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Western Connecticut Alumnae Chapter photo caption incorrectly listed Alice Holmes as Jean Brock in the Spring 1998 issue. *The Crescent* regrets this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.





Focus on International Council 1996–1998

1996–1998 International Council—L to R: Terri Kennedy Briggs, Collegiate Vice President, Jackie Ennis Falkenroth, Member-at-Large, Sharon Witt Dunham, Alumnae Vice President, Betty Ablemeyer Quick, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, L'Cena Brunskill Rice, International President, Sandra Rbettke Nauman, Financial Vice President, Marjory Mills Shupert, Executive Director, Vicki Carlson Read, Membership Vice President

As another biennium draws to a close, it is important to reflect on the successes and progress Gamma Phi Beta has made. During a recent interview the members who comprise International Council, volunteers who give upwards of 40 hours a week to the Sorority, shared some of their thoughts.

Q. What has been your biggest success over the past two years?

A. "Leadership Training School and the first ever Regional Leadership Conferences. Both provided wonderful opportunities for leadership development as well as informal exchange of ideas and

the opportunity to share with other officers, members and International officers. These events were successful because of the efforts and cooperation of everyone involved—international headquarters staff, international officers and members."

—Jacki Falkenroth, Member-at-Large

A. "Personally meeting and sharing the Gamma Phi Beta mission and goals with collegians and alumnae while developing and communicating to the membership a consistent message of teamwork, caring and a positive attitude."

—L'Cena Rice, International President
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Gamma Phi Beta provides each of us the opportunity to make our little corner of the world a better place for those around us—as we grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically.

*—L'Cena Rice,
International President*

Q. You have served for four years, what is the legacy you are leaving as you retire from Council?

A. "I would like to be remembered for being instrumental in bringing a partnership between the province financial directors and the other province officers. I would also like to be remembered for instituting province financial director visits to chapters which helped educate our members on fiscal responsibility thereby lowering the number of members that have resigned due to financial reasons and those that resign owing money. By doing this, our members are more aware of the financial assistance that is available."

*—Sandra Nauman, Financial
Vice President*

Q. You're running again for the 1998–2000 Council. If elected, what do you hope to accomplish?

A. "I will continue to work to refine the Collegiate Leadership Consultant program, make volunteer positions in our Sorority more manageable and strive to foster a sense of teamwork throughout the Sorority and Foundation."

—Terri Briggs, Collegiate Vice President

Q. What do you see in the future of Gamma Phi Beta?

A. "College women will continue to be interested in joining Sororities. Gamma Phi Beta is blessed with an international Council committed to progressive leadership and a Foundation Board of Trustees composed of professionals in the field. Add to this a well organized, determined new Membership Department, and the future of the Sorority is assured."

*—Sharon Dunham, Alumnae
Vice President*

Q. How has Gamma Phi Beta influenced your life?

A. "The Sorority has provided me the opportunity to make a difference. In solving each challenge, I see success and rewards that celebrate the individualism of each sister and our Sorority. It's the intangible benefits of membership that keep bringing me back year after year. I take pride in wearing our badge and working with such outstanding women."

*—Vicki Read, Membership
Vice President*

Q. What advice would you give to collegians and alumnae?

A. My advice would be to get involved. Share your abilities with others and do your best to smile often. And, of course, have fun—it's contagious.

*—Betty Quick, National Panhellenic
Conference Delegate*

This year at our 68th Convention in Newport Beach, Gamma Phi Beta will elect new a International Council for the biennium. These women will begin working on answering questions like:

Is the Sorority encouraging women to achieve their personal best?

Are we teaching women to be self sufficient and community minded?

Are we giving each member a positive experience?

Are we recognizing trends and making the appropriate changes?

International Council members will continue monitoring and developing current programming while creating and implementing new programming and services. As members we look forward to these answers and action plans that will be instituted to ensure Gamma Phi Beta remains a viable women's organization, following the ideals and purposes set forth by our Four Founders, for the 21st century. ●

Sisters from the **University of Illinois** report a great fall semester. The chapter achieved a total grade point average that exceeded both the all-university women's G.P.A. as well as the all-sorority G.P.A.! They also held their first annual holiday party, which was complete with wonderful food, a gift exchange and tree trimming. The chapter then kicked off the spring semester with plans for their annual spaghetti dinner. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit a local AIDS charity. The Carnation Blitz proved again to be a huge success and the sisters now are gearing up for Mom's weekend, a canoe trip, a new member dance and many other theme parties with local fraternities.

Ten **St. Louis University** sisters are currently enjoying the privilege of studying overseas at the St. Louis University campus in Madrid, Spain. This unique program provides its participants the opportunity to learn in a new educational atmosphere as well as introduces

them to worldly cultures and ancient traditions. Back on American soil, the sisters made plans and got organized for their upcoming semester. Activities included: a rustic outdoor retreat, philanthropic activities at various homeless shelters and a newly debuting "Dad's Weekend."

Sisters from **University of Maryland**, College Park introduced a "secret sister" program to their chapter. Each sister left encouraging cards or small gifts for their secret sister for one week. A special "unveiling" party was held to end this fun-filled week. The chapter also established a new philanthropy for a local children's hospital. The sisters have already held several parties for these children. Upcoming events include; Greek Week, a crush party and continuous efforts towards recruiting new members to the sisterhood.

Pepperdine sisters welcomed eight new members this past March. Spring rush included Pictionary and karaoke activities to help the sisters get to know



Ten St. Louis University sisters enjoy traveling on the weekends during their semester studying abroad at the St. Louis University campus in Madrid, Spain. A few of the sisters visited Pisa, Italy during their semester abroad. They pose here in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

the women participating in rush better. The chapter is proud of their growing numbers and is planning for a great year.

Sisters at the **University of California, Berkeley** helped Habitat for Humanity provide housing for the underprivileged in December and April. They also participated in the all-Greek philanthropy and an Easter Egg Hunt for children. The chapter hosted an alumnae brunch and enjoyed welcoming alumnae members as well as new students to the campus.

Sisters from **Indiana State University** held a successful spring rush. "Pumpkin Pie with Gamma Phi" was a hit as was the "Rock-a-Thon" for Camp Sechelt that raised over \$1,000. Founders Day was a wonderful celebration and the sisters extend their gratitude to all the alumnae in attendance. Also, the chapter's grade point average was the most improved on campus.

Iowa State sisters returned from winter break with great enthusiasm for the spring



Sisters from the University of Illinois pose for a picture during I-Week.

Philanthropy: We hold a Mr. Greek pageant and a Rock-a-Thon for the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic. We also run a HandiKids softball clinic for mentally and physically challenged children.

Traditional chapter events & socials: Winter Ball, Spring Crush, Mr. Greek and Rock-a-Thon.

Campus/Greek Life: We are very involved in campus life. Our members are peer educators, Residence Advisors and tutors.

Special things about our chapter: Our sunshine committee gives awards to sisters at every each meeting who did something memorable the previous week. Also, the committee remembers all birthdays and sends out a monthly newsletter over the summer to keep sisters in touch.

Anything else you want the rest of Gamma Phi Beta to know? Our chapter was the only Greek organization at Bridgewater to respond to an invitation to join Kappa Alpha Phi in an annual philanthropy, HandiKids. We were awarded a plaque for our dedicated service to HandiKids



Seniors from Iowa State pose before their recent "Christmas Cocktail."

semester. The chapter welcomed new members following an informal spring rush and everyone is excited about the new spring philanthropy, March Madness. The sisters also send warm wishes to their sisters abroad. Iowa State sisters are currently traveling in Mexico, Ireland and Scotland.

The **Kansas State** chapter has again brought a competitive edge to intramurals. They have won the competition for the past fifteen years and are determined to keep the tradition going. The sisters invited their brothers and sisters to join them in a weekend of fun on campus. The weekend included tours of

the chapter house, games in the student union and a barbecue. A wonderful time was had by all.

Sisters from **Syracuse University** proudly report the addition of 30 new members to their chapter following spring rush. Philanthropy projects are a high priority for this chapter. The sisters took part in "Cupid Week" to benefit the American Heart Association and in "Slam Session" a basketball competition to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Over \$1,600 was raised for the Battered Women's Shelter, the National Cancer Society and Camp Sechelt by the sisters at **Florida Tech** following their Dinner Date Auction. This is the second year the auction has been held and proceeds have doubled. Other projects include an egg hunt with the children's ward of a local hospital and a pool party with girls from a local ranch.

Sisters from the **University of Minnesota** held their annual pancake breakfast in February and raised \$650 for Camp Heartland and other local charities. The sisters are also held Spring

Order of Omega Winners

Gamma Phi Beta is proud of her members who received a scholarship from Order of Omega based on their contributions to the Greek community, Sorority, Order of Omega and to their respective campus community.

The board awarded 50 \$500.00 scholarships, 62 \$100.00 honorable mention scholarships and 50 fellowships totaling \$35,000.00.

Congratulations to the following winners:

\$500 Scholarships

Megan Watkins, University of Georgia
Julie M. Wilson, Alma College

\$100 Honorable Mention Scholarships

Deidre J. Hollars, University of San Diego
Jenique E. Moree, Christopher Newport University
Traci L. Patrizi, University of Iowa

\$500 Graduate Assistant Fellowship

Elizabeth C. Fraim, University of San Diego



Congratulations to Kerry O'Brien of the University of Minnesota on being named Panhellenic President for the 1997-98 year.

Jam '98 and the "Porch King" competition, which benefit Camp Sechelt.

Creighton University members took part in a four-hour self-defense training course as part of their spring PACE program. Members were taught a variety of techniques to call upon in the event of an attack. Proceeds from the program benefited a local domestic violence shelter.

The chapter at **Oklahoma State** celebrated their 40th birthday with many alumnae from all over the country joining in the celebrations. Seven charter members were in attendance. The chapter has focused on academics this year and following fall semester, the chapter was fifth in grade point average among campus sororities.

Sisters from **California State University, Chico** are proud to report that in the past four years seven of their members visited Camp Sechelt. Working at the camp has been a positive learning experience for all those who have taken part and the chapter looks forward to continuing to support the camp this way.

From spring rush, a recent roller skating function to the annual Teeter-Totter-a-Thon sisters from the **University of**



Campers at Camp Sechelt say "cheese" to California State University, Chico sisters; shown below as they take off to work at the camp.



Alabama has had a very busy 1998. The sisters also welcome all the new women that joined the sorority this spring.

The **University of Georgia** welcomed seven new members following spring rush. The chapter also took part in an annual dance marathon, which raised a total of \$55,000 for a local children's hospital. The sisters are now looking forward to their Crescent Ball.

Sisters from **Florida State University** found themselves in dancing shoes—for 32 straight hours. The dance marathon benefits the Children's Miracle Network and this year's proceeds netted over \$42,000! The sisters also took part in a romantic

evening under the stars with a hayride on Valentines Day.

Four new members joined the chapter at **Southeast Missouri State University** following spring rush. The sisters then enjoyed a house retreat to celebrate rush and to better get to know their new sisters. Other events this past semester included Greek Week and Moonball.

Sisters from **Oakland University** took part in a walk

to raise money for people in the Detroit area who are unable to pay for heat during the winter months. Joined by Luther Ellis, a lineman from the Detroit Lions, the girls successfully completed the three-mile walk and raised \$350 for the cause.

Purdue University sisters report a very successful 3-on-3 philanthropy to raise money for a domestic violence intervention program. This year over \$1,000 was raised. The chapter held an all-house retreat that focused on



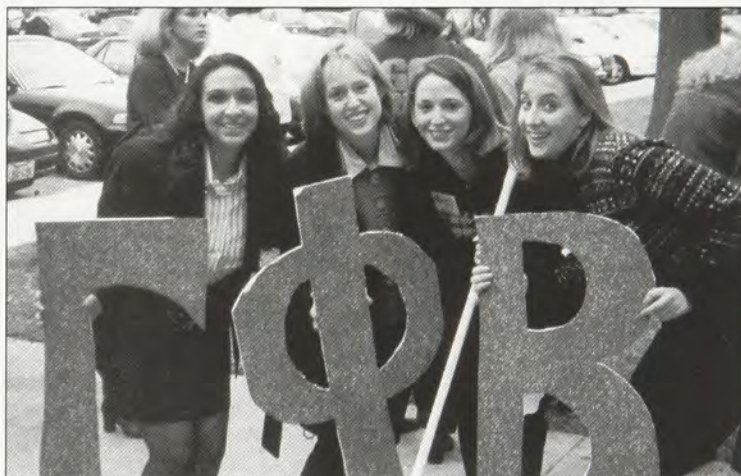
Sisters from the University of Alabama take a break from their skates at a recent rush event.



Sisters from Chapman University pose during Bid Day this past September.



Katbleen Dubno and Samara Cabe pose at the Miss Irish Colleen Pageant in Phoenix. Both placed in the top five.



Seniors from Southern Methodist University prepare for their last Bid Day.



team-building and goal strategies. It must have worked as 38 wonderful women joined the chapter during spring rush.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln sisters proudly report the addition of 33 wonderful new women to their chapter following fall rush. The chapter kept busy with their Trampoline-a-Thon philanthropy, which was

Little Sisters from Southern Methodist University receive their Gamma Phi shirts during Big Sis/Lil Sis Day.

held in November. The sisters bounced for a total of 101.9 hours and raised \$20,000 for the American Lung Association.

Forty-six new members were welcomed to the chapter at **Indiana University**. The sisters, teamed with a local fraternity, took fifth place in the annual Greek Sing at the university this past February.

Arizona State University welcomed 12 new members following spring rush. February was marked by Mardi Gras celebrations complete with masks and beads. The chapter has now adopted a new scholarship program under the direction of Panhellenic President Alice Vollmer.

Fall rush for the sisters at **Chapman University** was a huge success. The house is officially full with their 18 new members. Other highlights include the first annual Crush Party, a semi-formal and an "eighties exchange" with a local fraternity. Camp Gamma Phi, the chapter's philanthropy to raise money for Camp Sechelt, is sure to be a success again this year.

University of Nebraska, Kearney sisters were joined by 30 new members following fall rush. The chapter took first place in Homecoming and was honored to be awarded Best Sorority Grade Point Average and Most Improved Grade Point Average following fall semester. On a philanthropic note, the sisters took part in corn picking to raise money for Camp Sechelt, a Teeter-Totter-a-Thon to raise money for Hospice and an all-university Trampoline-a-Thon.

University of California, Irvine sisters took second place in the all-sorority scholarship grade point average competition. The chapter also held a memorable Pink Carnation



Alma College sisters made a clean sweep and welcomed 14 new members to their chapter.



Sisters from the University of Nebraska, Kearney share some special time together during formal day of fall rush.

Ball and enjoyed many fun exchanges. Sisters invited children from the Kids Cancer Connection to participate in a day of fun and games. The event, sponsored by the community,

kicked off songfest, the annual Greek philanthropy.

University of Idaho sisters spread some holiday cheer this past December by caroling at a

local senior center. January found six members of the chapter attending Team Idaho, a Greek Leadership Conference. The focus was team building, leadership and goal setting.

Congratulations to all ten sisters who held a 4.0 grade point average this past fall.

Alma College welcomed 14 new members to their chapter this January. The chapter kicked off their spring semester with their annual all-sorority retreat. Plans are now in the works for Greek Week and the Pink Carnation formal.

After adding four new women to their chapter, the sisters at the **University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee** enjoyed a Valentine mixer. Other spring events include the annual fashion show to benefit Special Olympics and a formal.

Sisters from **Oregon State University** held their annual Crescent Ball this past fall. The dance was the first of many non-alcoholic functions for the chapter. A live D.J., juice and snacks, along with the sister's spirit, made this a great success.

Sisters from the **University of Oklahoma** held their tenth annual Chili Cook-off to benefit the United Way. The chapter raised over \$1,500 with 21 team participants. Other activities included Homecoming, a blood drive, a canned food drive and a float competition.

University of Iowa held their annual Holiday Cozy Party for friends, family, professors and University officials this past December. The event is to toast and celebrate the holidays. Other events for the chapter included; rush activities and an "Especially for You" race for breast cancer. Proceeds paid for mammograms for women who were unable to afford them.

Sisters at **Rutgers University** celebrated the addition of 28 new members to their chapter. After an eventful bid day, the chapter jumped full force into



University of Iowa sisters participate in the "Especially for You" breast cancer walk. Proceeds helped pay for mammograms for women who could otherwise not afford one.

the spring semester and is gearing up for a busy fall.

Penn State sisters proudly report raising over two million dollars with their participation in the annual Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon each year the chapter actively participates and this year, their contribution was \$37,759.00! All

money supports the Four Diamonds Fund, which directly support children with cancer.

Four sisters from **Bridgewater State College** had the opportunity to meet NPB legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson. He lectured to students on his career - both in the NBA and his new interest, business, and how to



Sisters from Bridgewater State College pose with Earvin "Magic" Johnson during a lecture he presented this past fall.



Sisters from Rutgers University celebrate an extremely successful rush on their Bid Day.

stay focused as students. The chapter also spent the semester participating in spring rush, a softball tournament and Greek Week activities. They are looking forward to a busy fall.

Several sisters from **George Mason University** have earned significant recognition on campus. One member received the Presidential Leadership Award, awarded by the University President. Another has been named the new Editor-in-Chief of the university newspaper and two members were elected to the Panhellenic Council.

Miami University had a busy year with 50 new members joining their chapter, holding their annual puddle-pull philanthropy, spring formal and their annual scholarship banquet. The sisters look forward to their annual Moonshine date party this fall and wonderful social and sisterhood events.

College of William and Mary sisters have proudly

earned the second highest sorority GPA on campus and the third highest Greek GPA. Of the 100 active members, 33 have between a 3.0-3.49 GPA and 35 members have a GPA between 3.5-4.0. Also, three sisters were inducted into the Order of Omega honor society and one member has been elected Public Relations Vice President of the Inter-Sorority Council. Congratulations!

The **University of Washington** women are excited about the positive relationships they are developing with alumnae. Recently, the women held a sisterhood event with attendees from "pledge" classes of 1982 to 1997. With women from the past fifteen years, this event was a rousing success—a great time for everyone who attended.

Editors note: The term "pledge" is no longer used and has been replaced by the term "new member".

Twelve members of the **Lima Crescent Circle** gathered for Founders Day celebrations this past November. This small alumnae group is very proud to be the only alumnae group of a college sorority to meet on a regular basis in their area. The next meeting will be for the traditional spring luncheon.

The **Greater Kansas City Panhellenic Association** is pleased to announce that Sandy Stern is the new President and Sandy Joblonski is the new Assistant Treasurer for the 1997-1998 year.

What started 45 years ago as a simple "white elephant" auction to have some holiday fun has now evolved into the largest fund-raiser for the **Chicago Northwest Suburban Chapter**. Activities include a silent auction as well as a spirited auction with written bids to benefit Girl Scout camp-



Austin Texas alumnae celebrate a "Fun & Friendship" Valentines Social this past February.

ing. This year's proceeds will either help an entire troop afford a camping weekend or provide scholarships for girls to spend two weeks at a summer camp.

South Peninsula alumnae celebrated Founders Day in conjunction with their 32nd birthday. The event included a candlelight service and sharing of college photographs. December brought a "Shovunda" couples party with an hors d'oeuvres potluck. Donations were made to a local prenatal substance abuse program.

Fort Collins Area alumnae held their annual February meeting at a local country club where a record 17 sisters enjoyed a delightful luncheon and good conversation. Members brought change they had collected in pink cups since the previous Founders Day and this money, totaling \$111, was donated to a food



Julie Samples, Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate, Lisa Hiles, Conference Organizer and Barbara Hurt-Simmons, Panhellenic President, celebrate the successful AAPA, Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Leadership forum.



UCLA sisters celebrated their sisterhood during a mini-reunion.



Gamma Pbis celebrate the US Air Force's 50th birthday in September 1997. Pictured L to R is Lt. Colonel Rita Springer (Auburn) and Lt. Colonel Cele Eifert (USC). Rita works at the Pentagon and Cele works in the State Dept; both are members of the Northern Virginia Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Chapter.



Dayton alumnae celebrate Founders Day this past November.

distribution center. This amount was doubled as the donation arrived during a time a philanthropist was matching contributions nationwide.

Tampa Bay Area alumnae found themselves elbow-deep in ice cream during a recent ice cream social held at a local children's home. The home is a halfway house for children



Milly Butler, Doris Bird Gordon and Elizabeth Dean Wanderer pose in front of an oil painting Doris donated to a local hospital on behalf of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

going into foster care. The chapter also provided the children with much needed school supplies such as

pencils, erasers, notebooks and paper. The chapter also enjoyed attending a Panhellenic fund-raiser "Chapeau,



Catby Hendershot celebrated her wedding with many Tampa Bay alumnae in attendance.



Tampa Bay Area alumnae scoop till they droop at a recent ice cream social held for children entering into foster care.



South Peninsula Alumnae celebrate both Founders Day and their 32nd birthday this past November.



JoAnn Anderson Padgett (Kansas) received the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame plaque from Dr. Jim Loebr, President, LGE Sport Science Inc.

(L to R) Danee Miller Crouch, Elouise Wagner Pennycuik, Evelyn Wheeler Swenson, and Elizabeth Madden Welch (all of the University of Texas) represent the Four Founders at the recent San Antonio Founders Day Luncheon.

Chapeau." This philanthropy was a hat party in combination with both a live and silent auction.

Congratulations to sister JoAnn Anderson Padgett, (Sigma, 1954) on being recognized for her many contributions to the game of tennis. JoAnn was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame last February for her commitment and endless volunteer hours to the sport. Currently JoAnn serves on the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Schools program, the USTA Community Development Committee and the Play Tennis America Committee.

Virgie Olle Cabell and Lois Mecham (both of University of

Texas) hadn't seen each other since their college days until they met at their Austin high school reunion. They discovered both lived in San Antonio and this past year they both received their 50-year pins at the **San Antonio Alumnae Chapter's** Founders Day Luncheon. It just goes to show you never know where a sister will turn up!

The Dayton Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day November 8 in conjunction with the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter and the sisters from Miami University. Initiation robes made by Dayton alumnae members were presented to Alumnae Relations Officer Jackie Cohen. In addition, past President of the Dayton



Cammie Morisseau takes it all as she was crowned Miss Kansas this past September. Cammie will go on to compete in Miss USA.

Philanthropy/Activities:

We meet four times a year; a fall social/rush update, November for a Founders Day Luncheon, winter for a covered dish supper, and a June recommendation signing party. Our local philanthropy is camperships for girls at our local Girl Scout Camp and Camp Cactus for children of AIDS/HIV affected families.

Recruitment activities:

We send out once a year a newsletter to all area Gamma Phi Beta's. We call "long lost" Gamma Phi's to come to socials and Founders Day.

Special things about your chapter: We are small but truly enjoy our sisters and the times we meet. Two of our members are on the Beta Tau, Texas Tech House Corporation Board, and they drive 240 miles round trip to serve.



The Tampa Bay Area Alumnae Chapter made a large representation at the Tampa Alumnae Panhellenic Association fund raiser "Chapeau, Chapeau." It was a hat party in combination with both a live and silent auction.

Alumnae Chapter Lisa Hesse, was presented the IIKE award in recognition for excellence in 1996 when the chapter was granted the PACE award.

The **Portland Alumnae Chapter** has been quite busy this year. Fall events included a welcoming potluck, ceramic pottery night, Founders Day celebrations and a holiday

party. The 1998 year began with a speaker at a local coffee-house, wine tasting, and making goodie bags for the university sisters and a white elephant/ice cream social.



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Twelve very proud members of the Lima Crescent Circle meet for Founders Day celebrations.



Cathy Hendershot Simon, Tampa Bay Area Alumnae Chapter, is presented the Alana Markley Bott-Love, Labor, Learning, and Loyalty Award at November's Founders Day. Cathy currently serves as Vice President and coordinated a major "Spring Cleaning" fund-raiser event. Last year's recipient, Audrey Butt, presented the award.

Albuquerque's traditional Founders Day celebration was canceled at the last minute due to a snowstorm. It just goes to show that El Nino is making its mark everywhere! The luncheon was postponed until May. The chapter enjoyed their annual holiday dinner in December and fortunately Mother Nature didn't interfere with this festivity.

The **Lake County Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders

Day at the home of Alice (Pitz) Moody. Guests were members of the Deerbrook Circle. Three of the chapter's four members, Jeanne Chandler Davis, Jeanne Ramsey Bemaley and Jane Ruhnke Jensen received their 50-year pins.

Congratulations to Cammie Morisseau, recent graduate from **Wichita State University**, on being crowned Miss Kansas this past September. Cammie will go on to compete in the Miss USA.

Metropolitan Detroit Area alumnae gathered during the holiday season to exchange presents, eat cookies and make "Apples from Alumnae" ornaments for newly initiated sisters at the University of Michigan and Oakland University. The chapter also collected and donated clothing to an area women's shelter, and planned several more sisterhood activities.

If you submit a photo to *The Crescent* that you would like to have returned, please include a self-addressed-stamped envelope. We will do our best to return it as soon as possible.



Presented 50-year pins at the San Antonio Founders Day Luncheon are Virgie Olle Cabell, left and Louis Mecham.

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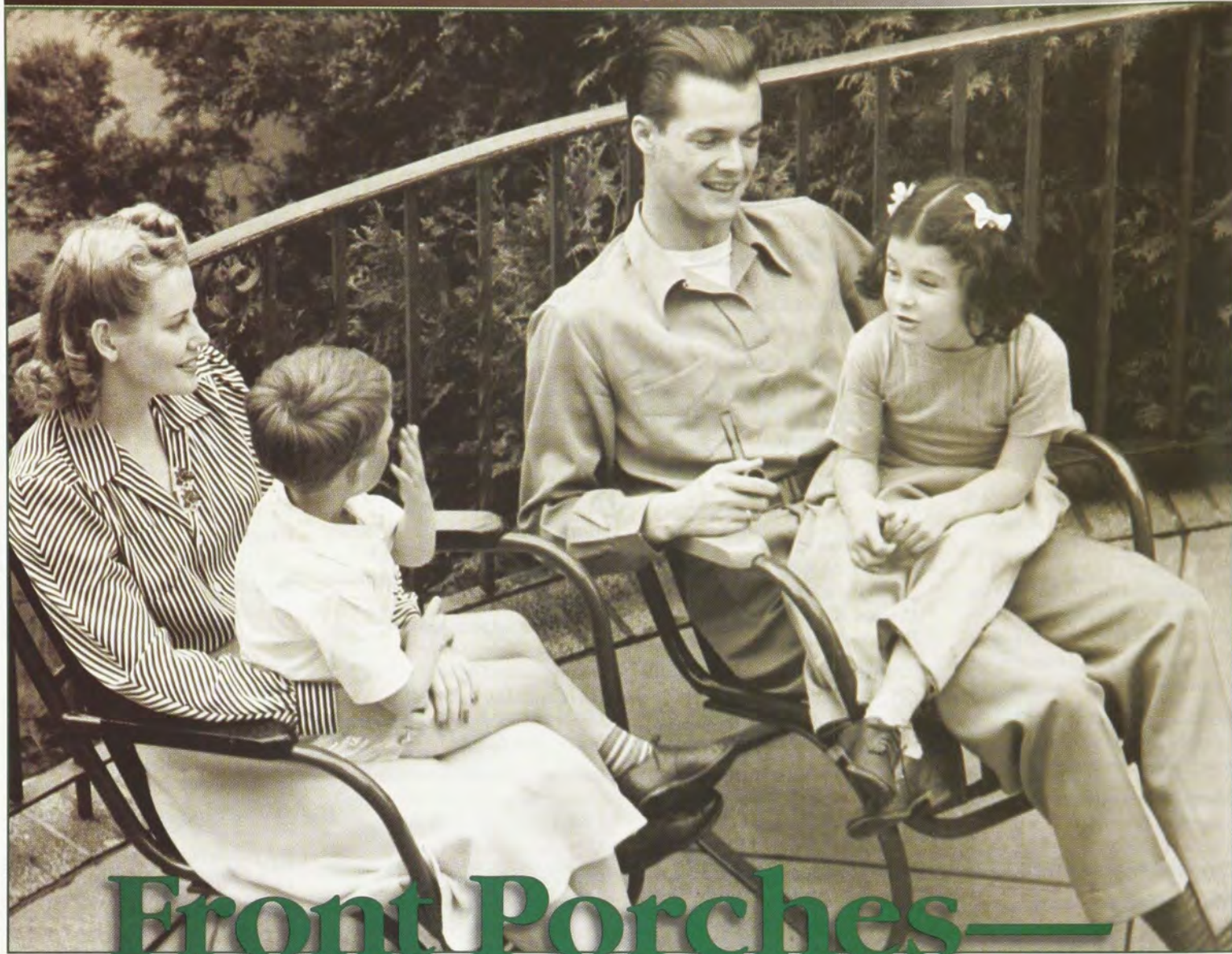
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Front Porches— Back Seats

By Ginny Hammond
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There was a time when front porches were an American cultural icon. In our mind's eye, we can still imagine it—see it—touch it—hear it. We can even catch a faint nostalgic whiff on a late summer breeze (of porch swings and long-past summer evenings; hand-cranked ice cream, children playing, couples spooning and a creaky porch plank announcing each visitor.)

Women of the... front porch realm.

Presiding over all was mother. The women shared and spread the news and kept their families and neighborhoods together. It was expected and accepted. Meanwhile the men took out the trash, drove the cars and made the financial decisions. That too was expected and accepted. While women ruled the front porch, they often rode in the back seat of the family car. Some women didn't even drive at all. And women certainly weren't expected to

make financial decisions in those days. In fact, women mucking around in money were considered downright unfeminine.

Women of the 90s... rule a different realm... almost... maybe.

That was along time ago. These are the 90s. Women are off the front porch and in the driver's seat. Right? Well, almost. In spite of all the gains women have made, lurking in the background is a collective consciousness of the front porch and the back seat—a reluctance on the part of some women to take charge and participate in their own financial lives.

This is particularly disturbing when you consider a recent report from the National Center for Women and Retirement Research showing that 80% of U.S. women are eventually left in financial jeopardy through divorce or widowhood. Additionally, a survey conducted by **MONEY** magazine reported that while 85% of women pay the bills in their family, only 12% make the investment decisions.

The view from... my financial front porch.

In my financial planning practice, I see far too many women considering financial matters only when faced with the crisis of divorce or widowhood. It isn't that single women or widowhood are new. There have always been more women than men and women have always lived longer than men.

The reality is that retirement and living alone does come to most women whether they are prepared for it or not. And today, when faced with widowhood or divorce, a woman can't necessarily depend on her husband's pension, living with grown children or having someone else make her financial decisions.

Whatever shall we do??? Wherever shall we go???

Many women today—especially those of us over 50—realize we can't do life exactly like our mothers did. Of course, we can treasure favorite family recipes and traditions. We can even dust first and then vacuum, if that's the way mom did things. We just can't direct our financial lives from the front porch. Today, every woman needs to get off the front porch and in the driver's seat of her own finances.

What that means is participating, now, in financial and investing decisions. It means having a professional, trusted financial advisor and a sound financial plan—a plan tailored to her current age, income, goals and marital status and one that looks at all the possibilities for the future.

We shall move... off the front porch... into a fuller financial life.

I remind women that a good financial plan is not a one-time event. It is a work in progress and evolves along with her life. Comprehensive financial planning considers all the areas that affect your financial well-being.

- First, your financial advisor can help you determine where you are now and where you want to be financially at different points in your life. Then, together you can devise a strategy to accomplish your goals.
- Along the way, you will discover what your assets and liabilities are and how much you need to keep in reserve for emergencies.
- Together you and your financial advisor can determine how much you need to earn on your investments to reach your short-term, mid-term and long-term goals. Once this is established, you can decide which investments are appropriate to meet those goals and suit your risk tolerance.
- Your financial plan should also incorporate provisions for protection against losses you feel you cannot afford to lose or replace. Examples of areas to consider include: loss of income due to disability, health and long term care protection, auto and homeowner's protection and life insurance needs.
- Finally, your financial plan will look at tax planning strategies and estate planning issues.

It's brighter financial view...from the driver's seat.

With your financial advisor at your side and your financial plan in hand, you will be in the driver's seat. You will develop the confidence that you are indeed making informed choices. You will recognize that between the front porch and the driver's seat, between the beginning and the end, are the choices. And they are the choices that will help you achieve the fulfilling, secure life you want and deserve.

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Create a Vision:

—Carol Stenberg McPadden, NPC Alternate for Kappa Alpha Theta and a member of the NPC Academic Excellence Committee

Recruiting the scholar is a significant challenge faced by Greeks. All National Panhellenic Conference groups could reflect on the visions and goals of their founders for inspiration to meet this challenge. With these goals as a foundation, sororities can develop new paradigms for Greek life that concentrate on excellence in scholarship. With education, positive publicity and a shared vision of the highest scholarship, NPC member groups can offer more scholars an engaging sorority experience.

Because of this recruitment vision, the National Panhellenic Conference proclaimed 1997 as the "Year of the Scholar." All Greek Advisors, Vice Presidents for Student Affairs and College Panhellenics have received the proclamation and challenge. Beth Saul, chairman of the NPC Academic Excellence Committee, expressed the goal that this effort will "further enhance the academic mission of our host universities and enhance the academic achievement of the sorority community." The "Year of the Scholar" program can be one of the most important initiatives to date to effect academic growth in the women's Greek community.

The goals of this initiative are threefold:

1. To inspire each collegiate member to achieve to her potential.
2. To recognize College Panhellenics that improve the all-sorority grade point average by .1 in both spring and fall semesters.
3. To create a constant presence of excellence in academic performance.

NPC actualized these goals with exciting programming ideas and weekly academic challenges designed to stimulate success and academic growth for all Panhellenic groups. As Panhellenics through their individual chapters accepted these academic challenges, the exceptions were that:

1. Academic performance of active members would improve overall.
2. Campus-wide, innovative publicity would provide academic enrichment programs of sorority groups.
3. Increased interest in Greek membership would be fostered among scholars.

As each NPC fraternity accepts the challenge to participate in a renewed scholarship effort, it must assess current chapter scholarship programming and design new recruitment strategies. This is

an opportunity, in collaboration with the academic mission of the university, for chapter and national leaders to create a vision, incorporating intellectual achievement as a priority in programming and member recruitment. Each group must evaluate how to change the present milieu to enrich relevancy for the scholar in the Greek experience.

As a first step in developing change, it may be prudent for each NPC member group to review the history of their founders and acquaint members with the ideals and goals of these early Greek women. The founders of Greek organizations were all strong, committed women who sought sisterhood, high moral values and intellectual advancement. These women had a vision and were dedicated to securing the future for their organizations. Members can rely on the goals of their founders to help recreate a renewed vision, focusing on academic excellence, sisterhood and philanthropy.

Secondly, it would be wise to reflect on the following leadership guidance offered by Kouzes and Posner in the *"Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done in Organizations"* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1988). They explain that leaders must have a vision for their organizations and believe that their vision is attainable; leaders also involve many members of their organizations, are persistent, plan in detail, work very hard, and encourage their members all along the way. These guidelines seem very applicable to the challenge of creating a vision to recruit scholars. Kouzes and Posner further outline the process as follows:

1. All members must agree to change and stop living in the past.
2. Leaders must create a shared vision for all members to believe in.
3. Leaders empower members to participate through collaboration and teamwork.
4. Chapter leaders must be role models, living their values.
5. Leaders must provide recognition and celebration of the accomplishments of individual members and the chapter as a whole.

Any vision would not be complete without an action plan defining the objectives necessary to realize the vision. An action plan for recruiting more scholars might include the following key ideas:

1. Consider academic excellence a priority for membership selection. A chapter that focuses on academic and cultural



Recruit a Scholar

endeavors is in a very positive position to attract highly qualified members.

2. Membership recruitment on every campus must reflect the demographics and needs of the women's student population. On many campuses, freshmen students are older, may be first generation college students or may be from minority groups. Often these women maintain high grades, may be financing all or part of their education, and plan to go on to graduate school.
3. Non-traditional rush guests may be juniors and seniors who have attended community colleges. They are serious students and often are looking for bonding with a special women's group.

4. Rush guests are not all alike! Different types respond to different rush styles. It is important to match rush guests with members whom they can identify with and ask membership questions of.
5. Carefully analyze the image your chapter presents. Will membership foster the educational goals of the scholar? Adjust your image and chapter programming to include the needs of the serious student.
6. As "no frills" rush becomes the norm on our campuses, rush plans should include training in the development of conversation skills so that chapter members are poised and confident and project sincerely while discussing issues thoughtfully-this includes the topic of intellectual achievement.

7. Consider focusing an entire rush event on the chapter scholarship program, including participation in cultural events and a showcase for the achievements of members. Plan and host events to recognize freshmen and sophomore honorary societies or special "honors" program residence halls.
8. During rush, consider inviting prominent alumnae to give a minute message on the values of membership in relation to their career.
9. Feature in publicity the large scholarship grants awarded annually to sorority women by the foundations of NPC groups. These provide a strong membership benefit for serious students.
10. The high academic achiever may find continuous open bidding (COB) a more acceptable way to pledge a group because the informality and reduced time commitment of COB offers an appealing approach for the serious student to attain membership. Build friendships with the brightest and best students in classes and study groups. Introduce them to the high achievers already in the chapter. This is a special opportunity for scholars to attract scholars on a one-to-one basis. Potential members who are scholars may also need reassurance that the time commitment of membership is manageable and is quality time.
11. Develop a faculty advisor program in cooperation with the academic community to promote the positive aspects of Greek life and seek their assistance in identifying scholars as potential members.

Above all, membership recruitment events should always promote the following benefits of sisterhood: enhancement of self-esteem, academic excellence, cultural growth and career networking, the value of the group experience, learning through philanthropy and community service, opportunities for leadership training, and the incorporation of wellness programs for self and others. Remember also to emphasize the value of lifetime friendship and mentors as important parts of the fraternity experience.

When creating the vision and action plan for recruiting the scholar, it is helpful to understand that a study at the University of Minnesota found that "Peer support and incentives are the greatest extrinsic motivators to academic achievement. Peers must be vested in academic presence, environment and achievement for the culture change to occur."

For well over a century the women's Greek movement has successfully risen above adversity and the changing tide. For well over a century, the women's Greek movement has provided a fulfilling



environment for women to develop to their potential. "The Year of the Scholar" program as an important milestone in this effort. The program served to motivate all NPC member groups to achieve the highest scholarship. Those College Panhellenics that created a successful vision to recruit scholars will establish academic excellence as the new standard in Greek life. These women can anticipate sharing the joys of sisterhood with the best and brightest achievers well into the next century. Aristotle tells us, "We are the sum of our action." Go for it! Create a vision! RECRUIT THE SCHOLARS! ●

Gamma Phi Beta adds another chapter

Zeta Iota Chapter Installed At Valparaiso University

*By Melissa Marshall (U. of Oklahoma) and Jennifer Heidal (Eastern Washington U.)
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The Zeta Iota Chapter at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana was installed on April 18th, 1998.

The forty-two women who were initiated chartered Gamma Phi Beta's 153rd chapter. The Initiation ceremony was held at the Delta Iota house at Purdue University with Elizabeth "Kiki" Phillips, Director of Ritual, and members of the Delta Iota and Epsilon, Northwestern University, performing the ceremony.

The Installation reception and brunch was held at the beautiful Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Indiana. Becky Boyd-Obarski, Extension Coordinator, served as the mistress of ceremonies. Tim Jenkins, Dean of Students, gave a motivational speech about the challenges and rewards of the transition from a local to an international sorority. L'Cena Brunskill Rice, International President, discussed the lifetime commitment of membership in Gamma Phi Beta and the rewarding experiences of being an active alumna. Collegiate Leadership Consultants Melissa Marshall and Jennifer Heidal presented awards to two outstanding members for their superior academics and role the women have within the chapter. The much awaited charter, President's badge and gavel was then presented to the chapter president, Ellen Goetz, and members of the Zeta Iota chapter by Mrs. Rice.

Also in attendance were; Elizabeth "Kiki" Phillips and members of the newly installed Northwestern Indiana alumnae Chapter. Throughout the colonization process many women played a valuable role in building a solid foundation with Zeta Iota. With great appreciation we thank Barbie Chadwick, New Chapter Director, Jill Kippes, New Chapter Rush Consultant, Amy Peterson, Province Financial Director the Extension team and the collegiate chapters of provinces IVa and b and Vb.

Zeta Iota is one of eight sororities at Valparaiso, a university where the Greek community comprises approximately half of the campus population. The women of Zeta Iota kicked off their colonization with a Mardi Gras philanthropy party with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon. March was a busy month for all with



Valparaiso's Basketball team in the Sweet-16 playoff's, officer elections and international officer visits. In the beginning of April the women attended their first Gamma Phi Beta formal at Culver Cove Resort. Shortly after installation the women celebrated Valparaiso's traditional Spring Weekend and participated in the 59th annual campus songfest where they took first place in the women's division and best musical composition with their theme "Gambling with Gamma Phi." The women are known for holding the highest GPA and as a chapter of leaders. We welcome them to our strong sisterhood. ●

Celebrate!

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Kris Brandt Riske for being elected Vice President of the National Interfraternity Foundation Board from Stephanie Hearn.

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Sheila Boyce King's new job as a Compensation, Benefits and HRIS Specialist at Avery Dennison.

The marriage of Lou Ann Koval to John E. Wanner from Sandra Rettke Nauman.

Mary Helen Tinnerman's graduation from her parents, William and Linda Tinnerman.

Katie Stiver's initiation into Epsilon Chapter on 3/1/98 from Sally Erikson Lewis.

Bob and Georgiana Post McClenaghan on their 50th wedding anniversary from Marjory A. Letner Jones.

Melissa Hess on her May graduation from Wittenberg University and her 22nd birthday on May 10 from Sid and Grayce Hess.

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The birth of Trent William Samaras to Tom and Debby Maxey Samaras from Nancy Chuoke Enright.

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The birth of Alexis Tryntje Nauman to David and Louise de Waart Nauman from Sandra Rettke Nauman.

The birth of Emily Lynn Hamble on March 17, 1998, to Greg and Lori Donnell Hamble from Tampa Bay Area Alumnae Chapter.

SISTERHOOD

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Life and life-time friends from M. Jean Nelson Hopkins.

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Love and thanks to Julia Terry Templeton for making our visit to Charleston, South Carolina, even more special from Gloria Nelson and Audrey Weldon Shafer.

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Spirit of the West

A longtime Fort Collins, CO couple—she an educator and he a former gridiron star and athletic director at Colorado State University—received the Citizens of the West Award. In January of 1997, Thurman “Fum” and Beryl “Brownie” Byrom McGraw (Colorado State) received the traditional branding iron award at a gala benefit dinner for the National Western Scholarship Fund during the opening of the National Western Stock Show. First given in 1978, Fum and Brownie are only the second couple to receive the award which honors “community leaders who exemplify the spirit and determination of the Western pioneer.”

“Fum and Brownie McGraw represent the spirit of the modern West—and of Fort Collins and Colorado State University in particular,” said Albert C. Yates, CSU President. “It would be difficult to find a couple more loved and respected in our community.” A solid work ethic and strong family values leavened with a hearty helping of laughter characterize the couple.

At 6’5”, Fum was a natural athlete who played football (both offense and defense) and basketball, and wrestled while at Colorado State where he met Brownie. After college he played pro ball for the Detroit Lions until a knee injury permanently sidelined him. Eventually he and Brownie and their three children returned to Fort Collins where he was director of conference services at CSU. He also coached track, wrestling and football, and was later named assistant athletic director. He was athletic director from 1976-87.

While Fum was involved in athletics, the couple ranched. During the summers they took tourists on three week pack trips into the wilderness. Brownie was the cook and the children handled the livestock.

Their children learned the value of hard work. “I know it sounds trite, but they were perfect parents,” said daughter Debra Hansen. “We had a lot of work, but we were given so much in return.” Son Mike added, “My parents taught us honesty, integrity, [and to] take punishment if you do something wrong. They’re among the few people I know who believe and live as Christians.”

As if parenting and helping run a ranch didn’t keep Brownie busy enough, once the children were in school she finished the college degree she put on the back

burner when she married Fum. During her 31-year career, she has become a highly regarded educator, first as a junior high teacher and later as dean of girls at a high school.

She eventually became the principal of a junior and a senior high school where she pioneered a hands-on style of management that has helped change the educational philosophy of the school district. Instead of working alone in her office, Brownie was in the classrooms and on campus talking with and counseling students about both personal and academic problems. “I had a kill-them-with-kindness approach that seemed to work,” she said. Daughter Debra said, “Mom was particularly in tune with junior high-age kids—even the ones you might call ‘hoods.’” So respected is Brownie that six years ago the school district named an elementary school in her honor.

Since 1991 Brownie has been evaluating and counseling first-time juvenile offenders ages 10 to 17 in the local district attorney’s office. By knowing when to be serious or humorous, Brownie tries to get the young offenders back on track. “Ninety-five percent of the kids I see are good kids who’ve made dumb choices. I don’t know if I make a difference, but I provide an opportunity for a kid to be heard,” she said.

Brownie may not be sure, but all of Fort Collins knows that she and Fum have made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of young people, including their own children. And if theirs is the “spirit of the West,” may that same spirit be the beacon of North, East and South!



HONORED AND PROMOTED

Jean Ann Giffin Glass (Nevada-Reno) has been included in the 1997-98 edition of “Who’s Who of American Women.” A special education services professional in El Monte, California, she holds Masters degrees in special education, developmental disabilities programming and psychology. She also participated in a Doctoral program and received an Education Administrative Credential. She is a researcher of behavioral science, physiological psychology, cultural anthropology, archaeology, conservation and history. She has held leadership positions in the Pomona Valley Alumnae Chapter, Alumnae Panhellenic, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the California Association of Neurologically Handicapped Children.

The traveling that **JoAnn York** (San Jose State) did as a Gamma Phi Beta “field secretary” (now collegiate leadership consultant) in the early 1970s was just the beginning of a career marked by travel and living far from home.

The 1975 Creighton University Law School graduate stayed in Omaha until 1983. She worked first in private practice and later as an assistant district attorney and attorney for the city’s Department of Human Relations.

After joining the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer in 1983, her career took her abroad. Her first assignment after training and language school was to the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary from 1985-87 where she served as an administrative officer. Then it was

back to the U.S. where she worked for the Department of Commerce from 1987-89 doing trade negotiations at the United Nations. After additional language training, she was assigned to Lisbon, Portugal as a political officer from 1990-92. She then returned to Washington, D.C. for additional language training, after which she was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia for two years beginning September 1995. She is now preparing for her next assignment to the U.S. Embassy in Prague, Czech Republic that will begin this summer.

RIISING POLITICAL STARS

Betsey Bayless (Arizona) is Arizona's Secretary of State. The investment banker and 17-year veteran of state government was appointed by Governor Jane Hull to fill her unexpired term in that position. Governor Hull became Governor when former Governor Fife Symington resigned.

Governor Hull described Betsey as "a woman of great integrity" with an impressive record of public service on several levels. Betsey, a Republican, has served under five governors, most recently as a Maricopa County supervisor. She has also served as director of the Department of Administration, acting director of the Department of Revenue and assistant director of the Arizona Board of Regents. She plans to continue working on the initiatives begun by her predecessor, including sending a package of campaign and election reforms back to the legislature. Her term expires in 1999.

A third generation Arizona native, Betsey was born in Phoenix and today sits on numerous civic and educational

boards, including the national board of advisors for the University of Arizona's College of and Public Administration.

Last July, U.S. Representative **Jennifer Blackburn Dunn** (Washington) received an overwhelming vote of support from her colleagues to become the vice chairwoman of the House Republican Conference. By a 129-85 vote she replaced retiring Representative Susan Molinari (R-NY).

The third term Congresswoman from Bellevue, Washington is highly regarded by her Republican peers. Jennifer combines personal polish and political savvy, and is considered a powerful player with unlimited potential. In her first term of office, she was the only freshman selected by then-minority leader Bob Michel to serve on the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress. In 1995 she was appointed to the influential Ways and Means Committee. Most recently she has served as secretary of the House Republican Conference.

SISTERS WHO WIN

Synchronized swimmer **Kelli Bonzoumet** (UC-Riverside) won the Gold Medal in the figure event at the U.S. Open Synchronized Swimming Championships in August. Her win not only moved her from third to first place in the national figure rankings, but also gave her team, the Riverside Aquettes, its first national title in that event. Later in the competition, she won a Silver Medal in the senior solo competition, missing the gold by less than two-tenths of a point.

Runner **Elizabeth J. Buerckholtz** (Illinois) is a member of the PowerBar Team Elite, a team

of athletes from the U.S. and Canada who compete in different sports. She has competed in France's Marathon du Chateau de Medoc and placed 46th in her division in the Chicago Marathon, placing her in the top 15% of finishers. When not running or golfing, she is vice president of The Northern Trust Company in Chicago. She also serves on the Boards of the Menominee Club for Boys and Girls and The Fairway Network, a professional businesswomen's golf association.

When **Kimberly Herinckx** (Oregon State), Oregon's 1997 Polled Hereford Queen, completed her reign, she said that the thing she liked best was "giving back to an organization that sponsors so much for younger members." As queen of the 170-member group, her duties included attending meetings and club functions, representing the beef industry, giving presentations to cattle producers and handing out ribbons at shows. She was voted Miss Congeniality when she competed for the title of national queen at the National Polled Hereford Show in Fort Worth.

Kimberly has been handling cattle most of her life. When she was three years old, she started showing cattle by leading a calf into the arena behind its mother. Working her way through the 4-H, Future Farmers of America and Oregon Junior Polled Hereford Associations ranks, she grew up taking cattle to county, state, regional and national competitions.

The Oregon State junior is pursuing a joint major in animal science and agriculture law. She says her interest in law has been spurred by discovering how hard it is for farmers and ranchers to get representation in certain cases.



Kimberly Herinckx

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL

"Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage." —President Bill Clinton

Whether raising money for chapter, campus and community philanthropies or sharing time and talents with those in need, the spirit of volunteerism runs deep in our Gamma Phi Beta experience. Once out of college, that same spirit motivates our alumnae to volunteer their time, efforts and resources to tackle problems and improve the quality of life in their communities. Here are profiles of just a few sisters who are touching their communities and the lives of others.

The United Way of Orange County honored **Cindy Carlile Cattern** (Cal St.-Fullerton), vice president of Merit Property Management, with its Shining Star Award in recognition of her volunteer activities and contributions to its South Region Council. The Mission Viejo resident initiated Merit's first United Way fundraising campaign eight years ago and

has chaired each one since. Using creative themes and events to motivate her co-workers to open their wallets, Cindy has led Merit to be a model campaign for United Way. Current fundraising efforts, including a Mardi Gras-themed kick-off luncheon and an Executive Chair Race finale, raised almost \$31,000.

Cindy serves on the Executive Committee of the South Region Council for United Way and also volunteers at schools, church and Girl Scouts. In 1995 she was United Way's Outstanding Coordinator and she received the Community Achievement Award from the California Association of Community Managers, a statewide trade association.



Joan Foster Nugent was recently honored for her outstanding volunteer contribution in Leisure World, California.

Tales of pregnant girls who were disowned by their parents tugged at **JoAnne Majek Olson's** (Oregon State) heart. So she volunteered at Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, a place where pregnant girls, as well as young mothers and their infants, went for care and support. That was 20 years ago.

Today the Fullerton, California resident is still volunteering. As she completed her term as president of the agency's Felicia Auxiliary last year, Crittenton named her Volunteer of the Year and recognized her for her years of devoted service.

Through the years JoAnne has helped Crittenton redefine its mission and goals time and time again as the agency responded to the changing needs of the children it serves. JoAnne recalls that 20 years ago social disgrace was about the worst thing a pregnant girl could face. "Today is such a different story. Drug problems, abuse, neglect. There are children who can't go home, ever. It's just not safe."

The agency cares for more than 400 of the county's most troubled children, foster children removed from their own families as a result of maltreatment. They range in age from infants to 19 years of age.

The girls in crisis still tug at JoAnne's heart. "We try to give them a lot of love and support, make them see a future, show that someone cares."

Joan Foster Nugent (Berkeley) is the kind of volunteer organizations dream about—dedicated, available, knowledgeable and willing to tackle any task. Now living in Leisure World, California, the San Diego native is esteemed for her invaluable service to local arts organizations like the



JoAnne Majek Olson

Leisure World Philharmonic Committee and Opera 100. Her tenacity and tact, combined with her excellent public relations skills, her ability to build membership and her knowledge of music, make her everyone's favorite volunteer. According to Katherine De Courcy, president of the Philharmonic Committee, "Joan gives us important support in every way. She's a real dynamic person, one of my favorites." The Leisure World Historical Society recently named her Leisure World of the Month in recognition of her contributions.

Joan's volunteer service is just about as varied as the places she and her husband Burns, a television director, have lived. She has been a board member or officer of the Women's Committee of the Symphony Association of Cedar Rapids, Michigan, the Junior League and Community Concerts in various cities, the Duluth Mental Hygiene Clinic, the National Symphony Orchestra Women's Association in Washington, D.C., the Private Industry Council/Oregon Consortium and the Junior Art Gallery of Waterloo, Iowa. In

addition to her volunteering, arts organizations in Portland and Washington D.C. have also benefited from her abilities as a professional development officer.

Joan believes it is important to make a contribution to whatever community she lives in. Says Joan, "Thank heavens for volunteer work. Its kept me alive and given me a reason to get dressed and out of the house." On a more serious note she adds, "I have to say one of the benefits of doing volunteer work is meeting people. We've made so many good friends."

BOOKS

Betty Agnew Alburger (Penn State) wrote the narrative text of the 1997-98 edition of *Life in Delaware County*, a Delco County (PA) Chamber of Commerce publication. Published every two years for the last ten years, this year's colorful book focuses on the theme "Past, Present and Future." Betty explores the theme in comprehensive chapters on Arts and Entertainment, Health and Social Services, Education, Government, and Economic Development. It is a vital resource for business and industry, both new and long-established. It also provides new residents, as well as visitors, with a wealth of information, invaluable in getting to know all aspects of the county and the surrounding area. Betty lives in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania and is an active member of the Philadelphia West Suburban Alumnae Chapter.

CIVIC LEADER

Civic leader and community activist, **Vickie Bendinger King** (U. of Arizona) was one of nine outstanding Valley women recognized to receive



Producer Nancy Joslin (center) on the set of "Plan B" with cast and crew.

Silverscreen Sisters

Mother and daughter team, Nancy Joslin (U. of Michigan) and Elizabeth Browne Joslin (Wittenberg) have recently seen their first feature film, "Plan B", reach the silver screen. Nancy produced the film and shared story by credit with producer LuLu Baskins-Leva and writer-director Gary Leva and Elizabeth served as executive producer.



From left to right: Executive Producer Elizabeth Joslin, Executive Producer Burr Joslin, Producer Nancy Joslin, Actress Sara Mornell and Writer-Director Gary Leva at the world premiere of "Plan B" at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival

After a successful run on the film festival circuit, "Plan B" was released theatrically this past fall in Los Angeles, Detroit and Dallas. "Plan B" received favorable reviews during its theatrical release from film critics nationwide including the Los Angeles Times, ABC-TV and the Dallas Morning News.

"Plan B" was released nationally on home video this past March.



Special Friends

the 1998 YWCA Tribute to Women award from the YWCA of Maricopa County. The Tribute to Women honors outstanding women from the business and professional community who have worked toward the empowerment of women from all walks of life and the elimination of racism in Maricopa County. Vickie is president of Vicki King and Associates, a consulting firm she opened in 1987. Before starting her company she was a training professional for Marriott Corporation and Best Western International and corporate director of human resources for Greyhound Dial Corporation. Today, she is her own boss, traveling the country to promote team building and interpersonal skills among Fortune 500 companies. She also contributes her skills to an impressive number of civic groups in the Valley of the Sun.

For example, Vickie was named Volunteer of the Year for the Phoenix Urban League in 1989; a group dedicated to helping any and every disadvantaged minority. It offers job and computer training, teaches parenting skills, and works to build self-esteem in youth.

Gamma Phi Beta congratulates Vickie on this outstanding achievement.



Vicki King

Special friends—we all have them—someone who listens to us, has fun with us and sometimes even tells us when we're wrong; someone who knows everything about us and still likes us!

Three years ago, 10-year-old Ashley Obsitnik of Little Rock, Arkansas needed just such a friend. About the same time, Tracy Torcom Harlow (Oklahoma State) was looking for a worthwhile use of her extra time. Enter Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pulaski County, part of a national organization that provides positive youth development based on one-on-one relationships between adult mentors and children at risk. Tracy had been interested in being a Big Sister since she was an undergraduate and learned about the organization while working on a homecoming display with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity—BigBrothers/Big Sisters is the fraternity's national philanthropy.

After a thorough interview process, Tracy was accepted as a Big Sister and was matched with Ashley. Tracy says that the first six months she really had to work at making the match work. But soon the seeds of friendship blossomed into a relationship that has made a difference in their lives and in their community.

Besides having fun together—a trip to Six Flags Over Texas, “sleepovers” at Tracy’s and outings with Tracy and her husband Scott—Tracy has given Ashley guidance, inspiration and, when needed, a “friendly reprimand.” Tracy is quick to point out that her role has been that of a friend and mentor, not a mother. Ashley has a mother, grandmother and siblings who love her.

The “Big/Little” match also got involved in the community. Ashley joined Tracy in the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life,” a 24-hour walk-a-thon. In return for her help, Tracy helped Ashley sell candy bars—in the rain, no less—to help her qualify for a scholarship to Space Camp. Later they formed a team for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids’ Sake bowling tournament. Using her public relations skills, Tracy wrote a letter about the organization and her partnership with Ashley, and mailed it to everyone she could think of who might want to sponsor them in the tournament.

Because of their involvement in the community, as well as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Tracy and Ashley received the 1997 Arkansas Little Big Ears Partners in Caring Award. Last summer Tracy received the Big Sister of the Year Award from the local organization.

Since Tracy and her husband moved to Tulsa at the end of 1997, she and Ashley have had to sustain their relationship long distance. Ashley, who is now 13, plans to visit Tracy over spring break. Tracy also plans to get a new Little Sister, someone quite a bit younger than Ashley, so she can be involved as a “junior Big Sister.”

Tracy is the public relations coordinator for Williams Communications.

A photograph of three items of clothing laid out on a grey surface. There are two white short-sleeved t-shirts and a pair of purple shorts. The t-shirt on the left has a red collar and red trim on the sleeves. The t-shirt on the right has a purple collar and purple trim on the sleeves. Both t-shirts have an oval logo with the text "gamma phi beta" in the center. The purple shorts have an elastic waistband. On the lower right leg of the shorts, there is a logo that reads "GAMMA PHI BETA" in a stylized font, with "1990" in a small oval below it.

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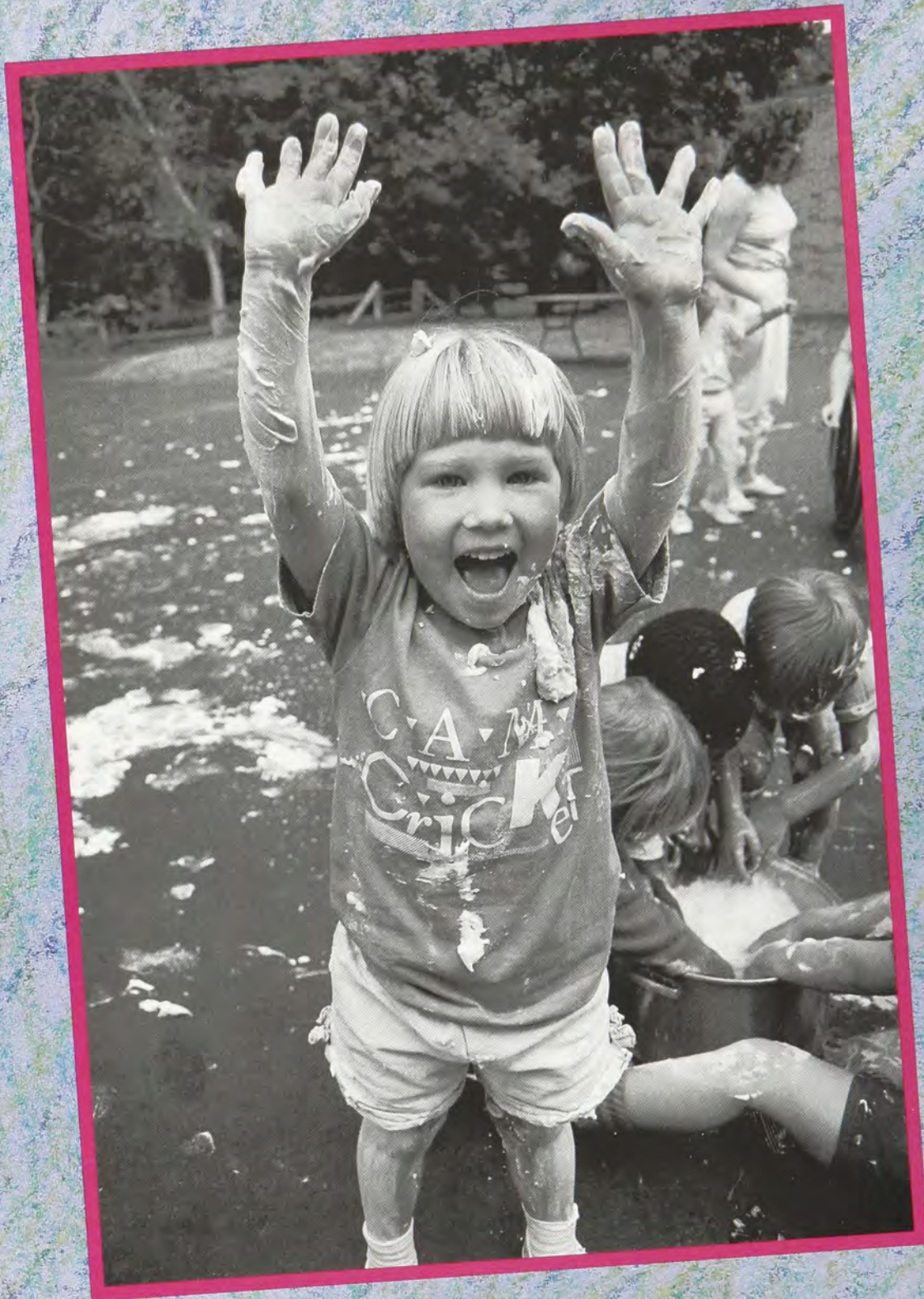
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