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## Editor's Comments

After a long hiatus due to financial constraints, *The Tomahawk of Alpha Sigma Phi* has once again reached your hands and brings you stories and updates on the people and events that make ours America's premier fraternity. I hope you'll spend some time with it and then take a moment to write us with your comments and suggestions.

And I hope you'll pay particular attention to the cover story on volunteers.

If undergraduates are the lifeblood of Alpha Sigma Phi, then our volunteers are the heart that keeps all flowing.

There are many ways to volunteer with Alpha Sigma Phi — from Grand Chapter Advisors to participating on Chapter Councils to Regional Chartered Associations to facilitating at a Presidents' Academy or Burns Leadership Institute. To learn more about these opportunities contact Denis Beaudoin, Director of Volunteer Initiatives, at Fraternity Headquarters.

No matter what the role, no matter the commitment of time or treasure, each of Alpha Sigma Phi's volunteers makes a significant contribution to the continuance (and evolution) of our Brotherhood. Undoubtedly, you can recall an alumnus or other volunteer who had great impact on your life as an undergraduate member, or like many of us, impact for the rest of our lives.



One such volunteer was technically not a member at all. But for many, Joanna Burns was the mom-spirit of Alpha Sigma Phi. As wife of Executive Secretary Emeritus Ralph F. Burns, Ohio Wesleyan '32, Omega '93, she attended many Fraternity events and conferences from the 1950s to the 1970s and was often the first smiling face an undergraduate met at the gathering's registration desk.

And now that smile is shared in memory and from heart-to-heart as she departed this earth last November at the age of 95.

To those of us who knew her, she was a warm and gracious person and a wonderful complement to her dear Ralph. And her testament lives on through the dedication to Alpha Sigma Phi of her sons Bruce (Ohio State '63) and Jonathan (Member-at-Large '84).

At the time of her passing, Jonathan, a member of the Grand Council, rejoiced, "It is Sig Bust time at Omega Chapter tonight! Ralph, at long last, is finally on his knees, again singing, 'whose Alpha Sig girl are you?' to his beloved Sweetheart."

Thank you, Joanna. You will be missed.

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Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Yale University in 1845 and currently recognizes 67 chapters, colonies, and interest groups across the country. The Fraternity aims to be the co-curricular organization of choice for discerning young men through the provision of an enriching brotherhood experience and a full range of character and leadership development opportunities.

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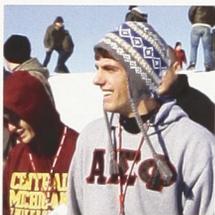
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From uniquely designed cafés to hand-roasted coffee and hand-forged gourmet doughnuts, Top Pot Doughnuts is committed to doing things the old fashioned way.



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**The Volunteer Initiative:** Our Brotherhood is a lifelong experience, and dedicated members are giving of their time to help support our undergraduate brothers.

**Recruitment:** A skill that can be learned, practiced, and perfected. Former Alpha Sigma Phi staff members Matt Mattson and Josh Orendi want to show all membership organizations how.

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**The Producer:** From helping turn around his troubled chapter to building a successful career in Hollywood, Eric Wilkinson credits the Fraternity for providing the foundation of life skills that work.

## Message from the Grand Senior President

This issue of *The Tomahawk* is full of good news about our Brotherhood and is an example of the exemplary work being done by our dedicated Fraternity staff. Knowing this as you enjoy the pages that follow, it may be easy to have the sense that the Fraternity is in capable hands, headed in the right direction and doesn't really need your help to fulfill its purpose. The latter point could not be further from the truth. Volunteers form the backbone of success for Alpha Sigma Phi, and the need today is greater than ever.

The Fraternity's top priority is ensuring that every undergraduate chapter has the benefit of a Grand Chapter Advisor and a team of alumni, parents and faculty (known as a Chapter Council) to support their efforts. Oftentimes our most successful undergraduate chapters already have the good fortune of alumni support. At the same time alumni volunteers are finding their lives extremely enriched for the efforts. To truly become the "co-curricular organization of choice" we need your help to replicate this benefit for all of our undergraduates across the country.

This call to action is not one made lightly or without a full understanding of the sacrifice requested. With the pace of life seeming to hurdle ahead faster each day, finding time to give can be a real challenge. As we face increased demands at the office due to current economic strain and devote ourselves to family, we are lucky to find a

**Richard Ritter, Toledo '91, with his wife Stacy, their daughter Anna, and their triplet sons, Ethan, Alexander, and Huston.**

few minutes to exercise, yet alone volunteer for the Fraternity of our bygone college days.

A brother recently quizzed me about this challenge asking why I continue my service to the Old Gal, and how I have time to for it. My answer to him came in two parts. First, I am able to make time in large part due to the support of my family and in particular the encouragement of my wife. The hardest part is when my involvement requires time away from our children. Our belief and hope is that setting an example for them through service to others is worth the occasional absence.

Second, my experience in Alpha Sigma Phi as an undergraduate was an immensely positive one and perhaps the most significant formative experience during my college years. The Fraternity provided me with lessons in values based leadership, sales, business, and relationship building that are put to use nearly every day of my life. This has proven to be so valuable it will be impossible to fully repay the Brotherhood. At the same time, perpetuating the opportunity for future college men to have similar experiences is essential.

I hope you will join me in finding ways to make some of your time available for Alpha Sigma Phi and help advance the cause of our Brotherhood. Our Fraternity is making a positive impact on the lives of undergraduate men. We stand poised for great achievements in the next few years with your help. Join in the noble effort "to Better the Man."



# Fraternity Chapter Alumni NEWS



On September 27, 2007, **Tony Robertson**, Ohio State '05, had the honor of dotting the "I" during the signature formation of the Ohio State Marching Band's performance at halftime. This time honored tradition, usually reserved for senior sousaphone players, is considered the greatest honor of the band. Other honorary "I" dotters include: Bob Hope, OSU President Novice Fawcett, and Jack Nicklaus.

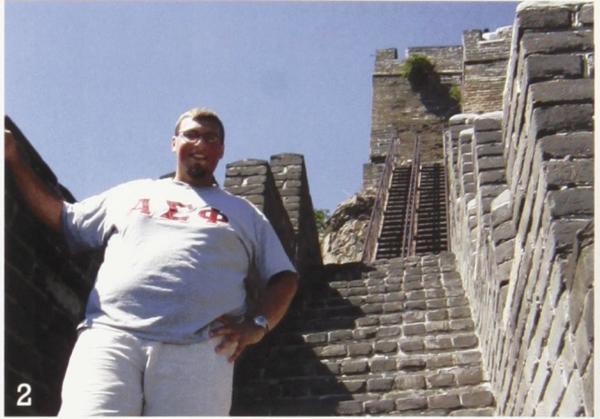
## #2,000

**Cory Mueller**, Washington '09, recently became Mu Chapter's 2,000 member. Mueller's academic achievements include a 4.0 GPA. He says he feels honored and privileged and looks forward to helping the Fraternity grow.

Producer **Robert E. Relyea**, UC-Los Angeles '48, is a fifty-year veteran of the movie industry and former Chairman of the California Film Commission. His autobiography, *Not So Quiet On The Set: My Life In Movies During Hollywood's Macho Era*, was recently published by iUniverse. The book provides a fascinating behind-the-scenes, first person look into Hollywood's movie-making landscape during the turbulent pre- and post-Kennedy years in

America. Brother Relyea recounts his experiences working on the set with Elvis Presley in "Jailhouse Rock," John Wayne in "The Alamo," Steve McQueen in "Le Mans," and other legendary Hollywood stars and films – from "West Side Story" to "The Great Escape." Picture Above: Brother Relyea (seated) with John Wayne and Richard Widmark. Picture Left: Brother Relyea (right) next to Elvis Presley.

**Bowling Green:** Alpha Sigma Phi was recognized at the 1st Annual Greek Affairs National Awards Recognition ceremony. This event publicly recognized BGSU Greek chapters and individuals who were recently honored with national awards given by their national or international organizations. • **Meng-Hsiu 'Tony' Chan**, Elmhurst '06 runs for the Elmhurst College track team. His focus for the team is placed on the 110m high hurdles and the 400m low hurdles. • **Patrick R. DeMarle**, Cornell '08 is a diver for the Cornell University Men's Swimming and Diving Team. • **Greg Schmid**, Otterbein '07 competes on the Otterbein College Equestrian Team against other members of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, Intercollegiate Dressage Association, and the United States Eventing Association.



Study abroad is a way for individuals to immerse themselves into other cultures. It has become an increasingly popular way to visit far away places while learning the traditions and values other countries instill in their citizens. 1. David Gross, Michigan State '05 at the Great Wall of China. 2. David Johnstone, Ohio Wesleyan '04 at the Great Wall of China. 3. Jack Sago, Lindenwood '04 in Nairobi, Kenya with the Masai Tribe.



Darren Wells, Rio Grande '05 plays for the Bay Area Toros, a minor league baseball team based out of the Galveston area. He was selected as the MVP of the Continental Baseball League playing for the Toros. • CH2M Hill, a global engineering company, hired Ruben A. Robels, Oklahoma '78 to head the department of Polish Operations. Robes brings 25 years of experience within the industry, and he states, " I have immediately been impressed with the technical talent base that exists in Poland, and look forward to delivering world-class projects for our clients." • Eric Muth, Hartwick '88, psychology professor at Clemson University, received the Humboldt Research Fellowship from the Alexander van Humboldt-Stiftung Foundation. The Fellowship, which consists of a fully funded yearlong study in Germany, is recognized as a highly competitive fellowship and is only awarded to researchers who are internationally known for their academic qualifications. Muth's research while in Germany will help determine the maladaptive components of eating disorders in obese patients to determine if patterns are perceptual or physiological.



Alumni of Plattsburgh State's Delta Xi Chapter held a memorial golf tournament in memory of brothers who have passed on to the Omega Chapter. All profits were donated to charities, and alumni were treated to a traditional southern barbecue cookout.

Delta Chapter brothers and family gathered during Marietta's Homecoming Weekend for fun and reminiscing. According to **Dean Haine, Marietta '59**, the theme, Reliving Alpha Sigma Phi, made a valuable impression on guests and created many lasting memories while renewing old friendships. During the reunion, certificates were given to 50 and 25 year initiates, and the buzz around the party was talk about a similar event in 2010 for Delta's 150 year anniversary." Pictured: Marietta College Board of Trustees **John Langel, Marietta '67**, **William F. O'Grady, Marietta '67** and **Robert Hauser, Marietta '68**.



Forty-four players attended the 33rd annual **Gamma Psi Alumni, Grip-n-Sip Golf Outing** at Northville Hills Golf Club near Detroit. According to **Robert Look, Lawrence Tech '74**, "The day got off to a wet start with a soaking rain, but the weather cleared later on in the morning, and the rest of the day had near perfect weather conditions for golfing. The event was capped off by a prime rib dinner in the main club house where members took time to renew old acquaintances."



Rio Grande, Ohio: **Dan Liedtke, Rio Grande '81** built a 90 by 50-foot concrete basketball court to teach the fundamentals of basketball to children through sessions over summer break. As a 23 year head coach at Fort Frye, Liedtke teaches boys and girls of all ages the skills needed to become a dedicated player. "Sunset Court is a true testament to my love of the game," said Liedtke.

**Dr. H. Karl Springob, American '48** was recognized with the William Colon Memorial Community Service Award in March 2008 by the Carmel Council, Knights of Columbus. The recognition was presented for Dr. Springob's long and diversified voluntary services to community organizations and professional associations. Springob has served in key leadership roles and on numerous committees; the most notable have been his almost 66 years with the Boy Scouts of America, 38 years with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and his service on the Board of Trustees and President of his former prep school. • Hosts **Timothy Warvel, Central Michigan '93**, and his wife Miya held the 15th annual Warvel Weekend to kick off the new year on January 3, 2009, in Dansville, MI. According to Brother Warvel, "True brotherhood was demonstrated at the overnight event that was attended by more than 22 Delta Rho alumni brothers and family." • **Kenneth D. Gill, Jr., Marietta '59** was honored by The Caron Treatment Centers in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, as the 2007 recipient of the Richard J. Caron Award of Excellence. Ken worked in sales and marketing in the Reading area for IBM for 33 years. He joined the Caron Board of Directors in 1977 and has been active with Caron since that time. His good friend, **Bob Birkle, Marietta '60** arranged for three other brothers, **Paul Beck, Dean Haine**, and **Chick Savery** (all Marietta '59) and their spouses to get together at the Award of Excellence Dinner held April 11, 2008.



# TOP POT doughnuts



## WHERE TO FIND TOP POT DOUGHNUTS

- 7,000 Starbucks nationwide
- 25+ Seattle area restaurants, bakeries, and hotels
- Find out more online at [www.toppotdoughnuts.com](http://www.toppotdoughnuts.com)

Business is sweet for Top Pot Doughnuts. The gourmet shops offer old-fashioned, hand-shaped doughnuts – such as the Pink Feather Boa and the Double Trouble – presented on silver platters and displayed in jewelry store like cases.

This pairing of a vintage aesthetic with a gourmet spin on traditional coffee and doughnuts is the brainchild of Mark and Michael Klebeck, Washington '85, who along with co-owner Joel Radin, founded Top Pot in February 2002 out of a small brick storefront on north Capitol Hill in Seattle.

Years earlier, the Klebecks spied a vintage rustic (and rusty) neon sign gleaming above a boarded-up Chinese restaurant called "Topspot." They bought the sign, and then left it idle in a backyard for four years. When the sign was finally driven off to be restored, the center "S" fell off, leaving the words "Top Pot" behind. The sign became Top Pot's symbol of blending the old with the new.

"Our vision was to create an oasis," said Michael, "where patrons could slow down and savor the nostalgia and taste of a secret 1920s doughnut recipe in a gorgeous vintage environment."

According to Brother Klebeck, Top Pot takes great pride in elevating the humble doughnut to an art form. "We call our doughnuts 'hand-forged' because they're made the old-fashioned way. As a result the unique characteristics of each doughnut are preserved by our skilled bakers."

Top Pot sells its most popular doughnuts at Starbucks – including its signature apple fritter, an old-fashioned glazed doughnut, a chocolate glazed old-fashioned doughnut, and a vanilla caramel doughnut.

"We feel so fortunate to have enjoyed such success with a business model that is this much fun," says Brother Klebeck. "We remain committed to the simple ideals that brought us this far — quality, inclusiveness, and integrity in every single thing we do."

# LENDING A HAND. CHOOSING TO LIVE STRONG.



Alpha Sigma Phi's *Position Statement on Service and National Philanthropy* reads like a formal declaration of principles:

## WHEREAS

Alpha Sigma Phi is the Fraternity "to *Better the Man*" and we strongly believe that a brother cannot reach his full potential as a human being without being mindful of those less fortunate.

## WHEREAS

Among the more significant values of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity is a strong sense of service, charity, and philanthropy.

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That each chapter is charged with living those values by regularly devoting the Brotherhood's time and energy

in various charitable, service, and philanthropic activities, and

## BE IT RESOLVED

That in addition to, or in the absence of an appropriate local charitable organization, that the efforts of chapters should be directed towards the Fraternity's National Philanthropy in order to maximize its efforts and its resulting impact on the charity, and so

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Lance Armstrong Foundation, as a charitable organization that provides support, practical information and tools for cancer sufferers, in addition to its work in advocacy, public health, and research, is affirmed as the National Philanthropy of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Rick Buss, UNC-Charlotte '90, was one of the architects of Alpha Sigma Phi's involvement with LIVESTRONG – The Lance Armstrong Foundation.

"Great care was taken as we reviewed our relationship with our previous national philanthropy, Canine Companions for Independence," said Buss. "Although CCI is a very distinguished and respectable organization, both sides did not experience a pro-active partnership. CCI does not record annual donations and contributions from us, so it was difficult to gauge participation. And due to the lack of name recognition for CCI, it was difficult for chapters to create interest for fundraising events."

According to Justin LaRoche, UNC-Charlotte '06, who served as an undergraduate member of the committee, few chapters were in direct contact with CCI. "We were seeing less and less involvement on a national level," said LaRoche. "However, several chapters were quite committed to CCI. We knew we needed to find a way to expand our national philanthropy efforts, while still maintaining a relationship with CCI on the local level."

After interviewing representatives from other organizations – including St. Jude's and Ronald McDonald House – Brother Buss says the choice became clear.

"LIVESTRONG was our answer. This gives us the opportunity to be involved with an organization that is not currently involved with any other national fraternity. Plus, our chapters can maintain their individual relationships with CCI. So it works on both levels."

Delegates of the 2008 Grand Chapter in Louisville passed the new *Position Statement on Service and National Philanthropy* by a unanimous vote.

Brother LaRoche said undergraduates are already embracing LIVESTRONG. "The brothers at Iowa State, Longwood University, UC-Berkeley, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology have already raised significant amounts of money. Other chapters are planning events as well. Lance Armstrong's story is very inspiring. He's a hero to many and an inspiration to those battling this frightening disease."

Lance Armstrong was one of the world's best cyclists, winning the World Championships, the Tour Du Pont, and multiple Tour de France stages. He seemed invincible – until he was diagnosed with testicular cancer, which had spread to Lance's abdomen, lungs, and brain.

"Lance refocused his competitive spirit to transform his status as

You can show your support for people battling cancer by wearing a LIVESTRONG wristband. They're available at many sporting goods stores or by visiting [wearyellow.com](http://wearyellow.com).



cancer victim to cancer survivor," said LaRoche. "He underwent aggressive treatment and beat the disease."

During his treatment, before his recovery, before he even knew his own fate, Lance Armstrong founded LIVESTRONG. His goal was to offer himself as an advocate for people living with cancer and to be a world representative for the cancer community.

"LIVESTRONG fights for the 28 million people around the world living with cancer today," said Brother Buss. "Almost everyone has someone in their lives or knows someone who has been impacted by this disease. I'm proud that Alpha Sigma Phi has partnered with LIVESTRONG to help people live life after cancer. The money we raise will help fund research, raise awareness, offer hope, and give survivors a chance to battle cancer head on."

You can help join the fight at [www.LIVESTRONG.org](http://www.LIVESTRONG.org).



Gale Wilkerson,  
Delta Tau Delta '66

I've often said that we're preparing today's generation for their place in tomorrow's world. I sincerely believe that is the case with Alpha Sigma Phi.

I'm proud to be involved with an organization that provides our undergraduates a safe environment in which they learn to become men who positively impact their campuses and communities. Alumni support is vital to this environment.

Whether you realize it or not, your undergraduate days were partially funded by the gifts of generous donors who cared about your future, even though they didn't know you. The Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation brings together brothers from every era and chapter to fund important programming that advances academic excellence and leadership.

The Educational Foundation adopted a new mission statement in 2008. The new mission statement was developed to stand the test of time and is relevant to Alpha Sigma Phi. The Educational Foundation Board of Directors believes the mission statement is the basis for the strategic vision of the Foundation and the structure of the priorities for the Board.

The Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation's Mission is to *Better the Man* through:

- Raising funds to support scholarship, leadership, and educational programs of Alpha Sigma Phi.
- Investing assets wisely to provide for future scholarship, leadership, and educational needs.
- Granting money to worthwhile scholarship, educational, and leadership initiatives to benefit Alpha Sigma Phi brothers, chapters, campuses, and communities.

We hope you stand with us in support of our Mission.

Fraternally,

L. Gale Wilkerson  
President and CEO, Educational Foundation

# “Give Back to Burns” Encourages Phoenix Society Gifts

Brothers from chapters across the country gave to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in 2008 through the Phoenix Society. Several chapters had outstanding participation from undergraduate brothers, and those chapters were recognized with awards at the 50th Grand Chapter in Louisville, Kentucky.

University of California Berkeley's Nu Chapter took the honors for the chapter from a large Greek system. The Delta Chi Chapter from Elmhurst College received small Greek system honors and took home a Phoenix Society trophy and bragging rights for their chapter's 100 percent participation in The Phoenix Society, with all Delta Chi undergraduates giving at least \$18.45 to the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation. The Alpha Tau Chapter at Steven's Tech received an honorable mention for the chapter's 72 percent participation.

The Phoenix Society builds a tradition of charitable giving among undergraduates. Undergraduates receive membership into the Phoenix Society with an \$18.45 gift to the Educational Foundation.

More than 240 undergraduates participated in 2008.

At the Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute, the Fraternity and Educational Foundation teamed up to help “Give Back to Burns,” using a competitive model that was also used at the Presidents' Academy of Leadership.

Undergraduates raised several thousand dollars for the Educational Foundation — dollars that go directly back to the programs that benefit the undergraduates and future generations of Alpha Sigs.

Brother Chris Ingram, Akron '07 served as the 2008 Phoenix Society Chairman and was on the ground at both the Burns Institute and the Presidents' Academy of Leadership. “The brothers were inspiring each other to give. They saw a brother making a donation and thought, ‘I can do that, too.’ The act of giving our money during those events gave us an opportunity to learn about what the Educational Foundation is, and what they do to help each chapter,” said Brother Ingram.

First-time members of the Phoenix Society are recognized for their gifts with a lapel pin and membership certificate. Incentives are available for additional years' gifts, as well. In Louisville, each chapter was charged with selecting a chapter Phoenix Society Chairman to coordinate each chapter's efforts to raise support for the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in 2008-2009.

**Phoenix Grand Chapter Award:** Brian Thomas, UC-Berkeley '06, accepts the Phoenix Society trophy from National Phoenix Society Chairman Chris Ingram, Akron '07.



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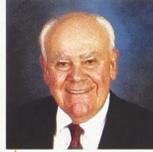
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**Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation 2009 Board of Directors:** Brian Jump, Indiana '77, Chairman of the Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that the Board elected three new directors to serve four year terms, beginning in 2009. The new Board members are: Christopher J. Musbach, Ohio Wesleyan '02, returning board member and former Chairman Stan G. Thurston, Iowa State '66, and Steven V. Zizzo, Illinois '84.

## Going GOLD

The Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation launched the Graduates of the Last Decade Program (GOLD) in 2007. This program is a special giving society that seeks to obtain a five-year pledge from recent graduates. Brothers make this commitment to help equip their fellow Alpha Sigs with leadership and development opportunities that will sustain the Fraternity throughout future generations.

We would like to thank the following brothers who have made a long-term financial pledge through the GOLD Program.

### GAMMA

Stephen G. Conlon, Massachusetts '98  
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Daniel C. Nolan, RPI '04  
Jason N. Sznol, RPI '03



**GOLD Member Matt Maurer, Bowling Green '03, seen here volunteering at the Burns Leadership Institute.**

**GAMMA ZETA**

Matthew R. Bowles, Bowling Green '01  
Michael A. Finelli, Bowling Green '03  
Matthew S. Maurer, Bowling Green '03  
Joseph A. Miller, Bowling Green '90  
Kenneth M. Schafer, Bowling Green '86

**GAMMA THETA**

Andres Lavin, Miami '03  
James A. Lawson, Miami '87  
Michael D. Paolini, Miami '86  
Leonardo Ramos, Miami '03  
Alfonso Restrepo, Miami '03  
Ignacio C. Tejera, Miami '00  
Jonathan H. Wasserman, Miami '93

**GAMMA LAMBDA**

Todd S. Bailless, Barton '95  
Scott C. Cruikshank, Barton '91  
Andrew H. Edwards, Barton '94  
Zachary G. Fullerton, Barton '99  
Craig P. Stewart, Barton '86

**GAMMA PI**

Jose A. Arias, Findlay '93  
Emory S. Winship VIII, Findlay '04

**GAMMA XI**

Christopher B. Fish, Widener '85

**GAMMA CHI**

Kenneth F. Calabrese, Indiana '86  
Jeffrey R. Fischer, Indiana '92  
Steve P. Haddad, Indiana '89  
Mark D. Herscovitz, Indiana '91  
David K. Leedy, Indiana '86  
Samuel M. Locke, Indiana '02  
Bryan D. Macer, Indiana '02  
Jacob P. Medlen, Indiana '04  
Nathanael F. Meyers, Indiana '88  
Michael R. Rosen, Indiana '90  
Jonathan L. Scaggs, Indiana '02  
Robert A. Woerner, Indiana '92

**GAMMA PSI**

David D. Iskra, Lawrence Tech. '85

**DELTA ALPHA**

Robert D. Eichler, Loyola '86

**DELTA DELTA**

Shawn M. Bulisco, Slippery Rock '02

**DELTA EPSILON**

Keegan D. Chamberlain, Rio Grande '98  
Todd A. Reigle, Rio Grande '88  
Michael D. Schwaiger, Rio Grande '96

**DELTA ZETA**

Jonathon C. Crim, UNC-Charlotte '99  
Donald K. Green, UNC-Charlotte '91  
Michael W. Post, UNC-Charlotte '01  
Sean W. Toohey, UNC-Charlotte '88  
John M. Snelshire, UNC-Charlotte '85

**DELTA THETA**

Augusto P. Obleada, Radford '91

**DELTA IOTA**

Sean R. Murphy, Longwood '96

**DELTA MU**

Thomas W. Stroffolino, William Paterson '89

**DELTA PI**

Robert A. Moore, Delaware '92

**DELTA RHO**

Todd A. DiFiore, Central Michigan '93  
Gregory B. Gruley, Central Michigan '98  
Adam A. Miller, Central Michigan '97  
Rodney M. Rusk, Central Michigan '93

**DELTA SIGMA**

Kevin C. Twigger, Coastal Carolina '97

**DELTA PHI**

Thomas D. Coy, Grand Valley '96  
Jamie M. Grant, Grand Valley '96  
Barry A. Olson, Grand Valley '97  
Bryan K. Proctor, Grand Valley '96  
Nic J. Mansilla, Grand Valley '02

**DELTA CHI**

Joseph R. Cullen, Elmhurst '03  
Charles T. Freitag, Elmhurst '06  
Alexander M. Kefaloukos, Elmhurst '04  
Richard A. Sasso, Elmhurst '06

**EPSILON BETA**

Chad J. Matlick, Lindenwood '97

**EPSILON DELTA**

Jeffrey H. Schiz, Maryland '03  
Benjamin J. Willcher, Maryland '00  
David A. Yonenson, Maryland '99

**EPSILON ZETA**

Shawn P. Smith, Penn State-Altoona '99

**EPSILON ETA**

Thomas S. Elder, Salisbury '04  
Joshua L. Wick, Salisbury '05

**EPSILON THETA**

Evan R. Derr, Otterbein '02

**EPSILON KAPPA**

David L. Preissman, Albright '02

**EPSILON LAMBDA**

Anthony M. Millard, Hartford '03  
Kenneth R. O'Hara, Hartford '02

**EPSILON MU**

Scott A. Roden, Bentley '03

**EPSILON RHO**

Nicholas P. Gust, Appalachian State '06

**NON-MEMBERS**

Cara E. Augspurger, Alpha Delta Pi '94

# The Volunteer Initiative

Undergraduates are the heart and soul of Alpha Sigma Phi.

"But our Brotherhood is much more than just a mere undergraduate experience," says Denis Beaudoin, Ohio Wesleyan '01, Alpha Sigma Phi's Director of Volunteer Initiatives. "Without volunteer alumni support, a chapter's lifeline is severed. And experience shows us that the unsupported chapter will die within five to seven years."

However, Brother Beaudoin says there are at least six key priorities a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi typically has upon graduation. These are:

1. Family
2. Career
3. Church
4. Community
5. Leisure
6. Fraternity

"And quite often number six is supplanted by other distractions," says Beaudoin. "Most men leave a chapter with all the intentions of staying involved. But then reality sets in, life happens, and those good intentions find themselves challenged by priorities not anticipated."

### Ask and You Shall Receive

Beaudoin believes in a straightforward approach to engaging more alumni volunteers. He says he simply does the one thing so many people forget to do:

"I ask."

Virginia Tech. Grand Chapter Advisor Byron Hughes, Salisbury '06, served as the Faculty Advisor for the Salisbury Chapter while on staff and was asked to join the Fraternity in 2006.



And he's quick to add: "I keep on asking. I ask the guys at the chapter to tell me who's been hanging around, who's involved, who's not. I pick up the phone and give them a call, and I ask if they'd be willing to serve the chapter in a more formal capacity."

Denis says many brothers don't realize how many ways they can get involved with their chapter. "Often I'll hear someone say, 'I live too far away. My chapter is in another state.' But you can always be a volunteer simply by using the phone. For example, a chapter might need a financial advisor. A brother with those skills can talk to the chapter over the phone every week, or every two weeks, to help them out in that regard. There are no cookie-cutter regulations on how to get involved. We do what works, and every chapter is unique. But it does take the right man to make it work."

### Answering the Call

David Wojewodka, Akron '07, is such a man. He serves as the Grand Chapter Advisor for the Epsilon Sigma Chapter.

"I put a high priority in Alpha Sigma Phi," says Brother Wojewodka. "There is a satisfaction in serving something greater than yourself. My connection with the guys goes beyond the chapter. We impact so many lives because this group of men is so dedicated to serving their community."

David points to several of their members who volunteered for a reforestation project in Southeastern Ohio, planting several hundreds of trees on reclaimed farmland. The Epsilon Sigma Chapter also participates in the annual "Relay for Life" activities, the proceeds of which go to cancer research. And Brother Wojewodka says the members helped build more than 200 bicycles for an organization called Elves & More, who donate the bikes to underprivileged children.

"You never know where your alumni involvement will take you," says David. "Some groups need help with finances, others with house repairs, recruiting, and so on. When you can be involved and see all the good it produces, it makes it all worthwhile."

#### A Way to Give Back

Many volunteers say they remember all they gained from their undergraduate experiences and want to make sure they can help continue the legacy of the chapter. Often, potential volunteers will need to consider how much time (and how much money) their involvement will require.

However, Denis Beaudoin says there are often more personal reasons for getting involved.

"I know a lot of brothers who tell me they can relate to my experiences. I was a police officer for many years. And



**Grand Chapter Advisor John Lyon, Radford '87 at the 2009 Presidents' Academy of Leadership in Indianapolis, Indiana. Volunteers in attendance discussed ways to coach and mentor the chapters and colonies they serve.**

I also served as a fire fighter for several years, too. When you are in those lines of work, you literally ask other people to put their lives into your hands. And they ask you to put your life in theirs. You storm into a burning building with a group of strangers, and you are forever bonded by that experience."

Beaudoin continued to connect that analogy to the Brotherhood. "We've all had a similar set of unique experiences as brothers. There is a connectedness to it. There is nothing we won't do for each other. Because we care."

And he finalizes his belief by reiterating the point, "But you've got to ask. Alumni have so many things going on in their lives. They're not necessarily thinking about the Fraternity or aware of what valuable role they can play. To truly turn "alumni" into "alumni volunteers" we simply need to ask – and they will find a way."

### Good Alumni Relations Will:

- Illustrate the value of lifelong membership in Alpha Sigma Phi
- Develop a stronger sense of history for the undergraduate members
- Provide advice and guidance to chapter leaders
- Assist the chapter in obtaining more alumni support and involvement
- Assist the chapter in utilizing alumni resources
- Assist individual members with career counseling
- Create new relationships between undergraduate chapter members and alumni
- Supplement the chapter's recruitment program by providing testimonials
- Provide a more well-rounded chapter experience for members

## THE COURAGE TO LEAD. THE COURAGE TO CHALLENGE COMFORT ZONES.

When Nate Williams, Westminster '98, joined Alpha Sigma Phi, he found himself involved with a chapter that had recently landed itself on disciplinary probation.

Morale was down. Motivation low. And the ideals of our Brotherhood were not manifesting themselves in the lives of the men on campus.

"We had a decision to make," recalls Williams. "We could either transform ourselves out of recovery mode, or pack it all in. It was obvious to many that the easy way was to quit."

Williams and his fellow brothers chose the hard way.

"We got organized, took inventory of our resources, developed our goals, and set out to reestablish our reputation on campus and with our Brotherhood."

Williams, who served as President his junior and senior years, says it was quite the roller coaster ride. "But it taught me a lot about strength of character, commitment, and the courage required to challenge our personal comfort zones."

Those lessons would come in handy years later as Williams found himself entrenched in the undisciplined world of corporate America.

Brother Nate was working on the sales team for Digital Storage, a unit of Daisytek International. During Williams' time there, Daisytek went



Nate Williams' business is one of Ohio's fastest growing companies.

from being a private company to a publicly traded company to a bankrupt company. Though Digital Storage survived the bankruptcy, it was sold to the Dexion-Data Media Group.

Which is when things really got interesting for Williams. Dexion wanted all the retained employees of Digital Storage to sign non-compete contracts.

Another challenge. Another test of courage.

Williams refused and was fired on the spot. "It was a blow," says Williams. "But with every crises comes opportunity."

Along with other former executives from Digital Media, Williams formed Capital Media — a wholesale distributor of tape and optical media.

The gamble paid off. Capital Media now has 25 employees and raked in more than \$60 million in sales last year — earning the number four spot on Business First newspaper's list of Ohio's fastest growing companies. "Our goal was to find a strategic, wide array of products," said Williams. "It's easy to say we'd like to be a \$100 million company, but if customers do not grow with us, we're not very valuable. We continue to grow because we continue to provide competitive pricing on the full range of data storage media products."

As Williams reflects on his current business, he harks back to his undergraduate days with Alpha Sigma Phi. "Those lessons stick with you. Lessons of leadership, challenges, and courage. I took those things to heart. So when we say we provide added value to our customers at Capital Media, it's not just talk. We actually do it. That kind of integrity is a value that lasts."

# Check Out Our New Website!

[www.alphasigmaphi.org](http://www.alphasigmaphi.org)

We've streamlined the design to provide a cleaner look, improved navigation, an enhanced internal search engine, and a new events calendar. A substantial amount of new content has also been added to the website, bringing the total to more than 500 pages. The new homepage lets the Fraternity and Foundation showcase events, programs, and members who best represent our purpose as an organization.

"The launch of this website should signal to our members that the Fraternity and Foundation are actively taking steps to make itself more relevant in lives of its members, and that it will continue to look for opportunities to improve its functionality and appeal," said Steve Latour, Central Michigan '04, Vice President of Fraternity Services.

The website project was managed and designed by The G.I.N. System of Gainesville, Florida, with the support of representatives from both the Fraternity and Foundation.

The Fraternity has also partnered with The G.I.N. System to offer custom designed websites for Fraternity chapters, colonies, interest groups, and associations. These local websites offer a look and feel consistent with the Fraternity's and also offer member management tools that include a database, survey function, and calendar, just to name a few. These reasonably priced websites are integrated with our national website. Information and pricing is available by contacting Fraternity Headquarters.



Our new website is easier to navigate and has more information than ever before.

## Alpha Sigma Phi Searches for New CEO

Alpha Sigma Phi's Grand Council has begun a nationwide search for a new chief executive officer of the Fraternity staff. The search committee is comprised of Grand Marshal John Tilden, and Grand Councilors Ed Lenane and Justin LaRoche and headed by Jeffrey Hoffman, Grand Junior President.

The search was prompted by the departure of Owen McCulloch, Oregon State '86 as President and CEO earlier this year. Tom Hinkley, Indiana '84 and a past CEO of Alpha Sigma Phi, is serving as interim CEO.

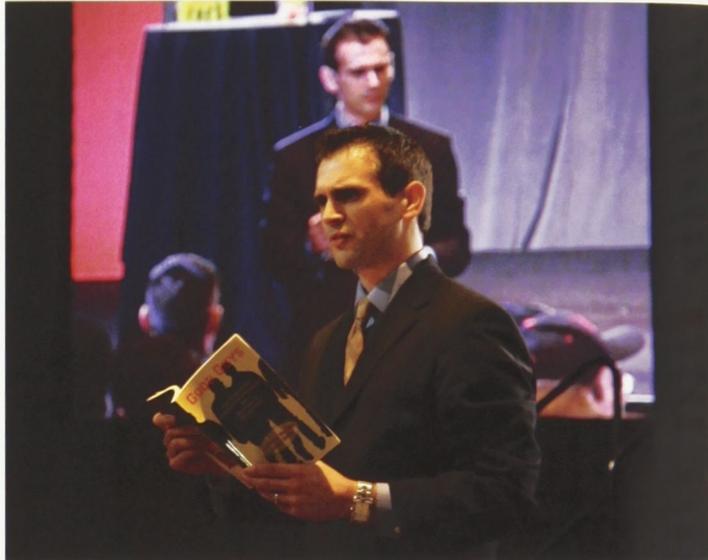
The position is based at our Carmel, Indiana headquarters and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of Alpha Sigma Phi and in fulfilling strategic objectives as outlined by the Grand Council.

A letter of interest, resume and salary history may be submitted for consideration via email no later than April 8, 2009 to [trhinkley@jtjgroup.com](mailto:trhinkley@jtjgroup.com) or mail to Tom Hinkley, JTJ Group, 18077 River Road, Suite 204, Noblesville, Indiana 46062.

# Recruitment (and a Can of SPAM)

By

Matthew G. Mattson, Grand Valley '96  
and Joshua A. Orendi, Bethany '96



Josh Orendi makes a presentation about the eight steps of fraternity recruitment.

Why were you convinced Alpha Sigma Phi was right for you?

Can you name that one guy who got you to join? You probably can. Most people don't join organizations; people join people. Then they work towards a mutual purpose that bonds them with the organization.

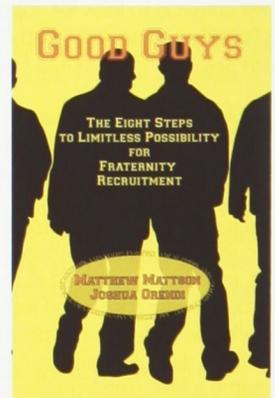
One of the biggest reasons most fraternities struggle to find members is because they are focused on doing fraternity and hoping that the organization itself will attract high quality men. The reality is that people join people, and your members should try to be that one guy for as many people as possible.

There are four competencies that can help Alpha Sigma Phi recruit more quality members. These competencies form the acronym S.P.A.M. Teach your members these competencies so they can be that one guy for future members.

## SKILLS

Many people lack the basic interpersonal skills it takes to be a great recruiter. However, these skills are easily learned.

First, it's important to understand that you can't recruit anyone you haven't yet met. The skills we want to build are those that simply help us turn strangers into people we know. Meeting people, knowing their names and contact information, and having a friendly discussion with them is 90% of recruiting.



The key is to get to know each other through normal, friendly activities. One idea is to ask prospective members to volunteer with your organization to make a project or event successful. Through this participation your chapter can evaluate their values, and they can evaluate the value of being a fraternity man.

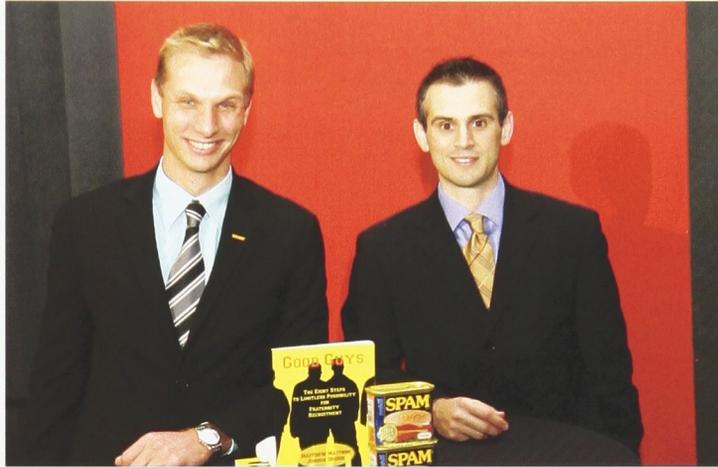
### PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE

If you don't know your product, how are you going to sell it to others? Make sure you've prepared the following three things:

1. Elevator Pitch: In 30 seconds, can you answer this question with confidence and authority: "So, what's your organization all about?" Have a succinct, accurate, passionate explanation of the organization.
2. Benefits, Not Features: Be prepared to share how the organization will benefit potential members, to explain how it will make his life better.
3. Quality Responses: Inevitably, potential members for your organization are going to have some concerns about joining. The sales technique of Feel/Felt/Found will help answer these objections. Be prepared to say "I know how you feel, I felt the same way, but here's what I found..." and then provide a quality response.

### AUDIENCE UNDERSTANDING

Most organizations think they understand their market potential, but often they just look at a sliver of their potential membership pool. Yet, it is just as important to maintain quality standards. Alpha Sigma Phi has



Matt Mattson and Josh Orendi both served as Directors of Expansion for Alpha Sigma Phi.

specific, measurable, observable criteria as the basis for membership selection. We seek men of character, and we strive for the ideals of silence, charity, purity, honor, and patriotism. Having some form of measurable selection criteria can make all the difference when it comes to an organization's quality. After all, the quality of the organization depends on the quality of its members.

### MOTIVATION

Organization leaders often ask, "How do I motivate my members to recruit?" However, you can't force people to do what they don't want to do.

Work with your group to develop a big dream to shoot for. Once you've identified your dream, ask yourselves what it will take to achieve that dream. Once your members understand that successful recruitment can lead to achieving a great dream that matters to them, they'll get motivated to involve others.

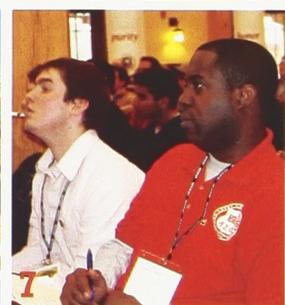
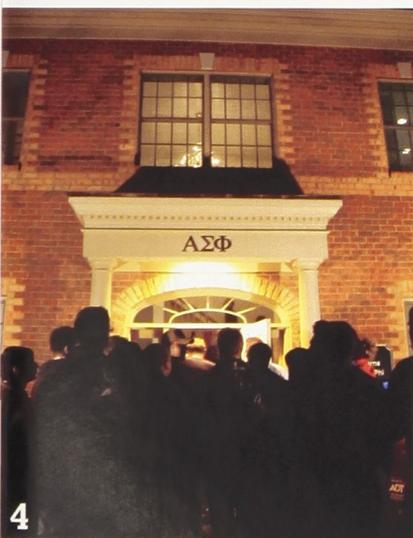
The more time you spend trying to motivate members, the less time you have to get out and recruit. Let the lazy members be. Your time is better invested if you go out and recruit people who will be as motivated as you are.

Good members become great stewards when they consistently duplicate themselves with motivated members.

# Grand Chapter 2008 Louisville, Kentucky



Grand Chapter 2008 Louisville, Kentucky 1. Delegates attending a general session of Grand Chapter. 2. Enjoying brotherhood: (l-r) Joshua Franke, Otterbein '06, L. Gale Wilkerson, Foundation President, Chris Daigneault, Bowling Green '06, Terrence Thomas, Northern Michigan '06. 3. Fun blowing bubbles at Grand Chapter. 4. Grand Chapter Closing Banquet 5. Justin LaRoche, UNC-Charlotte '06 receiving scholarship award from Foundation Board Chairman, Brian Jump, Indiana '77. 6. Black Lantern Procession 7. Undergraduates at the Foundation's Phoenix Society Reception. 8. Sons of the American Revolution Drum and Fife Corp.



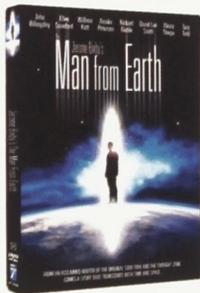
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Presidents' Academy

Presidents' Academy 2009 & Burns Institute 2009 1. Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute team building activity at the Michigan session. 2. Presidents' Academy of Leadership breakout session with the Grand Council, (l-r) B. Daniel McSwain, UNC-Charlotte '07, Grand Councilor Jonathan Burns, Member-at-Large '84, and Tony Chan, Elmhurst '06. 3. Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute — Michigan. 4. Presidents' Academy of Leadership brothers visiting Alpha Sigma Phi National Headquarters. 5. Volunteer participants at Presidents' Academy of Leadership. 6. 110 undergraduate participants at Ralph F. Burns Leadership Institute — Michigan. 7. Virginia Tech HSP Brandon Reider, Virginia Tech '08 and Grand Chapter Advisor Byron Hughes, Salisbury '06.



# The Producer. Eric Wilkinson.

Eric D. Wilkinson with director Richard Schenkman at the 2007 San Diego Comic Con.



## WHERE TO FIND JEROME BIXBY'S THE MAN FROM EARTH

- Wal-Mart
- Best Buy
- Amazon
- FYE

"Twenty years ago, during the pledge process, I learned more about myself than you can possibly imagine," says Eric Wilkinson, Stockton '89. "I learned how to accept responsibility; when to take charge and when to follow; how to delegate, and how to get things done, right, and on time."

According to Brother Wilkinson, that strong foundation of values and life skills helped prepare him for fulfilling his life's ambition – working in the motion picture industry.

Eric is a producer of independent films. His first feature film, *Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth*, made its theatrical premiere at the Historic Hemet Theater in Hemet, California. Other engagements included the Broadway Theater of Pitman, New Jersey, and Chicago's Gene Siskel Film Center.

The movie is based on the last screenplay written by Jerome Bixby, the acclaimed writer of the Academy Award winning film *Fantastic Voyage*. Other Bixby credits include writing for the original "Star Trek" and "The Twilight Zone" television series.

As a producer of the film, Wilkinson was involved in raising money, marketing, and casting. "I can trace my early development of these skills right back to my days as an undergraduate with Alpha Sigma Phi. We raised money for charity, organized events, recruited new members, and worked to build relationships with volunteers and alumni. I learned to surround myself with good people to get things done. All of these experiences are valuable. You build on every challenge and turn them into opportunities."

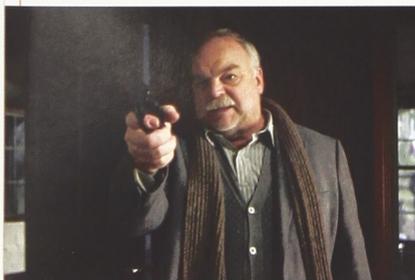
In this case, opportunity meant making the film for less than \$200,000. Wilkinson's efforts have paid off. *Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth* won the grand prize for Best Screenplay and first place for Best Feature at the Rhode Island International Film Festival. It stars Richard Riehle ("Office Space"), Tony Todd ("Candyman"), William Katt ("The Greatest American Hero"), and John Billingsley ("Star Trek: Enterprise").

The movie centers on a professor who tells his colleagues that he is an immortal who has migrated through 140 centuries of evolution and now must move on.

Another challenge that Wilkinson turned into opportunity was when a few days before its release, a rogue copy of the film found its way onto the Internet.

"When we jumped from number 11,235 on the IMDb "MOVIEmeter" to number 144, I knew something was going on — because the movie hadn't been released yet," said Eric. "The following week we jumped to number six, and the DVD still hadn't been released."

A scene from the movie: Richard Riehle (*Office Space*) as "Gruber."



Instead of firing off a cease and desist letter, Eric took the unorthodox approach of sending thank you notes to the folks who had pirated the movie.

"We set up a PayPal account for those who had viewed the movie illegally to donate to the film. I knew there was no stopping the piracy, so I figured, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. The users embraced us, and I became the 'producer who thanked pirates for stealing his movie.' It became news around the world, and *Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth* became the most buzzed about movie on the net."

According to Eric, the publicity has translated into sales. *Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth* — selling well at Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Circuit City, Virgin Megastore, FYE, J & R, Amazon and more.

Wilkinson is currently working on his next film project, *Jessie's Girl*, a teen comedy that takes place in the mid-1980s. Wilkinson calls it *Superbad* meets *The Wedding Singer*.



Actor William Katt (*Jerome Bixby's The Man From Earth*, *Greatest American Hero*, *Carrie*) and Eric D. Wilkinson.

**BETHANY COLLEGE:** "The brothers of Beta Gamma have begun working with the academic center on campus to conduct study sessions for our members. We've had a successful year donating time to Kickball for Cancer events and have been building a chapter council to be more active in day-to-day affairs of chapter life." Submitted by James Joseph

• **BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY:** "The Gamma Zeta Chapter was voted the best fraternity on campus winning the Chapter Excellence Award at BGSU. We won the highest average fraternity GPA for 2008 with a combined average of 2.97. We initiated seven new brothers on January 30, 2009." Submitted by Christian Simey • **CLEMSON UNIVERSITY:**

"The brothers of Epsilon Upsilon were successful at helping AXO's fundraiser for domestic violence and started their first Relay for Life team. We are still receiving good feedback from the Bone Marrow Drive that we worked on with the football team, and our spring rush was the biggest and most successful ever with 12 pledges." Submitted by Trey Robinson

• **ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY:** "The brothers of Alpha Xi held a retreat in Wisconsin last year to discuss the chapter's direction. We initiated seven members in 2008. We have volunteered at the Chicago Food Depository, Howard Brown Elephant Thrift store, and ran the Chicago Marathon in philanthropic efforts this past year." Submitted by Christopher Lee • **IOWA STATE:**

"The brothers of Phi Chapter earned a 3.12 combined GPA, tying us in second place out of 28 chapters at Iowa State. The chapter continues to hold Merit Badge University, where they bring local area Boy Scouts and work with community members to teach them valuable lessons to earn their merit badges. The proceeds for this event are donated to the LIVESTRONG foundation." Submitted by Thomas Blake • **NEW**

**JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY:** "The Alpha Rho Chapter raised \$300 for LIVESTRONG and \$1000 for breast cancer research by hosting a dinner with a sorority. Our other philanthropic events included a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless and raising money for Toys for Tots." Submitted by Vikram Dhabuleb • **OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY:**

"The Epsilon Chapter has started study tables throughout the week and held a faculty scholarship dinner in February. We continue to bring brothers together by having dinner and movie nights, and by attending soccer games to support Brother Ott, the starting goalie. A Stromboli fundraiser and annual servant/date auction raised proceeds that were donated to CCI, and 11 new pledges will be initiated in March." Submitted by Aaron Soltis

**ELMHURST COLLEGE:** "The Delta Chi Chapter has started a new program for potential members to get scholarships based on their achievements in overall academics. We organized our first annual slip and slide and raised \$2,000 during our annual Powder-Puff game. The chapter loves to stress unity, which is why we held ethnic dinners using themes from brothers' different backgrounds." Submitted by Josh Zung



**LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY:** "The Delta Iota Chapter's fall pledge class earned the second highest GPA average of all fraternities at LU. We raised money for LIVESTRONG through an event called "Big Smash" where participants donated money to whack at an old car. In recruitment efforts, we set up an "American Gladiators" event to attract potential brothers to the Fraternity, and participants ran the course based on the classic TV show." Submitted by Ali Jubran



**GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY:** "The Delta Phi Chapter is working on holding their semester retreat and initiation at Fraternity Headquarters this year. We planned our 14th annual bike trip around Lake Michigan to raise money for CCI and participated in a 30-hour famine at the clock tower, raising money for God's Kitchen. Recruitment has been exceptional for the chapter this year with 17 new members in the fall and 11 new members in the winter — bringing the chapter from 16 active members to 44." *Submitted by Joe Ruffino*



**TRINE:** "The brothers of Beta Omicron Chapter presented Ben Bernith and Aaron Blackwell with Sig Cup scholarships. We volunteer through highway cleanup, helping host school activities, Relay for Life, and the Diabetes Walk. The chapter plans to engage alumni this spring with the Spring Frolic and Black and White events." *Submitted by Alex Zembak*

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY:** "Brothers come together for weekly events that include: dinners, camping trips, sporting events, and band nights. We participate in blood drives, dance marathons, and other assorted events sponsored by Greeks. Our recruitment efforts consist of poker and game nights to attract others to the chapter." *Submitted by Brad Pironciak* • **SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY:** "The Delta Delta Chapter raised their overall GPA to a 2.73, which puts us in second for all fraternities on campus. We completed 267 hours of community service during the fall semester through the Special Olympics and homeless awareness. Four men joined the Brotherhood during fall semester, and a gold outing has been planned for April. We will conduct a black lantern processional that will take place in May." *Submitted by Jeremiah Rosser* • **UC-BERKELEY:** "The Nu Chapter holds study nights on school nights, and scholarships are given to the top ten performers. We raised \$1,000 for LIVESTRONG and participated in the Berkeley Project, a campus-wide event of community service to collect old clothes. We will host Black and White alumni picnic this spring, and we enjoy tailgating with alumni during home football games." *Submitted by Carl Swanson* • **UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY:** "The Gamma Pi Chapter pushed their philanthropic efforts with 163 community service hours in Fall 2008. Brothers volunteered for Red Cross to help families affected from fire in Findlay, Ohio, and we are planning a large event for April 7, 2009, to benefit housing." *Submitted by Tim Erickson* • **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI:** "The Gamma Theta Chapter ranked highest overall GPA scoring 3.62, and has created a tutoring system utilizing the academic skill of brothers to help fellow Alpha Sigs. The Kick for Nick Soccer Tournament was a success that gathered donations from several campus fraternities and sororities including a donation of soccer balls from UM President on behalf of the university. We will sponsor another tournament in the spring to benefit children in Iraq. We recruited 11 pledges for spring semester through Miami Heat games, BBQs, kickball, and a brother coached hockey game. The chapter will hold the annual Sig Bust this year, and received the Honor of the Obedient Torch from the Society of San Sebastian for our efforts with Kick for Nick 2008." *Submitted by Robert Gurraci* • **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:** "The Mu Chapter currently holds the 8th place in the Greek system ranking in at a 3.28 GPA, with 20 brothers scoring higher than a 3.5 last semester. Several excellent brotherhoods were conducted last semester including broomball, going to a James Bond screening, and a Super Bowl viewing. The brothers have raised more than \$3,000 by helping election-polling places for the Kevin Macdonald Fund, and we have started a scholarship fund in his name through the UW educational foundation. We initiated 20 pledges in January to bring the total count to 78." *Submitted by Alex Bradley*

Upon death, a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi becomes a member of the **Omega Chapter** and will forever be honored for his contributions to his family, his community, and this Fraternity. Upon entering Omega, a brother's membership badge is bequeathed to the National Fraternity for safekeeping. Please send deceased notices and bequeathed Membership Badges to 710 Adams St., Carmel, IN 46032.

**AMERICAN, BETA CHI**

Gary L. Braithwaite '74  
Joseph Jeffrey '51

**ARIZONA, GAMMA IOTA**

William G. Mateka '59

**BALDWIN-WALLACE, ALPHA MU**

Richard D. Gunner '54

**BARTON, GAMMA LAMBDA**

Don E. Lee '58  
Warren R. Tait '58

**BETHANY, BETA GAMMA**

Albert E. Hemstreet '43  
James L. Finley '43

**BOWLING GREEN, GAMMA ZETA**

Dimitri G. Demetral '50

**BRIDGEPORT, THETA SIGMA**

Andrew J. Demotses '70

**BUFFALO, GAMMA EPSILON**

Neil A. Smeaton '54

**CARNEGIE MELLON, ALPHA GAMMA**

Charles G. Frost '35

**CARTHAGE, GAMMA BETA**

Arthur D. Cox '42

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN, DELTA RHO**

Andrew J. Hartwick '00  
Thomas D. Fulcher '00

**CLEMSON, EPSILON UPSILON**

Zachary A. Juszkievicz '08

**COLORADO, PI**

Alfred Lenzotti '36  
Earl F. Harter '38  
Everett K. Carpenter '33  
Franklyn S. Stahl '32  
Jesse H. Zabriskie '30  
Robert L. Howsam '38

**CORNELL, IOTA**

Edward A. Capra '58  
William B. Douglass '17

**DARTMOUTH, ALPHA ETA**

Neal W. Richmond '31

**DAVIS & ELKINS, GAMMA DELTA**

Dennis J. Hisko '61  
Edward J. Praul '54  
Francis E. Haseiberger '51  
George E. Conover '55  
Henno Keskkula '49  
James H. Harris '57  
Jess S. Barber '52  
Leonard A. Morley '54  
Louis P. Digiovanni '49  
Myron F. Peabody '70  
Richard L. Thomas '49  
Robert J. Westbye '53  
Russell Burns '49  
Thomas Miller '52

**DETROIT TECH., GAMMA SIGMA**

Harvey H. Miley '66

**EAST CAROLINA, DELTA ETA**

Kevin M. Schwertner '94

**FRANCIS MARION, DELTA KAPPA**

David L. Welch '82

**FRANKLIN & MARSHALL, BETA PI I**

LeRoy C. Brumbaugh '36

**HARTWICK, BETA XI**

James F. Van Valkenburg '46  
Raymond V. Beecher '35

**IIT, ALPHA XI**

Benjamin J. Collen '07  
Carl H. Johnson '42  
Harold R. Marsh '53  
James J. McCahon '75  
John A. Cordes '49  
Michael T. DeFazio '54  
Robert A. Oldenburg '42  
Robert T. Paulsen '43  
Vadney C. Bledsoe '62

**ILLINOIS, ETA**

Edwin H. Foreman '38  
Eric H. Plummer '90  
K. Slade Austin '38  
Richard H. Jakowsky '70  
Robert A. Sproat '49  
Wendell Tozer '46

**INDIANA, GAMMA CHI**

Richard D. Avers '68

**IOWA STATE, PHI**

Mason Varley '54

**KENTUCKY, SIGMA**

Raymond W. Schlachter '38

**LAWRENCE TECH., GAMMA PSI**

Theodore Mitek '48

**LEHIGH, BETA EPSILON**

John J. MacDonald '49  
Robert W. Mountsier '43

**MARIETTA, DELTA**

A. Donald Pitts '58  
Charles W. Blessed '42  
James M. Littler '60  
John D. Paton '56  
Richard W. Boggs '59  
Ronald L. Shimer '48

**MARSHALL, BETA DELTA**

Maxie R. Campbell '46

**MASSACHUSETTS, GAMMA**

Dennis A. Frey '63  
Roger S. Taft '27

**MICHIGAN, THETA**

David C. Colony '43  
David F. Ulmer '47  
Dennis A. Kruse '66  
Jeffrey E. Crouse '81  
L. Donald Weston '47  
William F. Harris '87

**MICHIGAN STATE, GAMMA KAPPA**

Donald W. Sawyer '56

**MIDDLEBURY, ALPHA DELTA**

Elliot A. Baines '40  
John Middlebrook '41

**MINNESOTA, RHO**

Glendon L. Minor '22

**MISSOURI, ALPHA THETA**

Charles A. Zurfluh '83  
Eugene Browning '38  
Frank H. Bruner '34

**MISSOURI VALLEY, ALPHA OMICRON**

Vernon E. Walden '47

**MOUNT UNION, BETA ALPHA**

William B. Fortune '34

**NC STATE, BETA ZETA**

J. Arthur Boykin '35

**NEBRASKA, XI**

Walter C. Larson '32

**NJIT, ALPHA RHO**

Philip C. Kennedy '42

**OHIO NORTHERN, GAMMA ALPHA**

Lee R. Henning '48  
Paul D. Crosby '48

**OHIO STATE, ZETA**

Donald R. Brooks '41  
Edgar C. Steeves '28  
Horace L. McLean '50  
James D. Chessrown '27  
Ralph R. Bayer '31

**OHIO WESLEYAN, EPSILON**

Byron P. Allen '22  
Jean V. Stone '42  
Paul B. Frank '39  
Philip M. Thawley '04  
R. Thornton Beeghly '31

**OKLAHOMA, ALPHA ALPHA**

Bill Elzey '54  
Francis B. Mills '35  
Richard C. Alden '50

**OREGON STATE, PSI**

Allan J. Polachowski '66  
David L. Masee '52  
Edward C. Lewis '30  
Edward L. Hurd '41  
John R. Warner '37  
Michael L. Rach '69  
Robert L. Ottoman '37  
Thomas W. Barber '41

**PENN. OMICRON**

John J. Reese '50  
John P. Woodward '29

**PENN STATE, UPSILON**

Frank J. Dawson '22  
Samuel R. Maloof '47  
William J. Weiser '42  
William N. Richards '50

**POLYTECHNIC, ALPHA UPSILON**

John W. Hughes '45

**PRESBYTERIAN, ALPHA PSI**

Robert C. Adair '70

**PURDUE, ALPHA PI**

Gavin A. Montgomery '06  
Joseph E. Shigley '44  
Robert J. Hallett '64

**RIO GRANDE, DELTA EPSILON**

Douglas C. Walters '76  
Frank D. Fitch '79

**RPI, BETA PSI**

Jack R. Lippert '63

**RUTGERS, BETA THETA**

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William A. Bjornsen '50

**SACRAMENTO STATE, GAMMA NU**

Ronald L. Wudel '60

**ST. JOHN'S, BETA LAMBDA**

Francis Williams '39

**STANFORD, TAU**

Edward B. Cornell '36  
Mark E. Zenner '66  
Niels Schultz '35  
Robert L. Belzer '42

**STEVENS TECH., ALPHA TAU**

Edward J. Israel '39  
Herbert A. Cumming '39  
John P. Gagliardi '68  
Julian A. Foehl '37  
Robert Cheung '01

**TOLEDO, BETA RHO**

Calvin Deiners '43  
Clarence E. Merritt '41

**TRINE, BETA OMICRON**

B. Dustin Girtton '36  
Eugene Robbins '58  
George L. Clarke '37  
Gilbert H. Gabel '38  
James S. Crowl '44  
Pete G. Todoroff '46  
Stuart B. Barnard '39

**TUFTS, BETA IOTA**

Camille R. Berube '48  
Fred T. Lyons '48  
John R. Beaver '49  
John R. Moore '47  
Walter H. Brent '49

**TULANE, GAMMA OMICRON**

Alan D. Laff '68  
Roger Kreutz '72  
Timothy C. Frech '70

**UC-BERKELEY, NU**

Howard R. Cuyler '36  
Jay A. Lensch '64  
Lowell E. Garrison '51

**UC-LOS ANGELES, ALPHA ZETA**

Blake H. Field '26  
Charles M. Cobb '42  
Herbert H. Kaufman '45  
Jimmie G. Mar '68  
Robert J. Benoit '49

**W.V.W.C., BETA NU**

Harry A. Little '48  
William W. Simpson '41

**WAGNER, ALPHA SIGMA**

John H. Berglund '32  
Rosario R. Barchitta '62  
Walter J. Sawicki '54

**WAKE FOREST, BETA MU**

Barry L. Davison '58  
Benjamin K. Ball '75  
Charles G. Young '44  
Donald L. Hensley '67  
Frank C. Ausband '45  
George E. Clayton '55  
James E. Cross '40  
James M. Banister '38  
John H. Gauldin '46  
Lawrence O. Weaver '41  
Leonard C. Small '51  
Linney R. White '42  
Ray E. Burns '43  
Richard W. Wedel '46  
W. Dwight Harrell '44  
William H. Powell '46

**WASHINGTON, MU**

Clifford A. Smith '43  
Dan W. McKinnon '50  
Donald C. Ridenour '52  
Frank E. Walton '47  
Frank F. English '40  
Fred H. Race '43  
Robert E. Chevalier '42  
Robert L. Matson '41  
Robert L. Morgan '58  
Kevin D. MacDonald '07

**WAYNE STATE, BETA TAU**

A. Donald Berg '43  
Alwin L. Bryant '50  
Hugh W. Harrison '50

**WEST VIRGINIA, ALPHA KAPPA**

Mitchell M. Mickel '47

**WESTMINSTER, ALPHA NU**

Everett Smith '43  
Hugh L. Allen '39  
James H. Schofield '70  
James R. Christofferson '52  
John C. Pollock '44  
Justin J. Falgione '84  
Robert D. Lake '39  
Thurston G. Girvin '67  
William A. Proudfit '39  
William R. Fulton '39

**WIDENER, GAMMA XI**

Fitz E. Dixon '73  
Robert B. Thomson '83

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C. A. Howard '33  
David M. Gerber '38  
Douglas Midwood '41  
Edward C. Whitcraft '33  
Herman W. Liebert '32  
Hugh Gregg '36  
James F. Johnson '37  
John D. Canale '37  
John P. Gatsos '42  
John S. Gifford '33  
Joseph O. Kostner '42  
Morgan Adams '34  
Paul A. Banker '40  
Robert L. Goodale '30  
Welles Eddy '37  
William C. Mennel '37

**NON-MEMBERS**

Joanna Burns

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**KORNEGAY ENTERS OMEGA CHAPTER**

The Fraternity's 1998 Distinguished Merit Award Recipient and 2000 recipient of the Delta Beta Xi Award, **Horace Robinson Kornegay, Wake Forest '52**, entered Omega Chapter on January 21, 2009. He was 84.

He served in the United States Army, One Hundredth Infantry, from December 14, 1942, to February 1, 1946, with service in the European Theater. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Kornegay was elected District Solicitor for the twelfth district of North Carolina in 1954 and again in 1958. He was elected to the Eighty-seventh and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1961-January 3, 1969) and served as a delegate to the 1964 Democratic National Convention. He joined the Educational Foundation as a board member in 1996 and served until 2004.

**Richard T. Ritter**

Toledo '91 & Ohio Wesleyan '93  
Grand Senior President (2008 - )  
Grand Junior President (2006 - 2008)  
Grand Marshal (2004 - 2006)



**Richard G. Buss**

UNC-Charlotte '90  
Grand Treasurer (2008 - )  
Grand Councilor (2006 - 2008)



**John W. Tilden**

Binghamton '93  
Grand Marshal (2008 - )  
Grand Secretary (2006 - 2008)  
Grand Councilor (2004 - 2006)



**Jeffrey R. Hoffman**

Member-at-Large '76  
Grand Junior President (2008 - )  
Grand Treasurer (2004 - 2008)  
Grand Councilor (2002 - 2004)



**Joseph R. Zimmerman**

Bowling Green '77  
Grand Secretary (2008 - )  
Grand Councilor (2006 - 2008)



**Jonathan K. Burns**

Member-at-Large '84  
Grand Councilor (2006 - )  
Grand Secretary (2004 - 2006)  
Grand Councilor (2002 - 2004)

**Edward W. Lenane**

Plattsburgh '88  
Grand Councilor (2008 - )

**Dane C.T. Leasure**

Akron '07  
Grand Councilor (2007 - )



**Bernard D. Schulz**

Radford '89  
Grand Councilor (2008 - )  
Grand Marshal (2006 - 2008)



**Justin LaRoche**

UNC-Charlotte '06  
Grand Councilor (2007 - )



**Brian K. Thomas**

UC-Berkeley '06  
Grand Councilor (2008 - )



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