as University Mentors, National Alumni Ambassadors, Student Government, Recreation/Intramurals, and Student Activities.

Our Sigma Alpha Mu Memorial Scholarship handed out its first four \$500 scholar-

ships in the spring and our Michael P. Hutchins Scholarship, again, handed out \$5,000 to 10 of UWF's Greek men, eight of them Sammies.

This year we collected funds for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. In addition to our national philanthropy we also helped the American Heart Association. We have participated in a variety of community service events such as our annual Boy Scouts campout where we volunteered as lifeguards and earned as many as 25 hours per brother. In addition we have donated 30 hours to a local AIDS charity—Art Against AIDS. *Delta Eta* chapter was pleased to be recognized as best chapter in the Gulf Province with the Jimmy Hammerstein award, and as the 2nd Honorable Mention chapter in the Founders Cup race.

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