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Going Places

BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?
BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE!

By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

“She’s really going places!”

What does that mean? Voted Hometown High School’s “Most Likely to Succeed?” Traveling to Australia, Nepal, Antarctica or outer space? Becoming a CEO or government official? Concentrating to write a novel or find a medical cure?

Take your pick. Going places can be physical, imaginary or emotional and women are traveling to more places and accomplishing more goals than ever before. We’re “out there,” “on the cutting edge” and no one can say, “Don’t go there.” We have “come a long way” but we know there are places in the universe, our minds and our hearts awaiting exploration. We say, “You go, girl!”

Where we go isn’t limited by geography. A “middle-aged housewife” takes a journey of the mind as she studies for her Ph.D. An author creates an imaginary world populated with invented people to express feelings she would otherwise be unable to put on paper. A musician combines notes and tempos to create a melody which makes us happy or sad or angry to reflect her own emotions and ours.

These travelers can be anyone — you, me, a neighbor. And the baggage we carry is that of our lifetime of experiences — a set of battered bags or a compact new carry-on. Our passports need no visas or validation. We create our own itineraries and don’t worry about sticking to them. Unplanned stops along the way are part of the adventure. Our traveling companions may change with time but are always those with whom we are most comfortable.

The ability of women to travel on land, sea and air, up to positions of power and into realms of intellect and fancy was limited in the past.

From hobble skirts to lack of vote and from corsets to narrow professional options,

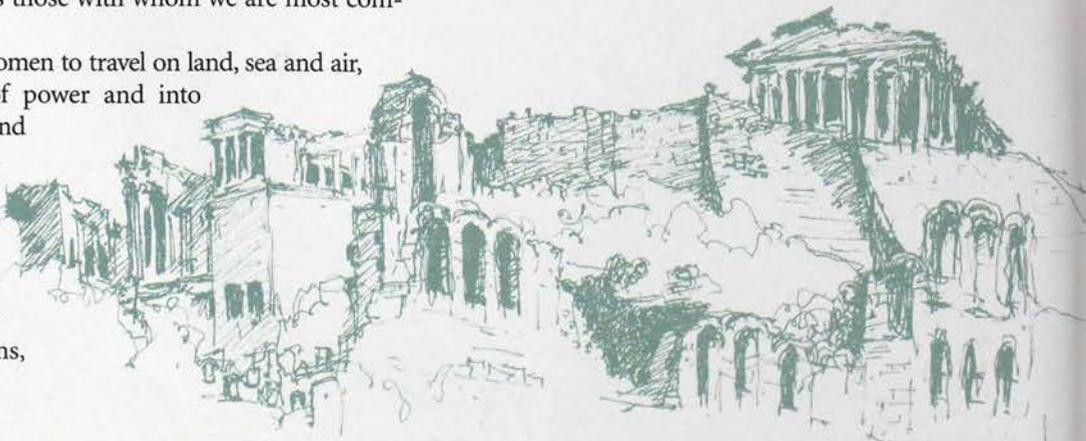
women’s worlds were once confined, except for the freedoms they could imagine. No longer is that true.

Think back 128 years to the journey of six young women down the aisle of a college chapel as the Founders of Kappa Kappa Gamma explored a new path in their search for respect for their minds and unity of their spirits. Think of the women who bumped along in covered wagons or choked in the coal dust of early trains. The means was immaterial. The journey was the important thing.

Considering all the obstacles, how have we come so far? Perhaps it is because of the age-old ability of women to work together and the equally old instinct to nurture. We encourage the men in our lives with love, understanding and, sometimes, finances. We motivate and hearten our children as they grow and develop into responsible, caring adults. And, perhaps most instinctively, we support each other.

In union there is strength; through mutual helpfulness there is attainment. We have the strength to make the journey; our friends make the trip easier. We can, and do, go wherever we choose — on family vacations, business trips, solitary jaunts and journeys of the spirit. Let’s remember to send a mental postcard to those who traveled before us to say, “Thanks for being there to help prepare our wonderful time.”

Bon voyage! 



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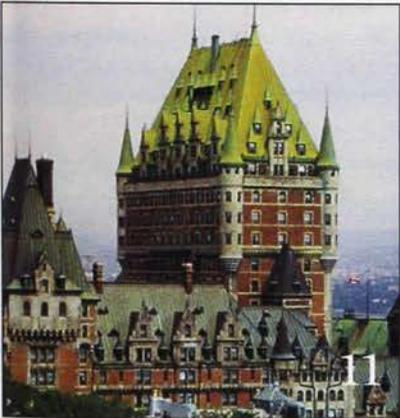
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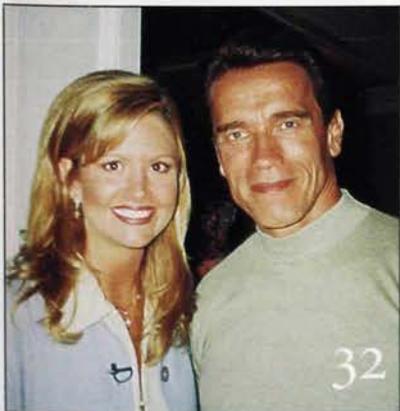
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President's Message



Our Journey into a New Century

Cathy Thompson Carswell

When my son, Matt, graduated from college he was given the famous Dr. Seuss book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*. His initial reaction was predictable — "Why would someone give me a children's book?" As he turned each page his interest grew. Suddenly, his eyes lit up as he realized that the message in this magical book is for children of all ages.

All of us have stood upon the threshold of the unexpected, and experienced those indescribable pangs of excitement mingled with a bit of anxiety. Whether it's the anticipation of the beginning of school, a new job or a long-awaited vacation, the "unknown" elicits a host of emotions.

Today Kappa Kappa Gamma stands on the threshold of the final biennium of the 20th century. The reality of a new century and the mystery it holds can be daunting. Many questions come to mind.

What will happen to Kappa and the entire Greek system? Will current trends, some of which are alarming, continue? Will we find solutions to our greatest challenges: public relations, membership recruitment, single-gender status, freedom of association, hazing, alcohol abuse, member apathy and increased financial burdens on members?

Our journey into the new century is filled with promise but like any long journey, it contains peril and adversity. Each of the challenges listed above has a solution that will guarantee a bright future for our beloved Fraternity. We must find correct solutions — a road map — to reach our destination.

Our journey must be well planned with a clear strategy that allows us to assess our progress. The course we set must have alternatives if a "detour" becomes necessary.

During the 1998 General Convention with the theme of "Vision 20/20," members were given the opportunity to begin charting Kappa's future through a program

called "Reach for the Stars." Imagine in Convention Hall, nearly 1,000 Kappas contemplating Kappa in the year 2020! Many excellent ideas were expressed, but one theme became evident — the timeliness of our Mission Statement:

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and allegiance to positive, ethical principles.

We must base our journey on that mission and meet the modern challenges that affect our ability to achieve our goals. Success depends on the commitment of our leadership and a partnership with our members. Dedication, flexibility and a clear understanding of our mission will ensure a successful journey into and beyond the 21st century.

I end by expressing my best wishes to each of you for a successful, healthy and happy biennium and with a few wise words from Dr. Seuss:

You'll get mixed up, of course, as you already know.

You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go.

So be sure when you step.

Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act...

And will you succeed? Yes! You will indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

Kid, you'll move mountains! 

Loyally,

CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL
Illinois Wesleyan
Fraternity President

Visit the New Web Site

Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity's official Web site at <http://www.kappa.org> has been expanded to meet the needs of Kappas worldwide. "Just for Kappas," a members-only side developed for alumnae and collegians, is now available. Register on-line and enjoy the following features:

- Alumna and collegiate resources
- Association and chapter directories
- Fraternity officer directory
- Bulletin boards and scheduled chat rooms
- Membership Recruitment information — including the Membership Data Form
- Reports and forms for association and chapter officers
- Association and chapter Web site guidelines
- Fraternity announcements and more!

Come to Kappa Kinetics

Find out how Kappa Kinetics can change your life! For information about this intergenerational leadership seminar, contact Fraternity Headquarters at 614/228-6515 to request a brochure and registration form. Information is also available on the Fraternity Web site.

The Fraternity Is Proud of Our 50-, 65- and 75-Year Kappas!



- 50-year Kappas — 1,367
- 65-year Kappas — 617
- 75-year Kappas — 190

These Kappas were initiated in 1948, 1933 or 1923, respectively.

Due to the large numbers of 50-, 65- and 75-year members, individuals are not listed in *The Key*. Each member eligible for a recognition pin is sent an order form from Fraternity Headquarters. Alumnae Associations are encouraged to recognize these members at Founders Day celebrations or other association events. Province Meetings and General Conventions are also special events at which to receive recognition pins.

Bylaws Amended

The 62nd Biennial Convention body voted on several changes to the Fraternity *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. Fraternity Council also revised the Fraternity *Policies*. As a result, a number of terminology changes have occurred as well as a fee increase.

Revised documents will be mailed to associations and chapters. For more information contact your Province Director of Alumnae or Chapters (see Directory, Page 5).

Field Reps Wanted!

Applications for Chapter Consultant and Traveling Consultant positions are sent each fall to every chapter President. Applications must be returned by **November 15, 1998**.

Chapter Consultants are awarded a one-year scholarship for graduate study while living with an assigned chapter. The scholarship includes tuition, fees and books, and the chapter provides room and board. While pursuing a graduate degree, the Chapter Consultant assists the chapter in all areas of organization and programming and serves as a role model, friend and link with the Fraternity.

Traveling Consultants are employed with a modest salary plus travel, room and board expenses while visiting approximately 30 chapters. The TC brings renewed energy, updated program ideas and leadership training to help each chapter reach its potential. Above all, she serves as a role model and link with Fraternity resources.

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The *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma* links each member with the Fraternity. The mission of *The Key* is:

- to inform, inspire and challenge
- to sustain and nurture membership loyalty and interest
- to recognize individual, group and Fraternity accomplishment
- to provide a forum for an exchange of information and opinion
- to be a permanent record

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Activities: Adopt-a-School coordinator, tutor



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Let's Go to a Virtual Party

CD-ROM serves up a dose of reality
about college drinking



Meet lava lamp Norm — your virtual party host.

— By JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, *Virginia*

I was at this party. I got really wasted. Bombed. Blasted. I left the bar with a blood alcohol content of .175. I made terrible choices — not in my drink selection but in the decisions I made. Oh, I'm O.K. but some of my friends aren't. One was arrested, one raped — one even died. I wish I could just start over.

So, I will. I'll move the mouse, point to the arrow and click "start over."

I wish life could be so easy.

Alcohol 101

Welcome to *Alcohol 101*, the newest addition to Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity's educational resources. *Alcohol 101* is an information-packed CD-ROM computer program masquerading as a video game. The program was created by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in partnership with The Century Council, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to reducing alcohol misuse and funded by leading distilled spirits companies.

In this program, as in life, if you make the wrong decision, the consequences can be ugly. But here, you can click again, start over and find out what happens when you make the right decision. The game format even helps you learn how to make sensible decisions — even in those difficult situations like turning down a beer, telling a friend she is drinking too much or helping a sister avoid a date rape incident.

The program is narrated by an irreverent lava lamp named Norm who is one part conscience and one part attitude. His goal is to get you to listen and learn things you were sure you already knew. After introducing the program and checking your vital statistics — for example height and weight — he takes you to the party, explains the game and then pops up now and again to see how much you really know.

Getting Started

With an “in-your-face” attitude, Norm asks you some pretty personal questions — for a lava lamp!

As with most games, first you type in your name. (First names only. You do not know Norm's last name and he does not care about yours!) Then you enter age (As one who wore polyester bellbottoms the first time they were popular, I knew I was legal!), height, weight and sex. All of this information will make a difference later when you visit the bar and analyze your blood alcohol content.

Then it's off to the party — with the first stop at the bar.

Bar Hopping

At the bar, you can choose your drinks — both alcoholic and non-alcoholic — choose how much you are going to drink, how fast you are going to drink and then watch your blood alcohol content take off.

I start off slowly, first sipping a light beer, then drinking one. Estimated time of 30 minutes ran off the clock in the bar, and my blood alcohol content — or BAC — was .014. It would

take my body approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to metabolize the alcohol and return to a sober state.

Then I get serious and slam down two more beers and a shot. My BAC rocketed to .106 and it would be at least six hours before I would sober up. By now I am legally intoxicated in all 50 states and Canada, and I am experiencing significant impairment of motor coordination, loss of good judgement, slurred speech, and impaired balance and vision. How do I know? The computer screen tells me so.

My BAC is calculated based on my gender, height and weight supposing that I have an empty stomach. If I click on “food” I learn that my BAC would only be .071 — significant but still legal — if only I had eaten a meal before drinking.

If I want to drink more, I can. If I want to start over and see how mixing in non-alcoholic drinks or sipping my choice of beverage might change my

Top Ten Ways to Turn Down a Drink

One of these should work for you, whether you're shy, confident or just looking for a creative reply.

- “No, thanks!” (No explanation necessary; your response can be short, sweet and direct.)
- “I've had enough.” (Again, short, to the point and completely acceptable.)
- “Thanks, but I've got a ton of work to do later.”
- “I'd rather get my own, thanks.”
- “I'm allergic to alcohol.”
- “I'm driving tonight.”
- “I have a game/practice tomorrow.” (Known athletic commitment is a prerequisite.)
- “I'm O.K. for now.” (BYOC: Bring your own cup and keep it half filled, whether you are drinking or not.)
- “No thanks, I'm taking medication I can't drink with.”
- “I'm dieting... alcohol's got too many calories.”

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BAC, I can do that. Along the bottom of the screen the computer tells me what is happening to my body as a result of all the alcohol — and how long it will be until I am sober again.

But now that I've been to the bar, I'm ready to hit the party.

Party Time

Using my mouse I can scroll 360 degrees around the party. And what a scene. People talking, moving with the music, the usual college items — including a television — decorating the room, the bar (of course), and occasionally a strange item, such as a blender, a balloon or a cup of coffee floating through the air.

Clicking on the floating items or on many of the decorative accessories leads to more information. I can play "Norm's 20 Questions," watch a movie on the TV, or receive warnings concerning the use of alcohol.

In one corner of the room, I can visit the Reality Wall where clicking on a topic such as "Sexual Assault" or "Student Dies in Car Crash" brings up actual campus-related tragedies and disciplinary cases through text and video. Next to the Wall is the Rave Room where more than 70 informational messages are hidden.

But as with any party, I came to meet the people.

First I meet Louie, the host of the party. Louie is involved in a discussion with T.J., a friend and fellow senior. T.J. is a little over the limit having downed a six-pack in about an hour but is ready to leave. Louie is trying to stop him from driving.

Decisions, Decisions

I get to make the decision. Does Louie let T.J. leave or does he find another ride? If T.J. leaves, then what happens? Will he be arrested — or worse?

Then there is Alison, a freshman who has just been dumped by her high school sweetheart. She's at the party with Sherie, who does not drink, and together they meet Dante and Perry. Alison is not used to the party scene but is ready to drown her sorrows. Should she let Dante get her another beer? After that one — and several more — should Sherie let her friend go with Dante to his room? Should Perry let his friend Dante take Alison upstairs? And if they let their friends go, what will Sherie and Perry tell them in the morning?

All along, I get to make the decisions. I let Alison have another drink, elect that Sherie and Perry mind their own business, and pretty soon Dante has Alison in his room, upstairs, with the lights out. As you can guess, we all regret these decisions the next morning.

Regrets? No problem! I just click "Go Back One Step" and this time I make better decisions. I can see how Alison gracefully turns down another beer or how friends can intervene in a potentially perilous situation.

Handling an Alcohol-Related Medical Emergency

Here's a checklist to remember if you encounter someone who is semi-conscious or unconscious:

Danger Signs

- Try to wake the person. Are they unconscious? Do they respond to pinching of the skin or shouting their name?
- Check their skin color and temperature. If the person is pale or bluish, or if the skin is cold or clammy, they may not be getting enough oxygen.
- Check their breathing. If the person is breathing irregularly, with few breaths and then nothing for a while, or if they are breathing very slowly or shallowly, this is a sign that medical attention is necessary.

What Do I Do?

- Seek emergency medical help if your friend shows any of the danger signs above.
- Turn the person on their side and leave them only if necessary to call for medical assistance. If the person is on his or her side — they may not choke if they get sick and vomit. Do not let them roll over on their back.

What Shouldn't I Do?

- Do **not** assume your semi-conscious or unconscious friend will be O.K. sleeping it off.
- Do **not** let fear about how your friend may respond in the morning prevent you from acting and getting help when they need it. It may be the greatest thing you could ever do in the name of friendship.
- By the way, the best way to handle the situation is to stop it before it happens to a friend or to yourself.

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All along the way, I learn how to handle the risks associated with drinking alcohol — including the fact that not drinking is also an option.

When it is time to leave, I click on one of the many "Exit" signs at the party scene. But before I bail out, Norm has me check what I've learned at the party. Did I see the "Top 10 Ways to Turn Down A Drink?" How about the brake-simulation video. Oh, and I never got to visit with Katie and Andre.

If I want to go back, I just click. There is a seemingly endless amount of information to find, learn and process.

It has been an interesting party but more importantly I learned a lot about the effects of alcohol, how to make a plan for safe drinking, how to turn down a drink and how to make responsible choices for myself and my friends.

Not bad for someone who remembers when Budweiser did not have a "born on" date! 



Delegates to the 62nd Biennial Convention in June previewed *Alcohol 101*, and the response was overwhelming. Sixty-six chapters signed up to participate in piloting the program this fall to discourage under-age drinking and promote responsible decision-making. Pilot chapters will work with the Director of Education and Training to recommend program usage Fraternity wide. *Alcohol 101* is offered free of charge to chapters. For more information please contact JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, Virginia, Director of Education and Training, at Fraternity Headquarters at 614/228-6515.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Position Statement on Alcohol Use

The use or possession of alcohol is not permitted in a chapter facility or within the area considered part of that property.

Chapter funds cannot be used to purchase alcohol. If alcohol is to be served and/or consumed at a Kappa-sponsored or co-sponsored event, the chapter must establish a system for identifying members or guests of legal drinking age.

The sale of alcoholic beverages by any member representing the chapter is prohibited.

Open parties are not permitted. Kappa-sponsored and co-sponsored parties are limited to members and their guests.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be used or served in conjunction with services of Fraternity ritual including Formal Pledging, Initiation, Founders Day, or activities associated with Bid Day, Inspiration Period, membership selection or chapter meetings.

The misuse of alcoholic beverages by a new member, active or alumna shall render her liable to dismissal as in accordance with the provisions of the *Standing Rules* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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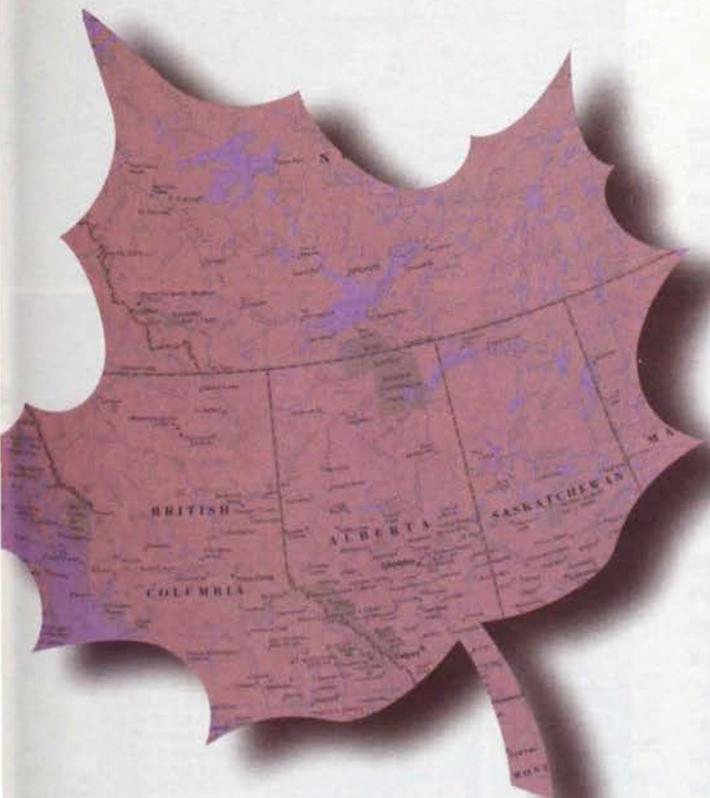
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Canada — Where the Unexpected Happens

Tips from a travel writer



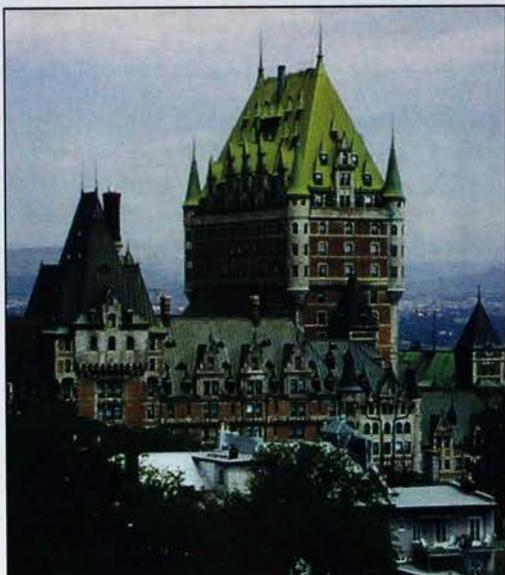
— By **DORIS FLEMING SCHARFENBERG**, *Hillsdale*

Being sniffed by a free-roaming polar bear was not part of my life plan, but safely behind the heavy glass of a tundra buggy, I stared into the frustrated black eyes and wide nostrils of a hungry carnivore.

I strolled the ocean floor when the 20-foot tide went out of the Bay of Fundy, had high tea at the sumptuous Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, and met the “Phantom of the Opera” in Toronto. Then I saw a skilled Inuit carving a totem pole near Vancouver, and beheld (“watched” is too passive a word) clouds of migratory geese rise against the morning skies of Manitoba.

Both civilizing gentleness and natural world weave a close Canadian fit.

Six time zones wide, Canada is the largest country in the western hemisphere, has a smaller population than California yet offers more geologic, cultural and weather variety than 10 other nations combined.



The Chateau Frontenac in Quebec gives the city a fairy-tale look.

Tourism Information

- British Columbia — 800/663-6000
- Yukon — 867/667-5340
- Northwest Territories — 800/661-0788
- Alberta — 800/661-8888
- Saskatchewan — 800/667-7191
- Manitoba — 800/665-0040
- Ontario — 800/ONTARIO
- Quebec — 800/363-7777
- New Brunswick — 800/561-0123
- Prince Edward Isle — 800/463-4PEI
- Newfoundland/Labrador — 800/563-6353

Summers are real productions. Southside Canada glows for five months in hot-to-cool (above freezing) temperatures. Then, after the splendors of autumn fade, citizens get into ice festivals, skiing, curling and hockey matches. To soften winter's bite, savvy cities spend millions on covered connections between important points.

In Toronto and Montreal, for example, you can shop in department stores, attend theater or find your hotel room without earmuffs. Other cold remedies include the world's largest mall in Edmonton, Alberta, complete with warm waves on an indoor beach.

Totem poles to jazz, stunning Vancouver pulsates with art and action while whales cavort in the zoo and tour craft circle the harbor. Prime skiing, deep sea fishing, hiking

Pacific forest trails and extravagant gardens are part of Vancouver city life.

High in the Canadian Rockies, you can tread on the thick ice of the Athabasca Glacier and wake up to a view of Lake Louise.

In Alberta a super summer rodeo, the Calgary Stampede, helped lure the 1988 Winter Olympics to a historic, cultured city.

Canada Is Kappa Proud!

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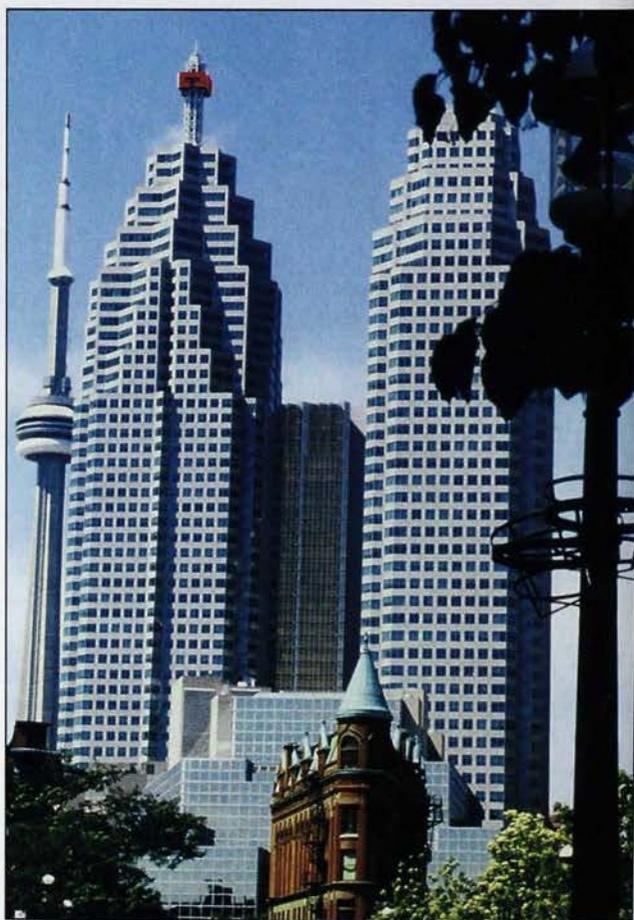
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- Toronto

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- Gamma Upsilon, *British Columbia*
- Delta Delta, *McGill*
- Zeta Omega, *Waterloo*

Approximately 2,540 Kappas reside in Canada.

From the secure comforts of VIA Rail coaches, watch the scenery unroll from majestic Rockies to midland plains where even vast spreads of winter wheat and guardian grain elevators tug at your camera. Enjoy the performing arts or ethnic feasts of Winnipeg; reserve an October trip to Churchill for polar-bear watching.



The backside of the Triangle building in Toronto.



British soldiers attract attention in Quebec City.

You could join the fur-trading rendezvous at Fort William, Thunder Bay, Ontario, on the shores of Hiawatha's own Lake Superior. Experience more of the fabulous Great Lakes at Niagara Falls. (The honeymoon is far from over.) From the deck of a small sight-seeing boat those falls will rinse anyone's brains forever. Great theater at Stratford or Niagara-on-the-Lake brings you close to the bustle of sophisticated, multi-ethnic Toronto, Canada's metropolis on Lake Ontario.

The Province of Quebec (more than twice the size of Texas) is a trip overseas without the ocean. Montreal and Quebec City are determinedly French and avant-garde, yet have sections as old world as Le Mans. Montreal's summers move with casino life, museums, the world's largest bicycle party or a Laugh Festival. In winter both cities are carnival gateways to nearby Laurentian Mountain ski resorts.

Plan now to see Quebec City's red-coated soldiers (true members of Canada's army) in bearskin helmets for visitors in a 19th-century fort with the castle-like Chateau Frontenac as backdrop, a tableau theme parks try to copy. In Ottawa, guard drill is framed by flower beds in front of Parliament.

Eastward down the St. Lawrence River are the simple joys of the Maritime Provinces. Newfoundland has North America's only fjords on a whale-watcher coast. You can photograph baby seals in spring or camp in well-tended national parks.



Tourists can tread on the thick ice of Athabasca Glacier in British Columbia.

Canadian bed-and-breakfast houses are a visit to cousins where generous breakfasts come with fresh insights into mutual relatives.

Don't miss bus tours, fishing lodges, camping, birding, or mountain climbing. For eastern boaters, locks and streams form a water network enabling small craft to go from Quebec to Chicago, Ill., or Duluth, Minn. Bagpipes are everywhere.

Curtains are rising on a thousand stages. In Canada the unexpected is about to happen again. 

About the Author

An experienced travel writer and photographer, Doris has written five travel books and is an active member of several associations for travel journalists. She has written free-lance articles for numerous newspapers and magazines including *Detroit News*, *Michigan Living* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. Doris received her 50-year pin in 1995. A proud mother and grandmother, she resides in Farmington Hills, Mich.



Longtime friends and colleagues **Doris Fleming Scharfenberg**, Hillsdale, (left) and **Pat Larry Arrigoni**, Arizona, discovered their Kappa connection during a trip to Vienna.

Oh, the Places We go!

Kappas take life-changing journeys

Take My Hand I'm a Stranger in Myanmar

— By JUDITH BLAKELY MORGAN, *Montana*

So there I sat on a 200-year-old footbridge near Mandalay, holding hands with a dark-haired stranger who stared deeply into my eyes and spoke of the future.

Although I hardly knew the man, I chose to believe what he said. After all, I had paid 300 *kyat* (about \$2 U.S.) for the impromptu palm-reading. Compared to another Burmese opium weight or gilded marionette, it seemed a reasonable investment.

This was my second day in Myanmar, the land formerly known as Burma. My pace had already slowed to match the serene stride of the natives, wrapped in their skirt-like *longyis*. My ears had adjusted to the quiet of a population that goes barefoot in Buddhist temples and many other places, slipping into thong sandals only to drive a tour bus, travel by plane or cross a splintery, teak footbridge named U Pein.

Located near the ancient capital of Amarapura, the wooden bridge zig-zags for almost a mile across a shallow lake which used to dry up each winter. Then a dam was built, flooding rice paddies, duck farms and cotton fields.

Many of the rickety planks have been replaced over the years, but the water still glimmers through the cracks. On that bright morning, spindly shadows of pilings wriggled below. Men and boys had waded in from the shore to fish with bamboo poles.

It was a sultry weekend. Families were arriving from Mandalay by boat, motorbike and pony-cart. Graceful women spread picnics in the shade of banyan trees. Youngsters arranged pink plastic chairs and tied rope hammocks between the trunks of mimosa.

At foodstands along the bank, pots of rice bubbled and white catfish sizzled on the grill. Small fresh shrimp were dumped into frying pans and tossed with garlic and ginger. Clumps of bananas hung from thatch-roofed stalls, near counters heaped with mangoes. Doomed chickens scowled from wire baskets.

On the bridge, the itinerant fortune-teller pulled out a ruler, measuring my hand from the tip of the middle finger to the wrist. "Ah," he said, nodding. "More than six inches." The width pleased him too. He studied my palm through a magnifying glass.

"You will have no crashes with automobiles, boats, planes, motorbikes, horses or elephants," he began, in a professorial tone. "Do you understand? No crashes!"

Did he know I was a travel writer?

"Your finances will be good," he said. "In 1998 and 1999 you should buy rubies and jade. Rubies and jade!" Since gems are a major Burmese export, it sounded like a commercial break. But he offered to sell no stones.

A teenage girl walked by, pushing her bike over the creaking boards. She wore almond-colored paste on her cheeks, a traditional adornment that is both beauty mark and protection from the sun. Somewhere a temple gong rang out, bronzy rich and low. Boy monks, wrapped in maroon robes, trailed the sound to a monastery in the hills.



A 200-year-old teak footbridge outside of Mandalay, a popular weekend destination for Burmese families.

But my companion stayed focused on the future. "In the year 2002, do not go near a rocky pass. Avoid hilly terrain on August 2, 3, 8 or 22." I like a man who's specific.

In 2003, I will be asked to help a younger relative. In November I must take care when swimming, in order to avoid pneumonia. "But you won't die of it," the soothsayer said, patting my hand as we parted. 

About the Author

Judith is a journalist with a travel column syndicated by Copley News Service. Her weekly column "Her World" won first place in the 1998 Society of American Travel writer's contest.

Judith and her husband, Neil, are known for writing the only authorized biography of Theodore Geisel, known to the world as Dr. Seuss. Drawing on letters, interviews, personal experience (they knew him well during the latter half of his life) and Geisel's own notes, Judith and Neil recount this acclaimed genius's life from his restless academic years to his profuse brilliance as a writer and avatar of children's learning.

The book, *Dr. Seuss & Mr. Geisel*, was listed among *The New York Times* Notable Books of the Year for 1995 and is now available in paperback from DaCapo Press, New York. Judith and her husband were interviewed about their research and long friendship with Mr. Geisel as part of an hour-long BBC documentary on Dr. Seuss that ran in Great Britain this year.

Judith has also written *Portrait of California*, a book that explores the state of California with vision and enthusiasm through stunning images.



Life revolves around fishing along Irra Waddy River near Mandalay, Burma/Myanmar.

Discovering the Extremes of Segregated Life

—By MARY (LIBBY) SALTER BILLINGTON, *Oklahoma*

Women's lives in Saudi Arabia have long been extremely restricted by traditional cultural standards. In 1983-84 I spent 15 months in Jeddah teaching English to young Muslim women who were training to become nurses or secretaries in King Fahd Hospital, a royal military hospital. My students needed English, the international language, because most of the hospital staff were expatriates (foreigners) while the Saudis were trying to train more Saudis to eventually eliminate the need for expatriates.

Single women ex-pats were forbidden association with men — married or single. Since it was illegal for women to drive, ex-pat women had no way to travel by car since they had no male family member to chauffeur them. The hospital provided buses to take us to work and shop, but otherwise we had to break the law by relying on male friends as drivers. We were very careful to meet them surreptitiously since we could be deported if the religious police caught us.

Social life found us going to compounds, such as Raytheon or American, where we could



MARY CLAIRE VADMAN, Washington, and COURTNEY USHER, Washington, toured seven countries in three weeks. In Salzburg, Austria, they were surprised to see "Kappa" on the back of a man's shirt!

square dance, Scottish dance, take scuba diving lessons before graduating to the Red Sea, and attend concerts and parties. We attended church at the British and American embassies, but it was called "Welfare Society" since the Saudis ruled church illegal.

Hospital ex-pats were in segregated living quarters divided by high walls into three parts: families, single men, single women,

the latter with guards at the entrance. A midnight curfew for single women meant deportation if ignored, so we took care not to be delayed.

Segregation went to astonishing extremes in the use of the grocery store and the swimming pool. Single women had a rear entrance from our compound to the store, although men and women mingled inside. The swimming pool schedule was divided into three equal parts with no possibility of overlapping groups. Gates from each compound were kept locked except for our specific turns to swim.

Fences, both literal and figurative, keep the sexes from contact in any public places, even in restaurants — except for the fine hotels which cater to foreign dignitaries or businessmen. The markets (*souks*) are a rare exception, but usually the Saudi wife, in proper garb and sometimes facial veil, follows along behind her husband.

A women's bank, where no men were allowed, freed the women to remove their black *abayas* (robes) and head scarves inside. The same was true at the school, although students wore long-sleeved, long-skirted uniforms. Using the hospital pool devoid of men, students wore a swim suit that covered their knees.

At puberty boys and girls go to separate schools and the same is true for colleges and universities. Attending the graduation ceremony of one of my students

from King Abdul Azziz Women's University, I saw an indoor stadium devoid of men but filled with elegantly gowned and bejeweled ladies who gave rousing cheers for each graduate. After the ceremony we saw a throng of Saudi male drivers — husbands, brothers, sons or paid chauffeurs — pressed against a chain link fence as they tried to glimpse their family women who had donned their black garb at the door. Except for size and shape, the women all looked alike except for one woman whose gold-rimmed glasses shone forth like a beacon as I smothered a chuckle.

In spite of the inconveniences caused by segregation, I had a good time in Saudi Arabia and made lifelong friends. My spiritual life improved, as did my appreciation for freedoms we take for granted. 



Student nurses cover their school uniforms with appropriate dress for hospital work on gynecology and pediatric wards only. For the bus ride home they cover up with black *abayas*.



Mary with a Yemeni woman.

Adventure in St. Croix

— By AMY DAVIS, *Cincinnati*

Sun-drenched blue skies, crystal Caribbean waters and children with hibiscus in hand greeted me at the Alexander Hamilton Airport in St. Croix. It was there that I met the tiny souls who would be entrusted to my care for the next 15 months.

St. Croix, the first of three Virgin Islands visited by Christopher Columbus during his exploration of the West Indies, was acquired by the United States in 1917. As a U.S. territory, the island offers educational opportunities of national service to mainlanders through AmeriCorps' programs, best described as a domestic Peace Corps. The Queen Louise Home for Children, a facility founded in 1905 by Queen Louise of Denmark to combat poverty among emancipated slaves and to provide care to orphans, gave me an amazing cultural experience.

In Frederiksted village, five other cottage parents (some of whom remain my dearest friends) and I provided 24-hour love and care to more than 20 abused, neglected or abandoned children. With an average stay at the home of 18 months, the children enchanted my heart, and for the time being, were my children. Each day brought new challenges in reaching the emotionally isolated and

needy youth and assisting with behavioral modification plans.

Waking up at 3 a.m. to food strewn all over the house and a party hosted by two- and six-year-olds and a ringleader of age seven, was one of the less strenuous components of being a cottage parent. The flip side of the chaos, such as a glimmer in Aida's eyes after a trip to the tropi-

cal beach on a lazy Saturday, Latifa with her arms stretched awaiting a hug and kiss at bedtime or just an enthusiastic smile from Chaim while sharing the brilliance of a Dr. Seuss classic, made the physical and emotional exhaustion worthwhile.

I also experienced a trek into a kaleidoscopic culture. I can still hear the faint beats of the local reggae bands during breezy harbor nights. The holiday festivals featuring *Mocko Jumbies*, motley fashioned stilt walkers representing ancient African spirits who were believed to protect and bring luck to the good, were never to be missed. Nor were the delightful delicacies such as johnny cakes and potato stuffing, mangos from our backyard trees and other decadent, exotic refreshments.

My "Cruzian" experience (Cruzian, not Croixian, stems from the island's former Spanish name, Santa Cruz, meaning Holy Cross) was probably the most challenging time in my life yet also one of the most rewarding moves outside my comfort zone. I encourage anyone with the spirit to take a positive risk to consider exploring the magnificence of the world and serving her country in a productive, non-violent capacity. 



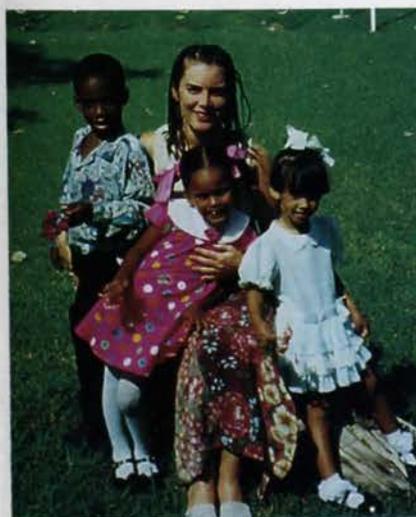
SARAH ZEFF, *Emory*, and KATHERINE WILSON, *Emory*, spent their last academic year in St. Andrews, Scotland, studying under the Robert T. Jones Memorial Scholarship, which provided a generous travel stipend allowing them to travel throughout Europe and North Africa. They are seen here near the Mosque of Sultan Hassan with the Mosque at the Citadel of Salah ad-Din in the background.

Facing the Challenge in China

GINGER HOLMES ROBINSON, *Missouri*, a cardiac/critical care nurse and husband Randy, a craniomaxillofacial surgeon, travel around the world with other volunteers through the Face the Challenge (FTC) program. Ginger serves as executive director of the organization, which works to surgically correct facial deformities of children in some of the poorest parts of the world.

Last year Ginger and Randy joined a surgical team of nine others in Shenyang, China, an industrial city of six million people in Northeastern China. The team completed 14 pediatric facial surgeries at the Northeast Power Group (NEPG) Hospital #1. Many patients came from inner Mongolia, a two-day sojourn by ox cart and then bus and train.

In a letter to FTC supporters, Randy and Ginger write, "These people were truly some of the poorest peasants we have seen in all of our travels. During our pre-operative patient screenings, we regretted turning away children with facial deformities who, after a long winter and no access to antibiotics, were too ill to have operations."



Amy Davis cared for needy and abandoned children for 15 months in St. Croix.



A grandmother holds her three-month-old grandson Yu prior to his bilateral cleft lip surgery in Shenyang, China.

One child, three-month-old Yu, was removed from the surgery schedule because the Chinese discouraged us from operating because they did not know how to give anesthesia to infants. Yu's family remained on the hospital ward and lovingly held him up for us to see each time we passed by. Finally, at one united moment of conviction, we broke diplomacy and knew we had to operate. The surgery went smoothly and the Chinese learned how

to give anesthesia to an infant. We shudder to think that we almost sent Yu's

family back to Mongolia still despairing.

We were told the last Western doctor to visit Northeastern China was a Canadian in 1947. In the last 50 years, few of these Chinese surgeons have been exposed to Western medical technology. To address their needs, the FTC surgical team presented a day of facial surgery lectures to 100 health professionals.

As we packed for our return to the United States, the questions commonly asked of FTC teams were asked again, 'So, when will you return?' followed by, 'Stay longer and teach us more. Can we keep some of the equipment?'

We have agreed to return to NEPG Hospital #1 in the spring of 1999. In the meantime, the medical outreach mission of FTC is at work in many other ways. 



A Vietnamese couple sheds tears of joy after their six-month-old son's cleft lip surgery.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an update on Ginger and Randy's work with FTC. A feature article appeared in the Summer 1996 Issue of *The Key*. For more information contact *Face the Challenge, Inc.*, 3140-K South Peoria #168, Aurora, CO 80014, 303/699-7970.



Randy and Ginger rest on a cart in Ho Chi Minh City.

How I Earned a Degree in Life

— By **SHELLY GISMONDI**, *West Virginia*

I was 23 years old with a master's degree in education. I was prepared for a career as an educator, but I wanted something else first.

A Swiss au pair agency had an opening for a housekeeper and I took it. The contract stipulated that my employers paid for insurance and German lessons and I was committed to a year's employment. At a salary of \$100 a week, working hours of 7 a.m. through 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and with a tiny bedroom and bath in the attic, my friends thought I was crazy to take a job cooking and cleaning. On the flip side, I felt this would be my personal "degree in life," the greatest internship and best independent study of all.

Adjustment to my job was easy but the daily routine was boring. However, I loved my free time (most weekends off) and the opportunities of European living. My employers were generous and often gave me extra money for trips.

A beginners' class in German met three evenings a week and was a different experience from my high school and college Spanish classes. Learning "High" German in Zurich proved to be distinctly different from the Swiss German dialect spoken in northern Switzerland, and I never did understand it. One of my best language teachers was the patient farmer who stopped at the end of our street with his produce wagon. He spoke no English but engaged me in conversation about the weather and my family in the States. Before I left after a year there, I had dinner with his family and spoke German all evening.

Holiday breaks allowed me to travel. I visited southern Italy — surely one of the most beautiful places in the world — Paris, the Loire Valley and Northern France. Visiting

Photograph by Global Volunteers



Janet Howe Townsley, Maryland, and her husband, Ed, joined Global Volunteers on a two-week service program in Dobczyce, Poland, last year. Janet and Ed taught English to elementary school students in this town of medieval castles.

A private, non-profit organization based in St. Paul, Minn., Global Volunteers also schedules two- and three-week programs to Indonesia, Tanzania, Vietnam, China and many other countries.



Shelly enjoyed visiting Venice, Italy, during her European travels.

museums and galleries, I stored up memories like seeing 24 French schoolboys and their teacher admiring the *Mona Lisa* and spending time in the Louvre on a cold, rainy January weekend — no long lines of tourists!

February offers a skiing break for the Swiss, but I chose a warmer climate — Spain and Morocco. Three weeks free in the summer took me on a trek across Austria and Slovakia. Prague, one of few European capital cities left virtually intact after World War II, is a crown jewel of European cities. Venice, Amsterdam, Bavaria, the Rhine Valley and Berlin were among my summer weekend travels.

Ending my year as a housekeeper, I had some money left from the initial \$2,500 I had brought with me, enabling me to travel in Great Britain, enjoying the London theater, Oxford, Cambridge, the Cotswolds and north to Scotland.

During my 14 months of “personal education,” I saw some amazing sights, experienced a variety of cultures and met a host of people from around the globe. I also missed the United States and gained a deeper appreciation for my country and its democratic system. 

Travel Web Sites

www.travelocity.com
www.mapquest.com
www.fodors.com

Oh, the Places We've Been... With "KappaTravels" Trips

Kappas of all ages from around the continent have enjoyed “KappaTravels” trips offered by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Members and their friends and families have shared many exciting adventures this past year.

The year began with a cruise from Sydney, Australia, to Auckland, New Zealand, followed by a week-long trip down the Mississippi on the *American Queen* during the Spring Pilgrimage. Both trips were escorted by “KappaTravels” Coordinator **VERA LEWIS MARINE**, *Colorado College*, who planned special events for the Kappa travelers.

Other Kappas enjoyed a safari or toured the Boston/Cape Cod area in early June. The popular post-Convention trip to the Grand Canyon and Sedona hosted 21 Kappas and their husbands who traveled with Vera by bus and train through scenic, historic Arizona.

Traveling with Kappa is a wonderful way to see the world. You can even find a roommate if you so desire. Your fellow travelers will share many things in common with you. Vera says, “You can be on your own, but not alone, when traveling with Kappa.”

For information on upcoming trips, please see the ad on Page 37 of this issue. 



Archaeologist Sifts Sands of Time

— By AMY RUSH, UCLA

No e-mail. No voice-mail. No underground parking structures with multiple sets of elevators. Third world accommodations. I couldn't determine whether it was alti-

tude sickness, the side effects of many immunization shots or a basic mental queasiness that affected me as I realized I had left everything familiar.

Totorani is a tiny town in Peru at the base of the Andean Mountain range where I spent two weeks searching for evidence of indigenous antecedents to the Incas. Crouched in a pit about three feet deep,

though still almost 12,000 feet above sea level, I scrounged for chert and obsidian flakes. Here in the highlands of Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world, my eyes were wide and my senses heightened, though I felt somewhat as I did at age eight, digging in a sand box.

My first grand discovery was a multi-colored chert, a type of rock, found in the midst of a house floor dating to the Archaic/Early Formative years. Our goal was to uncover evidence of established stationary settlements from a time earlier than had ever before been proven in this area.

Each morning I left my mattress for an early solo trek up the mountains. Along the ridge of the Andes the wind blows so hard that it is necessary to run for warmth. As a

runner, there was nothing more magical; as a person, little else could be as spiritual. Life without smog is astounding!

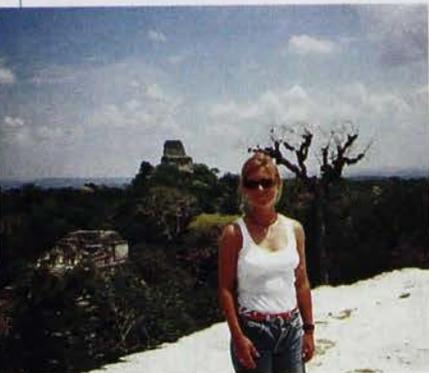
Transferring data from the pit to paper, we drew each of the walls — a tedious process but a very telling story of the past through distinguishing layers of dirt.

Since we hired several locals each day and were thus a valuable source of income, we were received warmly by the community. Occasional halts in our work enabled me to talk with the locals. Speaking with the women was difficult since many knew only Aymara, the indigenous language. The kids giggled and ran in circles with the sheep, but a few men conversed at times.

Travel back to town on the weekends was in *combis* (tiny buses), with people crammed in and goats and chicken strapped on top with the luggage. Every Sunday companies of soldiers marched through the streets, asserting their power while clutching vintage Russian weapons. Not exactly in sync, bayonets habitually knocked off other's berets. In a patch of playground, a concrete gazebo provided a place for teenage dancing and courtship.

Caught in a terrific storm of hail and wind, we raced for shelter in the local school along with the rest of the townspeople. I'm not sure where all the animals went.

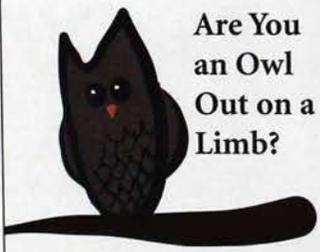
Our expedition was a success. Lake Titicaca has been home to people of all kinds — ancient descendants of the Inca, colonial Spaniards, the drug cartel and Shining Path guerrillas, political militia, indigenous Aymara and curious archaeologists. We are only a speck of history held between each granule of dirt on these plains and there is so much more to be known. 



Amy Rush, UCLA, overlooking El Mundo Perdido, Tikal.



Amy on the Altiplano of Peru near Lake Titicaca.



Are You an Owl Out on a Limb?

You too can enjoy the privileges, friendship and fun that come with participation in an alumnae association. Please complete this form and send it to **Christine Erickson Astone, Wyoming**. She will put you in touch with your Province Director of Alumnae and the alumnae association nearest you.

Yes! I want to know more about Kappa Alumnae Association opportunities near me!

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Kappa Connection in Argentina

KATHRYN WAGONER ROTHBERG, *Cal. State Fresno*, and BARB VAN BUSKIRK, *Dartmouth*, were strangers until they met in the beach resort town of Pinamar, Argentina, thanks to Kathryn's Kappa sweatshirt.

Kathryn moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1995 to join her husband who was sent there for his job. She had previously served EPSILON PSI, *UC Santa Barbara*, as the Chapter Finance Adviser.



Kathryn Wagoner Rothberg, *Cal. State Fresno*

"Although a big part of my experience in Argentina has been meeting people and learning about the Latin American business environment as a human resources administrator, it has been refreshing to spend time with Barb, a new-found sister and friend," says Kathryn.

Barb works as the manager of sales planning, training and administration for Gillette and also moved to Buenos Aires, because of her husband's work. While living in Hartford, Conn., prior to moving to Argentina, Barb served as an adviser to ZETA THETA, *Trinity*.

"It's hard to believe that the only two known Kappas in Argentina met by pure coincidence. Our strong friendship began in a small beach resort town where we were fortunate to bond thanks in part to the strong connection we feel as Kappa sisters," says Barb. 



Barb Van Buskirk,
Dartmouth

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you to the many Kappas who submitted stories for this issue. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, not all submissions could be used. If possible, they may be used in a future issue of *The Key*.

Have a Safe Trip!

Keep these safety tips in minds wherever you go.

In Public Places...

- Be aware of your surroundings. Usually people who are attacked have not been paying attention.
- Convey confidence through body language.
- Follow your intuition and trust your instincts.
- When in an unfamiliar place, get complete directions before driving. If you get lost, find a police, fire or service station.

On Public Transportation...

- Arrive at the departing point no more than five minutes before scheduled departure.
- Sit near the driver or conductor, in a single or outside seat. Stay alert and move if someone bothers you. If followed, head toward a populated, well-lighted area.
- Plan ahead. Notice which places are open at your stop. Run there for help if you are followed.

On the Street...

- Stay in well-lighted areas and walk mid-point between curbs and buildings, away from alleys, entries and bushes.
- Carry only necessary credit cards and money.
- Walk with someone whenever possible.
- Do not stop to give directions or information to strangers.
- Never hitchhike.
- If your bag is snatched, don't fight. Report the incident.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Carry a personal alarm attached to your purse or keys.

In Your Accommodations...

- Keep doors locked at all times. Use the peephole.
- Keep an accurate inventory of your possessions.
- If you return to your residence and suspect it has been illegally entered, do not enter. Call the police.
- Draw curtains after dark. Never dress in front of a window.
- The sight of valuables may tempt a burglar.
- Have a telephone beside your bed. Know how to call for help.

While Driving...

- Use caution when entering or leaving a vehicle.
- Keep windows up, doors locked and valuables out of sight.
- Before entering, check front and back seats to see if anyone is hiding. Make sure the dome light is operating.
- Open windows just enough for ventilation or to ask for directions, but not enough so that someone could put a hand in.
- Intersections and stop lights are common places for would-be attackers. Keep your car in gear.
- If you have car trouble, raise the hood and stay in the car with doors locked. If strangers stop, ask them to report your predicament to the police but do not encourage assistance.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Don't mark your key chain with your name or address.
- Bump-and-rob scams are minor rear-end collisions staged to assault a lone driver. If the driver and/or passengers in the other vehicle look suspicious and you feel you are in danger, do not get out. Drive to a police or fire station.

— From *Keep Safe*, a personal safety program from Kappa Kappa Gamma. For more information contact Fraternity Headquarters.

Getting There Is Part of the Fun!

How traveling has changed in 50 years



Bev Estabrook Essel Hirt,
Miami (Ohio).

— By **LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN,** *Adelphi*

Life was different when six high school girls were chosen to join bandleader Horace Heidt's Youth Opportunity Program in the late 1940s. The mother of one of those girls, a teacher, insisted that they and the six boys chosen continue their schooling and arrangements were made for a traveling teacher, not so common then.

That teacher's daughter, **BEVERLY ESTABROOK ESSEL HIRT**, *Miami (Ohio)*, had enjoyed some success as a dancer throughout Ohio — tap, ballet, musical comedy. Her excitement about joining the program continued as the young people, called the Heidt-Steppers, met in hotel conference rooms for early classes and later rode to performances in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's limousine, purchased by Heidt for this purpose.

Performing Near and Far

Packed into their own cars were musicians, sound and set people, stage hands, managers, etc., and big trucks carried the extensive collection of costumes, luggage and musical instruments as the group performed in almost every state.

In 1950 the group flew to Europe to perform for troops in England, Ireland, Africa, Germany, Austria, France and the Azores. Carried by the Military Air Transport Service, everyone held military orders as well as the essential passports. They flew in two C-54s, huge planes with Air Force crews, and ground transport was supplied by military

personnel and vehicles. Usually billeted at hotels, their Berlin stay was at Templehoff, the famous Luftwaffe airbase.

In Tripoli, Libya, on the air base, Bev remembers, "I carefully shook all clothing, costumes and especially shoes, before putting them on because of the danger of lurking scorpions."

Upon their return from Europe, the Air Force flew each of the young people home — for Bev, to Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio.

It was during these tours that Bev met Al and Mary Hirt. Al was lead trumpeter in the band, also the instru-



Bev and Al first met in the 1940s.

mental soloist, and just beginning to hit "the big time."

The tour ended in time for Bev to graduate with her class. During the summer, Bev's mother urged her to go to college, saying education should come first and a dancer's life couldn't go on forever. Bev agreed and called Heidt to say she wouldn't return in the fall.

Travel — Kappa Style

Joining Kappa at Miami University (Ohio), Bev entered "another wonderful part of my life." She met and married Bob Essel, a Sigma Chi. They selected her as their Alpha Sweetheart, and she was one of three sweethearts to attend their national convention where she won second place as National Sweetheart.

Kappa life as Omicron Province Director of Alumnae, 1981-1985, saw Bev traveling mostly by car, bus and small two-motor planes which, she says, "terrified me — no coffee, no bathroom!" Friendships made during those years are still strong.

As Assistant to the Director of Philanthropies, Bev worked mostly at home. Three children were through college and married, and being Circle Key Grant Chairman entailed little traveling, except to those "marvelous Kappa conventions." However, Bob had developed diabetes and passed away suddenly in 1988. "I found support and a lighter heart through my many Kappa friends from all over the continent," Bev recalls.

Back in Show Biz

During the years after the Heidt days, Bev's family had kept in touch with Al Hirt and his family. He had hit the big time and whenever he performed near Minneapolis they all met to spend brief but wonderful times together. Al's wife, Mary, had passed away in the early 1980s, and after Bob died, Al called to see how Bev was coping. She flew to meet him on the road several times and their long friendship "developed into a loving relationship." They were married in 1990 and — "Boom! I was back in show biz!"

After developing a little husband and wife "schtick," Bev joined Al onstage for part of the show. They continue to travel the continent by various means of transportation. Bev believes every captain on every airline knows Al but their favorite means of touring is by bus — a huge bus. There's a private compartment for them, six bunks per side for band members and other personnel and storage for every need. Bus trips have found the Hirts lost in the

mountains, on unexpected construction detours and waiting out storms while worrying about their tight schedules.

Packing Is an Art

Tours last 12 to 16 days, with concert dates running every four days with an occasional day off for long jaunts or a stayover. Packing is an art! Four dresses with matching beaded and sequined jackets mix and match for stage outfits. A couple of dresses do for dinners out. Jeans are fine for the bus. And the ever-present carryall jammed with all the necessities women are never without pairs with a big shoulder bag.

"I still take too much sometimes," Bev says. She thought she was a good packer from Kappa days but Al's valet taught her how to really take all she needs and have it arrive wrinkle-free.

"I look back on Heidt days and remember those one-night stands and compare it to the present," Bev says. "I'll take the 'now' over the 'then,'" she concludes. "It's a pleasure traveling now and since Al is a legend and a member of the International Jazz Hall of Fame, we look forward to bringing his music to wherever he's performing. That's show biz!"

Bev's Packing Tips

1. Shoes, with pantyhose, socks, etc. stuffed inside, around suitcase sides.
2. Matching purses with accessories inside in middle bottom of case.
3. Put entire outfit on hanger inside drycleaning bag. Fold in half and lay in suitcase.
4. Shorts, T-shirts, pajamas, etc. go in separate baggies (two-gallon size).
5. Pack clothes in the order you plan to wear them with robe, nightie, slippers on top.
6. Take drawstring garbage bags for dirty clothes.
7. Keep a sachet in the suitcase so it doesn't get musty.
8. Never pack good jewelry, medicines, etc.
9. Upon arrival, hang outfits (still in cleaning bags), line up shoes and purses beneath.
10. Use a BIG suitcase. It's easy!



Bev and Al enjoy their adventures in show business.

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The 62nd Biennial Convention



Collegians experience the excitement of their first Convention.

From many parts of this great continent, we of Kappa Kappa Gamma, college women in the United States and Canada, have come together within the circle of our Fraternity and to plan for our organization an increasing usefulness.

Rockets blasted off in Convention Hall and a lava lamp lit the Educational Resources display as Kappas in Scottsdale, Ariz., planned a vision for the future of the Fraternity. You might ask, "What does a lava lamp have to do with the future of Kappa Kappa Gamma?" Well, this is no ordinary lava lamp, it's Norm, the host of the new interactive alcohol awareness CD-ROM program created by the Century Council and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Read more about this on Page 7.)

So you've heard about the lava lamp, but what about the rockets? During the "Reach for the Stars" session following the opening business meeting, space rockets launched Kappas into the year 2020. Kappas were asked to design the cover of a news magazine depicting what Kappa achievements the world should know about. To get creative juices flowing, a few examples were displayed: "Convention 2020 On-line — Wear White to Log On" (If you haven't attended a Convention, white attire is required for opening and closing business meetings.)

With Director of Education and Training JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, Virginia, and Chairman of Long-range Planning ERICA PROCTER TANK, Babson, as facilitators, Kappas planned a vision, Oprah Winfrey style. The audience of more than 1000 Kappas offered their visions of the future of Kappa Kappa Gamma. In considering where Kappa fits into the big picture of the future, Erica and Joann reported on studies that indicate that the median age in 2020 will be 38; baby boomers will be approaching 70 and their children approaching 40 — parenting and grandparenting will be big business; society will become better educated and more dependent on technology.

Kappas were challenged to be proactive and form a vision and long-range plan for the future of the Fraternity. These ideas were explored in subsequent Convention workshops.

Maureen Syring, keynote speaker for the "Reach for the Stars" program, challenged Kappas to commit themselves to three main points upon which the Fraternity will continue to be strengthened. "You've got to care, you've got to trust and you've got to grow," said Maureen,

The 1998 Convention Committee.



Delegates prepare for opening business meeting.

62nd Biennial Convention Highlights

a former President of Delta Gamma Fraternity and a current National Panhellenic Conference delegate.

While an on-line Convention may be forward thinking, Fraternity President **CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, put it all into perspective. "Kappa is all about women who share their lives with us not for personal recognition or praise but because of a strong belief in the principles developed by those six visionary women in Monmouth. The standards identified in 1870 are as relevant today as they were then: the beauty of friendship, the pursuit of excellence in every aspect of one's life and the realization of the potential that lives deep inside every member."

And truly our history and heritage were a part of Convention. A few feet from lava lamp Norm, but a world apart, was an elegant display of historic gowns and treasures from the visionary women of the Fraternity's past. Kappas not only were treated to items from the Fraternity archives, but also had an opportunity to view preliminary designs for the new Fraternity history book, *History 2000...Kappa Kappa Gamma Through the Years*. Although the book isn't for sale yet, sponsorships are being offered for \$100 and include a copy of the book in 2000, the sponsor's name listed in the book and a pewter lapel pin. Sponsorships also help defray the cost of providing each chapter with a copy for its archives. (For more information see Page 41.)

In addition to contributing more than 50 History 2000 sponsorships during Convention, Kappas raised \$13,370 through the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation "Tribute Cactus." Kappas made donations in honor of friends and posted appreciation notes on a green, wooden cactus while viewing the scholarship and educational programming information on display.

Another memorable event was the Biennial Memorial Service held in a serene, outdoor setting with songs led by the Convention Choir. Fraternity ritual conducted by **CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, provided the framework for everyone present to silently remember the Kappas we have loved and lost. It was a fitting tribute to the sisters who touched the lives of their friends, families and the Fraternity in so many special ways. 

Vision 20/20

Experience the excitement of the 62nd Biennial Convention on videotape. See the Headquarters Request Form on Page 52 to place an order.

The Fraternity's new history book is underway.



The delegate from **Eta Delta, Valparaiso**, Kappa's newest chapter, carried the final flag presented during the traditional Parade of Flags.



The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation raises money for scholarships and educational programs.



Kappas Accomplish the Impractical

Visionary — “one whose ideas or projects are impractical,” according to *Merriam Webster Dictionary*. In presenting the Convention theme, “Vision 20/20,” Fraternity President **CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, reminded us that our Founders were most likely perceived as impractical. “After all, how practical was it to spend hours away from their studies and other responsibilities to plan what has become an organization of more than 179,000 members, with 127 collegiate chapters and more than 350 alumnae associations?” asked Cathy. “Perhaps to be a visionary, one must have the courage to be impractical.”

“The direction the Fraternity takes — its triumphs and challenges — is the result of women who took their vision and made it reality,” stated Cathy. “Kappa offers each member the opportunity to search deep inside herself to find the wealth of ability that lives within.”

This biennium has seen significant growth in many areas of programming including the development of the New Member Program, which emphasizes immediate integration of new members into chapter activities and encourages each young woman to contribute fully to her chapter soon after her pledge to membership.

In addition, 26 Kappas have been recruited as trainers to present educational programs and lead workshops on leadership and volunteer support. Kappa Kinetics, the Fraternity’s own intergenerational leadership development seminar, continues to inspire members of all ages. A new, user-friendly chapter finance program has been developed to assist chapters in handling finances efficiently.

Another success is the renewed commitment to academic standards. This is evident by the cumulative chapter GPA of 3.068, which is higher than the reported cumulative all-sorority average of 3.02. Philanthropic work and community service remain a priority among alumnae and undergraduates.

Cathy also reported on the need for members of



Association award winners.

Greek-letter organizations to speak with one voice in response to the challenges facing the Greek system. Kappa undergraduates have followed risk management guidelines and alcohol policies for years and must now voice support of those men’s groups who have committed to prohibiting alcohol from their facilities by the year 2000. Cathy shared comments from Lissa Bradford, Chairman of

the National Panhellenic Conference and member of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, regarding the need to work together with the men’s fraternities. Cathy stressed that it is imperative to the future of all Greek organizations that we strengthen relationships with host institutions and reaffirm our Constitutional right to exist as single-gender organizations.

Another serious challenge facing the Greek system and Kappa Kappa Gamma is the elimination of hazing. In light of recent hazing incidents which received national attention, Cathy stressed the Fraternity’s “zero tolerance” policy.

“No member of Kappa Kappa Gamma should tolerate any form of hazing. It is contrary to all Kappa stands for, and it must stop. If we all take an active role, it will end.” Cathy also emphasized that the Fraternity will continue to take swift and appropriate action with chapters, associations and individuals who refuse to end “this unacceptable behavior.”

On a more positive note, Cathy shared a story of a collegian who lost her financial aid and would have been forced to leave school without her chapter’s assistance. Chapter members helped her secure an Emergency Grant through the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and raised the rest of the funds themselves.

Cathy shared a final definition of vision — “unusual wisdom in foreseeing what is going to happen.” Like our Founders, each member has the wisdom and strength to “proudly lead the Fraternity into the next Millennium and preserve Kappa Kappa Gamma for future generations,” said Cathy. 



Collegiate award winners.



Cathy Thompson Carswell, *Illinois Wesleyan*, was elected to her second term as President.

1996-1998 BIENNIAL REPORT

Ticktock, ticktock: can you hear it? The minutes, HOURS, days and months

are going by as the millennium approaches.

What are your thoughts as you PONDER

the beginning of a new century? Are you

GRATEFUL that you were born at the time

that makes it POSSIBLE to witness

changes that are coming at an incredible

speed? What will the new century bring us?

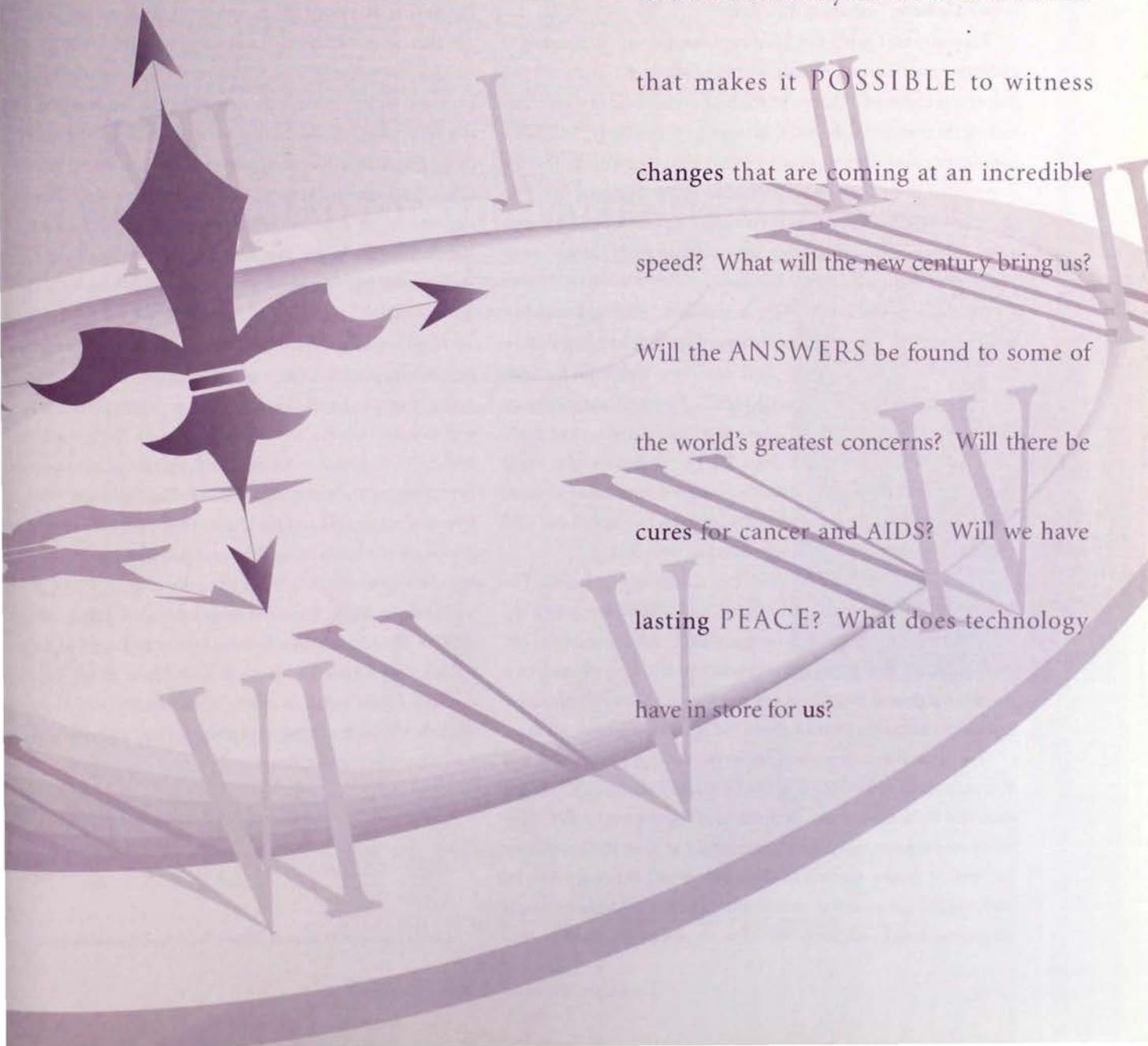
Will the ANSWERS be found to some of

the world's greatest concerns? Will there be

cures for cancer and AIDS? Will we have

lasting PEACE? What does technology

have in store for us?



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How many times have we heard that we must learn the lessons of the past to prepare for the future? Will the principles and missions of our organizations have relevance in the next century? What values will guide us as we do our best to live meaningful, productive and happy lives? What will we do to make our Fraternity, community, country and the world a better place to live?

I am confident that the mission and purposes of Kappa Kappa Gamma will always be meaningful and inspiring to current and future members. As I have traveled across the country visiting alumnae associations and chapters, I have been humbled by the expression of devotion and pride that members have for Kappa. Every member loves Kappa in her own special way and it is remarkable to hear many women confide that Kappa has been an important factor in shaping their lives.

Recently, that pride has been expressed in an outpouring of concern over some unfortunate hazing incidents that occurred in a few of our chapters. Thanks to the high-tech world of communication, these events were news throughout the country. While the incidents caused great concern and embarrassment for the Fraternity Council, they also proved to us the depth of devotion members have for Kappa. It is very clear that members of Kappa Kappa Gamma will not tolerate any deviation from the standards that are so highly valued and cherished.

Although modern technology is still in its infancy, Kappa has worked tirelessly to stay current in every area. We have entered the "information super-highway" and now have Web sites for both the membership and the general public. A new Chapter Finance System has been developed to make that challenging area of chapter programming more user-friendly. The computer systems at Kappa Headquarters are constantly being enhanced and updated making it possible for talented staff to maintain a smooth and efficient organization. As technology changes, we adjust.

This Biennium has seen growth and change in many areas. The Fraternity Council has been diligent in its dedication to keep Kappa on the cutting edge. New methods in membership recruitment have been extremely successful, which are reflected in a notable increase of new members over the Biennium. We also have grown by chartering three chapters and six alumnae associations.

The climate at colleges and universities is changing as well and Kappa endeavors to remain at the forefront. Hazing, which is not tolerated by the Fraternity, and the resulting negative public relations impact not only the Fraternity, but also the college or university. A new attitude of "zero tolerance" is being taken by national officers as well as college administrators. Alcohol abuse is a crisis on many campuses. We all must join in the effort to edu-

cate our members about the serious and often devastating consequences of binge drinking. What has Kappa done in the past, what are the plans for the future regarding this difficult issue? There are no easy answers to this, but we are providing as much education as possible for our members. We interact with our collegiate members and help them to understand our mission and values as it relates to this complicated issue.

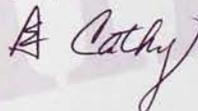
Our award-winning program, *SEEK*, addresses many ways to help our members increase their self-esteem and thus, start the process to remove destructive behavior from their lives.

Our New Member Program, used by forty-three chapters, effectively integrates new members into chapter life beginning with Bid Day. This flexible program has been designed to suit the needs of chapters of all sizes. The Task Force and subsequent committee that developed the program continue to fine-tune it so that 100 percent of our chapters will adopt it by Fall 1998.

Our Long-Range Plan of "Women Supporting Women" provided a clear strategy for achieving the timeless goals set forth during the 1992-94 Biennium. Now we stand on the threshold of a new Long-Range Planning process, and it is being introduced at this 1998 General Convention. There, those attending have the opportunity to express their dreams and expectations for Kappa Kappa Gamma in the 21st century. By listening to the membership, we will have a clear understanding of where we should focus our efforts.

Finally, I cannot end this brief report without expressing my gratitude and admiration for the volunteers who keep Kappa "moving and running" so well. Those members selflessly share their time and talents in order to ensure the future. Each member of the Fraternity, Regional and Associate Councils spends hours faithfully performing the duties of her office. The Fraternity Standing Special Committees and the chairmen support the important programs of the Fraternity. Chapter advisers and House Board members give countless hours of love and support to our chapters and their facilities. Alumnae associations are filled with devoted officers who are as fierce in their loyalty to Kappa as anyone! To you all, I say a heartfelt "thank you." Without YOU, Kappa Kappa Gamma would cease to exist. Because of YOU, Kappa Kappa Gamma will have a future, and every current and new member will have an impact on that future!

Loyally,



Cathy Thompson Carswell, Illinois Wesleyan, Fraternity President

WHAT WAS NEW IN 1996 – 98

- Piloting of the new Chapter Finance System by 6 chapters.
- Piloting of the New Member Program by 43 chapters.
- Development of the Fraternity's public and private Web site.
- Development of the Regional Training Program.
- Modern communication enhanced by investing in technological innovations — Web site, e-mail, Chapter Finance program, multi-media capabilities and updating of the Fraternity Headquarters computer system.
- Appointment of Alumna Membership and Minnie Stewart Task Forces.
- Employed a Public Relations firm to enhance the Fraternity's public image and assist with crisis management and media relations.
- Created an Advisory Board/House Board Committee to provide consistent support.
- Employed a Graphic Design Firm to produce the *History 2000... Kappa Kappa Gamma Through the Years*.
- Created a chapter Risk Management officer to assist with the implementation of the Fraternity's Risk Management Guidelines and provide chapters with Risk Management education.
- Extension of Chapters & Alumnae Associations in the United States and Canada.
- Employed a full-time Director of Education and Training.

WHAT IS AHEAD FOR THE FRATERNITY

- Chairmanship of National Panhellenic Conference Executive Committee.
- Implementation of the Chapter Finance System and the New Member Program.
- Development of a Membership video for use by chapters during the Rush process.
- Publishing of *History 2000... Kappa Kappa Gamma Through the Years*.
- Continuation of extension of Chapters & Associations in the United States and Canada.



HEADQUARTERS

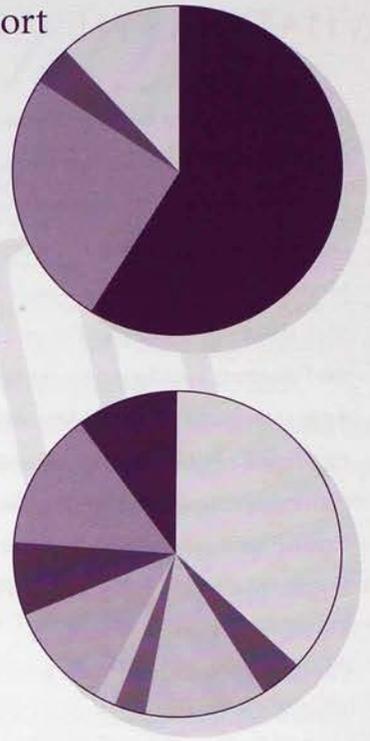
MISSION

STATEMENT

To advance the mission of Kappa Kappa Gamma by supporting the work of volunteers, by fulfilling the managerial and administrative expectations of the Fraternity and the Foundation, and by providing services for all its members.

1996-98 Biennial Financial Report

Income	%
Actives, Initiates, Pledges and Alumnae	59
Investments	25
Royalties	4
Rent, Other Income	12
Expenses	
Salaries, Benefits	37
Professional Fees	4
Office Expenses, Supplies, Other	12
Officers & Committees	3
Colonization & Installation	2
Chapter & Association Assistance	11
Education & Training	7
<i>The Key</i> Publication	14
Convention	10



Membership Statistics

	1995 - 96	1996 - 97	1997 - 98*
Number of			
Paid Alumna Members	17,883	17,856	16,802
New Members	3,650	4,081	4,002
New Members Initiated	3,420	3,883	4,089
Initiation Percentages	93.7%	95%	85%
Chapters Reported Below Campus Total	41	39	26
Reported Spaces Available to Achieve Quota	621	105	124
Reported Spaces Available to Achieve Total		530	391

Total Membership Statistics

	6/30/97	6/30/98*
Total Membership	177,854	179,411
Alumnae Associations	350	350
Chapters	125	127



Visit Information

There were 175 Alumnae Association visits reported during the 1996 - 98 Biennium.

There were 508 Chapter visits reported during the 1996 - 98 Biennium.

FRATERNITY

MISSION

STATEMENT

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women which seeks for every

member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support,

opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an

understanding of and allegiance to positive ethical principles.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA FOUNDATION GIVING STATISTICS

	1996 - 97	1997 - 98*
Alumnae Associations	\$118,209	\$60,453
Chapters	\$27,470	\$13,783
Individuals	\$725,249	\$720,244
Bequests	\$867,779	\$122,913

DISTRIBUTION OF FOUNDATION FUNDS

	1996 - 97		1997 - 98*	
	Amount	# Awarded	Amount	# Awarded
Rose McGill				
Circle Key	\$15,910	22	\$20,226	31
Emergency Assistance	\$16,500	39	\$17,500	34
Confidential Aid	\$90,136	23	\$123,270	22
Students' Aid				
Graduate Scholarships	\$33,250	22	\$37,500	26
Undergraduate Scholarships	\$31,000	32	\$45,500	42
Rehabilitation Scholarships:				
undergraduate/graduate	\$6,500	5	\$10,500	8
Chapter Consultants	\$56,783	6	\$56,000	5
Projects - Educational Programming				
Kappa Kinetics/Regional				
Leadership Conferences	\$10,000		\$35,000	
Regional Training Program	-0-		\$20,000	
KEEP SAFE Brochures	\$7,145		-0-	
Total Allocations	\$279,749		\$365,496	



FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation generates and attracts financial support for the Fraternity's educational and charitable programs which assist members to achieve individual excellence and contribute to the universal community.

FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION LONG—RANGE PLAN FOR THE YEARS 1996 - 2000

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA — WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

GOAL 1: Strengthen the Fraternity through growth.

Fraternity Objectives

1. Increase undergraduate membership by attaining maximum membership levels at current chapters.
2. Increase undergraduate membership by extending to two new campuses.
3. Identify and investigate six to eight potential campuses for extension.
4. Develop a plan for growth of our Canadian membership.
5. Foster a climate that celebrates the diversity of women with shared values.
6. Implement and evaluate the approved recommendations of the Membership Reference Procedures Task Force.
7. Increase the current number of dues-paying members in existing alumnae associations by five percent.
8. Revitalize an existing or establish a new alumnae association in each Province.

Foundation Objectives

1. Continue to assist the Canadian Foundation's organizational and developmental efforts.

GOAL 2: Exemplify and promote the Fraternity's values.

Fraternity Objectives

1. Assist our members in understanding and living the Fraternity's values.
2. Implement the outline for creating the *History 2000*.
3. Visit each chapter during the chapter's preparation for and conduct of Initiation services by June 1998.
4. Encourage the use of the Fraternity ritual by alumnae associations.
5. Implement the public relations plan.
6. Distribute the Fraternity *Bylaws* and Position Statements to campus administrators where chapters are located following each General Convention.
7. Reaffirm the Fraternity's position on cooperation with universities while protecting the rights to exist as a private organization.
8. Implement a program to improve chapters' academic excellence, and increase overall Fraternity GPA to a 3.1.

Foundation Objectives

1. Ensure all Foundation materials and information are consistent with the Fraternity Position Statements.
2. Focus on the history of women and how Kappa led the way.
3. Provide the Fraternity Historian with an outline of the Foundation's history to be included in the *History 2000*.
4. Develop a plan to encourage scholarship recipients to serve the Fraternity as advisers or in other areas of needed service.

GOAL 3: Increase financial security to fund the Fraternity's programs.

Fraternity Objectives

1. Actively promote all auxiliary income programs to increase revenue.
2. Increase potential donor base by hosting special events in communities where Fraternity and Foundation officers visit.
3. Promote and practice sound financial management.
4. Continue to investigate technological advances and improve services which will make operations more efficient and less costly.
5. Receive and review status reports on Technology Task Force.
6. Receive and review status reports on the work of the Chapter Finance Task Force.
7. Identify additional sources of revenue for the Fraternity.

Foundation Objectives

1. Continue to investigate technological advances and improve services which will make operations more efficient and less costly.
2. Implement and evaluate annually the plan to increase the Foundation's financial assets by emphasis on expanding the donor base, major gifts, annual fund, and planned giving.
3. Promote and practice sound financial management.
4. Continue to develop and review sound policies and procedures for the management of the Foundation.
5. Continue to increase donations of furnishings to the Museum.
6. Provide for full funding of Field Representative Program.

GOAL 4: Provide effective programs for members as women supporting women.

Fraternity Objectives

1. Implement the recommendations of the Volunteer Recruitment, Training, and Retention Task Force approved by the Council.
2. Provide a process to assess member needs on a periodic basis.
3. Implement and evaluate the New Member Program for the pilot chapters.
4. Plan for the development and implementation of an all-member undergraduate education program.
5. Study the ramifications of changing the term "pledge."
6. Continue to develop and enhance the lifeskills of our members.
7. Employ a Director of Education.
8. Monitor the Management Action Plan used by the chapters to streamline operations.

Foundation Objectives

1. Review financial assistance programs with periodic evaluations and make appropriate program changes.
2. Provide financial support for annual leadership conferences for undergraduates and alumnae.
3. Fund educational programs proposed by the Fraternity's Education Committee, as funds are available.

Traveling the Path to the Loyalty Award — the Fraternity's Highest Honor



Vera Lewis Marine (right).

From Delta Zeta Chapter to the Fraternity Council, **VERA LEWIS MARINE**, *Colorado College*, the 1998 Loyalty Award recipient, has traveled a path of Kappa and community activities which serves as a pathway for others.

The Loyalty Award, considered the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow upon a member, was first presented in 1956. In presenting Vera with an antique silver

tray, Fraternity President **CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, quoted former Director of Alumnae **HELEN CORNISH HUTCHINSON**, *Oklahoma*.

"The beginning of Kappa experience must come in the chapter, continue in alumna work and close only with life itself. This is a tremendous force, spread over a long period of time, with almost awe-inspiring opportunities for direction and inspiration. If I were to choose one Kappa quality, I think it would be loyalty to the Fraternity, for Kappa loyalty implies the acceptance and execution of Kappa ideals."

A history major at Colorado College, Vera's path after graduation led to marriage to Jim Marine and raising four daughters, while eventually settling in California. Two daughters attended schools where there were no Kappa chapters. One pledged Gamma Phi Beta and another became a Kappa at Colorado College.

Community service was part of the road Vera traveled, along with her Kappa involvement. Girl Scout leader, Junior League member and president of the League's Garden Club, and volunteer for the United Way Fund Drive were among Vera's activities while she was also busy as a wife and mother.

The blue and blue path Vera traveled for Kappa included serving as president of the **ARCADIA (CALIF.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** several times, President of the Southern Area Council and Province Director of Alumnae. As Coordinator of Chapter Development for **ZETA NU**, *UC San Diego*, Vera's footsteps left an imprint that is being followed as daughter Julie becomes CCD for Kappa's newest chapter, **ETA DELTA**, *Valparaiso*.

Appointed by the Fraternity Council as Director of Alumnae in 1987, Vera was elected to two more terms. The Kappa Province Loyalty Award given to Vera in 1993 was a portent of things to come. The Fraternity's Loyalty Award describes the recipient as "...a very special Kappa whose work and loyal devotion have enriched the Fraternity, who has the ability to inspire others, possesses leadership skills and most of all desires to serve and is true to the ideals of Kappa Kappa Gamma."

Currently a History 2000 Committee member, Vera is also the chairman of the Fraternity's travel program, "KappaTravels," a truly fitting position for a gracious lady who has traveled so fully the path of Kappa loyalty. 



The Awards Banquet is a highlight of Convention.

Association Awards

Alumnae Achievement Awards

- JEANNE FALK ADAMS, *Cal. State Fresno*
- ANNE HOWELL CLARKE, *Butler*
- MARION SMITH DAVEY, *Toronto*
- KAREN KOLBE GOODENOW, *Drake*
- FRANCES STEEN SUDDETH JOSPHSON, *Goucher*
- LOU SEIBERT PAPPAS, *Oregon State*
- MAXINE BAKER DAVISON SINGER, *Syracuse*

Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Learning Award

- Winner: Scottsdale
- Runners-up: Denver, Houston

Alphonsine Clapp Howard Award

- Winner: Dallas
- HM: Houston, Houston Northwest,

- Albuquerque, Roswell, Denver, Richardson/Plano, St. Louis, Greater Kansas City, Toledo, Salt Lake City

Rheva Ott Shryock Award

Associations with:

- 10 - 19 members:
 - Winner: Monmouth
 - Runner-up: Fox River Valley
 - HM: Gainesville
- 20 - 49 members:
 - Winner: Stillwater
 - Runner-up: Columbia
 - HM: Cheyenne
- 50 - 119 members:
 - Winner: Fresno
 - Runner-up: Waco

- HM: San Diego, Tucson, Brevard County
- 120 - 199 members
 - Winner: Richardson/Plano
 - Runner-up: Treasure Valley
 - HM: Columbus
- 200 - 349 members
 - Winner: Albuquerque
 - Runner-up: Tulsa
 - HM: Atlanta, St. Louis
- 350 and above members
 - Winner: Dallas
 - Runner-up: Tulsa
 - HM: Atlanta, St. Louis

McNaboe Commitment Awards

- Region I
- Winners: Long Island, Toronto, Harrisburg,

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Associations and Chapters Celebrate Achievements

Alumnae and collegians gathered to celebrate Kappa's best during the Biennial Awards Banquet.

Spotlighting alumnae association and chapter achievements were Director of Alumnae JULIE MARTIN MANGIS, *George Washington*, and Director of Chapters ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL, *Ohio Wesleyan*. Julie and Ann reported on the thousands of volunteer hours Kappas have given to their campuses and communities.

The custom of presenting awards at each General Convention began in 1926 with a silver cup given by GEORGIA LLOYD JONES, *Wisconsin*, in honor of Fraternity President MAY C. WHITING WESTERMANN, *Nebraska*, who first served the Fraternity as Grand President in 1902 and was elected as National President in 1922 serving until 1926. Georgia served as Fraternity President from 1926-28.

In addition to recognizing outstanding associations and chapters, Convention participants were honored to meet



Gamma Nu, Arkansas, is proud to receive the Standards Award.

four out of the seven Alumnae Achievement Award recipients — JEANNE FALK ADAMS, *Cal. State Fresno*; ANNE HOWELL CLARKE, *Butler*; KAREN KOLBE GOODENOW, *Drake*; and FRANCES STEEN SUDDETH JOSEPHSON, *Goucher*. (All seven recipients were featured in the Summer 1998 Issue of *The Key*.)

Also present were former Loyalty Award recipients MARY AGNES (GRAY) ROBERTS, *Northwestern* (1976); MARTHA GALLEHER COX, *Ohio Wesleyan* (1984); PHYLLIS BRINTON PRYOR, *Colorado* (1986); MARJORIE CROSS BIRD, *Colorado* (1990); MARJORIE MATSON CONVERSE, *Purdue* (1992); WILMA WINBERG JOHNSON, *Massachusetts* (1994); and GAY CHUBA BARRY, *Penn State* (1996).

Associations and chapters are encouraged to work closely with their Province Director of Alumnae (PDA) or Province Director of Chapters (PDC) to ensure their eligibility for awards during the 1998-2000 Biennium. 



Association Awards

Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Boston Intercollegiate, Fairfield County, Greater Hartford, Rhode Island

Runners-up: Southern New Jersey, Down, East Maine

Region II

Winners: Atlanta, Charleston, Cleawater Bay, Columbia, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Sarasota/Manatee, Baltimore, Northern Virginia, Washington DC/Suburban, Maryland, Williamsburg

Runners-up: Hilton Head, Lee County, Northwest Georgia, Pensacola, Spartanburg, Tampa Bay, Charlotte, Howard County, Roanoke

HM: Indian River

Region III

Winners: Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit East Suburban, Detroit North Woodward, Bloomington, Indianapolis, Arlington Hts/NW Suburban, Door County, North Shore, Glen Ellyn/Wheaton, Hinsdale, Metro-East, Naperville, Peoria

Runners-up: Detroit Northwest Suburban, Lafayette, Martinsville, South Bend/Mishawka, Milwaukee East

Region IV

Winners: Kansas City, St. Louis, Wichita, Albuquerque, Denver, Ft. Collins, Salt Lake City

Runners-up: Omaha, Lawrence

Region V

Winners: Stillwater, Tulsa, Baton Rouge, Ft. Bend County, Houston, Houston Northwest, Kingwood Area, Dallas, Fort Worth, Richardson/Plano, East Valley, Arcadia, Glendale-Burbank, Greater Los Angeles, Southern Orange County, Southern Ventura County

Runners-up: Norman, Riverside

Region VI

Winners: Treasure Valley, Lake Washington, Fresno, Palo Alto, Sacramento Valley, San Mateo

Runners-up: East Bay, Salem Oregon

Convention Delegates Exercise Right to Vote

The 62nd Biennial Convention body voted on several proposed changes to the Fraternity *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. Fraternity Council then revised the Fraternity *Policies* to bring them in line with these approved changes in the documents. As a result, a few terminology changes have occurred and a per capita fee increase for both alumnae and active members became effective at the close of Convention.

The approved fee increase raises the annual active per capita fee from \$60 to \$70. The alumna per capita fee was increased from \$6 to \$8. The additional income will allow the Fraternity to continue responsible fiscal management, sustain the current level of alumnae association and chapter support, proceed with the commitment to new communication technology and investigate the development of new programs. This has been the first active per capita fee increase since 1992 and the first alumna increase since 1986.

Changes in terminology for Fraternity use reflect the trend in the campus Greek world, and the use of "new member" instead of "pledge" identifies the classification of membership between the time a woman accepts a pledge to membership and Initiation.

The chapter "Fraternity Education Chairman" will now be called "Education Chairman" to more accurately reflect the scope of the position.

*The term "recruitment" is being adopted by many collegiate Panhellenic groups as a more contemporary and meaningful term to prospective members in describing the rush process.

Revised documents will be mailed to alumnae associations and chapters. For more information contact your Province Director of Alumnae (PDA) or Province Director of Chapters (PDC). 

*Use of the term "recruitment" is not a bylaw change — just a change in terminology used in the Fraternity *Policies*.

Terminology Changes

Former Term:	New Term:
Pledge	New Member
Fraternity Education Chairman	Education Chairman
rush.....	recruitment

Chapter Awards

Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Learning

Winner: ZETA THETA, *Trinity*
 HM: GAMMA KAPPA, *William & Mary*; BETA LAMBDA, *Illinois*; GAMMA PI, *Alabama*; BETA MU, *Colorado*

Chapter/Advisory Board Relations

Winner: EPSILON BETA, *Colorado State*
 HM: SIGMA, *Nebraska*; ZETA ETA, *UC Irvine*; GAMMA CHI, *George Washington*; ZETA PHI, *Princeton*; DELTA ALPHA, *Penn State*; BETA PHI, *Montana*; BETA XI, *Texas*; DELTA, *Indiana*; ZETA ALPHA, *Babson*

Advisory Board

Winner: UPSILON, *Northwestern*
 HM: BETA RHO^a, *Cincinnati*; DELTA PI, *Tulsa*; ZETA SIGMA, *North Texas*; GAMMA PHI, *SMU*; GAMMA ZETA, *Arizona*; PI^a, *Berkeley*

House Board

Winner: DELTA ZETA, *Colorado College*
 HM: BETA THETA, *Oklahoma*; GAMMA THETA, *Drake*; IOTA, *DePauw*; GAMMA PI, *Alabama*; GAMMA ETA, *Washington State*

Finance (Housed)

Winner: BETA XI, *Texas*
 HM: SIGMA, *Nebraska*; GAMMA ALPHA, *Kansas State*; EPSILON GAMMA, *North Carolina*; EPSILON PHI, *Florida*

Finance (Unhoused)

Winner: DELTA KAPPA, *Miami*
 HM: GAMMA IOTA, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*; LAMBDA, *Akron*; DELTA EPSILON, *Rollins*; DELTA PHI, *Bucknell*; EPSILON DELTA, *Arizona State*; EPSILON UPSILON, *Baylor*; GAMMA UPSILON, *British Columbia*

Publication and Public Relations

Winner: DELTA DELTA, *McGill*
 HM: GAMMA GAMMA, *Whitman*; ZETA KAPPA, *Bowling Green*; PSI^a, *Cornell*; ZETA PI, *Albertson*; ZETA GAMMA, *Centre*; ETA, *Wisconsin*

Cultural

Winner: ZETA XI, *Yale*
 HM: GAMMA IOTA, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*; EPSILON CHI, *Dartmouth*; DELTA PI, *Tulsa*; ZETA SIGMA, *North Texas*

Fraternity Appreciation

Winner: EPSILON IOTA, *Puget Sound*
 HM: BETA UPSILON, *West Virginia*; LAMBDA, *Akron*

Gracious Living (Housed)

Winner: BETA THETA, *Oklahoma*
 HM: EPSILON OMICRON, *UC Davis*; DELTA SIGMA, *Oklahoma State*; EPSILON KAPPA, *South Carolina*; EPSILON ETA, *Auburn*

DELTA, *Indiana*;
 GAMMA PHI, *SMU*; EPSILON ALPHA, *TCU*; KAPPA, *Hillsdale*

Gracious Living (Unhoused)

Winner: ZETA CHI, *Marist*
 HM: ZETA UPSILON, *Georgia Southern*; GAMMA UPSILON, *British Columbia*; EPSILON LAMBDA, *Tennessee*; ZETA RHO, *Colgate*

Greatest Improvement

Winner: BETA PHI, *Montana*
 HM: OMICRON^a, *Simpson*; BETA CHI, *Kentucky*; DELTA XI, *Carnegie-Mellon*; EPSILON XI, *Cal. State Northridge*; DELTA UPSILON, *Georgia*; CHI, *Minnesota*

Greatest Scholastic Improvement (10 or more groups)

Winner: GAMMA ETA, *Washington State*
 HM: GAMMA XI, *UCLA*; EPSILON PSI, *UC Santa Barbara*; DELTA IOTA, *LSU*; ZETA UPSILON, *Georgia Southern*; GAMMA DELTA, *Purdue*; BETA NU, *Ohio State*; CHI, *Minnesota*

Greatest Scholastic Improvement (9 or fewer groups)

Winner: LAMBDA, *Akron*
 HM: GAMMA RHO, *Allegheny*; DELTA XI, *Carnegie-Mellon*; GAMMA CHI, *George Washington*; OMICRON^a, *Simpson*; BETA BETA^a, *St. Lawrence*; BETA PHI, *Montana*

62nd Biennial Convention Highlights

Convention drew to a close with the Candlelight Banquet message from Fraternity Executive Director J. DALE BRUBECK, *William & Mary*. She recalled her first Convention — “It was the Centennial Convention and I remember the shiver that went through me when all those women rose to respond with the same ritual that I had learned in my chapter, and remember thinking that I am part of something bigger than I had ever imagined.” She also stressed that our values will define what Kappa Kappa Gamma becomes in the 21st century. Who you become is determined by how you respond to life’s choices based on your intelligence, heart and values,” said Dale. “Values define character. Early Kappas wanted members to be known as those who follow high ideals.”

The evening ended with the traditional “Passing of the Light” service which began in 1935 when President CHARLOTTE BARRELL WARE, *Boston*, was attending the Alpha Province Meeting. At the banquet she passed around one of her silver candlesticks as a symbol of the flame which lights the way for future Kappas. Inscribed on the candlesticks, since donated to the Fraternity, are the words, “How far this little candle throws his beam. So shines a good deed in a naughty world,” from Shakespeare’s *The Merchant of Venice*.

The Passing of the Light service was unique this year thanks to a gift from the ATLANTA (GA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. Association President KATHLEEN KUHN

JOHNSON, *Oklahoma*, presented a set of silver candlesticks to the Fraternity in memory of former Fraternity President JEAN HESS WELLS, *Georgia*. Jean was also a former President of the Atlanta Alumnae Association and held numerous other Fraternity positions.

“The Atlanta Alumnae Association asked the Fraternity Council to recommend a fitting tribute to Jean for her many contributions to Kappa,” says Kathleen. “The Council offered us the opportunity to replace the lovely, but fragile and aging Ware Candlesticks, which are used at Conventions and chapter Installation services.”

Fraternity President CATHY THOMPSON CARSWELL, *Illinois Wesleyan*, accepted the candlesticks on behalf of the Fraternity. “These beautiful candlesticks are a fitting tribute to Jean, who was beautiful through and through,” says Cathy. “Jean had a remarkable history with the Fraternity having served as President and in the last years of her life as our Ritualist.”

The Ware Candlesticks have been present at 30 General Conventions and 63 chapter Installations. Due to the wear and tear of traveling, the candlesticks are so fragile they can no longer be repaired. Therefore, the Ware candlesticks will be retired to the Heritage Museum for permanent display. The candlesticks in memory of Jean Wells will replace them at chapter Installations and the Candlelight Banquet at General Conventions. 

Chapter Awards

Scholarship (10 or more Panhellenic groups)

Winner: BETA UPSILON, *West Virginia*

HM: DELTA OMICRON, *Iowa State*; BETA ZETA, *Iowa*; ETA, *Wisconsin*; DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech.*; ZETA KAPPA, *Bowling Green*

Scholarship (9 or fewer Panhellenic groups)

Winner: EPSILON XI, *Cal. State Northridge*

HM: DELTA KAPPA, *Miami*; GAMMA BETA, *New Mexico*; GAMMA THETA, *Drake*; ALPHA^Δ, *Monmouth*

Heritage

Winner: GAMMA BETA, *New Mexico*

HM: DELTA PHI, *Bucknell*

Membership

Winner: GAMMA GAMMA, *Whitman*

HM: ZETA OMEGA, *Waterloo*; DELTA ALPHA, *Penn State*; BETA OMEGA, *Oregon*; ZETA KAPPA, *Bowling Green*; OMEGA, *Kansas*; ZETA TAU, *Washington & Lee*; DELTA ETA, *Utah*; ZETA OMICRON, *Richmond*; EPSILON BETA, *Colorado State*; ZETA THETA, *Trinity*; GAMMA THETA, *Drake*; BETA KAPPA, *Idaho*; EPSILON XI, *UC Riverside*; BETA ZETA, *Iowa*; THETA, *Missouri*; CHI, *Minnesota*; ZETA SIGMA, *North Texas*

Panhellenic

Winner: BETA ZETA, *Iowa*

Honorable Mention: EPSILON RHO, *Texas A&M*;

DELTA ZETA, *Colorado College*; DELTA ETA, *Utah*; GAMMA THETA, *Drake*; GAMMA KAPPA, *William & Mary*

Philanthropy

Winner: ZETA ZETA, *Westminster*

Honorable Mention: ZETA PSI, *Wake Forest*; EPSILON DELTA, *Arizona State*; BETA TAU, *Syracuse*; ZETA BETA, *Lafayette*; ZETA IOTA, *Villanova*; EPSILON CHI, *Dartmouth*; BETA ETA^Δ, *Stanford*; DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech*, EPSILON UPSILON, *Baylor*; EPSILON EPSILON, *Emory*; MU, *Butler*; DELTA MU, *Connecticut*; ZETA TAU, *Washington & Lee*

Standards Program

Winner: DELTA NU, *Massachusetts*

HM: DELTA RHO, *Mississippi*; EPSILON RHO, *Texas A&M*; CHI, *Minnesota*; GAMMA BETA, *New Mexico*; ZETA MU, *Virginia Tech*; DELTA EPSILON, *Rollins*; BETA THETA, *Oklahoma*;

Pledge Education

Winner: ZETA EPSILON, *Lawrence*

HM: EPSILON IOTA, *Puget Sound*; DELTA OMICRON, *Iowa State*; DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*; THETA, *Missouri*

Risk Management

Winner: THETA, *Missouri*

HM: ZETA GAMMA, *Centre*; BETA ZETA, *Iowa*; ZETA OMEGA, *Waterloo*; ZETA CHI, *Marist*; DELTA XI, *Carnegie-Mellon*; ZETA THETA, *Trinity*

Ritual

Winner: KAPPA, *Hillsdale*

HM: SIGMA, *Nebraska*; DELTA DELTA, *McGill*; ZETA SIGMA, *North Texas*; DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*; EPSILON ALPHA, *TCU*

Rose McGill Magazine Agency Greatest Subscriptions

GAMMA OMICRON, *Wyoming* (188); GAMMA KAPPA, *William & Mary* (98); DELTA GAMMA, *Michigan State* (56); ZETA PHI, *Princeton* (32)

Efficiency (Housed)

Winner: BETA KAPPA, *Idaho*

HM: GAMMA KAPPA, *Kansas State*

Efficiency (Unhoused)

Winner: RHO^Δ, *Ohio Wesleyan*

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From left to right (front) Ann Truesdell, Cathy Carswell, Peggy Hellwig; (back) Jane Barrett, Marian Williams, Kay Weeks, Sue Riches, Pris Gerde.



Fraternity Officers enter the opening business meeting.

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From left to right (front) Judy Ducate, B.J. Foster, Susie Hughes, Carolyn Simpson; (back) Carol Armstrong, Jeane Cox-Meuser, Mary Silzel, Rosalyn Wood, Cathleen McKinney, Martha Kumler, Jane Jones, Denise Rugani.



The Education Committee leads a workshop.



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From Investigative Reporter to Hollywood Anchor

Nancy Humphries O'Dell is going places

Helping police search for the body of a drowning victim is the last place you would expect to find a woman like **NANCY HUMPHRIES O'DELL**, *Clemson*. Not that she is timid or weak — she was named Most Valuable Player in high school tennis and basketball — it's just that Nancy's gentle demeanor and southern charm would make you wonder what this former Miss South Carolina was doing in such a grim situation.

Working with a dive team was part of Nancy's former job as a crime reporter for a Myrtle Beach, S.C., TV station. Aboard a rescue boat to research the daily struggles of police officers, Nancy witnessed divers pull a man's body from the lake where he and his son had been fishing on Father's Day. "It was traumatic thinking about that little boy losing his father and seeing the mother waiting on the shore," Nancy vividly recalls. "I'll never forget that."

For Nancy, reporting the news meant living bits of other people's lives. "I was touched emotionally by every story," says Nancy, who doesn't miss the often sad news she used to report daily. "I like happy things. I like to smile."

Her desire to smile is part of the reason she can now be seen interviewing movie stars as the weekend anchor and weekday correspondent for NBC's entertainment news show, *Access Hollywood*. From high school valedictorian and Clemson University summa cum laude graduate to award-winning journalist and March of Dimes spokesman, Nancy is a rising star herself.

Joining *Access Hollywood* in 1996 when the program premiered on NBC, Nancy is enjoying her rise to the top of her profession. Whether donning a baseball cap and blue jeans on a day off or wearing a custom-made Nolan Miller gown to the Oscars, her friendly smile and zest for life will put anyone at ease.

Making people feel comfortable comes in handy during frenzied media junkets. From John Travolta to Mary Tyler Moore, Nancy has conducted in-depth

interviews with numerous celebrities. She says Richard Gere was the most interesting because he uses his celebrity status to promote human rights issues. Nancy also admits being distracted by his good looks. "It was difficult to think of my next question while staring into those deep, dark eyes," she says with a laugh. Another favorite is Michael Bolton who co-anchored as a weekend fill-in with Nancy. "He is so sweet and funny," she recalls. "We both got the giggles and barely could finish the segment."

Although an experienced interviewer, Nancy did get nervous at first. "Now it's just my job," she explains. The only celebrity to really make her nervous is Arnold Schwarzeneger. "He has some kind of presence — it was hard to have a normal conversation," says Nancy who can "hang with" most celebrities.

Although Nancy has a knack for talking with the stars, her job takes immense preparation and flexibility. If an interview on a movie set runs even five minutes too long it can cost the producers thousands of dollars, so Nancy is diligent about fitting in the important questions. "Sometimes I go in with questions in my head or just main words on paper," says Nancy who spends many hours preparing for each interview. Traveling to movie sets, reading thick packets of

background information and watching the screening of a celebrity's movie are examples of the legwork prior to a segment airing on *Access Hollywood*. "The hours are long and sporadic," says Nancy. "I often don't know when these events are going to occur until the last minute and many take place on weekends and evenings."

Born and raised in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Nancy loves the glamour of Hollywood. "Events like the Emmys when I get to wear gorgeous gowns and meet interesting people are exciting," she says. Although she enjoys the elegant wardrobe and professional hair and makeup, Nancy points out a few drawbacks to the glamour. "We often wait for hours in a hot, crowded place at events like the Oscars,



Nancy Humphries O'Dell, *Clemson*, covers the Golden Globe Awards for *Access Hollywood*.



Nancy visits with country music stars Trisha Yearwood and Garth Brooks in the *Access Hollywood* studio.

in long dresses with makeup caked on and trying to keep our hair up," Nancy says. "I'm often going on four hours of sleep and trying to look good despite tired circles under my eyes."

Another frustration is being told by publicists not to ask certain questions. "Coming from a hard news background makes it difficult to not be free to ask anything, but I understand their point." Nancy gains the trust of celebrities and their publicists by explaining that she must ask certain questions from a journalistic standpoint but that she will be careful not to take advantage of a situation. Nancy recalls an interview with Christian Slater about a new movie. "His publicist asked me not to mention that Christian was getting ready to go to jail," says Nancy. She explained that it was her responsibility to ask about it, ensuring that it wouldn't be the focus of the interview. Nancy believes that celebrities are entitled to their private lives. "Unlike many people I met as an investigative reporter, most of these people have it pretty good," she says. "But they do live under public scrutiny, so they can have tough lives too."

A tough aspect of Nancy's life is balancing her career and personal life. Nancy is married to Dr. Richard O'Dell, an anesthesiologist with a private practice in Las Vegas, Nev. They reside in Los Angeles, Calif., and both do their share of traveling. Nancy admits that making enough time for each other is a challenge, but they enjoy playing sports together, especially tennis, and going bike riding and roller-blading. Nancy also tries to keep her weekends free whenever possible and Richard often escorts her to movie premieres.

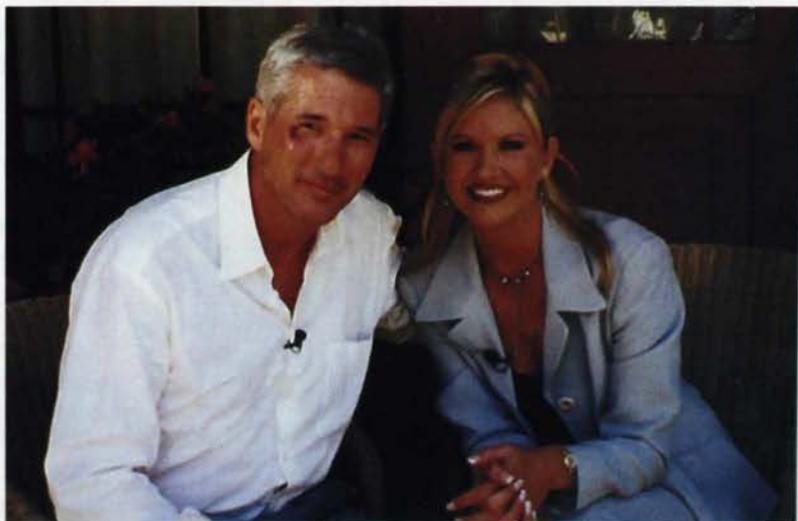
Nancy calls her husband "a cutie" and says he looks like Kurt Russell. The couple met on a blind date arranged by mutual friends. "He cheated though because he saw me on the

news prior to our date." They don't have any children but look forward to that possibility within the next few years.

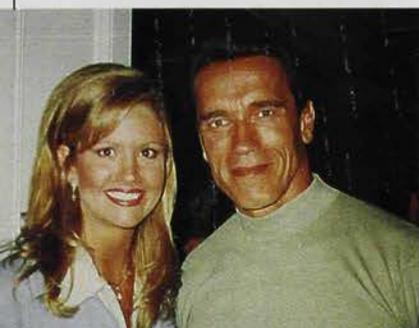
Nancy is on her way to having it all, but it hasn't happened without hard work and dedication. "I worked in local news for eight years," she says. "I've paid my dues." Although Nancy fears that some people may think she's all "fluff" because of her 1987 Miss South Carolina title, she is quick to point out the professional skills gained through the experience. "I spent almost every day of the year speaking somewhere which gave me confidence to be on TV," explains Nancy. "Speaking in public also helped me lose my southern accent, which was important for a broadcast career where everyone wants you to have a more general, Midwestern accent." Controlling her accent has been one of Nancy's greatest challenges. "I still fight it now and it comes out when the camera's gone," she says with a slight southern drawl.

Nancy attributes some of her success to her role models, journalist Diane Sawyer and tennis player Chris Evert — both powerful yet feminine women. Nancy is also grateful to her first news director at a small TV station in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "I knew nothing about a news room but he explained everything," recalls Nancy. She began her career in the advertising sales department, a likely career for a marketing major, but visits to the news room piqued her interest. "I enjoy learning new things," says Nancy. "In a news room there's a different story every day — you're a gatherer and presenter of facts, always learning something new."

Nancy values her experience in a small market because she was able to do a little bit of everything, which helps her relate to the many people who help her on the job. "I understand what the cameraman is going through because I've been there," says Nancy who believes strongly in treating others the way she wants to be treated. She recalls being impressed by country-western singer Garth



Nancy talks with Richard Gere on the set of the movie *Red Corner*.



Nancy is an experienced interviewer, but Arnold Schwarzenegger did make her a little nervous.

Brooks because he shook hands with the cameramen and sound crew and acknowledged their hard work. "Small acts of kindness take you a long way," Nancy stresses.

Growing up in a close-knit family, Nancy values relationships and hard work. Her greatest fear

is losing a loved one and she still calls her parents after a bad day. She is often asked what motivated her to earn top grades and achieve success in sports, but she doesn't have a definitive answer. "My parents actually tried to get me to do things besides study, but I enjoyed learning and to not know the answers would drive me crazy," admits Nancy who is glad her family encouraged her to become well-rounded.

Nancy considers Kappa Kappa Gamma her second family and loved her college experience. "I was enthralled with the spirit of the campus and wonderful friends," recalls Nancy who was nervous about leaving home. "Kappa helped me feel safe. They were real sisters who cared for me." Nancy was familiar with the benefits of Greek membership — her mother is a Chi Omega and her sister is a Delta Gamma. "I didn't have connections with Kappa but I was so impressed with the members that I knew I had to put them as my first choice."

Nancy is not only proud to be a Kappa, she is pleased to have opportunities to use her own celebrity status to serve others. As the 1998 national honorary spokesman for the March of Dimes "Blue Jeans for Babies" campaign

Nancy's Career Honors

- Three Associated Press awards for investigative reporting
- Two Society of Professional Journalist awards
- Suncoast Regional Emmy nomination for investigative reporting
- South Carolina Young Careerist of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's USA Association
- Society of Professional Journalists Award for Best Report of the Year for All Media

Nancy's Tips for Success

- Seek advice from people who are where you want to be.
- Start out in a position that gives you a variety of experiences.
- Focus on the positives and be flexible.
- Go out of your way to be kind.
- Put yourself in the other person's shoes.
- Be true to your values.
- Exercise to relieve stress.
- Eat a healthy diet.

to promote prenatal care and reduce the risk of birth defects, Nancy will appear on talk shows and at public events. Her goal is to remind women to start taking daily multivitamins with folic acid even before they get pregnant and to have regular checkups during pregnancy. Wearing blue jeans, Nancy will also make cameo appearances on various TV shows to remind people about the campaign. "Blue jeans symbolize a happy, healthy American lifestyle," explains Nancy. The campaign also encourages companies to offer "blue jeans day" when employees can donate money to the March of Dimes in exchange for permission to wear jeans to work.

Nancy is also proud of a 1994 investigative reporting series on the plea-bargaining of driving-under-the-influence cases, which was named "Best Report of the Year" for all media in South Carolina. The report resulted in a state law enforcement investigation and the South Carolina attorney general enforcing a more stringent directive regarding DUI cases.

From her start in Myrtle Beach, Nancy quickly moved to the larger Charleston, S.C., market in 1991 as the morning news anchor and crime reporter. Then NBC chose her to co-anchor the 5:30 p.m. weekday newscast in Miami, Fla., the 16th largest U.S. market, where she also worked as an investigative reporter. After two years she became the entertainment reporter for the U.S. syndicated news magazine show, *A Current Affair*, prior to joining *Access Hollywood*.

No matter what the world of entertainment news has in store for Nancy, her positive outlook and commitment to excellence undoubtedly will take her far. 

— By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*

In Pursuit of a Distant Dream

Martha Thomson Barclay turns obstacles into opportunities to earn Ph.D.

You can do it today — commute long distance for an advanced degree. But in 1963 nobody had even heard of such a wild idea.

One January morning in 1963, sitting at our breakfast table in Mason City, Iowa, I said, "I want to go back to college for a Ph.D." My husband was incredulous. "How could you manage that?" he asked, adding, "The University of Iowa is a four-hour drive each way and even the University of Minnesota is 150 miles away." (There were no superhighways between our town and the cities.)

"I don't know," I replied, more determined than logical, "but somehow I will." I reviewed my reasons: My master's degree had been granted 21 years before. Now I was mentally stale and yearned for academic stimulation. However, we were both concerned about our two daughters, 16 and 14, and our son, 10.

The Logistics

I considered both schools. Iowa was too far to drive. But I discovered an express bus to Minneapolis, home to the University of Minnesota, going early each morning and returning late at night.

An interview with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts was arranged. He alone could give me permission to begin a program. Sitting behind a large desk, he was the picture of a dean: a shock of white hair, carefully clipped goatee, and imperiously intimidating manner. Verbally, I laid out my petition. His voice dismissed me. "I know of no one who has ever attempted anything like this. Every Ph.D. candidate must establish residence on campus."

My desperate words tumbled forth. "Doctor, if I pay my fees, go to classes and pass courses, I AM in residence. The fact that my domicile is 300 round-trip miles away is my tough luck." He reared back in his swivel chair, threw up his arms and said, "By God, you're right!" I was in.

A Bumpy Road Ahead

Next came mounds of paperwork, entrance exams and meeting my adviser — the only full professor who could guide me through my speech and theater major. He was openly scornful of a middle-aged housewife commuting

from another state. I concluded, prophetically, that our ride together would be bumpy.

I took two back-to-back seminars each semester. I rode the early bus one morning and came back late the next night. On weekends I cooked ahead, relying on my older daughter to assemble dinners when I was gone.

I also asked a psychiatrist to advise me if I was being fair to my family. "Oh my," he said, with mock concern, "All the decisions your children are going to have to make two days a week because mother isn't there to make them. I think it's fine."

My friends didn't. When I stopped participating in clubs, they were appalled. When I said that instead of seeing a movie or watching TV I would dedicate myself to a commute-study-family care regimen, criticism became openly verbal. One "friend" predicted our children would become juvenile delinquents.

Adventure By Bus

It was scary going back to classes. My adviser gave me only token support but several professors, intrigued with my situation, went out of their way to be helpful.

The bus trips were an unexpected bonus. Instead of finding them dreary, oh, the stories I heard! There was the pregnant 15-year-old, so scared, but before the ride ended she promised to see a physician. There was the old woman going to the funeral of her last relative and another woman with three children the ages of mine who rode each week to the Mayo Clinic. She had cancer, growing weaker until the day came when she didn't board any more. I heard the voices of a couple sitting in front of me whose son had been sentenced to life in the penitentiary. Very religious, they went over and over where they must have erred in raising him.

In three years I had completed my course work and passed the written proficiency exams. Then things went awry. Despite stumbling answers on my preliminary oral exam, the committee passed me. Unable to see my adviser, I continued writing about my approved dissertation subject. Finally able to meet with him, he told me he did not like what I had done and threw it all out...eight months of work wiped out. The next day was my birthday, a blue

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Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

These Kappas may live far from home, but KKG is close to their hearts

A Gift from The Netherlands

LOUISE MCKIRDY NORDHOLT, *Pittsburgh*, says her interest in the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation started nearly 20 years ago after reading various articles in *The Key* about college students facing dangers such as alcohol abuse, drugs, eating disorders, AIDS and safety issues. "This distressed me greatly and set me thinking what a difference an organization like Kappa could make to vulnerable freshman women," says Louise. "I thought this would be an excellent thing to contribute to."

Except for one year in Jakarta, Indonesia, Louise and her late husband Henk have lived in The Netherlands for more than 50 years. When they married in 1944, Henk was an officer in the old Dutch East Indies Army but they didn't arrive in Holland until late 1946 due to Nazi occupation. They have always lived in small towns and often went years without speaking English. "That changed when Dutch friends asked me to tutor their children who were weak or failing in English," says Louise. "This proved to

be mutually so rewarding that I went on to tutor several generations of these likable Dutch teenagers." Louise is the mother of four, plus three stepchildren, and enjoys numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When giving to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, Louise is especially interested in the Kappa Kappa Gamma Heritage Museum because Henk served as curator of a small regional museum in the provincial town of Hattem during his retirement.

Louise believes Kappa role models are important and she enjoys keeping in contact with one of hers, SALLY ISLER ORD, *Pittsburgh*, whom she still considers a very dear friend. "Across the years and miles she has been my Kappa contact," says Louise. "When my Henk died three years ago, Sally and her husband John wrote words of true comfort."

A Gift from Australia

NANCY LANTZ TURBOTT, *UC Berkeley*, loved her days as a collegiate member of Pi Chapter. That's why she gives to Kappa Kappa Gamma's Loyalty Fund. "Giving is a

personal reward and a way to remember my rich, rewarding days at Berkeley," says Nancy. "During my first time away from home it was comforting to be surrounded by young women with similar interests and values, and I want to help offer that experience to other young women."

Nancy's favorite memory of her collegiate days is meeting her "Big Sister" who provided her with friendship and guidance. "It was special to get the support I needed during that time in my life from someone I admired," recalls Nancy.

A resident of Sydney, Australia, for the past 30 years, Nancy and her family have traveled the globe. Nancy's adventures began when she joined Pan American Airlines as a flight attendant in 1949 in the Alaska/Pacific division. During a flight delay she met her future husband Ian Graham Turbott, a native of New Zealand. They were married in Sacramento, Calif. in 1952 and soon after traveled to Tarawa in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands (now called Kiribati and Tuvalu) where Ian was the District Commissioner. The couple traveled thousands of miles by sea to outer islands where they stayed in grass-roofed houses.

In 1956 Ian was appointed to a position in Whitehall, London, where the family enjoyed a home in the English countryside. In 1958 they moved to the British West Indies for 10 years while Ian served as the Queen's Representative and Governor. In addition to raising three daughters, Nancy participated in numerous community activities. "Newly expanded tourism made this a desirable place to visit," says Nancy. They were visited by the Queen of England, the Queen Mother, Prince Philip and several dignitaries and U.S. ambassadors. Other notable visitors include Princess Margaret, Winston Churchill and Aristotle Onassis. "Often I was the hostess for dinners for 60 people," says Nancy. "These were great occasions."

Another memorable event occurred when Ian was knighted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace in 1967 and became Sir Ian Turbott and Nancy became Lady Turbott. The following year Ian retired from the British government and Nancy and their daughters joined him in London for two years while he worked for a management consulting firm. In 1970 the family went to Sydney to establish the firm in the South Pacific basin including Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan.



Louise McKirdy Nordholt, *Pittsburgh*, (center) visits the Canadian Rockies during a family trip.



Nancy Lantz Turbott, *UC Berkeley*, and husband Ian.

Nancy enjoys their home in Sydney overlooking a harbor and having their daughters' families live in the area as well. Nancy enjoys staying in touch with several Pi⁴ sisters including EMILY ANDREWS MOULTON, JEAN GERLINGER DOYLE and BEATRICE MOORHEAD HEGGIE.

A Gift from Switzerland

BARBARA TOLMIE WENNER, *Tennessee*, contributes to the Foundation despite living so far away because she enjoys helping members with financial difficulties. "Any way we can help each other is so important," says Barbara who has lived in Zurich, Switzerland, since 1979.

A former flight attendant for Pan American World Airways after graduating in 1970, Barbara traveled the world. "Like every job it had its less pleasant side but the benefits of travel and contact with international people was so enjoyable," says Barbara. "It allowed me to meet my Swiss husband while attending a French course in Paris." Barbara and her husband, Martin, were married 21 years ago in Seattle, Wash. They have two daughters and a son.

Barbara has enjoyed taking care of her family and learning the German language and the customs and history of Zurich. She is thrilled that she has been able to keep in contact with and visit many of her Epsilon Lambda sisters since her graduation 28 years ago. "In spite of my transient lifestyle before settling in Switzerland, the Kappa thread continues to weave a lovely pattern in my life," says Barbara.

"No matter who we are or from where we come, life has its ups and downs," Barbara says. "To be able to reach out and help a Kappa is a small gesture of my thanks for the years of friendship Kappa has given me."

Through good friends and generous hearts, Kappas prove that this really is a small world after all. 



Pledge sisters **Sharon Bohner Byers** (left) and **Vicki Baptist Meyer** (right) have remained close friends with Barbara (center) despite living far apart.

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Dunkin, Jane Randolph, '29,d.3/98
Stevens, Doris Miller, '49,d.5/98
Toll, Frances Kellogg, '22,d.3/98

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Bret, Beatrice Sundgren, '42,d.12/97
Brust, Norma, '50,d.6/98
Coker, Vanessa Tucker, '82,d.10/97
McReynolds, Sara Delay, '37,d.8/96
Wellman, Josephine Schmidt, '41,d.4/98

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Campbell, Virginia Carter, '28,d.6/97
Ramsey, Imogene Hoit, '24,d.3/98

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF
Heuser, Edith Reager, '34,d.6/98
Keedy, Gladys Dimock, '36,d.6/98
Rowe, Bruce Glenn, '79,d.4/98

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Johnson, Rebecca Woodin, '62,d.6/98
Roger, Katherine, '37,d.8/97

***MANITOBA, UNIVERSITY OF**
Byrn, Helen-Jane Nicholls, '33,d.3/98
Pickard, Hope Rutherford, '37,d.5/98

***MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF**
Shade, Nancy Swain, '48,d.3/98
Sherrin, Gayle Griesbauer, '70,d.11/97
Shuster, Ruth Williams, '29,d.4/98

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
Holwadel, Marlene Meyer, '51,d.1/98

MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF
Johnson, Harriette, '38,d.1/98

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF
Altenhof, Dorothy Bunce, '31,d.5/98
Grylls, Sue Mason, '52,d.6/98
Ludwig, Dorothy Castricum, '42,d.5/98
McMullan, Gurtha Williams, '27,d.5/98

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
Bidwell, Lucy Hager, '29,d.5/98

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
Strong, Mary Barnard, '22,d.12/97

MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF
Bowles, Shirley Conkling, '42,d.5/98

MONMOUTH COLLEGE
Armstrong, Dorothy Eisiminger, '41,d.6/97

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF
Banks, Miriam Heiskell, '29,d.11/97

Hills, Mary Dixon, '24,d.3/98
Skees, Darlene Glantz, '55,d.3/98
Sands, Mary Frances Westwood, '41,d.3/98

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF
Hillyer, Margaret Blaufuss, '35,d.4/98
Madden, Doris Pinkerton, '24,d.4/98
Matthew, Marjorie Hubbell, '23,d.5/98
Newman, Mary Halley, '30,d.5/98

***NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**
Fraser, Alice Piers, '36,d.5/98
Stannard, Faith Conmy, '45,d.7/96

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Jones, Elizabeth Rieke, '22,d.5/98
Kellow, Amy Dunkelberg, '55,d.6/98
Tucker, Harriet Brewer, '30,d.2/98

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Foley, Margaret Westerman, '63,d.6/98
Scott, Josephine Smith, '56,d.5/98

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Long, Julie Sanborn, '50,d.12/97

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF
Bird, Elizabeth Sherman, '28,d.4/98
Horn, Frances Pemberton, '44,d.4/98
Walker, Phyllis Pettegrew, '31,d.4/98

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
Coleman, Janet Parman, '30,d.6/98
Grant, Mildred, '26,d.1/98
Harnagel, Jean Baird, '32,d.12/97

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF
Jones, Virginia Deifell, '30,d.5/98
Kriebel, Ruth Miller, '24,d.2/98

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Erb, Dorothy Lentz, '30,d.5/98
Yoshizumi, Barbara Iwashita, '53,d.2/98

***PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF**
Maginniss, Miriam Brous, '27,d.4/98

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Bailey, Virginia Schaupp, '40,d.1/98
Clark, Madelyn Markley, '26,d.5/98
Hexamer, Jeanne Hunter, '35,d.3/98
McCreary, Lois Goodnough, '53,d.5/98
Wilson, Jeanne Hallam, '35,d.1/98

ROLLINS COLLEGE
Enquist, Ester Peirce, '38,d.2/98

***SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY**
Dow, Troy Spongberg, '52,d.6/98

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
Clements, Carol Lightfoot, '51,d.1/98

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Goodson, Ann Meriwether, '43,d.11/97
Hammer, Charlotte Hinds, '40,d.6/98
Kawalek, Nadine, '77,d.6/98

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Snowden, Elizabeth Avery, '38,d.6/98
Twist, Martha Edwards, '29,d.6/98

***SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**
Jones, Helen Hoskinson, '28,d.5/98

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
McGuire, Frances Williams, '19,d.8/97
Sturman, Lucille Lange, '37,d.9/98

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Wilkinson, Priscilla Davis, '53,d.4/98

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Frost, Nancy Seaberry, '42,d.3/98

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Hardin, Barbara Burgess, '50,d.3/98

TULSA, UNIVERSITY OF
Carter, Jean Denton, '46,d.4/98

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF
Anderegg, Patricia Garff, '65,d.12/96
Clayton, Edythe Gephart, '35,d.6/98
Lewis, Eleanor Wherry, '32,d.5/98
Peterson, Margaret Palmer, '40,d.11/97
Royle, Joan Powelson, '57,d.6/98
Schwanebeck, Anne Rutledge, '42,d.3/98

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Middleton, Mary Ellen Griswold, '38,d.7/97

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF
Paulson, Janet MacDonald, '37,d.3/98
Richards, Anne Honore, '39,d.3/98
Scea, Linda Emmons, '55,d.4/98

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Skinker, Frances Stealey, '18,d.2/96

WHITMAN COLLEGE
Randall, Georganne Baber, '36,d.12/96
Ruth, Ruth Thomson, '28,d.2/98

WILLIAM & MARY, COLLEGE OF
Fennell, Barbara Duborg, '44,d.9/97
O'Flaherty, Lucy Ribble, '34,d.11/97
Stousland, Elizabeth Craighead, '40,d.12/97

WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF
Carnell, Helen Cole, '29,d.6/98
Hoard, Mary Cunningham, '21,d.3/98

WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF
Koch, Dorothy Hynds, '36,d.2/98
Markley, Esther Pearson, '32,d.3/98

* inactive chapters

RUTH HOEHLE LANE, '27, *Boston*, served the Fraternity as Beta Province Director of Chapters (1955-58), Undergraduate Scholarship Chairman (1960-64), Extension Chairman (1964-66), Director of Chapters (1966-70), and received the Loyalty Award (1982).

In order for names to appear in "In Memoriam," verification and date of death must be sent to Fraternity Headquarters and Foundation Office, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH, 43216-0038. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Foundation, attention: **MARILYN JENNINGS**, Director of Development. 

Alumna Achievements

Working together at Sotheby's in New York City are ZETA RHO, *Colgate*, members CATHARINE BECKET, MOLLY LONGNECKER, CECILIA HANKE and HEIDI WILKINSON VONMAUR. These Kappas work in many different areas of this company founded in 1744.

Catharine works with silver and Russian works of art in the Art Department; Molly handles etchings and lithographs in the Print Department; Heidi in the Trusts and Estates Department coordinates estate consignments and acts as the primary liaison between Sotheby's and executors; and Cecelia in the Press Department fields questions from publications from the *New York Times* to *People Magazine* and gives permission for related articles about Sotheby's auction sales.

They have recently participated in the auction of more than 40,000 objects from the collections of the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor from their Paris home.

Various rooms from the Windsors' private and public quarters were re-created for the exhibition and sale. The famous "Abdication Desk" on which King Edward VIII signed the instrument of abdication was included in the auction.

Proceeds went to benefit the Dodi Fayed International Charitable Foundation which provides funds for

causes supported by Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed during their lifetimes. The principle purpose is to benefit charities bringing relief to suffering children around the world.



Mary Blair Polaski,
Illinois

MARY BLAIR POLASKI, *Illinois*, has been inducted into the Speedskating Hall of Fame in Wausau, Wis. She won the overall title at the U.S. Short Track Speedskating Championship in the 1960s and returned 12 years later to win her second overall national title. Mary has coached several speedskating programs and volunteers at the Broadmoor Skating Club.

Her father, Charles, also belongs to the Speedskating Hall of Fame. Mary claims her greatest thrill was watching five-time Olympic Gold Medalist and sister, Bonnie, win her first "gold" in Calgary. A member of the COLORADO SPRINGS (COLO.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Mary finds time to coach high school tennis and swimming.



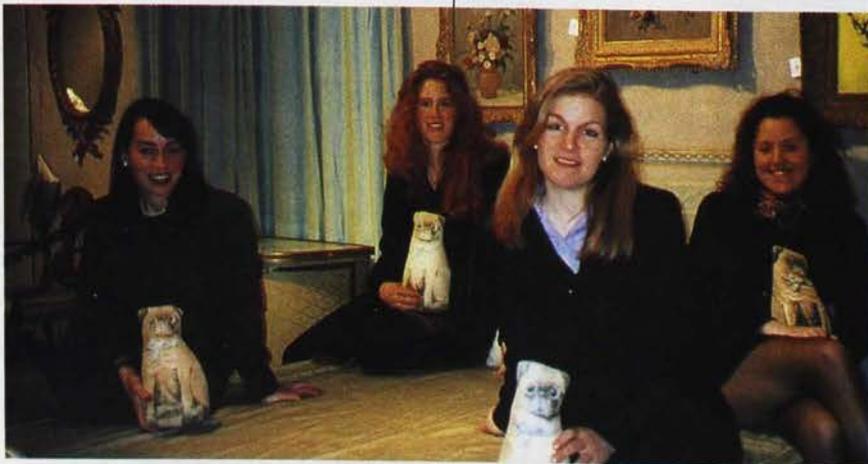
Florence Hutchinson Lonsford, *Purdue*

Artist and designer FLORENCE HUTCHINSON LONSFORD, *Purdue*, has had one of her paintings accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard for its permanent collection, which travels throughout the country from the Pentagon. On board the *USS Intrepid* aircraft carrier, Florence received recognition for her acrylic coast guard "Dolphin" in flight, entitled *HH-65A Searching Arctic Waters*. She was inspired to capture Dolphin helicopters that assist mariners in distress and provide Coast Guard Marine Safety officers with overflight capabilities to determine the location and extent of oil spills. The Purdue University galleries at their Stewart Center have added Florence's watercolor *Sunset With Boats* to their permanent collection.

Attending her first Fraternity General Convention in 1950, Florence served as Editor of *The Hoot*, the Convention newsletter, and served on *The Key* staff as chapter editor and art editor for 37 years. Florence was president of the NEW YORK CITY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and currently serves on its board.

When the new cruise ship *Dawn Princess* was launched, AMY and ANNIE SMITH, *Stanford*, composers of the tune *The Princess Caribbean Twins*, sang and choreographed dance movements with passengers on the inaugural cruise, which included media coverage with the cast from the television *Loveboat* series.

They have performed for former President and Mrs. Ford at the Betty Ford Invitational in Rancho Mirage to benefit the Betty Ford Center, and



In the re-creation of the Duchess of Windsor's bedroom, these Kappas hold "Pug pillows," a favorite of the Duchess.



Amy and Annie Smith, Stanford, with Loveboat Captain, Gavin MacLeod.

tours through Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and an award-winning Christmas tour to Alaska.

The Smith sisters recently introduced the song *Do It For Your Mama* to promote breast cancer awareness, and performed at the National Race For The Cure event in Washington, D.C., as guests of Vice President and Mrs. Gore. Proceeds benefited the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

Association Action

Indiana's First Lady JUDY ASMUS O'BANNON, *Indiana*, served as Honorary Chairman for the INDIANAPOLIS (IND.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's 100th Anniversary Dinner/Auction.

ANNE MAGDSICK MILLER, *Purdue*, and AMY SNYDER, *Indiana*, process receipts with monies shared for their Kappa philanthropies and Coburn Place, a local residential facility for battered women.



Anne Magdsick Miller, *Purdue*, and Amy Snyder, *Indiana*

When ARIEL STEELE, *Florida*, graduated from Georgetown University Law School, she joined a law firm in Los Angeles, Calif., and applied for and became Assistant Attorney General of Palau. Working on this remote island in the South Pacific she prosecuted criminal cases involving drug trafficking, physical assaults and burglaries. More fulfilling was her legal work at the Public Lands Office where she helped resolve a dispute between the national government and the Koror state government. The two leaders of those governments, with Steele's

involvement, worked out their problems.

Palau's trademark, the Rock Islands, is one of her favorite sites. "The islands are so gorgeous. I never get tired of looking at them" she states. "I've seen more sharks than 99 percent of the world will ever see. I get to swim with false killer whales within a few feet of me, and swimming with turtles and schools of thousands of fish is my normal weekend activity."

Yearning for a new experience, Ariel is returning to the United States for a month-long trail hike covering 228 miles from Mt. Whitney to Yosemite before pursuing her career in another exotic locale.

DR. KATHRYN POLESON, *Idaho*, makes children's dreams come true through the Piano Santa Foundation. An all-volunteer agency, the PSF in Portland, Ore., helps children ages seven to 13 from low-income families learn about music and playing the piano.

The PSF scholarships are a special type of scholarship. When a student and family qualify, the award is the use of a piano for one year. A "fleet" of 30 pianos is available for student use. After the first year, six-month extensions may be given, up to three years. Student notebooks, musical events and a partnership between parent and child promote awareness of music study, composition and performance. For more information please contact DR. KATHRYN POLESON, *Idaho*, the Piano Santa Foundation, P.O. Box 80175, Portland, OR 97280-0173.

Accomplished oil and acrylic artist SONDRA MCLEAN, *Miami*, has been featured on the cover of *Brown's Guide to Georgia*. A self-taught painter, she combines light, tone, line and depth into her works of rural Georgia scenes.

BARBARA "BO" RHODES ERIKSEN, *Washington*, wears her key, 50-year pin and Panhellenic Loyalty Award — an

were guest entertainers of former President and Mrs. Reagan for the House Ear Institute Benefit in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Amy and Annie raise money as singers, writers and auctioneers for a number of organizations. They sing in concert for special events, festivals, national conventions and civic centers, and are well known for their USO



Pat Mayfield, *Arkansas*, has been named one of the "Top 25 For Making Open in the Furniture Industry" by *Joint Magazine*. Pat also received the Furniture Industry Association's President's Award. She was selected for awards for her industry work in developing educational training programs for some furnishings retailers and manufacturers.



**Barbara "Bo"
Rhodes Eriksen,**
Washington

antique fleur-de-lis pin commemorating years of Panhellenic service. She has served as founder and President of the Fresno Alumnae Panhellenic Association, Vice President of the Central California Council of Alumnae Panhellenics and treasurer of the Northern California Council of Alumnae Panhellenics.



Chi, Minnesota, alumnae

The Fishing Hall of Fame, boasting a giant muskie, was visited by **CHI, Minnesota,** alumnae during their annual Kappa weekend. Meeting for nearly 30 years, this group has endowed a scholarship for an undergraduate journalism student in memory of classmate **ELAINE JOHNSON LAMPERT, Minnesota.**

KATHERINE BERRY MCKINNEY, Indiana, received the President's Award for recognition from the Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School where she had served as faculty secretary. Having raised six children she has remained active in the Children's Museum Guild, Family

Advocacy Center, Heartland Film Festival and is a former director for Indiana Sports Corporation.

GEORGANE FERGUSON LOVE, Mississippi, was installed as President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

It's a coincidence that five **DELTA ETA, Utah,** Kappas, **MARIANNE HANSEN JACKSON, NANETTE SMITH MICHIE, MARSHA GURR RICHARDS, BETTY LOU SINE STEWART** and **PAT SHUMWAY BOYDEN** all have husbands who serve the Latter Day Saints as mission presidents, each directing the work of more than 150 missionaries. These women enjoy their Kappa connection while working with their husbands.

CALGARY (CANADA) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members pieced together a beautiful "blue and blue" quilt which they sold during the 1998 General Convention, raising funds to send a delegate to their next Province Meeting.

KAY MORTON ELLERHOFF, Montana, is the Executive Editor for *Wild Outdoor World* (W.O.W.), a magazine for fourth-grade school children aimed at enhancing awareness of and appreciation for the outdoor world and fostering a sense of the need for conservation through articles about wild animals, wildlife management and healthy outdoor activities. Fourth-graders throughout the United States receive the magazine free of charge through a distribution program sponsored by state and federal natural resource agencies, private groups and individuals.

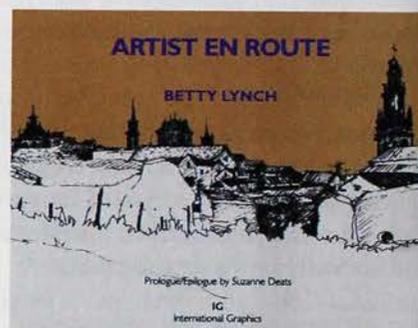
ANNE BRUCE SMITH, Texas, and her husband, Paul, received the President's Award for outstanding community service in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to serving on boards of the San Antonio Detention Ministries and the Presbyterian

Children's Home, Anne leads a Bible study group for women at the Bexar County Jail through a ministry to help incarcerated women and their families.

Alumnae Abroad

CARRIE LANESE, George Washington, led a tour of China for the Chinese New Year in February. Beta Province Director of Alumnae **SUSAN McDERMOTT FORESTER, George Washington,** joined Carrie's group. They are both members of the **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.** Carrie speaks fluent Chinese and works for the Columbia University Chinese Art/Cultural Exchange program.

Kappa Authors



Artist En Route
By **BETTY STRATTON LYNCH, Texas**
International Graphics
128 pages, \$40

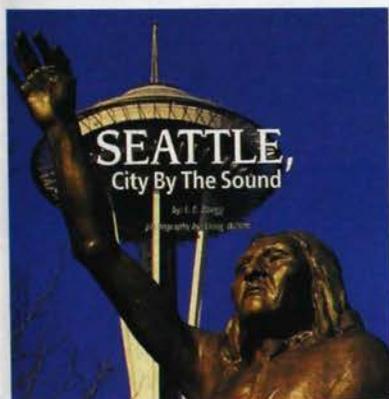
Twenty-five years of world travels are recorded in 90 black and white and watercolor sketches as Betty portrays scenes familiar to many travelers. China, Spain, Guatemala and Switzerland are among the many places visited and each trip produces a sketchbook of subject matter for later paintings.

Betty says, "I am not a message painter. My primary interest is to create shapes and colors that are new and interesting to me, but are related to my experiences as a traveling artist." She shares her lifetime of sketching and drawing with others in many workshops world-wide, including a number

of return trips to La Romita, Italy, where she will conduct her 15th and 16th workshops at the turn of the century.

Learning to draw is, Betty believes, a necessary prerequisite for painting creatively and she has been sketching and drawing as long as she can remember. Architectural forms continue to be favorite subject matter.

Artist En Route is also available for \$250 in a 200-book Limited Edition with special cover and an original ink sketch suitable for framing. For more information about Betty's work or to order her book, write to Betty Lynch, 1500 Harvard, Midland, Texas 79701.



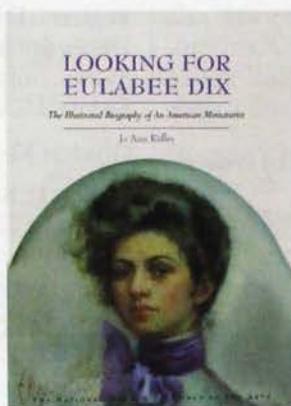
Seattle, City By the Sound
By LYNN BRAGG MARICH, *Washington*
East Seattle Publishing Co.
32 pages, \$15.95

Stunning photographs draw one into this simple but immensely attractive book which transports the reader into and around the city of Seattle, Wash. Professional shots by landscape photographer Doug Wilson are supplemented by those of Lynn Bragg and her husband, David Marich, to show the tall buildings, open market place, Space Needle and houseboats on the lake, picturing the city's versatility. Through it all runs a repetitive refrain — a whimsical, cumulative poem about the city and Chief Seattle, for whom it is named. Prepared for elementary readers, it is an attractive word and photostudy of Seattle.

Lynn is also the author of *A River Lost* (featured in Spring 1996 Issue of

The Key), which tells the story of the Inchelium, a tribe that lost its homes, gardens, church and graves with the building of the Grand Coulee Dam.

Her most recent book, *More Than Petticoats; Remarkable Washington Women*, will be available this fall for \$9.95.



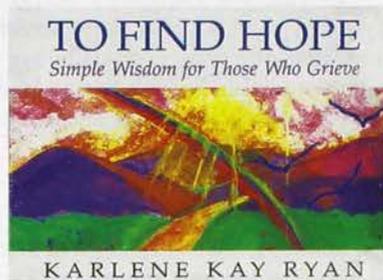
Looking for Eulabee Dix — The Illustrated Biography of An American Miniaturist
By JO ANN DAVIS RIDLEY, *Whitman*
University of Washington Press
304 pages, \$45 clothbound

The late Victorian period provided an opportunity for young women to display their artistic talents and Eulabee Dix was a leading miniaturist of the time. A fascinating and determined woman, Eulabee had great talent joined to "a personality that sometimes defied understanding."

Mark Twain, Ethel Barrymore, the Countess of Warwick and her titled friends, and prominent Hollywood and New York personages were among those who posed for her. Exquisite color sense and brushwork are qualities seen today in collections of her work at The National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Jo Ann has written extensively about the arts during her long career as a journalist in the Pacific Northwest. Her first book, *Oh Shaw! and Other Islands*, is a collection of

essays about the San Juan Islands in her native state of Washington. A recent collaboration with Arthur Kennedy produced an aviation biography, *High Times: Keeping 'em Flying*.



To Find Hope — Simple Wisdom for Those Who Grieve
By KARLENE KAY LOWE RYAN, *Cal.*
State, Fresno
Paulist Press
59 pages, \$7.95

"My son, Timothy Michael Ryan, age 19, was killed in an automobile accident on April 11, 1986. This book explains how I found hope."

This simple statement presents the means by which Karlene worked through her grief, in the hope that her journey will help others. She says, poignantly, "There are no rules for grieving. It will take as long as it takes. Your way of grieving is for you. Don't try to figure it out. Give in to it."

A certified bereavement counselor and facilitator of a growing community program, Karlene is an author, artist and professional interior decorator. She expresses hope and joy through beauty in her oils, watercolors and mixed media done in an impressionistic style.

Are you a journalist or artist? If so, share your talent with Kappa sisters. Send a sample and résumé to The Key, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038, fax: 614/228-7809, e-mail: kkgqh@kappa.org.

Challenge to Excellence Results 1997-98

Nine chapters succeeded in the Fraternity's Challenge to Excellence, completing 100 percent of the Challenge checklist.

Criteria that chapters are challenged to achieve include:

- maintaining a scholastic average at least equal to the campus all-sorority average each term
- displaying fiscal responsibility
- maintaining Fraternity standards
- submitting all reports on time
- following the ritual
- pledging quota
- maintaining chapter total

In addition, eight chapters met 95 percent of the criteria and nine chapters met 89 percent.

Congratulations to those chapters who accepted the Challenge to Excellence 1997-98. All chapters are encouraged to accept the Challenge for 1998-99. Regional and Province Directors of Chapters are ready to assist each chapter in fulfilling the criteria.

Challenge to Excellence Winners (100%)

Region 1: ZETA THETA, *Trinity*; Region 4: GAMMA ALPHA, *Kansas State*; Region 5: EPSILON UPSILON, *Baylor*; GAMMA PHI, *SMU*; GAMMA NU, *Arkansas*; BETA THETA, *Oklahoma*; EPSILON XI, *Cal. State Northridge*; DELTA PI, *Tulsa*; EPSILON RHO, *Texas A&M*

Founders Circle (95%)

Region 1: DELTA MU, *Connecticut*; Region 5: BETA XI, *Texas*; DELTA SIGMA, *Oklahoma State*; DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech*; ZETA SIGMA, *North Texas*; EPSILON ALPHA, *TCU*; Region 6: BETA KAPPA, *Idaho*; GAMMA ETA, *Washington State*

Golden Key (89%)

Region 1: BETA TAU, *Syracuse*; GAMMA RHO, *Allegheny*; DELTA NU, *Massachusetts*; DELTA XI, *Carnegie-Mellon*; DELTA PHI, *Bucknell*; Region 3: DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*; Region 4: OMEGA, *Kansas*; GAMMA IOTA, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*; Region 6: BETA OMEGA, *Oregon*

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Mortar Board

ALPHA ^A, *Monmouth*

Allyson Behm
Angela Charsha
Jen Goedke
Taryn Yakel

THETA, *Missouri*

Polly Mulligan

IOTA, *DePauw*

Megan Cary
Olivia Castellini
Rachel Hood
Jenny Kline
Kathryn Pitts
Vicky Solmon

MU, *Butler*

Meghan Smith

RHO ^A, *Ohio Wesleyan*

Michelle Mulkern
Sara White

SIGMA, *Nebraska*

Becky Kai

GAMMA ALPHA, *Kansas State*

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Stephanie Mendenhall
Alice Williams

GAMMA DELTA, *Purdue*

Kate Gapinski

Emily Gwyn

Mary Beth Mock

GAMMA ZETA, *Arizona*

Mandy Brill

GAMMA IOTA, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*

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GAMMA MU, *Oregon State*

Jenny Bickford
Meadow Clendenin
Julie Miller
Jill Moore

GAMMA NU, *Arkansas*

Amy Bland
Jessica Short

GAMMA XI, *UCLA*

Camryn Thomas

GAMMA PHI, *SMU*

Jan Cloutier
Reagan Roseberry

DELTA ALPHA, *Penn State*

Cherie Green
Melanie Kramer
Meghan Marshall
Neely Okopal

DELTA KAPPA, *Miami*

Stephanie Kermer
Lara Than

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Marly Ellis
Taralyn Riordan
Courtney Sieg

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Heather Clark
Cara Curran
Tamara Tarrant
Karen Tomassetti

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Lisa Cook
Jodi Kurtz

DELTA PI, *Tulsa*

Keri Monninger
Georgianne Rose
Sarah Schobe

EPSILON DELTA, *Arizona State*

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Phoebe King

EPSILON EPSILON, *Emory*

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Kelly Blount
Megan DeYoung
Sarah Fonder
Adrienne Leder

EPSILON IOTA, *Puget Sound*

Emilie Nyberg

EPSILON KAPPA, *South Carolina*

Lisa Jacobs

EPSILON MU, *Clemson*

Elizabeth Tucker

ZETA MU, *Virginia Tech*

Beth Keith

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Julia Muir

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Megan Cary
Rachel Hood

RHO ^A, *Ohio Wesleyan*

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GAMMA GAMMA, *Whitman*

Beth Burrow

GAMMA DELTA, *Purdue*

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Molly Peelle

GAMMA XI, *UCLA*

Jill Axelrod
Casey Christensen
Brooke Hardy

DELTA KAPPA, *Miami*

Susana Vidal

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<p>DELTA LAMBDA, Miami (Ohio) Cory Wilson</p> <p>DELTA XI, Carnegie-Mellon Jennifer Ragan</p> <p>DELTA PHI, Bucknell Kim Kalaher</p> <p>EPSILON GAMMA, North Carolina Katie Shinnors Caroline Willingham Alyssa Wilson</p> <p>EPSILON EPSILON, Emory Lynn Bunch Emily Hunter Kate Moraytis</p>	<p>EPSILON KAPPA, South Carolina Laura Fischer</p> <p>EPSILON CHI, Dartmouth Kristen B. Hinman Suzanne Michels Lani S. Sipe</p> <p>ZETA GAMMA, Centre Heather Bain Robin Lacour Lisa Pearson</p> <p>ZETA LAMBDA, Washington & Jefferson Amy Seman</p>	<p>ZETA TAU, Washington & Lee Lillian Hallet Davis Juliana Shand Edmunds Mary Josephine Mahoney Stacy Melissa Patton Anne Carter Shaw</p> <p>ZETA PSI, Wake Forest Megan Elizabeth Deardorff Ashley Anne Randolph</p> <p>ETA ALPHA, Furman Zabrina Aleguire Nicole Bolte Valerie Horsley</p> <p>EDITOR'S NOTE: The Key congratulates all chapters and individuals honored</p>	<p><i>throughout the year. Due to space limitations, only members of Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies have been listed. Chapters that received first-place campus/Panhellenic awards may be listed in future issues on a space-available basis.</i></p> <p>*Compiled from Chapter Honors Reports received at Fraternity Headquarters by June 1, 1998.</p>
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KAPPAS On Campus

Spotlight on a Superstar Swimmer

Listening to CATHERINE FOX, *Stanford*, talk about the caliber of athletes whom she calls Kappa sisters almost makes you forget that she is a gold medal Olympic swimmer and national title holder.

A junior, Catherine helped the Stanford women's swimming team regain its national title. Fox defended her title in the 100 backstroke with a time of 52.71 — establishing new NCAA, U.S. Open and American records. She also defended her title in the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.21 and was part of the 200 and 400 first-place medley relay teams.

This student-athlete from Roeland, Kan., is surprisingly grounded despite the fame she has earned at such a young age. At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga., Catherine secured two gold medals as part of U.S. relay teams.

"It's important to keep a balance in life," Catherine

says while squeezing a summer job at a graphic design firm into her schedule of nine grueling practices a week. But she knows it will take a calm, level-headedness for her to reach success as a swimmer or as a graphic artist.

"It's hard to balance swimming and school, but it's just a matter of staying on top of everything and creating a support network," she says. Her support network is comprised of her close-knit family and Kappa sisters. Catherine's brother and sister who both went to Stanford live in San Francisco, Calif. She also relies on a tight group of Kappa sisters, many of whom excel in softball, volleyball and swimming. "Friends and family keep you grounded," Catherine says.

The number of successful, even Olympic, athletes at Stanford helps Catherine forget that she has achieved any sort of notoriety. "There are so many superstars at Stanford and within Kappa that winning an Olympic medal

is no big deal," she says.

Catherine decided to pledge Kappa Kappa Gamma after a close friend became New Member Chairman. She felt it would be a good way to make new friends and extend her circle outside of swimming.

"Kappa has helped me meet people and has given me a much more rounded view," says Catherine. Despite the demanding nature of her schedule, she makes time for chapter activities. "It gets hectic at certain times each quarter, but everyone tries to find time to spend with one another."

Catherine isn't sure what the future holds. Her major is studio art design and urban studies with a focus on architecture, which she balances with a demanding training schedule. And although she hopes to graduate within four years, Catherine is not putting pressure on herself.



Catherine Fox, Stanford, won a gold medal in the 1996 Summer Olympics and holds a national title.

With titles to defend and future Olympic Games to consider, Catherine is just focusing on enjoying friends and swimming. She is especially grateful for her Kappa ties. "Kappa has provided me with lots of laughs and people who understand me," Catherine says. And this is important when you're a campus superstar.

Good Ideas

During house orientation, **GAMMA XI, UCLA**, members hand out adjectives representing values as part of the LOVE program (Living Our Values Everyday). Members are asked to place small paper umbrellas around the house as a reminder of their chosen "umbrella" values.

DELTA PI, Tulsa, invited the campus chaplain to speak about religious diversity. Thanks to the success of the program, the chapter intends to invite the chaplain back and consider the issue in future programming.

ZETA GAMMA, Centre, members offer to watch faculty members' children while they spend an evening out shopping, dining or doing errands.

OMEGA, Kansas, "Owl Groups" include six to eight members who share similar majors. Each group, led by a senior member, monitors members' classes, keeps an ongoing progress report and offers suggestions for academic success.



Elizabeth Verderber, Emily Emerson, Amanda Wilkins, Deborah Madden and Blythe Marlow, all members of **Gamma Alpha, Kansas State**, spent Spring Break in New Orleans building houses in low-income communities for Habitat Humanity.

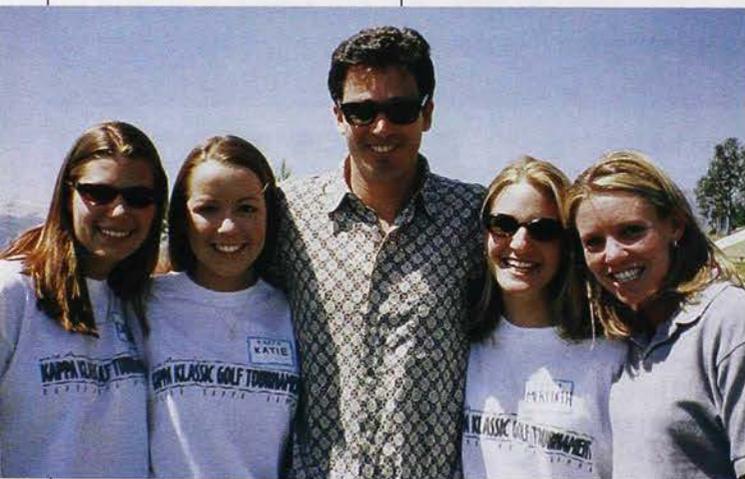
FUN-Raisers

EPSILON XI, Cal. State Northridge, hosted the first annual "Kappa Klassic Golf Tournament." The event, which raised \$2,500 for the National Society for Missing and Exploited Children, was coordinated by gymnast and Olympic gold medalist, Mitch Gaylord.

Every October, **ZETA IOTA, Villanova**, participates in the Special Olympics Fall Festival on campus. Members take part in all aspects of the weekend-long event as part

of a more-than-2,000-member student volunteer group. The chapter also runs an annual cotton candy booth.

UPSILON, Northwestern, members regularly play host to the children of Off the Street Club, Chicago's oldest boys and girls club. This year, members organized a flag football tournament that included the children and raised funds for the club, and held a Halloween pumpkin decorating contest. Girls from OTSC also frequent the house to watch movies, make cookies and spend time with chapter members.



Christina Waggoner, Cal. State Northridge; Katie Smith, Cal. State Northridge; and Meredith Marcus, Cal. State Northridge, met with Olympic gymnast Mitch Gaylord and alumna **Michele Krasnoo, Cal. State Northridge**; during their first-ever Kappa Klassic Gold Tournament.



Upsilon, Northwestern, enjoys decorating Halloween pumpkins with girls from Chicago's Off the Street Club.

Send in your stories and photos! The Winter Issue of *The Key* will feature philanthropic and community service activities. Share your successful events with others.



Gamma Xi, UCLA, hosted 600 guests for dinner generating \$3,000 for the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.

GAMMA XI, UCLA, hosted 600 guests for dinner during the chapter's annual "Kappa Feast." The effort raised more than \$3,000 for the rape treatment center at the Santa Monica, Calif. Hospital. The "Feast" features dishes donated from popular local restaurants.

EPSILON KAPPA, South Carolina, members volunteered in the Walk-to-Cure Diabetes in honor of one of their members who has the disease. The chapter sponsored a water table and raised funds in support of the Diabetes Foundation.

ZETA PI, Albertson, started a new tradition in celebration of its 10th anniversary. Members obtained the names and wishes of local homeless and abused women and children, and created a "giving tree." An actual tree

was donated by a local farmer and decorated by third-graders.

BETA OMEGA, Oregon, organized a campus-wide road race to benefit a local women's shelter. Members signed up 200 runners from 10 Greek chapters for the "Kappa 5-K." The culmination of the event was a discussion on domestic violence and an award ceremony for the top finishers. Awareness created by the local news helped the event raise \$1,100.

Social Scene

UPSILON, Northwestern, shared its victory for best homecoming float with members of Sigma Chi fraternity. Members of both chapters donned black suits, sunglasses and purple neckties and danced in-line to the

theme song from the movie *Men in Black*. The float was judged on its originality and craftsmanship.

ETA ALPHA, Furman, hosted a surprise afternoon grab-a-date social event on a campus intramural field. Participants played with soccer balls, hula hoops, kickballs and squirt guns.



The **Gamma Alpha, Kansas State**, Earthball philanthropy helped to raise \$1,600 for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter for the homeless.

Kultural Kappas

Searching for a cultural way to spend the evening as a chapter, **ZETA SIGMA, North Texas**, invited a campus string quartet to both entertain and educate members. After performing each Beethoven selection, the quartet explained the music's origin and history.



Kappas from 12 different universities traveled the world during the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program. The voyage consisted of various research projects, coursework and 10 stops including ports in Venezuela, Malaysia, Vietnam, China and Japan.

Have you benefited from a KKI Foundation scholarship, grant or educational program? Share your story with *The Key*.



Zeta Sigma, *North Texas*, members enjoy an evening of classical music.

was nominated by her chapter for the award, which recognizes outstanding seniors.

EPSILON DELTA, *Arizona State*, beat out 450 organizations at ASU to win the Leadership Development

Award for service. The chapter received recognition from the ASU community and the university president.

Chapter president **JOANNA DAVISON**, *Monmouth*, was invited as an honored guest to the Drive Out Breast Cancer Golf Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., sponsored by Xerox and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama. The chapter was honored for the more than \$4,500 raised in support of the foundation and on behalf of one of its chapter advisers, a breast cancer survivor. Alumna **DOLLY O'NEIL**, *Alabama*, served as chairman of the golf tournament.

ZETA CHI, *Marist*, members raised \$3,500 in 24 hours to help the chapter's New Member Chairman whose financial aid was not approved. Without the chapter's support she would have had to leave school.

ZETA XI, *Yale*, toured the Yale British Art Museum with a focus on women in art. After viewing the art, members enjoyed afternoon tea.

Hoots 'N Salutes

JENNIFER SHAMI, *Cal. State Northridge*, was honored to meet Fred Rogers of *Mr. Rogers Neighborhood*, while volunteering for the PBS press tour in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Rogers was in Pasadena to promote his 30th anniversary special on PBS.

JODIE GAZELLA, *Michigan State*, was awarded the prestigious MSU Chuck Kaplan Spartan Spirit award. Jodi



Jennifer Shami, *Cal. State Northridge*, met Fred Rogers of *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* while volunteering for the PBS press tour in Pasadena.



Thirty **Epsilon Upsilon**, *Baylor*, members and seven of their fathers spent Spring Break serving others through a Christian outreach program called Mission: Laredo. Coordinated by **Meredith Parker**, *Baylor*, the group traveled from Waco to La Primera Iglesia Baptista Mexicana (The First Baptist Mexican Church) in Laredo, Texas. They started their activities by singing songs during the church service on Sunday. Each night the group presented messages through music and skits to local children and townspeople. The group then crossed the border into Mexico and visited with children in an orphanage.

Collegian Translates for Research Team



ALDA DEL PORTO, *Westminster*, accompanied a team of 20 scientists and cavers to explore the Cueva de Villa Luz, or Cave of the Lighted House, in southern Mexico. The cave harbors perhaps the only type of food chain in the world that does not rely on sunlight.

Alda, a biology-Spanish double major, was relied upon to translate an ancient ritual held inside the cave and explain the significance of the scientific research to the natives. According to Alda, the ceremony involves collecting fish in the cave to feed natives through the spring drought. During the Ritual de la Pesca de la Sardina, a native root mixed with lime is placed in the stream, causing the river to foam and push the "drunk" fish to the edges. "There are so many fish in this cave that the people can go in with baskets and scoop them up," says Alda. The fish are dried and used to feed families until the next crops are harvested.



EDITOR'S NOTE: We are delighted to be receiving so many letters but regret that we are unable to print each one. Please keep writing to *The Key* and know that we appreciate your input. Letters are edited for clarity and length.

Ovarian Cancer Risk Factors

I meant to send this letter a year ago because I was concerned about remarks about the use of talc in the letter to the editor about ovarian cancer by SHARON BRIGGS BARTELS, *Iowa State*, (Winter 1996 Issue). I showed it to my daughter Martha Twaddle, M.D., an internist and medical director of a hospice in Evanston, Ill.

I am sharing Martha's reply to that letter because I cannot let the matter rest when I realize that from the medical standpoint there were some inaccuracies.

According to Martha, "Sharon's list of risk factors for ovarian cancer is not completely accurate. The risk of ovarian cancer is increased in those with an early menopause, family history of ovarian cancer or cancer of the colon, lung and prostate, a diet high in animal fat and the use of INTRAVAGINAL cosmetic talc, NOT talcum powder in general. Estrogen replacement therapy and birth control pills have actually been found to be PROTECTIVE against ovarian cancer by putting the ovaries into an inactive state. This is similar to the effect of pregnancy which is also protective against ovarian cancer.

The blood test called the CA-125 is not used to diagnose the disease. This is a tumor marker which is used to monitor the disease's recurrence. Unfortunately, the CA-125 has a great number of false positive tests and to use it as a screening test in women who are not at risk would cause psychological harm and is not effective.

The sadness is that ovarian cancer remains a very difficult tumor to diagnose and one that may not have a long-term response to therapy. My hope is that Mrs. Bartels is one of those fortunate souls who responds well and is cured."

— BARBARA MATSON TWADDLE, *Arizona*

Proper Adoption Language

I think *The Key* is a quality publication and I am proud that Kappa publishes such a fine magazine. However, I was bothered by something I read on Page 38 of the Spring 1998 Issue.

What bothered me was in the second paragraph of the article about NANCY CLAGUE CARSTEDT, *Northwestern*. It reads, "She worked as a speech pathologist in the Evanston, Ill., school system until they adopted a son, Blaine. Shortly after, Nancy and her husband were blessed with two daughters of their own, Susan and Whitney." This seems to

imply that Blaine was not a blessing in their lives — only the births of two daughters were a blessing. It also implies that Blaine is not their "own" child. He may not be their biological child but he is their own child. And was it important to even mention that Blaine was adopted? Does that lend anything to the story?

I am the adoptive mother of a two-year-old girl. My husband and I love her more than words can express. I am saddened for Blaine or any adopted child who might read those sentences in *The Key*. While they are not biologically connected to their families, they are connected by law and, most importantly, love.

If *The Key* could ever use an article about the wonderful experience of adoption (especially an international adoption from China), I'd love to submit a story.

— SARAH DOUGHERTY EDWARDS, *Oregon State*

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was no intention of implying that an adoptive child is less of a blessing than any other child. As the mother of a 15-month-old daughter, and friend of several parents of adopted children, I know that all children are blessings. In looking back at the sentences mentioned, I agree that they could have been worded more effectively. The Editorial Board will look more closely at future references in order to be more sensitive and accurate.

Thank You!

I received the Summer Issue of *The Key* magazine yesterday and, as always, read it cover to cover that same night! Thank you for such a quality publication.

— TRICIA PUTNAM MONTGOMERY, *Whitman*

Keep It Up!

The Summer Issue was an interesting edition of *The Key*. I find the articles informative and knowledgeable. Keep up the great tradition.

— MARION SMITH DAVEY, *Toronto*

Caregiver Support Group

As a 71-year-old Kappa I have been involved in caregiving for my husband and now my son. The article "Who Cares for the Caregiver?" in the Winter 1997 Issue would be most helpful to me. I read it and discarded it and am now asking if it would be possible to receive another copy. I would like to start a group that will give support to caregivers.

— JUNE WELCH CALMES, *Iowa State*

Through the Keyhole...

Send In Your Story!

Do you have a story to share about a unique Kappa friendship? How has a friend changed your life? Stories and related photographs will be reviewed for possible publication in the Summer 1999 Issue of *The Key*. The Editorial Board regrets that not all submissions can be used.

The Key is also interested in Kappas involved in male-dominated fields, as well as women who have advice on juggling family and career. Stories about stay-at-home mothers and ideas to share will also be reviewed for possible publication next year.

Stories and photographs become property of *The Key*. If possible, please submit articles on a computer disk (IBM- or Mac-compatible) along with a hard copy, or send it via e-mail. See Page 3 for address information.

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Spring 1999 — Copy due Dec. 1

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Corrections

SUE CRIMM MILLIGAN, *Indiana*, was listed with the incorrect school on Page 37 of the Summer Issue. Sue was initiated at DELTA, *Indiana*, not BETA NU, *Ohio State*.

On the membership poster in the Summer Issue, the following chapters were omitted: ETA BETA, *Pepperdine*; ETA GAMMA, *San Diego*; and ETA DELTA, *Valparaiso*. *The Key* regrets and apologizes for the errors.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Key* appreciates the responses to the Spring 1998 Editor's Note regarding *The Key* on tape for visually impaired members. The Editorial Board encourages alumnae associations, chapters and individuals to consider reading *The Key* or other publications to visually impaired members in their communities. Please inform *The Key* of any progress made in this area so the information can be shared with others. The Fraternity is unable to provide *The Key* on tape at this time.

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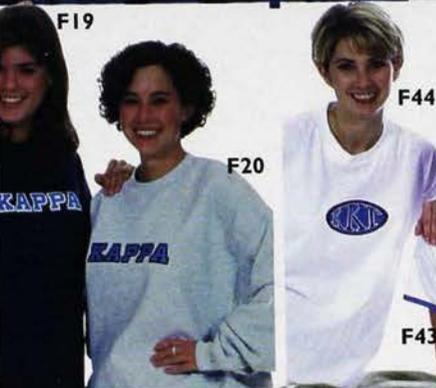
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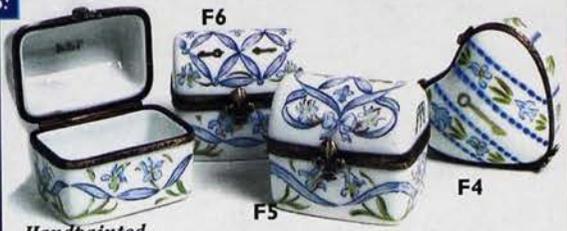
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