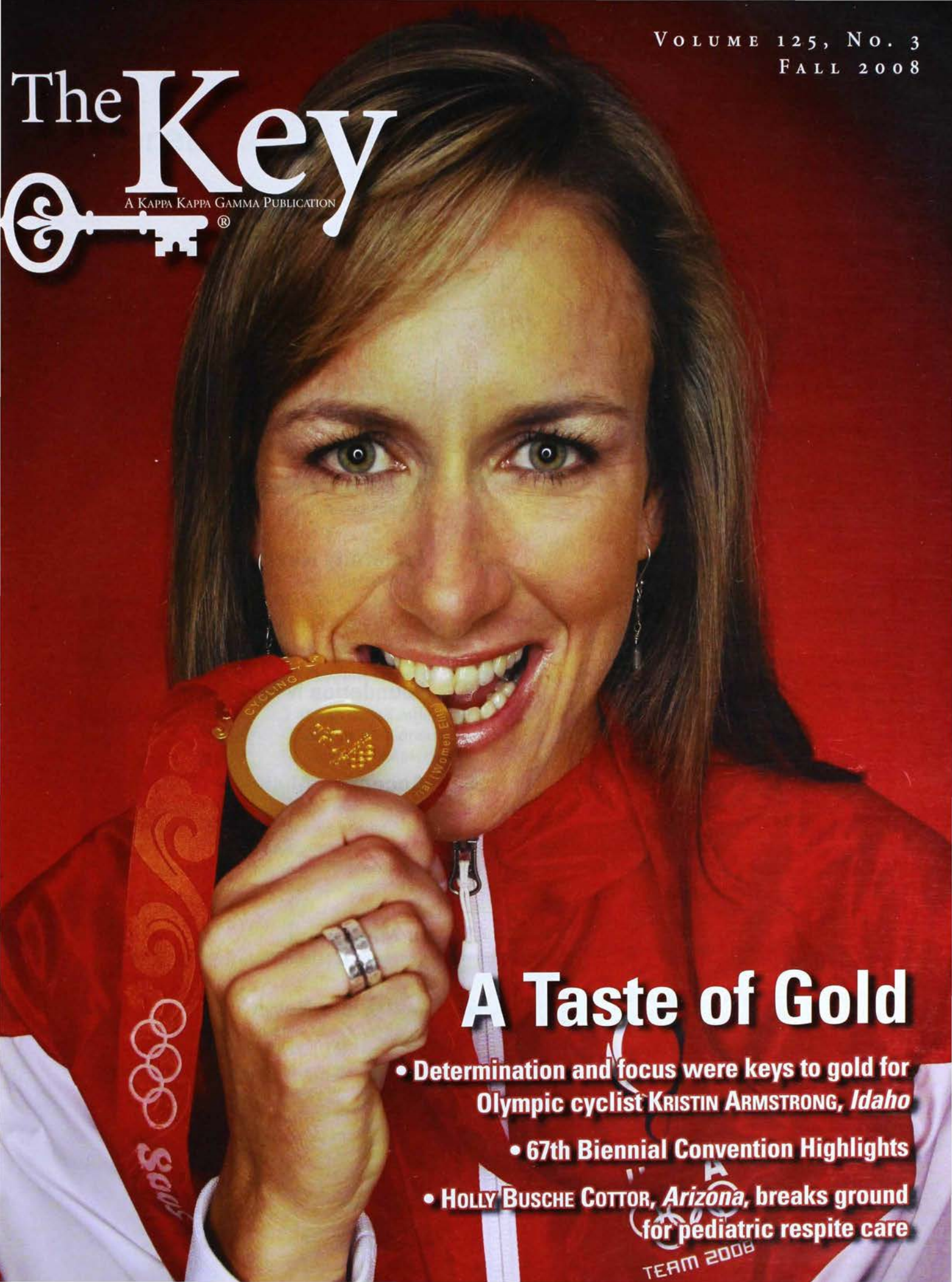


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Kappas Create Defining Moments

When I have conversations with undergraduates and alumnae, they nearly always tell me how fortunate they are to meet and interact with so many extraordinary Kappas—women who give their time and talents to make the world a better place while leaving indelible marks on the lives of others.

Growing up, most of us had people in our lives who celebrated our skills and abilities and pushed us—our mentors. Whether it was parents, grandparents, extended family, teachers, coaches, counselors or a caring boss, these mentors came into our lives for a reason and helped us grow personally and perhaps professionally. As an educator, one never knows when a magic word stated or story told will change the life of a child. Yet each of us can point to a defining moment—when someone took time to listen and care—that had life-changing impact.

As an organization, we talk about volunteering within Kappa as one dimensional. We have the opportunity to be Advisory Board or House Board members, alumnae association officers as well as mentors, yet there are many small ways we can volunteer and make a huge impact on the lives of our members.

One of the easiest ways to impact others is to share our professional skills. If your talents are in the financial arena, a workshop on the importance of financial planning, reducing debt and steps to saving for a home or paying off college loans would be highly beneficial to many. If you are in health care, you could share important information pertaining to women's health. Think about how you can share your skills with a nearby chapter or local alumnae association.

One of Kappa's objectives is to look at the needs of our members and how we can best meet those needs. We must carefully determine the best way to utilize the time and talents of our alumnae in volunteer roles. Our goal is to make all volunteer jobs meaningful and manageable, so volunteers feel their time was well spent and will volunteer again.

With myriad responsibilities and opportunities in today's fast-paced society, choosing to give time to Kappa shows leadership and commitment. Former Fraternity President **MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS**,

Missouri, often reflects upon the countless volunteer hours and support given by Kappas. "I don't believe that any one of us can succeed in life or in a leadership position without supportive friends, role models and mentors at our side."

Mentoring can be a small act such as helping someone out during a tough time or being the friendly face that helps an alumna adjust to a new city. Simple acts of kindness to our Kappa sisters and those on our campuses and in our communities continue to make Kappa Kappa Gamma the outstanding organization it is today.

JEAN SCHMIDT, *Miami (Ohio)*, 2008 Loyalty Award Recipient, says, "The people make this organization different ... the exceptional people. We all have so many talents and skills to share and I hope you feel called to volunteer and make a difference in the life or lives of your fellow Kappas."

Loyally,



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Work with Kappa's very own museum, The Heritage Museum, in Columbus, Ohio, for the summer of 2009!

- Twelve weeks of work experience
- A stipend for the twelve weeks
- Up to \$500 if college course credit will be sought
- Housing provided at Fraternity Headquarters
- A trip to The Stewart House in Monmouth, Ill.

Details and applications are online at www.kappa.org or can be requested by contacting Fraternity Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870 or e-mail kkghq@kappa.org. Kappas of all ages and all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2009.



The Heritage Museum and Fraternity Headquarters.



LEAD Seminars provide leadership skill building for alumnae and collegians.

LEAD Seminars

An Invaluable Tool from the Kappa Trainer Program

Created by the Fraternity as a part of the Kappa Trainer program, LEAD: Leadership Education and Development Seminars, are workshops offering a new leadership development opportunity for both chapters and alumnae associations.

For chapters, these day-long workshops are intended to supplement Leadership Day.

Three to five Chapter Councils gather to be a part of a LEAD Seminar. These new workshops offer training from two Kappa Trainers on leadership skill building as well as a wonderful opportunity to spend time together, share ideas and connect with women in the same office from other chapters.

For alumnae associations, these workshops are held over lunch for two to three hours where members of several alumnae associations gather to discuss leadership skills as well as hot topics of the time, such as membership development and alumna involvement. Two Kappa Trainers facilitate this discussion of alumna leadership and timely topics. LEAD Seminars offer alumnae association members the opportunity to not only discuss these important topics but also

share ideas and meet new alumnae in the area.

All Advisory Board and House Board members are invited to attend LEAD Seminars in their area for both chapters and alumnae. Chapters and alumnae are asked to include Fraternity officers in their invitation e-mail for all LEAD workshops.

The costs of the LEAD Seminar are paid by a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation through the Kappa Trainer program. These costs include transportation for two Kappa Trainers, food for all who participate and supplies for the workshop. Transportation for collegians and alumnae to the host location are not covered by the Kappa Trainer program.

You can request a LEAD Seminar by contacting your Regional Director of Chapters or Alumnae, your Province Director of Chapters or Alumnae, or the Education Department at Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870 or e-mail education@kkg.org.

Greeks in Government

There is something exciting happening in Washington, D.C., and YOU can help it become a reality. Let's look at the facts:

- Nationally, the Greek system has approximately **9 million** members.
- **160 members** of the U.S. House and Senate are Greek affiliated.
- As owners and operators of **\$3 billion** in property, we are the nation's leading not-for-profit student landlords beside the host schools.
- Greek system provides 8,000 chapter houses.
- 250,000 students live in Greek housing, one in every eight college students.

How does this impact Kappa Kappa Gamma?

The Capital Fraternal Caucus, a group of public policy professionals, Greek collegians and Greek alumni, have been working to shape and present the Greek's policy agenda, focusing on educating members of Congress on the good we do for our communities. Annual "Hill visits" bring national fraternity and sorority leaders and Greek student leaders to Washington to lobby Congress on behalf of Greek policy interests.

Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) (H.R.643/S.638)

Tax Law Disparity

Current federal tax law does not allow charitable contributions to be used to build, expand or maintain most not-for-profit student housing, including fraternity and sorority housing, though it does allow colleges and universities to use these tax-deductible funds.

The Solution

Fix the current inequity in the law to allow our educational foundations to use tax-deductible contributions to make housing grants to local house corporations to improve not-for-profit student housing.

Five Campus Housing Concerns

Quality

Aging structures cause infrastructure and safety concerns.

Capacity

Greek housing alleviates serious housing shortages on many campuses.

Parity

Our host institutions can use tax-deductible contributions to build or improve student housing while we cannot.

Affordability

CHIA is a cost-effective alternative to publicly funded housing.

Safety

Only about 50 percent of Greek facilities have fire sprinklers.

How to Get Legislation Passed

CHIA has made progress since its introduction in 2003, currently boasting 208 sponsors in the House and 40 sponsors in the Senate, with no known opposition to the legislation and significant bipartisan support. However, as a small, inexpensive tax bill, it likely can pass only when attached to a larger piece of legislation moving through Congress.

What can YOU do to help?

All students and alumnae can take action to help pass this bill. By visiting the Capital Fraternal Caucus Web site at www.fraternalcaucus.org, Greek students and alumnae can register to become part of the efforts in Washington. Additionally, through your Facebook page, an application will allow you

to electronically contact your Congressional Representatives to push for passage of this and other pro-Greek legislation, as well as learning of coming events and ways to get involved. Collegians may prefer to register through www.cfcfacebook.com.

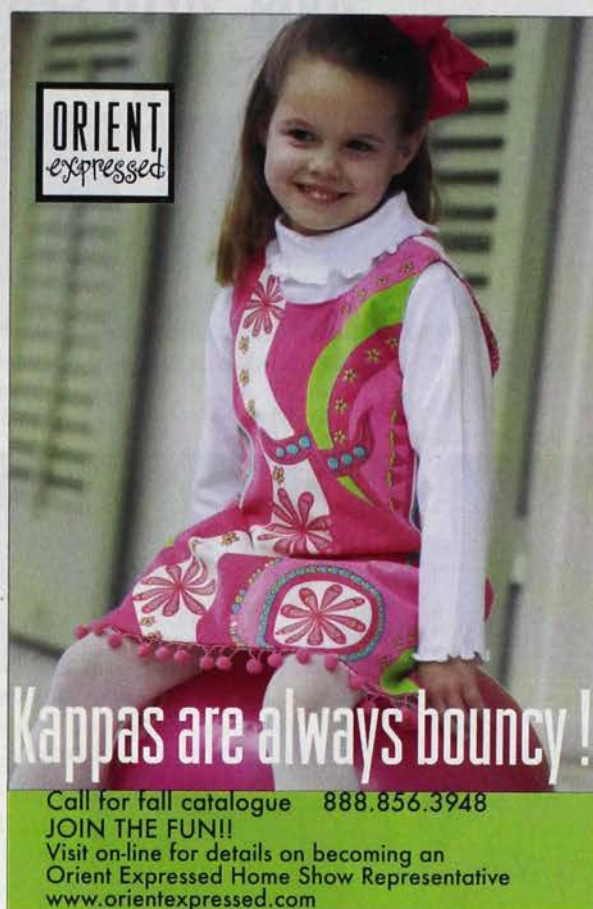
"With the substantial cost of college today, it is more important than ever for legislation to be passed that helps to make college more affordable for students and their families. CHIA will help accomplish this goal and work to strengthen and promote a positive Greek image in Washington," says **KRISTIN SLAWTER**, *William and Mary*, intern at Patton Boggs, representing the Capital Fraternal Caucus. "By getting involved in our efforts to pass this legislation and work for the Greek cause by joining the CFC and adding the Facebook application, Greeks can put our cherished values of leadership, service and philanthropy into action to work for a tangible goal of improving the lives of current and future Greeks."

Our Congressional Representatives need to hear from us. Be one among the 9 million living Greek members to voice your support for this grassroots effort.

NPC Groups Visit Capitol Hill

In April, more than 70 representatives from the 26 National Panhellenic member groups visited Capitol Hill and urged members of Congress to support the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) (H.R. 643/S.638). This was the seventh year that members of NPC have joined representatives from NIC, NPHC and AFA to promote the passage of CHIA. For the fifth year in a row, student representatives joined the visit teams.

Forty women from various colleges and universities visited Washington, D.C., for three days of training on all aspects of Congress and CHIA. With a record number of 418 visits to the Hill in one day, members of fraternities and sororities continued to make their presence known while working toward the passage of CHIA as well as the College Fire Prevention Act (H.R. 642). For more, visit www.npcwomen.org.



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Tax News for Alumnae Associations and House Corporations

Tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts of \$25,000 a year or less will be required to remind the IRS of their tax-exempt status by filing a Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard). The change will affect alumnae associations and house corporations who are not required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. The due date for this filing, based on our organization's fiscal year, is **November 15**.

The e-Postcard is filed electronically after answering fewer than 10 questions in an online form that can be found at the IRS Web site at irs.gov. Or, connect directly by accessing <http://epostcard.form900.org>. The 2006 Pension Protection Act requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet all filing requirements for three consecutive years.

Chapters do not have to file the e-Postcard since they are included in the Fraternity's group tax return each year. Questions may be directed to the Fraternity Treasurer or to the Director of Finance at Fraternity Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870 or e-mail finance@kkg.org.

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The 2008 Loyalty Award Recognizes Lifelong Volunteer: JEAN SCHMIDT, *Miami (Ohio)*

Leadership, scholarship and friendship are qualities that define Kappa Kappa Gamma, and loyalty is a thread through all of these qualities. Known as the highest award the Fraternity can bestow on a member, the Loyalty Award was established in 1956 in honor of HELENA FLINN EGE, *Pittsburgh*, Director of Alumnae 1944-48 and Fraternity President 1948-52.

The 26th Loyalty Award recognizes years of devoted service and commitment to the Fraternity's values. JEAN SCHMIDT, *Miami (Ohio)*, grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Miami University of Ohio where she joined DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER. A member of Mortar Board and awarded the most outstanding junior and most honored senior, she went on to receive her law degree in 1976 from Hastings Law School in San Francisco. Before practicing law, Jean established a computer consulting firm, finding similarities between the two fields. In a 1990 article in *The Key*, Jean is quoted, "It's all about solving puzzles, very logical puzzles in each case." She added that problems must be broken down in a thinking process that utilizes knowledge of certain rules to devise a solution.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was Jean's first employer and she worked on union disputes, discrimination cases and everything in between. A resident of New York City, she continues her interest in employment law and litigation as a partner in the national employment law and labor firm of Littler Mendelson.

Jean's "other career" has been Kappa. She served as a Field Secretary in 1966-67 and on the Convention Staging Committee from 1968 to 1978. She has advised DELTA CHI

CHAPTER, *San José State*, and BETA NU CHAPTER, *Ohio State*. Serving on the Fraternity Finance Committee from 1976-1978, Jean was elected Fraternity Treasurer, served from 1978-1982, and then was appointed Finance Chairman from 1982-1984. Continuing her Kappa service, Jean was Nominating Chairman from 1984-1986 and 1988-1992, and was Long-Range Planning Chairman from 1986-1988 and 1992-1996. When the "Something of Value" program was developed to guide young women in making values-based decisions, Jean was the first attorney taking part in the pilot program in 1996 and has participated every year since. A member of the Advisory Board/Housing Task Force in 2007, Jean is currently chairman of the Foundation Governance Task Force for our Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

Everything Jean does is with a sense of humor and warm smile that draws in others. Perceptive, curious and sharp-minded, Jean is a natural problem-solver. As a mentor, she encourages women to think critically and be true to themselves. She particularly enjoys working with younger members and understanding their concerns. Her dedication to Kappa

and her involvement have been enriching, she says. "I always learn and grow from my involvement and the interesting, smart and challenging people keep me going back for more."

A model of leadership, scholarship and friendship, we depend on Jean Schmidt to keep coming back for more.



The Future Is Bright

Carrying out the business of the Fraternity was the purpose; meeting new friends and embracing old friends was the fun of the 67th Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma in sunny Phoenix, Ariz. Hats were decorated to illustrate colleges and universities or home states. The Celebration of Excellence featured sunglasses, focusing on the bright futures of award-winning chapters and alumnae associations. "Blinky" rings sparkled as former Fraternity Presidents were introduced and their accomplishments applauded. Workshops presented new ideas and programs and reinforced those currently operating. Kappa meant business in four compact days of business sessions and fun.

Afternoon of Service

Reading Is Key provided a hands-on philanthropy event, the Reading Railroad. Participants entered with a train ticket, completing a service project at each

"station," with prizes for those who finished their journey. Sponsored by MidFirst Bank in support of RIF, Kappa's official philanthropy, this marked the first time for corporate sponsorship of a philanthropic event at Convention.

Alumnae associations from BALTIMORE, MID-MARYLAND, NORFOLK, NORTHERN VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., and WILLIAMSBURG worked with GAMMA CHI CHAPTER, *George Washington*, to develop its pilot program, The Reading Railroad. Other pilot programs are in progress, with the goal of developing events that can be as simple or elaborate as desired and conducted independently or in conjunction with other alumnae associations or chapters.

RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) consists of a national, grassroots network of community volunteers at 21,000 program sites, providing 5 million children with 17 million new, free books and literacy resources each year. Founded in 1966 and adopted as Kappa's philanthropy in 2004, RIF motivates children to read and makes a priority of reaching underserved children from birth through age 8.

Leadership Festival

The successful event of the 2006 Convention was repeated with the theme of "Beach Blast." Members

enjoyed one-stop learning about volunteer opportunities and educational resources in Kappa, organized according to the color quadrants of the *Pathways* program. Leadership Consultants as lifeguards, boxed lunches, and alumnae in old bathing costumes provided a festive look at the variety of options Kappa offers, from Ritual to RIF, E-learning to Kappa history.

New Programs Previewed

A new Senior Program will work to improve senior involvement in chapter activities. Semester abroad, living off campus and internships are among the challenges to senior involvement. A six-week program presenting topics chosen by seniors as relevant to their new focus on "the real world" will allow for flexibility in their activities and encourage participation in alumna life.

E-learning—electronic or computer-enhanced learning—is Kappa's newest educational tool. The first course, an Overview of Kappa, is an orientation course. A tour through a "virtual Kappa house" presents information on the Foundation, traditions, philanthropy, etc. Members can learn at their own pace and in their own space. The Learning Portal (place to go online) is known as the "Kappa Learning Institute."





Inspiration and Vision

Encouraging members to expect excellence, Fraternity president **DENISE RUGANI**, *UC Davis*, spoke of a grandfather who told his grandchildren that "Excellence will never go unrecognized." Finding the courage to stand up for what we believe in and live the values of Kappa is important as we strive for relevance, commitment to the larger world and innovation.

The Presidents Dinner highlighted the achievements of five former Fraternity Presidents and the Councils who worked with them. **MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS**, *Missouri*, President 1984-1988, emphasized the value of mentoring, saying, "I don't believe that any one of us can succeed in life or in a leadership position without supportive friends, role models and mentors at our side."

Foundation Flare

Beginning the day with the Foundation Breakfast became a celebratory event when the official launching of the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign was announced. A \$2.5 million challenge gift from The Walton Family Foundation was made possible by **LYNNE McNABB WALTON**, *Arkansas*, and nearly \$2 million of the matching goal has already been met, with \$60,000 given at Convention Tribute Tables. The Rose McGill Fund, museums, and educational programs benefit from the Foundation's slogan, "Invest in Every Kappa."



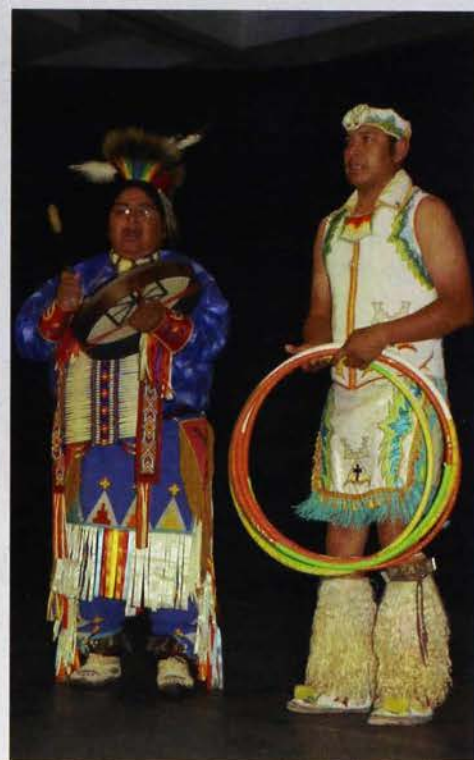
Timeless Traditions

It wouldn't be Convention without some honored traditions. This year the Panhellenic Luncheon combined with *The Key* 125th anniversary celebration. Panhellenic friends attending enjoyed a skit about the development of *The Key* and our Panhellenic spirit and joined in singing Happy Birthday to our magazine!

Habiteers, for those who have attended five or more Conventions, looked at "Then and Now," featuring some of the changes in Kappa and our world. **LINDA PRICE PATTON**, *Oklahoma State*, hosted the event with her always humorous comments.

The beautiful and thoughtful Memorial Service reminded us of those loved and lost during the biennium, from those who had a long history in Kappa to the young member killed in the Virginia Tech tragedy. **CAROL MORRISON SOBEK**, *Arizona State*, led the ceremony as members quietly thought of cherished relationships during the traditional roll call of chapters.

The Candlelight Banquet gathered all the aspects of Convention



Tribal dancers perform during the Foundation Breakfast. The traditional Indian performance provided a lively drum-roll opening to the exciting announcement of the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign.

together as **JOAN COOK COHEN**, *Colorado*, spoke about Kappa as a tapestry of plaid and the many varied threads involved. A slide show of Convention events and people, prepared by Headquarters Staff, brought instant recollections of fun times. Few things can compare to the emotion felt during the Passing of the Light Ceremony, which has closed Convention since 1936. More than 1,000 Kappas joined hands, symbolizing our strength as individuals and as an organization.

Convention is what you make it. There is something for everyone and the memories you take home, the new ideas you have gathered, the friendships you have made and renewed, the inspiration you have gained are, like all Kappa events, special treasures. Our personal growth and participation in our Tradition of Leadership are strengthened. We see role models and mentors all around us and realize that we, too, expect excellence.

Celebration of Excellence

2006-2008 Winners of Association and Chapter Awards

Rose McGill – Association

Associations with fewer than 19 members:
Miami, Fla.

Associations with 20-49 members:
Arcadia, Calif.

Associations with 50-119 members:
Charlotte, N.C.

Associations with 120-199 members:
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Associations with 200-349 members:
Atlanta, Ga.

Associations with 350 or more members:
Denver, Colo.

Rose McGill – Chapter

Group I (1-89 members):
Epsilon Pi, UC Riverside

Group II (90-145 members):
Eta Beta, Pepperdine

Group III (146+ members):
Delta Rho, Mississippi

Standards – Chapter

Chapters with fewer than 74 members:
Gamma Beta, New Mexico

Chapters with 75-119 members:
Pi^Δ, UC Berkeley

Chapters with 120 or more members:
Gamma Zeta, Arizona

Greatest Improvement

– Chapter
Beta Delta, Michigan

McNaboe Commitment

– Association

REGIONAL WINNERS:

Region 1: Philadelphia, Pa.

Region 2: Charlotte, N.C.

Region 3: Richardson/Plano, Texas

Region 4: Kansas City, Mo.

Region 5: Boulder, Colo.

Region 6: Scottsdale, Ariz.

OVERALL WINNER:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Excellence in Chapter Management – Chapter

Chapters with fewer than 74 members:
Zeta Alpha, Babson

Chapters with 75-119 members:
Gamma Kappa, William & Mary

Chapters with 120 or more members:
Gamma Iota, Washington

Most Outstanding Chapter

– Chapter
Theta, Missouri

Advisory Board – Chapter

Zeta Xi, Yale

House Board – Chapter

Housed:

Gamma Alpha, Kansas State

Epsilon Kappa, South Carolina

Unhoused:

Zeta Phi, Princeton

Chapter/Advisory Board Relations

– Chapter

Beta Kappa, Idaho

Finance – Chapter

Housed:

Beta Xi, Texas

Unhoused:

Zeta Nu, UC San Diego

Rheva Ott Shryock – Association

Associations with fewer than 30 members:
Raritan Valley, N.J.

Associations with 31-60 members:
Morgantown, W. Va.

Associations with 61-100 members:
Akron, Ohio

Associations with 101-175 members:
Richardson/Plano, Texas

Associations with 176-300 members:
Orange County, Calif.

Associations with 301 or more members:
Austin, Texas

Heritage – Chapter

Delta Rho, Mississippi

Technology – Chapter

Sigma, Nebraska



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Gracious Living – Chapter

Housed:

Gamma Omicron, Wyoming

Unhoused:

Delta Beta, Duke

Patsy Bredwick Levang Philanthropy – Association

Associations with fewer than 30 members:

Mid-Maryland, Md.

Associations with 31-60 members:

Detroit East Suburban, Mich.

Associations with 61-100 members:

Richmond, Va.

Associations with 101-175 members:

Charlotte, N.C.

Associations with 176-300 members:

Orange County, Calif.

Associations with 301 or more members:

Kansas City, Mo.

Philanthropy 1-2-3

– Chapter

Zeta Omega, Waterloo

Signature Event – Chapter

Less than 100 members:

Gamma Epsilon, Pittsburgh

More than 100 members:

Delta Upsilon, Georgia

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

– Chapter

Gamma Chi, George Washington

Panhellenic – Chapter

5 or fewer Panhellenic groups:

Eta Epsilon, Johns Hopkins

6-9 Panhellenic groups:

Gamma Phi, SMU

10-14 Panhellenic groups:

Beta Theta, Oklahoma

15 or more Panhellenic groups:

Delta Apha, Penn State

Alphonsine Clapp Howard

Association Membership

Reference – Association

Associations with fewer than 100 members:

Lake Washington, Wash.

Associations with 100-250 members:

Richardson/Plano, Texas

Associations with 250 or more members:

Dallas, Texas

Recruitment – Chapter

5 or fewer Panhellenic groups:

Lambda, Akron

6-9 Panhellenic groups:

Zeta Iota, Villanova

10-14 Panhellenic groups:

Gamma Mu, Oregon State

15 or more Panhellenic groups:

Gamma Delta, Purdue



Communications/Public Relations

– Association

Associations with fewer than 30 members:

Grapevine-Colleyville-
Southlake, Texas

Associations with 31-60 members:

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Associations with 61-100 members:

Jacksonville, Fla.

Associations with 101-175 members:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Associations with 176-300 members:

Atlanta, Ga.

Associations with 301 or more members:

Denver, Colo.

Academic Excellence – Chapter

5 or fewer Panhellenic groups:

Delta Zeta, Colorado College

6-9 Panhellenic groups:

Beta Upsilon, West Virginia

10-14 Panhellenic groups:

Gamma Xi, UCLA

15 or more Panhellenic groups:

Delta Lambda, Miami (Ohio)

Membership Growth – Association

Associations with fewer than 30 members:

Hudson, Ohio

Associations with 31-60 members:

Lafayette, Ind.

Associations with 61-100 members:

Lawrence, Kan.

Associations with 101-175 members:

Lexington, Ky.

Associations with 176-300 members:

Atlanta, Ga.

Associations with 301 or more members:

Dallas, Texas

Most Improved Academic Excellence – Chapter

5 or fewer Panhellenic groups:

Zeta Pi, College of Idaho

6-9 Panhellenic groups:

Beta Psi, Toronto



10-14 Panhellenic groups:

Beta Zeta, Iowa

15 or more Panhellenic groups:

Beta Nu, Ohio State

Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Education – Association

Associations with fewer than 100 members:

Hawaii

Associations with 100-250 members:

Phoenix, Ariz.

Associations with 250 or more members:

Kansas City, Mo.

Sally Moore Nitschke Lifelong Education – Chapter

Zeta Theta, Trinity

Public Relations – Chapter

Zeta Eta, UC Irvine

Risk Management – Chapter

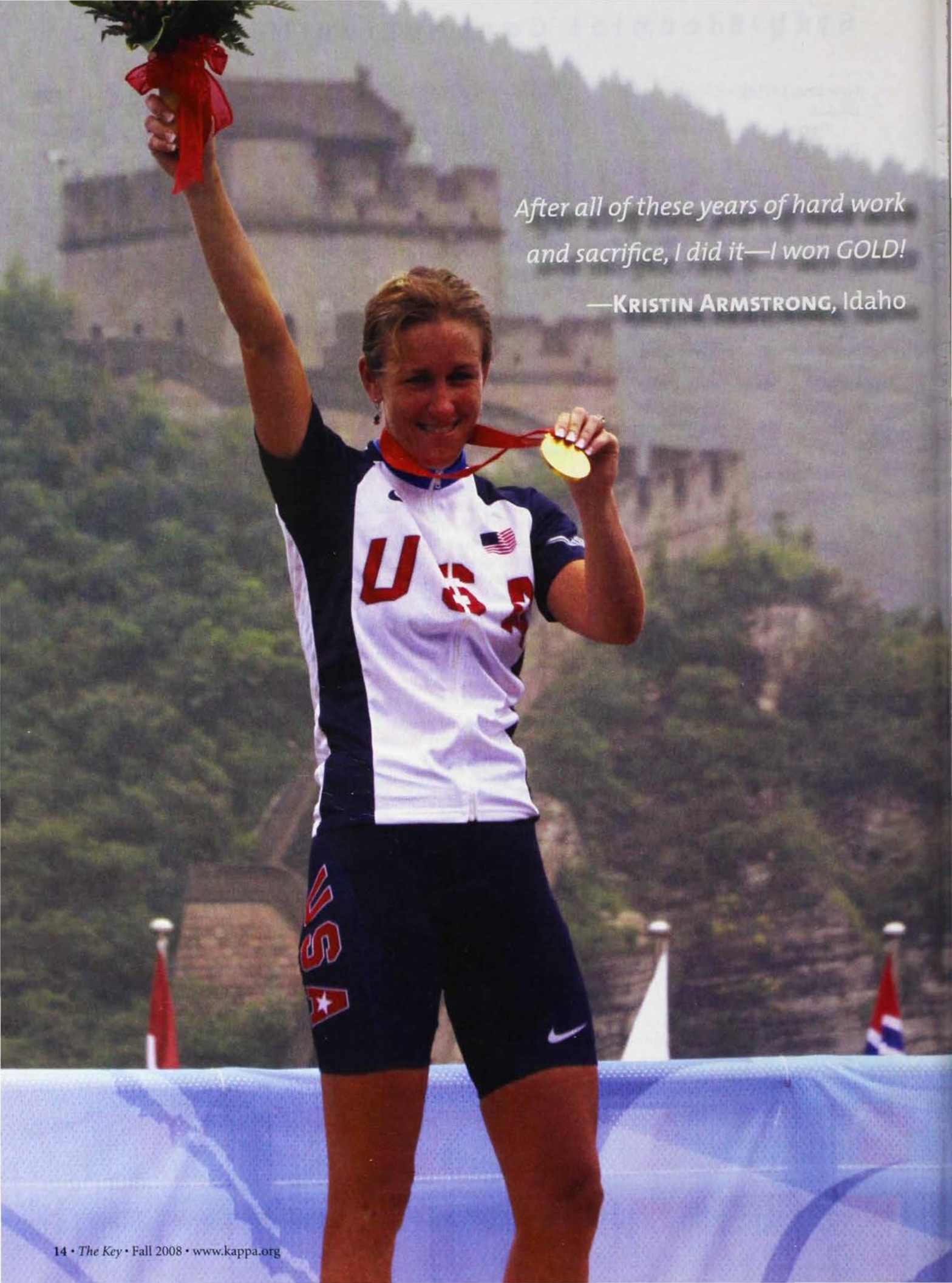
Delta Tau, USC (Calif.)

New Member Program – Chapter

Delta Psi, Texas Tech

Ritual – Chapter

Epsilon Epsilon, Emory

A full-page photograph of Kristin Armstrong, a professional cyclist, celebrating her victory. She is standing on a podium, wearing a white and navy blue USA cycling jersey and navy blue shorts with 'USA' printed on the side. She is holding a bouquet of flowers in her right hand and a gold medal in her left hand. The background shows a scenic view of a town with stone buildings and green hills.

*After all of these years of hard work
and sacrifice, I did it—I won GOLD!*

—KRISTIN ARMSTRONG, Idaho

A Taste of Gold

Kappa Takes Top Medal in Olympic Cycling

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*



AS KRISTIN ARMSTRONG, Idaho, pedaled across the finish line to win the 14.6 mile time trial in 34 minutes, 51.72 seconds, she not only won gold in Beijing, she became only the second American female cyclist to do so. She joins Connie Carpenter-Phinney who won in Los Angeles in 1984. Kristin's win came just two days after her 35th birthday. Married just months before, her husband, Joe Savola, was there to greet her.


Kristin says she didn't realize she had won until the last rider crossed the finish line. She says, "I was the sixth-to-last rider to go off at two-minute intervals. I caught and passed two of my competitors, but there were still three riders left on the course. It seemed like an eternity, but it was actually only 10 minutes," until she knew she had won.

She says, "After crossing the finish line my life became a whirlwind. Within 15 minutes I was up on the podium, watching the flag being raised as the national anthem was being played. It was surreal. As I was looking into the stands I saw my family and husband, which brought tears to my eyes. After all of these years of hard work and sacrifice, I did it—I won GOLD!" Kristin has been working toward this moment for the past eight years and called it "the most amazing day of my life."

Originally training at the U.S. Olympic Center as a triathlete, Kristin competed in the 1999 Hawaiian Ironman and in the 2000 Olympic Triathlon Trials. Diagnosed in 2001 with osteoarthritis in her hips, her triathlon career ended.

That was when she began cycling. Working hard, she finished 13th in her World Championship debut in 2003 and won a bronze medal in the 2003 Pan American Games. In 2004 she was the U.S. Elite National Road Race champion and qualified for the 2004 Olympics. She went on to win bronze in the world championship in 2005, won the world championship in 2006 and silver in 2007. 2008 was her time to win gold as an Olympian.

On a difficult course, she knew she had to stay focused. Her training and preparation during the past four years paid off as she blazed across the finish line only a mere half-minute ahead of Great Britain's Emma Pooley.

Winning gold means recognition, endorsements and a \$25,000 bonus from the U.S. Olympic Committee. Her moment on the podium was an athlete's dream come true. In contemplating the future, Kristin says retirement is quickly approaching and "while I haven't decided when this will be, I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience with others. These last several years have been an amazing journey, one that I will never forget." 

Collegians Experience the Olympics Behind the Scenes

For two broadcast journalism students, the 2008 Olympic Games proved to be an opportunity to experience the games up close and personal and enjoy a heady time meeting athletes, networking with media superstars and learning about a different culture.

NICOLE MASON, Iowa, 2007 President of BETA ZETA, Iowa, and PAIGE HANSEN, Missouri, were among students from five United States schools, including the University of Iowa and the University of Missouri, selected to work as media volunteers at the 2008 Summer Games. *The Key* asked them to report on their experiences and they decided to interview each other on site. Here is their inside look at the Olympics.

In Paige and Nicole's Words:

Developing a relationship with Meredith Vieira and trading Olympic pins with Venus Williams weren't really a part of our job description, but then again neither of us ever thought we would be working at the Olympics. Being a part of the Olympic Games gave us each unique experiences. Despite our different hometowns (Paige is from Marin County, Calif., and Nicole is from Calamus, Iowa), we were equally surprised with the flourishing metropolis that is the new Beijing. From rugged hutong alleyways to seeing a McDonald's on every corner and accessing WiFi in every café, Beijing continued to amaze us each day of the two months we lived in China. We are excited to share our life-changing Beijing experiences with our Kappa sisters!

Q & A WITH PAIGE HANSEN

(As told to Nicole Mason; edited for space limitations)

When you arrived on July 1, was Beijing the city you thought it would be?

I was surprised at how modern the city was, and there were so many different cuisines available. Part of it might be that there is such an international community here right now. But what I was expecting was more of the hutong's I had seen in pictures and the red-roofed temples rather than five-star hotels and sky-high buildings.

How was your experience living here for two months different than that of a tourist?

Around the Olympic Green everything is clean and brand new. But living away from the venues and being here early allowed me to see what Beijing was actually like. Before the Games, the taxi drivers wore normal clothes and didn't speak English, but now they wear yellow dress shirts and have electronic translators.

What was your role?

I was a press operations assistant working in the press tribune at the gymnastics events in the National Indoor Stadium. I worked with all of the print and broadcast journalists and helped them with their day-to-day tasks throughout the venue. I was the helping hand that made their job a little easier because most everyone else only spoke Chinese. I got to meet journalists from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and NBC.

What was one new thing you learned about journalism?

The journalists would arrive an hour before the event started and stay many hours afterward. Many of them were running from event to event and working under strict deadlines. I could tell they were stressed but still excited. Feeling the intensity of their job helped me understand their lifestyle.

What experiences at the Olympics will help you the most 10 years from now?

My position allowed me to network with many journalists. I was fortunate to have NBC sportscaster Elfi Schlegel working just five feet from me. I had the opportunity to exchange e-mails with her, and she is someone who can give me advice about the broadcast field and help me form other contacts for my future as a broadcaster.

What was your favorite moment on the job?

The best moment was when Meredith Vieira and Ann Curry from *The Today Show* sat down next to me. I introduced myself to Meredith, which came in handy when I ran into her the next day because she was lost in the National Indoor Stadium, where I worked. I escorted her to Gate 10 and we had a 15-minute conversation. It was incredible to be able to talk to her because she is one of my role models and has my dream job.



PAIGE HANSEN, *Missouri*, stands in front of Beijing's Bird's Nest Stadium.



NICOLE MASON, *Iowa*, at the tennis venue where she worked during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

Q & A WITH NICOLE MASON

(As told to Paige Hansen; edited for space limitations)

What has changed from when you arrived June 21 to now?

The sidewalks were torn up, there was no landscaping and the cement was cracked and falling apart—it was dangerous. But day by day there was more work done and all of a sudden there were beautiful sidewalks, trees and plants. The city changed overnight and it was cool to be able to witness that preparation.

What was your role in the Olympics?

I was a flash quote reporter for the Olympic News Service (ONS) for the tennis venue. My job was to interview athletes as soon as they came off of the courts.

What was the best part about working at the Olympics as an aspiring journalist?

Without a doubt, interviewing James Blake right after he beat Roger Federer. I talked to him on center court right next to the NBC reporter. Everyone was giving Federer a standing ovation and then there was James Blake. It was a very patriotic moment for me being an American and getting to cover a U.S. match; I almost had tears in my eyes. He [Blake] said it was the biggest win of his career and of his life. Witnessing that accomplishment was the coolest thing I have done here.

What was the most exciting event you watched at the Olympic Games?

The 100-meter final was amazing. It was really sad because we saw Tyson Gay get 5th in his heat and not even make the finals. I don't think Usain Bolt's record will ever be broken just because he won by so much. I think if he could run the race again, he could run it even faster. To witness something like that—world history—was just amazing.

Where do you see your experiences in Beijing taking you in the future?

I don't know of any experience or internship that could have prepared me more. Tennis gets a ton of media attention and these are high-profile individuals. I have learned to have the composure to interview athletes like Venus Williams. That's something you can only learn how to do from experience, and now I have that.

What was the biggest struggle you faced while you were living in Beijing?

I have traveled abroad before but always to touristy locations where English is spoken. To be in a situation where there are not a lot of English-speaking people was difficult. But it opened my eyes and reminded me that the USA is not the center of the world.



HOLLY BUSCHE COTTOR, Arizona, husband Jonathan, and sons Ryan and Ethan.

One Family's Struggle Leads to Hope and Respite for Other Families

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

HOLLY BUSCHE COTTOR, *Arizona*, begins her day at 7 a.m. in order to get son Ryan, age 7, to school by 9 a.m. Unlike his brother, Ethan, age 9, who can get himself dressed and wolf down a bowl of cereal in minutes, Ryan's routine is completely dependent upon Holly. Ryan was born with spinal muscular atrophy, a rare and often fatal disorder that prevents bones and muscles from developing properly.

First thing each morning, Holly must do chest physiotherapy to keep Ryan's airways open since he is prone to developing pneumonia. For Ryan, a quick breakfast takes a half-hour instead of a few minutes. The Cottors have a special van with a ramp that lowers and allows Ryan to ride his chair into the back. He has been in a power-chair since age 2 and guides it expertly with barely a touch of his finger to the joystick.

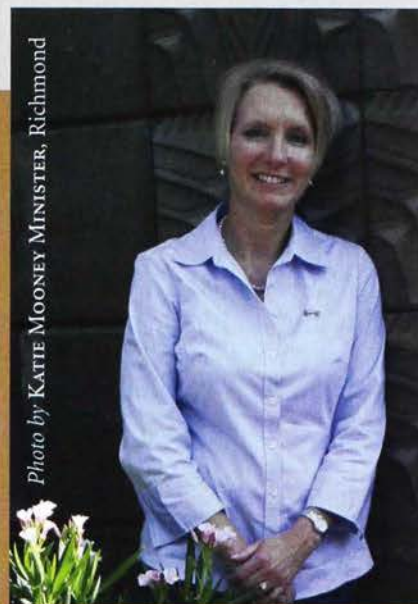


Photo by KATIE MOONEY MINISTER, Richmond

Alarming Statistics

- While U.S. children's hospitals are some of the best in terms of research and treatment of childhood illness, the U.S. lags behind European countries like England when it comes to pediatric palliative care.
- In the United States, at least 20,000 children a year who could benefit from hospice services are not receiving the care they need.—Children's Project on Palliative/Hospice Services (ChiPPS).
- Of the 50,000 chronically ill children in the U.S. who died in 2003, studies have shown that only one in 10 received palliative (comfort) care.—Circle of Life Children's Center, N.J.

Brave Moms Combat Childhood Illness

CAROLINE GIBSON, *Richmond*, is the public affairs coordinator for FightSMA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding the cure or treatment for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), the number-one genetic killer of children under age 2, robbing its innocent victims of their ability to walk, run, even breathe or swallow on their own.

Caroline reports that there are 19 chapters in the U.S. and Canada helping to fund FightSMA. In 2007, FightSMA, Families of SMA, and SMA Foundation began working together on the SMA Treatment Acceleration Act, the first ever legislation to go before the United States Congress. This bill would authorize additional funds to raise public awareness, encourage cross-institute collaboration, launch national clinical trials and enhance and improve the patient registry system.

In 2005, FightSMA debuted its Fighter Mom™ program, to help any mom whose child is fighting any childhood disease or challenge. Their manual, Web site and workshops give women the tools they need to engage the media, government, community and corporations to successfully battle for their children.

For more information, visit www.fightsma.org or www.fightermom.org.

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CAROLINE GIBSON, *Richmond*, right, with childhood friend Talley King, an alumna of Delta Delta Delta.

"Ryan is a very bright kid and loves first grade," says Holly, who had been told he might not survive past age 2. Now he attends a regular public school and has a one-on-one aide for assistance during the school day. He keeps up with his classmates with the use of technology and can type on his laptop to finish assignments.

Holly and husband, Jonathan, make special efforts to schedule time just for Ethan as well as opportunities for him to play with other kids. Holly has learned that 75 percent of siblings can develop problems in school since the attention required by a special-needs child can have an emotional toll on siblings.

When the Cottor family lived in England, where Ryan was first diagnosed, Holly was steered to Helen House in Oxford, one of many facilities in England offering pediatric respite care. The Cottors were far away from a family support system and, after the initial grief, Helen House provided support and a break from the constant care-giving. While Ryan was cared for at Helen House, the Cottors could enjoy precious moments alone with Ethan, who was 4 at the time.

Holly has noticed that parents in their situation often feel they are the only ones who know how to care for their child and at first Holly would stay with Ryan at Helen House. Eventually she felt secure enough to take breaks and let the staff care for him. It became important later as they packed to move back to the U.S.

When they got home to Phoenix nearly five years ago, the only similar facility they knew of was in California, George Mark Children's Home in Oakland. Holly says that there are about 30 such facilities in the U.K., and now four in Canada, but there was nothing in their area.

Knowing first-hand how precious it is to have respite care for Ryan and to be able to take time alone as a couple, Holly and Jonathan decided that somehow they'd like to build a pediatric respite facility in Phoenix—but how to start?

First they shared their experience and the concept with the local Hospice of the Valley, but were told they should start their own nonprofit organization. Then they discovered that a Junior League friend of Jonathan's mother, Judy Schubert, was the wife of Bill Schubert, CEO of Kitchell Construction Company, and that they were looking for a nonprofit project to support. Land adjacent to St. Joseph's Medical Center became available and was offered at the amazing amount of \$1 a year. Eventually Hospice of the Valley collaborated with the Cottors—and Ryan House was born. Ground was broken in spring 2008 and the facility is scheduled to open during the summer of 2009.

Ryan House will offer pediatric respite care for children with life-limiting conditions. The 14,000-square-foot, eight-bedroom home will be the first of its kind in Phoenix. The first floor will handle palliative care for pediatrics, give social and emotional support as well as physical care for children who go in and out of remission or, like Ryan, beat the odds but will need continuing care. "The families can pursue a cure and receive care at the same time," says Holly. The second floor will be devoted to hospice and respite care for older patients, run by Hospice of the Valley.

So, where Ronald McDonald House fills a need by offering reduced fees and a place where families can stay while a child is treated, Ryan House will offer routine care and quality of life, while giving parents a therapeutic break from care-giving. Ryan House will offer a sensory room, hydrotherapy, music therapy and art therapy along with other care. (To learn more, visit www.ryanhouse.org.)

The process of getting Ryan House started has had an additional benefit for Holly—new Kappa friendships. Though Jonathan and Holly are co-founders of Ryan House, she says that they were fortunate to have **CLAUDIA LIEBRECHT, Duke**, as the director of development from February 2006 to spring of 2007. She says she has Claudia to thank for


"bringing me in from being out on a limb." Holly is now a member of the **SCOTTSDALE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** and was House Adviser for **EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, Arizona State**, for a year.

Kappa continues to play a role in Holly's venture. Last year the Scottsdale association chose Ryan House as one of the organizations it would support financially. According to **NANCY EARLY SCHLEMEIER, Iowa State**, Scottsdale Kappas gave \$1,000 to Ryan House last year and voted to donate again this year. "Holly is outstanding and very brave. We're proud to call her a Kappa," says Nancy.

Holly says it is also special that **PATTY RYAN TAYLOR, Hillsdale**, is a Ryan House board member, serving as special events and recognition co-chairman. She co-chaired the Ryan House Committee and became a board member for Ryan House as a liaison to the Junior League. She says, "Holly and I discovered that we were both Kappas and both reading recovery teachers." She has hosted fundraising events for Ryan House, and says, "I am thrilled to be a part of realizing the dream of offering palliative care in a home-like setting to families in need."

As Holly and Jonathan's dream begins to take shape, they also are encouraged that similar facilities are beginning to sprout up in other localities. Sarah House in Cincinnati and Circle of Life in New Jersey are

in the developmental stages. Dr. Bob's Place in the Baltimore area is in the early stages of collaboration with Joseph Richey Hospice. To start a similar project, Holly says it is important to connect with existing charitable organizations and collaborate with another entity as well as learn about IRS requirements and the required paperwork needed to start a nonprofit group.

As ground was broken this past spring, Holly and Jonathan were that much closer to accomplishing their goal. Ryan House will be able to offer free respite care for up to 28 days to an estimated 3,500 families in Arizona who are raising children with life-limiting conditions. Located on the path of the city's rail system, families will be able to explore downtown Phoenix, enjoy a ball game and simply have a little time to refuel. 

Other pediatric palliative care homes/programs in North America:

- George Mark Children's House, Oakland, Calif., www.georgemark.org/www/index.htm
- Sarah House, Cincinnati, Ohio, www.sarahhousecincy.org
- Circle of Life Children's Center, Newark, N.J., www.circleoflifenj.org/en/index.html
- Angels' Place New Orleans, La., www.angelsplace.org
- Canuck Place, (the first in North America) www.canuckplace.org

The U.S. Surgeon General has declared Thanksgiving Day as National Family Health History Day. Help protect your health and the health of your family members by sharing and recording family health information. Visit www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/, www.genome.gov/17516481 or www.cdc.gov/genomics/public/famhist.htm for more information.

—Thank you to medical geneticist **JULIE ZENGER HAIN**, St. Lawrence, for sharing this information.

The Good News Continues!

Well, the lazy days of summer are behind us, which means that school is back in session and winter is just around the corner. The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation fiscal year began on July 1. Each year, we enjoy looking back on our accomplishments as well as anticipating our year ahead.

Last year was simply outstanding, mostly because in June 2008 at the General Convention, we announced the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign and our intention to raise \$2.5 million from our members. That \$2.5 million will be matched dollar for dollar with \$2.5 million from The Walton Family Foundation. We are deeply appreciative to **HELEN ROBSON WALTON**, *Oklahoma*, her daughter-in-law, **LYNNE McNABB WALTON**, *Arkansas*, and her daughter, **ANNIE WALTON**, *Wake Forest*, who were all instrumental in making this gift a reality. And, we can proudly report that as of July, 31, 2008, we have raised nearly \$2 million of the \$2.5 million we need.

On a sad note, our Foundation Executive Director **J. DALE BRUBECK**, *William and Mary*, retired from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation after eight years in that role. In total, Dale has served the Fraternity for 21 years. We celebrate her retirement, honor her service, value her friendship and wish her well.

Meanwhile, we are pleased that **ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, Fraternity President from 2000 to 2004, has accepted the position of Executive Director. Ann brings a wealth of Kappa experience to this position.

As this issue of *The Key* goes to press, I am excited to tell you that a gift of close to \$2 million has just been received by the Foundation from **JANE SEISER BOLDRICK**, *Texas*. What a celebration this is for our Foundation!

We also welcome six new members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Board of

Trustees: **CINDY BENNETT JARBOE**, *William and Mary*, Fraternity (and Foundation) Treasurer; **SUSANNE WOLFF VANDER HEYDEN**, *Washington State*, Director of Alumnae; **LOGAN KROGH TOOTELL**, *UCLA*, Director of Programs and Education; **KAY SCHOLBERG WEEKS**, *Bucknell*, Development Chairman; **JILL EVERSOLE NOLAN**, *Ohio State*, Financial Assistance Chairman; and **MITCH HIETT PFLUGH**, *Colorado*, Member at Large. We look forward to working with these new board members and sharing more good news with you as this year progresses.



Loyally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerrie Murray".

KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, *Idaho*
Foundation President



ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL, *Ohio Wesleyan*, is the new Executive Director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

Leadership Academy Endowment Challenge Is in Full Swing

During the 67th Biennial Convention in Phoenix this past June, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation hosted Convention-goers to a special awards breakfast. Foundation President **KERRIE QUINN MURRAY**, *Idaho*, reviewed the "State of the Foundation" and recognized several chapters and alumnae associations for outstanding giving, setting the stage for a special announcement.

Co-chairmen **PATSY BREDWICK LEVANG**, *North Dakota State*, and **DARCY HOWE**, *Indiana*, announced the public phase of the Leadership Academy Endowment. The previous 18 months had been the "quiet" phase—achieving 73 percent of the goal before Convention, with more than \$1.8 million in gifts and pledges.

This \$5 million endowment campaign began with the receipt of a \$2.5 million challenge gift from The Walton Family Foundation, made possible by **LYNNE McNABB WALTON**, *Arkansas*, in honor of her mother-in-law,

HELEN ROBSON WALTON, *Oklahoma*. The impact of this challenge is enormous: it means that all gifts to this campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$2.5 million! This is a tremendous gift from a tremendous family, which also includes Lynne's daughter **ANNIE WALTON**, *Wake Forest*.

The size of your gift does not matter—it will be matched by The Walton Family Foundation. You may also make a pledge, to be paid out over five years.

The Convention Tribute Table, where attendees made donations in honor of friends and loved ones, surpassed the Foundation's goal of \$50,000 by bringing in an amazing \$60,000, which will go toward the Leadership Academy Endowment and will be matched by The Walton Family Foundation.

Thank you to the many Kappas who have already made gifts and pledges. We are close to our \$5 million goal, but we still need support from Kappas around the world! To learn more, please contact the Foundation at 866-554-1870 or visit www.kappa.org and click on the Foundation link.

Foundation Executive Director Retires

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Executive Director **J. DALE BRUBECK**, *William and Mary*, retired in August after 21 years of involvement at Fraternity Headquarters.

Dale has served the Fraternity since 1970 when she was selected as the Graduate Counselor (now Chapter Consultant) for **EPSILON MU**, *Clemson*. She was a Field Secretary (now Leadership Consultant) in 1971-72, and in 1975-76, she served as a Graduate Counselor to help establish **EPSILON SIGMA**, *Virginia*. She also served many years on the Convention Committee. In 1987, Dale became the Fraternity Executive Director and served in that capacity for 13 years.

In 2000, Dale moved into the role of Executive Director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Under her leadership, the Foundation has grown to become one of the largest foundations among both men's and women's Greek-letter organizations, with over \$33 million in assets and six employees.

At the 2000 General Convention, Dale received the Loyalty Award, Kappa's highest honor.

Dale has been active in the Fraternity Executives Association and the Columbus, Ohio, community. Her involvement includes the Junior League of Columbus, the Columbus Audubon Society, and the Ohio Historical Society, where she serves as a member of its development board.

Dale will be missed by the hundreds if not thousands of Kappa volunteers and staff who have worked with her. Dale's dedication and knowledge of the Fraternity and Foundation are second to none.

The Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, will serve as Executive Director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

Ann has served Kappa in many volunteer roles including Fraternity President 2000-2004. She served as a

member-at-large of the Foundation Board of Trustees from 1990 until 2004.

Please contact the Foundation at 866-554-1870 for more information. Dale can be reached by e-mail at dbrubeck@columbus.rr.com.



J. DALE BRUBECK, *William and Mary*

Scholarships Honor Memories of Loved Ones

William F. Shaw, Ph.D., of McLean, Va., misses his late wife, **JOSEPHINE (Jo) CANNINGTON KERBEY SHAW**, *Texas*, but one of the ways he honors her memory is by supporting the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Scholarship Program.

Dr. Shaw remembers how much Kappa meant to Jo, who died January 1, 2000, of heart disease and renal failure. "Jo was very active in Kappa, and enjoyed bridge group, dinner clubs and many [alumna] officer positions," says Dr. Shaw. "Kappa was her favorite pastime."

Thanks to Dr. Shaw's annual giving since 2000, a \$3,000 undergraduate scholarship has been awarded annually in Jo's name to an undergraduate member. The 2007 recipient was English major **EMILY STEVENS**, *Oklahoma State*.

Dr. Shaw believes strongly that undergraduate scholarships are a good cause, and he is always impressed with the recipients' backgrounds and accomplishments. "It has amazed me how industrious they are and involved in all kinds of activities," he says.

"It seems as if they will become successful young women."

Jo was active in the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, serving as President a number of times and in various other positions.

Dr. Shaw, who has had a successful and varied career in economics and computer science, received a Bronze Star medal of valor for ground combat in WWII as part of the U.S. Air Force 101st Airborne Division. He and Jo met in Paris after his discharge

and worked together for the State and War Departments. They were married in 1947 and later had a son, William, and a Kappa daughter, **TERESA SHAW GILL**, *South Carolina*. Dr. Shaw has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

To find out more about making a gift 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a friend or loved one, please contact **MAGGIE SIMS COONS**, *Hillsdale*, Director of Planned Giving, toll free at 866-554-1870, ext. 2117 or mcoons@kkg.org.



JO CANNINGTON KERBEY SHAW, *Texas*, (right) inspired her husband to create a scholarship in her memory.

Seeking Director of Development

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, a philanthropic organization supporting scholarships, leadership training, emergency assistance, and two historic house museums, seeks an experienced Director of Development to lead its fundraising efforts. The Director of Development will be responsible for all aspects of the fundraising program, including annual giving, planned giving and major gifts. Candidates should have substantial experience in creating, implementing and managing successful fundraising plans, including capital campaigns. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send cover letter and resume to: Executive Director, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216

Philanthropist and business leader **BARBARA COLUCCI TRUEMAN**, *Ohio State*, and her horse Emma.



Photo by KATIE MOONEY MINISTER, Richmond

Business and Civic Leader Supports Education to Make a Difference

—By LAURA SHOCK SCHERER, *Bowling Green*

BARBARA COLUCCI TRUEMAN, *Ohio State*, has an impressive business résumé as former owner of Red Roof Inns, owner of Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and board member of The Ohio State University Foundation Board, The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee and Nationwide Children's Hospital as well as service to many nonprofit organizations in Columbus, Ohio. These positions have real merit, but it's her commitment to family and community that shines the brightest.

A former educator, Barbara's first passion is her family—three grown children and five grandchildren—but her active role in education is also a top priority. Barbara believes education can solve a multitude of problems. "Right now, children are missing mentors in the inner-city schools," she explains. "Society is different today and public schools are structured for yesterday."

Barbara has noticed that many children don't seem to have enough adults in their lives to serve as positive role models. "It used to be that neighbors could correct those who were misbehaving or tell parents what they've seen," Barbara states. "Not today. There is too much to be afraid of."

To help bridge the mentoring gap, Barbara serves as a board member for KIPP Journey Academy in Columbus. (KIPP stands for Knowledge Is Power Program, which is a network of free open-enrollment college preparatory schools in under-resourced communities.) Barbara has been impressed with children she has met in other KIPP charter schools around the United States who behave and model as leaders. She believes the self-respect and confidence

garnered by students may help them achieve a college scholarship.


A Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation donor, Barbara has many fond memories of her undergraduate Kappa experience. "I was proud that scholarship was emphasized, and throughout our programming we worked hard to maintain that standard," says Barbara.

Looking at the Fraternity now and the programs the Foundation has established, she says, "I'm glad to see the Kappa Foundation is helping women and offering services." Through her volunteer work Barbara meets women in every walk of life who need assistance.

A member of the COLUMBUS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Barbara was thrilled when the association chose to collect and donate books to KIPP Journey Academy as its annual Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) project.

Barbara's love of animals and her recognition of the care given to her own horses at Ohio State's Veterinary Medicine Hospital led her to fund the Barbara Trueman Chair in Equine Medicine and Science, the first endowed chair in the 115-year history of the college.

As a member of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Development Advisory Council, Barbara has seen firsthand the college's advancement and the quality veterinarians who work there. "You can tell they love all their furry patients," says Barbara, who also loves animals of all kinds, especially her horses, the first of which was a gift from her late husband, Jim.

Barbara hopes, through her example, to encourage others to get involved in their communities. "There is always someone who needs you," Barbara says with certainty. 

Four of the seven members of the board of directors for The Children's Museum Guild in Indianapolis are Kappas: **SARAH JORGENSEN THOMPSON**, *Illinois*; **BETSY GEE BIEDERSTEDT**, *Butler*; **WENDY DELANY McNAMAR**, *Michigan State*; and **COURTNEY MAXWELL KIBBLE**, *Indiana*. The Children's Museum Guild is a group of 100 women who volunteer and raise funds for the world's largest children's museum.



REBECCA DUKSTEIN, *DePauw*, and **NANCY NOVAK JACOBSON**, *DePauw*, are all smiles as they show off the medals they received after completing the 13-mile Indianapolis Life 500 Festival Mini-Marathon.



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Last fall, **CAROL ARNOLD HOLLENBECK**, *William and Mary*, (left) planned a reunion for friends who had graduated in 1979 to celebrate their 50th birthdays. The group included friends from several sororities. Pictured are the Kappas at the waterfront Tides Inn located in Irvington, Va.





EPSILON IOTA, Puget Sound, alumnae enjoy ice cream during a mini-reunion in Austin, Texas. From left are **VALERIE CHAN**, **JULIA WEINSOFT ROBINSON**, **GAIL SAMUELS SCHWARTZ**, **SABRINA YASUDA ISHIMATSU** and **ANDREA JOHNSON**.



GAMMA PI, Alabama, celebrates 80 years with 500 collegians and alumnae. **ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, (left) former Fraternity President, and **PATTI POUNDSTONE BADHAM**, *Alabama*, Xi East PDA, joined **FRANKIE MOHYLSKY**, former Gamma Pi President, and **LOUISE ACOMB**, chapter President. The event benefited the Kappa Foundation and the **MIRIAM AUSTIN LOCKE** Scholarship, which honors the memory of this charter member of Gamma Pi and longtime English professor at the university.



JANE RHUE SOMERS, DePauw, celebrates the 79th anniversary of her initiation surrounded by Kappa family members. On the left is her niece, **KYLE DOOLEY KINDER, Michigan State**, and on the right is her daughter, **MOLLY SOMERS SCHWARTZ, Northwestern**. Seated on the left is Jane's granddaughter-in-law **DR. CHERYL SPUTA SOMERS, Michigan State**, and granddaughter **DR. STEPHANIE SOMERS, DePauw**.



These **GAMMA THETA, Drake**, alumnae enjoy a reunion in Phoenix.



Friends and relatives congratulate **HEATHER KNIGHT**, *Colorado*, center, following her initiation in March. Heather pledged **BETA MU** in the 1980s, but due to family circumstances was not initiated then. She is the eighth **BETA MU** legacy in her family.



Seven Kappas enjoy an annual "girl's trip" to Dallas. Six are from **SMU** and one from **Vanderbilt**. The twins are the daughters of **AMY EDWARDS PRIDEAUX**, *SMU*, (front left) and are triple legacies.



RHO^Δ, *Ohio Wesleyan*, alumnae celebrate their 65th birthdays with a snorkeling vacation in Puerto Morelos, Mexico.



These four **EPSILON UPSILON, Baylor**, alumnae attend or have recently graduated from the University of Texas Medical School.

Clockwise from top are **HILLARY SKELTON**, **ALI DRYDEN BOLLINGER**, **LAURA LAWSON** and **ANDREA WESTMAN**. Hillary is practicing child neurology at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital. Ali is working in emergency medicine at Vanderbilt.



Members of the **HINSDALE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** celebrate Founders Day and the re-organization of their association. From left are **PHYLLIS OWENS NACCARATO**, *Illinois Wesleyan*; **JANE BOYD GRANT**, *Northwestern*; **DIANE NICHOLSON DEAN**, *SMU*; **MIKE EVANS FOX**, *Miami (Ohio)* and **SUSAN NELSON NIBECK**, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis.)*

Kappas who belong to the **CHICAGO LOOP GROUP ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** book club have a great time. Here they discuss the book, *Three Junes*, as they meet in the Lincoln Park apartment of **CLAIRE SEYFRIED**, *Indiana*.



Eight **BETA DELTA, Michigan**, alumnae enjoy April at Heren's Nest, the home of **JOAN MOTT MITCHELL MACGILLIVRAY** in South Hampton, Bermuda. This was the 11th reunion of this 1951-1952 new member class.



Clark Elementary Principal Judy Wright and RIF coordinator, Evonne Kuhrt, accept a check for \$1,000 from JANE BENEDICK KNIGHT, *Kansas State*, and KAREN KINNEY NORTON, *Kansas State*, of the WICHITA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

Reading Is Fundamental

Here's How Alumnae Support Our Philanthropy

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), Kappa's official philanthropic partner, works to build a literate nation by helping young people discover the joy of reading. RIF's highest priority is to serve at-risk and under-served children and families through literacy programs that motivate youth to read. Here are just a few examples of how Kappas are working to fight illiteracy.

Clearwater Bay Provides New Books for School

In December the CLEARWATER BAY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION presented \$175 to the North Ward Elementary School in Clearwater to be used to buy books for individual students. Alicia McConnell, the library media specialist, says, "Our school is very low income and many of these children have never owned their own books before." She said the donation helped them buy 250 books to distribute and that the children were excited to see their many choices. "These RIF books may be the first new books, or perhaps even the only books, they have ever owned," she says. One kindergartner said, "This is mine?" Forever and always? Hooray!"



RIF programs are aimed at motivating children to read for fun, which helps them succeed in school and in life.

Wichita Author Dinner Raises Funds for Reading Charities

The WICHITA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's third annual author dinner featuring three Kansas authors raised funds to promote a love of reading for two literacy charities. Representatives from the association presented a \$1,000 check to Reading Is Fundamental at Clark Elementary School, and \$3,000 to the Fundamental Learning Center. Dinner organizer, **KAREN KINNEY NORTON**, *Kansas State*, says, "Because of the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to give more this year than last year."

Alumnae Join Collegians for a Reading Fun-Fest to Benefit Head Start Program

Members of **GAMMA KAPPA**, *William and Mary*, clad in bright yellow shirts emblazoned with Curious George advocating reading, took part in a Reading Fun-Fest for the Head Start program in Williamsburg.

Funds raised by the chapter from its fall Kappacino event were donated to Head Start to purchase books for the children through RIE. Carol Justis, Head Start coordinator, said she was thrilled with the donation and the Kappas' day of service for the festival. "We usually can only afford to spend about \$2 on a book, and this donation allowed us to double our purchase and buy better books," she said. Each child was allowed to pick out his or her own book, and chapter members helped them write their names in them. The chapter also provided each child with a personalized book bag, which had been decorated during the chapter's philanthropy round of Recruitment.

Several members of the **WILLIAMSBURG ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** joined in and helped the collegians with face painting and crafts, as the children were ushered in groups by their teachers from station to station.



During its annual holiday coffee event, the **AUSTIN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** supported literacy by collecting 138 books, which were donated to the Kimble County Library in memory of Bowen Teeple, infant son of **DELAINE CROW TEEPLE**, *Texas*. Pictured from left are Librarian Patsy Hall, Dee Bowen, (Bowen's grandmother), and Jack Jennings and **CATHERINE TERRY JENNINGS**, *Texas*, representing the alumnae association.



ALICE TOUSSAINT KRANTZ, *West Virginia*, from the **WILLIAMSBURG ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, helps **LIZ COY**, *William and Mary*, supervise children making book marks during a Reading Fun-Fest at Head Start.



CAY MATEYKO STOUT, Indiana, is pictured with husband, Doug, and children, Jackson and Jami, before Doug's diagnosis with ALS. Cay used her role as Mrs. Ohio 2006 to lobby for legislation to help the disabled.



Mrs. Ohio 2006 Lobbies for the Disabled

CAY MATEYKO STOUT, *Indiana*, was reluctant when approached to enter the Mrs. Ohio 2006 competition at a time when she was caring for a terminally ill husband. When she learned that the title of Mrs. Ohio would give her a voice and afford her a unique opportunity to raise awareness for a cause, she and husband, Doug, agreed that it was an obligation to assist other families facing situations similar to theirs.

Five years prior, Doug was diagnosed, at age 33, with ALS, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Cay cared for him at home while rearing their children, Jackson, 8, and Jami, 6. Within 10 months of his diagnosis, Doug was paralyzed from the neck down.

Resources provided by the local chapter of the National Council on Independent Living were a great comfort. The Ability Center of Toledo helped her adapt to Doug's new lifestyle, suggesting many avenues to help in maintaining his independence and quality of life. Because of the center's assistance, her children enjoyed two additional years of their father reading stories to them before bed. "For his last 18 months, unable to speak, Doug cherished evenings as his children snuggled up to read to him," Cay says.

Cay says that Doug enjoyed helping her prepare for the competition, knowing it was a way for them to have an impact at a national level. Within days of earning the title of Mrs. Ohio 2006, Cay joined a delegation from the Ability Center and attended a rally on Capitol Hill, meeting with congressional leaders to discuss legislation to continue to empower America's disabled population. Later she joined the Northern and Central Ohio chapters of the ALS Associations for the first ALS Awareness Day in Columbus where they met with state legislators.

Cay tells of an event that illustrates the best of Kappa sisterhood. One of her best friends from college, JILL ZALUD KENNEY, *Indiana*, last year initiated a golf outing, the Doug Stout Memorial Golf Outing, that raised \$28,000 for the local ALS chapter in Chicago. This year a similar event was held, with the funds to benefit a foundation Cay has established in his memory. Cay says, "I am so proud of my Kappa sister."

Community Volunteer Extraordinaire

TAMMY GAYNIER STEEPLES, *Kansas State*, is heading three Lawrence, Kan., community organizations.

Tammy assumed the presidency of the 230-member University Women's Club this past spring. She is the 50th president of the 108-year-old organization and the second Kappa to assume the reins. SUZANNE ECKE MCCOLL, *Colorado College*, was its 38th president in 1995-96. UWC serves needs in the areas of scholarship, service and social.

Last year Tammy assumed the chairmanship of the board of Lawrence Meals on Wheels, overseeing 100 volunteers who serve more than 100 home-bound residents each weekday. Tammy started as a volunteer 30 years ago. Since she could take her children along, she said Meals on Wheels fit her lifestyle. It also provided the bonus of giving her children a chance to interact with elderly residents, while the elderly individuals enjoyed seeing the young faces.

Tammy is in her fourth year as President of the Kaw Valley Bluebird Association, which helps the Eastern bluebird get re-established. Tammy also works on special projects for the University of Kansas from which she earned a Ph.D. in special education. A former President of the LAWRENCE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Tammy also has been a member of the OMEGA, *Kansas*, Advisory Board. Her twin sister, KATHY GAYNIER MARTIN, and six nieces are also GAMMA ALPHA, *Kansas State*, members.



LAUREN BOREK, *Rollins*, blows out the candles during her "29 for 29 Birthday Benefit Bash" to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy of Westchester.

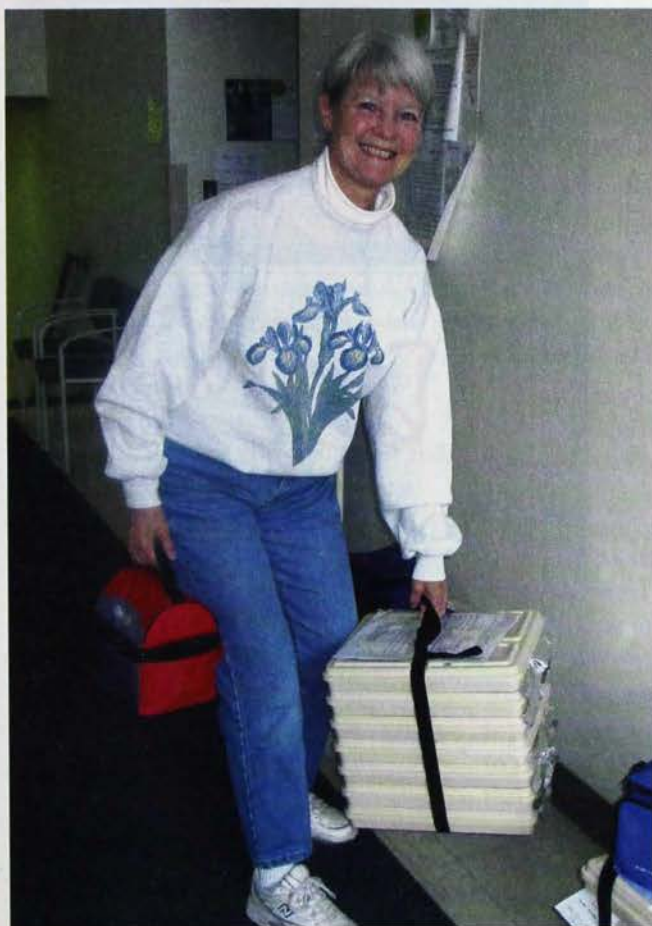
Birthday Bash Benefits Cerebral Palsy Association

LAUREN BOREK, *Rollins*, hosted "29 for 29: A Birthday Benefit Bash" to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Westchester County in Rye Brook, N.Y. The black-and-white fete celebrating her 29th birthday was held at the National Arts Club in New York. Tickets were \$29 to help fund the Summer Day Camp 2008 Make a Difference Campaign and more than \$12,500 was raised to sponsor summer camp memberships for children with special needs.

Philanthropy has long been a part of Lauren's life. "As a child," she says, "my parents brought me to hospitals to play with sick children. I cooked for homeless shelters and ran to raise money for Special Olympics."

"While I was in college," she says, "I loved working with my Kappa sisters doing community service." After college she volunteered with outreach programs through the Metropolitan Museum of Art at St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, organizing benefits to raise money to purchase Braille dictionaries.

Lauren's involvement with the Cerebral Palsy Association inspired her to spend six months organizing her "birthday bash" benefit.



A Kappa's Book Is Set to Become a Movie Starring Jennifer Garner

What happens when a former Texan finds herself living in New York City, suddenly realizing the vast differences between two cultures? She writes books about it.

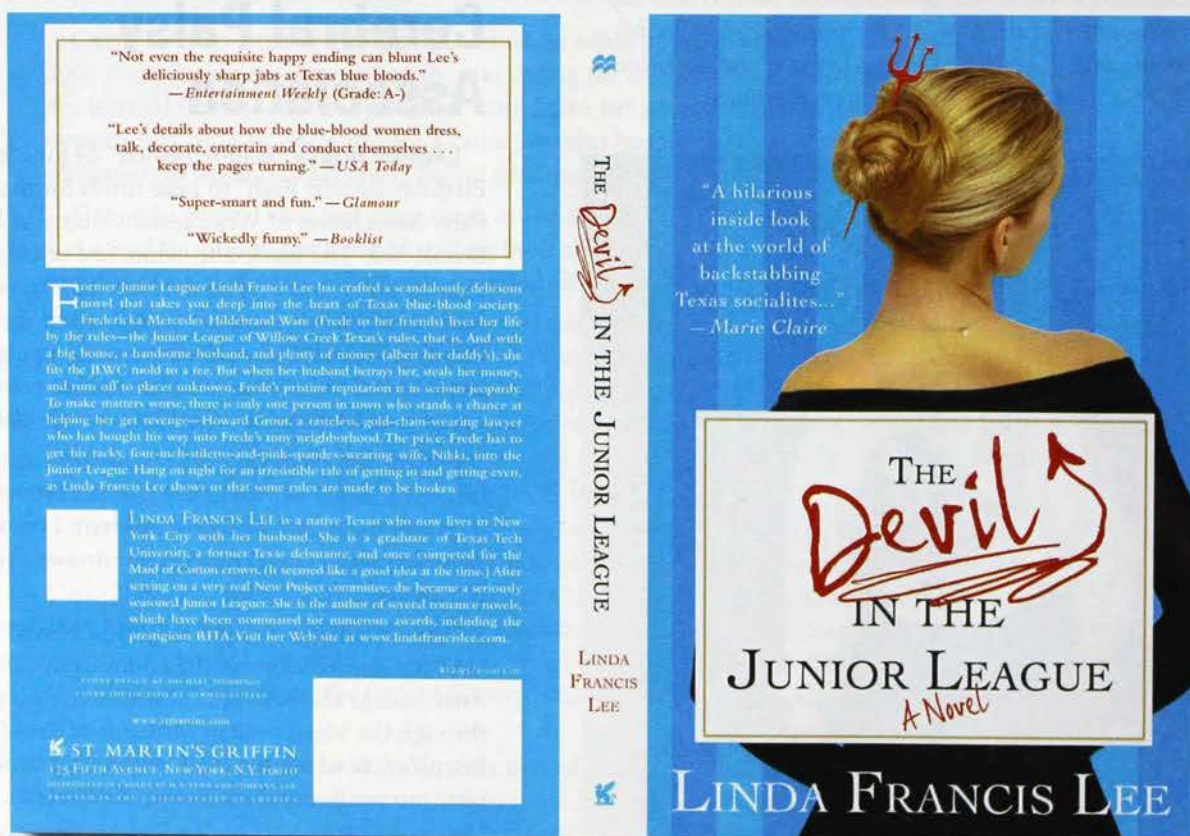
LINDA FRANCIS LEE, *Texas Tech*, has turned her experiences growing up in Texas into humorous insights into the blue-blood society of the fictitious Texas hill town of Willow Creek. The best-selling author of 19 books, Linda's novel, *The Devil in the Junior League*, has been picked up by Universal Studios and Jennifer Garner has signed on to star and produce.

When Linda moved with her husband to New York City, she says she realized that we all have "secret handshakes" or rituals we use to fit into society. This prompted her to begin writing the books set in the South, poking fun at old institu-

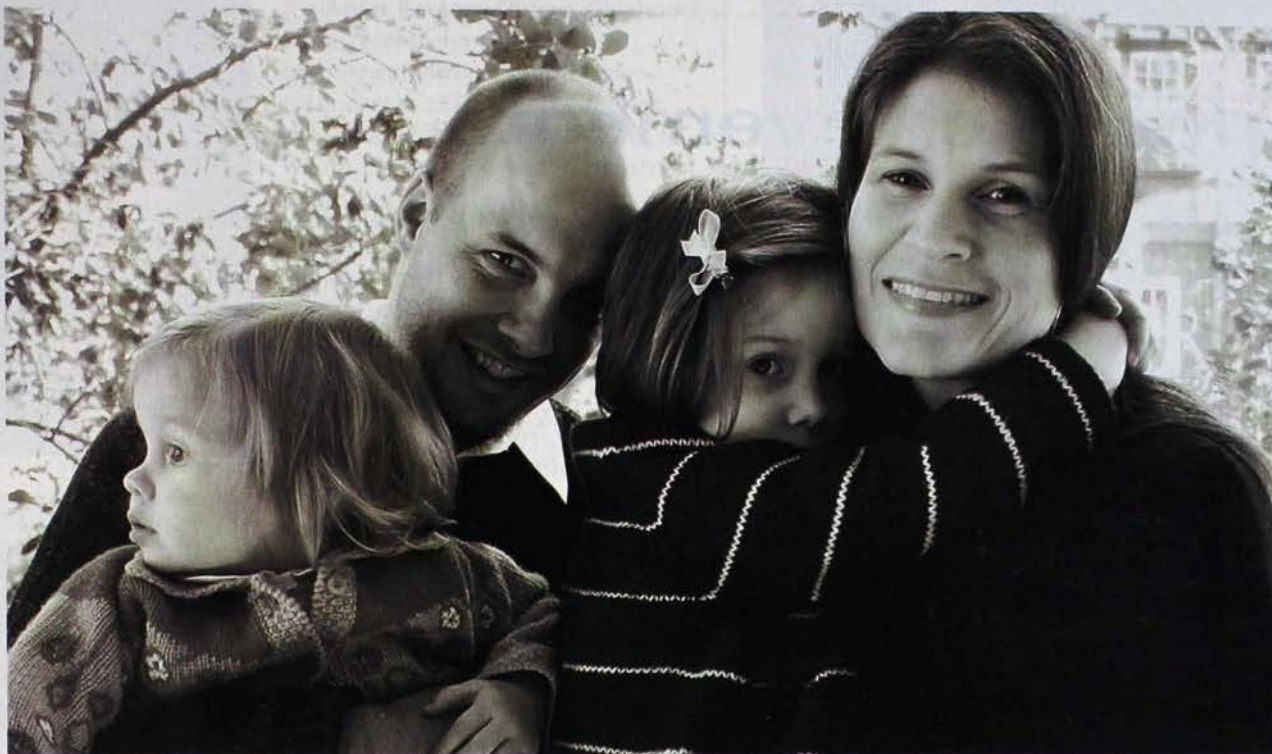
tions yet revealing underlying realities of relationships with a touch of humor.

Linda, who earned a B.A. in advertising, was first published while she was still at Texas Tech. Recently, Linda has been on the road promoting her second book set in Willow Creek, *The Ex-Debutante*, and has two more novels in this series in the works. Her book tours and speaking engagements take her all over the U.S., and recently she returned to Texas Tech, where "It was a special opportunity for me to remember who I had been, the journey I have traveled ..."

Linda says that Kappa meant a lot to her and she remembers how the women in her chapter worked together and were sisters and friends. "It was the closeness I loved."



A novel by LINDA FRANCIS LEE, *Texas Tech*, will be made into a movie starring Jennifer Garner. Learn more at www.lindafrancislee.com.



GRETCHEN HOLLINGSWORTH, *Kansas*, is the founder, along with her husband, David Duncan, of Paddywax, an environmentally-friendly artisan candle company. They have two daughters Olivia and Margot.

Artisan Candle Company is Eco-Friendly

GRETCHEN HOLLINGSWORTH, *Kansas*, and husband, David Duncan, have grown what was a kitchen operation into an environmentally friendly candle company. Paddywax is housed in a 15,000-square-foot warehouse outside of Atlanta—a large operation with celebrity clients (www.paddywax.com).

While Gretchen's first attempt at candle-making was unsuccessful, she continued experimenting with waxes and fragrance oils. It was after her move to Atlanta and the serendipitous meeting of David, who would become her husband and business partner, that the business took off. David, who handles the business end while Gretchen designs the candles, says, "Our strengths complement each other."


Gretchen, who earned a degree in environmental science, has always been environmentally conscientious. Paddywax uses recycled paper, renewable waxes and natural

fragrance oils and biodegradable packaging. Their production methods are eco-friendly; energy-saving technology is used in the day-to-day running of the business and their office is moving to a paperless system.

Inspiration for their candles comes from exotic locales, nature, fine foods, architecture and family. They use the finest natural blended wax and fragrance oils and every candle is hand-poured and packaged.

Gretchen and David live in Atlanta with their two daughters. Gretchen has recently started another business, a children's clothing company, Lark and Loon, featuring limited-edition designs screen-printed with water-based inks making them softer and eco-friendly (www.larkandloon.com).

Gretchen attributes her ability to start, sustain and run a business to some of the skills she learned through Kappa. "Kappa helped me

be part of a team and a team leader, which has proved to be invaluable over the years," she says. "I was Recruitment Chairman, which was a good way to learn how to motivate a team under stress and exhaustion and which also challenged me to come out of my comfort zone. ... The values I learned over my years there are still with me today: integrity, work ethic and giving back." 



Key Achievements



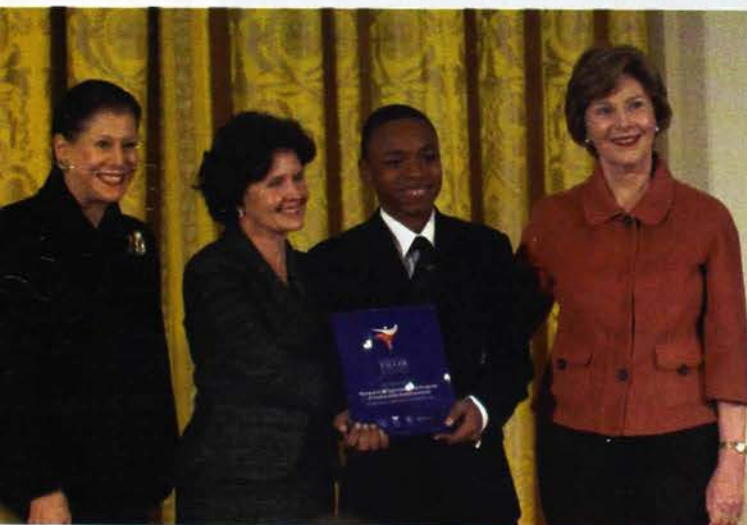
✦ **ANDREA PARKS**, Colorado State, draws airplanes and paints portraits of the famous people who fly them, including John Travolta, when he received the Ambassador of Aviation Award at the 5th annual "Living Legends of Aviation" awards. Andrea is shown with Dr. Forrest Bird, and her portrait of him, as he was presented with the 2007 Freedom of Flight Award. Her commissioned paintings of "celebrities who have become pilots and pilots who have become celebrities" are published in regional journals throughout the U.S. (Visit www.andreaparks.com for more.)



✦ **SARAH HORNBOOK HAWKINS**, West Virginia, owns Sarah Hawkins Designs, a custom stationery business. She is a featured designer with online stationery retailers Tiny*Prints and Wedding Paper Divas and many of her designs have been featured in publications such as INSTYLE WEDDINGS, MODERN BRIDE, AMERICAN BABY, HAMPTONS RESIDENT, and others. All of Sarah's designs are available through www.sarahhawkinsdesigns.com and Kappas get a discount by using the code, KAPPA10, through January 1, 2009.



✦ **FRANCESCA DEMARCO**, William and Mary, returns to the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California as the Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations. She was previously at Annenberg as the director of development for five years. She leaves Westridge School, a top college preparatory school, where she has led the advancement team for four years.



✦ **GINGER HEAD GEARHEART**, SMU, received an award from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities for her work promoting children's arts and cultural programs in Ft. Worth, Texas. In 1989, Ginger started Imagination Celebration with a grant from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Over the past 19 years, Ginger has raised \$7 million for her programs including the Young Artists' Apprenticeship Program and the Debbie Allen Dance Institute.



✦ **ANGIE BAYSDEN OWENS**, Oklahoma State, recently named president of American Airlines Credit Union, takes over as CEO and president on the retirement of the current CEO, to whom she reported for three years. Angie credits her years handling operations of a company, as general auditor for AMR Corporation, at American Airlines, the Credit Union, the Sabre Group and the accounting firm Ernst & Young. Angie is the first woman to become CEO of a major credit union. American Airline's Credit Union has 210,000 members and assets of \$4.4 billion.



✦ **CAROLYN GREGORY COCHRAN CLARK**, Missouri, a consulting partner with Milbank Trusts and Estates, has been elected Chairman of the Board of The Woodlawn Cemetery, established in 1863 in the Bronx and known as one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world. Carolyn is the first woman elected to this post. She was also the first female partner at Milbank and the first female president of the Harvard Law School Association.



✦ **HOLLY HECHT DUNCAN**, Miami (Ohio), has been named Mrs. Clearwater by the Clearwater (Fla.) Regional Chamber of Commerce, honored for her "exceptional community service" and as the "consummate fundraising professional," according to Philip Beauchamp, president and CEO of Morton Plant Mease Health Care. Holly is the president and CEO of Morton Plant Health Care Foundation.

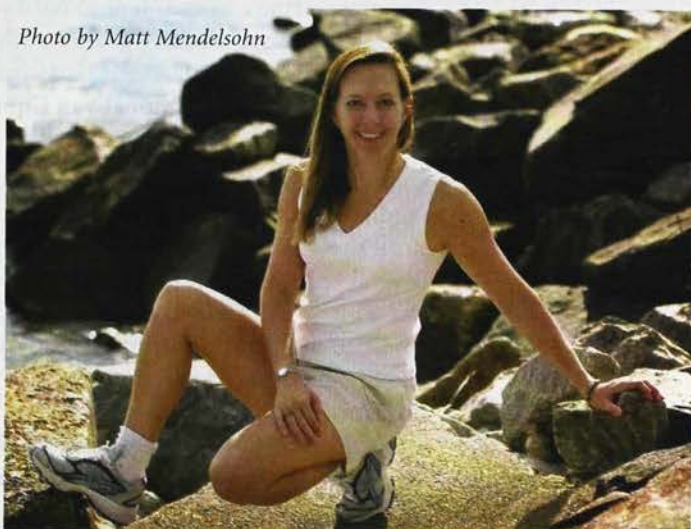


✦ **MARIANNE WOLF-ASTRAUSKAS**, Illinois Wesleyan, has been named the Illinois Women's Press Association Communicator of Achievement for 2008. The award encompasses career success and service to the community and to IWPA/National Federation of Press Women. Founding editor of the Volunteer Network News for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Marianne is also president of Wesleyan's Chicago Alumni Board and is 2nd vice president of the Illinois Women's Press Association.



✦ **NANCY HARRISON LONGHURST**, Kansas State, encounters fascinating people as general manager of The Eldridge, an historic hotel in Lawrence, Kan. She has met actor Matt Dillon; Ford Motor Company Chief Executive Alan Mulally; former U. K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; and former Vice President Walter Mondale. Nancy oversees a staff of 120 and the entire hotel operation. "I love people and taking care of them is a great experience," says Nancy, who also supervises The Eldridge Extended, a division geared toward business travelers.

Photo by Matt Mendelsohn



✦ **JEAN KNAACK**, Iowa State, has been named CEO of the Road Runners Club of America, the largest long-distance running organization in the U.S. She has served since 2005 as executive director. There are more than 860 running clubs and events in the membership with about 180,000 members. The organization celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and has been instrumental in providing access for women to run events longer than one mile.

✦ **LAUREL PALMER**, Ohio State, Director of Annual Giving for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, was named Adviser of the Year during the Greek Awards at Ohio State University where she advises **BETA NU CHAPTER**. Laurel is also co-President of the Columbus Alumnae Association.

Musician Realizes 60th-Birthday Goals

—By JUDY DARMER FERGUSON, *Texas*

When ANNE SIMPSON BLAKENEY, *Texas*, was in her mid-50s, she set out to achieve three goals by her 60th birthday: to participate in the Messiah sing along at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in New York City, to climb a 14,000-foot Colorado peak, and to perform in the Van Cliburn Foundation's International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Anne's willingness to fail was overshadowed by her unwavering commitment to hard work, and she accomplished all three goals on schedule. In 2004 and again in 2007, Anne participated in the highly regarded international Van Cliburn piano competition.

Anne's love of music began as a child. She studied piano with her mother and other teachers until she was 14, and she also played the violin for several years. In 1997, her husband, Bob, presented her with a 1923 Steinway grand piano, and Anne resumed her piano study in earnest. In 2001, she began advanced piano instruction under the guidance of Dr. David Karp, chairman of the piano department at SMU, with whom she shared her goal of qualifying to play in the Van Cliburn.


Anne is grateful for the rich experience of being a part of the Van Cliburn. This weeklong event fed Anne's ongoing interest and joy in great music. After intensive auditions, 75 amateur finalists are selected by a panel of jurors to compete in Ft. Worth. During the week of the competition, the participants engage in juried piano performances and attend seminars and social events. This year's jurors included four gold-medal winners of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the chairman of Juilliard's piano department, a former music critic from *The Boston Globe*, and several professional musicians, all of whom offered the contestants valuable feedback.

Anne saturated herself in music by practicing diligently and listening to countless musicians.



In a spirit of promoting a passion for music, Anne is making the piano come alive for several young people in her life. She nurtures and encourages them and always tries to "make music fun."

She played for those who would give her helpful feedback and she continued to share her music at church and informally with friends. She and Bob love entertaining friends during casual evenings filled with laughter and music. Anne also teaches regularly at her church and participates in inner-city missions.

A self-taught artist, Anne paints in oil and pastel. In the 1980s, she leased a studio and has been exhibiting and selling her work ever since. Anne's other interests include a lifelong love of singing. She has fond memories of serving as the Kappa song leader at the University of Texas where she earned an English degree. 

Two Entrepreneurs Have Their Cake and Eat It Too!

—BY JENNIFER PILLA TAYLOR, *North Carolina*

Two entrepreneurial mothers in Charlotte, N.C., have created a business that hits the spot—for customers who love decadent treats, and for themselves by allowing them to more effectively balance work and family life.

Polka Dot Bakeshop has been serving up cupcakes to a steady stream of sweet-toothed patrons since owners JENNIFER MATTHEWS CHAPMAN, *Arkansas*, and MICHELLE CRAWFORD MILLER, *Purdue*, opened their doors in November 2007.

Business was brisk from day one, with customers looking to bring the cupcake trend to their holiday celebrations. The Christmas season was followed shortly by the birth of Michelle's second child on January 2, and the rush was punctuated by Valentine's Day, when customers lined up out the door.

Now Michelle and Jennifer have settled into a routine that allows them to have a thriving business and be home most afternoons with their children. They do it with the help of a supportive staff of 10 and, of course, each other. They say Michelle's degree in restaurant and hotel management, along with Jennifer's training as a certified public



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accountant, make them a perfect business pairing. "When you put us together, we're a good whole business person," says Jennifer, who, like Michelle, has two children. "I don't know how to run a commercial kitchen, and she doesn't want to do tax returns."

These business partners met through a mutual friend. When the friend learned that both women were about to relocate to Charlotte, she helped them connect. They bonded further through participation in the CHARLOTTE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, including its popular book club meetings.

After tossing around food-related business ideas, they settled on a cupcake bakery and spent months researching and planning. An ideal shopping center space—outfitted with kitchen equipment—became available, so they signed a lease and took the plunge. An early sign of their success: Polka Dot Bakeshop was named "Best Place for a Sweet Treat" by *Charlotte* magazine.

The shop already has a cadre of loyal customers who are hooked on their cupcake flavors ranging from old standards—like chocolate and red velvet—to the imaginative banana-and-peanut-butter-flavored Elvis cupcake. The Cosmo—a concoction of vanilla-orange cake with cranberries and lime frosting—pays homage to *Sex and the City*. The Tuxedo cupcake—devil's food cake with cream cheese chocolate-chip filling and cream cheese frosting—is their most popular. They also fill custom orders for special events and they are expanding their offerings to include cookies through their Web site, www.polkadotbakeshop.com.



Grandmother's Buttons Are Big Business

—By **MELISSE CAMPBELL**, *Mississippi*



Photographs courtesy of Terri Fensel www.terrifensel.com

SUSAN GARRETT DAVIS, *LSU*, loves the thrill of the hunt. While visiting her grandmother, Susan held a set of vintage buttons to her ears, thinking they would make beautiful earrings. Her grandmother's button box held treasures of sparkling jet glass, carved pearl and brass storybook buttons. "My grandmother, who was born in 1889, was a true Victorian lady," Susan says. "She saved everything ..."

Susan brought home the buttons her grandmother had given her, bought supplies, made jewelry, went to a crafts fair and turned those buttons into her first \$1,000, which was just the beginning of what would become Grandmother's Buttons retail/wholesale stores.

Susan opened Grandmother's Buttons in 1985 in historic St. Francisville, La., in a turn-of-the-century bank building. Her husband Donny joined as business manager in 1988. He is the only man in the business, which employs 12 women in-house and six part-time employees. "It's all about teamwork, not about hierarchy. My first experience with this structure had to be with Kappa," Susan says.

In 1996, Susan developed the Button Museum, housed in the old bank vault. One of the treasures is a hand-chased brass button made for George Washington's inauguration.


"I am an ebayaholic!," admits Susan, who enjoys digging through warehouses and flea markets for buttons. Once she finds a special piece, she begins the design. She describes her style as eclectic and funky and often utilizes the owl, the key and the fleur-de-lis in her designs.

SUSAN GARRETT DAVIS, *LSU*, is the founder and creative director of Grandmother's Buttons in St. Francisville, La. (www.grandmothersbuttons.org).

Grandmother's Buttons transforms 20,000 buttons per year into a line of 350 pieces sold worldwide. Everything except for the sterling ring form is handmade in the United States. They use authentic Victorian and art deco buttons from the 1880s to the 1940s. Susan developed a process to place photos into jewelry using a heat transfer onto porcelain. Her book, *Beautiful Button Jewelry*, is a coffee-table book about the history of buttons with instructions on how to make button jewelry.

With an emphasis on giving back, Grandmother's Buttons donates 10 percent of the wholesale cost of each piece of its New Orleans collection to the Rebuild New Orleans Fund. Susan is thrilled that their donations have exceeded \$5,000.

Susan and Donny have a daughter in college and a son in high school. She says her schedule is demanding, yet flexible, which has allowed her to be a "hands-on mom" while building her business.

Susan is one of four sisters—all Kappas—as are her sisters-in-law. "I associated all of the wonderful things about my big sisters with Kappa," she says. "Kappa has always been an additional support system and through it, I have a great network of friends." 

in memoriam

These names were submitted to Fraternity Headquarters between May 23, 2008, and July 24, 2008.

AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF

Cunningham, Letitia, '37, d. 04/08
Nimmer, Faye Dunlap, '56, d. 06/08

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Bailey, Susan Kelley, '65, d. 06/08
Patrick, Martha Cowan, '34, d. 05/08

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Bloom, Charlotte Miller, '39, d. 07/08

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Burrill, Virginia Jones, '35, d. 10/02

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Ellis, Emmah Smith, '25, d. 05/08

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY

Pastoriza, Nancy King, '43, d. 04/06
Peterson, Barbara Bell, '58, d. 05/08
Tilt, Judith Perrin, '54, d. 05/08

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES

Johnson, Nancy Fay, '36, d. 03/08
Merrill, Annetta Findeisen, '42, d. 04/08

CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF

Andrews, Mary Allison, '30, d. 11/07

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Cross, Dorothy Writer, '50, d. 05/08

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Moore, Kathryn Mantel, '33, d. 07/08
Powers, Margaux, '01, d. 05/08

DENISON UNIVERSITY

Damschroder, Meredith, '35, d. 05/08
Koerner, Mary Marlow, '34, d. 07/08

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Collins, Martha Clark, '41, d. 06/08
Hensold, Mary Carson, '46, d. 05/08

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Williams, Elizabeth Evans, '26, d. 02/08

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Dunphey, Jeanne, '44, d. 01/08
Roehrig, Martha Crocker, '37, d. 06/08

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Andersen, Alice Klopstad, '35, d. 04/08

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Johnson, Marcia Hall, '39, d. 07/08

IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF

Moe, Jane Goodell, '60, d. 03/08

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Larson, Lorraine King, '39, d. 05/08
Sevall, Marilyn McAneney, '37, d. 06/08

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Hoganson, Jacquelyn Countryman, '44, d. 06/08

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Haggarty, Helen Rhoadarmer, '28, d. 05/08
Neal, Billie Nees, '42, d. 06/08

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF

Smith, Marylin Gilchrist, '52, d. 06/08
Welch, Elinor Rodgers, '35, d. 05/08

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Sauble, Mary Palmer, '41, d. 12/07
Stone, Roberta Rust, '38, d. 06/08

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Littrell, Jane, '59, d. 07/08
Sloan, Danielle, '05, d. 06/08

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Bellucci, Matilda Talbert, '44, d. 06/08
Sledd, Carolyn McCann, '46, d. 06/08

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Hall, Katherine Stuart, '78, d. 06/08
Moore, Jeanne Stamper, '46, d. 07/07
Scarborough, Annie Graham, '38, d. 06/08
Webb, Anne Gillespie, '53, d. 04/84

* MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF

Hisaoka, Joan, '79, d. 05/08
Wester, Polly Day, '41, d. 06/08

MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF

Johnson, Betti Westerdahl, '41, d. 07/08

* MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Kittredge, Ann Walthall, '46, d. 06/08

MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF

Hovorka, Karen Miller, '76, d. 06/08

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF

Callan, Mary Redpath, '46, d. 06/07
Parker, Beverly Bradner, '44, d. 04/08

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Lutgen, Marjorie Baas, '44, d. 05/08
Robertson, Virginia Neville, '34, d. 05/08
Stenten, Cathryn Davis, '34, d. 11/05

NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Johnson, Barbara Stevenson, '48, d. 04/08
Mac Donald, Virginia Blue, '40, d. 07/08

NORTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF

Johns, Linda Dykstra, '71, d. 07/08

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Harker, Jean Kellogg, '45, d. 04/08

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Blake, Sharon English, '53, d. 06/08
Kurtz, Ellis Morris, '32, d. 07/08
Macklin, Sara, '68, d. 06/08
Testament, Martha Miller, '34, d. 05/08

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Sanders, Jane Martin, '50, d. 06/08

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Johnson, Mary Harms, '59, d. 07/08

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF

Allen, Alice Morrow, '28, d. 01/08

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sharp, Ruth Moore, '40, d. 07/08

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Cooper, Barbara Bell, '45, d. 04/08
Kinney, Judith Strong, '57, d. 06/08

PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF

Baughman, Jean Lawson, '34, d. 06/08

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Beckett, Carolyn Morris, '44, d. 05/07
Covert, Betty Demotte, '27, d. 12/03
Woehlke, Lois Thompson, '40, d. 06/08

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF

Chevillet, Natalie Wallace, '54, d. 06/08

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Coleman, Paula Minor, '68, d. 05/08
Harkey, Nita Bouknight, '45, d. 06/08
Scaling, Drucie Spain, '55, d. 07/08

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Spaulding, Suzanne Chute, '44, d. 09/07

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Pembroke, Constance Goulding, '59, d. 05/08
Stetson, Barbara Gray, '46, d. 07/08
Swallow, Dolores Wysocki, '54, d. 10/07

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Taylor, Mary Mayfield, '32, d. 07/08
Walther, Julia Fisher, '43, d. 07/08

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Craighead, Eugenia, '72, d. 07/08
Phelps, Euphemia Tobin, '38, d. 05/08

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF

Sharp, Margaret Barton, '42, d. 06/08
White, Elyse Pantke, '94, d. 05/08

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Olin, Marilyn Wood, '51, d. 03/08
Seney, Marjean Chisholm, '48, d. 01/08

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF

Croyle, Elcena Torrance, '41, d. 12/07

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Markley, Elsie Board, '52, d. 06/08
Wright, Emily Broadwater, '45, d. 06/08

WHITMAN COLLEGE

Bothwell, Betty Chapin, '45, d. 03/08

WILLIAM AND MARY, COLLEGE OF

Cantlay, Wilhelmina Davison, '41, d. 03/08

WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF

McLaury, Catherine McDermott, '38, d. 05/08

WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF

Robinson, Sarah Jackson, '52, d. 06/08

* Indicates inactive chapters.

Correction

The Key apologizes to ELIZABETH BOYNTON, *DePauw*, and her family. Elizabeth was listed in the summer In Memoriam by mistake.

AUBURN. EPSILON ETA chapter members look forward to donating bags to Moton Day Care Center where chapter members read to underprivileged children. "The children really enjoy our reading to them and helping them learn to read as well. They are quite possibly everyone's favorite part of the week," says **KASEY GARDNER**, Philanthropy Chairman.



CENTRAL FLORIDA. ETA ETA members **MEGAN SMERNOFF**, **STEFANIE ESQUIJAROSA**, **JEN GILMORE**, **CHRISTINA RUSHMAN** gather for the first annual "Kappa Kookoff: South of the Border" philanthropy event, which raised money and books to donate to Reading Is Fundamental.

TULANE. Members of **BETA OMICRON** celebrate first place in Sigma Chi's Derby Days, an event which returned to Tulane's campus after a 20-year hiatus. The event brought Panhellenic groups together and since Kappa took first place, half the proceeds were donated to Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).



KANSAS. **JEANNIE KYGAR EBLEN**, *Oklahoma State*, distributes irises to **OMEGA CHAPTER** seniors at a tea in their honor hosted by the **LAWRENCE (KAN.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**.

DRAKE. Kappa Dads and daughters enjoy golf during Dads' Weekend. The Dads wore black polo shirts embroidered with a fleur-de-lis and "Kappa Kappa Gamma Dad." Proceeds were donated to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. "It is very exciting that one of our favorite events could be the means to make our first gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation," says **MEGGIE WITTORF**.





TRINITY. ZETA THETA members paint the inside of The Connecticut Girl Scout headquarters during Trinity College's "Do It Day." "We had a ton of fun, and even got free cookies because of the great job we did," says **SARI FROMSON**, Public Relations Chairman.



SYRACUSE. Members of **BETA TAU** take a break during "Kappa Karwash," an annual event supporting Reading Is Fundamental and the Rose McGill Fund.



LSU. **MARY CATHERINE DAVIS** is served a meal by her mother, **ANNE HUTCHISON DAVIS**, *LSU*, president of the *LSU* Kappa Mother's Club. The chapter meal was graciously donated by **GWEN DRAIN GRAVES**, *LSU*, and her husband, Todd Graves, who own Raising Cane's restaurant chain.

WYOMING. GAMMA OMICRON members **KASSIE THOMPSON, SHANNON THOMAS, LINDSAY KOWALSKI** and **MANDIE QUIROZ** serve as Recruitment Counselors during Wyoming's formal Recruitment. The active members enjoy working with a Kappa alumna who is serving as Greek Affairs Coordinator, **KATE STEINER** (front row), also *Wyoming*.



WILLIAM AND MARY. "Hats Off to Reading" is GAMMA KAPPA's theme for the philanthropy round of Membership Recruitment. Potential members decorate bookmarks for Reading Is Fundamental.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. Participants enjoy a weekend of leadership development at the new Leadership Academy location at the Heartland Retreat in Ohio.



CENTRE. ZETA GAMMA members **LEANN BRUCE, PAIGE HEBARD, MEGHAN THOMPSON, REBEKAH HOLDER,** and **MARY WHITEHURST** visit the Taj Mahal during a class trip to India to study religion and government.



WISCONSIN. ETA CHAPTER sponsors Hoops for Hope, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for men and women held at a local recreational facility. Thirty teams compete in the tournament for an afternoon filled with music, food and basketball all for a great cause, research for childhood cancer.



USC (CALIF.). Members of **DELTA TAU CHAPTER** spend the last day of classes volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in South Central Los Angeles.



CREIGHTON. **AMANDA THIBAUT, LAURA MEADE, CLAIRE SCHERLE, and CALI NUTTER** enjoy Skatin' with the Jays, a roller-skating marathon that **ETA IOTA** co-hosts with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Kappa's share of the proceeds supports The Hope Center for Kids in Omaha, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.



WESTMINSTER. ZETA ZETA CHAPTER donates hand-decorated tote bags to the Missouri School for the Deaf, where chapter members volunteer on a regular basis.

Where in the World



MEGHAN THOMPSON, Centre, and **POLLY YORIOKA**, Puget Sound, meet during archeological excavations at Khirbet Cana in Israel during the summer of 2008. Here they are on top of the fortress at Masada with the Dead Sea in the background.



Taylor and her new Kappa best friends hike at Mt. Rainier in Seattle.

BETA PI, Washington, Recruitment Chairman **TAYLOR FLEMING**, didn't know anyone when she traveled to London, England, to study last fall. Little did she know that she would soon discover four new Kappa friends, all members of **ZETA PSI**, Wake Forest. "We spent the entire semester together," says Taylor. Recently they all traveled to Seattle for a reunion and Taylor has been to Wake Forest to visit them. "We have multiple other trips in the works!"



SARAH SWANSON, **ELIZABETH CARLOCK**, **ALYX KAIZERMAN**, **ELIZABETH GILLIS**, **CHELSEA JOHNSON**, **CAITLIN CHRISTOPHER** and **LAUREN ZIMMER**, all SMU, traveled to London for a summer abroad program in communications. While living together in dorms, "we laughed until our sides hurt and made countless memories that we will have forever." While this group of Kappas knew one another before the trip, they also branched out and made new friends. A highlight was a side trip to Prague and Barcelona. What do these Kappas have to say about study abroad? "Just do it."

Is Kappa Kappa Gamma?

Keys Overseas ... Connecting Kappas Abroad

At last ... a Kappa forum that will give members living abroad a way to communicate. Keys Overseas is a free online forum where Kappas who are living outside the United States and Canada can meet, get to know one another and get instant access to shared messages, photos, group events and more.

There are many ways to use this forum—you could offer and receive suggestions on travel, hotels and restaurants, as well as places to live. You will get a sense of security with this information coming from a Kappa sister. If you find someone in the same town, you could call them for a cup of coffee! But most of all, it is a secure means to stay connected to Kappas no matter where you are.

Invitations to the Keys Overseas forum along with instructions on how to join have been sent to all Kappas living abroad for whom Headquarters has a good address. If you believe that you should have received an invitation but did not, send an e-mail to CAROLINE POOLE CAMERON, *Florida State*, at caroline@gmail.com. Let's widen our net of Kappa support all over the world!



Pictured in Wimbledon Stadium, Center Court (from left to right): **ASHLEY TALLEY**, *Creighton*, **KATHERINE EIDEN**, *Colorado State*, and **ASHLEY HARRIS**, *Clemson*.

Like many Kappas, **KATHERINE EIDEN**, chapter President of **EPSILON BETA**, *Colorado State*, studied abroad this summer. While in London, she was thrilled to meet two Kappas from different chapters. "We became instant friends and formed lifelong connections. Studying abroad is key to any woman's education, and you are bound to make a Kappa connection wherever you go," says Katherine.

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Southwest Airlines interns (left to right) **ERIN CONNOLLY**, *Texas Tech*; **KELLY PARMA**, *Texas A&M*; **ELIZABETH LOCKE**, *Texas*; **HELENA JOSIC**, *Centre*; and **TAYLOR TRNCAK**, *Texas A&M*

This past summer, five Kappas from various Texas chapters discovered one another during the Southwest Airlines internship program. The five young women worked in different departments at the Southwest Airlines Headquarters in Dallas, Texas. **KELLY PARMA**, *Texas A&M*, and **TAYLOR TRNCAK**, *Texas A&M*, already knew each other and were thrilled to meet **ERIN CONNOLLY**, *Texas Tech*; **ELIZABETH LOCKE**, *Texas*; and **HELENA JOSIC**, *Centre*. They learned about their Kappa connection through other interns and began e-mailing each other. It was during the "Amazing Race" activity for the interns that they finally all met each other in person, each wearing a Kappa T-shirt, of course!

Scholastic Honors Report

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Penn State

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Gamma Province**
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Ohio Wesleyan

Lambda Province
Washington and Lee
William and Mary

**REGION 3:
Mu Province**
Clemson
Georgia Southern

**REGION 4:
Zeta Province**
Drake
Kansas State

Theta Province
North Texas
Oklahoma
Texas Tech

**REGION 5:
Delta Province**
Valparaiso

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Monmouth

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Iota Province**
Washington State

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Cal State Northridge

Scholastically Ranked First on Campus

**REGION 2:
Gamma Province**
Akron
Ohio Wesleyan

**REGION 4:
Theta Province**
North Texas

**REGION 5:
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Monmouth

**REGION 7:
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Cal State Northridge

Kappas with 4.0 GPA

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Courtney Brein
Liz Horner
Arianne Lovelace
Meredith Pfister
Danielle Rochin
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Dartmouth:
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Stevie Belchak
Hallie Damon
Katherine Ellis
Julia Hecht
Kristin Lane
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Tracy Graham
Kelsey Kuptz

Margaret Matavich
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Kirstin Schubert
Jennifer Trotta

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Flexibility Is Key During Recruitment

—By **PAULA MCKIE LONGAN**, *Nebraska*

Two weeks after her high school graduation, **ASHLEY WAGNER**, *Kansas State*, lost control of her car in her hometown of Leoti, Kan. The car rolled with the former cheerleader inside.

After four months in the hospital, Ashley was discharged with the diagnosis of a Level C4 spinal cord injury—she was a quadriplegic. Ashley could no longer move anything below her waist, but she could move her arms and upper body.

The accident delayed her departure for college by only one semester. Having mastered her disability, Ashley was ready for *Kansas State*. Although she could hold a pencil and write a bit, she worried that she would not be able to take adequate notes in class. The university, however, allowed other students to take notes for her. One of these students was a member of **GAMMA ALPHA**, *Kansas State*, and the two quickly became friends.

Ashley had been planning to join the Greek system, but her accident forced her to miss fall Recruitment. In her sophomore year she joined 550 other young women in Recruitment. She was excited, but also a little nervous visiting 11 chapter houses. “I was trying to be open-minded because I knew I’d get a lot of stares. I just decided that my true friends would look beyond my wheelchair,” says Ashley.

During remodeling a few years ago, the Gamma Alpha house had been equipped with a wheelchair ramp and a ground-floor room that was ADA-

compliant. Still, “we were a little worried when we first heard about her condition,” remembers chapter President **ANDREA WEBER**. “We knew we’d have to get creative!” says **ANNIE CRANDALL**, chapter Recruitment Chairman.

And get creative they did. In anticipation of the second round of Recruitment, which included house tours, members created a virtual tour. “Once the other prospective members went upstairs, we showed Ashley the rest of the house on the computer,” says Andrea. She also remembers that, “We were all cautious until we met her ... then we realized she was capable of doing a lot on her own.” Annie says. “She never gave us the option to feel sorry for her.”

During Recruitment, Ashley began to click with the Kappas. “They were really more my style. They were nice, down-to-earth, and made it feel like home,” says Ashley. The feeling was mutual: “We all felt a real Kappa connection when we talked to her the first time,” remembers Andrea. Annie adds, “She has a hilarious sense of humor. Many members have said that she was one of their favorite conversations all week.”

On Bid Day, Ashley was invited to join Kappa. “Ashley is great, and made everyone feel at ease. She is a people-person,” says Andrea. Ashley was initiated in October 2007, and moved into the chapter house this fall. “I plan to live in the house until I graduate!” says Ashley. 🗝️

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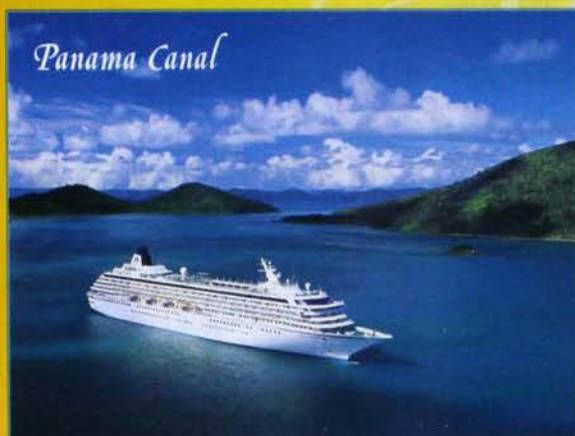
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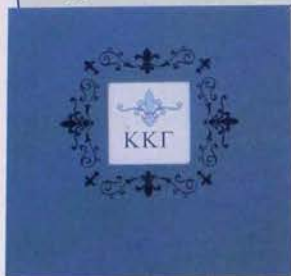
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