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Letter From The Editor

Not a day goes by where I don't learn something new—related to Gamma Phi Beta or otherwise. There are so many new and exciting things happening in the Greek world and at Gamma Phi Beta. I hope that after reading this issue on Learning that you will learn something new as well. And, just to make sure that I continue to learn something every day, please take a moment to respond to the Reader Survey on page 25 and mail or fax it to International Headquarters. Your feedback will help shape future issues of *The Crescent*.

—Deborah Borak, Editor

Bits & Pieces

Members only section

COMING SOON

on the

Gamma Phi Beta
website.

More details in the next
issue of *The Crescent*!

Alumnae Chapter Welcomes

The Sarasota/Manatee Alumnae chapter was reactivated on March 12, 1999. Notes of welcome may be sent to:

Meredith Retsinas, President
3451 Queens Apt 638
Sarasota, FL 34231

The Northeast Texas Alumnae chapter was installed on March 13, 1999. Notes of welcome may be sent to:

Kristi Williams, President
430 Buckingham Rd #2112
Richardson, TX 75081

Year 2000 Update

As we approach the new millennium Gamma Phi Beta has been preparing for Year 2000 in several ways. First, we have updated all of our servers—this is where all of our computer files are stored. Second, we have replaced all of our computers and software that are not Y2K compliant. And we contacted each of our vendors and had them submit their company's Y2K plan for our review to ensure that they will be compliant. While no one can say that all systems in the world will be fully compliant, Gamma Phi Beta International Headquarters is confident that we have taken the proper steps to ensure that our systems will be okay.

The Crescent Deadlines

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

Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative and Alcohol-Free Social Events Resolution:

What do they mean to us as Greeks and Gamma Phi Betas?

By: Terri Kennedy Briggs, Collegiate Vice President



Terri Kennedy Briggs

Chances are if you have any contact with college campuses you have heard about the Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative and/or the Alcohol-Free Social Events Resolution. Those of us who work with collegians on a regular basis are very familiar with these issues and the effects they are having on campuses nationwide. As members of Gamma Phi Beta and the Greek community, it is necessary for all collegians and alumnae to have a clear understanding of the importance of these movements and our need to support

them. I had the opportunity via email to communicate with some "experts" on these two very important issues and would like to take this opportunity to share their thoughts with you.

Why the need for alcohol-free housing?

This is what **Betty Quick**, our **National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Delegate and NPC's Chairman of the College Panhellenics** had to say about this issue.

"Those working with college students and on university campuses could see the less than favorable conditions of the men's housing. Neighbors have complained for years about the parties, noise and behavior of the men when they were drinking. Insurance rates for fraternities were very expensive or nonexistent. Alumni did not want to work with the collegiate chapters. Men's recruitment numbers were dropping. National fraternity leaders started thinking about these issues. They could see that sororities did not have some of these challenges and women's recruitment numbers continued to increase. They knew that the women's housing was alcohol free and had been for years. The National Panhellenic Conference and the National Interfraternity Conference began working together and developed the Alcohol Free Task Force. When all the studies were released showing the effect that fraternity life had on the use and abuse of alcohol, it was apparent that these Greek leaders were aware of what was happening and were working to find a way to make change in the fraternity culture." As a result of the findings of the task force, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternities announced their chapters would be alcohol free beginning fall term 2000. Since then, six other fraternities have adopted resolutions that pledge alcohol-free



housing by the year 2000 as well. Farm-House, another NIC fraternity has been alcohol-free since its founding. Many leaders in the Greek world agree that alcohol-free housing is an important step in helping groups put their focus back on their founding principles and away from the social aspect. It is with the health and safety of Greek organization members in mind that this initiative was developed.

Why the alcohol-free events resolution?

According to Betty "It was a natural progression from the alcohol-free housing initiative. Ten fraternities had pledged to have alcohol-free housing by fall term 2000. The 26 NPC groups had supported the idea of Alcohol Free Housing by adopting a resolution at the 1998 NPC meeting. However, the college men said that the women would not come to their parties if there were no alcohol. Once again the 26 NPC groups felt they needed to support the men in their efforts. At the 1999 NPC meeting a resolution was adopted that encouraged NPC groups to work toward their collegiate chapters co-sponsoring only alcohol free social events at fraternity facilities." Gamma Phi Beta's International Council adopted a resolution at their March 1999 meeting stating that our chapters will only co-sponsor alcohol free social events at fraternity facilities beginning fall term 2000. A copy of that resolution was sent to all international officers, collegiate and alumnae chapters in April and is available to review in the NPC Update (see page 10). In passing this resolution, Gamma Phi Beta joins Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta in supporting the NPC alcohol free social events resolution.

Why are these issues important for the survival of the Greek community?

Betty: There are many facets to keeping the Greek community alive and healthy on a campus. The research that is getting wide publicity is painting a very negative picture of the use and abuse of alcohol within the collegiate Greek community. Research is also showing that an increas-

ing number of incoming students do not want to be involved in that type of activity. Incoming students are interested in making good grades, finding friends and getting a good job when they graduate. Sororities and fraternities were founded on the basis of academic achievement and friendship. We have much to offer and need to get rid of the image that the use of alcohol is an integral part of fraternity life.

What effect will the alcohol-free housing initiative and the alcohol-free socials resolution have on Gamma Phi Beta as a whole?

L/Cena Rice, International President shares the following: "Research shows that alcohol is at the root of most of the harmful incidents which face college women today. The support of alcohol-free housing and events sends a clear message that Gamma Phi Beta truly cares about the safety, health and welfare of its members. Because alcohol is the most widespread challenge on college campuses today, it is important that university administrators, community officials, parents, health professionals and most of all the students, hear this message. Gamma Phi Beta is either going to be part of the solution or continue to be part of the problem. Our Sorority is not going to be successful in making change without the assistance of other Greeks. The resolutions will provide an opportunity for Gamma Phi Betas to continue to be leaders in the Greek world and to team

with those groups who are trying diligently to make a positive change in what is happening on their campuses."

So what does this all mean for our collegiate chapters. To get some feedback on this I enlisted the help of the presidents from three Greek-letter chapters. These women represent different geographic locations, campus sizes and settings, both private and state. One thing they have in common is the fact that they are helping their chapters deal with these issues and the changes that are occurring in a positive, productive manner. **Leigh Anne Bennett, Delta Tau Chapter, Colgate University, Kristy Skiba, Beta Delta Chapter, Michigan State University and Liz Raffaell, Nu Chapter, University of Oregon** shared the following thoughts with me:

What are some of the concerns your chapter has expressed about the alcohol-free housing initiative and the alcohol-free social events resolution?

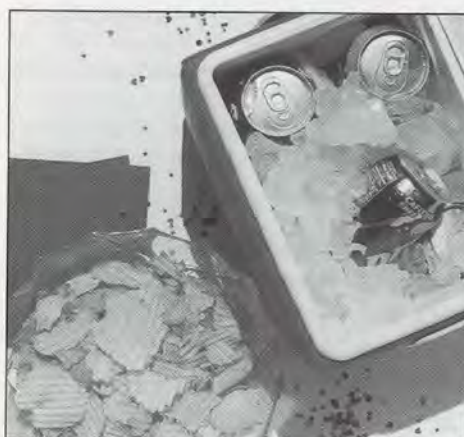
Leigh Anne: Concerns that have come up in exec mostly involve worries that we would no longer attract many new members. At Colgate, sorority life is primarily attractive because of its social benefits. After joining, many girls find that it is a much larger organization and move past this, but the original attraction to sophomores during membership recruitment is that we offer social opportunities that cannot be found elsewhere.

Kristy: They are concerned about where social functions are going to occur, the costs for them and they are concerned that membership in the Greek system may decrease.

Liz: Some of the concerns about the issues revolve around pushing drinking off campus where the students would drive after using alcohol. Students might be more apt to drink to get drunk and binge drink instead of in a social setting.

Do you see these two issues as a positive step for your chapter/campus?

Leigh Anne: I see these as very positive steps for our chapter, although I feel that we would need the entire support of our campus and Greek system to make it truly beneficial.



In passing the alcohol-free social events resolution, Gamma Phi Beta joins twelve other women's groups in supporting the NPC resolution. A copy of the Gamma Phi Beta resolution can be found on page 11.

Kristy: I feel these steps are very positive. They will help to attract better quality members to our chapters and bring us back to our founding values. They will help to get more members who want to make positive contributions. This movement is occurring all over the country and it is something we must follow to be on top in the future. This is safer for our members and takes liability off the chapters for accidents. Hopefully these proposals will make our chapters stronger, more united and safer.

Liz: I think that becoming alcohol free is a very positive thing and is viewed so, however, I also think the first step isn't necessarily the Greek systems. It is thought that an alcohol-free Greek system will help the university. People need to realize that the average student wants to be social and they think that this is done by going to parties and drinking.

Do you have fraternities on your campus that are currently alcohol free? If so, are they viewed positively by other Greeks? Are they positive contributors to the Greek community?

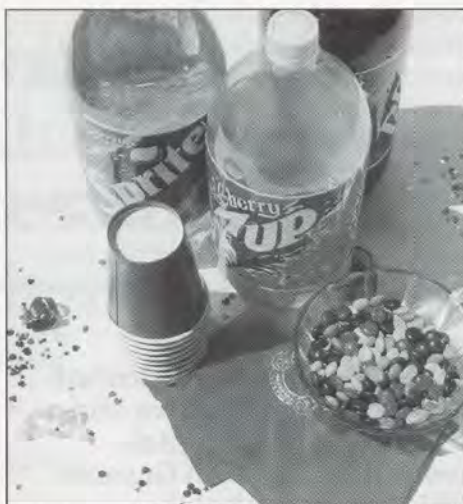
Leigh Anne: We have no fraternities on our campus that are currently alcohol free, but Phi Delta Theta will soon be.

Kristy: We do have fraternities that are alcohol free. For some fraternities, membership has increased and for others membership has decreased. Most of the chapters are seen positively on campus and they make contributions to the campus and the community.

Liz: We have one fraternity on campus that is alcohol free. This fraternity is seen very positively by our girls and they are the most involved on campus. They held the most successful philanthropy this year and they are extremely proactive.

Has your chapter tried an alcohol-free social event with a fraternity? If so, was it viewed positively by those who participated?

Leigh Anne: We did have an alcohol-free social event several weeks ago with a fraternity and it was not exactly some-



thing the sisterhood was excited about. We tried to make it a fun night by incorporating some type of theme, but the guys just wouldn't cooperate. Most of the guys just sat around during the event while the girls tried to socialize and talk to those people they already knew. It was not very well planned, partially due to lack of cooperation by the gentlemen. For these events to succeed in the future, I feel that we will need to work on finding different themes and ideas for the events that encourage sobriety.

Kristy: Yes, we have gone skating, bowling, and are having a social/BBQ with an alcohol-free fraternity. At first these events were not viewed positively, but views and attitudes are changing among members of the Greek system and these events are starting to occur a little more often than in years past.

Liz: Fall term we had a function with the alcohol-free fraternity on campus. We pitched in to hire a swing dance instructor for a few hours. I was told by many of the girls that this was the best party we have had. Everyone stayed the entire evening and the girls loved it.

Do you as a leader, see any benefits to participating in alcohol-free social events instead of events with alcohol?

Leigh Anne: I believe that alcohol-free social events when done right, and involving a fraternity who is willing to have fun without alcohol, can definitely be a great time for everyone involved. It may be a

different type of function than one with alcohol, but could be just as fun.

Kristy: Yes! Members are much safer. You do not have to worry about binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, ROOFIES (date rape drug), rape, accidental falls or underage drinking and there is much less liability on the chapter and myself. Members can remember what they did the night before and these events also allow members to get to know each other better and meet people in a much different atmosphere for a change. For men's chapters, insurance costs will greatly decrease and they will be able to fix up their houses. This also builds a better image of the Greek system in the country and stops all of the bad press and deaths that have been occurring.

Are other groups on your campus supportive of alcohol-free social events?

Leigh Anne: Most alcohol-free social events on Colgate's campus are sponsored by the University, the Office of Residential Life and the alcohol awareness group on campus. The Greek system here has not yet openly supported alcohol-free social events, however Delta Tau Chapter has initiated conversations on risk management and the dangers of alcohol use and abuse during Panhellenic meetings. We have tried to bring these important issues to the members of all the chapters on campus. The Greek houses here support alcohol-free events by their strong participation in intramural events and also the large number of philanthropy events held every year.

Kristy: Yes. All of the fraternity and sorority presidents on campus have been meeting to solve problems with alcohol and the image that goes along with it in. We as leaders know changes must be made, but we have to help our chapters understand the reasons why. The leaders on campus are trying to make these changes and work together.

What ways can International Gamma Phi Beta help your chapter implement the alcohol-free social events resolution?

Leigh Anne: I see the importance of moving all the NPC sororities to the adoption of



this resolution as a key step in helping Gamma Phi Beta chapters implement the Alcohol-Free Social Events Resolution. I feel this is something International Gamma Phi Beta has more power to do than the individual chapters. International Gamma Phi Beta can play a key role in helping chapters move towards alcohol-free social events, yet it is also the responsibility of each chapter to realize its importance. Through cooperation between local chapters and our International, and even our regional areas, things can change.

Kristy: These are issues that can only be helped within the chapters by trying to change members attitudes and opinions about alcohol and social functions. This is not an easy process, but safety is the key reason for alcohol-free social events and just support and suggestions are needed from IΦB on how to get members to listen and understand. We want our members safe, and to graduate from college a better person from their experiences in the Greek system and Gamma Phi Beta. The image of the Greek system is going to be a difficult task to change, but small steps at a time will make it easier for the members to understand the reasons and will make members safer.

What role do alumnae play in understanding these issues?

Linda Pelegrino, Alumnae Vice President: It will be important for the alumnae to understand the reasons for the alcohol-free social events resolution and alcohol-free housing initiative. Our alumnae members sometimes feel that drinking is part of college and fraternity life and that we are over reacting. The articles we have been reading in the paper about alcohol abuse on college campuses have helped make us aware of the seriousness of this issue. Either the University administrators are going to put a stop to this by eliminating all Greeks or an incident will happen that puts us at risk of a harmful lawsuit. Neither situation is one we want so it is imperative that we come up with our own solution to these problems.

In closing, it is important for all of us to realize that the social aspect of college life is changing. The Alcohol-Free Housing Initiative and the Alcohol-Free Social Events Resolution are both important

College Alcohol Facts

Robert B. Deloian, Past President of the General Council Phi Delta Theta—Speaker at LDI

- \$5.5 billion was spent last year on alcohol by college students. That is more than they spent on books, food and all other beverages.
- 24% of all ICU admissions are for alcohol poisoning.
- Over 100,000 people die each year from alcohol poisoning and 2/3 are under 21 years of age.
- There are 12 million college students that drink 6 million gallons of beer each week.
- 5 million of them are binge drinkers (that is 42%).
- 85% of fraternity men and 80% of sorority women fall into that category.
- In 1993, 39% of college students admitted to drinking to get drunk, by 1997 that number was 52%.
- Alcohol arrests on campus were up 10% last year.
- Over 85% of all legal claims in the Greek world are alcohol related.
- 95% of campus crime is alcohol related.
- 90% of campus rape and assaults are alcohol related.
- 50% of all sexually transmitted disease are alcohol related.
- 2/3 of unintended pregnancies are alcohol related.
- 90% of hazing is alcohol related.
- 40% of poor grades in Greek students is alcohol related.
- A Harvard study showed that the higher number of drinks per week, the lower the GPA.
- Undergraduate men average 4 1/2 drinks per week. Undergraduate fraternity men average 12 drinks per week.
- Since 1985 there have been over 2000 alcohol related lawsuits in the Greek world, only 2 have been with of age drinkers.
- In 1981, 21% of incoming students wanted substance free housing.
- In 1994, 47% of incoming students wanted substance free housing.
- In 1997, 52% of incoming students wanted substance free housing.
- Every 31 minutes someone dies in an alcohol related car crash.
- Alcohol related car crashes are the leading cause of death between 15 and 24 years of age.
- Alcohol kills more than 5 times the number of people killed by cocaine, heroin, and all other illegal drugs combined.
- There are 14 million alcoholics, 3 million are under 21 years of age.

components in the change. As L'Cena said, "Gamma Phi Beta is either going to be part of the solution or continue to be part of the problem." The changes will not be easy to make and we cannot do it alone. It will be important for Gamma Phi

Beta to be a leader among our NPC sisters to make sure that the Greek community continues to thrive. Thanks to all who are a part of making these positive changes occur. ●

Member News

COLLEGIATE

Alpha chapter - Syracuse University

These sisters welcomed 27 new women following spring recruitment.

The chapter took part in an Easter party for underprivileged children and raised money for Camp Sechelt by hosting camp games. Up and coming is Father/Daughter Weekend.

Beta chapter - University of Michigan

Sisters at the University of Michigan had a great time during Greek Week. The sisters, along with two fraternities, comprised Team Nine. Competition, spirit, and fun made this team virtually unstoppable. The entire Greek Week raised over \$100,000 for Camp Heartland, a summer camp for children living with HIV or AIDS. Community spirit didn't stop there... the sisters also took part in a Kids' Fair which was held for elementary school children. The sisters' Goldfish-Pong was definitely the most popular booth and plans are already in the works for next year's fair.

Eta chapter - University of California-Berkeley

The UC-Berkeley women took part in a campus-wide open house with an alumnae and parent bar-b-que. The sisters acted as house tour guides for much of the day to all the alumnae and parents touring the chapter house.

Pi chapter - University of Nebraska - Lincoln

University of Nebraska, Lincoln sisters had many ups and downs this semester. They took part in 72 hours of see-sawing to raise money for a scholarship fund where \$15,000 was raised. The sisters welcomed 33 new members with a wonderful Initiation Banquet.

Rho chapter - University of Iowa

Sixty sisters from the University of Iowa took part in a breast cancer walk to raise money to fight cancer. December brought family, friends and professors to the chapter house for a traditional holiday Fireside Cozy. The girls then grabbed their dancing shoes and did just that for 30 hours as part of a dance marathon that raised



Florida State sisters (Beta Mu Chapter) enjoy their formal aboard a cruise ship.

\$35,000 for a children's hospital! Informal recruitment, Parents' Weekend and Greek Week made the spring semester an exciting one.

Sigma chapter - University of Kansas

These sisters were quite "recognizable" at Greek Recognition night. They were presented with the following awards: 2nd Place Intramurals, Spring and Fall Blood Drive Award Winners, Scholarship Programming, Financial Management and Operations, Greek Relations and Programming, and Alumnae Relations and Programming. Congratulations to Meghan Flannigan, Jennifer Swenson, Betty Crooker and Kristen Merchant on their individual awards.

Tau chapter - Colorado State University

The sisters hosted a speaker to raise awareness on drinking and driving. This was an all-Greek event. Several sisters attended the RLC in Los Angeles and returned with many ideas and suggestions for the chapter. A focus on community service will keep the sisters busy in the upcoming semester.

Xi chapter - University of Idaho

The chapter hosted a Valentine's date dinner in February which was a huge success. Congratulations to all the sisters on holding the highest GPA of all other sororities on campus.

Alpha Beta chapter - University of North Dakota

Sisters at the University of North Dakota have had quite a busy semester. After finishing the house basement, the sisters took part in eight Greek philanthropies and one campus-wide philanthropy to raise money for a local food cupboard. A Parents' Formal was held in March and was a great time for the sisters and their families. Greek Week, Senior Week and gearing up for fall recruitment are just a few of the most current agenda items for the sisters.

Alpha Chi chapter - College of William and Mary

This chapter kicked off the fall with a very successful recruitment. Twenty-three new members were welcomed to the chapter in grand style at a formal held at a hunt club in Richmond, VA. An Ultimate Frisbee Tournament raised \$1,000. The proceeds were divided between Camp Sechelt, other camps and a local women's shelter.

Alpha Delta chapter - University of Missouri, Columbia

Sisters from this chapter kicked-off their semester with a St. Louis Blues hockey game. An all-house retreat followed and included



University of Kansas sisters display their awards from Greek recognition night.

Member News



Indiana University-Beta Phi Chapter 1998 new member class.



Getting to know one another at Southern Methodist.

Learning About Each Other



Sisters from the University of California, Irvine enjoy some "powder" at Big Bear.



Arizona State University at an all-house retreat.



Gamma Omega Chapter's post all-sorority recruitment activities.

A group of Nebraska girls came down to Kansas State to watch the KSU/U of N football game.



Over 40 Gamma Phi Betas at the Mid-American Greek Council Association meeting in Chicago, IL

GAMMA PHI BETA COLLEGE PANHELLENIC AWARD

Gamma Phi Beta International feels it is important to recognize the Panhellenics who plan and implement a program that enhances the Greek image as seen by the faculty, administration, non-Greek students, parents, and the local community our publics. The award is presented at the four regional Greek conferences—North East Panhellenic Conference, Mid-American Greek Council Association, South East Panhellenic Conference and Western Regional Greek Conference. The winners receive a plaque and a check for \$250.

This year's winners were:

NEPC - Pennsylvania State University

The Panhellenic and IFC worked together to coordinate "Greek Sweep-Stand Together." The purpose was to bring together the Greek community to help clean up the surrounding borough. The project was a success in many ways—many members of the Greek community worked to clean the borough and the Greek community received positive publicity for their commitment to the local community.

MGCA - Eastern Illinois University

The Panhellenic and IFC included the campus community in the project "Clothesline Across Campus." The campus community collected four tons of clothing to be distributed to those in need within the local community. The visibility of this project demonstrated the interest and concern the campus community has for the local community.

SEPC - University of Miami

The members of Panhellenic honored the faculty and staff for their commitment

to help the students achieve academically by sponsoring an "Apple Polishing" day.

WRGC - California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo and University of California - Berkeley

It is unusual to give two awards in a region. This year two universities had programs that exemplified aspects of Greek life that need to be emphasized.

The Panhellenic and IFC at California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo coordinated the effort to raise funds for a student to have a kidney transplant. The name of the program was "Artie" and the funding goal was exceeded.

At the University of California - Berkeley, the Panhellenic and IFC worked with university departments to create the B.E.A.R.S Program. This program is designed to educate college students regarding the effects of alcohol.

INTERFRATERNAL LEADERS

Gamma Phi Beta is pleased to recognize those alumnae members who serve as leaders in interfraternal organizations. We are very proud of our sisters for sharing their time and talent to strengthen the Greek community.

National Interfraternity Foundation

Kris Riske is serving as the President of the National Interfraternity Foundation. The NIF awards the Balfour Fellowships to full-time students enrolled in accredited graduate or professional schools. The fellowships are available to initiated members of men's and women's fraternities. NIF recognizes outstanding interfraternal articles and publishes the *INTERFRATERNAL BULLETIN*. They have sponsored two Future's Forums, giving interfraternal leaders the opportunity to explore ways to strengthen the Greek community.

Alumnae Panhellenic Presidents

Jeanne Abbott, Greater Des Moines, IA
Jerry Baird, Pasadena Area, CA
Kathy Beltz, Northwest Harris County
Joyce Cookman, Bloomington, IN
Zelda Dunn, Canyon Lake, CA
Nancy Enright, Mid-Cities, TX
Janice Graves, Fresno, CA
Erin McClure, Sacramento, CA
Dawn McKnight, Indianapolis, IN
Melinda Nutter, Dayton, OH



Delta Tau members, their chapter advisor and PCD who took part in National Panhellenic Something of Value program held last fall at Colgate University.

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY

Resolution in Support of Alcohol-Free Social Events

WHEREAS: Our mission is to foster a nurturing environment that provides women the opportunity to achieve their potential through life-long commitment to intellectual growth, individual worth and service to humanity.

WHEREAS: Gamma Phi Beta Sorority chapter houses are alcohol-free, providing a cleaner, safer environment which is conducive to student learning and where behavior consistent with sorority values can flourish; and

WHEREAS: The misuse of alcohol by college and university students detracts from the mission of higher education as well as the mission of our sorority and endangers student health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS: The negative publicity which results from an alcohol incident involving sorority and fraternity members greatly affects the reputation of all Greek men and women; and

WHEREAS: Several National Interfraternity Conference fraternities have voted to have alcohol-free housing by the year 2000 and others are considering a similar decision;

WHEREAS: Gamma Phi Beta Sorority wishes to support alcohol-free housing among fraternities; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That beginning with the fall term of the year 2000, Gamma Phi Beta collegiate chapters will co-sponsor functions at fraternity facilities only if those functions are alcohol-free.

RESOLVED: That Gamma Phi Beta collegiate chapters will work with other sororities and fraternities that are committed to sponsoring alcohol-free social events in fraternity facilities to encourage Panhellenic and IFC to support these activities.

HOT TOPICS

Alcohol-Free Social Events In Fraternity Facilities

Gamma Phi Beta is a values based organization and our Mission Statement demonstrates a concern for the health, safety and welfare of women. We have had alcohol-free housing for many years.

Nine National Interfraternity Conference member groups have adopted resolutions that pledge alcohol-free housing by the fall term 2000. Those groups are: Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Sigma Pi, Theta Chi, Alpha Kappa Lambda and Theta Xi. Farmhouse, another NIC member group, has had alcohol-free housing for years.

Several universities have alcohol-free fraternity facilities. At least three Panhellenics, University of Florida, East Carolina University and University of Georgia, have adopted resolutions in support of alcohol-free social events in fraternity facilities.

After much thought and discussion Gamma Phi Beta's International Council adopted a resolution that says Gamma Phi Beta chapters **will co-sponsor only alcohol-free events in fraternity facilities by the fall term 2000.** Twelve other NPC groups, including Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta, have adopted similar resolutions.

It is important that alumnae and collegiate members support the fraternity chapters, universities and Panhellenics that are working to make a change in the Greek community. ●

COLLEGIATE

(continued)

yoga, etiquette lessons and enriched sisterhood. A spring formal and a Mom's Weekend were enjoyed by all and the chapter is currently planning their sand volleyball tournament to raise money for a local camp.

Alpha Lambda chapter - University of British Columbia

Sisters from University of British Columbia along with the Vancouver Camp board hosted their annual Valentine's party for the girls who attended Camp Sechelt last summer. There were games, laughs, goodies, face painting and renewing of friendships from months past. The campers were thrilled to watch the videos taken of their many feats at camp.

Alpha Xi chapter - Southern Methodist University

Sisters from Southern Methodist University celebrated the initiation of their newest members together this fall. The chapter reports that their annual celebration of lights during the holidays was again a success.

Beta Beta chapter - University of Maryland

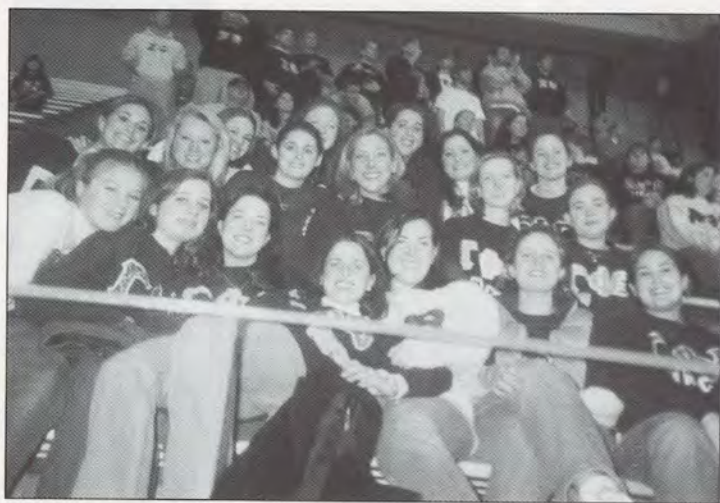
This chapter returned a week before school began for their Spirit Week this spring. The chapter is pleased to have added five new members following recruitment. Ice skating, volunteering at a local children's organization and hosting an all-house retreat in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia this year were just a few of the activities that the sisters took part in. The chapter has set a goal to improve their house GPA—not that they have a great deal of room to improve as they are already 4th out of 15th on campus.

Beta Gamma chapter - Bowling Green State University

Formal recruitment was the first order of business at Bowling Green State this January. Eight new members were welcomed to the chapter. Community service has been a focus for these sisters and the chapter has taken part in the Adopt-A-Highway project as well as raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. Polyester also made a comeback at the chapter as the sisters' Polyester Party was a big hit.

Beta Kappa chapter - Arizona State University

Ten new members joined the chapter at Arizona State University. The sisters have been quite busy with a dance-a-thon, all-house retreat, a "crush party" and the American Heart Walk. The sisters



Sisters from Alpha Chapter at Syracuse University enjoy Greek Day at the Dome.

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COLLEGIATE

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philanthropy, "King of the Green," was also a success. The chapter was proud to be a part of the presentation of the pin ceremony this

past Founders Day to Bessy Swizer. Bessy received her 75th year pin.

Beta Lambda chapter - San Diego State University

If bigger is better, then Gamma Phi is the best at San Diego State University. The chapter now has 80 sisters in their chapter, making them the largest sorority on campus. The chapter also received recognition for placing in the top three houses for academic scholarship.

Beta Mu chapter - Florida State University

Florida State sisters congratulate Debbie Laslor on being elected as the Vice President of Panhellenic on campus. The chapter has taken part in many philanthropies including the March of Dimes and other Greek sponsored events. The chapter was "floating" at their Crescent formal. A wonderful evening was spent aboard the Lady Anderson cruise ship.

Beta Upsilon chapter - Kansas State University

Kansas State sisters kicked up their heels at a campus-wide variety show to raise money for terminally ill children and a local crisis center. The chapter's agenda is a busy one which will include many community service activities and Mom's Weekend.

Beta Phi chapter - Indiana University

Sisters from Indiana University proudly report adding 41 new members after recruitment this past January. The new members have already made a mark as they received fourth place in the university's singing competition and have raised over \$2,000 for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization during Greek Week. Four of the chapter's members are "pumped" for the Indiana Little 500 bike race to take place this spring.

Beta Psi chapter - Oklahoma State University

The chapter at Oklahoma State is pleased to have five women on a recruitment counselor team for formal recruitment in 1999. Gamma Phi is also represented on various other steering commit-



Sisters from Bowling Green State pose during Homecoming Weekend.

tees on campus as well. The chapter took part in events to benefit the American Cancer Society, and the sisters are currently working at a local elementary school and supporting a Girl Scout troop. The chapter's volleyball tournament in April will benefit Camp Sechelt.

Gamma Eta chapter - California State University, Long Beach

The sisters at California State University, Long Beach took the prize, literally, at the recent Panhellenic awards night. The chapter received Best Scholarship Program-

ming, Community Service, Social Responsibility, Member Education Programming, and the Overall President Trophy Awards. The sisters were presented with five of the seven awards given.

Gamma Kappa chapter - University of Nebraska, Kearney

This chapter has taken a local elementary school under their wing and have just finished working on a book fair for the school. The sisters enjoyed a little R&R at the roller skating rink where they held their house retreat. Making Valentine boxes, hosting their annual family day banquet and overseeing a silent auction have kept these sisters busy.

Gamma Omega chapter - University of Wisconsin, Platteville

Sisters at University of Wisconsin, Platteville enjoyed a rousing game of BINGO with the residence at a local nursing home. The sisters' enthusiasm was well received. The chapter took part in their first all-sorority recruitment and enjoyed meeting many other members of the Greek community. Homecoming activities, a variety show and tug-of-war kept the sisters busy this year.



Amy Nielson, University of Nebraska, Kearney celebrates her title of Miss Platte River, 1999. Next stop, Miss Nebraska!



Celebrating Gamma Phi at San Diego State.



University of Iowa sisters at the 24th of 30 hours of dancing to raise money for a Children's hospital.



Alma College seniors anticipate the excitement of welcoming their new members.

Gamma Phi chapter - Auburn University

Sisters at Auburn University held their first annual Winter Wonderland Carnival this year. Other sororities and fraternities on campus sponsored booths, and the Auburn fire department was on hand to show off their orange and blue fire truck. Eleven booths, including a dunking booth, a moonwalk and face painting, made this a hit. All proceeds from the event will benefit Camp Sechelt.

Gamma Psi chapter - University of Northern Iowa

University of Northern Iowa sisters proudly announce that they have the highest GPA on campus! Aside from hitting the books, these sisters volunteered at a Walk/Run sponsored by the American Cancer Society which raised \$85,000. The chapter is currently planning a garage sale. All money raised will benefit a local women's shelter.

Delta Omega chapter - Oakland University

Oakland University sisters welcomed eight new members to their chapter after recruitment this spring. Celebrations included the initiation ceremony and an overnight retreat.

Delta Eta chapter - University of California, Irvine

This chapter had a great February filled with weekend get-a-ways, formals and celebrations. A "pink carnation" formal found the girls dancing the night away. Fun on the slopes at Big Bear and a banquet honoring the alumnae were also memorable. The sisters were pleased that four of the chapter's founding alumnae were in attendance.

Delta Pi chapter - Illinois State University

Raising money for a local hospital took a great deal of time and effort for the sisters at Illinois State University. This "March Madness" was a campus-wide event and the chapter was thrilled to receive the "most enthusiastic" award for their efforts.

Delta Psi chapter - University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Barbara sisters installed their new officers in February. The chapter is now sponsoring a little league team for girls aged 7 to 8. The sisters have committed to attending as many games as possible and to be supportive in any other ways they can. Upcoming events include a Professor Banquet where over forty favorite professors and teaching assistants will attend a dinner at the house.

Epsilon Beta chapter - Alma College

Alma College sisters kicked-off their Greek Recruitment Week with a celebration theme and ended it by welcoming 12 new members into their chapter. The chapter is currently preparing for a philanthropy to raise money for the Big Brother/Big Sister program as well as for their formal this spring.

Zeta Delta chapter - Southeast Missouri State University

The sisters at Southeast Missouri State along with the men of Sigma Chi held their first annual swing-a-thon in February. Their efforts benefited a Girl Scout council. A "tacky prom," Greek Week and "Moonball," the chapter's philanthropy, kept the chapter busy this spring.

Zeta Theta chapter - Pepperdine University

Sisters at Pepperdine University held their first annual philanthropy, "Gamma Phi Beta Boot Camp." Dressed in camouflage, the sisters and the Greek participants found themselves hip deep in tug-of-war, relay races and obstacle courses, just to name a few. Only here can boot camp truly be fun and also for a good cause. Camp Sechelt will benefit from all proceeds raised.

Zeta Iota chapter - Valparaiso University

Valparaiso University sisters welcomed 12 new members to their chapter following spring recruitment. They celebrated with a lock-in at the YMCA. The sisters held their first annual "Mr. Valpo" contest to raise money for a local camp. Their efforts were a success as \$1,700 was raised for this cause. Congratulations to the chapter for holding the highest GPA in the Greek system this past semester.

Zeta Kappa chapter - University of Southern Indiana

Fifteen new women made up the first new member class. The day was quite a celebration, complete with a spirit competition, best cheer, a relay dress-up, shoot-out and other games. Pinning of the new members with the sorority colors completed this day—one that these members will never forget.

ALUMNAE

Arizona

Recent events for **Tulsa alumnae** have included a luncheon and museum tour and collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program benefiting a local scholarship program and eyeglass fund for needy students. As a result of "Pillow Talk," many Camp Sechelt campers will enjoy newly decorated pillow cases.

California

Alumnae from San Diego State University are in the midst of planning their 50th anniversary celebration for Founders Day on November 20th. A luncheon and reception are in the works and over 1,200 alumnae will be invited to this event. If you would like more information on this weekend event, contact Barbara McKewen at (619) 277-4105.

In February, the **Peninsula Alumnae chapter** was in charge of the area's Panhellenic luncheon and fundraising event. The event was held at a local garden center and a fashion show was enjoyed by all. An alumnae dessert buffet is scheduled in April, and the alumnae look forward to their annual May salad tasting luncheon.

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ALUMNAE

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South Bay alumnae enjoyed their annual post holiday "Recovery Lunch" in January. The alumnae will host the Syracuse Triad meeting this year. Alumnae of the three

sororities founded at Syracuse work towards common goals as members of Panhellenic and as members of the community. Future events include a fashion brunch, presentation of scholarships to high school seniors and collegiate women and taking part in the "Phantom" Human Race to benefit the Foundation and local camping programs.

The Balboa-Harbor Alumnae Chapter holds a Saturday Morning Breakfast Club (SMBC) on the first Saturday of each month. This "come if you feel like it" event has been a great opportunity for the women to get to know each other more personally and also to try out yummy new breakfast spots.

Colorado

Fort Collins alumnae enjoyed an ice cream social with members from Colorado State University. In February the alumnae gathered for lunch and to raise money for a local food distribution center.

Florida

Tallahassee Area alumnae have actively been involved with the Tallahassee Area Panhellenic Valentine's Day Scholarship Luncheon. Local members donated items to auction, and the money raised went to a scholarship for a Greek Florida State University woman. This year the members were pleased to learn that again a Gamma Phi Beta had received the award!

Tampa Bay Area alumnae enjoyed their annual chili luncheon. School supplies were collected by members and were then donated to a local children's home.

Idaho

The **Boise alumnae** joined the sisters from the University of Idaho for a gathering. The group is now preparing for a spring event to install their new officers



Sisters from the 1964 Northwestern class reunited in one successful event.

Illinois

Northwestern University sisters from the class of 1964 enjoyed a very special reunion. Sisters came from all over the United States and everyone vowed to get together more often. Thanks to e-mail, planning the event was much easier. Nametags helped the husbands to not get lost in the shuffle as well!

Indiana

The **Muncie Indiana Crescent Circle** is going strong in its 6th year. The Circle has four planned meetings each year and members find themselves on the telephone or corresponding with one another constantly.

Michigan

Several sisters from the '71-'73 class at **Michigan State University** have gotten together for Homecoming for the past 27 years. Conversations have changed from moving and jobs to who's children are going to MSU. The sisters are adamant that there are no grandmothers in the group ... yet!



Gamma Phi Beta served as hostess for the 75th installation of Officers for Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic at the home of Patty Giese. (L to R): Carole Meyer Bergstrom (AE), L'Cena Brunskill Rice (BA), Kathy Meadows Smith (BA), Patty Lazos Giese (BA), René Matz (ΔΔ).



Los Angeles Alumnae Panhellenic Association's annual spring scholarship luncheon at the elegant Wilshire Country Club. Sitting (l-r): Jane Nathan Gruver (AI), Betty Quandt Cromwell (AI) and Frances Conrad Young (AI). Standing (l-r): Ellen Reed Burns (AI), Donabeth Kerner Downey (BP) and Florence Cooper Blight (AI).

Member News



Oklahoma City alumnae and Metro Crescent Circle fill goodie bags for RLC.

Missouri

The **St. Louis alumnae** held a very successful fundraising event, "Remembering the 1904 World's Fair" High Tea at the historic home of Ann Harris Straw. World's Fair memorabilia and vintage gowns circa 1904 were displayed throughout the house. Various table top displays were created for high tea, including "Grandmother's Wedding," a child's tea party, and a Victorian Christmas party. All funds raised will benefit the local collegiate chapter and philanthropies.



Florida State University Corporation Board honored members of their Board at Florida State with a dinner and the donation of a silver punch bowl set. Honored members are (seated) Betty Jean Paul and Gail Waterman Hock; (standing) Geni Everett and Gayle Avant.

New York

Six alumnae from **Syracuse** returned after 15 years to visit the chapter house, see a football game and enjoy each other's company. The sisters felt right at home and hope to have a repeat performance soon.



Sisters from '71-'73 class at Michigan State gather for the 27th year at the University Homecoming.



Tallahassee Area Alumnae celebrate collegian Paige Munroe (center) on being a scholarship winner at the Tallahassee Panhellenic Valentine's Day Luncheon.



Six alumnae return to Syracuse after 15 years to visit their chapter house, see a football game and to enjoy each other's company.

Oklahoma

Fifteen members of the **Oklahoma City chapter** and the Metro Crescent Circle had a great time together preparing goody bags and table decorations for the RLC in Oklahoma City.

Texas

The **San Antonio Alumnae chapter** Charter Day Luncheon brought together three University of Texas alumnae for the first time in 60 years. Dr. Nell White Sanders came 300 miles to see Cathryne Melton and Elouise Wagner Pennycuik. Nell and Cathryne hadn't seen each other since college.

Virginia

A very busy fall is the news we hear from the **Northern Virginia Alumnae chapter**. The sisters decorated children's health boxes for a local shelter that supports single mothers.



Boise Alumnae Chapter-summer picnic 1998 with Xi collegians.

IH Staff

Gamma Phi Beta International Headquarters, commonly referred to as IH, is located in Englewood, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Complete with a Gamma Phi Beta museum, a Conference Wing with sleeping for 10 guests who visit for meetings, and a full basement, IH is also home to 17 paid professionals that work daily to fulfill the needs of our 110,000 members. These 17 women, (yes, we have had men working at IH at one time or another), handle address changes, data entry, public relations, supplies, member relations, accounting, Conventions and a variety of other activities for our membership.



Who's Who At International Headquarters

International Headquarters houses both the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. Although the Sorority and the Foundation operate under separate Executive Directors they both share office space and staff members.

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What is the Gamma Phi Beta FOUNDATION?

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides life-changing camping experiences for young girls, grants scholarships and fellowships to help deserving students realize their dreams, and provides resources for the Sorority's valuable leadership and life skills training for members.

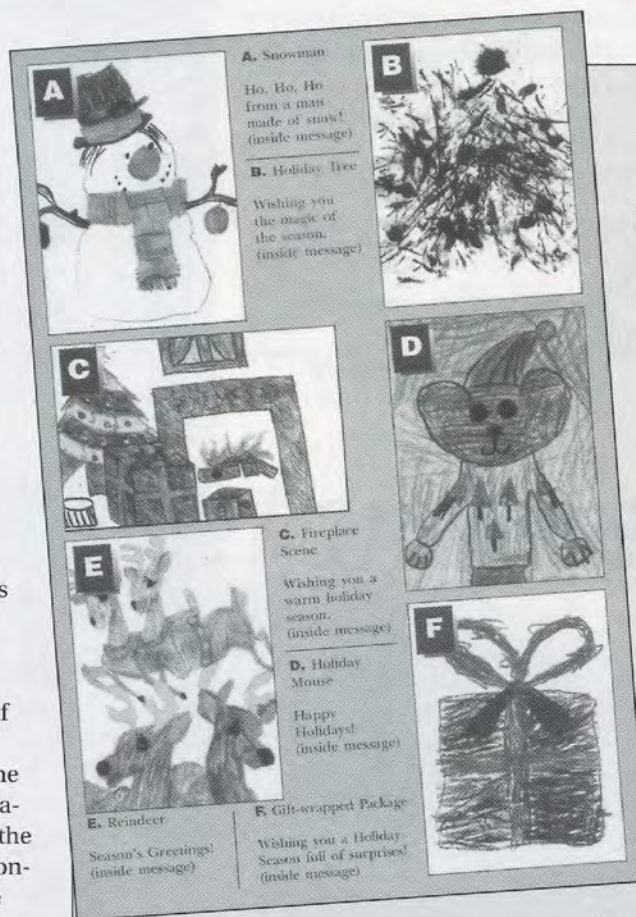
The Foundation is able to provide funds for these crucial programs because of generous gifts from members and friends.

The Vision of the Foundation is to establish philanthropy as an integral part of Gamma Phi Beta membership. It is the Foundation's goal to educate Sorority members about the Foundation's purposes, goals and services and to develop a heightened philanthropic commitment among members.

The Foundation functions with the assistance of volunteer time and expertise. The Foundation is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees. The Chairwoman is appointed by the Sorority's International Council. Five of the Trustees are elected by the Board with the officer slate approved by International Council. Three volunteer committees also serve the foundation: a development committee, a financial aid committee and public relations committee. One representative of International Council serves as a Trustee and the Executive Director of the Sorority and the Executive Director of the Foundation serve as non-voting Trustees.

A Board of Regents serve as advisors to the Foundation Trustees. This board meets with the Trustees during Convention and is consulted on special projects and long-term planning.

In addition to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents, five staff persons at International Headquarters serve the Foundation; an Executive Director, a Director of Annual Giving, a Development Coordinator, a part-time controller and a part-time systems administrator.



Sending Holiday Cards this December?

*Why not support
camping at the
same time?*

The Foundation is offering a simple way to support Gamma Phi's philanthropy and at the same time spread the word that Gamma Phi Beta supports special camping for girls.

Children from Gamma Phi Beta-supported camps have created holiday drawings that are now available on cards and may be ordered through the Foundation. If you need more information,

please call the Foundation office at International Headquarters,
303-799-1874, Ext. 338.

Thank you for supporting Special Camping for girls. All orders must be prepaid by a check or with a visa or mastercard! Mail to The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation: 12737 East Euclid Drive, Englewood, CO 80111-6445 or fax to (303) 799-1876.

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Card Style	# of Packages	Total \$
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B. Holiday Tree		
C. Fireplace Scene		
D. Holiday Mouse		
E. Reindeer		
F. Gift-wrapped package		
Subtotal:		\$
Shipping/Handling		\$3.50
TOTAL DUE:		\$

Gamma Phi Beta 125th Anniversary Celebration New York City & Syracuse

November 11–14, 1999

Celebration Features:

Two nights accommodations at the deluxe Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

One night accommodation at the Sheraton University Hotel Conference Center in Syracuse, New York.

Spectacular dinner at the world-famous Windows on the World restaurant in New York City.

A special cocktail party followed by an evening at the theater in New York City.

Amtrak train from New York to Syracuse.

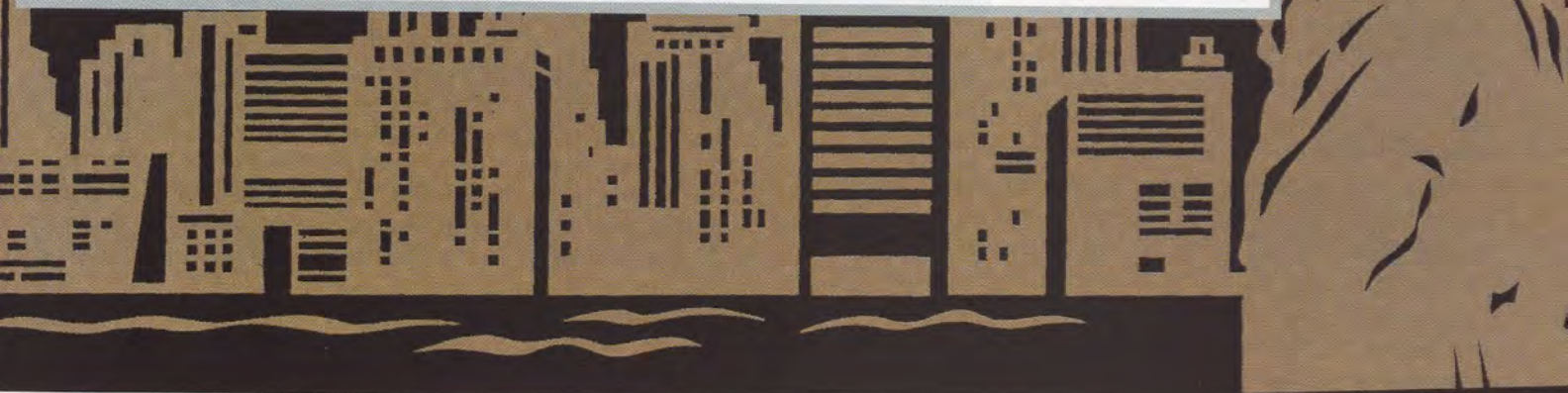
Dinner at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub in Syracuse.

Founder's Day Celebration Brunch.

Motorcoach transportation for theater, dinner and train transfers in New York and Syracuse.

Final reservations due by September 17, 1999.

For more information, contact Mary Knaup at 714-879-8540 or 888-800-8540, or fax to 714-738-3425, or e-mail at shtyl@aol.com



The Fifth L —LEADERSHIP

By: Jennie K. Curtis, Nominating Committee Chairwoman

Gamma Phi Beta's all over the world know the mantra Love, Labor, Learning and Loyalty deep within their memory and hearts. Over the next four issues of *THE CRESCENT*, we will be focusing in on what might be called the 5th "L" Leadership.

Soon it will be time to consider who will serve as our 2000-2002 International Council and who will serve as members of the nominating committee for the 2002-2004 Council.

Are you thinking about taking up the mantle of leadership for Gamma Phi Beta? As a beneficiary of those who have come before and led the way, its incumbent on each of us to consider how we might carry our share of the load. Whether locally, regionally or internationally, Gamma Phi Beta's future is tied to those who are willing to step forward and serve with integrity and selflessness. For those of you who are serving, here are some quotes to contemplate upon. For those of you who have yet to join in, here are some questions to get you thinking:

Quotes for those who are serving

"An effective leader is able not only to draw on her own strengths, but also to sense their individual followers' strengths and needs and address them accordingly."—Blaine

"A true leader is one who can make the most of individual differences, who can bring out the most differences in a group and therefore reveal to the group a sounder base for defining common purposes."—Anderson

"The quality of leadership, more than any other single factor, determines the success or failure of an organization."—Fiedler & Chemers

Questions for those who want to become leaders of Gamma Phi Beta

- Do you know how to step into the kitchen of a master chef - pick up where she left off and serve up a meal par excellence?
- Do you know how to pull off the freeway safely when you are doing 70+/- and a tire blows out?
- Do you know how to get unique and highly individualistic people to organize themselves around a task and achieve it with excellence?
- Do you know how to use the power that often comes with leadership to influence others for the common good?
- Do you know how to keep your eyes on the path during an unexpected storm with severe limited visibility?
- Do you have what it takes to lead Gamma Phi Beta into the first decade of the new millennium?
- Are you ready and willing to step forward and serve those who invested in your development as a collegian?

Take a few minutes between now and the arrival of the next *CRESCENT* to reflect upon your leadership capacity and your leadership commitments. And then begin to envision the next step you will take on your journey of leadership through service to Gamma Phi Beta.

SisterLink Proves a Valuable Resource to Members

Dear Sisters,

This past March, while planning to visit a graduate school in San Antonio, Texas, I was made aware of Gamma Phi's SisterLink program. Having grown up Northeast, I knew of no one in the San Antonio area, and I thought SisterLink might be able



SisterLink

Gamma Phi Beta's Global Resource Network

to help me. SisterLink did everything it promises to do, as I promptly received names and addresses of sisters in the area.

Within one week of contacting the Gamma Phi's listed, I received responses from all of them via phone or e-mail. These women graciously answered all of my questions, provided me with additional information about the area and arranged to meet with my parents and me when we visited. We met them for lunch and they even brought other sisters from the Alumnae chapter, including a sister more than twenty-five years my parents' senior!

While my parents are still apprehensive about my 2,000-mile move to Texas, I know that meeting these Gamma Phis made them feel more at ease about my transition. Not only did they provide my parents with valuable information about the area, they also showed them first hand how remarkable our sorority is and the lifelong possibilities it has to offer.

I encourage everyone to register with SisterLink and to take advantage of it. The sisters who are registered are ready to give of themselves when needed, whether it is by giving you insider information about a city or, in my case, reassuring your parents that the city you are moving to will treat you kindly (much thanks

to the voice of maturity, Cathryne Melton AZ '37). Being part of a national sorority affords us such opportunities as SisterLink, and we should all take advantage of it. So go find your SisterLink Chairwoman and sign up.

*Meghan Chance
Delta Mu '97*

To join SisterLink, call IH at 303-799-1874 or send an e-mail to SisterLink@gammaphi beta.org.

Lack of Counselors Keeps Camp Gamma Phi Beta From Opening

The following letter was written by Gamma Phi Beta's International Council and Foundation Trustees

For more than 70 years, Gamma Phis have provided life-changing camping experiences for girls across the continent. This summer, thanks to gifts to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation from members and friends, Gamma Phi is sending hundreds of girls to 55 different camps ranging from camps for children with cancer in Texas, California and Florida to camps serving underprivileged girls in Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Gamma Phi Beta has owned and operated camps in Colorado, New York and Virginia. Over the years, decisions were made to close these camps because the high costs of running and operating our own properties outweighed the number of girls that could be helped with those same dollars.

In 1969, all Gamma Phi-owned camps except Camp Gamma Phi Beta at Sechelt were sold. Gamma Phi continued, as it does today, to support special camping for girls across the continent.

For the past 60 years, Camp Gamma Phi Beta at Sechelt has been just one of the many camps that Gamma Phi has supported. Last week, the Vancouver Camp Board, which is the Gamma Phi Beta organization in Canada that oversees the operation of Sechelt, decided that they could not hold sessions at Camp Gamma Phi Beta at Sechelt this summer because of a lack of counselors.

Despite increased efforts over the years to encourage counselor applications by promoting the opportunity in Sorority publications, during chapter visits, on-line, and at Regional Leadership Conferences, the reality is that collegians can no longer afford to volunteer their summer vacations as counselors, thus the number of applicants has steadily decreased.

As always we appreciate your support of Gamma Phi's international philanthropy, special camping for girls. Working together we can make a difference. Feel free to contact the Foundation office at International Headquarters if you would like more information.



Pictured left to right: Cathryne Melton, Melissa DeSantis, Sandra Westbrook, Meghan, Cindy Rostek, Lisa Fairfall.



HISTORY

A LOVE of LEARNING: The Life of E.O. Haven

By: Cheryl Gunter, Historian

university students obtained "student certificates" which enabled them to teach in primary and secondary schools. Haven did so in Chatham, CT, in 1838-1839 for \$14.50 and board each month, then in what were called "select schools" in 1839-1840 and 1840-1841. After his undergraduate studies, he completed his graduate studies at the same time that he served as the Principal of the Sudbury Academy, Sudbury, MA (1842-1843), then the science teacher of the Armenia Seminary, Armenia, NY (1843-1845). He earned the Master of Arts in 1845 and became Principal of the Armenia Seminary in 1846, the same year that he became the husband of Mary Frances Coles of New York on July 28. Their union produced Otis Erastus, Alida Electa, Frances Elizabeth, Alfred Coles, Mira Electa, and Theodore Woodruff Haven. After his death, a Professor Bennett from Syracuse University recalled that:

"By deftly drawn conversations he (Haven) managed to obtain his children's opinions on what they were reading and studying, many times going over their books to inform himself. . . He drew them out in argument, encouraged them to talk with him about their work and thinking. . . He was always busy reading or writing, but never so engaged that if his children wished anything they would not receive the most loving attention merely by asking it. . . He endeavored to make his home attractive to his children. . . He taught them, by inspiring in them a just pride for his good name, that evil and evil associates and wrong conduct were to be avoided. The spirit of gentleness and kindness already instilled caused them to give great heed to his reputation. . ."

—Cited in Stratton (1883)

At the same time that he excelled in his courses, however, Haven considered whether his call was to academics or to Christian ministries. He recalled, "I felt a constant drawing toward the Christian ministry. No other thoughts would satisfy me. No thought of popularity or honor entered my mind, but the professions of the law, of medicine, and of teaching were unsatisfactory. Preaching alone seemed to be my duty" (Stratton, 1883). Still unsure of his future direction, and still unaware that his later endeavors would allow him to combine his loves of learning and serving, Haven applied for adult membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church after his

faults, of course, but I am not going to try to find them" (Stratton, 1883).

Because of his father's duties as an itinerant minister, Haven moved from Boston to Plymouth, MA (1825), then to Falmouth, MA (1826), then for a short time back to Boston before to Weston, MA (1927), then to Framingham, MA (1934). He attended what were called "Dame's Schools," where he learned to spell, read, and write, then the Framingham Academy. Some of his recollections were humorous, as when he recalled his service as a mail carrier who earned seventy-five cents a week as he delivered letters on his route to and from school and as when he recalled that " . . . I walked two and a half miles to see the doctor about a sore throat. He prescribed, as usual in those days, an emetic. I innocently took the powder, and in about an hour earnestly begged my mother if ever another was prescribed to let me die rather than take the remedy" (Stratton, 1883). On a more serious note, however, he characterized his spiritual conversion at a revival service when he was eleven years old (1831) as the most profound experience of his childhood and the "clearest conviction written on my memory" as he described it as "a Christian experience which may seem to some an ordinary matter, to others too marvelous to believe" (Stratton, 1883).

The Love Of Learning...

In 1838, Haven entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, and earned the Bachelor of Arts in 1842. At that time,

At each Convention of Gamma Phi Beta, the Greek-Letter Chapter with the superior G.P.A. for the biennium receives the coveted Chancellor E. O. Haven Scholarship Award. Sisters have a fondness for Haven, for he was the father of our beloved founder, Fannie, who also conceived the six names from which Minnie, Addie, Helen, and Fannie selected the name Gamma Phi Beta for our sisterhood. His influence, however, was prolific across his diverse personal and professional endeavors, and this article overviews and celebrates his exceptional life.

His Childhood...

Erastus Otis Haven was born on November 1, 1820, in Boston, MA, the son of Betsy Spear and The Rev. Jotham Haven and a direct descendant of Richard Haven, who arrived on North American shores in 1644. Of his father, he said, "My father worked his own way, from a poor boyhood away from home, to a prosperous manhood, so that when he was twenty-five years of age he owned a good farm, all covered by his herds well stocked, had married a worthy wife, and was better off than though he had inherited a fortune without the talent to take care of it" (Stratton, 1883). Of his mother, he said, "(She was) a living concordance of the Bible, exhaustless in narrative; an omnivorous reader; a woman who pinned her faith to no master; of stoical temperament, fearless of death, despising shame, faithful as the magnetic needle. She had her

arrival at Wesleyan University, then received a license to exhort on June 27, 1843, a church conference license to preach on December 30, 1843, ordination as a church Deacon on June 21, 1848, and ordination as a church Elder on May 12, 1850.

Learning And Serving...

In 1848, Haven accepted a position with the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a pastor for mission churches. In his first pastorate, that for the 24th Street Church in New York City, he received \$500 a year and ministered to more than spiritual crises in the midst of the 1849 cholera outbreak. In 1850, he moved from there to the Red Hook Mission, one of seven New York City churches that solicited his services, and in 1852 he moved from there to what is now the St. Paul's Church for a six-month tenure that would have been of sustained duration had it not been for a summons from Ann Arbor, MI, with an invitation to serve as Professor of Latin Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, located in what he called the "far west" of America.

Haven, who had been weakened from malaria, saw academia (correctly or incorrectly) as offering more predictable working conditions than the pastorate and accepted. In the course of his tenure in Ann Arbor, he earned the Doctor of Divinity degree from Union College and became Chair of History and English Literature, both in 1854. He also published his first book, *The Young Man Advised* (Illustrations and Confirmations of Some of the Chief Historical Facts of the Bible), for which the publisher and publication date remain uncertain. Of this book, Haven stated, "It has had a good circulation . . . (but) I would rather be an instrument of the conversion of one soul from infidelity . . . than to write a book that should meet with vast sale and universal popularity" (Stratton, 1883). Toward this end, he remained active in pastoral activities in his services as preacher for two Presbyterian churches in Detroit. While Haven received considerable respect from both peers and students, he continued to suffer from fevers. As he searched for respite, he received word that he had been elected to a church position and summoned back to Boston.

From 1856 to 1863, a period that he described as the "easiest" but "busiest" part of his life, Haven served as Editor of *Zion's*

Herald, the national Methodist Episcopal newspaper at the time. If that were not sufficient involvement, he became active in several educational and political endeavors. He was a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, chair of the Malden Board of Education, and member of the Massachusetts Temperance Committee (and preached the theme of temperance - and abolition - across numerous editorials). He served as a member of the Board of Overseers for Harvard College and as a Republican member of the Massachusetts Senate, where he was chair of the Joint Committee on Education. In the course of his tenure as Editor, he declined the invitation to serve as Principal or President of several academic institutions, including Genesee College, the forerunner of Syracuse University. One such offer, however, he did not decline, and in 1863 he returned to Ann Arbor to become Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature and President of the University of Michigan, the same year he received the Doctor of Literature degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Interested readers can visit an overview of the tenure of President Haven, complete with his photo, at http://www.umich.edu/newsinfo/U_Record/Issues96/Nov14_96/art104.htm. He stated, "I immediately devoted myself to the following purposes: To accomplish the most I could for the students; to allow no dissension on account of misunderstandings among the professors; to recommend the university to the people; and to obtain some pecuniary aid from the state" (Stratton, 1883). He was instrumental in the admission of African-American students to the school, as well as in the introduction of the resolution that "Resolved, that the Board of Regents recognize the right of every resident of Michigan to the enjoyment of the privileges afforded by the university; and that no rule exists in any of the university statutes for the exclusion of any person from the university who possesses the requisite literary and moral qualifications," which, translated, means women. In the midst of his academic and administrative duties, Haven continued to preach, and his sermons included a series of chapel services to the students on the theme of the Ten Commandments, then published as his second book, *Pillars of Truth: A Series of Sermons on the Decalogue*, from the New York publishers Phillips and Hunt in 1866. Haven Hall and Haven Elm on campus honor his name.

As President of the University of Michigan, Haven was invited to participate in ceremonial occasions of other institutions. On a visit to Evanston, IL, Haven became impressed with a new school, Northwestern University, because of both its Methodist affiliation and its commitment to the admission of women. In 1869, he accepted the invitation to become President of this institution. Of this endeavor, he recalled that, "The three years, which I spent in Evanston were to me full of labor and enjoyment. Much of my time was employed in the solicitation of money for the educational institutions and churches of that place and vicinity" (Stratton, 1883). He cited his most profound achievement as he recalled that, "By public efforts and private solicitations (I) brought about a union of the proposed Women's College with the university, and obtained large contributions for the erection of an elegant building. All the classes of the university were opened to women as well as to men, and the Northwestern University at once entered upon its successful history" (Stratton, 1883). In 1872, the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a new effort to systematize Christian education across the churches in the denomination, elected Haven its first secretary. Torn between one duty, to the university, and the other, secretary, Haven reluctantly departed Evanston for New York. In reluctant acceptance of Haven's decision to accept the new position, a Professor Farwell stated that "his judgment was always good, his action always deliberate and prudent, and his counsel always safe."

Even with all his duties as a secretary, which involved travel around the country, Haven continued to be an active scholar and published his second book, *Rhetoric: A Textbook Designed for Use in Schools and Colleges and for Personal Study*, from the New York publisher Harper in 1874. His reputation as a scholar, an administrator, and a servant was the basis for the invitation to serve yet another Methodist institution, Syracuse University. Even as he continued as the Chair of two Methodist Commissions, one for Education and one for Centennial Observances, and as Secretary, he accepted the invitation to become Chancellor in 1874. As a new institution, Syracuse University faced considerable financial turmoil. However, The Rev. E. C. Curtis, father of our beloved founder Addie and financial officer of the institution, stat-

In 1878, the Methodist Episcopal Church elected Haven to represent the denomination to sister churches in the British Isles and on the Continent. In the course of his travels, he preached, studied, and presented his impressions on ecumenism to numerous local churches. In 1880, in affirmation of his leadership and service, the General Conference elected him as a Bishop. Interested readers can see his name listed with other pillars of his denomination (now the United Methodist Church), including The Rev. Jesse Peck, the first President of Syracuse University, at <http://www.umc.org/about/bishops-.html>. In the first months as a Bishop, he traveled often to Texas to supervise Chris-

After he delivered a graduation address at Willamette University, Haven was seized with a chill, which led to a rapid decline of his overall health. In his final week, his wife and his son Theodore tended to him and recalled:

Cited in Stratton (1883)

Williamson, H. F. & Wild, P. S. (1975). *Northwestern University: a history 1850-1975*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press.



Barbara Dunbar Hailey

Writer Completes Second Children's Book

Barbara Dunbar Hailey, University of Oklahoma, has written a new book, "Aesop and You." Like her earlier book, "The Wizard of Oz Is You" (Pacesetters, *The Crescent*, Summer 1997), "Aesop" is aimed at teaching goals, hopes and values to young people.

It is a fun book for any age, 3 to 93. But, it is aimed particularly at elementary-school children. It is illustrated with lots of brightly colored pictures and like "Wizard," it is interactive.

The famous Aesop fable about the girl who lied in crying wolf, for example, interrupts the story to ask the child reading it: "Have you ever lied about something, and you thought it would be funny when people found out the truth, and they were angry instead?"

The goal, Barbara says, is to entertain children, but to teach them the right thing at the same time.

Barbara remains active in sorority affairs, particularly in the San Antonio Alumnae chapter. And, she enjoys traveling to schools and playing the "story lady" in her pinafore costume, reading from the famous fables. Her book may be ordered from the Magic Unicorn Press at P.O. Box 345, Hunt, Texas 78024 or by phone at 800-486-8839.

Gamma Phi Professional Receives Community Builder Appointment

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced in April the appointment of nine Community Builders to serve in HUD's Los Angeles office as part of a new "Urban Peace Corps" that will work to revitalize America's cities. Among the nine new Community Builders working in HUD's Los Angeles office is **Ciran Hadjian**, an urban professional from Los Angeles.



Ciran Hadjian

Ciran Hadjian is one of 230 new Community Builder Fellows who recently completed a two-week training session with HUD officials in Washington, DC and will receive two-weeks of training at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Approximately 10,000 people applied for the positions being filled by the 230 recently appointed Community Builders. Selections were based on rigorous criteria that measured leadership potential, commitment to public service, career achievement and a demonstrated ability to plan, implement and complete projects.

Ciran holds a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of California-Los Angeles, a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

As a Gamma Phi collegian, she held various collegiate positions including president and treasurer and received the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Founders' Fellowship for outstanding academic record and community contribution. As an alumna, she belongs to the Pasadena Alumnae chapter and has volunteered on the UCLA House Corporation Board.

Three Generations of Loyalty

The 4000-square-foot Clarke-Anderson Room was dedicated at the University of Oklahoma when the heads of major campus organizations and captains of OU's

athletic teams carved their names into the top of a table in the room. Responsible for making this most important renovation to the Memorial Union since it's original 1927 construction and the 'Leadership Table,' which awaits additions in an annual repeat of this new tradition, is **Linda Clark Anderson** (Psi, University of Oklahoma) and her husband, Kent, of Houston.

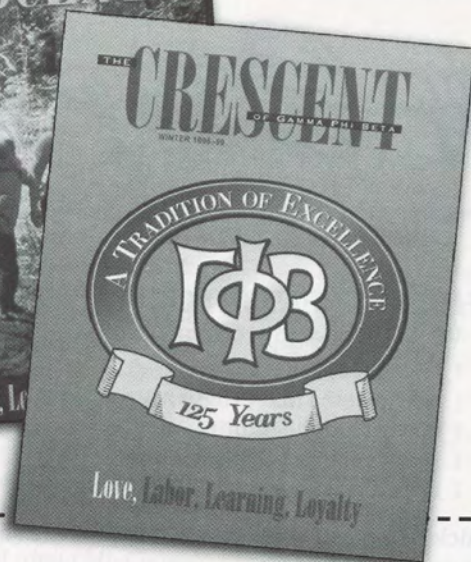
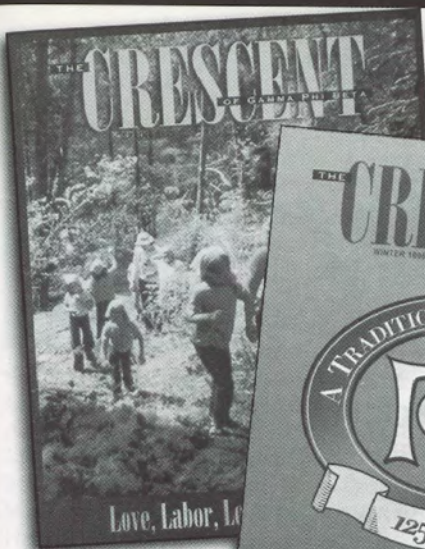
OU President, David L. Boren, said, "It is appropriate that a room which will hold so much of OU's history is being named for a family that has been loyal to the university through three generations." Linda's mother and two daughters, all Gamma Phi's, graduated from OU too: the late Fay Louise Todd Clarke in 1926, Whitney Page Anderson and Huntley Clarke Anderson in 1996 and 1998 respectively.

An active OU supporter since her own graduation in 1967, Linda founded the OU Crimson Club and is a member of the board of trustees of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. She is also a Gamma Phi Beta Carnation Award recipient.

A Story To Tell

"I've got a story to tell," said **Evelyn Walker Whitfield** (Chi, Oregon State), who is getting her book, *Three Year Picnic*, published more than 50 years after she wrote it. After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese army also attacked other U.S. possessions in the Pacific, including the Philippines where this young Corvallis woman and her husband were living. Held in internment camps for three years, they were finally liberated and returned to the States. Using a battered Royal typewriter to record her experience, Evelyn found that the post-war market was saturated with war reminiscences, so her story wasn't published.

But at the urging of her daughter, she submitted it again a half a century later. Evelyn wrote a prologue and an epilogue for the book to set the stage for her original manuscript. A glossary explains words and places that once were fairly well known because of the war, but are no longer. "I can feel it all again. It's poignant. But I don't have terrible feelings about it. My life is nice now, very fulfilling."



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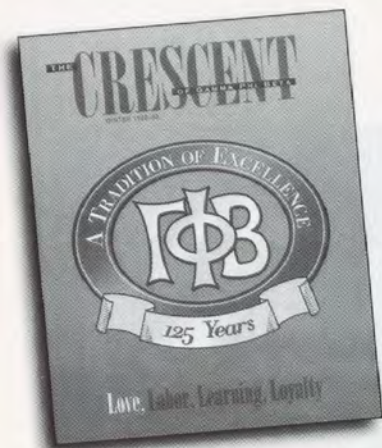
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Suzanne Collins for becoming Epsilon Mu's new president from Eileen Collins.

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Tucky Wheeler Hobbs on her 1998 Service Award from the Columbia Alumnae Chapter.

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Debi Hanuscin for being selected Killlearn Lakes School's 1999 "Teacher of the Year" from Rosemary Stone Bunn.

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The retirement of Mary Christensen, Ph.D., from Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University from Missy Creevy, Michele LeBlanc, Sally Erikson Lewis, Mary Jane Hipp Misthos, Beth Rowney, and Ruth Andrea Seeler.

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The birth of John George Whiting to Mark and Diane Blanchard Whiting from Carol Goshaw Blanchard.

The birth of legacy Katherine Elizabeth to John and Jinger Brown Cashman on December 17, 1998, from Nancy Chuoke Enright.

The birth of legacy Madelyn Elaine on February 6 to Craig and Mary Kay Martin Heldman from Millie Runnells Martin.

Susan Ann West's 50th birthday from Kathleen Blain, Suzanne Cherry, Marcia Fewell, Rita Roper Hortenstine, Laine Jones, Lisa Valenti Lefkovitz, Fred and Trudy Mabry, Belinda B. Oler, Gail Ridgley, Greg and Barbara Laird Strong and Melvin and Barbara Ann West.

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The birth of legacy Claudia Marie to Robert and Elizabeth Bruening Cowie on December 22, 1998.

The birth of legacy Samantha Walker Lucas on June 5, 1997, to Joan Walker MacGregor Lucas.

The birth of legacy Amanda Lee to Drew and Cynde Bowdry Williams on December 24, 1998, from Sharon Aston, Nancy Chuoke Enright and Cindy Hawkins Moore.

The birth of legacy Annika, granddaughter to Gretchen Meier Oostenink, from Julie Campbell Fein.

The birth of legacy Tessa Rose Chandler, born February 23, 1999, to Brian and Jill Thingelstad Chandler.

The birth of Benjamin Pennacchio to Nancy Lawrence and Chuck Pennacchio from Lisa Gaskill Johannsen.

The birth of Katarina Michelle Wilcher to John and Diana Nauman Wilcher from Sandra Rettke Nauman.

The birth of Lea Sattelle Madren's new baby boy from Alana Markley Bott.

The birth of legacy Taylor Rose to Tom and Nancy Vrtikapa Allesee from Daytona Beach Area Crescent Circle.

The birth of Chase Alexander Carlton to Stacy and Gayle Dudley Carlton from Rosemary Stone Bunn.

Audrey Weldon Shafer's birthday on April 14, 1999, from Alison Shafer Bond.

Virginia Lou Swift Perett's 80th birthday on May 9, 1999, from Jane Swift Fair.

Dorothy Davis Perrin's 90th birthday on May 17, 1999, from Patricia Perrin Mangis.

SISTERHOOD

In honor of L'Cena Brunskill Rice as International President from Amy Bedolla Cardona.

In honor of Eta Chapter from Corinne Martinez.

In appreciation of my many Gamma Phi Beta friends from Evalyn McClelland Preston.

Sally Ramseyer Beck as the "Best Pledge Mom" from Tina Myers Mullinix.

The Chi chapter house at Oregon State University from Linda Franz Crawford.

All the women of the Epsilon Nu chapter and the chapter's 10th birthday on April 29, 1999, from Kathy Meadows Smith.

A wonderful Cleveland RLC. Thanks to all who attended, presented and planned from Marita Kirkpatrick Mahan.

In honor of Beta chapter members from Frederick and Sharon Carey Brubaker.

Beta Chi Chapter from Melanie Mehl Vandenberg.

Portland Alumnae Chapter members from Portland Alumnae Chapter.

Thank you to L'Cena Brunskill Rice for making Delta Psi Chapter's 15th year Celebration Founders Day very special from the Santa Barbara Alumnae Chapter and the Delta Psi Chapter.

Thank you to Nancy Preston Schellhase for all your help the past five years as PCD 16a from Lois Kirchner Abbott.

In honor of Audrey Weldon Shafer and her friendship from Rosemary Lofgren Soli.

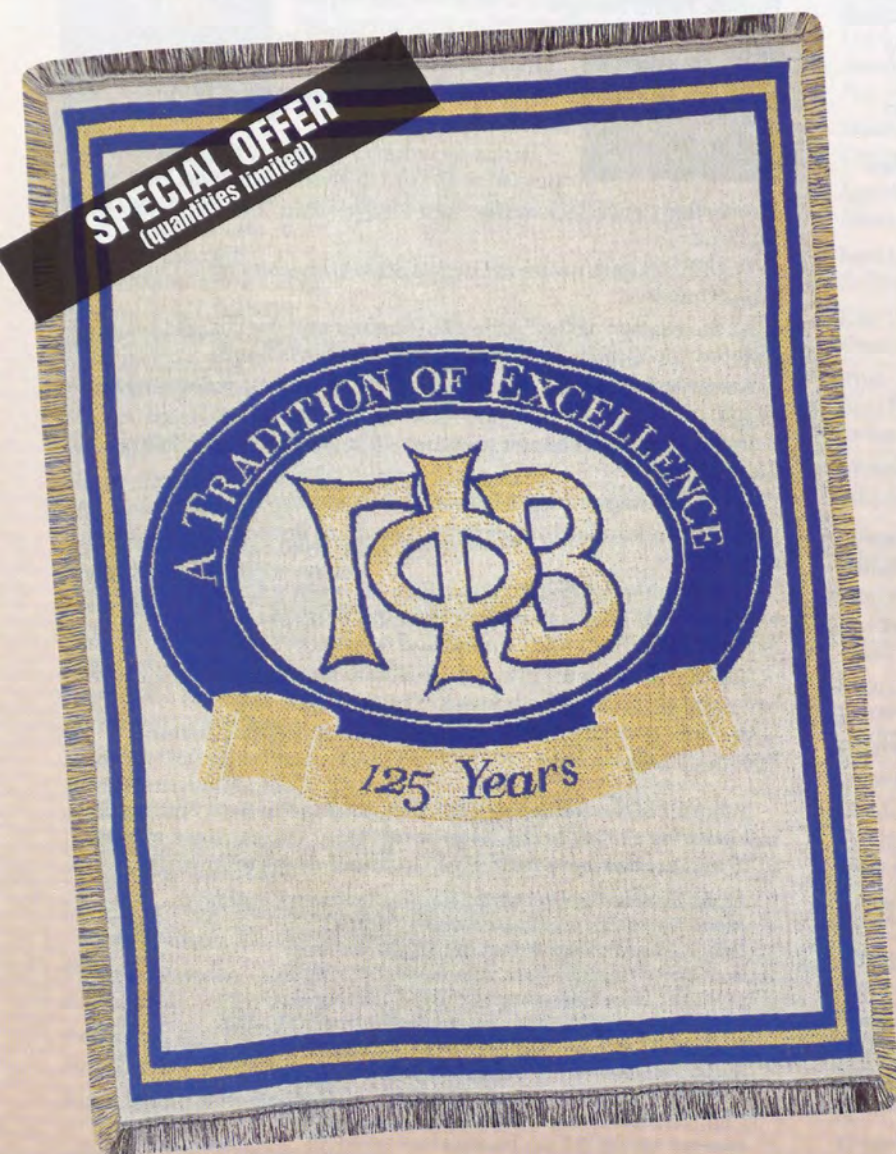
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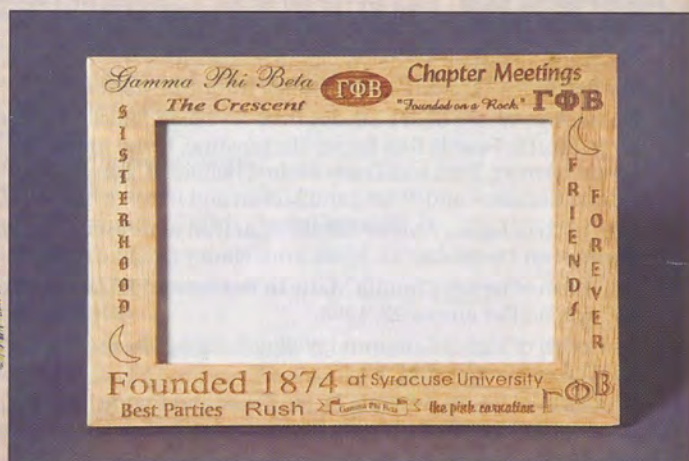


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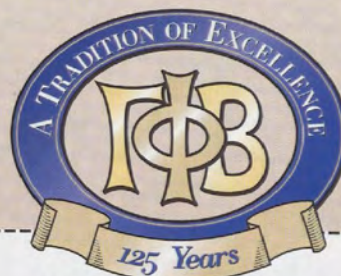
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The Sisterhood 125 Celebration...

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Gamma Phi Beta celebrates its 125th anniversary in 1999. To mark this occasion and to raise funds to benefit the Sorority's leadership, scholarship and philanthropic programs, the Foundation announces the Sisterhood 125 Celebration... our celebration of lifelong connection begins now and concludes at Convention in Houston in July of 2000.

The Foundation invites all Gamma Phis to celebrate their lifelong connection with a gift recognizing our rich heritage based on the development of the highest type of womanhood.

Brick by brick, sister by sister, Gamma Phi Beta is building a solid future.

To commemorate our anniversary and ensure that the opportunity for Gamma Phi membership is available to the woman of the next century, the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation will construct a Sisterhood Plaza at International Headquarters in Englewood, Colorado. Unrestricted gifts of \$125 and more will entitle members and friends to an engraved brick in the plaza.

For unrestricted gifts of \$500 and more, the Foundation will provide a Keepsake Brick in the Plaza. Keepsake Bricks for significant donations of \$2500 or more will be placed in the Plaza's Crescent Moon.

The Sisterhood 125 Celebration represents the open circle of our sisterhood—from our four Founders at Syracuse to the members yet to come. All Sisterhood 125 Celebration gifts will help ensure the future of Gamma Phi Beta through leadership programs, educational opportunities and philanthropic endeavors.

Contact the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation, 12737 E. Euclid Dr., Englewood, CO 80111, 303-799-1874 or visit our website at www.gammaphibeta.org.

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1. In honor of a sister
2. To remember a loved one
3. To celebrate your daughter's initiation
4. To celebrate your daughter's graduation
5. To create a lasting tribute to a closed chapter
6. To honor your alumnae chapter
7. To thank your mentor
8. As a birthday gift for your house director
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10. As a celebration of an award or achievement
11. To commemorate initiation
12. To commemorate graduation
13. To celebrate your chapter's achievements
14. To celebrate your legacy
15. To congratulate your HCB
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18. To celebrate sisterhood
19. To celebrate a birthday
20. To celebrate a new chapter

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