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“Scarlet Letter”**

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**Kappa Chapters Are
Like a Box of Crayons**

*A look at individuality and
unity within our chapters*



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Mission Statement of *The Key*

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

- To inform, inspire and challenge
- To sustain and nurture membership loyalty and interest
- To recognize the accomplishments of individuals, groups, the Fraternity and its Foundation
- To provide a forum for an exchange of information and opinion
- To be a permanent record.

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Strong Communication Is Key!

As a student I welcomed the start of school. With it were fresh beginnings, new areas to be explored and the rekindling of friendships. Even today, I am energized by the start of fall. Within the world of Kappa Kappa Gamma, students return to campus to begin Membership Recruitment and join other Greeks in campus initiatives. Alumnae association members gather and catch up on summer happenings and friends plan enthusiastically for reunions with sisters near and far.

All of these and so many more initiatives have a common element: communication.

There are times when our dreams, lofty plans and just plain good ideas don't succeed. Frequently, that lack of success is attributable to our failure to communicate well. It may be that we did not share information adequately, remain open to challenging viewpoints or simply include others as we should.

How easy it is to be narrowly focused. Yet, our ability to demonstrate our leadership is so often tied to how we look beyond ourselves.

Set your sights this fall on enhancing good communication. Remember, even the most well-planned programs may fall short without open and positive communication. A good but not excellent project can surpass expectations due to a strong communication plan. Consider these opportunities:

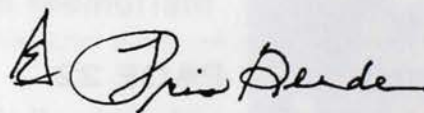
- Take time to communicate your group's goals and, more importantly, why they were chosen. Never assume that everyone understands your focus.
- Your chapter's high academic performance is maximized when the chapter's success is fully communicated to its publics—parents,

advisers, alumnae, college administrators and the community. Look for every opportunity possible to recognize individual and collective achievements.

- It can be a struggle to keep all members engaged in group activities. How easy it is to "write off" a member—alumna or collegian—who becomes disenchanted or even non-participatory. Make a special effort to reach out, looking for a personal connection or activity that will draw her back in ... even at a minimal level of participation.

Communication takes time and effort, but the payback is huge. Seek others' opinions and identify ways to foster a collaborative and inclusive environment. Our bonds of friendship are strengthened through the personal touch of effective communication. Share your love for Kappa with others this year!

Loyally,



PRISCILLA (PRIS)
MURPHY GERDE
Purdue
Fraternity President



Coming Soon to a Chapter Near You!

Meet the New Field Representatives

2005-06 Leadership Consultants



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CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: President, Corresponding Secretary, Event Chairman
ACTIVITIES: university honors program, recruitment counselor, American Marketing Association



COURTNEY SHEPARD, Emory
MAJOR: religion
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: President, Philanthropy Chairman
ACTIVITIES: free-clinic volunteer, orientation leader, teaching assistant



AUDREY HAYDEN, Ohio State
MAJOR: education
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: President, Panhellenic Delegate, Registrar
ACTIVITIES: recruitment counselor, "Chapter President of the Year," Greek Leadership Institute coordinator



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MAJOR: marketing
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: President
ACTIVITIES: Homecoming chairman, Greek Week chairman, Panhellenic expansion team, Homecoming queen



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ACTIVITIES: University development campaign member, Humane Society volunteer



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GRADUATE STUDY: counseling
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ACTIVITIES: Psi Chi, Greeks Promoting Positive Attitudes, Big Brothers Big Sisters, eating disorder prevention educator



DEANNE PALMER, Colorado
MAJOR: finance
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: Recording Secretary
ACTIVITIES: business fraternity



ELISE HAMMONDS, Emory, to South Carolina
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GRADUATE STUDY: higher education
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: Risk-Management Chairman
ACTIVITIES: intersorority council president, vice president and judicial board member, orientation leader, student government



JESSICA POPLOWSKI, Miami (Ohio)
MAJOR: early childhood education
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP: Treasurer, Scholarship Chairman, Standards Committee
ACTIVITIES: Order of Omega, Campus Crusade, tutor



ANDREA MARTINEZ, Connecticut, returning to Florida State
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GRADUATE STUDY: criminology
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ACTIVITIES: Greek judicial board coordinator, Husky Midnight Marathon, football traditions task force



AMELIA ROUDEBUSH, Kansas State
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Seeking Recommendations for Fraternity Leadership Positions for 2006-2008 Biennium

This is every member's opportunity to participate in the Fraternity's nominating process. Influence Kappa's tradition of leadership by recommending the most qualified candidates for the Fraternity Council and Regional Director positions. Complete the following form and mail it to **MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS, Missouri**, Nominating Chairman, 1450 Honeysuckle Drive N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87122, postmarked by **February 1, 2006**.

Who is elected at the General Convention?

The seven members of the Fraternity Council, the six Regional Directors of Alumnae and the six Regional Directors of Chapters are elected by the delegates of the General Convention in Salt Lake City, June 21-25, 2006.

Who may recommend a candidate?

Any Kappa may recommend a candidate. Suggestions are also solicited from chapters and alumnae associations. Interested individuals also are encouraged to submit their names to the Nominating Committee.

What are the required qualifications for a candidate?

Any alumna in good standing who has served the Fraternity within the past 10 years as a member of the Fraternity, Regional or Associate Council, chairman of a Fraternity Standing or Special Committee, Fraternity Council Assistant, Leadership Consultant or member of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

What qualities are important?

The candidate must have proven leadership ability and strong managerial, communication and analytical skills. She should be mature, a good team player, self-motivated and able to relate well to others. She should be a role model—someone who will represent the Fraternity well.

What is the term of office?

Fraternity Council members and Regional Directors are elected by a majority vote to a two-year term at the close of each General Convention. No one may hold the same position for more than two terms.

Responsibilities of Council Members

The members of the Fraternity Council are responsible for the management and administration of the Fraternity. They set policy, determine the direction of the Fraternity, deal with Greek-related issues, have jurisdiction over all cases of loss of membership and reinstatement, appoint alumnae to serve on committees, supervise the work assigned to those committees, interpret the Fraternity *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, work closely with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and report to the General Convention all action taken by the Council.

Fraternity Council Positions

President: Presides over all meetings of the Fraternity and the Council, supervises Fraternity operations and administration, oversees relations with colleges and universities, presides at the Installation of new chapters, is an *ex officio* member of all committees except Nominating, and appoints individuals to vacancies with the approval of the Council.

Vice President: Presides in the absence of the President, assists the President in all ways, oversees all publications, public relations projects and special programs.

Treasurer: Reviews the Fraternity's financial operation, develops a fiscal plan for the future, oversees all areas of Fraternity finance, directs the work of the Finance Committee, prepares the budget, serves as treasurer of the Kappa Foundation, and reports on finances to the Council and the General Convention.

Director of Alumnae: Supervises the organization and administration of alumnae associations, participates in the alumnae association extension program, directs the work of Fraternity volunteers involved with the development and management of alumnae associations.

Director of Chapters: Supervises the organization and administration of all collegiate chapters, is responsible for the annual review of chapter management and needs, directs the work of Fraternity volunteers involved in the development and management of the chapters.

Director of Membership: Directs the program and selection of new members, is responsible for membership policies and procedures, and assists in the annual review of chapter needs.

Director of Standards: Is responsible for standards, policies and procedures, works with the chapter

Standards Committees, and participates in the annual review of chapter needs.

Responsibilities of Regional Directors

Regional Directors of Alumnae and Regional Directors of Chapters oversee the work of the Province Directors of Alumnae and Province Directors of Chapters. Regional Directors confer with the Fraternity Council regarding the effective operation of the regions and the business of the

Fraternity. They make recommendations to the Fraternity Council and Associate Council for the functioning of the alumnae associations and chapters within their regions. They are responsible for program development, implementation of policies and procedures, and training.

Regional Director Positions:

Regional Director of Alumnae (six positions to be slated)

Regional Director of Chapters (six positions to be slated)

Kappa Kappa Gamma Recommendation for Fraternity Position

Mail to: MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS, *Missouri*, Nominating Chairman, 1450 Honeysuckle Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122, postmarked by February 1, 2006. Form is also available online at www.kappa.org.

I recommend: _____
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Street Address City State/Province Postal Code

Chapter: _____ Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I have known this Kappa for _____ years.

I have worked/interacted with this Kappa in the following ways: _____

What skills, talents and experiences will this Kappa bring to a Fraternity Officer position: _____

Recommended by: _____
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Paid Internships at Fraternity Headquarters

The department of Education and Training of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity in Columbus, Ohio, seeks an intern for 12 weeks during the summer of 2006. Members with an interest in education who have a concentration of course work in education, adult learning, sociology, psychology, journalism, communication, marketing or other related fields are encouraged to apply. The application is available on the Web site at www.kappa.org. If you have questions, please contact BETSY STILWELL STRAIN, *Nebraska*, Education Chairman, at 402/489-4115 or e-mail nebstrain2@aol.com. Applications are due postmarked by February 1, 2006.

Fraternity Headquarters is also accepting applications for a summer intern to work with the Archivist/Curator in the Heritage Museum. This position includes:

- ♦ Twelve weeks of work experience
- ♦ A stipend of \$7.50 an hour for the 12 weeks
- ♦ Up to \$500 if college course credit will be sought
- ♦ A housing allowance
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At the 2005 College Fraternity Editors Association conference in May, *The Key* received the first-place award in the news feature category for the article, "Don't Let Your Dreams Go Up in Smoke." This article appeared in the summer 2004 issue and is available online at www.kappa.org. The Editorial Board congratulates author PEGGY MICKE MCCARTHY, *Arizona*.



National Depression Screening Day

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- ♦ Photos that show glasses, bottles or cans that may contain alcohol
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Tips for Submitting Photographs to The Key

- ♦ Digital images and film prints are acceptable—but digital photographs must be large, high resolution (300 dpi).
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- ♦ Aim for good lighting, minimal clutter and no beverage containers. Have your group step away from the dinner table and find an uncluttered area.
- ♦ Get up close so faces can be seen and to avoid background clutter.
- ♦ Clothing must be appropriate and tasteful.

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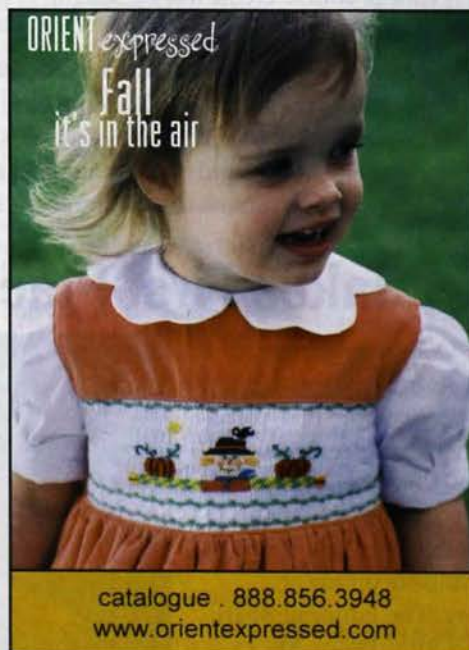
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The Greek Scarlet Letter

A Look at Hazing and What You Can Do to Prevent It

— By DENISE RUGANI, UC Davis, Fraternity Vice President



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A 21-year-old male dies because he is forced to drink an inordinate amount of water; college women are blindfolded and driven around campus; high school seniors beat junior girls and cover them with mud, feces and garbage; new fraternity members are branded; military women are caught mud-wrestling; sailors are arrested for tying new sailors to chairs; new employees are asked to perform a skit in front of co-workers. Sadly, hazing continues to plague our Greek System and society as a whole.

Although Kappa Kappa Gamma and other Greek-letter organizations continue to educate our members, create policies and institute consequences regarding hazing, we still endure the deaths of and injuries to college students each year due to hazing activities.

Today, hazing is perpetuated not only in colleges across the continent but through the media on television shows such as *Fear Factor*, and in high school locker rooms and in military barracks. We have become a society that creates relationships based on power at the expense of other human beings.

For Greeks, hazing has become our "scarlet letter." This is the behavior that continues to haunt our existence. Despite all the money raised for charity, the community service hours completed, the leadership skills attained and the friendships made, we continue to brand ourselves as groups of fraternity women and men who perpetuate the vicious cycle of hazing through unauthorized "traditions" and "rituals."

Hazing activities run the gamut from alcohol abuse and sexual simulations to blindfolding, scavenger hunts and more. Some of these activities have been called chapter "traditions" and some members state that these activities build commitment and foster unity. We must eradicate this myth. Hazing activities that are referred to as "traditions" or "rites of passage" do not make individuals feel more committed to the group. Many times the humiliation or physical abuse individuals endure affects them for years.

"Any activity that is demeaning, embarrassing, or mentally or physically injurious to an individual or group is considered hazing and is not permitted."

Hazing is prohibited by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Any member failing to comply with this policy is subject to dismissal. Yet many of the college students and alumnae I've spoken to during my years as a Fraternity officer have admitted they don't see anything wrong with "mild" hazing. It's my goal to make sure every member understands what hazing is and why it will not be tolerated. We live in an age where patience is running thin for the "traditional pranks" practiced by Greeks and other groups. Kappa Kappa Gamma and other Greek-letter organizations must find ways to make sure our policies are followed or we risk losing recognition on campuses and worse.

Here is how Kappa Kappa Gamma defines hazing:

... any activity or action taken with or without consent of the individual involved, which produces mental, emotional or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to, blindfolding for any purpose; creation of excessive fatigue;

physical and psychological shocks; treasure hunts, scavenger hunts or kidnaps; wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in stunts, degrading or humiliating games and activities; or late work sessions. Any activity that is demeaning, embarrassing, or mentally or physically injurious to an individual or group is considered hazing and is not permitted.

In StopHazing.org—"Educating to Eliminate Hazing," the following levels of hazing are defined: "subtle hazing," "harassment hazing," and "violent hazing."

SUBTLE HAZING is often seen as harmless.

It usually stresses the imbalance of power between new members and other members of the group and it consists of ridicule or embarrassment. Many times new members feel they must endure subtle hazing to be included in the group. Examples include:

- Silence periods with implied threats for violation
- Requiring new members to perform duties not assigned to other members
- Line-ups and drills/tests on meaningless information
- Name calling
- Expecting certain items to always be in one's possession.

HARASSMENT HAZING includes behaviors that cause emotional anguish or physical discomfort. Examples include:

- Verbal abuse
- Stunts or skits with degrading, crude or humiliating acts
- Asking new members to wear humiliating attire
- Telling new members to perform sexual simulations
- Sleep deprivation
- Expecting new members to perform personal service for other members such as carrying books, errands, and cleaning.

VIOLENT HAZING is the hazing that makes the news. It includes behaviors that have the potential to cause physical and/or emotional or psychological harm. Examples include:

- Forced or coerced alcohol or drug consumption
- Beating, paddling or other forms of assault
- Branding and burning
- Water intoxication
- Forced or coerced ingestion of vile substances or concoctions
- Exposure to cold weather or extreme heat without appropriate protection
- Expected abuse or mistreatment of animals
- Public nudity.

Today, members of Greek-letter organizations are being fined, arrested and, at times, sued for their participation in activities that are construed as hazing. It is important to look at our participation in activities from the viewpoint of our many publics. How would others see this activity? Many times it is difficult for someone to see how ridiculous or dangerous a situation is when he or she is so closely connected to the situation. If you were a passerby, what would you think if you saw a group of women blindfolded or standing on their front porch in pajamas singing embarrassing songs?

When planning a group activity, consider the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of this activity?
2. Could this activity create or reinforce negative opinions that could be harmful to individuals or the group?
3. Would you be comfortable if your parents watched the activity?
4. Would you be willing to write a report on the activity for the university and the Fraternity?

The answers to these questions will help clarify whether an activity could be considered hazing.

Even if new members seem willing to participate in hazing, they often do so to fit in and because it appears they have no choice. New members often believe hazing is acceptable and required for membership—that it will enhance their experience by increasing their sense of belonging. In some cases, these young students willingly participate because they have been “programmed” to think it is fun and simply a part of the college experience.

The reasons people subject others to hazing are as complex as the individuals themselves. The members conducting the hazing believe they are just keeping up with tradition. Some members have admitted that after going through hazing themselves, they feel that newer members must endure the same “rite of passage” in order to earn the right to be a member. In some cases, a particular member (or group of members) may use a chapter event to increase her sense of power and control by forcing younger/newer members to follow her orders. Many social and psychological theories exist as to why hazing

occurs, but one thing is certain—we must work together to prevent it.

We are all stewards of Kappa's rich heritage and tradition of leadership. Alumnae and undergraduates alike must live the values of Kappa Kappa Gamma and celebrate the gifts and talents of each other by promoting positive events that foster unity and commitment. Treating each other with dignity and respect will raise the level of self-worth and excellence of our members and preserve the continuity of our organization. By supporting these policies, we can help ensure that Kappa Kappa Gamma and other Greek organizations are around for future generations to enjoy.

Our Fraternity's purpose states:

The purpose of Kappa Kappa Gamma is to unite its members in a close bond of friendship, instilling in them a spirit of mutual love and helpfulness to the end that each member and the Fraternity-at-large may attain social, moral and intellectual excellence.

If we, as members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, embody Kappa's tradition of leadership by living our Fraternity purpose, we can remove all activities from chapter life that could be construed as hazing and work collaboratively with other Greek-letter organizations to do the same.

I challenge the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma to take the lead in hazing prevention on campus and in our communities. Chapter members, especially chapter officers, must take a stand against potentially harmful and unauthorized traditions within their chapter or any other Greek chapter on campus. Being a leader means doing the right thing even when it's not popular.

Kappa alumnae can be our greatest advocates for preventing hazing from occurring in our collegiate chapters. Serving as chapter Advisory Board or House Board members puts alumnae in a position of educating and supporting chapter members and reducing the risk of hazing to occur. Since times have changed, it is important for alumnae to be aware of current issues and situations that may be construed as hazing. Chapter Advisers and Province Directors of Chapters are just a phone call or an e-mail away to help any chapter member concerned about hazing.

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Hazing Myths

Myth: *New members want to be hazed.*

Reality: Occasionally there are new members who say they want to be hazed. But generally most do not want to be humiliated, intimidated or physically abused. "Wanting" to be hazed usually means desiring an intense, challenging experience. It is not necessary to haze new members in order to challenge them.

Myth: *Hazing only "a little bit" is not really that bad.*

Reality: While there are more and less severe forms of hazing, even low-level hazing crosses the line. Even a "little" hazing can have an unintended negative impact on new members. And if the action meets the definition of hazing, the group will get in trouble if caught.

Myth: *Hazing builds unity among new members.*

Reality: Hazing may create unity among new members, but often there are costs as well. The effect of hazing on a group can be like the effect of a hurricane on a community: Residents feel closer to each other afterward but some may be suffering. Would anyone suggest that it is good for a community to be hit by a hurricane?

Myth: *Hazing is okay as long as it is not physically dangerous.*

Reality: Mental hazing can be brutal and leave lasting psychological scars. Some hazing victims report that the mental hazing they endured was worse than being physically abused.

Myth: *As long as there is no malicious intent, a little hazing should be okay.*

Reality: Even if there is no malicious "intent," safety may still be a factor in traditional hazing activities that are considered to be "all in good fun." For example, serious accidents have occurred during scavenger hunts. And when members are intoxicated, they sometimes subject the new members to more than they originally intended.

Myth: *Hazing continues because everyone in the group supports it.*

Reality: Many group members may not approve of hazing but go along with the activity because they mistakenly believe everyone else agrees with it. This "reign of error" helps to perpetuate hazing. The strongest supporters of hazing are often the most vocal and dominant members.

Myth: *If someone agrees to participate in an activity, it can't be considered hazing.*

Reality: In states that have laws against hazing, consent of the victim can't be used as a defense. This is because even if someone agrees to participate in a potentially hazardous action, it may not be true consent because

of peer pressure, intentional or unintentional threats, and the withholding of information about what will occur.

Myth: *Since alumni/ae and current members were hazed, it is only fair that the new members go through it too.*

Reality: "Tradition" does not justify subjecting new members to abuse. Traditions are created by groups, and groups hold the power to change or eliminate them. It only takes one year to break a hazing tradition. Remember that the founding members of organizations were not hazed.

Myth: *Eliminating hazing makes an organization just like any other social club. It will be too easy to become a member.*

Reality: Hazing is not necessary for an initiation experience to be challenging and unique. A well-organized, creative program will build group cohesion and foster character development. Any group can haze new members—that's the easy way out. It takes vision and commitment to run a good, non-hazing program.

Myth: *Enduring hazing is a sign of strength.*

Reality: While it does take a certain strength to make it through hazing, many people submit to it because they desire acceptance by others, are afraid to resist, or feel a need to prove to themselves or others that they are worthy or tough enough. These motives reflect conformity, fear and insecurity, which are not qualities typically associated with strength. In contrast, standing up to a group of abusive peers or breaking free from hazing takes courage. That's real strength.

Myth: *Hazing is no more than pranks that sometimes go awry.*

Reality: Accidents happen during hazing, but hazing is not accidental. It is premeditated abuse that can be emotionally traumatic, physically dangerous or even life threatening.

Myth: *Hazing must be okay if the military does it.*


Reality: The U.S. military does not, in fact, condone hazing practices. The military does engage in a unique type of training for dangerous military operations. This training is conducted by professionals to prepare military personnel for putting their lives on the line for their country. According to the Department of the Army's TRADOC Regulation 350-6: "Hazing is strictly prohibited" and is "an offense punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

— Excerpted from the Cornell University Web site:
(<http://hazing.cornell.edu/pages/myths.shtml>).

"We must all do our part to make sure hazing does not occur in any chapter."

Any Kappa who is aware of traditions or questionable activities occurring in her chapter or any chapter should offer assistance in revamping the activities so they meet Kappa standards. It is tempting for alumnae to have the mindset of "that's the way things have always been done," but traditions have a way of getting out of control over time. We must all do our part to make sure hazing does not occur in any chapter.

Even those not directly involved in Greek life can play a part. All parents should educate their children about what hazing is and why they should never go along with it. High school administrators, teachers and coaches must educate students to make sure they don't arrive at college with the idea that hazing is harmless, acceptable or fun.

The purpose of membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma is clear. We exist to be caring and supportive of one another as well as to help each other attain excellence. We lead with integrity—recognizing, living and modeling ethical principles. It is the responsibility of every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma to help prevent hazing and protect the dignity and self-worth of herself and others. By treating each other with dignity and respect, we will begin to erase the scarlet letter of hazing that plagues Greek-letter organizations. 

DENISE RUGANI, UC Davis, has served as the Fraternity's Vice President since 2004. She also has served as Director of Chapters and as a Regional and Province Director of Chapters and Field Representative. Denise is a middle school principal.

National Hazing Prevention Week

National Hazing Prevention Week is September 26-30, 2005, at campuses across the United States. For more information about National Hazing Prevention Week and resources to use in planning, visit nhpw.com.

Hazing Prevention Resources

Kappa Kappa Gamma's Pathways CD contains information for a workshop called, "Hazing: It's Not an Option." An anti-hazing brochure is also available. Visit www.kappa.org or call Fraternity Headquarters toll free at 866/KKG-1870.

Resources for Teambuilding and Alternatives to Hazing

www.coe.cornell.edu/tb/index.jsp
www.businessballs.com/teambuilding.htm
www.teambuildinginc.com

Useful Web Sites

www.stophazing.org
www.violencepreventionweek.org
www.campuspeak.com
<http://hazing.hanknuwer.com>
<http://espn.go.com/otl/hazing/list.html>
http://www.alfred.edu/hs_hazing
<http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/hazing.html>

Related Books

Obedience to Authority: An experimental view. Milgram, S. (1974). New York: Harper and Row.

High School Hazing: When rites become wrongs. Nuwer, H. (2000). Franklin Watts: New York.

Wrongs of Passage: Fraternities, sororities, hazing and binge drinking. Nuwer, H. (2001). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

The Hazing Reader. Nuwer, H. (2004). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Advocacy Groups

C.H.U.C.K. (Committee to Halt Useless College Killings) c/o Eileen Stevens 516/567-1130, P.O. Box 188, Sayville, NY 11782

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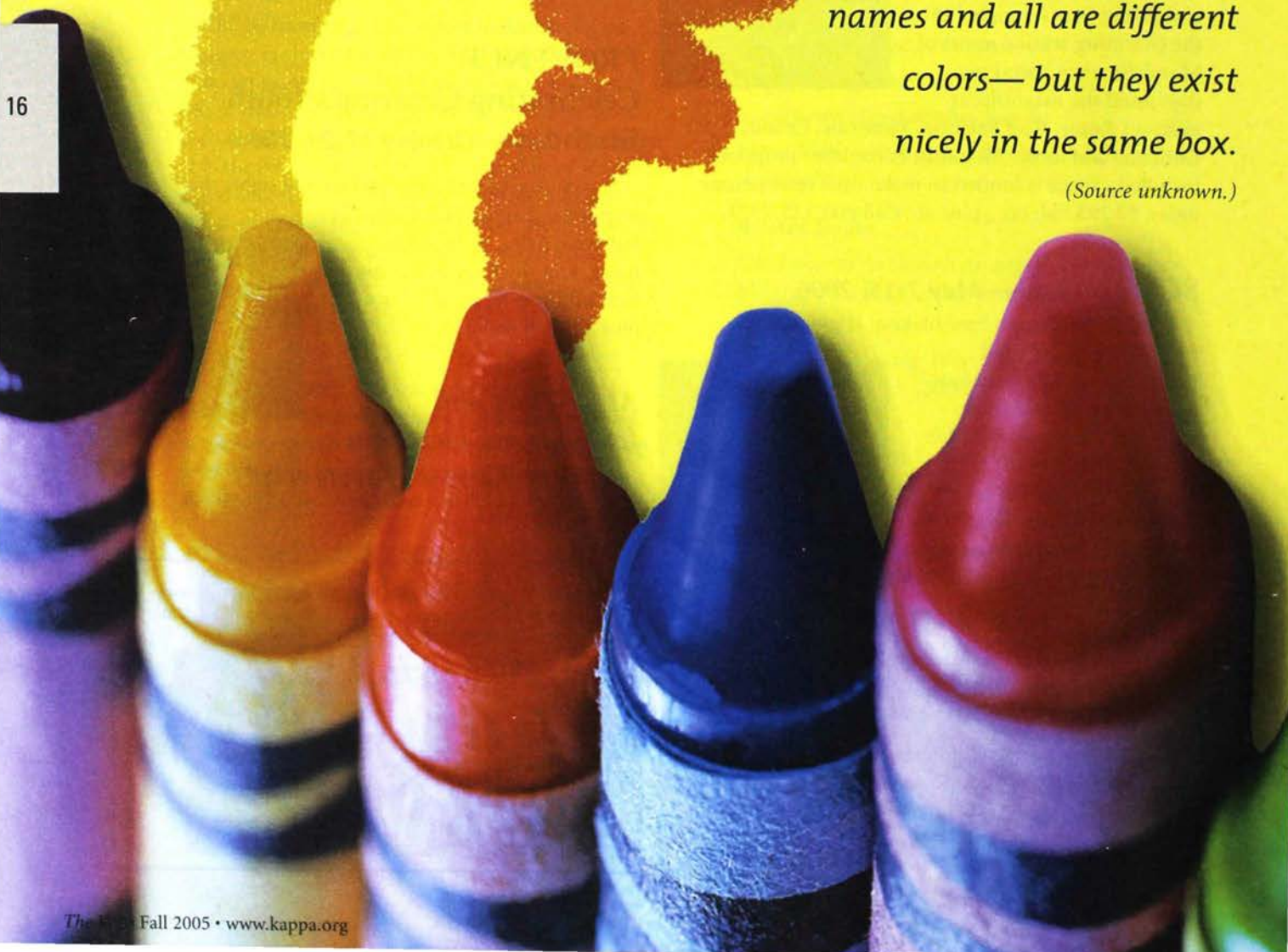
Individually Unique— Together Complete

A look at how Kappa chapters display individuality and unity.

— By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colors— but they exist nicely in the same box.

(Source unknown.)





ZETA XI, Yale, members enjoy brunch together at a local restaurant.

A Kappa chapter could be compared to a box of crayons. Each item or person is different but they all work and play well together. In addition, each box of crayons is different from another box, as each Kappa chapter differs from another. And they certainly do think outside the box in their activities and personalities. The diversity of members and of chapters is a large part of what makes Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity strong, durable, growing and thinking toward the future.

Diversity is defined as "the condition of being different." Diversity may be viewed in terms of occupation, marital status, residency, socio-economic status, educational background and more. Race, religion and ethnicity can include all of the other characteristics. A sampling of chapters across the continent highlights some of the ways our members and their chapters celebrate their differences while combining them into strengths.

"Diversity from the start" was noted at the installation of our newest chapter, ETA IOTA, Creighton. KARA ALBERT, Westminster, Leadership Consultant for Creighton, says it's a running theme in the chapter. On a campus of 4,500 students "where everyone knows your name," a group of 50 women came together to "inspire change, make

a difference and find a home away from home." From different academic classes, many parts of the country, with greatly varied majors, interests and life goals and knowing nothing about Greek life or with strong Greek tradition, they attend campus events because a Kappa is in charge or deeply involved with the philanthropy or other program. They have "come together as one simply by supporting each other's interests, learning how to appreciate and support each other's differences and caring about the opinions and concerns of the entire community."

Established in 1882, UPSILON, Northwestern, reflects the school's admissions policies, with members from China, Venezuela, Turkey, England and Japan, as well as others from all over the United States. They enjoy learning about the variety of cultures represented. Economics, art, legal studies, communications, political science, history, journalism and math are among the majors listed by members. Despite their differing interests, they find common ground. A former chapter President majoring in engineering was often seen in the audience when her close friend in Kappa was performing onstage. Cementing their friendship and celebrating their diverse interests, as a senior the engineer even acted in one of the theater major's plays!

The age of a chapter makes no difference in the diversity of its members, nor does its size. ZETA PI,



UPSILON, *Northwestern*, members display their athletic abilities through intramural sports.

Albertson, is a small chapter in a small, rural town in Idaho but they are proud of "a ton of diversity" in their membership. Campus activities range from choir to dance team, sports and scientific interests. Future plans include teaching, law positions, Peace Corps and environmental pursuits. In a small chapter, officers are likely to hold dual positions, form close relationships and share a special understanding of working together for the success of the group. On a more personal note, chapter President TIFFANY WOODEN is a twin, with another set of twin sisters 14 months younger in her family. She knows all about being different while also being close!

A large school in a big city is the background for ETA EPSILON, *Johns Hopkins*. Members are involved in 30 majors and more than 80 campus activities! Racial and religious backgrounds are varied, as are socio-economic ranges. Some members attended public high school, some private and one was home-schooled. Many are well traveled through semesters abroad and through their own experiences. Some have founded clubs when they didn't see a particular interest represented on campus. Many have jobs. There can be gaps in communication between the arts and engineering schools but Kappa bridges those gaps, making for a stronger chapter. A cross-section of the school, the Kappas are also aware that "no one here is just a Kappa" as they participate in a great variety of activities. Chapter President MELISSA OBERG says, "With our variety of strengths, we're able to help each other and at the same time get each other excited about what we're each passionate about."

Representative of the city of Atlanta, EPSILON EPSILON, *Emory*, says that they lack a stereotype or label and enjoy the fact that they are not homogeneous. Sisters are comfortable promoting their various extra-curricular activities to the chapter and feel that this is important during the New Member period. In Membership Recruitment, they look for women with the qualities that

Kappa values but also seek diversity in their outlooks, activities, personalities and more.

"We understand that in having so many varying voices that friction is inevitable. However, it is our utmost respect for each other that allows us to work together and listen to others' opinions," says CHRIS RATAZZI, chapter President. She knows whereof she speaks. Chris' parents grew up in Rome, Italy, and didn't meet until they were in the San Francisco area as students. She grew up speaking Italian and spent summers at camps in Italy. Her parents supported her choice of a school across the continent from their home in California. She says it was difficult to explain the concept of a sorority to her parents because "they, too, were acquainted with the stereotype" but realized the role Kappa played in Chris' life—both scholastic and social. Because of her pre-med track, they were "nervous" when she became chapter President as a sophomore but have realized how much the position has helped her. Chris' mother flew cross-country for Mother-Daughter Weekend and "had a fantastic time!" Another chapter member worked to convince her parents, originally from Sri Lanka, about the value of her membership. She is now Assistant Judicial Chairman on the InterSorority Council (their Panhellenic). Academics and campus involvements refute the idea of a Greek organization being "just a social club."

In the "heartland," ETA DELTA, *Valparaiso*, draws from big cities, small towns, women who have a family tradition at the school and those who are first-generation college students. Some work multiple jobs; others focus on philanthropic efforts. Chapter President WHITNEY WITTORF said, "From the moment I walked through the



GAMMA UPSILON, *British Columbia*, members get dressed up for Preference Day at the close of Membership Recruitment.

door during recruitment, I knew there was something special about the chapter. They couldn't be stereotyped." Senior CASSIDY KUHLMANN's comments supplied the title for this article and junior transfer member TAMMY LIS used "quirks" and "random" to describe why Eta Delta was her choice as the first in her family to go Greek, going on to say, "It was just a mish-mash of so many great women on campus!"

Three years old and thriving, ETA ETA, *Central Florida*, jokes that the only dominant color in their chapter is tan ... a good suntan! Without striving to be one of the most diverse groups on campus, that is the result when more than 1,000 women come through their doors during Recruitment. Heat, humidity and the occasional hurricane don't deter women of many races and religions who represent the overall population of the campus and who want to share in the chapter's diversity. Some have no financial challenges; others work hard to cover their tuition, books and other costs. A dinner may celebrate Hanukkah, Easter or a Canadian holiday. Diverse viewpoints lengthen discussions in meetings but hearing so many different opinions can offer several solutions.

Two city schools on opposite coasts reflect diverse chapter memberships. BETA ETA^A, *Stanford*, has members from all over the continent as well as England, Lebanon, and other countries. World travelers and homebodies, wealthy and those struggling financially, "those experiences and backgrounds which diversify us are the things that bring us closer," says chapter President AMANDA MATUK. Among the members, one speaks Swahili, another is fluent in five languages. Another designs field shows for the band and football halftime shows; one holds two patents dealing with technology in digital media and is a gold medallist on the gymnastic balance beam. Working in Ecuador on sustainable development or in Ghana conducting research on interactive technologies may occupy summer vacations. The variety of individuals is amazing; the unity of the group comes from each sharing her uniqueness.


"I get to sit in the front of the room at chapter meetings and see everyone ... many different women with many different ideas ... a kaleidoscope of different colors, shapes and sizes," says ZETA XI, *Yale*, President KELLEY WILLIAMS. Costa Rica, Poland, Haiti, Australia and Africa are among the countries represented. Interests vary: politics, student boards, community organizations claim Kappa leaders at Yale and one member even has her own nonprofit organization. Members find that the school is much more diverse than they had expected and welcome the varied demographics in politics, socio-economic status and



BETA ZETA, *Iowa*, members MORGAN McGRATH, SARA KEYES and SHANNA BALLENGER attend ETA IOTA, *Creighton* installation.

ethnicity. The chapter's diverse interests enable them to "bring different things to the table and to do a great many things and do them well." Wondering how their differences allow them to get along so well, they thank Kappa for joining them in a common goal. Kelly says, "I see women with many different talents, but most importantly I see sisters and I know I am lucky to be one color in the beautiful picture created by this kaleidoscope of Zeta Xi."

Not only coast to coast, but reaching across borders, GAMMA UPSILON, *British Columbia*, reflects Vancouver, one of Canada's most diverse cities, with an interesting mix of people, landscape and attractions. Offering "something for everyone throughout Recruitment," the Kappas encourage each member "to explore her own interests while [as a chapter] benefiting from the diverse backgrounds, views and life experiences of their sisters." Respectful of cultural and religious differences, the chapter makes sure to accommodate religious holidays during events such as Recruitment. Those in varying fields of study come together during exams for support during difficult weeks. A fitness workshop combined with information on nutrition given by two members helped start an exercise program. Life experiences include working in African refugee camps and aid to Sri Lankan tsunami relief, and one member co-founded Project Cool, a children's charity. Recognizing the chapter's involvement in so many areas, this year's Panhellenic awards had Kappas placed in every category from philanthropy to scholarship and leadership. Contributing to Kappa on an international level, Gamma Upsilon works to make a difference in the lives of others and achieve positive change.

Diversity is not a new phenomenon within Kappa. A 50-year member recalls her chapter days saying, "Differences are enriching, stimulating and outright fun. People you would never have known in any other way lead to personal growth and understanding—even if you don't recognize it when it's happening. Because you are together, there is tolerance and acceptance and intimacy through Kappa Kappa Gamma." 

Couple Opens a Retreat to Aid Recovering Addicts

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

Instead of travel and relaxation, retirement brought for ANN LAUBNER MILLER, *Adelphi*, and her husband, Bob, a long-dreamed-of second career. More than 50 years ago, Ann had a vision that she would become a registered nurse and someday open a home to help those in need. It was after they retired that they realized their dream in 1994 when they bought adjoining property to their Hudson River Valley dairy farm and opened Gather-In Farm to help people in substance-abuse recovery.

At Adelphi College where Ann had studied nursing, she became aware of the many patients who were ill due to a history of alcohol and

substance abuse. It bothered her that otherwise healthy lives were wasted in this manner.

She and husband, Bob, whom she met while both were at Adelphi, learned early in his career as an educator about the problems children from alcohol- and drug-abusive homes face in school and the trouble they have learning and socializing. During his 36 years in education, the last 17 as superintendent of schools, Bob addressed these problems with several programs and substance-abuse counselors. Because of this work, Bob and Ann were invited to attend and participate in President Reagan's White House Conference for a Drug-Free America.



Gather-In Farm in upstate New York was founded by ANN LAUBNER MILLER, *Adelphi*, and husband Bob in 1994 to help people in substance-abuse recovery.



Ann and Bob celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

When they retired, the opportunity to purchase the land adjoining their upstate New York farm arose. They bought the property and established Gather-In Farm in the small, middle-income community of 5,000 residents in Hamptonburgh, 65 miles northwest of New York City. The Farm is a unique model to privately support the recovering community through rental income and donations.

The house itself consists of a living room, dining room, kitchen, office and large conference room, which is used for alcohol-free community activities such as school and professional conferences, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for adults and teens as well as social activities, concerts, "Open Mic" nights and more.

Gather-In Farm has five bedrooms that are rented for a nominal fee to the recovering people who share the house and who are employed locally, but are unable to afford separate living quarters. Ann says that the rent and donations they receive pay for most of the operating expenses and utilities. The mortgage and taxes they pay as their donation to the project.

The Millers do not need a license to operate the Farm since they offer no treatment. AA runs the meetings for them. They have a volunteer program director who is a certified alcoholism counselor (CAC) and is one of the founding advocates. He is employed as a substance-abuse counselor at the local high school and volunteers his time for Gather-In tenants and others.

There is also a volunteer music coordinator who organizes the Saturday evening "Coffee House Open Mic" events and other occasions such as weddings, summertime mountainside band concerts and birthday and anniversary parties.

A typical schedule might see AA meetings for 30-60 adults on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings, for teens on Tuesday mornings (school buses bring 20-40 students from local schools) and again on Thursday evenings. Conferences and seminars are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays as needed. Saturday Coffee House Open Mic nights often see 25-50 people in attendance.

For Ann and Bob, their joy in the work is two-fold: Overseeing and managing the programs, projects, finances, buildings and grounds plus mentoring their tenants and others. Ann says that some have been addicted for such a long time that they have difficulty in adjusting to their new lives. She feels she and Bob are there to guide and encourage them.

In honor of their work, Bob received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from their county drug-abuse prevention organization and they both recently received a "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Adelphi. They enjoy all the activities of a working farm, along with their four children and nine grandchildren and recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their great joy is helping those in the community from youth to the elderly. 🗝️

95-Year-Old Receives Bachelor's Degree 62 Years Late

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

RUTH SHELLHORN KUESER, *Oregon State/Cornell*, age 95, has finally received her bachelor of landscape-architecture degree from Cornell, 62 years after she left school during the Great Depression. The year was 1933. Ruth, unable to afford a final year in college, left Cornell to seek job prospects in her field back home in California.

She began offering design services for residences in Whittier, Calif., earning \$15 for her first landscape design. For the next 57 years she went on to build a successful, award-winning design business. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and her commercial work includes the layout of Disneyland, all of the Bullock's/Fashion Squares and hundreds of other private and commercial projects.

Ruth had been encouraged by her parents at an early age to embrace a profession that would take advantage of her mathematical skills and artistic abilities. She left California to attend Oregon State University's School of Landscape Design, hoping for a career where she could be out of doors using her skills. At Oregon State, she won many awards, including the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Cup for the highest grades in the School of Agriculture. She pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma at Oregon State, won the Clara Waldo Prize for the most outstanding freshman woman, was named Phi Kappa Phi and won a national arts competition while there.

Transferring to Cornell University's College of Agriculture in 1930, Ruth again won distinction for her design work. Joining Psi^α, *Cornell*, she served as chapter President for two years. In 1933, four credits short of her degree and unable to afford her final year in college, Ruth went home to California. Because of the Depression, jobs designing luxury landscapes were hard to

find. A local home furnishings store allowed her to display some of her drawings and soon she was working in collaboration with an interior decorator designing home landscapes. She quickly gained the attention of wealthier clients



RUTH SHELLHORN KUESER, *Oregon State/Cornell*, celebrates with LOGAN KROGH, *UCLA*, during a reception when Ruth received her bachelor's degree.



Kathryn Gleason (left), Chairman of Landscape Architecture at Cornell, and Kelly Comras, a landscape architect, congratulate Ruth.

and began laying out estates in Bel Air and Pacific Palisades. Her client list would soon include such stars as Gene Autry, Spencer Tracy and Barbara Stanwyck.

In 1940, Ruth married Henry Kueser, who eventually left his job in banking to handle the financial end of her burgeoning business. He helped supervise job installations and worked in the field surveying smaller properties, freeing her to do the design work. They never had children, but were close companions until his death in 1991.

During the World War II years when private landscape jobs were scarce, Ruth began working on the Shoreline Development Study for the city of Los Angeles, and her importance in the field of landscape design can probably be attributed to her work on this project. This led to jobs creating landscape designs for the Bullock's department stores throughout the area. She created park-like courtyard settings to attract shoppers, creating harmonious transitions between the buildings in the various Fashion Square's where the Bullock's stores were situated.

Probably her best-known designs are found at Disneyland. In 1955, Walt Disney hired her just three months before his new theme park opened. She is

responsible for creating the pedestrian trails for the entire park, all of the planted areas as well as the entry Plaza and Main Street. Her designs created the small-town-America feel that Disney envisioned, turning the park into a true magical kingdom instead of an ordinary amusement park. Ruth retired in 1990 and lives in Redondo Beach, Calif. She has agreed to donate her drawings and papers to the Department of Special Collections at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Her body of work includes many private gardens and commercial projects over her 57-year career, as well as numerous awards. Perhaps her sweetest moment was the fact that representatives from Cornell University traveled to California, with a mortarboard and diploma, to present her with the degree she more than deserved. 🗝️

EDITOR'S NOTE: Much of the information for this story came from Kelly Comras, MLA, a landscape architect in private practice in Pacific Palisades, Calif., who is doing research for a book about Ruth's career. She is largely responsible for arranging for Cornell to present Ruth with her degree this past June.

Honoring Those Who Enrich Our Lives

Tribute Gifts Are a Special Thank-You

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary has many definitions for the word "tribute." One of the definitions is this: "A gift, testimonial, compliment, or the like, given as due or in acknowledgement of gratitude or esteem."

It's exciting to think that we can remember and honor special people in our lives with a tribute gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Kappas, family members, dear friends—anyone we choose may be celebrated this way.

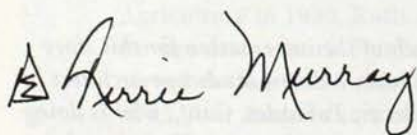
Tributes are an important part of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Last spring, at each of the 16 Province Meetings across the continent, the Foundation sponsored Tribute Tables where donations could be made in honor or in memory of someone special. Kappas were generous donors. More than \$24,000 was raised from 370 donors. Of those donors, 314 were alumnae and 56 were collegians. And, we had 117 first-time donors. The average amount raised per Province Meeting was \$1,624 and the average gift size was \$65. We are so very appreciative of these gifts.

Next summer, the Foundation will sponsor a Tribute Tree when nearly 1,000 Kappas will be gathered in Salt Lake City for the General Convention. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from tributes given to honor others or in memory of those who are deceased. These gifts will be used to award scholarships, offer financial assistance to the needy, provide leadership-training opportunities and maintain our two lovely museums.

Tributes can be made year-round—a nice way to honor a sister, a friend, a teacher, or an adviser either living or deceased. The Foundation office will notify the honoree or the family of a deceased honoree if addresses of next of kin are available.

Tributes are a wonderful way to honor and remember others. We hope you will consider this giving opportunity in the months ahead. And, thank you for being a supporter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and our efforts to "Invest in Every Kappa."

Loyally,



KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, Idaho

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation President



Thank You, Foundation!

SANDRA THATCHER GILLUM, *Miami (Ohio)*, has made a tribute gift to the Foundation's Scholarship Fund in honor of JANE GILLUM LARSON, *Miami (Ohio)*. Sandy made this gift not only to honor her daughter but also to give back to Kappa in appreciation for the help she received in earning a graduate degree.



With scholarship assistance from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, Sandy was able to earn a master's in environmental studies. She has worked on a long-term study on shoreline habitat loss and effects of environmental mercury on the common loon. She also published a comparison study of bird species that exhibit a preference for developed or undeveloped shorelines on Northern lakes.

Sandy is president of a Wisconsin county lake association that represents 1,300 lakes. She serves on an advisory council at Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, while remaining involved in environmental studies and providing educational outreach programs. "The Kappa scholarship helped me follow a dream of returning to a career in science that opened professional and volunteering opportunities," Sandy reflects. "I know our strong Foundation will continue to open doors for others in years to come. Thanks, Kappa!"

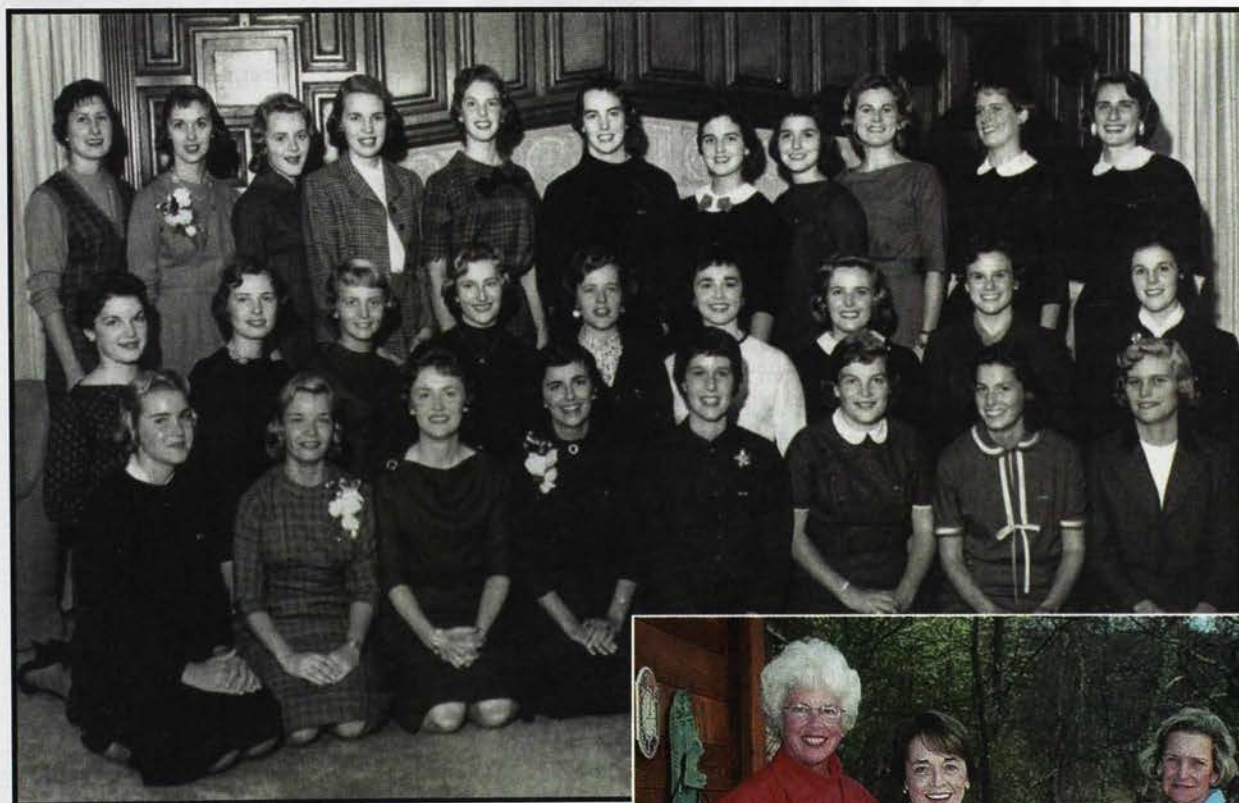
Northwestern Kappas Remember

"To the girls! We'll not forget them. To the years that lie ahead."

In February 2005, ELLIS KURTZ GERY, *Northwestern*, organized a mailing to her UPSILON CHAPTER pledge sisters to ask for tribute gifts to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation in memory of one of their pledge sisters, SALLY MOORE PECK, who had been a special friend to all of them. Although Sally had been very sick with cancer, she was able to attend a reunion of her pledge sisters in Asheville, N.C., in 2001. Sally was very involved at Upsilon, and from 1978-79, she was the President of the HOUSTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. She raised three children: Liz, Jenny and Mike.

A letter from Sally's children says, in part, "Thank you for your generous contribution to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation to honor the memory of my mother, Sally Moore Peck. This would make her so happy! This thrills us, her children, more than my words can express. ... Thank you for what your friendship in Kappa added to Mom's life. It was such a positive time in her life that she really enjoyed and made her proud. ... Sally represented so many things to so many people. You wouldn't believe the letters and correspondence from across the country to us about what Sally meant in their lives. ..."

This group of pledge sisters has decided to continue giving "in memoriam" gifts to the Foundation and Upsilon Chapter in the years to come.



The UPSILON, *Northwestern*, class of 1961. Sally is in the middle row, sixth from left.

Sally (back, center) enjoys a reunion with pledge sisters.



A Creative Solution to Chapter Housing Challenges

— By DEBBIE HURST SIRCHIO, SMU, housing project chairman, and SUZANNE LUTTIG, SMU, Gamma Phi House Board President



CAROL NICHOLS, Georgia, LOU LITTLE BARBECK, SMU, (Fraternity President 1968-72) and KATHY CECIL ORSAK, Texas (Lou's granddaughter), stand for the last time in front of the original Gamma Phi chapter house.

AS GAMMA PHI, *Southern Methodist*, celebrates its 75th anniversary, we are being faced with a transition that many other Kappa chapters across the nation have had to face. Since our founding in 1929, our chapter house at 3110 Daniel has been a home away from home for more than 2,300 initiated members. It has served as a living and learning center, as well as an important and visible part of the SMU community. However, in order to overcome a number of challenges we must plan for our future.

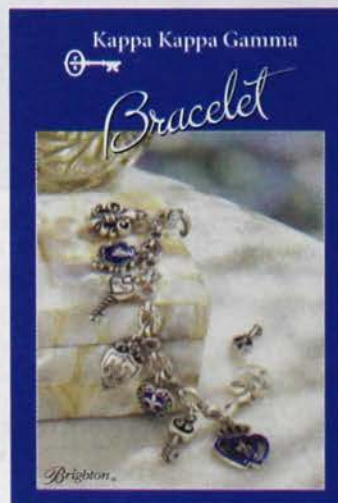
Ground breaking for all chapter houses at SMU began the same day in 1951. As a result, all were originally similar in size and capability. Most were built to accommodate chapters with membership rosters of no more than 100 members and were built accordingly. When our chapter house was built, it accommodated 60 women and their activities. Now 54 years later, that same house accommodates a chapter of 193 young women, more than three times the number intended.

After extensive research and contemplation of the advantages and disadvantages of renovation versus new construction, we said good-bye to our old house on June 1, 2005, and are preparing to move forward on a bright, new future for the Gamma Phi Chapter, providing a quality living environment that supports, nurtures and develops outstanding young women.

The Gamma Phi House Corporation is grateful to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for enabling donors to give

tax-deductible dollars to this building project. The IRS has ruled that the construction and maintenance of "exclusively educational" space may be funded with tax-deductible dollars. Our goal is to raise \$1,100,000 in tax-deductible contributions to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation from the alumnae and friends of Gamma Phi Chapter for this project. The House Corporation will be contributing funds in excess of \$500,000 and the balance of the project will be funded by a 30-year mortgage obtained through SMU. We are pleased to announce that half of our goal has been realized. The fund-raising response has been enthusiastic as our alumnae and friends are eager to provide other young women with the same wonderful experience they had when they were at SMU.

Another aspect of the fund-raising project is a bracelet created



by Brighton just for Kappas to help raise money for the interior of the new house. LAURA KOENIG YOUNG, *Southern Methodist*, the director of sales and marketing for Brighton, developed the idea. Once our goal is reached, future proceeds from the sale of the bracelets will go to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Rose McGill Fund to help Kappas in need. For more information, please contact Shannon Thompson at sthompson@sbcglobal.net.



On May 25, 2005, GAMMA PHI, *Southern Methodist*, alumnae representing seven decades joined other Dallas-area Kappas to say good-bye to the chapter house at 3110 Daniel Street. After everyone took a last look at her old room, graduating seniors painted messages on the walls and alumnae shared memories.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has allowed us to learn and grow, share in joys and sorrows, and support and care for each other. While our Kappa experience is more than the "bricks and mortar" of our chapter house, we certainly must continue to provide a proud symbol of our shared values and goals. As we send our faithful old house into the "blue and blue," we begin a new chapter in the life of Gamma Phi.

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More Special Tributes



A Gift in Memory

GAIL GARDNER ZMYSLOWSKI, *Hillsdale*, KAY BEISSEL VAN DE GRAAF, *Hillsdale*, and SALLY ATLMAN GIAUQUE, *Hillsdale*, present tribute gifts from members of the DETROIT EAST SUBURBAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION in memory of KATHRYN ASMUS ARTNER, *Michigan State*, to the Foundation at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club luncheon to honor Gail. Gifts from 26 members totaling \$770 were made in memory of Kathryn Artner.

A Graduate Says, "Thanks!"

MARNI WILLIAMS, *Florida*, recently graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree. Marni writes: "It brings me great pride and joy to be writing you today to tell you of my upcoming graduation. Kappa was an integral part of my college years. I greatly appreciate all the things I gained and learned from Kappa but especially the financial support offered by the Foundation. It truly made a difference!"



MARNI WILLIAMS, *Florida*

Adviser Values Leadership Training

ALYCE L. PORTER, *Albertson*, writes: "I am the Advisory Board Chairman for ZETA PI, *Albertson*. With the generosity of the Foundation we were able to have a wonderful Kappa Trainer, LISA BUDA, *UCLA*, facilitate a workshop on interpersonal skills. I know that the young women learned a lot and will take their new skills into the new school year. I felt that it was important to donate to further the cause of the Foundation and to thank everyone that makes a Kappa's life more full. I know that I have received tenfold what I put into Kappa, and I realize that the Foundation is a big part of that. Kudos Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation—you make a difference to every Kappa."



Founder **MINNIE STEWART**'s home, now The Stewart House museum, is considered the birthplace of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



A Virtual Bridal Shower

Minnie Stewart Will Be There in Spirit!

The Museums Committee of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation announces a **MINNIE STEWART** Virtual Bridal Shower to equip The Stewart House museum with many of the items needed to host events as well as to operate on a daily basis. Founder Minnie Stewart married Lucius Field on August 14, 1889. They have selected their "Virtual Wedding" date for August 14, 2006, the occasion of their 117th anniversary. They are registered with some of your favorite stores, and Kappas, associations and chapters now have the opportunity to shop and send kitchen accessories, household linens, small furniture pieces and other needed items.

Minnie is registered at Target and Williams-Sonoma. Send your gifts to The Stewart House, 1015 E. Euclid Ave., Monmouth, IL 61462 or deliver them in person. Call 309/734-5154 for more information. To order online, visit www.target.com/gd/homepage.html/601-0249657-5422568 or www.williams-sonoma.com/ (go to registry).

You're Invited ...

*The house of our Founder, now held so dear,
But missing some touches, which brings us a tear.*

*The Stewart House Guild and the Foundation too
Have found a solution, one that needs you!*

*A chance to make ready, a chance to help out.
A Virtual Shower is coming about!*

*A shower of gifts for a bride, that's the thing
To honor her home and our past by this fling.*

*No matter the wedding was so long ago,
The registries soon will be waiting, you know.*

*Call Williams-Sonoma and Target, you bet.
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*So tell all your sisters, alone or in groups.
This event won't require your jumping through hoops.*

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And that which is needed arrives at the House.*

*Then let your gifts wing off to Monmouth that way,
Celebrating our Founding and saving the day!*



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At a Founders Day coffee with the GREATER LITTLE ROCK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, JOY COX BROACH, Arkansas, (left) was presented an award named for MARY SCHILLING OWEN, Arkansas, for outstanding service to Kappa. A former President of the association and the first Arkansas Kappa to serve as a Province Director, Joy created this award 40 years ago in honor of Mary. With Joy is one of Mary's Kappa daughters, JAN OWEN GAUNT, Arkansas.



Members of the SANTA BARBARA (CALIF.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION enjoy a tour of the chapter house as they celebrate Founders Day with EPSILON PSI, UC Santa Barbara.



ZELIA (ZEE) ZIGLER McElROY VON TRESS, Oregon State, (now age 102) is shown here celebrating her 100th birthday. She helped charter GAMMA MU CHAPTER in 1924. Zee worked for years in advertising, much of it with Shell Oil Company. She was responsible for developing the "Shell Traveling Service" during the Depression, helping customers plan vacations. She also started a program to train women to pump gas during World War II when there was a shortage of service station attendants.



WICHITA FALLS (TEXAS) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION celebrates Founders Day with a luncheon.



During the Founders Day celebration with COLUMBUS (OHIO) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members, SUZANNE CRIMM MILLIGAN, Indiana, (center) receives the Nitschke Award, named in memory of former

Members of the **WESTERN COLORADO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy a luncheon in honor of Founders Day.



HELEN RHODARMER HAGGARTY, a 1928 initiate of **DELTA, Indiana**, enjoys a Senior Sister Tea in her retirement community hosted by the **INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** as part of the Holiday Sharing Program. The teas have been so successful that future plans include summer picnics.



On behalf of the **THETA, Missouri**, House Board, **MARTHA STEPHENS TOLER, Missouri**, (left) unveils a portrait of former Fraternity President **MARIAN KLINGBEIL WILLIAMS, Missouri**, during Founders Day. Marion served as Theta's President during college. The portrait hangs in the chapter room, which is named after Marian.



A group of Denver-area alumnae discovered that they all belonged to a dual sisterhood. In addition to being sorority sisters, they all are members of the **Denver Woman's Press Club**, the oldest continuing women's press club in the United States. Their careers have encompassed editorships, writing for business and consumer publications, public relations, book authors, photography and poetry. Four are former presidents of the press club and several are active in **Kappa's DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**.

During a trip to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, **MARY Jo MORTON BOBBE**, *DePauw*, (left) and **DORA BROOKS SMOOT CARR**, *DePauw*, met **ELIZABETH MILLER KAHR**, *Washington (St. Louis)*, (right) who was on the same tour. They are attending a farewell dinner in Halifax.



Alpha Province Director of Chapters **JEANNINE HAMILTON** and Alpha Province Director of Alumnae **ANDREA TRITTON**, both *McGill*, reminisce about college days during a Medieval Times tournament and dinner in Toronto.

Members of the **TORONTO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** gather for an autumn luncheon.



Eight **GAMMA THETA**, *Drake*, members enjoyed a luncheon in the dining room of The Stewart House museum in Monmouth, Ill., followed by a ceremony in the Charter Room where they received 50-year pins.



SHARON WALLINGFORD HENDRIX, *Texas Tech*, has been hosting reunions for her Delta Psi sisters since their graduation in 1976. For a celebration of their 50th birthdays, 16 pledge sisters gathered at her Newport Beach, Calif., home. Each brought 16 of the same charm that reflected her individual personality, so that everyone went home with the same memorable charm bracelet.



BERNADETTE MANNIX FEENEY, *Villanova*, with husband Michael, is involved in The Sharing Foundation (www.sharingfoundation.org), a nonprofit that meets the needs of orphaned and disadvantaged children in Cambodia. There they have built the Jack Bora Feeney School named after the son they adopted there. Michael has published a picture book, *The Bora Boys and The Last Big Door*, an adventure through old Cambodia. A portion of the profit is donated to the Sharing Foundation.

Kappa travelers and their friends and families visited Athens, the Greek Isles and, especially, the monument of Athena.



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One hundred women from the SAN FERNANDO (CALIF.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and EPSILON Xi, *Cal State, Northridge*, gather at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills to celebrate Founders Day.



MARCI HUGG HALL, *Arkansas*, (left) and GAY EVANS WYATT, *Arkansas*, are coordinators for the LITTLE ROCK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION Reading Is Fundamental program. At a Founders Day coffee, \$250 was raised to purchase books for an elementary school.



JACQUELINE MARTINEZ FERRALL, *Wyoming*

Honorary Chairman for Cheyenne Fund-Raising Campaign

JACQUELINE MARTINEZ FERRALL, *Wyoming*, was selected as honorary chairman of the Denim 'N Diamonds Campaign in Cheyenne, Wyo., a major fund-raising event sponsored by the United Medical Center Hospital Foundation. During its 15 years, \$2.5 million has been raised.

For more than 20 years, Jacqueline has worked at United Medical Center, principally as the director of medical staff service. She has served on several community boards including the United Way, the Red Cross, the United Medical Center, the Cheyenne Symphony and the University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences. She is active with Kappa's CHEYENNE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The Ministry Is Her Third Career

The Rev. ELIZABETH HUNTING WHEELER, *Miami (Ohio)*, is a "three-career woman." Her first two careers, administering leadership and human development programs in Africa and reforming higher education at home, led her, at age 50, to the ministry.

With the idealism of a young college graduate, she believed in the evolution of human nature toward ultimate goodness. She found all she had been taught was insufficient, that human nature was as brutal as it was beautiful. Africa was in a civil war and education merely turned out

technocrats. Even at home, as she helped build the "experimenting" Hampshire College in Amherst, she felt there must be more that she could do.

She entered Union Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1988. In Berkshire County, Mass., where she served her first parishes, nearly half the clergy were women, a big change after centuries of male pastors. Along the way she accepted that science and religion are not an either/or choice but are necessary gifts and each compliments the other.

She recently attended her 50th reunion at DELTA LAMBDA and says she is grateful to Kappa for the values of loyalty, courtesy and a commitment to intellectual excellence. "I still see the college sisters who first welcomed me in Kappa ... and admire them for creating the generous world they dared to imagine in their youth."

She adds, "I am also grateful to Kappa for its long celebration of women. Kappa helped change American society to accept women in leadership positions and helped those of us who have sought these positions."



ELIZABETH HUNTING WHEELER, *Miami (Ohio)*



1943 Miss America
JEAN BARTEL, UCLA



Former Miss America Invited to WWII Memorial

JEAN BARTEL, *UCLA*, the first college student to win the title of Miss America, used her reign in 1943 to sell the most Series E (\$25) war bonds that year, \$2.5 million worth. Because of this, she was invited to Washington, D.C., to attend the inaugural for the World War II Memorial last year.

That wasn't Jean's only "first." While touring as Miss America, she was attending a tea at the CHI, *Minnesota*, chapter house when she came up with the idea for the Miss America Scholarship, which is now the largest scholarship for women in the world. She was the first Miss America to refuse to be interviewed wearing a bathing suit and the first to go on the musical stage. Following her reign as Miss America she embarked on a singing career, becoming the first Miss America to star in a Broadway musical, "Of Thee I Sing" opposite Jack Carson. During her long stage, television and film career she has appeared with such stars as Ingrid Bergman, Yves Montand, Michael Caine and James Garner.

Jean returned to Washington again this year when the Smithsonian American History Museum asked to acquire and exhibit her Miss America crown. She combined that trip with the 27th reunion of eight former Miss Americas who had performed together in the Sondheim Folies, forming an extremely close sisterhood. Jean owns and operates her own international travel company in Los Angeles.

Author Receives Two Pulitzer Nominations

LINDA PHILLIPS, *Wyoming*, President of Phillips Communications in Newport, R.I., has been nominated for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in fiction for her first novel, *To the Highest Bidder*, a fictional expose of the art auction world. The book has also been nominated for the New York City Book Award, the PEN/Faulkner, the PEN/New England and the PEN/Hemingway fiction awards.

A distinguished journalist, she has also been nominated for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in criticism for her music review column appearing in the *Greenwich Citizen*, Greenwich, Conn. Her critiques show extensive research and a deep understanding of music.

Linda is a contributing writer to *Newport This Week*, *Newport Life Magazine*, and several business journals and is a member of the RHODE ISLAND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.



LINDA PHILLIPS, *Wyoming*

President of Executive Search Firm

ELIZABETH (LIBBY) FORBES UTTER, *Michigan*, has been promoted to president of the Wood Group, a Minneapolis/St. Paul-based executive search firm. The Wood Group is one of the upper Midwest's largest and most established executive search firms, with a client range from Fortune 100 to small, private companies. It focuses on senior management positions. Libby has



LIBBY UTTER, *Michigan*

been with the firm eight years. Prior to that she was divisional manager of Flatley Employment Services where she

grew the staffing business from five to 15 million dollars in just three years.

A former Minnesota gymnastics champion, Libby is currently fund-raising chairman for the Deephaven Elementary School PTO, a board member of the Cottagewood Community Foundation and she coaches for Skijammers and the East Tonka Little League. She also founded the Roxy Forbes Tennis and Golf Classic to benefit the Scleroderma Foundation's Minnesota chapter, of which she has served as president.

Women Athletes Belatedly Receive Varsity Letters

Northwestern University has honored 265 women who participated in athletics prior to Title IX legislation in 1972, which mandated that colleges and universities provide equal opportunities for men and women. Before Title IX, women's athletics were intramural, not intercollegiate, and they did not earn varsity letters or receive scholarships for their participation in sports.

During halftime of an Illinois-Northwestern football game, four Kappas were among those

from the four decades before 1972 who were inducted into the N-Club and received their varsity letters. From left are VIRGINIA FICK FELLOWS, MARJORIE FICK BRUMITT (real-life sisters), NANCY PRICE MEAD and LEE ROGERS MEYER, all *Northwestern*.

Musician Holds Benefit Concert

ELEISHA EAGLE, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*, a 22-year-old pianist-singer-songwriter pursuing a music career in Nashville, returned to her hometown of Lake Charles, La., to perform in a solo concert to benefit the Children's Miracle Network and her former high school. The event attracted 1,000 people and raised nearly \$16,000.

Eleisha says she grew up performing for the Children's Miracle Network at various fund-raising events in the area. She was active in student government and the donation will help with the school's building campaign. Eleisha moved to Nashville after her freshman year of college to pursue a music career and has recently completed her first full-length record, *Private School*, selling 500 copies in the first month. It can be found at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/eleisha>.



ELEISHA EAGLE, *Washington (St. Louis)*, center, is pictured with Father Whitney Miller, rector of St. Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, La., and Paddy Champeaux, director of the Children's Miracle Network in Lake Charles.



Kappa athletes from Northwestern are given their varsity letters 40 years after Title IX.



ROBIN WUNDERLICH WILLIAMS, *Rollins*, congratulates David Lander, "Squiggy" from *Laverne and Shirley*, following his talk on multiple sclerosis at the opening of the MS Centers of Florida Foundation in Vero Beach.

A Diagnosis Inspires One-Stop Care Center

One day on a Florida golf course, ROBIN WUNDERLICH WILLIAMS, *Rollins*, felt her golf bag grow heavier and her ability to walk down the fairway impaired by tingling sensations in her legs. "Something is not right," she thought. "Even tricky downhill putts don't require this much concentration."

After a battery of tests confirmed multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system, Robin felt overwhelmed, anxious and afraid. Steroids left her exhausted. Even well-meaning letters from friends made her feel unsettled. She set out to arm herself with as much information about the disease as she could find. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society publishes extensive resource material and there is a wealth of information on the Internet. She adamantly believes knowledge is power.

However, at that time, in idyllic Indian River County, Florida, there was no one to turn to but her neurologist. Because of this, and the fact that MS patients often were sent from one specialist to the next—urologists, psychologists, ophthalmologists—for one treatment or another, Robin came up with the idea of a "one-stop" comprehensive care center. Today, the MS Centers of Florida Foundation in Vero Beach are an affiliated network of seven neurology practices caring for more than 3,000 MS patients throughout central and south Florida and Puerto Rico. At the grand opening of the Center, David Lander, "Squiggy" from *Laverne and Shirley*, was the keynote speaker. Diagnosed with MS two decades ago, he has been an energetic ambassador for living well with the disease.

Unlike the National MS Society, an organization of long standing, the MSCFF concerns itself with patients and the need for a model of care in community-based practice. The MS Center, headquartered at 1655 27th St., in Vero Beach, focuses mainly on providing comprehensive care for MS patients. The center was assisted significantly with seed money from Biogen-

Idec pharmaceutical company, the Boston maker of Avonex, a commonly prescribed MS therapy. The state-of-the-art facility includes on-site MRI, an IV-infusion therapy suite, physical therapy and neuro-diagnostic rooms as well as social services.

For additional information on the center, call 866/955-9999 or visit www.msactivesource.com. Robin acknowledges that right now there is no cure, but there is good treatment. She lifts weights and does cardiovascular exercises and insists she is one of the luckier ones. "But, things can change anytime," she says. Robin can be reached at 772/794-3100, rwilliams@floridams.org.

Emeritus Board Member of International Child Care

International Child Care, a Christian health development agency providing health services to children suffering from tuberculosis, malnutrition and physical disabilities in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, has named SUE BOESEL NORTHCRAFT, *Ohio State*, an emeritus member of its board. Grace Children's Hospital is the flagship ministry of International Child Care and when it first opened its doors in 1967, Sue traveled to Haiti to visit the facility. With only 50 mattresses and little funding, the hospital was in need of supplies and support, so Sue returned to the United States and led a donation drive. Nine plane-loads of supplies were collected and delivered to the hospital.

The following year Sue was elected to the board of International Child Care, the first woman to serve in that capacity, and she remained an active board member for 34 years. During her tenure on the board, the ICC mission expanded from Grace Hospital, a 60-bed facility, to include pediatric, reproductive health, tuberculosis, nutrition and eye outpatient clinics as well as a health program that each year serves 68,000 people living in the slums surrounding the hospital. In



SUE BOESEL NORTHCRAFT, *Ohio State*

the mid-1990s, the ICC also began to work in the poor *barrios* of the Dominican Republic. Sue has led several short-term mission trips to Haiti.

In addition to her service with ICC, Sue was instrumental in the formation of an urban ministry in Florida that served the Haitian boat people pouring into Florida in the early 1980s. She is an ordained minister and certified church business administrator. Sue also served Kappa Kappa Gamma as Province Director of Alumnae for Nu Province.

Board Chairman of Health Organization

PAULETTE LOLLAR ROBERTS, *Southern Calif.*,

president of Meridian Health Affiliated Foundations in New Jersey, has been named chairman of the board of directors for the Association for HealthCare Philanthropy. AHP is a nonprofit organization whose members manage philanthropic programs for nonprofit health-care providers.



PAULETTE LOLLAR ROBERTS, *Southern Calif.*

As president of Meridian, Paulette oversees the boards and fund-raising activities of Meridian's four foundations. Meridian Health was the first health organization to achieve Magnet designations for its nursing staff at each of its hospitals and is the 16th largest employer in New Jersey.

Paulette is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Monmouth County Historical Association, Two Rivers Theater Company and the Presbyterian Homes of N.J. Foundation. In 2002, she was honored as a "Woman of Distinction" by the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts.

Early Success as a Jewelry Designer

Following graduation, CANNON LEWIS, *Baylor*, is concentrating full time on her line of designer jewelry that already has been featured in numerous charity auctions and designer trunk shows. Her designs are recognizable by their 18k-gold vine-like wrapping of precious stones and signature leaf



CANNON LEWIS, *Baylor*

charm. Her line has found success at Barneys in New York and Beverly Hills, Gregory's and Stanley Korshak of Dallas. It has also caught the eye of Jessica Simpson and other celebrities.

While pursuing her degree in art history and designing her jewelry, Cannon served as Membership Chairman and Recording Secretary for EPSILON UPSILON CHAPTER. She also was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society, National Dean's List and Presidential Fellows organization.

CD on Women's Lives Selected by Nobel Peace Committee

DR. JENNIFER MCDOWELL, *Idaho*, an award-winning composer and lyricist, has produced a CD titled *SHE, A Tapestry of Women's Lives*, which was recently collected by the Norwegian Nobel Institute for the 2003 Peace Prize winner, human rights attorney, Shirin Ebadi, who has fought for women's rights in Iran. During the 100-year history of the Nobel Institute, this is only the second CD collected.

Jennifer, who wrote the songs and sang one of them, had planned to put together a nature CD, but as word got out about the Taliban's cruelty to women, the songs were structured to reflect human rights for women worldwide and draw attention to the fact so many women are oppressed by degrading laws, customs and religious traditions. Genres include pop, jazz, blues, country and folk and feature 12 top vocalists. The songs spotlight money, veils and slavery, single moms, women's sports, the women's movement etc., with an overall theme of when women win, the world wins.

Jennifer received an award from California State University – ERFA Foundation for the album and



JENNIFER MCDOWELL, Ph.D., *Idaho*

its 32-page booklet. She is listed, with Senator Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Patricia Schroeder, as one of the seven most prominent people in the western United States and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. Married to Milton Loventhal, she has been a teacher, editor, writer, publisher and composer and her interests zigzag from sociology to poetry, politics, music, theater and comedy. The CD/booklet is available online at www.abbieanddolleyrecords.com.

Laptop Cases Show Personal Style

Disliking bulky, suitcase-like, monotone laptop-computer bags, MELISSA ZALEV, *Toronto*, was inspired to design bold, colorful laptop totes when she realized there was a void for fashionable bags that were also sturdy. Hence, her business, "Melissa Beth Designs," was born. Using bright colors such as orange, lime-green and hot pink, some with polka-dot linings, her designs have durable straps and removable foam protective compartments that can be taken out to turn the laptop tote into a stylish day bag. The totes are identified by funky names such as "Bubblegum," "Tweedy Pie" and "What a Croc."

Melissa's collection has been featured in magazines such as *InStyle* and *Elle*. They were also featured on the television show *Arrested Development* and are sold in upscale boutiques throughout North America including Holt Renfrew Canada, Fred Segal and Jennifer Kaufman.

Melissa is pursuing her MBA on weekends at the University of Windsor while managing her new design business. For more information, call Melissa at 416/505-4240 or visit www.melissabethdesigns.com.



MELISSA ZALEV, *Toronto*



CAROLINE ROSS, *Vanderbilt*, spearheaded a self-defense clinic at her university in memory of slain Pi Beta Phi Ali Kemp. Shown with DARCY HOWE, *Indiana*, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Development Chairman, Caroline spoke at the Kansas City Monmouth Duo Celebration along with Ali Kemp's father.

Kappas Join Pi Phis in Self-Defense Program

— By JEAN ELMBURG HELMERS, *Wisconsin*

The KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's annual Monmouth Duo Celebration in April turned serious as the crowd heard speaker Roger Kemp describe how his daughter, Ali, a Pi Beta Phi and rising sophomore at Kansas State, was murdered at her summer job at an upscale neighborhood pool in Kansas City in 2002. The case has appeared on *America's Most Wanted*, producing the most interest and the most leads in its 17-year television history.

After Mr. Kemp spoke to the audience of 200 about the massive search to find his daughter's killer, he introduced black-belt instructors who demonstrated self-defense. They are spearheading a national program to teach self-defense to women, particularly collegians. This initiative is supported by The Ali Kemp Educational (TAKE Defense) Foundation, which works with agencies, fraternities and sororities to raise money to prevent future horrors. Ironically, \$40,000 came to the foundation from part of the reward money returned anonymously after the suspect was apprehended.

CAROLINE ROSS, *Vanderbilt*, then told the audience of her successful effort on her campus to promote a self-defense class for Kappas and Pi Phis in Ali's memory. When *America's Most Wanted* requested a follow-up and Roger Kemp promised seven karate instructors, the idea mushroomed into a Panhellenic event, providing training for 170 women and raising \$6,000 for the Ali Kemp Foundation through the sale of T-shirts.

In Monmouth Duo spirit, Kansas City Kappas and Pi Phis were so moved by the evening's presentation that they increased the Foundation's coffers through contributions of more than \$2,000 collected on the spot.

Where Are They Now?

Alumnae Achievement Award Recipients
Continue to Succeed in Their Craft

Former Professor Publishes Romantic Thriller

Having retired from the University of Kentucky as a professor of contemporary French studies, VIRGINIA ANDING LA CHARITÉ, *William & Mary*, has continued her writing career but in a different venue. During her teaching career, Gini wrote extensively on major poets of the 19th and 20th



VIRGINIA (GINI) ANDING LA CHARITÉ, *William & Mary*

centuries. She published five books and more than 100 articles and reviews, along with other publications in her field. Gini was decorated twice by the French government for her contributions to French culture.

Writing now under her maiden name, Gini Anding, her latest publication is a novel set in Paris. *Witness on the Quay* (published by iUniverse) is a "romantic

thriller about a middle-aged American widow who finds herself in circumstances that force her to help a French inspector solve several murders and unravel the complexities of an international plot." Add a blossoming romance between the widow and the inspector, plus detailed descriptions of various areas of the city, and the novel generously demonstrates Gini's knowledge and love of Paris.

Writing and teaching were never enough; Gini also served Kappa in many positions. With a Kappa mother, also *William & Mary*, and daughter Desirée, *Kentucky*, Gini served as an adviser for several chapters, as Nu Province Director of Chapters, Chairman of Scholarship Programs, Fraternity Historian, Bylaws Chairman and on the Heritage Museum Board, among other positions. In 1990 she received an Alumnae Achievement Award, which she claims as her "proudest honor."

Currently busy with revisions of a second book, *Witness at the Bridge*, Gini continues to enjoy

reading, bridge, genealogy and travel and, with husband Raymond, divides her time between St. Augustine, Fla., and Madison, Wisc. For more information about Gini's work, visit www.ginianding.com.

Pianist Provides Music for Japanese Documentaries

Pianist CAROLYN (KELLY) FRIZZELLE YOST, *Idaho*, a 1996 Alumnae Achievement Award recipient, has provided music for several acclaimed Japanese documentary films. Film director Jin Tatsumura first used Kelly's music in 2002 in a documentary featuring renowned chimpanzee researcher Jane Goodall. Kelly's performance of J. S. Bach's "Prelude in C Major" is the backdrop for the opening scenes of the film *Gaia Symphony V*. Japanese audiences previously heard her music in Tatsumura's *Gaia Symphony IV*. Recently, the Japanese film crew traveled to her home in Idaho to film a half-hour segment of the latest film in the series, *Gaia Symphony VI*.

Kelly has a high profile in Japan where her film soundtracks and two compilations of her classical piano music are available. In the United States she runs her own label, Channel Productions, which has sold more than a half-million copies of her recordings, including *Piano Reflections*, *Quiet Colors*, *Roses & Solitude*, and *Still, Still, Still*. Prized by listeners for the relaxing backdrop the music offers, her recordings are widely used by medical professionals, music therapists, by classroom teachers to help students focus during exams, and to calm mothers during childbirth. Kelly can be reached at 800/234-3694 or www.channelproductions.com.



KELLY FRIZELLE YOST, *Idaho*

in memoriam

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Werle, Katherine Starr, '33, d. 03/04
Zoller, Helen Cavanaugh, '44, d. 04/05

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Davlin, Doris Jongeneel, '52, d. 04/04

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Hastings, Ann Arnold, '42, d. 01/03

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Strom, Ann, '83, d. 01/05

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BUTLER UNIVERSITY
Blood, Martha Beyer, '65, d. 01/05
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Maxwell, Martha, '79, d. 04/05

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Burrell, Ada Green, '30, d. 02/05

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Stokes, Judy Ford, '60, d. 05/05

HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Farnstrom, Louise Mc Curry, '38, d. 03/05

IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF
Daly, Mary Kjosness, '30, d. 05/05
Rodell, Marabel Edmonds, '34, d. 01/05

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Kosky, Mary Baltages, '45, d. 03/05
Scott, Marjorie Schroder, '44, d. 03/05

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Crouse, Ashley, '02, d. 04/05
Foster, Florence Woods, '35, d. 02/05
Lanham, Rosemary Mc Kee, '51, d. 06/05
Lukemeyer, Patricia Miller, '50, d. 06/05
Seibert, Martha Mc Farland, '22, d. 01/04
Simpson, Margaret Thomas, '34, d. 04/05

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF
Sproatt, Jean Baker, '42, d. 03/05

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Brigham, Irene Martin, '24, d. 12/86
McElwee, Pauline Rickabaugh, '41, d. 03/05
Quick, Shirley Johnson, '49, d. 03/05

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Bioff, Dorothy Brunn, '54, d. 04/05
Gibbs, Alison, '88, d. 05/05
Hudson, Patricia Orr, '44, d. 05/05
Smart, Beverly Marsh, '51, d. 05/05

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF
Foil, Jean Martin, '27, d. 01/03
Huguelet, Barbara Smith, '52, d. 06/05
Young, Mildred Wheeler, '35, d. 05/05

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
May, Patricia, '74, d. 03/05
Percy, Elizabeth, '68, d. 03/05

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Artner, Kathryn Patterson, '30, d. 03/05
Lechner, Maria Mc Knight, '43, d. 04/05
Marklewitz, Susan Thornton, '48, d. 06/04
Utley, Nancy Hamilton, '48, d. 05/05

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF
McCarthy, Carroll Adams, '36, d. 03/05

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
Messing, Miriam Arnold, '34, d. 09/03
Moorhead, Jeanne Kelly, '41, d. 10/04

MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF
Amberson, Beverly Wall, '46, d. 05/05
Ferree, Catherine Moore, '37, d. 03/05
Francis, Mary Guinotte, '48, d. 05/05
Marshall, Elizabeth Haynie, '27, d. 03/05
Watson, Sarah Ridge, '42, d. 03/05

MONMOUTH COLLEGE
Fraser, Martha Tresham, '36, d. 05/05
Herbst, Ann Grier, '38, d. 03/05

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF
Eigeman, Anne Murphy, '41, d. 03/05
Jones, Olive Emery, '51, d. 04/05
Peregoy, Helen Halloran, '33, d. 10/03
Vogel, Marilyn Pyle, '55, d. 02/05

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF
Abel, Alice, '43, d. 03/05

NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF
Heinsch, Jane Reese, '48, d. 01/05

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Corson, Alice Leland, '38, d. 03/05
Sheldon, Marjorie Mercer, '36, d. 04/05
Sundheim, Sally Miller, '48, d. 02/05

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Taylor, Janet Bowen, '53, d. 03/05

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Tuthill, Jean Gibson, '45, d. 03/05

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF
Barbour, Connie Menke, '43, d. 03/05
Miller, Mary Burwell, '63, d. 05/05
Monsour, Constance Clark, '47, d. 04/04
Wooldridge, Lois Strong, '43, d. 03/05

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
Frank, Helen Leonard, '24, d. 04/05
Kropp, Martha Fisher, '27, d. 04/05

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF
Hendrickson, Barbara Vowels, '47, d. 03/05

*** PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF**
Bennett, Lois Wilkinson, '40, d. 04/05
Lutz, Charlotte Bricker, '35, d. 12/03
Porter, Bernice Graham, '30, d. 09/02

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Little, Melba Davidson, '39, d. 02/05
Moss, Barbara Vogelgesang, '43, d. 06/04
Rippetoe, Charlotte, '44, d. 05/05

ROLLINS COLLEGE
Siegener, Sharon, '63, d. 07/03

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF
Braun, Sue Freeman, '47, d. 04/05
Rathbone, Mary Wells, '52, d. 05/05

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Doran, Mary Peickert, '53, d. 02/03
Draper, Anne Mc Larry, '56, d. 06/03
Lumsden, Barbara Bergstrom, '60, d. 05/05

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
Burgess, Joyce Walsh, '43, d. 01/05

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Peck, Emily Lutz, '39, d. 03/05

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
Roesser, Helen Roberts, '25, d. 03/05

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
McPherson, Julia Manly, '61, d. 03/05

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Bullock, Wilda Frost, '31, d. 01/05
Keith, Betty Warner, '46, d. 06/05
Ratcliffe, Peggy Stover, '38, d. 05/05
Spence, Katharine Anderson, '39, d. 04/05
Thompson, Camilla Beall, '38, d. 03/05
Towler, Hetta Jockusch, '32, d. 01/05

TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF
Tucker, Edith Davidson, '44, d. 04/05
Yundt, Marijean Swanson, '53, d. 01/05

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Alvarez, Nancy Starr, '59, d. 03/05
Ledoux, Eugenie Friedrichs, '23, d. 10/98

TULSA, UNIVERSITY OF
Crabtree, Marilyn Williams, '50, d. 04/05
Stevens, Sharonell Montgomery, '51, d. 01/04

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF
Gray, Kathleen Graham, '54, d. 04/05
May, Margaret Hummer, '32, d. 03/05
Waters, Mary Gilhool, '56, d. 01/05

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Bartow, Almarose Irwin, '42, d. 03/05
Green, Jean Buckland, '39, d. 01/05
Hasbrouck, Betty Watts, '34, d. 04/05
Kane, Adelaide Harriett Ayres, '41, d. 04/05

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Wischmeyer, Janice Weber, '29, d. 05/05

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF
Calhoun, Helen Brownell, '33, d. 02/05
Hartman, Priscilla Gage, '41, d. 02/05
James, Mary Mc Ilravy, '29, d. 03/05

WHITMAN COLLEGE
Wilkinson, Barbara Pierce, '34, d. 05/05
Williams, Kathryn Andrews, '44, d. 03/05

WILLIAM & MARY, COLLEGE OF
Kjerner, Frances Gibbons, '23, d. 04/05
Lea, Margaret Reddie, '29, d. 03/04

WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF
Learned, Jane Attebury, '36, d. 04/05
Rogers, Keating Murphy, '48, d. 05/04

* Indicates inactive chapters.

Correction: *The Key* apologizes to JULIE BRATVOLD, Arkansas, and JANEL ARNOLD, Westminster, and their families. Julie and Janel were listed in the summer 2005 In Memoriam list by mistake due to incorrect information submitted to the Membership Services Department.

In order for names to appear in "In Memoriam," verification and date of death must be sent to Fraternity Headquarters and Foundation Office, P.O. Box 308, Columbus, OH 43216-0308. Memorial gifts may be sent to the KKF Foundation.

ZETA CHI, *Marist*, members celebrate the success of their first "Kappa Klassic" golf tournament. Proceeds from the event were donated to the American Cancer Society.



GAMMA KAPPA, *William and Mary*, members KARA COLEMAN, BETHANY SULLIVAN and COURTNEY BEHRINGER enjoy delivering books and reading to children at an elementary school.

BETA THETA, *Oklahoma*, members RACHEL BOORIGIE, CAROLINE KARNS, REGAN FRIED and JENNY KIDD support the return of Alpha Phi to campus by attending a reception in the new chapter's honor.



OMICRON³, *Simpson*, members make posters at a sisterhood event to promote Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

BETA UPSILON, *West Virginia*, members KRISTIN MARGOLIN, ASHLEY HARDESTY, SUSAN HARDESTY, JENNY MARGOLIN and KELLY McNEIL enjoy the Lambda Province Meeting Candlelight Banquet.





ETA ETA, *Central Florida*, members enjoy a football game during "Family Weekend."



DELTA NU, *Massachusetts*, members TIFFANY THOMPSON, KATHRYN FENNER, PAULINE TANGUARY VIGNEAU and JACLYN VIGNEAU enjoy an open house hosted by the chapter for area alumnae.



PI^α, *Berkeley*, senior members celebrate their graduation with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom at a *Cinco-de-Mayo* dinner.

Giving Gifts of Themselves

Kappa Chapters Support "Philanthropy 1-2-3"

— By LINDA PRICE PATTON, Oklahoma State, Fraternity Philanthropy Chairman

"We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the heart ... when we give gifts of the mind ... when we give gifts of the spirit. We give of ourselves when we give the gift of words. Emerson said it well: 'The only true gift is a portion of thyself.'" — Wilferd A. Peterson

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As individuals with time, talent and financial resources, we first support our families. Second we participate in local projects. Third we look to the greater good—projects with far-reaching results. This describes Kappa Kappa Gamma's philosophy: "Philanthropy 1-2-3."

First we support our family—the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. **Second**, we participate in local campus and community projects. **Third**, we support the greater good by joining Kappas everywhere in support of a positive, worthwhile Fraternity-wide philanthropy—Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

The Foundation Family

This past year, our chapters supported the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation with financial gifts of \$28,964. A total of 502 subscriptions were sold through the Rose McGill magazine agency. These contributions will help continue the work of the Foundation in the areas of scholarships, confidential aid, education and training, and support of The Heritage Museum in Columbus, Ohio, and The Stewart House in Monmouth, Ill.

Campus/Community

Chapter members gave 61,519 hours of their time to support many worthy projects and charities. The five receiving the most support were

elementary schools, Relay for Life, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity and nursing homes.

Fund raising in the amount of \$456,518 supported a large number of campus and community projects. The five receiving the most support were American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer/Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, tsunami relief, multiple sclerosis and Relay for Life.

Creativity in fund raising was exhibited by several chapters. EPSILON DELTA, Arizona State, hosted a weeklong "Kappa Kickoff," which included a book drive, spelling bee and flag football. EPSILON ZETA, Florida State, offered "Kappa Kourt" to their campus with a cake-eating contest, jester competition, dance competition and royal dressing relay. ZETA OMICRON, Richmond, hosted "Kappa Kupid," a dating game. "Kappa Karnival," the fund-raising event hosted by BETA CHI, Kentucky, offered water slides, spelling bees, bubble-gum relays, hot-dog-eating and root beer drinking contests.

While RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) has been our Fraternity-wide philanthropy for only one year, chapters have enthusiastically supported the project. Chapter members donated 9,984 books to Boys and Girls Clubs, elementary schools and hospitals. Local and national RIF projects received \$13,506 and chapter members donated 5,255

hours to reading, mentoring, tutoring, and writing journal buddies and pen pals.

During Membership Recruitment, EPSILON EPSILON, *Emory*, members created magic wand bookmarks for a local middle school "to help make their dreams come true." ZETA GAMMA, *Centre*, played Kappa Croquet during Membership Recruitment and pledged reading to elementary school students for croquet scores. GAMMA RHO, *Allegheny*, made activity packets that included color-by-number sheets, word searches and an all-about-me page. EPSILON BETA, *Colorado State*, painted and assembled bookshelves and rocking chairs for an elementary school in Fort Collins.

ETA GAMMA, *San Diego*, members made ribbon flowers, during the philanthropy round, that were planted in painted flowerpots. Book quotes, made into bookmarks, were attached to the bouquets and delivered to schools. They also painted two murals

on elementary school walls using quotes and scenes from books. Images were photocopied to overhead transparencies, projected on the wall and the members filled in the spaces with brightly colored paints.

LAMBDA, *Akron*, held a reading fair for children with stations including a reading corner, story telling, making bookmarks, making books and decorating bags in which to take home their projects and a free book.

Congratulations and appreciation go out to our chapters for using their time, talent and treasure to serve others. In the words of Wilferd A. Peterson, our chapter members have given of their hearts, their minds, their spirits, their words and themselves.

Additional ideas for fund raising and RIF can be found on the "Philanthropy" page of the Kappa Web site, www.kappa.org.



EPSILON BETA, *Colorado State*, members deliver bookshelves and rocking chairs, which they painted and assembled with potential members, to an elementary school in Fort Collins.

IOTA, DePauw, members and Sally's family gather outside the chapter house after the presentation of the Sally Sommer Flynn Award of Courage.



Courage in the Midst of Tragedy

Kappas Honor Loved Ones While Helping Others

In April 2005, KRISTI HINDMAN, DePauw, a senior member of IOTA CHAPTER, received the Sally Sommer Flynn Award of Courage. SALLY SOMMER FLYNN attended DePauw University in the fall of 1973. She pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma and made friends that remained part of her life for the next 28 years. Sally's family and friends knew her as fun, smart, athletic, determined and courageous in ways that touched and inspired others. Midway through Sally's education at DePauw, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. In 1975, treatments were primitive and the fatality rate was high. Despite the challenges of a long and grueling treatment, Sally managed to keep her focus and graduate on time with a bachelor's degree in nursing. This was Sally's first battle with cancer. Her fifth battle with cancer would take her life 28 years later.

To honor her life, the Sally Sommer Flynn Award of Courage will have a special place in the Iota Chapter house. The Waterford Lismore vase will be prominently displayed and every spring it will be awarded to the senior member who demonstrates the qualities most like those by which Sally lived her life. Kristi was chosen as the first recipient because she emulates courage, integrity, grace,

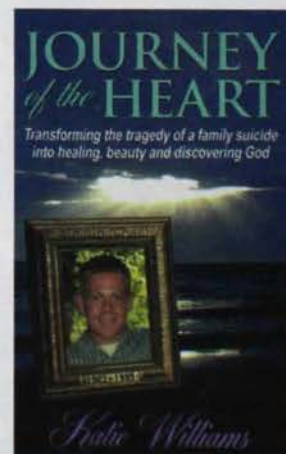
tenacity, independence, patience, and kindness and has a great sense of humor. She leads by example and reaches out to help and support others, offering them hope.

Sally's sister, husband, two daughters and many of her Kappa sisters came to DePauw to present the award. The chapter is planning to donate its next philanthropy's funds to support the Sally Sommer Flynn Foundation, and four Iota members will walk in the Sally Sommer Flynn 5K run/walk in Northfield, Ill., to benefit the same foundation. For more information, write to MARIAN MCLAUGHLIN, DePauw, South Locust St., Greencastle, IN 46135, or mmclaughlin@depauw.edu.

After losing her brother to suicide, KATIE WILLIAMS, Hillsdale, poured her thoughts and feelings into a journal. Then, when a freshman student on campus committed suicide, Katie began sharing her story with her chapter sisters and others. When she researched the suicide rate among teenagers today, she thought about the many people affected by these senseless deaths. This realization, plus the support from Kappa sisters, prompted her to publish a book

based on her journal entries. A communication major, Katie is on her way to pursuing a career as an author and public speaker. Hundreds of people have already read her book and have told her how it touched their hearts.

Because suicide is often taboo, Katie hopes her book will encourage people to feel more comfortable discussing the subject. Her hope is that this type of discussion will save lives and at the very least, help console family members. The book contains many helpful resources. For more information, contact Katie at kgwilliams@hillsdale.edu or visit www.livingwaterpub.com/.



KATIE WILLIAMS, Hillsdale, hopes her book will prevent suicides and help families cope.

Campus Leader Shares Tips for Success

Panhellenic President, resident adviser, Dean's List, chapter officer ... How does one student accomplish all this successfully?

MARY SHERIDAN, *Denison*, says she does so by managing her time effectively, keeping a sense of humor and maintaining realistic expectations. And, most important—taking a little time to have fun and relax.

Mary tries to save weekends for visiting with family and friends, and for some of the mundane but necessary parts of college life. This “down time” from academics and leadership positions is rejuvenating and necessary for her to feel ready for a full week of activities and classes.

A typical day for Mary, in addition to a full load of classes, may involve voice lessons, meetings with college administrators or participating in a philanthropy. The key for Mary is enjoying all of the activities. If something is not working in her schedule or she simply isn't enjoying it, she makes adjustments—including dropping an activity or occasionally saying “no,” which she admits is difficult.

Mary also plans and works ahead as much as possible. Her advice to other students includes, “Inform others when a scheduling conflict arises—the sooner the better,” she suggests. “And offer suitable options.” Mary would be lost without her Palm Pilot and she checks e-mail twice each day. That way, if there is a last-minute change of plans or cancelled class, she is instantly aware and adjusts her schedule.

During an internship at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and through working with the Office of Campus and Residential Life at Denison, Mary discovered many things she is glad to know as a college student preparing for the “real world.” Here are some of her tips for success:

The “real world” runs from 9-5.

College students keep odd hours, but those who are paid for their work at a college work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't send an e-mail on Friday at 2:00 p.m. asking to meet THAT DAY with an administrator. Staff members have demanding schedules that don't always revolve around students. Plan ahead if you need to schedule a meeting.

Be on time!

The saying, “If you're early, you're on time; if you're on time, you're late; if you're late, you're fired,” stands true. When you show up late to a meeting with a professor, adviser or administrator, you are communicating to

them that you don't mind wasting their time. Always be five minutes early; it will show the person that you are responsible and conscientious.

Communication—a common courtesy.

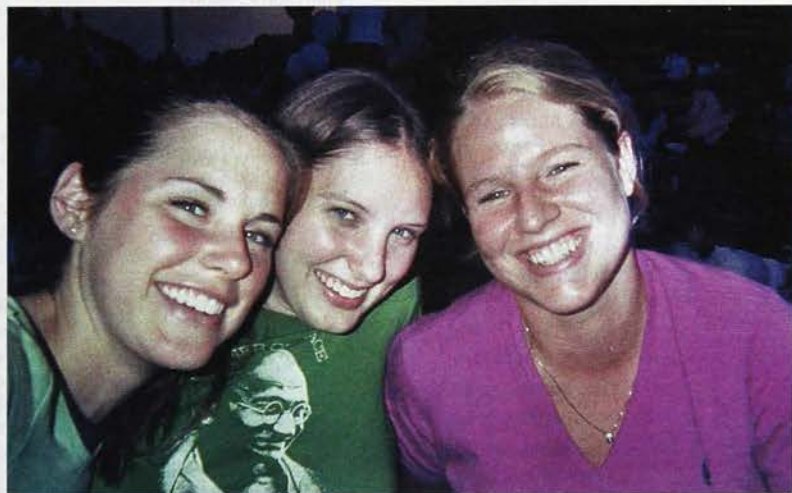
It is simply a common courtesy to let someone know if you're going to be late, early—whatever—for a meeting. With today's technology, there is no excuse for not making others aware of a change in your schedule. And always try to e-mail 24 hours in advance if you must miss something; the e-mail is your proof that you made the other person aware of your absence.

Don't waste time.

Why is time so important? Because there just isn't enough of it! In the workplace, there are meetings, deadlines, reports ... all sorts of things that have to be finished in a short amount of time. Business executives and managers value their time above all else; so don't make the mistake of wasting it. A great way to make the best use of other people's time is to practice effective “meeting skills.” Always come to meetings on time, prepared and ready to contribute your part to the discussion. Make the most of the limited time!

Business casual vs. business professional—know the difference.

It is important to be aware of the difference between these types of business attire. Get a good etiquette book (like *Manners* by KATE SPADE, *Kansas*), and follow the rules. When in doubt, ask your supervisor.



MARY SHERIDAN, *Denison*, (right) enjoyed living at the GAMMA CHI, *George Washington*, chapter house while she interned at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. With her are LAUREL GHERINI, *Vanderbilt*, and MOLLY BELL, *Furman*.

Scholastic Honors Report



Phi Beta Kappa

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Kourtney Bettinger
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GAMMA GAMMA, Whitman
Rachel Younkin

GAMMA ZETA, Arizona
Liz Simpson

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Jenay Anderson
Holly Mennell

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Jennifer Dudney
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Courtney Underwood

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Sarah Black
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Tracy Friedlander
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Katie Shields

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Meg Kirkendall

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Kelsey Nugent
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Sarah Ottney
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Bucknell
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Massachusetts

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Lambda Province

Richmond

Nu Province

Duke

REGION 3:

Mu Province

Central Florida
Miami

Theta Province

Baylor
Texas A&M

REGION 4:

Zeta Province

Missouri
Westminster

REGION 6:

Pi Province

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
Cal State Fresno

Kappa Province

UC Irvine
UCLA
UC Santa Barbara

Scholastically Ranked First On Campus

REGION 1:

Beta Province

Bucknell

REGION 2:

Nu Province

Duke

REGION 3:

Mu Province

Central Florida

REGION 4:

Epsilon Province

Lawrence

Kappas With 4.0 GPA

REGION 1:

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Lafayette:
Kristen Holahan

Rho Province

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Ariel Stern-Markovitz
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Jenny Hardin
Katie Hoard
Erin Holifield
Kristen Jessup
Libby Kirksieck
Clare McCreery
Kristin Monnig
Jeanelle Munson
Mary Helen Peebles
Lindsey Porter
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Kaitlin Rasbury
Carla Sawatski
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The Early Days of Kappa Kappa Gamma

Excerpts from the Archives

— By KAY SMITH LARSON, *Washington*, Fraternity History Chairman

According to the 1870-1930 *History of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity*, "What we know of those first early days in the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been gleaned from the letters of those who participated in the events of that time; the story can be told with no greater accuracy or interest than to quote liberally from those letters."

Monmouth College, established by Presbyterian ministers as an academy in 1853, was considered ahead of its time when chartered as a co-educational college in 1857; 26 women were among its first 99 students. The Monmouth home of Kappa's first President, MINNIE STEWART, is considered the birthplace of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

According to Founder LOUISE BENNETT BOYD, "Sometime during 1869-1870, MINNIE STEWART, JENNIE BOYD, and I (Louise Bennett) met for a 'pow wow' in the A.B.L. Hall and concluded we would have something new. (The A.B.L. Hall was named for the *Amateurs des Belles Lettres* literary society of which the women were active members.) The world seemed to be moving too slowly for us and the young men had Greek-letter

fraternities. We three then admitted to our solemn councils, ANNA WILLITS. Our aim was to draw into the society the choicest spirits among the girls, not only for literary work, but also for social development."

Louise said Monmouth President Dr. David Wallace had not known she was involved with founding a women's Greek-letter fraternity. "He would not have allowed us to proceed, probably, had he known."

The chapter never lost sight of its primary aim of demonstrating women's equal capacity and fitness for intellectual advancement. They felt that they were pioneering for all the women students who would come after them. Their wish to provide mutual helpfulness was coupled with a desire for literary exercise and debate "like the men's." "We determined that nothing short of a Greek-letter fraternity (we did not even speak of it as a sorority in those days) would satisfy us." The early Greek-letter groups for women were established as fraternities. The word "fraternity" comes from the Greek *phratria*, meaning "family." The Latin *frater* means "brother." The term "sorority" had not yet been coined.




Founders Minnie Stewart, Martha Louisa Stevenson, Anna Willits Pattee, Sue Walker, Mary Louise Bennett Boyd and Jennie Boyd

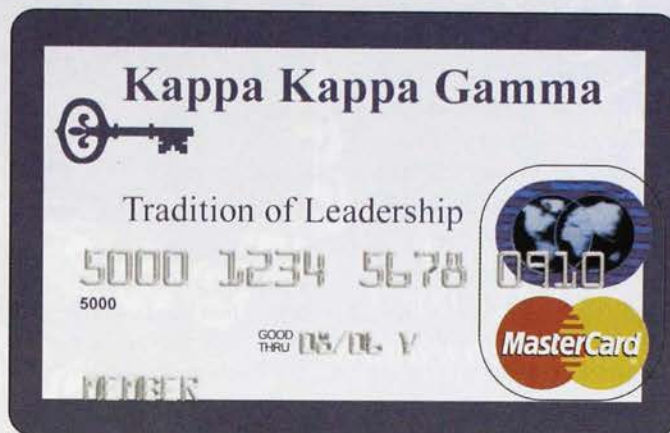
It seems clear from Founders' recollections and letters that the idea to form Kappa Kappa Gamma was born early in 1870, if not the year before, and that its public appearance was delayed to the fall season simply because the Founders were waiting to receive their badges from the jeweler. After October 13, meetings were held, a charter drawn up and certain rules set. The Convention of 1876 declared that Founders Day be observed on October 13.

Since attendance at chapel exercises was required, the Founders chose to make their first appearance there so all students would be aware of the new women's Greek fraternity. According to LOUISA STEVENSON, "We publicly wore our pins to chapel; hanging back so we must go well up in front after all the others were seated."

"Our Ritual is based on spiritual principles, nothing religious. Symbolism as used in ritual is one of the oldest teaching and learning tools. The use of allegory and symbolic character to represent ideas in an introductory ceremony, or initiation, gives significance almost impossible to forget. One of the purposes of fraternity ritual is to clothe basic, essential ideas in a language formal and beautiful, yet simple enough to be understood and remembered. One purpose of Kappa ritual has been to introduce the Fraternity ideals so effectively that they may be expressed in the lives and characters of its members through succeeding generations." *The History of Kappa Kappa Gamma Volume II, 1977.*

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Kappa Sightings!

Send in photographs of Kappa symbols (key, fleur-de-lis etc.) whether on a license plate, in a store window or on a sign, etc. Or, share photos of you and a Kappa sister whom you just happened to meet on a plane, at a meeting or while traveling abroad! Photos selected by the Editorial Board will be used on a space-available basis. Please remember: *The Key* cannot use small, low-resolution digital images such as you might take with a camera phone or a digital camera on a low setting.



ANNE BAECKER DUNCAN, Washington (St. Louis), meets JANE PAULEY, Indiana, after a special taping of *The Jane Pauley Show*.

Response to Sexual Discrimination Article

Thank you for your recent article about HYDIE SUMNER, Colorado State, the investment banker who won a discrimination lawsuit. It is so important that you gave this grave but ongoing discrimination issue ink and put it out there for the rest of us to see and realize that such continues to go on in this day and age. Congratulations to you for giving this important issue visibility and to Hydrie for fighting for all the rest of us.

— DIANE DUERR-LEVINE, Oklahoma State

Inspired to Share a Painful Story

I read the article by JENNIE NASH RAASCH, *William and Mary*, about bi-polar disorder in the summer 2005 issue and had to tell my story.

I joined Kappa in 1987 during my freshman year at Drake University. I had everything going for me, yet I felt I was living a lie. I was shy and insecure and felt overwhelmed with sadness. I made friends in my chapter, but they were not deep friendships because I was afraid of intimacy.

I made above-average grades and participated in Kappa activities half-heartedly. By my junior year at age 19, I felt my life spinning out of control. I desperately looked through the phone book for a therapist to talk to. I was too embarrassed to talk to anyone in the chapter about my feelings.

About that time, some of my belongings began disappearing. It sent me over the edge and I "snapped." I reacted by taking things from my roommates. I forged a check and took a credit card. I didn't even think about what I was doing or the consequences. I never had done anything of the kind.

I was caught and felt humiliated (as I should have). Then I found a place to live on my own. I finished up the year at Drake feeling guilty for hurting my sisters. I transferred to Loyola University the following fall and began what would be 10 years of therapy.

I discovered that severe depression ran on the paternal side of my family, but it had never been talked about. I was diagnosed as manic-depressive with a personality disorder due to childhood trauma. My therapist advised me to see a psychiatrist to obtain medication that would help balance the chemical makeup of my brain.

Today I am a balanced, confident, happy mother of two young daughters and happily married to a supportive husband. I have a master's degree in fine art and participate in juried art shows. I have come a long way from a scared and lonely 19-year-old who felt "wrong." I wish I could have been well during my undergraduate Kappa days so that I could have given the best of myself to my chapter. I apologize to my chapter sisters, especially the ones who were victims of my disorder, and I hope you are leading fulfilling lives.

— COURTNEY WRIGHT PANZER, Drake

Calling All Military Kappas and Kappa Military Families

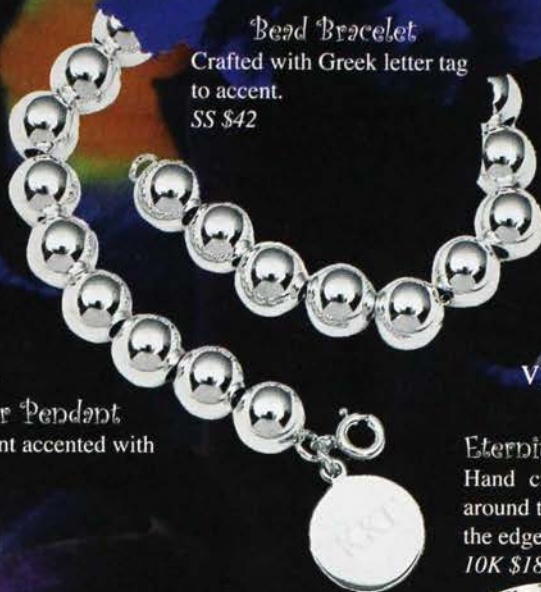
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