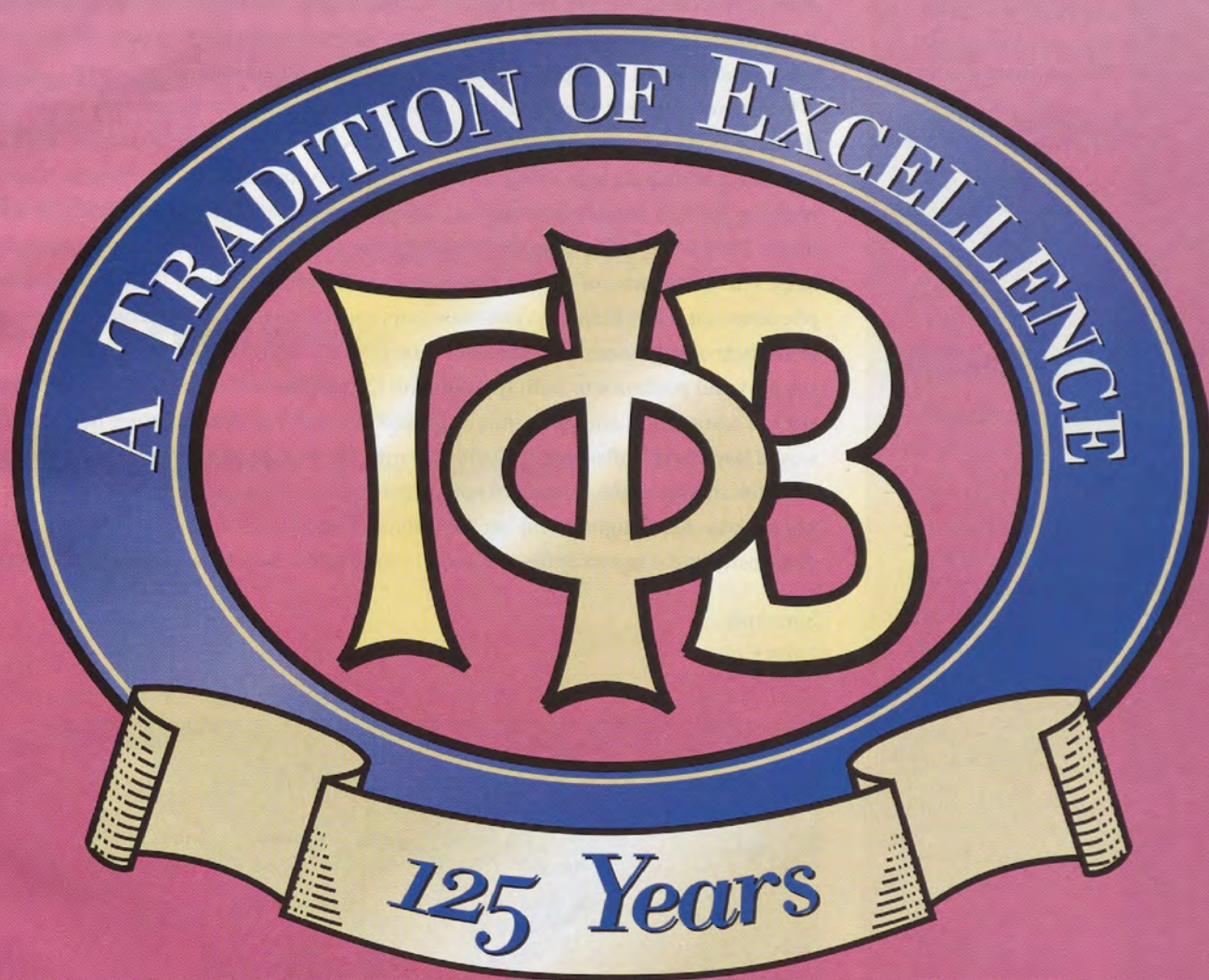


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Letter to the Editor

My daughter, Jennifer Cohen, and her roommate, Cassidy Dailey, are sophomores at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. On Friday night, September 18, 1998 they both suffered a catastrophe. Their dorm room caught on fire. Luckily, neither were in the room at the time, but the loss of their possessions, clothes, and the emotional trauma from this event weighed heavily upon them. For young women to be away from home and suffer through this was an ordeal they didn't plan on.

When my wife and I were called by our daughter, Jennifer, at 2:00 A.M. Saturday and told of this fire, you can just imagine what went through our minds. My wife made immediate plans to be with my daughter at daylight to see what could be salvaged from her room, what accommodations needed to be made to move her to a new room, and determine what needed to be purchased to help put her life back together.

When my wife arrived at LaSalle to assess the situation, she found very helpful people from the university to assist in finding a new room and make the transition. BUT, what she didn't anticipate was a large group of young women already pitching in. They were washing clothes, ironing and helping to move items from one room to another in the new dorm. They were evaluating what needed to be purchased and what they could do to help. This group was, of course, the women of Gamma Phi Beta. They were absolutely phenomenal. They helped to purchase personal items for the two girls and even donated from their own possessions whatever they could. They provided much needed emotional support and guidance to both Jennifer and Cassidy, as well as my wife. They helped from start to completion and performed a remarkable service. Without their help the day would have been a disaster. On behalf of my wife and myself, we wish to offer our most heartfelt thanks to the women of your organization. They certainly live up to your philosophy. My daughter and her roommate, Cassidy, will be indebted forever to the generosity and support of the women of Gamma Phi Beta LaSalle University chapter.

Sincerely,
Larry Cohen

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As always on January 1, we celebrate a new year, and 1999 was no different. We celebrate by making commitments, promises and plans in hopes that the next 365 days will be different. But this year really IS different. First, we have started a count-down to the year 2000, a new millennium. And second, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority celebrates 125 years of A Tradition Of Excellence. Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is one of the oldest women's organizations in the world and we are making history by celebrating 125 years. What commitments, promises and plans do you have for 1999? Graduation? Family? Friendships? The birth of a child? Marriage? Gamma Phi Beta? Through this issue and the next three issues of *The Crescent*, we plan to celebrate Gamma Phi Beta through our creed—Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty as we count down to November 11, 1999. This issue, **Love**, celebrates our history, friendships, family and of course, sisterhood. Whatever plans and commitments you have for 1999, aim high and make this your best year yet!

Deborah Borak, Editor

Bits & Pieces

New Alumnae Chapters Are Forming All Over

The Piedmont-Triad NC Alumnae Chapter (includes Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point areas) was installed Saturday, July 11, 1998.

Notes of welcome may be sent to:

Mrs. Diane Case, President
528 Ray West Dr.
Kernersville, NC 27284

The Pensacola FL Alumnae Chapter was installed Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998.

Notes of welcome may be sent to:

Ms. Shelly Carey
4579 Tradewinds Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514

The Corpus Christi TX Alumnae Chapter was installed Saturday, Nov. 14, 1998.

Notes of welcome may be sent to:

Mrs. Susan Korn, President
4809 King Lane
Corpus Christi, TX 78414

The Crescent Receives Publication Awards

Gamma Phi Beta accepted four awards in the publications award competition at the College Fraternity Editors Association (CFEA) Conference in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta received Honorable Mention for Innovative Handling of Routine Information for the Convention '98 layout and Second Place for the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Annual Report. The article "Leadership In A Postmodern Society" — author Judy E. Graham, editor Susan Grant, received a first place award for Feature Article Content and was also recognized with the National Interfraternity Award.

Correction:

Our 1998 Convention Committee photo in the Fall *Crescent* failed to list Leda Quiros-Weed and Heidi Green as being not pictured. We would like to thank Leda, Heidi and the 1998 Convention Committee for all their hard work.

The 1998—2000 International Council

Leading Gamma Phi Beta Into The New Millennium

Your
1998–2000

International

Council has been busy since their election at Convention '98. The exciting life of an International Council member finds these women spending up to forty hours a week taking care of Sorority business, working a full- or part-time job, raising children and volunteering in their community. To help you get to know these sisters better, we have asked them to answer a few questions, tell us a little bit about themselves and share their thoughts and hopes for the future

of the Sorority. Take a moment to learn about this dedicated group of women who make up your International Council.

Questions

1. What is your favorite part of being a member of Gamma Phi Beta?
2. What inspired you to run for a position on Council?
3. What words of inspiration or life lesson would you like to relay to your sisters?
4. What motto or quote do you live by?
5. What would you like to achieve as a member of International Council?

International President

L'Cena Brunskill Rice

Univ. of Southern California - Beta Alpha chapter, South Bay Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The friendships I have made through the years and the many opportunities to mentor women.
2. I have had a lot of experience in leadership and wanted to share that with Gamma Phi Beta. The office of International President represents the opportunity to return the ultimate gift of personal commitment, sacrifice and responsibility to the Sorority and its members.
3. Gamma Phi Beta has made a positive difference in my life. It prepared me to be the best that I can be and to give back





L'Cena Brunskill Rice



Terri Kennedy Briggs



Lisa Lepley Hiles

some of what was given to me by the organization and my "significant others."

4. Hope to the end. *I Peter 1:13*

5. Complete a Strategic Plan with priorities and an action plan.

L'Cena's activities have included:

- ❖ Recipient of GPB International Merit and Service Award
- ❖ Recipient of South Bay GPB IIKE Award
- ❖ South Bay Panhellenic "Outstanding Community Service Award"
- ❖ Los Angeles Panhellenic "Woman of the Year"
- ❖ Received BS and MS from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles
- ❖ Former member of the USC Board of Trustees
- ❖ Past President of the USC Alumni Association
- ❖ Redondo Union High School Principal - 10 years
- ❖ South Bay Union High School Assistant Superintendent - 8 years
- ❖ Member of the Christ Lutheran School Board - 20 years and chair 6 of those years.

L'Cena and her husband, Bob, a retired attorney, reside in Redondo Beach, CA. They have three married sons and two of their daughters-in-law are ΓΦΒ's—Jan Rice, Beta Alpha and Karin Rice, Epsilon Gamma.

Collegiate Vice President

Terri Kennedy Briggs

Oregon State University - Chi chapter, Columbus Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The incredibly talented, intelligent and caring women I have had the opportunity to know and work with.

2. The opportunity to give back in a very important way to an organization that has helped me so much in my lifetime and the women who have served on IC before me that I have had the opportunity to work with.

3. We all make choices in our lives. With those choices come consequences. As individuals, we are responsible for accepting the consequences for the choices we make. It is OK to make mistakes as long as we learn from them. When mistakes are made, we need to accept the consequences for our choices, learn from our mistakes and strive to not make the same mistakes again.

4. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

5. I would like to make sure that Gamma Phi Beta is poised to be a leader in the Greek world and to remain a solid, successful organization for the next 125 years.

Terri's activities have included:

- ❖ Collegiate Leadership Consultant
- ❖ International Rush Consultant
- ❖ Province Collegiate Director

- ❖ Director of Collegiate Operations-West
- ❖ Collegiate Vice President 1996-98
- ❖ Member of Columbus, Ohio Alumnae chapter
- ❖ Columbus Amateur Ice Hockey Association
- ❖ Jazzercise

Terri received her bachelor of science degree in physical education from Oregon State University. Before "retiring" to become a stay at home mom, she worked in personnel. Terri is active in her community with Cub Scouts, Northwest Presbyterian Church and both Grizzell Middle School and Deer Run Elementary School Parent Teacher organizations. Terri and her husband, Dave, reside in Dublin, Ohio with their two sons, David and Jackson.

Member-At-Large

Lisa Lepley Hiles

Indiana University - Beta Phi chapter, Atlanta Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. Being able to meet new women and having an immediate common bond.

2. After being an International Officer for several years, I was inspired by the dedicated Gamma Phi Betas that I worked with and decided to make a commitment to the Sorority by running for International Council.



Linda Hallenbeck Pelegrino

3. Gamma Phi Beta needs all of you to be involved in some way, whether it is helping a collegiate chapter, joining an alumnae chapter, being a member of SisterLink which aids sisters with career or travel advice, career mentoring and supporting Gamma Phi Beta financially. We need you!

4. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. —William Arthur Ward

5. I would like to achieve three things: Develop a transactional web site, implement Total Member Programming and provide a philanthropy strategy.

Lisa's activities have included:

- ❖ Director of Alumnae Programming
- ❖ International Rush Consultant
- ❖ Province Alumnae Director
- ❖ Beta Phi House Corporation Board Member
- ❖ Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate
- ❖ Atlanta Alumnae Chapter President
- ❖ Alumna of the Year - Atlanta Alumnae chapter

Before becoming a stay at home mom, Lisa was a National Account Executive for CompuCom Systems, where she sold microcomputers to corporate accounts. Lisa is active in her children's pre-school and has been on several committees that work on projects or fundraisers. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys tennis, entertaining, gardening and photography. Lisa and her husband, Andy, reside in Dunwoody, GA with their two sons.



Joanne Callis Roman

Alumnae Vice President

Linda Hallenbeck Pelegrino

California State University at Long Beach - Gamma Eta chapter, Beverly-Westwood Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The feeling of being connected to so many fantastic women all over the country. I love my chapter sisters and my collegiate experience was absolutely wonderful. I feel so lucky to know and work with so many fantastic women all over the country, women of all ages and backgrounds with incredible skills and interests who share a deep and lasting commitment to Gamma Phi Beta.

2. A desire to make a difference in the future.

3. Never underestimate the difference one person can make.

4. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. —Eleanor Roosevelt

5. I hope to help Gamma Phi Beta develop the resources needed to serve the young women of today, and to do everything I can to guarantee our sisterhood will be vital, healthy and important to the lives of women for another 125 years.

Linda's activities have included:

- ❖ 1998 Convention Chair
- ❖ 1996-98 Nominating Committee Chair
- ❖ 1994-96 Nominating Committee
- ❖ Assistant to the Alumnae Vice President for Services - 2 years
- ❖ International Philanthropy Chair - 4 years

- ❖ Capital Endowment Campaign
- ❖ Major Donor Committee
- ❖ Foundation Camping Committee
- ❖ Counselor at a Gamma Phi Beta camp in Denver, CO while in college

A former Director of Volunteers, Training Director and Executive Director, Linda has over 30 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations. Currently, Linda is the manager for Community Development for the United Way of Los Angeles. Linda, has been married 29 years to her husband, Don. She love antiques, dogs and gardening.

Financial Vice President

Joanne Callis Roman

Vanderbilt University - Alpha Theta chapter, St. Louis Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The extended family of friends that continues to grow.

2. I felt it was time to step up and take my turn to lead the financial department to continued growth and strength while helping to make Gamma Phi Beta a group that will continue to flourish in the next millennium.

3. Stay involved in the Sorority at whatever level possible, because the benefits and rewards are endless.

4. Lead by example.

5. A "plan" for the future that ensures both financial stability and membership growth.

Joanne's activities have included:

- ❖ Alpha Pledge Advisor
- ❖ Alpha Rush Advisor
- ❖ Syracuse Alumnae chapter treasurer
- ❖ Gamma Tau Chapter Advisor
- ❖ Province Collegiate Director - X
- ❖ Assistant to the Collegiate Vice President-Scholarship
- ❖ Phi financial advisor
- ❖ Province Financial Director
- ❖ Director of Financial Operations

Joanne graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in Math and Economics. She received her MBA from Syracuse University. Joanne enjoys playing volleyball (she plays twice a week) and doing cross-stitch (which she hasn't found much time



Betty Ahlemeyer Quick

to do lately). Joanne is treasurer of her church, treasurer of the school PTO, treasurer of church women's group, a sixth grade girl's volleyball coach and treasurer of the school board Candidate's Campaign. Currently, Joanne is an accountant/analyst at Washington University in the Controller's Office. Joanne and her husband, John, reside in St. Louis, MO with their two sons, Jeff, 17, and Zach, 9.

National Panhellenic Delegate

Betty Ahlemeyer Quick

Indiana University - Beta Phi chapter, Huntsville Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The friendships and networking that are possible. I have lived in six different communities in four states and have found Gamma Phi Betas in all places.

2. After serving as an Alternate NPC Delegate for eight years, I wanted to be more involved in Gamma Phi Beta as well as NPC.

3. Gamma Phi Beta is a lifetime commitment and opportunity.

4. I don't have a specific quote. I try to do my best with all that I do. Honesty, loyalty, truthfulness, caring, fairness are values that are important to me.

5. It is important that this Council build upon the direction set by the Future Visions Committee and the previous Councils in order to position Gamma Phi Beta for the 21st Century. My goal is to be an active participant in that process.



Vicki Carlson Read

Betty's activities have included:

- ❖ International Rush Consultant
- ❖ Area Advisor for College Panhellenic
- ❖ Recruitment Advisor
- ❖ Chapter Advisor
- ❖ Chairman of the College Panhellenics Committee
- ❖ Chairman of the Educational Loan Fund Committee
- ❖ Member of PEO
- ❖ Member of the Association of Fraternity Advisors

Betty graduated from Indiana University with a BA in Education. She received her MS from Indiana State University. Currently, Betty is a member and past president of the University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH) Women's Club and an Executive Board Member of the EarlyWorks Society, a historical society that supports two historic attractions in Huntsville. Betty and her husband reside in Huntsville, Alabama with their two sons.

Membership Vice President

Vicki Carlson Read

University of Arizona - Alpha Epsilon chapter, Tuscon Alumnae chapter

Answers

1. The opportunity to work with the collegiate members keeps me centered and gives me an avenue for continuing to educate young women while, at the same time, preserving our heritage and building loyalties to Gamma Phi Beta.

2. Our membership determines our growth potential. Filled with hope and optimism for the new membership

department, I ran for the membership vice president position.

3. We have the privilege of lifetime sisterhood. These privileges must be preserved; that is our legacy to the future sisters of Gamma Phi Beta. Our continued success depends upon the members who show their enthusiasm and demonstrate the Sorority's values throughout their life. We need to remain knowledgeable and represent Gamma Phi Beta with heartfelt conviction.

4. I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I still can do something, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.—Edward Everett Halls

5. I want to succeed in drawing women to Gamma Phi Beta who are vibrant, determined, sincere, and who embrace the values of Gamma Phi Beta and carry these ideals into the future. For it is through strengthening our membership that our future will be ensured. My role as a member of International Council is to educate and inspire women about the lifelong sisterhood in Gamma Phi Beta.

Vicki's activities have included:

- ❖ Retail business owner
- ❖ Province Collegiate Director
- ❖ Assistant to the Collegiate Vice President
- ❖ Director of Membership
- ❖ Acting Director of Collegiate Extension

Vicki received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in education at the University of Arizona. Vicki's early professional years were devoted to teaching at the elementary level in Arizona and Texas. Vicki is an avid and enthusiastic world traveler, having either visited or lived throughout Europe, the Far East and most of the United States. She quips that her personal travels were "prepping" her for the frequent trips more recently demanded by her Sorority responsibilities. The high energy and enthusiasm she encounters with collegiate sisters never fails to amaze and sometimes challenge her staying power. Vicki and her husband Bruce, reside in Tucson, Arizona with one of their two daughters. Her other daughter lives in Germany with her husband. ●

COLLEGIATE

University of Michigan - Beta Chapter

After welcoming 11 new women following spring recruitment, the sisters at the University of Michigan hope to continue their success with fall recruitment. The chapter is also gearing up for a new golf philanthropy.

University of Wisconsin, Madison - Gamma Chapter

University of Wisconsin, Madison sisters were joined by 36 new women following fall recruitment. The chapter made several hundred friendship bracelets to send to girls at Camp Sechelt. Their fall philanthropy, "Football Frenzy," raises money to benefit Camp Sechelt.

University of California, Berkeley - Eta Chapter

The sisters at the University of California, Berkeley, enjoyed talking with many of their professors at their annual Professor Dinner. The sisters tricked and treated at their annual Halloween philanthropy for children at a local shelter. An all-house retreat also provided some R&R for these sisters.

University of Denver - Theta Chapter

The sisters at the University of Denver are planning their Valentine balloon buy philanthropy. Last year, nearly \$2,000 was raised by this event and donated to a local battered women's shelter. Thirty-three new women joined the chapter this fall.

University of Washington - Lambda Chapter

Thirty-two new members joined the sisters at the University of Washington this fall, which exceeded their quota of 27.

University of Illinois - Omicron Chapter

Sisters from the University of Illinois ended the spring semester enjoying their annual spaghetti dinner, Greek Excellence Awards, a new member dance, Mom's Day and their first annual "Last Call" bar-b-que. The chapter is also enjoying their new chapter house renovations.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln - Pi Chapter

Sisters invited local children into their chapter house to participate in Easter activities. The Easter Egg Hunt was the favorite among the children.



University of Wisconsin-Madison sisters enjoy the day at a local park.

University of Iowa - Rho Chapter

Forty-two new members joined the chapter at the University of Iowa this fall. Sisters report that their Teeter-Totter-a-Thon was very successful. This year's proceeds benefited both the March of Dimes and the Elderly Services Agency. A 3.07 GPA made this chapter number two in grades on campus.

University of Kansas - Sigma Chapter

Sisters from the University of Kansas returned this fall to a newly-remodeled television and chapter room. Fall recruitment brought 49 new members to the chapter. The sisters took part in the 4th annual Eileen Teahan Golf Tournament. Over \$5,500 was raised for Camp Sechelt!



Congratulations to Cal State, Long Beach sisters Terri Houge on being crowned Miss Lakewood for 1997, and to Ericka DeRemer on being crowned both Miss Long Beach and Miss Catalina for 1998.



Iowa State University - Omega Chapter

The chapter received a scholarship award, as well as an award for the most involved chapter at Convention. The sisters bid their House Mom and Dad Peterson farewell and welcomed their new House Parents. Homecoming and flipping pancakes for their local philanthropy, ACCESS, is keeping the sisters busy this fall.

University of North Dakota - Alpha Beta Chapter

A special thanks from the sisters at the University of North Dakota to their House Corporation Board members for all their hard work. The sisters were welcomed back home this fall to a much

The collegians perform skits and sing songs at Alumnae night at Lambda Chapter at the University of Washington.



Meet Your NPC Delegates:

Betty Ahlemeyer Quick, NPC Delegate
Suzanne Best Williams, NPC Delegate 1st Alternate
Karen Gamel Urette, NPC Delegate 2nd Alternate
Margaret West Pape, NPC Delegate 3rd Alternate

Betty Quick is a member of the NPC Executive Committee, and as a member of the NPC Executive Committee, also serves as a member of the NPC Foundation. This is also Betty's third year to serve as Chairman of the College Panhellenics Committee, which has 52 members.

Suzanne Williams is a member of the Alumnae Panhellenics (APH) Committee and is the Area Advisor for APHs in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. She has also been appointed the Advisor to New Alumnae Panhellenics.

Karen Urette is an Alumnae Panhellenics Committee Area Advisor Coordinator, as well as an APH Advisor for part of Florida. As a member of the APH Committee Leadership Team, she is involved in planning the education of the APH Area Advisors and the work of the Committee.

Margaret Pape is a member of the College Panhellenics (CPH) Committee and is the CPH Area Advisor for 13 Panhellenics in Texas. Margaret is also a member of the Publications Committee.



Betty Ahlemeyer Quick

NPC National Badge Day—March 1, 1999

"Place it over your heart with pride"

In conjunction with National Women's History month, the National Panhellenic Conference, an umbrella organization for twenty-six national and international women's fraternities, will celebrate National Badge Day on March 1, 1999. National Panhellenic Badge Day is an effort that encourages sorority women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The public awareness campaign entitled, "Place it over your heart with pride," is slated for March 1, 1999.

"National Badge Day gives sorority women of all ages and in all locations a way to show their Greek pride," said Lissa Bradford, Chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference. "Over 3 million collegiate and alumnae women belong to fraternal organizations. National Badge Day gives sorority women of all ages and in all locations a chance to show their Greek pride." Women across the nation and abroad will wear their fraternity badge or letters in honor of the occasion, and many will participate in volunteer activities to commemorate over 100 years of community service.

In an article featured in the *Phoenix of Alpha Sigma Alpha*, "A Simple Solution—Wear Your Membership Badge Today," writer Nora Ten Broeck explained, "By putting on my membership badge, I was able to tell at least 100 people about Alpha Sigma Alpha and Greek life. All I did was give people the opportunity to ask about it."

"We have lots of great news to share," said Bradford, "during the last year, over \$2 million was given in scholarships and donations to charitable organizations; alumnae involvement is up and membership numbers continue to climb—we have a lot to be proud of."

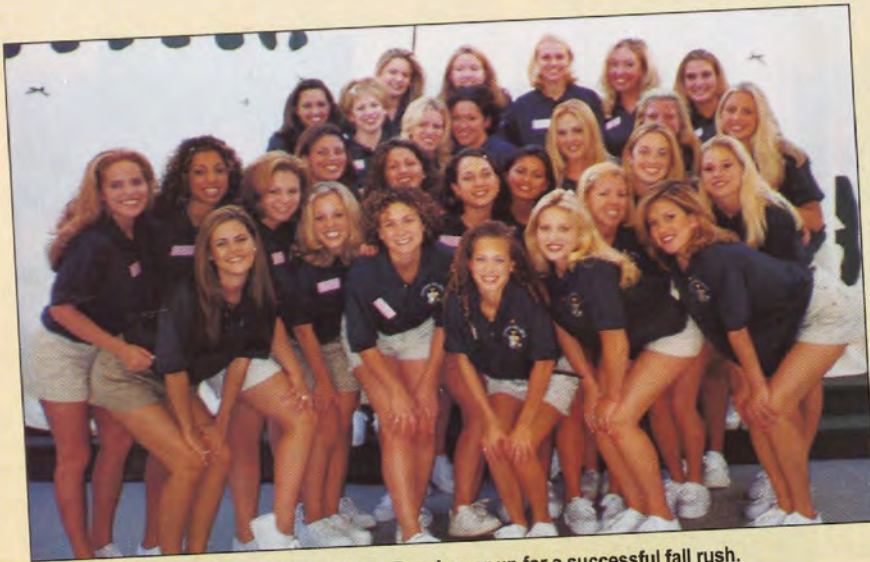
"A badge is a great conversation starter," Bradford contended, "it provides the chance to share what Greek membership is... a lifetime of opportunity for friendship, leadership, learning and service." For more information about NPC's National Badge Day, contact the NPC Central Office at (317) 872-3185 or visit the web site at www.greeklife.org/npc.



From left to right are NPC delegates: Karen Urette, Suzanne Williams and Margaret Pape.



NPC Update will appear as a regular department in future issues of *The Crescent*.



Sisters from Cal State, Long Beach gear up for a successful fall rush.



"Mickey Mouse" made a debut at the Kansas State University during rush this fall.



Rush celebrations



Cal Poly San Luis Obispo senior sisters pile high on Bid Night to welcome their new members.



New members at Arizona State University celebrate during Bid Day.



University of Denver sisters during fall bid day. The sisters met quota with 33 new women.



New members on their way to the chapter house at the University of Kansas.

Member News

COLLEGIATE

(continued)



New members at Iowa State strike a pose.



Juniors from LaSalle University celebrate their final rush this fall.



Sisters from Washington State University take a ride on a fire truck on Bid Day.

improved chapter house. The sisters have been busy with recruitment workshops, social functions and homework.

University of Missouri - Alpha Delta Chapter

The sisters at the University of Missouri enjoyed a day at a local amusement park as part of an all-house retreat. A pizza party fireside followed. The outing allowed the new members and sisters to better get to know one another.

Wittenberg University - Alpha Nu Chapter

A very informal recruitment at Wittenberg University included a tie-die party, a swing dance workshop and Preference Night, where sisters shared their feelings about the sorority. The chapter welcomed 18 new women.



Wittenberg University sisters sharing the spirit during a rush event.

University of Southern California - Beta Alpha Chapter

Sisters at the University of Southern California welcomed 49 new members and surpassed their quota goal by 6! The chapter also took part in Trojan Family Weekend beginning with a "Daddy-Daughter" dance, a brunch and football game.

University of Maryland - Beta Beta Chapter

Sisters from the University of Maryland report another successful informal fall recruitment. Preference Night focused on sharing the meaning of sisterhood and welcoming the new members.

Arizona State University - Beta Kappa Chapter

To celebrate adding 29 new women to their chapter, the sisters at Arizona State University held a "biker and babes" date party. Other activities included a "Pledge Presents" and an all-house retreat. The chapter received the Francis E. Haven Award for most improved chapter, at Convention.

Florida State University - Beta Mu Chapter

Florida State University also did a little quota busting. Fall recruitment added 53 new members to this chapter. The sisters enjoyed their annual "Moonstruck Crush" event and have been busy working on the Homecoming float.



Juniors at Southern Methodist cozy up to plan goals and activities for retreat.

University of Southern Indiana

Zeta Kappa Chapter

BY CHRISTA HAMILTON, COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP CONSULTANT



The Inaugural Reception of Gamma Phi Beta at Southern Indiana University.

It was a glorious, sunny afternoon in Evansville, Indiana on November 14, 1998, when the women of the Zeta Kappa Colony at the University of Southern Indiana were initiated. The 55 women were initiated in a ceremony performed by Gamma Tau and assisted by Elizabeth Phillips, Director of Ritual. Also present to lend helping hands and witness the event were Vicki Read, Membership Vice President; Jennifer Zatechka, Extension Coordinator; Barbie Chadwick, Ann Mitchell, Linda Trimpe, New Chapter Rush Consultant; Christa Hamilton, Collegiate Leadership Consultant; Amy Geist, Collegiate Leadership Consultant; Shelly Martin, Chapter Advisor and Karen Modesitt, Financial Advisor.

On November 15th, 1998 the Installation Banquet for the women of Zeta Kappa took place at the Radison Hotel in downtown Evansville. Approximately 150 people attended including family and friends. Jennifer Zatechka, kicked-off the event with an excellent speech followed by John Deem, Assistant Vice President for Student

Affairs, who gave a very nice welcoming speech on behalf of the University. Vicki Read, presented the charter to the new president, Michelle Hickey, who gratefully accepted it. It was a very special afternoon that the women of the Zeta Kappa Chapter will never forget.

All of the women in the chapter are especially grateful to their chapter advisor, Shelly Martin and their financial advisor, Karen Modesitt. Both of these women have played a huge part in helping the chapter and continue to lend their support and perform miracles when needed.

The women of Zeta Kappa Chapter have already completed many exciting events prior to receiving their charter. They participated in Hay Days, where the women spent time with children carving pumpkins and taking hay rides to celebrate Halloween. They have also participated in many walk-a-thons in support of various causes. In December, the chapter adopted families to provide Christmas presents for and decorated Christmas stockings that were donated

to children at local hospitals. In the Spring, the chapter looks forward to establishing a new tradition, an annual philanthropy event. A Lip Synch contest that will involve the whole campus is also planned. The money earned from this event will be donated to a local children's camp.

The chapter held its first Date Dance on November 21, 1998 and look forward to holding an annual Spring Formal next semester. The women will continue to hold events with the local fraternities and sororities at University of Southern Indiana—these organizations have been a great help to this chapter.

The women of the Zeta Kappa chapter have accomplished a great deal in a short period of time and have a lot to be proud of. This chapter is a great addition to the other 110 active Gamma Phi Beta chapters. These women are on the path of success and will continue to grow stronger. They are all great examples of what our organization stands for and should remind all of us why we choose to be part of Gamma Phi Beta.



San Diego State University-Beta Lambda Chapter 1997 Fall Pledge Class gearing up for 1998's fall rush.

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San Diego State University - Beta Lambda Chapter

Sisters from San Diego State welcomed 27 new members this fall making this recruitment a big success. The house now houses 80 wonderful women. Camp Sechelt received

decorated pillow cases, which were the fall philanthropy for this chapter.

Indiana State University - Beta Pi

These girls were thrilled to move into their new home this fall and want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all those alumnae whose donations made it possible. Fifteen new members joined the chapter, and the sisters are now looking forward to Homecoming and breaking last year's record of collecting 75,000 pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald house.

Washington State University - Beta Sigma Chapter

This chapter held an all-house roller skating retreat to get to know one another. The sisters enjoyed their annual fall cruise and are now busy planning for their philanthropy "Gammie Golf."



Sisters from Texas A&M, Commerce get "in line" at a recent skating party.

Kansas State University - Beta Upsilon Chapter

Hawaiian and Disney Days were just a few of the big hits during recruitment at Kansas State University. Fifty-four new members joined the chapter this fall. "Spiketacular," a two-day volleyball tournament involving twelve fraternities and five sororities was also a huge success. Proceeds benefited various camps.

Indiana University - Beta Phi

The sisters from Indiana University felt honored to be asked by a new chapter at the University to help them with their first recruitment. The chapter was also busy with their "G-Phi-B on Three" basketball tournament where 37 teams helped raise over \$1000 to benefit Camp Sechelt.

Oklahoma State University - Beta Psi Chapter

This chapter received four awards at Convention this summer. This fall they were proud to welcome 48 new women to their chapter. The sisters are busy with "Freshman Follies" and Homecoming activities. They also have increased their community service hours to over 100 hours each month.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - Gamma Gamma Chapter

Eighteen new women joined the chapter at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. The chapter will be involved in a canned food drive, a walk to raise money for heart disease research and a winter formal.

Texas A&M University, Commerce - Gamma Zeta Chapter

Sisters from Texas A&M University, Commerce wish to send a big thank you to all their alumnae who donated money for improvements to their chapter house. In their words, "It was so much more than we dreamed of." The sisters had a very successful fall recruitment and are looking forward to a busy year.

California State University, Long Beach - Gamma Eta

Another quota busting happened at Cal State University, Long Beach. Twenty-two new members joined the sisterhood. "Set up your Sister," Carnation Ball and Greek Week are just a few of the events the chapter is looking forward to this semester.

University of Nebraska, Kearney - Gamma Kappa Chapter

Thirty-nine new members were welcomed following fall recruitment at the University of Nebraska, Kearney. The house now holds 89 members! The chapter just finished their annual corn picking philanthropy and are now involved in Trick-or-Treat for canned

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Christopher Newport University's Epsilon Iota chapter welcomed new members at their chapter retreat.

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foods where proceeds benefit a local food bank. The sisters have also "adopted" a local elementary school and are working with the children at the school.

University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh - Gamma Rho

Congratulations to the sisters at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh for being presented with the Chancellor's Award for Greek Excellence for the sixth straight year. The chapter also ranked first for highest overall grade point average and raised nearly \$300 for their philanthropy during Greek Week.

St. Louis University - Gamma Tau Chapter

The sisters at St. Louis University have been spending a great deal of time helping others. After hosting a campus-wide fundraiser, "Camp Gamma Phi Beta," the sisters sent all proceeds to a local camp. The sisters also did a great deal with the Special Olympics, where their work was greatly appreciated. Other events included a "Tacky Prom," "Girls Night Out" a spring retreat and a swing dance party.

University of Northern Iowa - Gamma Psi Chapter

The Gamma Psi chapter has much to be proud of. On campus, the sisters upheld high academic standards by maintaining the highest GPA in their Greek system for the Spring semester. They shared the joy of receiving the Mary A. Bingham award at Convention last June. And, they welcomed 23 new members during fall recruitment and held a fall retreat at a local lodge.

Purdue University - Delta Iota Chapter

The sisters at Purdue University are busy getting ready for their philanthropy, "3-On-3 with G-Phi-B," to benefit a local Domestic Violence Intervention Prevention program. The chapter welcomed three new women this fall and the sisters are busy taking part in other Greek philanthropies on campus.

Rutgers University - Delta Mu Chapter

Rutgers University sisters welcomed 20 new women to their chapter, making this their most successful fall rush. The sisters are proud to be recognized with a plaque in their house for their time spent with children and money raised for a local children's hospital.



Sisters from St. Louis University take part in a campus wide "Greek Night at the Ball Park" sponsored by the Panhellenic Council.

Illinois State University - Delta Pi Chapter

Summer events included planting flowers at the house and having theme days that included labor, learning and loyalty. The chapter is celebrating a ninety-seven percent return following their fall recruitment. Forty-three new sisters have joined the chapter. Bid Night, a camping trip and Parent's Day are just a few of the activities that have been keeping this chapter busy. The sisters are looking forward to their "Gammie Golf" philanthropy, where Greeks take part in a round of glow-in-the-dark golf.

University of California - Santa Barbara - Delta Psi Chapter

The ladies at this chapter welcomed 20 new members this fall and kicked off the new school year rockin' to the '80s at their first date party. For the first philanthropy event of the year, they hosted a Halloween party for underprivileged children where they dressed in costumes and played games at the sorority house.

Creighton University - Epsilon Delta Chapter

Creighton sisters hosted their annual "Get Teed Off Against Domestic Violence" golf tournament this fall. Nearly 100 golfers took part and proceeds were donated to Catholic Charities. The chapter also maintained its position of highest GPA on campus, had four Homecoming Queen candidates nominated and were joined by 39 new members following fall recruitment.

Bridgewater State College - Epsilon Eta Chapter

The sisters at Bridgewater State College held their first annual "Totally Twister Jamboree." Forty teams participated and had a ball. Fall events include a retreat in Cape Cod, an all-Greek banquet, Homecoming activities and a "Snow Ball" in November.

Chapman University - Epsilon Nu Chapter

Sisters from Chapman University were joined by 18 new members following recruitment, making this chapter the largest one on campus. The sisters received Greek awards for last years philanthropy events. "Disco Inferno" is the philanthropy they are co-sponsoring this fall and they are sure this event will be equally successful.

Eastern Washington University, Zeta Alpha chapter

Sisters from Zeta Alpha met quota and added 12 new sisters to their chapter. Recruitment activities included a new philanthropy day, where potential members and sisters painted flower pots to



Sisters from the University of Virginia dressed to the nines for their spring formal.

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send to campers at Camp Sechelt. Other events coming up include a date bash, Homecoming and various philanthropy events.

University of Virginia - Zeta Beta Chapter

The sisters at the University of Virginia had a great 1998 and look forward to an even better 1999. The chapter has held the highest GPA over all other sororities. The sisters proudly report that their annual philanthropy, "Golf Gig," was again a huge success with the largest fraternity participation ever.

Valparaiso University - Zeta Iota Chapter

Sisters from Valparaiso University kicked off their first full semester as a chapter of Gamma Phi by hosting a "Beach Blowout" philanthropy with a local fraternity. The event raised \$380 for the American Cancer Society. Sisters closed out a busy semester by winning the annual Songfest competition. Proceeds from the event went to aid Gustavus Adolphus College for clean-up efforts. While maintaining the number one spot for GPA on campus, the sisters were busy this fall hosting their first fall recruitment and performing their first initiation ceremony.

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Diablo Valley Alumnae Chapter

Terry O'Meara and her daughter, Kathleen, always provide the Diablo Valley Alumnae group with one of their most inter-

esting meetings each year, and this year was no exception. Terry provides luscious desserts and Kathy, a forensic psychologist, shared information about her profession. Kathy has worked on many high-profile cases, including the Polly Klass kidnapping.

Beverly Westwood Alumnae Chapter

The Beverly Westwood Alumnae Chapter enjoyed a fabulous dinner prepared by Jean Ciminelli (Alpha Iota) and served in the flower-filled garden of Jane Gruver (Alpha Iota) this past June. The dinner also served as a fundraising event to benefit Camp Sechelt, among others.



Terry O'Meara and daughter Kathleen of the Diablo Valley Alumnae



Pictured at the Beverly-Westwood alumnae fundraising dinner in June are (L to R front row): Judith Flint Detamore, Susan Hilbert Thiel, Patricia Monahan Hadfield and Carolyn Moore Roper; (back row) Marcia Johnson Marzullo, Nancy Hilbert Daugherty Stockert, Anne Alpine Rindge, ELizabeth Linthicum Jones and Helen Cornahan Dickey. This gourmet dinner was prepared by Jean Ciminelli (Alpha Iota).



(L to R) Lisa Hiles, Beth Fisher, Holly Harrelson, Natalie Black, Julie Samples and Susan Grant enjoy each other's company at the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter's annual summer Alumnae/Collegiate Salad Luncheon.

Fort Collins Area Alumnae Chapter

April was a busy time for the members of the Fort Collins Area alumnae chapter. New members of the chapter were introduced at an ice cream social at the home of Patti Ball Blanchard (Beta Omega) on April 23rd. One week later, nine graduating seniors were initiated into alumnae status at the annual dessert party that was held at the home of Laurie Erner Marks (Beta Psi). May 2nd found the group gathered for the annual Panhellenic spring luncheon and style show honoring the outstanding junior woman from each of the eight active Greek chapters on the campus of Colorado State University. The group is proud to honor their four fifty-year members: Dottie Ammons White (Tau), Betty Ann Gillett Husted (Tau), Sharon Page Anderson (Theta) and Virginia Gose Febinger (Theta).

Western Connecticut Alumnae Chapter

This chapter was installed May 16, 1998 and is into a full schedule of monthly meetings. At the last two meetings, the group enjoyed PACE speakers on gardening and home maintenance. The chapter is steadily growing and welcomes anyone interested in joining.

Broward Alumnae Chapter

The Broward alumnae had an exciting first year. The chapter was re-established and installed in April of 1998. Since its reorganization, the chapter has been busy reuniting sisters across the Broward and Palm Beach county lines. A few of this chapter's activities include hosting a picnic for children in distress, donating back-to-school supplies to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Fort Lauderdale and running a garage sale to help Hurricane George victims in October. Welcome back and great work!

Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

Atlanta Alumnae enjoyed their Alumnae/Collegiate Salad Luncheon this past summer. Local sisters and their mothers were invited to attend. The annual event was such a success that without a doubt, it will be held again next year.

Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter

Tampa Bay alumnae came together at a local sister's home for their annual brunch and Gamma Phi Beta scholarship presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity for the alumnae to get to know collegiate sisters who are in town for the summer months. The celebration was complete with a thank you to the outgoing

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The founding members of Zeta Delta Chapter at Southeast Missouri pose together at Kara Weber's wedding in St. Louis. They are all from the same pledge class—even Kara's mom who was an alumnae initiate. Standing is Lori Mitchell, Mary Hawkins, Courtney Blackburn, Gina Dumstroff, Jane Triefenbach, and Tessa Studde. Seated are Kara Weber Whitesides and Jane Webber.



Alumnae from the Philadelphia and West Suburban area at Camp Sunshine alumnae have supported this camp for many years.

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ice cream at a local children's home and attending a PACE programming for some baking tips. These tips must be doing some good, as each year the chapter has a bake sale outside a high-traffic department store during the holidays. It is always a lucrative fundraiser.

Hawaii Alumnae Chapter

The Hawaii alumnae have been quite active this fall. The chapter again sent a contribution to the Girl Scout Foundation, which was matched by the Sorority. This provides camperships to girls who could otherwise not attend camp. The chapter held a pot luck luncheon in October, and November events will include a Founders Day celebration at a local country club. The chapter also supports a domestic abuse shelter. Each year the alumnae have a



The Alpha pledge class of 1973 celebrated its 25th class reunion at the chapter house this past summer. Aside from renewing old friendships and catching up on a few years, the highlight of the weekend was when Patti Hennigan Daly was asked by her friend, Jim, to be his wife. Of course it was only appropriate for the following evening to include a candle lighting ceremony! The group managed to find the song books, and even serenaded Patti with the appropriate songs! Shown from left to right are: Judy Casanova Murray, Denise Donibkowski Hopkins, Patti Hennigan Daly, Melissa M. Nichols and Louise Echebrecht Clark, all of Alpha Chapter '73.

Helping others with



Tampa Bay alumnae enjoy serving ice cream sundaes to children of a local children's home.

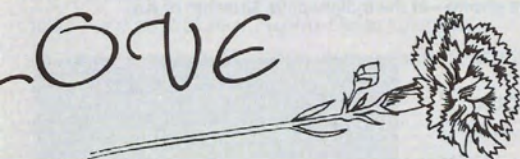


Salt Lake City Crescent Circle summer philanthropic get-together.

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Metropolitan Detroit Area alumnae gathered this Spring to plant flowers and do work for the Women's Crisis Center Daycare Facility in Pontiac, Michigan.



Barbara Wolfgang, Katherine McCormick, Marilyn Picard, Ruth Merz, Dottie Hill, Shirley Calvert, Mary Connelly, Joyce Sweeney and (kneeling) Betty Demoarke pose at the Girl Scout Headquarters in Honolulu. Each year the Hawaii Alumnae Chapter sends a contribution to the Girls Scouts, which is matched by the Foundation.



Illas Alumnae and sisters at Southern Methodist University gather for a fashion show and brunch.



Joyce Hultgren, Antique and Garden Show Chairman (center); Brian Gardner, Chairman of the Board of KCPT (left); and Bill Reed, President and CEO of KCPT-TV 19 (right) pose after the Greater Kansas City Alumnae present a check to the Antique and Garden Show.

What Have you Been Doing???

Did you and some of your alumnae group go on vacation together? Did your group visit a camp this year? Has your city started a new alumnae chapter? Showcase your alumnae group in the Alumnae News! Send your photos, group activities, updates and interesting facts to: Kristyn Golberg, Crescent Alumnae Editor, 2314 Stone Creek Lane West, Chanhassen, MN 55317.

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women as well.

Metropolitan Detroit Area Alumnae Chapter

Metropolitan Detroit Area sisters gathered this spring and donated their time to planting flowers and doing yard work for the Women's Crisis Center Daycare Facility in Pontiac, Michigan. Thanks to the efforts of these alumnae, the child care center avoided violations and spruced up its outside garden and grounds.

Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Sisters from this chapter volunteered the Antiques, Garden and Home Design Show at the Overland Park International Trade Center. No other Kansas City event offers so much variety. The show has been one of the area's most popular events since 1961, and requires the commitment of hundreds of area volunteers.

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter held its annual Fall wine and cheese party in September as a kick-off to the upcoming year's events. In October, a fundraising "high tea" for family and friends was held. Guests enjoyed tea, champagne punch, sandwiches and scones amidst a lovely 1904 World's Fair setting. Other outings included the Moms & Tots group that enjoyed a train ride and visit to the National Transportation Museum, the Dining Out group that visited restaurants new to the area and the Young Alums that went on a wine tasting trip to Hermann, Missouri, wine country of the Midwest.

Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter

After a November snowstorm cancelled last year's planned Founders Day observance, Albuquerque belatedly celebrated Founders Day and its 300th consecutive meeting at a luncheon at a local country club last May. Four of the chapter's seven still-active charter members attended. Tillie Wagoner and Millie Hollis received their 50-year pins. Also honored for 50 years was Patricia Willins, who could not be present. Other activities for this group include a visit to a doll museum, learning about nutrition and being reminded about the importance of annual mammograms.

Philadelphia/West Suburban Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae from Philadelphia/West Suburban Alumnae Chapter provided \$600 to a local camp. This donation will pay for 12

supports a domestic abuse shelter. Each year the alumnae have a cookie exchange and bring extras for the shelter. Members also bring toiletries and personal items for the



The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter—40 members strong—at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

camperships. The chapter also donated \$100 to Camp Sechelt.

Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Reassembling for a new year filled with social events, charity fundraising and a big dose of sisterhood, the Dallas Alumnae joined the sisters at Southern Methodist University for a brunch and fashion show at the chapter house. With clothing provided by a local boutique, the sisters and alumnae modeled various apparel for their sisters. These Dallas women will be ready for anything, from a football game to a charity ball!



Dorothy Ammons White (Tau '45) and Julie Beall Fay (Pi '76) enjoy a Panhellenic luncheon last May.

Greater Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

The Fort Worth alumnae and the Mid-Cities Crescent Circle combined in 1997 to form the Greater Fort Worth Alumnae Association. Currently, the group has 50 dues-paying members. Luncheons, bunko parties, a Founders Day brunch and working to help the sisters at Texas Wesleyan University during recruitment are just a few of the activities keeping this group busy.

Houston Alumnae Chapter

This chapter kicked-off its Convention 2000 countdown with a Mexican theme party at a member's home. It was attended by many members eager to get to work on Convention.



Albuquerque alumnae enjoy their Founders Day luncheon. Past President Mary Ann Fox (center) with fifty-year honorees Millie Hollis (left) and Tillie Wagoner (right).

In Memory

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Holmes Bingham, *Beta Chapter*
 Janet Egly Drayer, *Epsilon Chapter*
 Margaret Johnston Foscett, *Epsilon Chapter*
 Patricia Labus Wash, *Epsilon Chapter*
 M. Whitton Notthoff, *Eta Chapter*

Janice Evans Bowen, *Theta Chapter*
 Marilyn Thompson, *Lambda Chapter*
 Betty Raymond Boycott, *Nu Chapter*
 Virginia Blackwell Docking-Rice, *Sigma Chapter*
 Ruth Limbird Walker, *Sigma Chapter*
 Polly West, *Sigma Chapter*
 Sharon Weiss Rittgers, *Tau Chapter*
 Marsha Pitts Meyers, *Tau Chapter*
 Mary Evans Whitley, *Phi Chapter*
 Otilie Schupp Olesen, *Chi Chapter*
 Dorothy Holmes McGinnis, *Psi Chapter*
 Evelyn Bull Gooderham, *Alpha Alpha Chapter*
 Iris Bull Smith, *Alpha Alpha Chapter*
 Jane Rankin McLean, *Alpha Delta Chapter*
 Florence Louthan Gillham, *Alpha Delta Chapter*
 Emily Hart Moore, *Alpha Epsilon Chapter*
 Martha Hart, *Alpha Epsilon Chapter*
 Reta Shupe Johnson, *Alpha Epsilon Chapter*
 Margaret Lyerly Jandera, *Alpha Epsilon Chapter*
 Elizabeth Richert Bowers, *Alpha Iota Chapter*
 Sara Luce Smith, *Alpha Mu Chapter*
 Jane Gilbert Beers, *Kappa Chapter*
 Mary Pippen, *Alpha Rho Chapter*
 Margaret Milligan Edson, *Alpha Tau Chapter*
 Elaine Nelson Taylor, *Alpha Upsilon Chapter*
 Martha Patton Madore, *Alpha Upsilon Chapter*
 Willa Freeman Sobel, *Alpha Phi Chapter*
 Shirley Brett Foley, *Alpha Omega Chapter*

Janet Bartels Hummon, *Beta Delta Chapter*
 Vivian Shinn Mariacher, *Beta Zeta Chapter*
 LaVerne Hulin Haley, *Beta Tau Chapter*
 Monica Rejzer Novakovic, *Delta Alpha Chapter*
 Linda Edwards, *Delta Eta Chapter*

MEMORIALS

Betty Meyer Bartholomew (Beta '37)
by Arthur P. Bartholomew, Jr.

Margaret Durkee Benton (Delta '37)
by Marie Keefe Brader

Neva Chadwick (mother of Barbie Chadwick - Alpha Theta '75)
by Terri Kennedy Briggs

by Diane Soderstrom Goff

by Betty Ahlemeyer Quick

by L'Cena Brunskill Rice

by Joanne Callis Roman

by Carleen Rose Sullivan

by Connie Brandon Woodham

Betty Hoelscher Christianson (Omicron '42)

by Sun Cities Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae

Florence Louthan Gillham (Alpha Delta '38)

by Audrey Weldon Shafer

Barbara Durland Glowczwski (Pi '49)

by Cathy Guthrie Lindauer

Elaine Sebastian Gompf (Omicron '44)

by Marion Bollinger Meinke

by Mary K. Northam Welge

LaVerne Hulin Haley (Beta Tau '57)

by Barbara Thurman Smith

by Laura Smith

Adele M. Hammond (Omega '28)



Donations in memory of friends, sisters and loved ones may be sent to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation at International Headquarters. If you would like a card sent to a family member or friend, please include that address.

The Sorority appreciates the return of a deceased member's badge, when possible, so that it might be preserved in our archives.

MEMORIALS

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by F. Jeanne Fitzgerald MacDuff

Diane Olmsted Hartley (Xi '56)

by Gladys Hansen Rimbey

Robert Hirt (husband of Gertrude "Trudy"

Call Hirt - Omega '37)

by Eugene Alumnae Chapter

by James and Nancy Buell Renton

Adele Howe (Delta Upsilon '89)

by Atlanta Alumnae Chapter

by Sandra Rettke Nauman

Sarah Hunter (mother of Cynthia Hunter McNamara - Tau '78)

by Terri Waite Blatnik

by Karen Tacito Gnaegy

by Carla Hahn

by Lisa Gaskill Johannsen

by Nancy Lawrence

by Leah Davis Leary

by Teri Patterson Mankoff

by Karen Stamy

by Wendy Mele Stofa

by Debbie Agler Stream

by Kay McFarlin Wilms

Elsie Austin Jakle (Beta Omega '58)

by Sun Cities Alumnae Chapter

Bruce Douglas Johnson Jr. (son of Carol Simon Johnson - Alpha Upsilon '49)

by Donna Davis Prior

Ursula Joy Hull Koehler (Beta Beta '46)

by Mildred Burton Lawrence

Hazel Maritt (mother of Beverly Maritt Jackson - Beta Psi '58)

by Sue Ann Allen Tollett

Jennifer E. Martin (Gamma Phi '97)

by Carolyn T. Cain

by Timothy and Cheryl Crabb

by Ben and Margie Cumbie

by Dan and Sheila Martin

Frances Johnson May (Gamma Kappa '63)

by Kearney Area Alumnae Chapter

Dorothy Holmes McGinnis (Psi '55)

by Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter

Lori C. Moll (Gamma Beta '94)

by Amy Mollenkamp

Audrey Jones Mullen (mother of Ann Mullen Bronsing - Beta Pi '60 and grandmother of Holly Bronsing Jurgensen - Beta Omega '86)

by Catherine Gardner Bowling

by Phyllis Donaldson Choat

by Mary Jane Hipp Misthos

by L'Cena Brunskill Rice

by Anita Waninger Steck

by Jeanne Koch Swallow

M. Carroll Whitton Notthoff (Eta '48)

by Nancy Hall Pawka

by Sarah Whitton Spiess

Dorothy Jayne Henry Phillips (Psi '33)

by Jayne Phillips Cunningham

Rosemary Ramsey Powell (Phi '36)

by Gladys Hecker Myles

Martha M. Read (Mu '41)

by Marjorie Smith Manwaring

Wilma P. Gardner Ricamore (Alpha Zeta '38) (mother of Rita Ricamore Springer - Gamma Phi '96)

by Cele Hoffman Eifert

Sharon Weiss Rittgers (Tau '60)

by David and Sharon Reisig Green

by Cathy Guthrie Lindauer

by Betsy Ankeny Lyle

Gladys Sanford (mother of Carolyn Sanford Vetter - Beta Xi '53)

by Jane Swift Fair

Ada Margaret Rost Seales (Omicron '35)

by Betty Booth Trempe

Sara Luce Smith (Alpha Mu '32)

by Augusta Holmes Thomas

Janice Wiegman Stelzer (Omega '38)

by Mary Ellen Wendel How

Margaret Gillilan Suiter (Beta Alpha '42)

by Katherine Gillilan Suiter

Helen Bein Van Houten (Rho '24)

by Edna Carlson Gord

Mildred Adele Walker (Mu '30)

by Anne Woodard Ezal

Donald Warner (husband of Patricia Kay Kirkey Warner - Chi '57)

by Eugene Alumnae Chapter

by James and Nancy Buell Renton

Edgar Lloyd Wiltse (father of Sue Ann Wiltse Fagerberg - Beta Upsilon '64)

by Harriette Smith McVay

by Carolyn Stump Simpson

Memorial gifts received by the following dates will be included in the corresponding issues of *The Crescent*:

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October 1 Winter issue

I will remember you—

Death may take away the person, but never the friendship

By Shannon Heffelfinger, a news-editorial major and a *Daily Nebraskan* senior sports reporter

I hold a picture in my head of my good friend, Laura, one of the most beautiful women I've ever known. She's sitting on the floor of our bedroom, her legs crossed. A curling iron sits in her hand as she brushes her light brown hair. It's shiny, and when the light catches it just right, it almost looks blonde. Her blue eyes sparkle. They are the bluest eyes I've ever seen. She knows her parents and two sisters, Sarah and Erin, will arrive any minute, and she's trying to hurry. But she knows her efforts are fruitless. "If I have an hour to get ready, I'll take the full hour," Laura said Saturday morning. "And if I have 20 minutes to get ready, I'll still take an hour." She said that every morning. Laura was never on time. It was our biggest conflict, if you call it that. Laura was carefree and laid back. She got there when she got there. I'm always anxious and usually five minutes early. I laughed on Saturday when she jumped up and rushed into the bathroom. I didn't know it was the last time I'd laugh with her. I didn't know the only thing Laura Cockson would ever be early for was her death.

A drunk driver slammed into Sarah's car late Saturday night. He killed Laura and sent her two sisters to the hospital in critical condition. Laura's mom said it wasn't fair. She wondered how it could happen to someone as "perfect" as Laura. I sat and watched the scene at the hospital early Sunday morning, and I wondered the same thing. I hope all the people who knew Laura realize what a privilege they had. Laura loved life. She had big ideas, and she saw almost all of them through. She was intelligent, graceful and classy. She made me laugh. She planned to study occupational therapy but she sometimes joked about becoming a travel agent. She spent hours booking flights and hotel rooms, searching for the best deal for our spring break trip scheduled for next week. We were going to California. Laura picked Los Angeles after much debate because she wanted to be an audience member on "The Price is Right." With our friends,



Brenda and Melanie, we planned the best way to "be the next contestants on 'The Price is Right.'" It's ironic that Laura could make me laugh like few others. I never cried more than once or twice in front of her. But from the time Brenda and I ran into the emergency room and learned the fate of our friend, I have cried with a hurt I never before felt. Monday night, I left Gamma Phi Beta Sorority with four of my closest friends—four of Laura's closest friends—and we just drove. We drove all around Lincoln for an hour. We talked, and we remembered Laura. We laughed about funny things that Laura did. We went to a restaurant and ordered fattening food, because as Becky said, "Laura would have wanted it that way." It felt good to laugh. But in the middle of the laughter, I suddenly realized one thing. I never said goodbye to Laura. One week before she died, I sat in my room with Laura and Brenda. It was a Saturday night. We had planned to go out, but a snowstorm kept us inside. We sat and talked. At the time, I was a little bored. But I'm so thankful that, for some reason, we stayed home. Ironically, we talked about death. We wondered what happens when you die. Can you see everyone? Do you know what they're feeling? Are you angry for their suffering? Laura said that when she died, she wanted to come back and tell everyone what it was like. She never planned to lose her life to an out-of-control driver one week later. But then again, maybe that conversation wasn't such a

coincidence. Melanie said maybe this had been planned for a long time. And thinking back, it almost seems like it was. It seems like someone was preparing Laura and the ones she loved. In the last few weeks, she spent extra time with some of her close high school friends. She was closer to Jim, her boyfriend of eight months, than ever before. She suggested to her mom that their entire family come to Gamma Phi's Mom's Weekend, including her dad and youngest sister, Erin, a high school sophomore.

Is that what it means to say goodbye to your family, your boyfriend, your friends? If I could have five minutes with Laura, I know exactly what I would say. I would tell her how beautiful I think she is and how I'm sorry that I never noticed her eyes sparkle. I would tell her how I can still hear her laughing and see her pretty smile. I would tell her how I miss coming home after class, opening the door, and seeing her mess all over the floor. I would tell her how I loved talking to her about our "old-guy" boyfriends. I would tell her how I can't hardly stand to walk into my room now. How it seems so empty even though all of her things are still there. How I can't sit on her bed and put my makeup on in the morning like I used to. How Janet, our roommate, and I haven't slept in our beds since Friday night. And I would tell her the lesson I learned in the past three days. I would tell her nothing is more valuable than a friend, and nothing is as priceless as a friend like Laura. It can't erase the memories of her radiant smile and vibrant personality that live in my heart. It can't erase that picture in my mind of Laura sitting on the floor in our room.

So, Laura, as hundreds of your family members and friends attend your funeral today, I want to take this chance to say goodbye, however impersonal it may seem. And I want you to know that even though I'm saying goodbye, I will never forget you, because even death can't end a life like yours. ●



HISTORY



LOVE: Gamma Phi Beta Traditions

By Cheryl Gunter, Historian

Across the decades, Gamma Phis have found the “loves of their lives,” and, as their decisions to devote their lives to their loves have occurred, Gamma Phis have announced their intentions to their sisters in an assortment of creative activities. While the Candle Service may be familiar to current members, some other traditions may not be familiar—so here is an overview of the more colorful events.

The “Peanuts and Olives” Tradition

The Peanuts and Olives Tradition, which was born in Alpha Chapter, occurred when the uninitiated members (with their “peanutataire”) parodied a social event of the initiated members (with their “chocolateataire”). This tradition evolved to become the service of peanuts and olives across Gamma Phi Beta social events and, in the 1900s and the 1910s, on the occasion of the announcement of an engagement:

“The girl who becomes engaged during the college year has to pay something for her privilege. Ordinarily, her fiancé is expected to furnish a Peanuts and Olives spread, but sometimes the girls prefer to announce their engagement by giving a spread themselves. . . . The renowned Peanuts and Olives spread is a great favorite. The girls sit down on the floor, and old newspapers are passed around. Nothing but newspapers are correct at this spread; we would regard plates with scorn. Then, (members) come around

with huge bags of unshelled peanuts and dishes of olives, and the fun begins. Of course, we sing the Peanuts and Olives song on these occasions and crack our peanuts with a great deal of gusto.”

—Marion Draper, Alpha Chapter (1912)

The “Run Around The Tables” Tradition

At the same time that some members announced their love with the content of their meals, some other members announced their commitments with their exuberance in the after-meals entertainment. In the 1900s and the 1910s, the “run around the tables” was a breathtaking (in more than one sense!) addition to Installation Dinners or Initiation Dinners across chapters. These dinners were multi-course meals. After the final course had been removed, but before the toasts had been commenced, the toastmistress called for all members who had become engaged (or, in some cases, married as well as engaged) in the course of the Academic Year, to stand. These members received the warm wishes of their sisters as the toastmistress counted them. She then announced the total, which indicated both the number of celebrations and the number of circles these members would run around the formal dining room tables. As the members trotted around, their sisters both teased them and toasted their celebrations. While in the 1990s, chapters would be more sensitive to the potential for the

embarrassment to members inherent in such an endeavor and would consider whether to even schedule it, in the earlier decades of the 1900s, this tradition spread fast and became popular across several chapters:

“The Kappa girls had been telling us of some of the customs in their chapter, one of which was to call upon all girls who had acquired fraternity pins or solitaires during the year to run around the table of the installation banquet. As three of our girls had pleaded guilty only that week, the guests suggested that we call for such a marathon from our chapter. We did so—and eleven of the girls made the rounds!”

—Anne Mitchell, Alpha Chapter (1920)

The “Decorated Dining Room” Tradition

For several decades, members who saw elaborate decorations in their chapter house dining rooms eagerly awaited an announcement of an engagement. The member who had become engaged devoted considerable time to her elaborate floral decorations that greeted her sisters who arrived for their meals:

“A white basket was hung from the chandelier, trimmed with asparagus fern and pink carnations, and on the stem of each flower was tied a pink ribbon, at the end of which the hand-painted announcement cards were fastened.”

—Eleanor Puder, Alpha Chapter (1910)

“The table was decorated with pink carnations, as the floral piece, around which was a complete circle of violet corsage bouquets, each attached to the place cards by means of pink and white ribbons. Just before the last course, we ‘pulled the strings’ and found the announcement tucked away in the bouquets.”

—Nu Chapter Letter (1918)

“... Agnes invited us to a spread in her room, and we found the photographs (of her and her fiancé) under the paper napkins on our little plates. . . . One night we descended to dinner and found a symphony of blue on the table in the form of candles, flowers and ribbon, and under our bread and butter plates, the names of Muriel and Arnold. . . . (In another case) the dinner table was deco-

rated with yellow daisies and thick pine, and the names were written on birch bark, hidden under the centerpiece with the white threads leading to our plates... An enormous mass of old-fashioned flowers and a corsage bouquet for each girl announced Irene and George... Then came a night when daffodils reigned amid deep blue satin ribbon, and at each place hovered a gauzy butterfly on a card. Under the delicate wings we found the names of Alice and her fiancé."

—Alice Ives, Alpha Chapter (1918)

The "Engagement Bouquet" Tradition

In the 1920s and 1930s, the arrival at a chapter house of an arrangement of flowers around a candle also signaled the eminent announcement of an engagement, a tradition that has remained popular in some chapters even until the present.

"(At Alpha Gamma Chapter) when one of our girls becomes engaged while she is still in the university, she announces it in a very beautiful way... The housemother requests the girls to turn the lights off in a room. After this, the housemother presents a bouquet of flowers to the group, and in the center of the bouquet is a burning candle. These flowers are usually our pink carnations and the flower of the man's fraternity. The bouquet is then passed to one of the girls in the circle, who, in turn, passes it to her right. At this point the entire chapter joins in singing the Gamma Phi Sweetheart song. The candlelit bouquet passes around the circle, and when it reaches the girl who is engaged, she blows out the candle. Then the lights are turned on, and she displays her ring while her big or little sister passes candy."

—"Book of Traditions" (1956)

The "Pinning Skit" Tradition

Another favorite tradition of the 1920s and the 1930s was the production of a skit to celebrate a declaration of love. While some skits came after engagement announcements, even more came after a member became pinned:

"(At Sigma Chapter) preceding the evening of the pinning, the girl talks to the housemother and is given a choice of menus for the evening. She then chooses several of her closest friends, tells them of the pin and

asks them if they will write a skit to announce her good fortune. The chosen girls collaborate and rehearse. They are very careful to remain inconspicuous since the pinning is to be a deep secret and a surprise... Then, on the appointed evening, the girls in the skit rise during dessert and present what they have written. It may be a humorous parody on the first meeting of the couple or a serious glance into the future. After this, flowers are presented to the newly pinned girl and to the housemother. The girl's pledge mother places the pin on her, and candy is passed around. The Gamma Phi Sweetheart song is sung, followed by the man's fraternity song. After dinner the man and his fraternity brothers serenade the Sigmas..."

—"Book of Traditions" (1956)

The "Five-Pound or Ten-Pound Party" Tradition

Starting in the 1920s and continuing for several decades, the arrival at a chapter house of a delicious box of candies also announced love. In most cases, the box arrived before noon and found a home in the entrance to the chapter house, where all members who saw it started to wonder who had news to share. Both five-pound and ten-pound boxes were common. In some chapters, the size of the box indicated the nature of the relationship—a five-pound box reflected the receipt of a pin, while a ten-pound box reflected the acceptance of a proposal. Sometimes, however, the size reflected the financial resources of the sender, who could be the member, her father or her fiancé. In most cases, the chaperone or housemother revealed the name of the sender, and thus the news, when they read the card attached to the box at dinner. Several variations of this tradition occurred, such as this, at Alpha Xi Chapter:

"(At Alpha Xi Chapter) this custom, of passing the candy, is carried out whenever a girl becomes pinned or engaged and wishes to announce it to the chapter as a whole. During the day that the announcement is to be made, one of the girls, who has been told the secret in advance, places a box of candy on the mantel in the living room. Seeing this box on the mantel arouses everyone's curiosity, and immediately after dinner in the evening, all of the girls

in the chapter hurry into the living room, where they form a large circle. The chapter president starts the box around the circle. The box of candy is passed from one girl to another until it reaches the one to whom it belongs. At this time, the girl opens the box, and the secret is out."

—"Book of Traditions" (1956)

While the Five-Pound and Ten-Pound Parties started as informal events, these evolved into full-scale formal social occasions in the 1940s and the 1950s, which were even reported in the social columns of the student and/or local newspapers to the same extent as showers, teas and receptions. This article from the Iowa State University Daily archives (1954) is typical of those that described the elaborate nature of these events:

"The engagement of Jean... and Gene... was announced to members and friends of Gamma Phi Beta this weekend when (she) passed the traditional five pounds of candy. A spider web theme was used in the decorations, with a large black net web covering the table. A black spider in the corner of the web held chained pins of Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Phi Epsilon. The five-pound box of candy centered the table and held a white iris corsage on which rested (her) diamond engagement ring. White tapers were at either side of the box. White paper doilies with crescent-shaped cookies were given as favors. The cookies were covered with red sugar, and each was decorated with a white dove of icing carrying a scroll and a poem telling of the engagement. Pink carnations and white tapers decorated the serving table... White party cakes and chocolate sundaes were served."

Conclusion

While not the traditions of the 1990s, festivities such as these allowed members to share the excitement associated with the milestones in the lives of their sisters across the earlier decades of Gamma Phi Beta. And who knows? Members now in search of some means to celebrate their own milestones (in love or in other areas) could transport some of these activities into the 1990s and translate them for their own special purposes. And all members can look back on the candles, flowers and candies and smile! ●

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In Celebration

CONGRATS

The 50th wedding anniversary of Al and Rosemary Lofgren Soli, from Audrey Weldon Shafer.

Marjory Mills Shupert's retirement as Executive Director of Gamma Phi Beta International Headquarters, from Steve and Kendra Gates Bocher.

Congratulations and thanks for a job well done to the 1996-98 International Council, from L'Cena Brunskill Rice.

Melissa D. Logan, on her assistant trainership to the WNBA Detroit "Shock" for the 1998 season, from her parents, Ross and Carol LaCross.

Congratulations and many thanks to International Council, Linda Hallenbeck Pelegrino and all members of the 1998 Convention Committees. It was great, from Betty Ragenovich Kurkjian.

The August marriage of Gina Bozarth and Brian Henahan, from Marguerite J. Denhartog McAfee.

The September marriage of Betsy Latimore and James Franklin, from Marguerite J. Denhartog McAfee.

Nicole Waldroop's Ph.D. on June 7, 1998, and her wedding to Thomas Taylor Jr. on June 20, 1998, from her parents, Ron and Lynne Ingraham Evans.

Sharon Witt Dunham, for four great years as Alumnae Vice President, from Sandy Biegelman Burba and Tucky Wheeler Hobbs.

Anne Hooks Munroe, "our newest Beta Mu initiate. Thanks for being an Angel during Rush and welcome to Gamma Phi," from the Tallahassee Area Alumnae.

Congratulations and best wishes to Melissa Meyer on her June 13, 1998, marriage to Keith Shaffer, from Hallie Anderson.

Congratulations and best wishes to Anna Simpson on her September 12, 1998, marriage to Scott Moulton, from Hallie Anderson.

Congratulations and best wishes to Angela Hanners on her April 11, 1998, marriage to Randall Wilson, from Hallie Anderson.

Deborah Hidde Borak's initiation to Theta Chapter on October 30, 1998, from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Trustees and Staff.

Laura Henson's initiation to Theta Chapter on October 30, 1998, from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Trustees and Staff.

Kristin Lynne Schmidt on receiving her Masters Degree from Darden Graduate School of Business, from her mother, Judith Mai Colebank.

BIRTHS AND BIRTHDAYS

The birth of Alec Taher Handy to Joyce Hatch and Aslam Handy, from Phyllis Donaldson Choat.

The birth of legacy Rachel Marie Butler on July 30, 1998, from Mildred McCowan Butler.

The birth of legacy Amelia Anne Hartje on May 23, 1997, from Anne Phillips Hartje.

The birth of Nicholas Matthew Rice, son of Karin Reuter Rice and grandson of L'Cena Brunskill Rice, from Stephanie Hearn.

SISTERHOOD

Betty Tomsen Kempf for her unwavering love for her sisterhood, from the Kearney Alumnae Chapter.

The Foundation Public Relations Committee for all their great work at Convention,

from Julie Vowell.

Stephanie Hearn and Kristin Burrows for all their wonderful work at Convention, from Julie Vowell.

Betty Skaggs Vinall's dedication and service as Alpha Epsilon House Corporation Board's treasurer and financial advisor for the past "trillion" years. Happy "retirement," from the Alpha Epsilon Chapter, advisors and House Corporation Board.

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter and "their brains, beauty and friendships while I was chapter advisor the past three years. I'll miss you," from Yvette Schrock Vreeman.

Betty Skaggs Vinall for her "friendship and support during my time in Tucson. You're such a special person," from Yvette Schrock Vreeman.

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In Celebration gifts received by the following dates will be included in the corresponding issues of *The Crescent*:

January 1.....Spring issue
April 1.....Summer issue
July 1.....Fall issue
October 1.....Winter issue

Promoting the Arts

Marilyn Dalby Sabella (*University of Idaho*), wife, mother and owner of a dress boutique called "Eve's Leaves" in Sandpoint, Idaho also has a knack for promoting the arts. Marilyn recently received the 1998 Governor's Award for Support of the Arts. This award recognizes artists, art educators and those who nurture and support art presentations. The Governor's Award is a real tribute to her community, because without the financial support of individuals and businesses, the arts programming brought to Sandpoint, Idaho, would not have been possible. Bringing the best of the arts to Bonner County, while making performances affordable for everyone, is one of Marilyn's primary goals. Preserving Idaho's history is another goal for Marilyn. She recently played a part with Idaho Heritage Trust acquiring Glade Creek Camp, a 160-acre camp and one of the few remaining pristine sites left unaltered by man along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Marilyn's resume is long. It includes being the first commissioner of the Idaho Arts Commission to serve three terms,

board member of the Pend Oreille Arts Council, board member and past chair of Arts Northwest, member of the Western States Arts Federation and a recent appointment to the Western Arts Alliance Board. Marilyn also originated and continues to produce Sunday Concerts and Summer Sounds concerts in her community. Marilyn continues to raise funds from businesses and individuals for POAC and has raised more than \$250,000 for the arts.



Anita Walker
Alpha Xi Chapter

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anita Walker of Ada, Oklahoma who recently began her two-year term on the board of directors of Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international community service organization for business and professional women.



Mary Jane Salcido of the University of Santa Barbara Alumnae Association presents Kay Graham with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

A Lifetime of Achievement

Kay Graham was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award this past April at the University of California, Santa Barbara IFC/Panhellenic annual dinner. Kay is the second recipient in 50 years. Kay attended the University of Southern California and has been an active and driving force in Gamma Phi Beta at the University of California Santa Barbara. Congratulations, Kay, and thank you for a lifetime commitment to the sorority system.

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Coauthors Carol Garrard, author and lecturer, and John Garrard, Professor of Russian Literature at the University of Arizona

The Bones of Berdichev

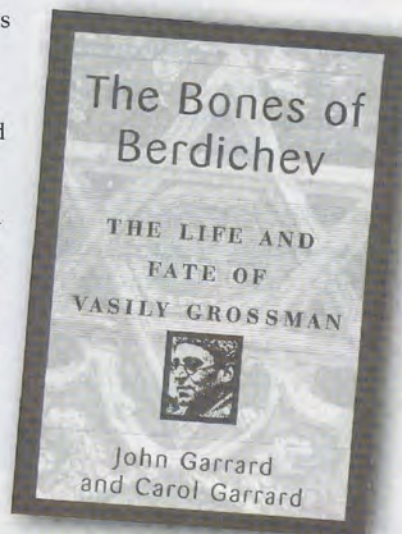
by John and Carol Garrard. Published by Free Press and distributed by Simon & Schuster.

The Bones of Berdichev is more than just another story about the Holocaust. Vasily Grossman, Russian Jew and legendary World War II Soviet correspondent, began as a patriot of the Motherland, but evolved into a passionate critic of the Marxist regime, and was labeled an enemy of the state by both Stalin and Khrushchev. What made him change? The massacre of 30,000 Jews, including his own mother, in his hometown of Berdichev, carried out by the Nazi SS and facilitated by Ukrainian soldiers, some of the very Heroes of Stalingrad whom Grossman had celebrated in his widely-read war dispatches.

This biography of a tortured man focuses on the conflicted role of the artist in a totalitarian society. The story also tells of Grossman's failure to publish his fiction accounts of the war years. The authors use newly available archival material to show how a single Soviet Jewish journalist came to see the similarity between totalitarian Nazi and Soviet states and show that the Holocaust actually began in the Soviet Union.

A pioneering account that will open up a new field in the area of Holocaust studies, *The Bones of Berdichev* is also an insightful portrayal of the tragedies and hopes of our century as it draws to a close.

Carol Hamersen Garrard (Alpha Chi '66) author and lecturer, and her husband, John Garrard, Professor of Russian Literature at the University of Arizona, are the co-authors of *Inside the Soviet Writer's Union* (The Free Press, 1990). They live in Tucson, Arizona.



SERVICE ROLL

1998 Service Roll Members

The Service Award is given on Founders Day in recognition of long, devoted and constructive service to Gamma Phi Beta, both at the local and international levels. A minimum of 5 years at the international level and a total of 15 years of service is required. Current International Council members are not eligible while holding office.

Tucky Wheeler Hobbs, Rho
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Martha Bingham Beamer, Chi
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Mary Minor Johnston, Eta
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Constance Butler Long, Alpha Upsilon
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Marilyn Killebrew Picard, Beta Gamma
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Weavers and Widows

By Ginny Hammond, University of Colorado

The weaver sat at the loom. She had been gathering threads, designing patterns and composing the fabric of her life since the day she was born. Today, the threads were jumbled; familiar details looked disconnected. Nothing made sense. The whole tapestry seemed in disarray. The weaver simply didn't know where to begin. Why today? Today the weaver is a widow.

From scattered skeins... And knotted threads...

In my financial planning practice, I sometimes use this analogy with my widowed clients. Grief can immobilize and disorient us. Grief, coupled with financial confusion, can be crippling. So, during the first months or year, a widow's life may seem like nothing but "loose threads"—a tapestry in disarray.

For some women, the financial threads may be especially problematic. They may be unsure how to pick up the threads or even where to locate them. Younger widows may have overlooked financial affairs in the commotion of child rearing. Older widows may have been more accustomed to carrying the purse than controlling the purse strings. But whatever the age, it is possible for a widow to begin weaving, again, a tapestry that is rich, fulfilling and vibrant.

To help and hope... For looming challenges...

When working with a widow, I begin by reminding her that she has been making decisions all her life. I help her understand that while it may take some time to trust the new financial decisions she will be making, she does not have to do it alone or all at once.

A widow's financial advisor, attorney and accountant can be strong supporters during this time. Some women are inundated with financial suggestions from well-meaning friends, relatives and hairdressers on how to invest, when or if to sell their home, etc. While these kind people mean well and can provide much comfort and moral support, they may not, in fact, give the best professional advice.

It's important to have professional advisers who have been personally recommended, who work with established firms and have experience working with widows. Women can compliment these advisers with excellent outside reading sources like: *On Your Own, A Widow's Passage To Emotional & Financial Well-Being* by Alexandra Armstrong and Mary R. Donahue and *The Girls With The Grandmother Faces* by Frances Weaver.



Take the first few threads...

A strand at a time...

With your professional advisers in place, you will be better equipped to pick up the first threads. Although most decisions can wait, some financial issues should be addressed during your first month alone. Gathering the necessary information may involve having a close friend or relative help look through files, safe deposit boxes and drawers.

Common threads to gather include your husband's will, 10–20 certified copies of the death certificate, life insurance policies, bank statements, investment statements, Social Security information, military discharge papers, if applicable, and 401(k) or pension plan information. If you would like, your financial advisor may help you submit settlement forms.

The proceeds from these settlements need not, and frequently should not, be invested immediately in long-term vehicles. I advise women, under almost all circumstances, to defer major financial decisions for at least a year. CD's, money market and savings accounts are suitable for these proceeds in the short-term. It is imperative, however, for women to determine their budget needs as soon as possible so these proceeds are not unnecessarily or unintentionally depleted.

Weaving with patience...

Weaving with time...

With the passing of time, most women begin to accept their loss. New patterns begin to emerge from the tapestry and women can begin to reevaluate and define their own personal and financial long-term goals. Since many widows have a third of their lives left, building a solid foundation of financial knowledge first reduces regrets later. A woman should expect and receive ample time from her financial advisor to help her understand her financial life and make informed decisions.

For long-term financial needs, I help my clients in this situation determine their assets, liabilities and expenses. Together we create a spending plan, establish cash reserves for emergencies and opportunities, evaluate insurance and retirement needs, set long-term goals and begin investing for those goals. We address tax and estate planning issues in cooperation with the woman's accountant and attorney.

For an enduring tapestry...

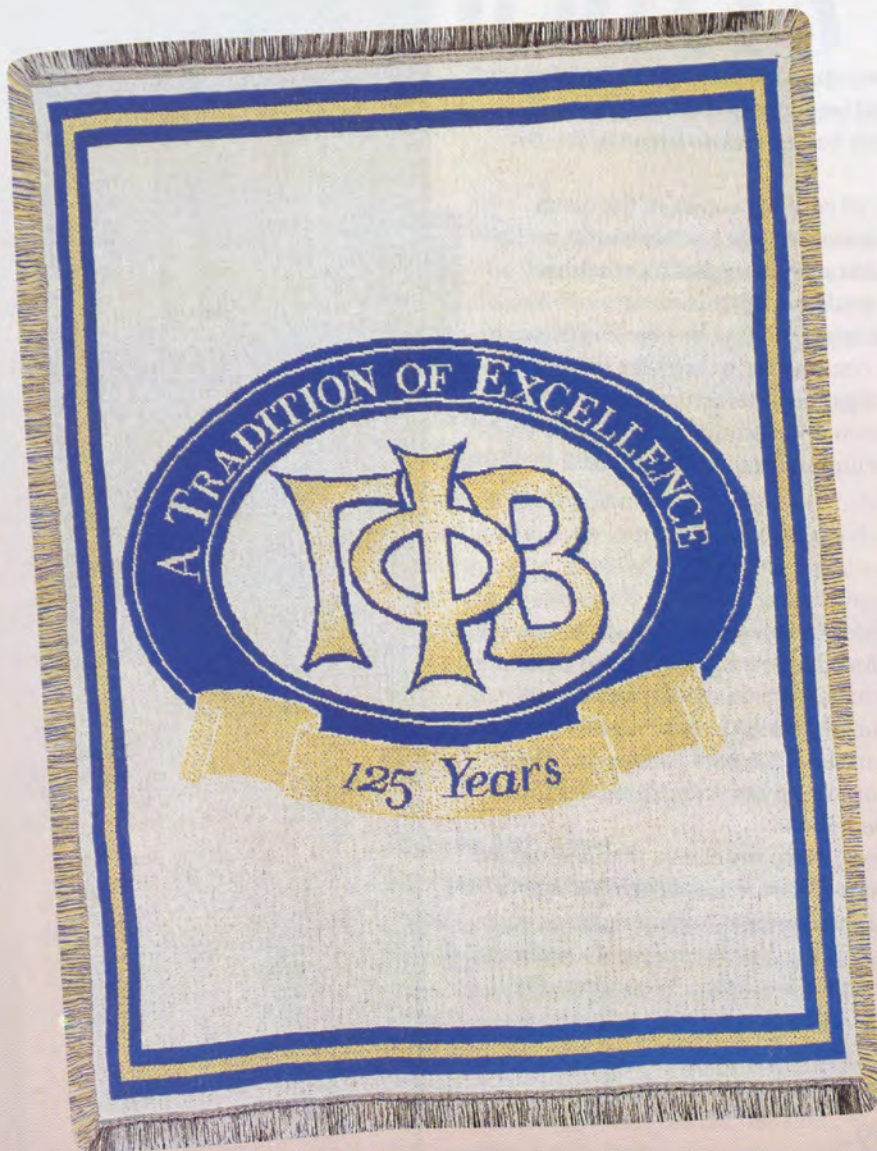
That is rich, cherished and yours...

As we work together, weaving through each stage, I encourage widows to admire their handiwork—from the first tentative new threads to the evolving fresh designs. It helps to come out from behind the loom often and view the tapestry from the front. There is no need to dwell on frayed or uneven threads that can only be seen from the back. In the end, it is the exquisite tapestry viewed from the front that counts.

Editors Note: Ginny received her BA from the University of Colorado in 1965 and her MBA in 1985. She is a Certified Financial Planner and is a personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors Inc. Her practice is located in Denver, CO.



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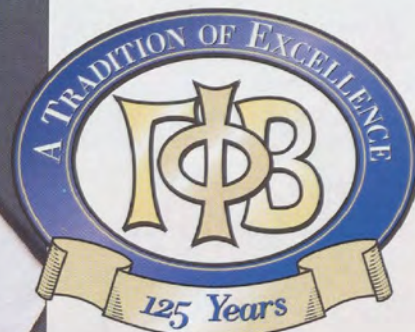
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\$75.01-\$100.00	\$7.75
\$101.00-\$150.00	\$8.75
\$150.01-\$225.00	\$9.75

**UPS next day and
second day air available**

Subtotal _____

Shipping and Handling _____

*California residents
add 7.75% sales tax* _____

Canada orders add \$10 _____

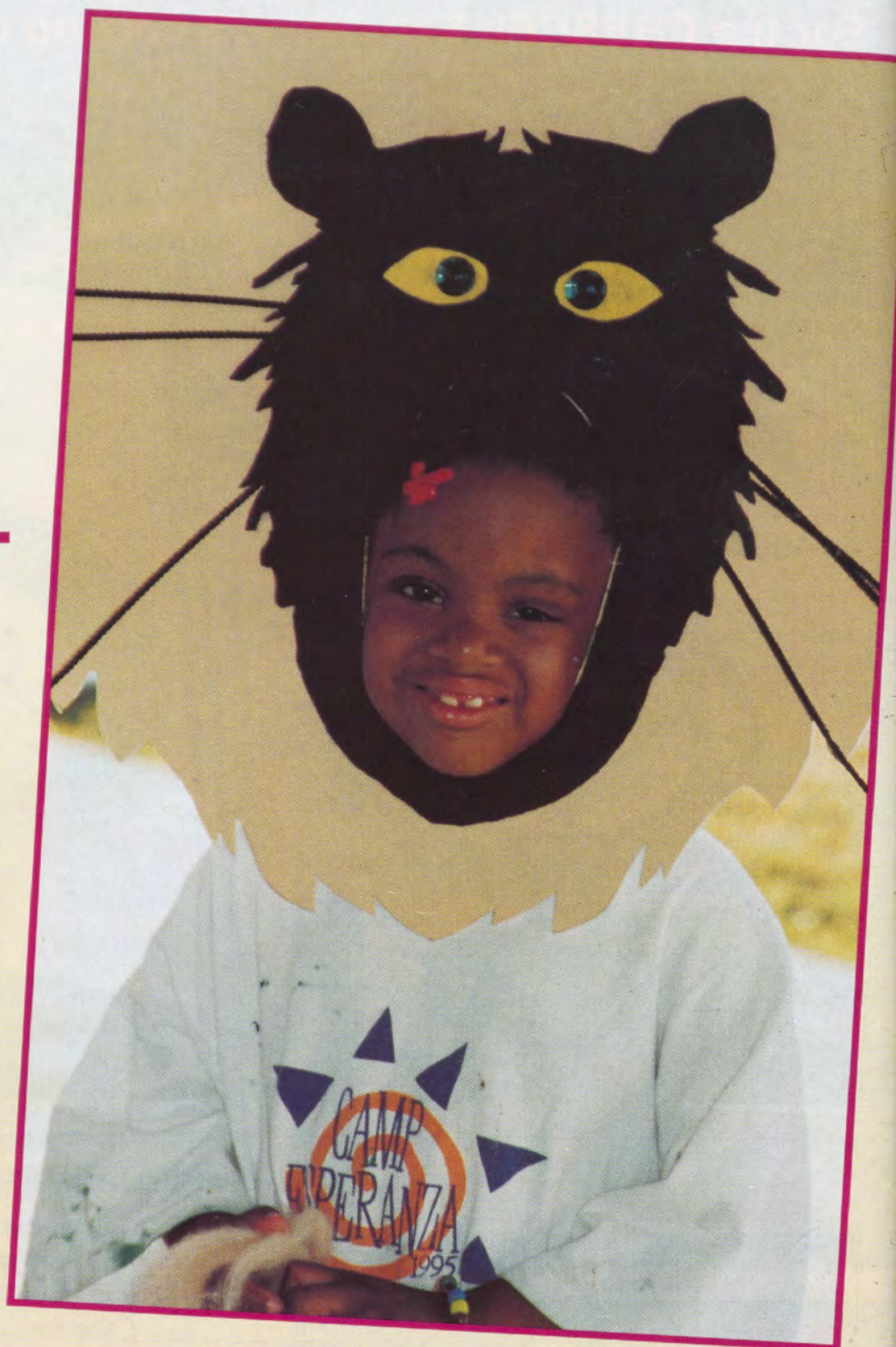
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