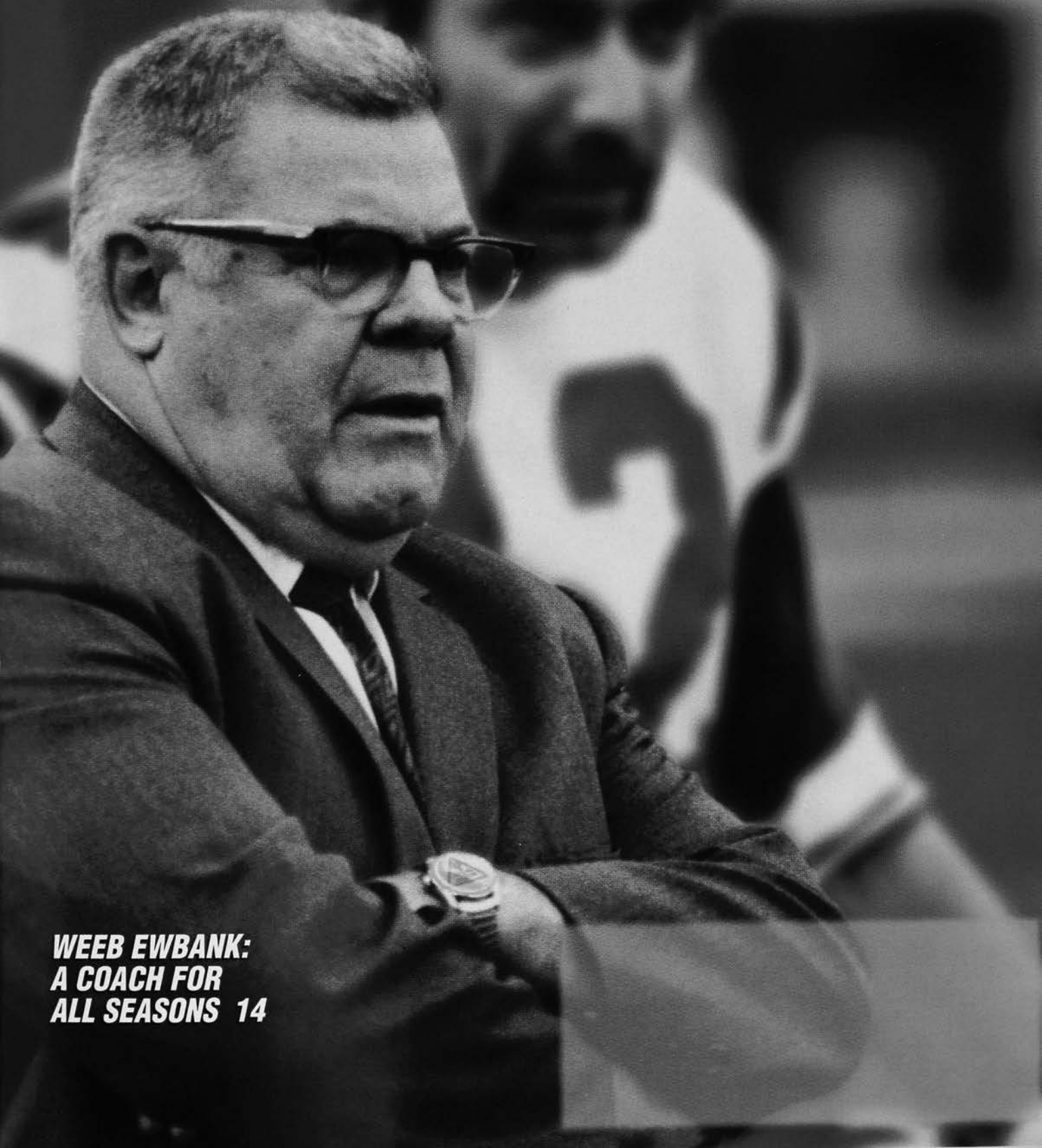


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WEEB EWBANK

NFL coaching great is
truly a living legend

by Rob Pasquinucci

WEARING A BRIGHT BLUE COTTON "NFL Alumni" golf shirt, Wilbur C. "Weeb" Ewbank, *Miami* '28 uses a rubber-tipped dowel to point out memorabilia in his Oxford, Ohio home. He looks like he could still prowl the sidelines on fall Sundays.

He taps on plaques, clocks, framed newspaper pages, signed footballs, black-and-white photos, and a color painting of his younger self, whose neatly parted hair and moon-pie face brings to mind Jimmy Johnson, a man chasing his record. On shelves are three-ring binders, their yellowing pages



WEEB EWBANK



“Joe (Namath) had the body and was smart,” Ewbank says. “He says he gave me fits for two years.”

contain the plays that made this man a coaching legend. In the center of the room are film projectors, where he can watch flickering images of Joe, Johnny and other NFL greats.

He shows a classic photo of his being carried off the field after a 1968 playoff victory. A hip injury suffered during the celebration lead to the plastic hip and slow gait Ewbank has now. If he coached today, all he would have to worry about is sticky Gatorade in his hair. But the octogenarian doesn't let the bum hips slow him down. Yeah, he admits to sometimes backing the car out to the curbside mailbox to retrieve the mail, (which usually contains an autograph request), but he still makes it to Super Bowls, awards banquets and family gatherings.

When he leaves for those awards banquets, he usually hears an admonishment from his wife of 68 years, Lucy.

“She says ‘don't bring home anything I have to polish,’” Brother Ewbank says.

His daughter helped him put together a three-page resume of his career highlights. Back-to-back NFL championships with the Baltimore Colts in 1958 and 1959; another championship with the Jets in 1968; Coach of outstanding high school and college teams.

An extended family

Ewbank's career hasn't been equalled, but his fondest memories are the players he coached through the years. Not just Namath and Unitas, either. He taps on a sepia-colored team photo of his 1936 McGuffey High School Marvelous Green Devils and talks about his undefeated boys.

“It's like I extended my family,” Ewbank says about the folks he's coached during the years. This “family” includes some of the NFL's greatest ever. In addition to Unitas and Namath, he

coached nine other Hall of Fame players: Raymond Berry, Art Donovan, Lou Groza, Gino Marchetti, Don Maynard, Lenny Moore, Jim Parker, Joe Perry and John Riggins.

Bringing up Donovan's name elicits a chuckle from Ewbank. “He tells so many lies about me, he's beginning to believe them,” Ewbank says. “He's a wild Irishman.”

The former Colts tackle did have some nice things to say about his former coach. *Sports Illustrated* writer Paul Zimmerman quotes him in his 1974 book, *The Last Season of Weeb Ewbank*.

“I don't care if a coach is a son of a bitch, or whatever he is,” Donovan says, “but the thing is, I want him to be fair. I want him to treat everyone the same.” He went on to say Ewbank was fair and didn't make exceptions for anyone.

Donovan also praised Ewbank's coaching:

“He was modern in his football thinking. Under Weeb, everything became a learning process,” Donovan told Zimmerman. “You should have seen what he did with John Unitas, the way he taught him the checkoff system. John would make a fool out of the best middle linebackers in the league.”

In an interview with *The Scroll*, Donovan continued to praise his former coach.

“We call him Weeby,” Donovan says with a hearty chuckle. “When you played for him, he taught us Weeb's way. And Weeb's way was the right way.”

Unitas and Joe Namath, who Ewbank coached in New York, were different players. Ewbank pulled Unitas off a Pittsburgh sandlot to lead the Colts to championships while Namath came with a \$400,000 price tag. Namath credits Ewbank for his success.

A LIVING LEGEND

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"Joe had the body and was smart," Ewbank says. "He says he gave me fits for two years."

But, Namath realized the help Weeb was giving him.

"The longer I was with Weeb, the smarter I thought he was," Namath said of Ewbank.

"I like to think I helped him with the NFL stuff."

Ewbank doesn't say much about Namath's rumored extracurricular activities. He says Namath did enjoy his success but was ready for games and practices.

"He'd have been dead if it would have been true what they wrote about him," Ewbank says.

Ewbank jokes about the endorsements Namath cashed in on, including pantyhose.

"I told him my legs were as pretty as his," Ewbank says.

A new era

In today's NFL, salaries and egos are out of control, the old coach says.

"They've got a different attitude on them," Ewbank says. "A lot of our guys would have played for nothing. Nobody's worth the money they're getting. They make more than the President of the United States."

Ewbank sees today's end-zone celebrations and dances for sacking a quarterback as a ploy by agents to keep their players in the spotlight.

"It's silly. And when they go bumping heads, that's too much for me. You wonder if they shouldn't go back to kindergarten."

Celebration was quieter in Ewbank's era.

"It was teamwork. When you got back in the huddle, someone would say 'nice going, Joe.'"

Ewbank appreciates the humble champions. Perhaps that's why a baseball autographed by Brother Lou Gehrig is what he considers the most valuable artifact in his basement hall of fame. The plastic-encased ball is displayed next to his miniature Vince Lombardi trophy.

He looked beyond playing ability when drafting players.

"I took guys with character," Ewbank says. "I think those are the kind of things that can win for you."

On the recent rash of teams moving, Weeb says it's unfair to the fans.

"In situations where they've been good true fans, like the Browns, the Colts and if it were to happen to Denver, where they've sold out (Mile High Stadium) for a couple years," Ewbank says.

He has few regrets, but has advice for people who wish to follow in his footsteps:

"It's a tough life because everyone knows your business better than you. The Monday morning coaches were never around

on Saturday night."

He also points out the importance of seizing opportunities:

"You have to be ready when something opens," Weeb says.

Ewbank and his

wife are still in front of the wide-screen television

in their living room every Sunday afternoon, watching the game he loves. Above the couch are two framed LeRoy Neiman sketches of the Jets and shadowy images of the stocky coach stalking the sidelines.

He loves to watch NFL games with Lucy, his wife, who knows the game well. It's likely she's have picked up more football knowledge by being Weeb's wife than some people learn in a lifetime.

He admits to some armchair coaching but is more fascinated with the plays coaches use to win. "I don't like to second guess too much."

He doesn't believe today's coaches use the man in motion play as effectively as in the past. He believes the ground *can* cause a fumble, contrary to NFL rules. He also doesn't think much of emotional, yelling coaches, who he calls "screamers".

"I don't think you ball people out," Ewbank says. "I don't think anyone does better by someone screaming at them. I never was a screamer."

Among the greats

One of the basement scrapbooks contains autographed pictures of him with other coaches: Vince Lombardi's with his gap-toothed smile; George Halas; fellow Miami alumnus Ara Parseghian; Henry Stram, who once called Ewbank "little penguin"; Joe Paterno; Paul Brown; and Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz. Some of the more current coaches have sought Ewbank's advice. He's been to Buddy Ryan's training camps, when Ryan coached in Philadelphia. High school coaches will come to Ewbank for quarterback-coaching advice or for a winning play. He'll take out a pad of paper and sketch his ideas out for the young coaches, proving the adage "what is old is new again."

So, when training camp rolls around next year and teams hit the gridiron, there's a little bit of the little coach in all of them, and their coaches hope to emulate the success of this famous football Phi.



Ewbank points to a baseball signed by Lou Gehrig. The ball has a place of honor in his basement next to a miniature Vince Lombardi Trophy.

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“NASA has told me not to expect any more flights after this one,” said the sixty-year-old astronaut. Musgrave believes that age alone should have no bearing on his qualifications for space flight. “What I lose in terms of being old, I more than make up for with my experience. I have had so much experience that I can scope the problems, turn over the stones, and head off surprises.” While many might expect him to be bitter about his final flight, he seems to be at peace with the decision. “I’ve been able to live my calling for about thirty years now, roughly, and I’ve gotten a lot of flying in. I’ve had that privilege and it doesn’t necessarily have to be, but on the other hand, I accept it.”

Brother Musgrave began his NASA career amid the excitement of the Apollo program in August 1967. He and ten others, each holding at least a doctoral degree, entered its ranks as part of its sixth astronaut class, made up exclusively of scientists. While Musgrave trained, his colleagues would reach the moon in 1968 and in another year Brother Neil Armstrong and the crew of Apollo 11 would land on it. Musgrave dreamed of exploring the moon and even believed his group would make it to Mars. "In the fall of 1967, they had approved, funded – on the books, sixteen flights," recalled Musgrave. However, Musgrave's maiden voyage would



have to wait.

During the next ten years, Musgrave spent thousands of sixteen-hour days at Johnson Space Center preparing for his opportunity. "I didn't come in here to fly a couple of times and leave after seven years. Space is my calling. It's in my heart, it's in my blood, and it's in my soul. It was impossible to know ahead of time, whether or not it would be six flights, but that I would be the oldest - yes, I could've predicted that. Assuming

In 1983, Musgrave's opportunity came with the maiden voyage of Challenger. Over the next decade, four more flights would follow, including the one which brought the most publicity and credibility to NASA, the Hubble repair mission. That mission is special to Musgrave as well, since he was chosen as the payload commander and would be solely responsible for coordinating the effort to repair the telescope.

"I like a mission that requires me to not only play the music, but requires me to write the score. I like to not only do the dance, I want to choreograph the dance. So a mission that I have to develop, such as Hubble, means more to me.

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NASA photo of Musgrave and the STS-80 crew entering the shuttle.

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As much as Musgrave enjoys and loves floating around in space, getting there is the hard part. "I'm scared to death of launches," he states unabashedly. He openly wishes for another way of getting into orbit rather than sitting on top of a half million gallons of fuel and two gigantic rockets. He says jokingly, "If they could just 'beam me up, Scotty.'"

He would have to endure only one more wild ride into orbit. The launch of STS80 was not a certainty until an investigation into the markings on the solid rocket boosters from the previous mission was completed. After a one week delay, NASA Launch Managers were satisfied and the only obstacle remaining was the inclement weather. The launch would be delayed for five days to allow a storm system to move out of Florida. Finally, on November 19, all systems were go for a mid-afternoon launch.

Following the crew breakfast, the as-

tronauts donned their suits in preparation for the twenty minute ride to the pad. As the crew walked out, all eyes focused on Musgrave to see if he would make any special gestures or have anything to say. He was in the rear, behind the commander and the pilot and his two other mission specialists. He boarded the van after waving to the

monitoring a situation involving a hydrogen buildup in the aft compartment of Columbia. When the countdown reached T-:31 a "hold" was called for by one of the controllers. It seemed as though another delay in the launch was eminent. However, after two minutes of consultation, the countdown resumed.

It was perfectly still at the press site some 3 miles away from the pad. There

appeared to be no wind, no waves on the water, and no audible sounds other than the voice of the public affairs officer describing the countdown. The silence was almost eerie as all eyes remained focused on the orbiter. At T-:06 the announcer called for main engine start and a bright flash came from under the orbiter as she roared to life. Immediately, the steam formed a cloud surrounding the shuttle. When the countdown reached zero, the solid rocket boosters ignited and the shuttle pushed it's way off the pad. At T+:07

the orbiter cleared the tower and the steam cloud and began the roll for its ascent into space. The first tremors were felt at the press site as the ground began to shake while the roar of the engines

F. Story Musgrave at a glance

- ✓ NASA astronaut since 1967.
- ✓ Led the 1993 mission to repair the Hubble space telescope.
- ✓ Holds six degrees, including an MD from Columbia, an MBA from UCLA, and a PhD in physiology from the University of Kentucky.
- ✓ First astronaut to complete a space walk from the shuttle.
- ✓ Accomplished parachutist who has made more than 360 free falls.



crowd, no one noticing his name patch being inverted on his suit. NASA had no comment on its significance.

As the countdown proceeded it became apparent Launch Managers were

had become deafening. The cheering and applauding crowd was drowned out by the sheer power and force of the roar. They could not be heard but the expressions of pride and emotion were evident in their faces.

As the Columbia climbed, it was as if the force of the rockets was pushing the Earth away from it, rather than propelling the shuttle into orbit. As it soared off into the beautiful blue sky, it left a stream of smoke that appeared to be a giant tether attaching the shuttle to the ground. At the end of the tether were three brightly glowing lights, growing smaller and smaller but never seeming to fade in brightness.

At T+2:00 the cheer of the crowd could finally be heard as the solid rockets separated from the orbiter. At precisely the same moment, the stream of smoke ended, releasing the imaginary tether which had been keeping the crew of STS80 earthbound.

After three minutes of flight,

the sound of the rocket boosters began to fade as the shuttle moved out of sight. Incredibly, at that moment as silence once again fell over the launch site, only then was it noticeable that every bird in Florida was screaming to be heard. The crew of Columbia would be floating in the Earth's orbit after only eight minutes of flight as the main engines were shut down. Musgrave had survived his final launch and could finally relax and enjoy his last sixteen days in space.

Musgrave's final mission would not come off as smoothly as he and NASA had hoped due largely to a faulty hatch preventing the crew from performing two space walks designed to test equipment necessary for building the international space station. Although disappointed for his crewmates, Musgrave cherished the extra time afforded him due to the cancellation of the walks. Musgrave relayed his satisfaction to Mission Control in Houston, "It's re-

ally fortunate that I've had this kind of mission, because I've had time to explore my inner self and to explore what space is all about, to put some kind of closure on it."

As if part of some elaborate script, the bad weather which had delayed the launch of the mission would also cause the postponement of the first two landing attempts extending the length of the mission by two days. This extended stay in space allowed Musgrave to establish yet another record for the longest shuttle mission on record to date at 17 days and 16 hours. Mission Control joked with the crew following the cancellation of the first landing attempt.

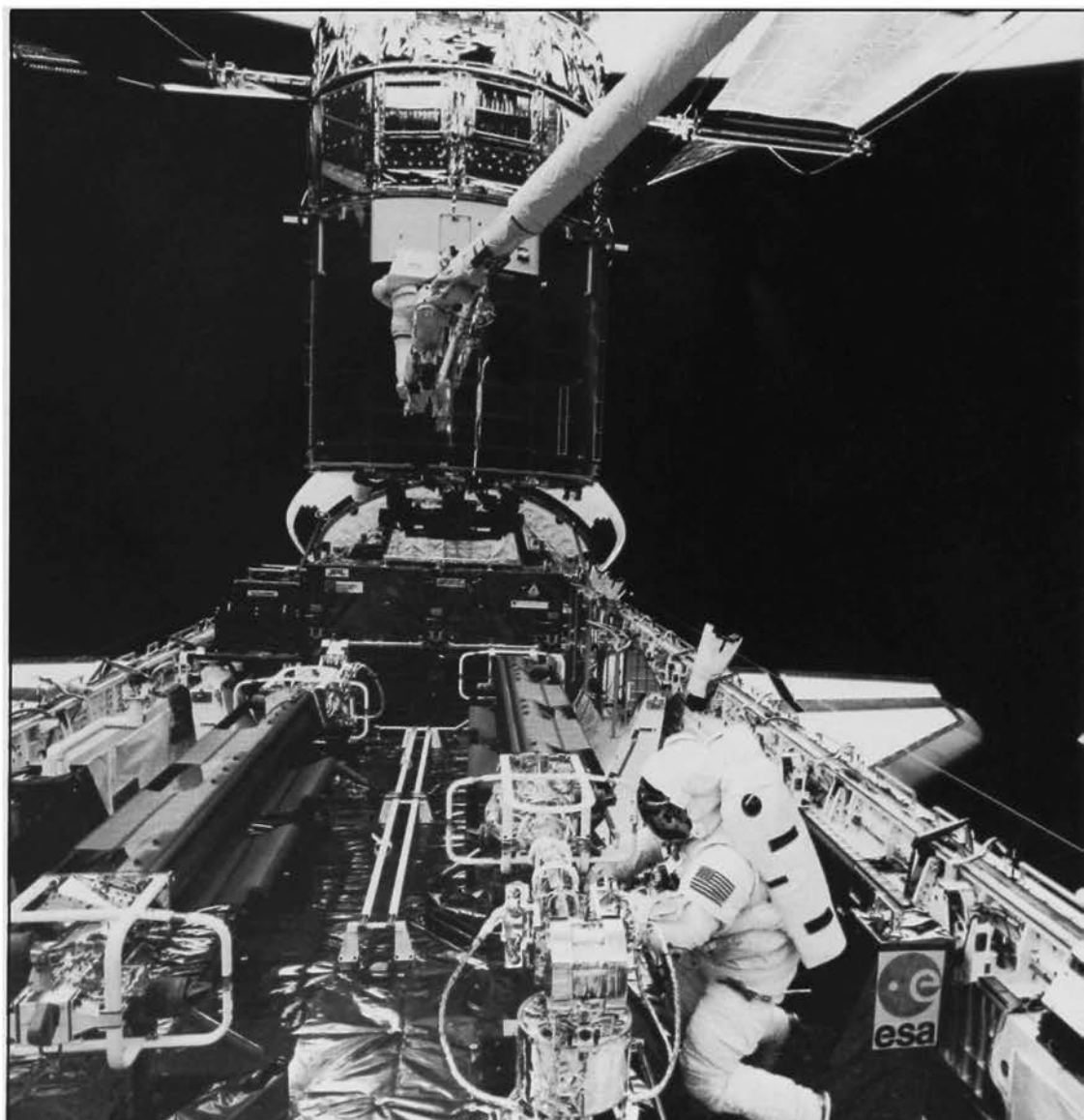
"We haven't heard from Story lately. You didn't leave him up there did you?"

Musgrave enthusiastically responded, "I wish they'd left me up here."

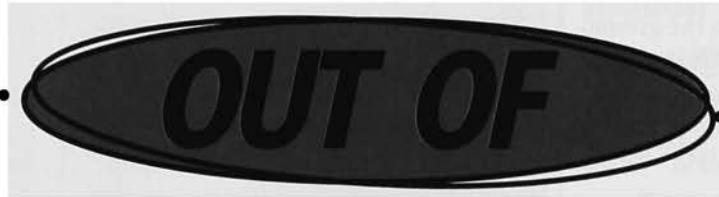
He more than likely was not joking.

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At right: NASA photo of F. Story Musgrave repairing the Hubble telescope.



Consumption



Control

By Rob Pasquucci

Did you get drunk on New Years? How about after your last final? Super Bowl Sunday?

IF YOU GOT DRUNK ON ALL THESE OCCASIONS AND CAN THINK of several more, you could have a problem and should take a serious look at your alcohol use, according to Mike Green, a nationally-known speaker on substance abuse who spoke at Leadership College in Oxford last August.

Green addressed a general session and used his "in your face" style to show the dangers of frequent binge drinking.

"Greeny was extremely well received by all those in attendance, both undergraduates and alumni alike," says Rich Fabritius, director of chapter services, who assisted in planning Leadership College. "We received so much positive feedback from his presentation, we are working on bringing him back next year and possibly producing a videotape of Green to send to our chapters."

Beer bonges, bottles of Boone's Farm wine, shot glasses and other drinking paraphernalia were on display on the stage as undergraduates at Leadership College walked into Green's general session. Clearly, this would be no ordinary lecture about alcohol use.

Green, who gives a similar presentation each year for the Penn State football team, was able to illustrate some of myths of alcohol abuse without threatening, moralizing, or preaching to the audience.

"Our methods are interactive and often entertaining – but our message is deadly serious," Green says. "Our purpose is always the same – the health and overall well-being of the student."

Green challenged the Phi undergraduates to take his "alcohol assessment," in which they check off each binge drinking occasion during the year. Green asked the undergraduates to check off days they got truly drunk, not just times they went out for a couple of drinks. After totaling these days, Green asked them to compare the total to a scale ranging from "controlling consumption" to "consumption out of control."

He invited some of the undergraduates on stage to sample a shot glass filled with an unknown liquid. They drank from the glass and illustrated Green's point.

"Did I tell them what was in the glass? Why didn't they ask? Yet, I bet when someone hands you a shot glass at a party you do the same thing – drink it," Green says.

"We believe that because drug and alcohol use and abuse is a reality on every campus, the actual challenges that students must face involve recognizing personal accountability and

making responsible decisions," Green says.

Green spent a lot of time talking about what he calls a "one nighter". He is referring to a one-night drinking problem. He asked the Phis to recall times when they had too much to drink and did something they later regretted. Wrecking a car, being cited for drunk driving, breaking things, and fighting are examples of one-nighter problems.

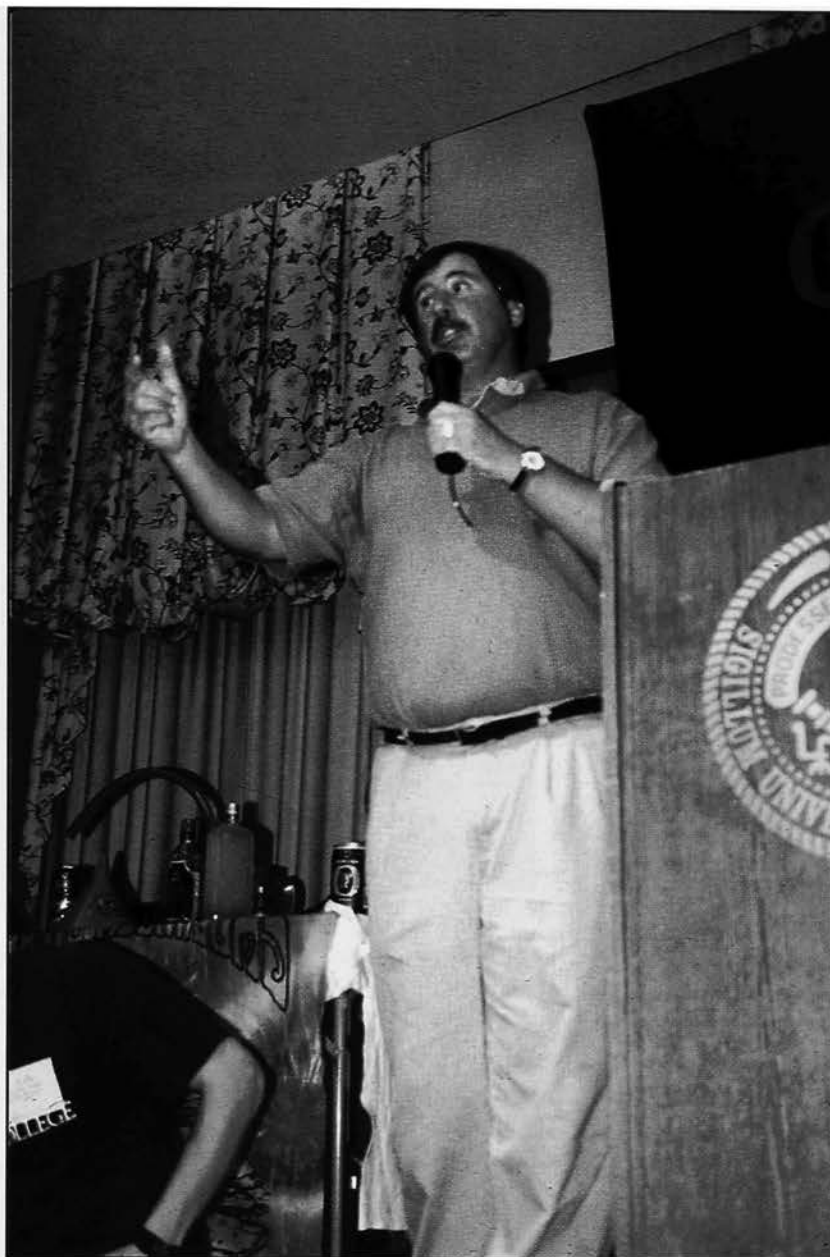
Green's expertise on substance-abuse issues is personal as well - he is a recovering alcoholic. He shared his experiences with the undergraduates to show what happens to people who have a lifetime of uncontrolled alcohol use.

"I'm an alcoholic. That's my problem," Green says. "Don't let it happen to you, don't let it become YOUR problem."

Following Green's presentation, many Leadership College attendees crowded around the podium to ask Green some more questions.

Last fall, the Colorado Gamma chapter at Colorado State brought Green to speak to their campus. The Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation helped fund the visit.

To bring Green to your campus, contact Collegiate Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol, PO Box 7241, St. Davids, PA 19087 (610)-688-5850.



Mike Green at Leadership College last year.

TAKE MIKE GREEN'S ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT

When did you binge drink last year? If you "celebrated" too many of these occasions, it could mean you have a problem.

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Day

Super Bowl Sunday

Breaking up with girlfriend

Getting back with girlfriend

St. Patrick's Day

Semester break

Pay days

Formal

Last day of classes

21st birthday

Finals week

Weddings

Easter

Thanksgiving

Christmas

End of rush week

Homecoming

Fourth of July

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Randolph-Macon chapter closed after 22 years

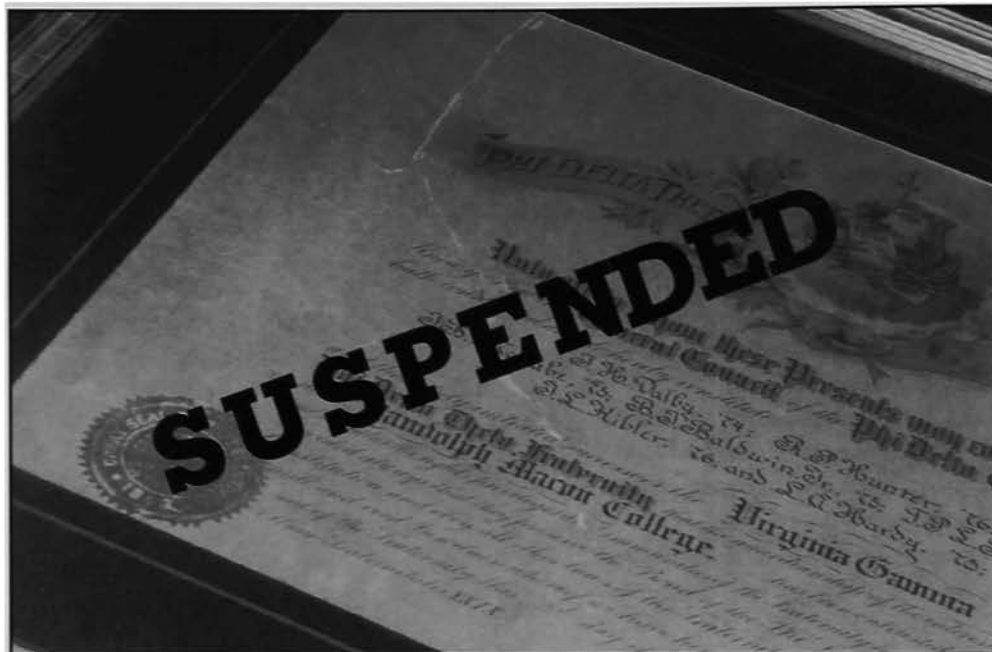
Don't let this happen to you

By Will Schick

AFTER 122 YEARS MY Virginia Gamma chapter at Randolph-Macon College is shut down, its charter suspended.

Founded two years before Custer's demise, we survived the Little Big Horn, the Spanish American War, World War I and II, the Great Depression, Prohibition, Korea, Vietnam, the Sixties, Disco, and even MTV. But we couldn't survive hazing.

Is your chapter at risk? These are some signs.



Poor housing

While this may not be the best reflection, a house in good condition reflects organization and a respect for the chapter's reputation. A sudden decline in house conditions may reflect a decline in organization and positive attitude.

Organizational problems

A chapter that can not play its bills, keep its books, or file its paperwork is a chapter with problems.

No representation at the General Convention or Leadership College – Absenteeism reflects apathetic leadership.

Low grades, poor reputation with the college – Phi Delta Theta was founded

Will Schick served as chapter adviser for Virginia Gamma.

to promote scholastic success. Our mission parallels the mission of every college and university. Promoting scholarship will put a chapter in good standing with the college while the perception of academic indifference will quickly draw the attention of the college. The GPA is one of the easiest, most objective and quantitative statistic available to compare competing fraternities on a single campus. Chapter leaders must actively promote superior scholastic performance.

Lack of rapport with alumni – Alumni should be a source of financial, organizational, and leadership support for the active brothers. It seems that the chapter that knows and appreciates its own chapter history would be less likely to do things that put the chapter at risk. The chapter should see that alumni are being asked for

support and the actives are open to this support.

Inability to discuss direction of the chapter – Chapters are required to hold a retreat each year to look at what they are doing and where they are going. If chapter leaders can not discuss the steps they are taking to improve, they are neglecting the most essential aspect of chapter development.

Secretive attitude about chapter activities, especially the pledge program – The Ritual is sacred and secret. Beyond that, actives should be able to openly discuss day-to-day chapter activities, especially with alumni. If you get the feeling that secrets are being kept, ask why.

What can an alumni group do to help?

It is too late for my chapter. Virginia Gamma has

been suspended for at least three years. I hope we will be able to recolonize for the next century.

As chapter adviser, I learned that the successful chapters prevent problems before they develop. Here are a few suggestions for alumni to do as a group.

Invest time – The positions of chapter adviser, alumni coordinators, and house corporation members must be filled by people who can do the job. That means spending hours on the ground, with the actives, keeping an eye on things. It takes time and there are few thanks – but there are rewards. I might add that spending the time does not guarantee success.

Demand accountability – As an alumni group, let the chapter know what you can do for them – financial help, help with college/community

relations, help with an alumni letter. Then let them know what you expect of the chapter. Set high expectations - a clean house, the bills paid, thank you notes. Let them know that alumni can not be expected to do their share without the chapter doing its share. Be very clear that alumni simply can not and will not defend actions such as hazing and vandalism. These are not what being a Phi is about.

Get help - General Headquarters is there to help chapters stay open and stay successful. If you think your chapter is in trouble, contact your chapter adviser or General Headquarters. Send an alumni committee or house corporation member to Leadership College. The college dean or director of Greek life should be of assistance as well. Once again, Phi Delta Theta and every college or university should share the same mission - educating young men.

Be positive - Don't harp like parents. No one wants to know how wrong they do things. Work to improve, not to criticize. Build on the good things the chapter is doing. Hammer home the idea that it is better for the brothers if the chapter has good relations with its college, its community, its alumni, its headquarters, even its parents. Why live with friction?

Work with the Phikeia - Drive home to these young men an appreciation for the principles of Phi Delta Theta. Have alumni attend pledge events and speak at pledge meetings. Make a conscious effort to groom leaders for the future. When

the brothers see the value alumni place on the principles on the Bond, even after years of separation, they will come to appreciate these values.

What can an individual do?

Show up - Go to Homecom-

judgment.

Involve others If you're worried, don't be silent. You may not personally be able to give the time or support a chapter needs but your fellow alumni, headquarters, and the college might. If you want your chapter to survive, you

giving money. If you do not have time, try to give in a way that rewards chapter development rather than chapter fun. Some chapters have house funds, scholarship funds, or alumni funds. I would also recommend an annual gift to the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships for worthy Phis and funds the annual Leadership College.

The bottom line is that times have changed. The legal environment, insurance rates and the drinking regulations of today threaten the very existence of the fraternities and the chapters that do not adapt. Phi Delta Theta chapters that continue acting out hazing traditions for tradition's sake will be extinguished one way or another. Brothers who do not act as reasonable men will find themselves without a chapter and without a house. An alumni group that does not provide guidance and support for its active brothers may find itself without a chapter as well. Remember the three founding principles of Phi Delta Theta. These, after all, remain the soul of the Fraternity. Upon these pillars we can work together to build strong men and strong chapters and strong alumni.

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ing. Go to Founders Day. Find out if the house corporation meets and show up there. Visit some time other than a big weekend to get a feeling for the condition of the chapter. Volunteer to help the chapter adviser or be on the house corporation or the alumni committee.

Grill 'em - Make a point of pulling aside the president and other officers and asking what the chapter is doing and what they need. Ask about grades, ask about the pledge program, ask how they get along with the alumni, the college and the community. You might not be able to provide what they want - and you might not want to provide it if you could - but at least you can look the leadership in the eye and make a

cannot stand there shaking your head talking about how things have gone down hill and expect it to turn around. If you can't give what's needed, find someone who can!

Give - I truly believe that giving time to an at-risk chapter is more valuable than

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New chapters; new schools

Phi Delta Theta expands to two universities in Florida

SINCE THE CHARTERING of Indiana Alpha in January of 1849, Phi Delta Theta has been bringing the collegiate fraternity experience to new college campuses. This fall, the Phi Delta experience was expanded to include two more schools in Florida. The Fraternity has returned to the University of Miami, and started a new group at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The process

Expansion begins by a formal invitation from a university or college. The Fraternity then organizes its resources including staff members, local alumni and house corporations. Usually, two staff members from the General Headquarters are positioned on campus for a month. The two men work to recruit members to the group. Resources used in the recruitment efforts are: Greek advisors, professors, deans of colleges/schools, campus clubs and activities, sorority women, athletic coaches, and other fraternity men. Using these resources, the staff members identify men who will best represent Phi Delta Theta. These men will then be given the challenge of creating a colony/chapter of the Fraternity. From start to finish, recruitment to chartering takes one to two years.

Geoff Miller, Pacific '95 is a chapter consultant for the General Headquarters.



The chapter house at the University of Alabama.

Florida Delta returns

In September, Florida Delta at the University of Miami returned to the fold. After a fourteen-year absence from campus, Phi Delta Theta returned with a thriving colony. The colony currently has thirty members and is preparing to go through spring rush. After the initial recruitment of twenty-five men by Chapter Consultants Tripp Rawls and Troy Bartels, the reins of the group were handed over to the undergraduates. They continued the recruitment effort to meet the colonization requirements. The colonization ceremony was held November 3, 1996, at the Orchestra Rehearsal Hall on campus, with alumni and undergraduate members of the Fraternity present to give their support to the Florida

Delta Colony. A reception followed the ceremony at Brother Robert Shelley's home. Members of the Miami Alumni Club and Florida Kappa chapter (Florida International), along with university officials, helped the new colony members celebrate their success. The new members of Florida Delta have promised to bring pride to all Hurricane Phis.

Embry-Riddle colony takes off

This October, the Fraternity expanded its realm to include a new school: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. This university focuses its field of study to aeronautical technology. The majority of the students who attend the university are interested in attaining a position in the

field of aviation or aviation services. Similar to the Florida Delta recruitment, Tripp Rawls and Troy Bartels recruited a base of men. Those men continued the efforts to meet the colonization requirements. Twenty-eight men participated in the colonization ceremony in December. Each man is striving to make Phi Delta Theta the top Fraternity on campus. The colony already has planned next semester's recruitment efforts, a community service project, and several fund-raisers. The Florida Mu Colony is looking to the future to become one of the best on campus and the best in Phi Delta Theta.

Fraternity expansion is an exciting aspect of Phi Delta Theta. It helps the Fraternity get bigger and better, and it brings the Phi Delta Theta experience to new campuses and new young men. Along with Florida Delta Colony and Florida Mu Colony, the Fraternity has colonies at Creighton University (Nebraska Gamma Colony), University of Alabama (Alabama Alpha Colony), Belmont University (Tennessee Zeta Colony), and Sonoma State University (California Sigma Colony). All these groups are full of young men who are excited to be involved with Phi Delta Theta, and are working hard to charter their groups.

Hopefully, all these men will be initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Theta during the next year!

Chapter reports

Arizona Beta

Arizona State University

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity purchased their house from Arizona State University's Board of Regents in July of 1996, making it the first privately-owned fraternity house on Alpha Drive.

A long-term lease with the Arizona State University Board of Regents ended when Phi Delta Theta Lodging, L.L.C., an organization composed of active and alumni fraternity members, decided to exercise an option to purchase the property. Phi Delta Theta Lodging, L.L.C. is now the owner of the fraternity house and the land located at 701 East Alpha Drive, Tempe.

To purchase and renovate the 12,000 square-foot building, Phi Delta Theta Lodging, L.L.C. has raised more than \$700,000. C³ Construction Inc. has recently completed the renovation and 30 members are in residency this fall.

The Phi Delta Theta Frater-

nity house was designed by Taliesin West based upon drawings by Frank Lloyd Wright, Washington '38.

"We have adhered to the original design concepts in the renovation," said Brett Corley, President of C³ Construction Inc.

Greg Vogel, organizer of Phi Delta Theta Lodging, L.L.C., decided to purchase the property for two reasons: longevity and the ability to secure financing for improvements. Watching the transformation of this property from one year ago has been the reward for all who participated.

Founded in 1958, the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at ASU has initiated more than 1,000 members. — Greg Vogel

California Mu University of California- Riverside

California Mu will be celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. In celebration of this



Back on track

Adam Friend, New Hampshire '96, is taking his New Hampshire College racing team on the NASCAR-Busch Grand National North circuit. Friend, who was featured in the summer, 1995 issue of The Scroll, is asking for help from chapters across North America to make his dream a reality. To help Brother Friend's effort, call him at (207) 487-3026.

event, we will be holding a ten-year reunion dinner and our annual golf tournament. This will kick off our seventh annual Phi Pride Week which is being scheduled for late April or early May. Any alumni who would like to attend should contact the chapter to confirm your current mailing address. All inquiries should be made to:

Phi Delta Theta, c/o Student Life and Leadership Center, UCR, 145 Costo Hall, Riverside, CA 92521; e-mail: ImaPhi@msn.com or Phone (909)778-9776.

We look forward to seeing many alumni returning to UCR for this event.

We just finished fall rush, and we pledged four new Phikeias to the Upsilon pledge class. Congratulations to the new initiates.

We look forward to seeing alumni support and partici-

pation to make this year a great and successful year to come.

— Frederick Chun

Colorado Gamma Colorado State University

I just wanted to write and let you know how rush went for Colorado Gamma. This year rush was a greater challenge than it has been in the past, due to our house going dry. For years we have had parties the first few weeks of school allowing new incoming students to become associated with our members. This was a rather huge tool for rush, however, this year our pledge class is only 13 strong, which is only a third to half the size of our normal. This is probably because rushees didn't come to our house before rush week. We are also new to selling a dry house on a wet campus. Any-



Colorado Gamma's chapter house.

way, the point of my letter was not to sound negative, we have 13 quality pledges. This year at the General Convention a gentleman from Indiana Alpha spoke on the difficulties his chapter came across the first semester they were alcohol free. I think we are adjusting quite well to the new changes, and the motivation in our house has actually risen. I see good things in the future for Colorado Gamma, and just wanted you to know how things are going.

— Clint Mattson

Indiana Delta Franklin College

The Indiana Delta chapter has started off the new school year with a bang. Once again this year we had a very successful rush with the largest fraternity pledge class on campus. We are continuing our fund-raising for Lou Gehrig's Disease and have added a new community service project, working with the Star of Hope project in Indianapolis. Homecoming was very successful this year. We had many alumni return for the weekend and enjoyed meeting these brothers. For the third year in a row a brothers was crowned Homecoming King. We would also like to congratulate Brother Dean Hicks '84 for his recent election as the Franklin College Alumni Association President. Perhaps, the biggest news of all for our chapter is that Brother Robert Wise '36 was to speak on campus November 6. Brother Wise was the producer of such films as *The Sound of Music*, *West Side Story*, and *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*. We are very honored that Brother Wise

125 years of Georgia Alpha



Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wight, '39 were among those who came back to celebrate Georgia Alpha's 125th anniversary Oct. 18. Georgia Alpha is the fourth oldest chapter in the Fraternity.

was back on campus as part of the Heartland Film Festival.

— Rob Ater

Kansas Beta Washburn University

The men of Kansas Beta eagerly started the 1996 fall semester after an educational summer. Brother Michael Steiner attended the Phi Delta Theta Convention in Orlando and Brothers James Clarke, Jesse Borjon, Duane Randle, and Todd Summerson attended Leadership College in August. They brought back many great ideas that are currently being put to work in the chapter.

Kansas Beta had several successful social functions to start off the year and have hosted several Washburn Football team victory parties in support of Brothers John Johnson, Ryan Bradbury, and

Matt Marshall who play on the team. Brothers Chad Krug and Kevin Torline have also continued to excel on the Washburn Tennis Team.

Kansas Beta recently participated in Washburn's Homecoming festivities by building a float with the Alpha Phi Sorority. Brother James Clarke and Chris Jones were candidates for Homecoming King.

The chapter is currently working on plans to raise money for the renovation of our chapter house. We would like to thank our Alumni Board for their hard work in this matter and also for their overall support of the chapter.

A collection of Kansas Beta memorabilia is currently being gathered to use in a historical display. If any alumni of the chapter have any old photographs, reports, journals, banners, or other objects

that they would like to lend or donate, please contact Duane Randle at (913)234-3496 or e-mail at randledu@wu.acc.edu

— Duane Randle

Maryland Gamma Washington College

After winning the Silver Star this past summer, Maryland Gamma is off to a great start. On September 28, 1996 Maryland Gamma held its 7th annual Crab Feast. This event took place in a pavilion overlooking the Chester River and was a huge success. Brothers, family, friends and faculty all had a great time enjoying all-you-can-eat crabs. This year as in years past, Maryland Gamma was fortunate to have over 80 percent of their alumni return for this annual event. The Brothers of Maryland Gamma would also like to personally thank, Brother Mike Twigg, who has recently resigned as Province President. His work to help Maryland Gamma achieve its many successes will always be remembered. Further information can be obtained through Andrew Greeley at (410)778-8896.

— Gus Pappas

Michigan Delta GMI-EMI

The brothers of Michigan Delta started the 1996-97 school year off on the right foot. We came back to school this summer to find out that we won the Lubbock Trophy. We would also like to extend our congratulations to the brothers of Ontario Gamma who also received top honors for the Lubbock Trophy. In our quest to win the Lubbock again, we recently held our 9th annual Duck Race to benefit Special Olympics. Congratulations are in order to

Brother Switch Holaski for organizing the event and raising more than \$3,000 to benefit this charity. We have also participated in several enjoyable Big Brothers/Big Sisters events this term.

The brothers also worked hard last year on the athletic field. We won our sixth straight GMI Greek Cup for being the best house athletically on campus. With this summer's first-place finishes in softball and soccer we are well on our way to winning another trophy. We would also like to extend congratulations to three members of Michigan Delta who recently won positions on GMI's Student Senate: Rob Vacha, vice president; Mike Lashbrook, senior rep.; Rob DeStephano, minority rep.

Congratulations are also in order to Brothers Mike Lashbrook and Tony Henige for their appointment into GMI's Robot Society - the most prestigious and selective student organization on campus.

This summer we also held our Alumni Golf Outing. It was a great success as alumni from both A and B-section returned to GMI. Brother Tim Krajenke and Tim Thorpe took this year's title despite the inclement weather. We hope to have even a better outing next year.

We would also like to announce that our annual Semi-Formal Founders Day Celebration will take place Saturday, March 15, 1997. All alumni are cordially invited to attend. Call Brother Dave Mullen at (810) 239-2186.

— Ron Boudia

Missouri Epsilon Southwest Missouri State University

The men of Missouri Epsilon are off to another great year at SMSU. The Phi Deltis have experienced success this fall in all areas of Fraternity life.

Sports have continued to be dominated by the Phis this fall. With fourth-place finishes in softball and golf, and with strong performance in football and hockey thus far, the Phi Deltis are in good position to repeat as Greek Sports Champions.

Upholding the standard which Missouri Epsilon has established in academics, the Phi Deltis are once again leading in chapter GPA among fraternities again this year. The Phis are also starting the first semester in chapter history in which every Phikeia from the previous semester's pledge class met the 2.8 GPA requirement to be initiated.

The chapter is making an impact on the community this fall, as well. The Phis continue their community service efforts by baby-sitting foster children at a local church, participating in the community's adopt-a-highway program, and volunteering in the community's Halloween Spook-tacular to benefit local youth and the Dickerson Park Zoo.

Currently the men of Missouri Epsilon are preparing for an exciting Homecoming, and with 24 new Phikeias the semester looks bright. The Phis continue to "Reach for Three," while striving for excellence in all that they do.

— Craig Halsey

Ohio Eta Case Western Reserve The brothers of Ohio Eta

have begun another busy and exciting year. This past fall semester, we continued our tradition of excellence and celebrated the day it all began. On November 9, we celebrated our centennial at the Sheraton City Center Hotel in downtown Cleveland. It was a great success, as actives and many alumni came to celebrate our great fraternity. Ohio Eta would like to thank the many people who helped us organize the event including Donald Chenelle, our faculty advisor; Roger Cerne, director of the Case Alumni Association; and Conrad Thiede, director of alumni services at GHQ.

The chapter had many brothers playing integral roles on an improved Spartan football team this past fall. Brothers Matt Woodske, Matt Fullerman, Kevin Henning, Jason Rohrbaugh, Mike Minette, Matt Schindler, and Keith Daugherty all lettered and earned playing time with their hard work and leadership.

Our chapter has continued its excellence in the Case Greek community. We are on pace to eclipse 26 days of community service, which demonstrates our continued commitment to philanthropy. The chapter participated in a Walk-a-thon in October to benefit those with disabilities. We also have done well in intramural, taking a first place finish in softball as well as high finishes in other sports. This past semester, we had nine Phikeia, who look to uphold our great tradition.

— Chris Cummings

Oklahoma Beta Oklahoma State University

Coming off of a great spring '96 semester, Oklahoma Beta finished fourth in G.P.A. out of 22 fraternities. Our chapter, along with the Pi Beta Phi sorority, won the annual Spring Sing competition which is a great achievement. This summer we received the Gold Star award for the third year in a row. This fall we have initiated five new brothers into our chapter.

Congratulations are in order for our five rush chairmen; Dave Simpson, Chris Cardoni, Rick Klimo, Aaron Ochs, and Geoff Eaton who worked hard and put in some long hours to bring to our chapter 50 new Phikeias. Oklahoma Beta welcomes this pledge class to be brothers of this great fraternity of ours. With such a big pledge class coming in we had to ask people to move out of the house to accommodate this class. We currently have 92 people living in the house.

The brothers of Oklahoma Beta have a high standard of community service projects. Brothers have participated in such things as a blood drive, a walk-a-thon, and last semester we raised \$800 with the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority to fund research for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). We will continue to be a strong community asset.

Socially our fraternity is one of the strongest on cam-

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Wabash Phi wins Maurice Shaffer Award

In the last issue of *The Scroll*, we identified



Kuba

someone else's photo as Kyle R. Kuba in the Educational Foundation Scholars

section. This is Kyle Kuba, a Wabash Phi who won the Foundation's \$2,000 Maurice E. Shaffer Award. Congratulations and apologies!

pus. We recently participated in the first annual Big Twelve Function. It consisted of six sororities and six fraternities in commemoration of the first year of the Big Twelve Conference.

Our sports program is excellent as we have finished in the top three for the fifth consecutive year in a row. We are looking strong in sports again this year with the athletes we have now and with the ones that we brought in.

Our chapter celebrated its fiftieth anniversary last April. There was a huge turnout and a great celebration for this chapter which has done better things each year. To all of the alumni, thanks for your support
— Scott St. John

Oregon Gamma Willamette University

After achieving the Gold Star award last spring, the brothers have picked up where they left off in the

spring. We established ourselves early on campus by dominating Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash competition. Brother Christopher Mack was crowned Mr. Anchorsplash.

Oregon Gamma has helped the Salem community as well. We continue to participate in our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up program which we established last year. We have also arranged to volunteer for soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity, and charity duck race co-sponsored by Circle K community outreach.

This February will mark the Miami Triad's 50th Anniversary on Willamette University's Campus. A celebration involving the Miami Triad chapters on campus is being scheduled. Brother Charles Wicks, past president of the General Council and alumnus of Oregon Gamma, will represent us in a formal banquet for all members of the Miami Triad fraternities. During this time our chapter plans to dedicate our remodeled chapter room. We are expecting a large number of chapter alumni for this monumental event.

In conclusion, Oregon Gamma continues to make a positive impact both on campus and in the community.

— Mark Thibedeau

South Carolina Beta University of South Carolina

This has been a very active semester for the brothers at South Carolina Beta. This past rush we selected eleven fine men who we are very excited about becoming brothers in the near future. The month of October has been exciting for us. On Saturday, October 5 we held our Alumni Cookout at

our Province President Pete Kennedy's home. The cook-out was a great success and we thank Brother Kennedy for the use of his home and all of his help. At the end of this month we are also participating in our annual Haunted House for abused children.

This semester we are currently participating in six intramural sports including flag football, team tennis, inner tube waterpolo, floor hockey, and whiffle ball. We also have an indoor soccer team which is currently second in the fraternity league and we have high hopes of a championship.

This spring we are planning to have the first annual alumni golf tournament. Any alumni or brother in the area interested in playing should contact Chris Gardner at (803)544-1161 as soon as possible so we can start making the necessary arrangements. — Doug Simpson

Utah Alpha University of Utah

The brothers at Utah Alpha are pleased to announce that this fall we were able to get 13 pledges. Having 37 actives and an excellent executive committee, we were able to get the quality of gentlemen that our house needs and continues to grow from. This fall the chapter had a wonderful Alumni Dinner during rush in which we heard from many esteemed alumni such as Charles Reinhardt, Scott Mietchen, Shawn Lupcho, and Tristan Horne. The dinner was emceed by our current president Gregory Bau and was attended by 20 alumni, 30 actives, and 12

rushees. The annual \$2,500 J. Willard Marriot ('26) Scholarship was given out to Michael Voss '97 at the dinner, who has a cumulative GPA of an outstanding 3.9. Our annual fall formal is being held at Sun Valley Lodge in Sun Valley, Idaho which includes two days of brotherhood, dancing and fun. Back on campus, our image continues to grow as a well-rounded house and we have for the first time many dry activities to develop better relations with IFC and the sororities on campus. Also, we will be holding our first annual All-Phi Delt Golf Tournament during Founders Day weekend in Salt Lake City. For more information please contact Alumni Secretary Jeff S. Hodlmair, '98 at (801) 485-4746 or Nelson R. Clawson, '98 at (801)359-8365.

— Jeff Hodlmair

Virginia Delta University of Richmond

The Virginia Delta chapter of Phi Delta Theta is once again back on top at the University of Richmond. The chapter has made vast improvements in almost every aspect of Greek life. Ryan Ginty, our vice president, was crowned homecoming king at the halftime of the Richmond

James Madison football game. The Phi Delt won Greek Week easily under the leadership of captain Don Ferrozi. Already, our fundraising efforts have raised \$1,000 mostly from an innovative raffle created by new President Blake Heggstad. All of our money is slated to go toward needed house improvements.

Recently, our 1000th brother signed the Bond and our new pledge class was initiated with Steve Salvo as

pledge of the year. His pledge class was the largest spring class on campus and included several varsity athletes. This year rush efforts are going exceptionally well and big numbers are expected. Our shirts will have Phi Delta Theta letters done in a crop circle design and will say "Leave your mark."

This year we plan on continuing our annual three-on-three basketball tournament which benefits the children's hospital. We also plan on re-starting our campus-wide Treasure Hunt fundraiser to benefit the boys' club. In intramurals our hardball team (a spin-off of football) is undefeated behind a backfield featuring Dave Nelson and our handball team is also tough. We are poised to end our four consecutive second-place finishes and this year finally win the overall points championship. Also, just completed was the third-annual pong tournament which was won by past-president Bill Phillips.

We hope to maintain our pace of improvement and achievement and give even

more credence to our unofficial motto: "There's a reason we're on top of the hill." We are especially thankful to our alumni for all their aid over the past couple of years and were happy to see such a large turnout at homecoming. See you guys at pig-roast at the tail end of the already outstanding year.

— Virginia Delta

Washington Epsilon Eastern Washington University

The Washington Epsilon chapter of Phi Delta Theta moved into their newly remodeled chapter house at 306 College Avenue, Cheney, Washington, on September 16, 1996. The new facility and annex next door houses sixteen brothers with the potential to house 26 when the second story is added onto the converted dental office.

The construction project was started in October 1995, and completed by the brothers and alumni under the supervision of Chapter Adviser Dick Mayer. Alumni donating time to the project included Greg McAllister, Jeff Hill, Eric

Undergraduate Phi dies in Ohio Wesleyan chapter house fire

An early morning fire on Oct. 19 claimed the life of Ohio Wesleyan (Ohio Beta) chapter member Casey Polatsek.

It is believed the fire started in one of the chapter members' bedrooms when a piece of furniture caught fire. Oct. 19 was homecoming and parents weekend on the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

Polatsek was in the house during the fire and was pronounced dead of smoke inhalation at a nearby hospital.

Scott Grissom, the chapter "house father" heard the smoke alarm and banged on bedroom doors to get members out of the house, but was unaware Polatsek was in the house.

The chapter house did have a fire alarm system.

The chapter house received extensive damage and chapter members were housed in a nearby residence hall while repairs to the building were made.

Barber, Jeff Hart and John Jennings. Active members swinging everything from hammers to paint brushes included Matt Mayer, Cory Sinclair, Mike Benvenuto, Dan Dunlop, Brian Lynn, Seth Wagenblast, Brent Becker, Shane Prutsman, Kevin Oaks, Michael Woodard, Tony Stout, Terry Thomason, Jordan Brown, Avont Grant, and Heath Heikkila. All members of the chapter arrived on campus one week prior to the start of school and worked many hours to complete the project prior to commencement of classes.

With the renovation, the house corporation sold the chapter house at 324 Second Avenue to the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, thereby creating the first housing opportunity for a sorority on the Eastern Washington University campus. Shortly after the sale, in June 1996, the Alpha Phi Sorority purchased property and planned to complete re-

modeling and move in this fall. The establishment of housing for fraternity and sororities on the EWU campus will help build the Greek system here and contribute to its success.

The property at 302 and 306 College Avenue are owned by the Washington Epsilon Housing Group. One of the goals of Chapter Adviser Dick Mayer was providing sleeping facilities that did not include sleeping porches. The sixteen members live in single and double rooms. When the second story is completed there will be a total of sixteen single rooms and five double rooms. In addition, the rent is a very competitive \$200 per month with utilities adding between \$30 and \$50 to that amount.

Completion of the second story is scheduled for fall of 1997 in time for the start of the 1997 fall quarter.

— Dick Mayer



Washington Epsilon's newly renovated chapter house, which was recently renovated with the help of alumni and undergraduates.

Fred G. Arkoosh

1937 Wyoming graduate and co-founder of Wilkinson Manufacturing Co. Frederick G. Arkoosh died August 17, in Sun City, Arizona.

Wilkinson is a food-package manufacturing company and Brother Arkoosh was chairman of the board for slightly more than 10 years. He also served as a lieutenant colonel in the Army in World War II.

Clarence L. Anderson

Clarence L. Anderson, *Washington State* '55, died Sept. 27, 1996, in Seattle,

Wash., at the age of 94. He delayed graduating from WSU in 1925 to pursue a career as an accountant but later graduated with his daughter, Lael, 30, years later. Brother Anderson was a retired treasurer of Pacific Gamble Robinson and a charter member of the Financial Executive Institute. After retirement he traveled the world extensively, pursuing a career in photography. He earned the title of Master Photographer and five-star exhibitor from the Photographic Society of America, and he created and presented many highly regarded travel slide programs throughout the country. He is survived by a Phi son, Kerry, WSU '51.

Howard W. "Ted" Bessell Jr.

Television actor and Colorado Alpha alumnus Ted Bessell died Oct. 6 of an aortic aneurysm. He was 61.

Bessell was best known for playing Marlo Thomas' boyfriend on *That Girl*, a television comedy that ran from 1966 to 1971. Bessell directed *The Tracey Ullman Show*, a

'80s comedy that won him an Emmy.

At the time of his death, Bessell and Thomas were talking about doing a *That Girl* revival, according to a *People* magazine tribute.

C.A. "Chuck" Bresnahan

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame member C.A. "Chuck" Bresnahan died Sept. 6, 1995 in Denver, Colorado. He was a founding member of the Colorado Gamma chapter, while president of Colorado A&M (which later became Colorado State).

Bresnahan earned 12 athletic letters at Colorado State and was signed by the Chicago White Sox but was unable to play professionally due to injuries received during his senior year.

Donald T. Jacobson

Portland resident and 1954 Whitman College graduate Donald T. Jacobson died of complications from a brain tumor in September. Jacobson was a longtime management consultant and president of Management/Marketing associates, Portland-based man-

agement consulting firm. He also was the founding president of the Pacific North-



west Chapter of the Institute of Management Consultants and president of the Whitman College Alumni Association.

Paul W. Kitto

1928 University of Idaho (Idaho Alpha) graduate Paul

W. Kitto died Dec. 22, 1995 in Bellevue, Wash. at the age of 88. He was a former president of Pacific National Bank of Seattle and of the Washington Bankers Association.

Casey W. Polatsek

Ohio Wesleyan (Ohio Beta) undergraduate Casey Polatsek died after a fire broke out in the chapter house Oct. 19. He was 20. Polatsek was from

Medina, Ohio and the son of Bill and Judy Polatsek. In addition to his par-



ents, he is survived by his sister, Kelly. Polatsek was to have graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1998.

Joe Reynolds

Joe Reynolds, *Oregon State*, '21, was a leading figure in Hawaii sports. He died Oct 4 at his home. He was 96.

In addition to receiving numerous athletic letters at Oregon State, Reynolds coached junior high athletics and founded the Honolulu Quarterback Club. He also officiated many sports in Hawaii. He served as the first president of the University of Hawaii Athletic Foundation.

George H. Weber

George H. Weber, Oregon '31, died Nov. 2, 1996, in Seattle, Wash., at the age of 89. He served with the advertising firm of Cole & Weber his entire career, retiring as chairman of the board in 1972. Brother Weber was deeply involved in many civic activities including the Friends of Public Library, Pacific North-

west Research Foundation, Seattle Symphony, Seattle World Affairs Council, United Good Neighbors, the Washington State Trade Fair, the American Association of Advertising Agencies, the Seattle Better Business Bureau, and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He also served as president of the University of Oregon Development Board. Brother Weber was a member of the Rainier Club, Kiwanis Club, Nile Temple Shrine and a charter member of the Emerald City Alumni Club of Phi Delta Theta.

Howard S. Wright

Well-known Seattle developer Howard S. Wright, *Washington*, '51, died of an aortic aneurysm in October at the age of 69.

Among Wright's accomplishments: the Space Needle, bringing the Seahawks to Seattle and the Washington Mutual Tower.

At the time of his death, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and former Washington Gov. Dan Evans both praised Wright for his work in a Seattle Post-Intelligencer obituary.

Timothy B. Thomas

Oregon Tech alumnus Tim Thomas, '86, died when he and the crew of his U.S. Air Force AWACS aircraft were killed in a crash in Alaska last August.

Thomas is the first Phi from Oregon Delta to enter the Chapter Grand. Several members of Oregon Delta in cooperation with the Phi Delta Theta Foundation are working to put together a Tim Thomas Memorial Scholarship. Donations to this fund may be made in care of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation, 2

South Campus Ave., Oxford,
OH 45056.

Edward K. Thompson

Famous Phi Edward K. Thompson, *North Dakota* '27, who was known for editing *Life* and founding *Smithsonian* magazines, died Oct. 7 in a Somers, NY nursing home. He was 89.

Brother Thompson was born in Minneapolis and received a bachelor's degree in 1927 from UND, where he edited *The Dakota Student*. Thompson went on to edit several newspapers and worked for the Milwaukee Journal before joining *Life* in 1949. *Life* publisher Henry R. Luce described Thompson as one of the "great editors in America." He also created a magazine called *Impact* for the Army Air Forces during World War II.

The cigar-chomping and Stetson-wearing Thompson went on to serve as special assistant to U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk before he joined the Smithsonian Institution in 1969 to create *Smithsonian* magazine. The magazine had no financial backing but Brother Thompson soon saw the circulation for the periodical soar past two million.



**In Coelo
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Akron

'60, Gene E. Grow of Akron, Ohio, 1/94

Alberta

'36, Ian D. Ritchie of Hudson Heights, PQ, 6/96

Arizona

'36, Col. James A. Godwin Jr. of Upland, Calif., 8/96

British Columbia

'43, Thomas W. Meredith of Sechelt, B.C., 3/96

Brown

'40, Floyd T. Gould of East Dennis, Mass., 11/95

Cincinnati

'45, Samuel A. Stueve of Cincinnati, Ohio, 9/96

Colgate

'51, Alan C. Egler of Ridgefield, Conn., 10/96
'37, George W. Ferguson of Port Charlotte, Fla., 9/96

Colorado

'57, Howard W. "Ted" Bessell Jr., 10/96

Colorado State

'21, C.A. "Chuck" Bresnahan of Denver, Colo., 9/95
'35, Joshua f. Meyer of Camarillo, Calif., 7/96

Cornell

'33, Henry J. Brady of Seattle, Wash., 7/96

Dartmouth

'43, Norman A. Askey of Miami, Fla., 4/96

DePauw

'31, Gene McGraw of Laguna Hills, Calif., 9/96

'45, Gordon R. McKinney of Evansville, Ind., 10/96

Duke

'58, Robert Brodhead of Baton Rouge, La., 2/96
'33, Frank A. Stith Jr. of Winston-Salem, N.C., 7/96

Emory

'77, Thomas D. McCrummen III of Austin, Texas, 9/96

Florida

'45, John P. Schell of St. Simons Island, Ga., 6/96

Georgia

'54, Kenneth B. Malsberger of Fort Mill, S.C., 3/96

Georgia Tech

'30, Nathan M. Ayers of Greensboro, N.C., 9/96
'40, William R. Beard of Decatur, Ga., 9/96

Idaho

'30, Jerome J. Christians of Mexico, 1/96

Illinois

'43, Arthur K. Burke of Oak Brook, Ill., 5/96
'34, Harris A. Kemp of Dallas, Texas, 10/96

Indiana Univ.

'57, William R. Kaser of Greenfield, Ind., 10/96

Iowa

'40, Thomas E. Hannon of Prospect, Conn., 7/96

Iowa State

'30, Reginald A. Cook of Bacon Raton, Fla., 8/96

Iowa Wesleyan

'42, Fred D. Huebner of Des Moines, Iowa, 7/96

Kansas

'45, Robert L. Corder of Mesa, Ariz., 1/96
'50, Robert F. Danneberg of Leawood, Kans., 10/96
'52, Myron J. "Bud" Watkins of Reno, Nev., 9/96

Kansas State

'42, Col. Wayne F. Pickell of Overland Park, Kans., 6/96
'35, Jacob E. Spring of Austin, Texas, 9/96

Kentucky

'50, Frank R. Childress of Louisville, Ky., 1/96

Lawrence

'49, William J. Schuh of Appleton, Wis., 2/96

Lehigh

'40, Elmer P. Bachtell Jr. of Hagerstown, Md., 7/96

Louisiana State

'50, Thomas P. Groome Jr. of Brandon, Miss., 9/96

Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.

'25, Arthur Sharp of Bradenton, Fla., 10/96

Miami Univ.

'32, Charles S. Diehl of Fort Myers, Fla., 9/96

Missouri

'36, Don R. Handley of Springfield, Mo., 2/96

North Carolina

'34, John M. Acee of Asheville, N.C., 7/96

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North Dakota

'27, Edward K. Thompson of Somers, N.Y., 10/96
'28, Loyd A. Walen of Newhall, Calif., 8/96

Ohio State

'48, James N. Bosworth of Canton, Ohio, 10/95

Ohio Wesleyan

'40, Charles M. Hopkins of Crystal, Mich., 4/96

Oklahoma State

'82, William W. "Bill" Byrd of Coppell, Texas, 9/96

Oregon

'34, Sherwood P. Burr of Tucson, Ariz., 10/96

Oregon State

'21, Joe A. Reynolds of Honolulu, Hawaii, 10/96

Pennsylvania

'41, Karl R. Kurz of Blue Bell, Penn., 5/96
'46, Peter Kuttner of Taylors, S.C., 7/96

Puget Sound

'48, Richard F. Eckert of Portland, Ore., 10/96

Purdue

'46, Robert W. Fackler of Indianapolis, Ind., 9/96

Randolph-Macon

'36, Daniel H. Terry of Clearwater, Fla., 6/96

Rollins

'35, Richard B. Washington of Gallup, NM, 2/96

Southern Methodist

'79, Stanlee H. Callis of Orlando, Fla., 11/95

Stanford

'43, Curtis G. Maynard of Albuquerque, N.M., 10/96

Stephen F. Austin

'74, Neil F. Philipp of Nacogdoches, Texas, 8/96

Texas-Austin

'42, Allen H. "Buddy" Carruth of Houston, Texas, 9/96

'52, Jack E. Farmer of San Antonio, Texas, 9/96

'52, Hammond W. Hopkins of Dallas, Texas, 10/96

'37, Lynn B. Milam of Beaumont, Texas, 10/96

Texas Christian

'80, T. Reed Oatman of Fort Worth, Texas, 10/96

Toronto

'43, Richard G. Silverlock of Niagara Falls, Ont., 11/95

Tulane

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Correction

In the summer issue of *The Scroll*, we misspelled the name of Lewis P. Andrews in the Chapter Grand section of the magazine.



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Remembering a lost Brother

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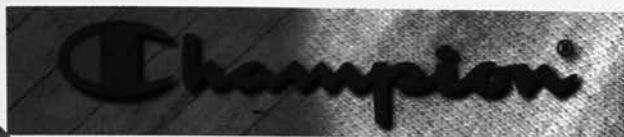


in *The Scroll*. Making such a contribution is an excellent way to remember a deceased Phi's commitment to the Fraternity and will help future generations of Phis enjoy the benefits of the Fraternity.

Each year, funds from the Phi Delta Theta Foundation are given to deserving Phis in the form of scholarships. Educational Foundation funds are also used to support Fraternity leadership programs like the Leadership College held in Oxford each summer.

For more information on giving to the Foundation or setting up a scholarship fund in the name of a deceased Brother, contact the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation, 2 South Campus Ave., Oxford, OH, 45056 or call (513) 523-6966.

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A letter from the president



**Dr. Robert B.
Deloian,
president, Phi
Delta Theta
General Council**

"We want to give renewed strength to the core principles of our founders. Abuse of alcohol among college undergraduates endangers these principles."

YOU MAY WONDER WHY THERE IS A SPECIAL PUBLICATION in your mailbox this month. You've no doubt heard the news that Phi Delta Theta will have alcohol-free chapter facilities in the year 2,000, and we wanted to get the details of this announcement to you, a member of the Phi Delta Theta family. The General Council and I believe that we must get the Fraternity "back to the basics" and forge a brotherhood that exemplifies our principles of friendship, sound learning, and rectitude. We want to give renewed strength to the ideals and principles that our Founders thought necessary in men.

Unfortunately, fraternity life today is an alcohol-dominated culture. It has received a very negative image that – in most cases – is deserved. Fraternities have so much more to offer, and can play a vital role in student development. We need to focus on the positive aspects of friendship, leadership, scholarship, brotherhood and community involvement.

At the General Council's meeting in February, we decided to move forward with a plan that will change the nature of our chapters' living facilities. This plan was enthusiastically endorsed by our General Officers. Alcohol-free living will allow our chapters to have cleaner, safer facilities that will be conducive to living our founding principles.

We recognize that this major change will create challenges and concerns along the way. We will need to be flexible and evaluate individual situations as they occur, but our goal will not change. Many of you are concerned about recruitment, drinking and driving, and the ability to attract members to live in the house. These are all legitimate concerns. It is our hope that our implementation, and educational programs over the next three years will be of great value to our members' understanding of this policy.

The comments from alumni and undergraduate members have been very positive. The news media has embraced our bold step with a great deal of coverage and praise. University officials are 100 percent behind our effort and have vowed to give us all the support necessary for success.

Sorority support and endorsement is strong, as you can imagine. Other major fraternities are watching us with great interest, and it is our belief that many of them will also make similar policy changes in the near future.

Please take a close look at this educational publication. This is the first step in the process of preparing our membership for this historic change.

Together our love and commitment to Phi Delta Theta will help preserve our future.

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Why alcohol free?

By Marc S. Mores

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF PHI DELTA THETA UNANIMOUSLY voted in February to eliminate alcohol from chapter facilities by the year 2,000. In making its decision, the Council cited a strong desire to return to Fraternity values and respond to the needs of today's students. The following are major findings the Council looked at when making its decision and help explain why Phi Delta Theta is moving in this direction.

Fraternity life today is an alcohol-dominated culture

According to the Harvard School of Public Health, 86 percent of men who live in fraternity houses are binge drinkers. Binge drinking is defined as having five or more drinks in one sitting. We do not operate in a culture of service, leadership, and brotherhood. Our best chapters are groups who do not allow themselves to be defined by alcohol.

The common problems that result from the alcohol-dominated culture include poor scholarship, deterioration of our chapter living facilities, increased liability insurance costs, image problems, poor retention rates of new members, sexual assaults, date rape and hazing. Studies show 90 percent of campus rape cases are alcohol related and most hazing cases involve alcohol. Three undergraduate Phis died in the past four years because of alcohol-related incidents. Recruitment totals are declining. On some campuses, the best men are no longer pledging fraternities — they are too motivated and want more than a drinking club.

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Poor scholarship performance

Alcohol is affecting our undergraduates' ability to adhere to the mission of the universities and one of the purposes of Phi Delta Theta — sound learning. Statistics from the fall 1996 semester show that 64.7 percent of our chapters were below the all men's average at their respective institutions. A study by Columbia University's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse reports that alcohol is a contributing factor in more than 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all drop-outs.

Deterioration of chapter houses

Chapter living facilities are steadily deteriorating due, in part, to large social events. Alumni are not willing to donate money to a chapter house that is not maintained properly. Two of the greatest threats to the existence of Phi Delta Theta are property losses and chapter house fires. Life safety and loss control have been hot topics as a result of several fraternity house fires which have resulted in the loss of life. Members can

still have fun at our chapter houses, but not while damaging property and risking lives.

Increasing liability insurance rates

Phi Delta Theta has seen liability insurance rates continue to increase each year as a result of alcohol. Of all the insurance claims filed against Phi Delta Theta, 53 percent are known to be alcohol related. Furthermore, 81 percent of those claims which result in payment are alcohol-related which has resulted in over \$5.5 million being paid out since 1978. Our insurance underwriters are forced to increase the premiums each year because they have suffered losses. At \$140 per man, our undergraduates are faced with paying the highest per-member insurance cost in the fraternity world. Meanwhile sorority liability rates average around \$20 per member. Their low rates are due to the fact that they have substance-free chapter houses. Sororities have limited claims due to limited exposure. Their members often socialize at the fraternity houses. When sororities do have events where alcohol is served, they use third party vendors off the premises.

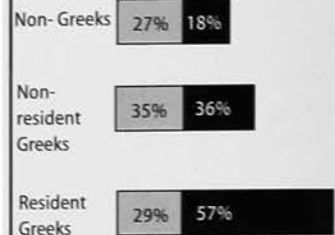
Today's students

Today's student wants to make friends, do well academically and have leadership and service opportunities. The Astin Study from UCLA shows that during the past 15 years the number of students who do not drink has increased. This is especially true with freshman — 47 percent of freshman did not drink according to a 1994 report. Parents want living options for their children that reinforce values and scholarship. A third of all entering college students would chose to live in a substance-free environment if it were offered. Phi Delta Theta needs to change the culture of our chapters from focusing on entertainment to self-development and service.

Alcohol in the house

Number of drinking binges reported by male students within the past two weeks:

1-2 3 or more



Member attitudes

Percentage of male students who agree with the statement: "drinking alcohol is important."



Souce: Harvard University

Binge drinking: How much is too much?

By Rob Pasquinnucci

COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE OFTEN TYING MORE THAN A FEW ON. THE undergraduate who spends every night in the bar is not as common as it once was, but many students drink heavily only on the weekends. Experts warn this “binge drinking” by students can result in something more than a diploma when they graduate: a lifelong alcohol problem.

A study released in 1994 by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) reported alcohol use on American campuses is down, most likely because of a higher drinking age and increased enforcement of driving under the influence laws. But students who do drink engage in “binge drinking” — defined by most experts as having more than five drinks during an evening for males and four drinks for females, and most of the binge drinking occurs in fraternity houses.

The study, which looked at research generated by 3,100 four-year schools, found 42 percent of all college students engaged in heavy drinking during the last two weeks, while only 33 percent of their non-college counterparts did the same.

“Basically, the college community has split in two divergent groups — those who do not drink at all or rarely drink, and those who drink to excess,” the CASA study says.

The CASA study reported:

- Students living in fraternity and sorority housing drink three times as many drinks as other students, averaging 15 drinks per week versus five drinks per week.
- One in three college students drinks primarily to get drunk.
- Each year, students spend \$5.5 billion on alcohol, more than they spend on soft drinks, tea, coffee or books combined.

In all, 50 percent of men and 39 percent of women on college campuses can be considered binge drinkers, according to the CASA study.

Jeff Pollard, Ph.D. is director of counseling and health services at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He says the results of the CASA study didn’t surprise him.

“From 17 to 23 years old, people inevitably consume more alcohol than any of the years of their life,” Pollard says.

Pollard and other experts say the binge drinking culture prevalent in most colleges can be dangerous to students, especially those who have a history of alcoholism in their families.

“If I come to campus with that problem and am exposed to a binge drinking culture, it will pull out that problem very quickly,” Pollard says. “There is a very good chance that my disease will flower.”

Dr. Anderson Spickard, Jr., *Vanderbilt*, ’53, is the director of Fighting Back, a program to reduce demand for illegal drugs and alcohol. He says family history plays a key role in whether someone will develop alcoholism during their college years.

“If I had a mother or father who was an alcoholic, I’d never drink a drop of alcohol,” Spickard says. Research indicates alcoholism can be transmitted genetically.

“So many times, the whole family has an alcohol problem,”



Spickard says.

“Students are often unaware of a family history of alcohol problems, and come to college not knowing they need to be cautious of alcohol use.”

Sometimes, parents will cover up the problem to hide it from the kids to save them from potential embarrassment. Pollard says this is a mistake.

“These are things students need to know,” Pollard says. “Boy, I wish they would (talk to their children about alcohol problems) as a junior or senior in high school.”

Pollard also warns families with a history of depression problems to alert their children of this before they go to school, since depression can lead to alcohol use to “self medicate” the problem.

Cheryl Presley, Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University conducted another study on campus alcohol use as part of the Core Institute headquartered there. She says society needs to develop better guidelines for alcohol use.

“We’ve normalized the use of alcohol,” Presley says.

“We don’t dialogue about it enough. What’s safe drinking?” Students “don’t have any sense of what these things are until they get to college,” she adds.

Without guidelines, students often binge drink and face deadly consequences. The Fraternity is committed to helping its members see the dangers of binge drinking and the other dangers of alcohol use. Over the next three years, the General Headquarters will provide more resources to members for this effort.

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—Jeff Pollard

How alcohol-free saved a chapter

By William F. Laut

ON JANUARY 19, 1995, THE CHARTER OF INDIANA ALPHA — THE oldest continuous charter in the Fraternity — was placed in escrow by the General Council. With that action, part of what had become tradition at Indiana Alpha came to a screeching halt. That tradition — the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the chapter house — ended that day, as Indiana Alpha became a substance-free chapter.

For many of our members, the response was anger, disbelief, and outright hostility towards the General Council. Some young men chose to leave the Fraternity rather than embrace the new policy. Others reluctantly agreed to adhere to the policy but sought alternative housing the next school year. After hiring an executive director, who did not meet the housing board's expectations and instead exacerbated hard feelings, the situation at Indiana Alpha looked grim. The House Corporation Board was polarized, with part of the board recommending closing and recolonizing the chapter, while the others disagreed with that recommendation.

By April of 1995, it appeared that Indiana Alpha would not survive. Our only chance would require several major changes in attitude in both the undergraduates and alumni.

What brought Indiana Alpha to the brink of death? And more importantly, how did Indiana Alpha not only survive, but position itself as a leader among the fraternities at Indiana University, in less than two years?

There are many reasons for the near death of Indiana Alpha. First, a shift in social mores occurred over the past thirty years. Many things which were considered immoral or shocking on college campuses are common today. Second, the physical facility of the chapter house was showing its age, and due to a lack of funding, major renovations were not possible. As the building became more and more worn, there was less interest in taking care of it. Third, there has been a well-documented increase in drinking by college students within the past decades. Fifteen years ago, a party at Indiana University consisted of a fraternity and sorority, with two or three kegs of beer (despite I.U. officially being a "dry" campus). By the time Indiana Alpha was failing, parties of six to eight chapters and 30 kegs were not uncommon.

The biggest factor leading to Indiana Alpha's near extinction was: lack of involvement by the alumni of Indiana Alpha. Because of a desire to allow the young men to develop their leadership skills, the alumni of Indiana Alpha were not deeply involved in the operations of the chapter. Instead, alumni relations were basically nonexistent. Alumni did not feel welcome



File photo of Indiana Alpha's chapter house.

at the house, and in turn, the undergraduates felt abandoned by the alumni.

Indiana Alpha, faced with the prospect of closing its doors, faced the challenge and changed its operations. By the fall of 1995, a group of 27 dedicated men returned to a chapter house built to hold 70. An alumnus of the chapter, Brett Lane, returned to campus as our executive director. The Corporation Board was restructured to involve more of the alumni, and most importantly, was responsible for alumni relations. The undergraduates agreed that the substance-free policy was in the best interest of Indiana Alpha.

The result of these changes? The chapter dramatically improved their scholarship, moving from 27th to 4th among the 32 fraternities. Rush, despite rumors of Phi Delta Theta closing its doors, had remarkable success. For the first time in many years, Indiana Alpha held a Golden and Silver Legion Ceremony on an alumni weekend. And, Phi Delta Theta was the victor in the "Little 500" bicycle race.

During the past summer, the chapter house began to be renovated. These renovations would not have been considered in the past due to the atmosphere of the house. Now, instead of walking into a chapter house that reeked of stale beer and that suffers from members' lack of pride, the men of Indiana Alpha have a house that is clean and they are proud to call home. Best of all, the charter is back from escrow — in an alcohol-free environment.

Adopting a substance-free policy was painful. We lost several members of the chapter who could not or would not change to meet the times. Our alumni were angry — at the General Council for placing the charter in escrow and at the undergraduates who were the custodians of the charter at that time, even though the alumni drank their fair share of alcohol in the chapter house at one time or another.

Now, two years later, adopting the substance-free policy was a "bitter pill" for Indiana Alpha, and it had a terrible taste at the time. But, two years later, we have no doubt it led to improved health for the patient. As an early adopter of the policy, we are pleased to see the Fraternity extend it to all the chapters, and we stand ready to assist our brothers with any help they need in adopting the policy.

William F. Laut, Indiana '80, is the president of the Indiana Alpha House Corporation Board.

Alumni: We need your support

By Rich Fabritius

FOR SOME OF US, THE General Council's new policy on alcohol-free housing is a major change. For others, it is a return to the way it once was. Depending on your graduation date, alcohol-free housing, and its pending effects, may not be that drastic of a change. In reality, alcohol has only been part of the chapter house for the last 30 years.

Since California Alpha occupied the first Phi Delta chapter house in 1874 and up to the tumultuous sixties, alcohol was not part of the living facilities of our young men. So for those who were undergraduates in this era, this is a return to the way it used to be!

For alumni whose experience consisted of alcohol in the chapter house, this is a big step at first glance. But, is it really? Think about the changes that have occurred within our Fraternity in the last few decades.

We addressed hazing. We said it was wrong, and we continue to work on eliminating it in our chapters. Hazing is contrary to the very mission of the Fraternity. It breaks men and chapters down, creating a segregated chapter and a warped sense of brotherhood.

Dry rush? This is Another one of the changes in Phi Delta Theta. A change which prompted the naysayers to predict our demise once again. At the time, many members couldn't comprehend recruiting men without alcohol. Now, on many cam-

pus, our members can't comprehend recruiting with it.

No more kegs. Remember that one? The end of Phi Delta, people exclaimed. What a

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shock for so many of us. But, we continued to operate and continued improving, working within the new policies.

What, we can't buy alcohol with chapter funds? Now here was a big one. You mean the chapter can't buy alcohol? We weathered the transition and are better for it.

When you review the movements of the Fraternity and the changes which have occurred, identifying their catalysts is relatively easy. In the sixties, we reworked our membership requirements due to the civil rights revolution and the maturing of our organization's conscience. We addressed hazing due to the scars it was leaving both symbolically and physically. States we're addressing hazing by passing laws prohibiting it. We realized that if you recruit a man with alcohol, alcohol is what he'll come to solely expect from his membership. Not hard work, leadership development and

service to others.

Drinking laws changed. Our membership is comprised mostly of men under the drinking age. We needed to change our organization to



reflect this development. We are learning, and the Fraternity is growing. These changes are an illustration of this evolution.

Now substance-free. The General Council looked at Phi Delta Theta today and saw the low grades, the poor condition of our chapter houses, the negative image of our association in popular culture and on campus, the loss of life and the injury of our members and their guests and the rising cost of liability insurance. Membership experiences all too often defined by alcohol. Binge drinking is out of control in our chapters and on campus. We've lost appreciation and respect for the immortal pillars upon which this organization was founded and have moved away from our purpose.

These are the reasons for this change. If we don't change now, we may not get a chance in the future. It is time once again for our brother-

hood to evolve. If not now, when? If not us, who?

Yes, this will be tough. Many of the experiences you may participate in at the house will change. Socials on the property will be without alcohol. Homecoming at the house will not have alcohol. Founders Day at the chapter facility will not, either. It is a big change for many of us and we need your support and help to be successful.

We have strong indications that many of the other fraternities will make similar changes in their organizations. Sigma Nu has already committed to alcohol-free housing by the year 2,000 and many groups are interested in making a similar move. Phi Delta Theta is truly on the cutting edge of this change in the Greek world.

Being in a fraternity is about change. Our host institutions and members pride themselves on being leaders of change. We evolve as people, and so too must we evolve as an organization. This bold step took character, leadership and strength - traits which we hope to instill in each and every man who signs *The Bond*.

Membership in our organization is about brotherhood. It is about providing positive experiences that comfort us throughout our days. It is about making men better because of their association with other Phis. As alumni, we have lived through many changes. This is yet another one of the steps in the evolution of the world's greatest fraternity: Phi Delta Theta.

Responses to Phi Delta Theta's new policy

"A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, you might hear an active tell a pledge during his first semester in the fraternity. Drinking makes weak links," -William Thomas Burdette, opinion editor, The Skiff, Texas Christian University's student newspaper.

"This is a courageous move, and I congratulate you and your leadership for making a decision that will be in the best interest of the undergraduate members." - Robert C. Khayat, Mississippi '60, Chancellor, The University of Mississippi

"Having a substance-free house gives us a chance to focus more on other things we do such as scholarships, community service, and campus and community involvement" -Collin Boetger, president, Ohio Lambda chapter (Kent State)



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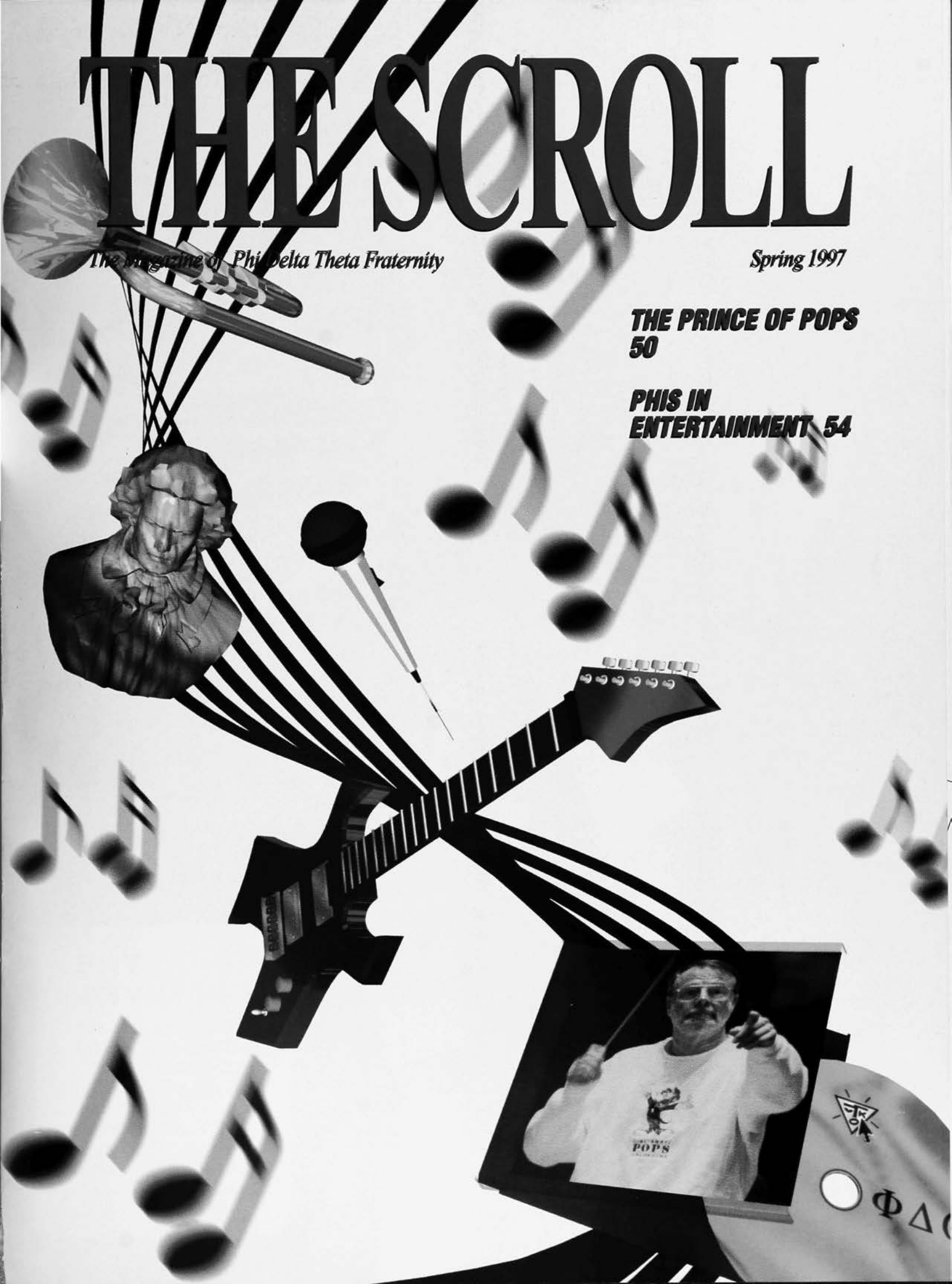
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Roses and thorns for new alcohol-free policy

Editor's note: In mid-March the General Council announced a new policy which eliminates alcohol from chapter houses by the year 2,000. As could be expected, *THE SCROLL* received many letters to the editor on this topic. We have printed these here.

FOOLISH THINKING IS ALL I CAN say about Phi Delta Theta's decision to go dry. At first, I somewhat understood the reasoning because I thought it was for insurance liability purposes, but after reading the comments made by Rob Pasquinnucci, I must say that I could not disagree more. He stated that new students are looking for an education, career advice and friendship. The first two he gets from the school, the friendship he gets from the fraternity... any fraternity. If all chapters were to go dry, the quality and quantity of new Phikeas would diminish greatly because rushing would be very difficult. How do you tell a brand-new freshman that when he is a junior, he won't be allowed to drink in his chapter house and expect him to stay interested? It is naive to believe that new college students, just having been released from their parent's rules, don't want to party. I strongly suggest re-thinking this decision if you truly care about the quality of your future brothers.

BO YELVERTON
VANDERBILT '00

AFTER RECEIVING THE SPECIAL edition of the Scroll I feel the need to congratulate the leadership of Phi Delta Theta

for a bold and brave move toward a more responsible fraternity. Having experienced all the typical fraternity functions, I think that the move toward a substance free system is in line with the times. The old Animal House image has been held in high esteem for too many years. It is a hollow and dangerous way to live. There is a better way, and I'm proud that my fraternity is leading the way to the twenty-first century.

KEN FERGUSON
SOUTHERN INDIANA, '89

ALTHOUGH I DON'T CONSIDER Phi Delta Theta or the Ohio Theta Chapter in any way responsible for my alcoholism, the way we looked at things in the mid-fifties encouraged me to drink alcohol in a way which put me on a fast track to disaster.

On July 1st of this year I will celebrate my 20th year of continuous sobriety. Between my teen years and July 1, 1977, I dropped out of the University of Cincinnati, lost two wives, destroyed careers of anyone who stood in the way of my getting to my drug of choice and managed to alienate two children who were only guilty of being in my family.

We didn't know then the things we know today which you discuss accurately in your publication. If someone today can get across to our pledges that alcohol is a very powerful drug and the price some of us pay for the temporary altered mood is just not worth it.

DAN J. DREYER
CINCINNATI, '60

THE SCROLL OF PHI DELTA Theta has long proven to be an invaluable resource for informing alumni of issues relevant to the strength of our Bond. Regrettably, the focus "Brotherhood, Our Substance of Choice," an alcohol-free Phi Delt, is a cause so misguided that one can't help but be disappointed with the message. Despite *The Scroll's* remarkable history of excellent reporting, it is difficult to believe many of the listed contentions.

An alcohol-free Phi Delta Theta is a move which clearly illustrates our refusal to comprehend the difference between what is truly important and what is not. It is truly important that, regardless of age and era, certain college persons abuse alcohol. This universal truth makes alcohol abuse an issue of great concern, the cause of which must be pursued with vigor.

What is not important is that all adult Phi Delta Theta active members be restricted from the responsible consumption of alcohol on Fraternity property. The General Council's policy fails to recognize that far greater numbers of Phi Delta Theta members consume alcohol within the grounds of responsible collegiate society than those who abuse alcoholic beverages.

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Getting more out of sound learning

By Rev. David Turner

Editor's note: One of the goals of General Council President Robert Deloian is to return to the Fraternity's founding principles. With that in mind, we thought it appropriate to ask Fr. David Turner, Minnesota '70, a former General Council member and chaplain of Benedictine University, to begin a series of columns on living our principles. This is the second article in this series. Fr. Turner welcomes comments from readers. Write him at Benedictine University, 5700 College Road, Lisle Illinois or e-mail dturner@ben.edu.

IN THE FIRST ARTICLE IN THIS CONTINUING FEATURE on our Fraternity values which began in the last issue of *The Scroll*, I referred to a book that is being used in many graduate business programs around the country: Peter M. Senge's *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization* (New York: Doubleday, 1990). *Fortune* magazine, in commenting on this exciting book, reflected: "Forget your old, tired ideas about leadership. The most successful corporation of the 1990s will be something called a learning organization."

I have found it interesting in the last few years to meet people in business and industry who keep telling me that they are becoming less interested in the college graduate who comes to post-graduation employment believing that college has provided sound "job training." In talking with some people in managerial roles who have been my classmates in courses taken in the organizational development program offered at Benedictine University, I found that their experiences with new employees is not much different: everyone seems to have encountered the "cognitive" approach to interaction: if I know enough, if I have the right facts, we will succeed.

Senge looks at the picture quite differently. He presents five learning disciplines each of which can be viewed on three distinct levels: practices (what you actually do), principles (your guiding ideas and insights), and essences (the state of being of those with high levels of mastery in the discipline). Note the word *mastery*. Here we have an approach which involves a great deal more than passing examinations after pulling an "all-nighter" or simply trying to establish competency by referring to the course grades recorded on a transcript or one's grade point average.

The five learning disciplines as developed by Peter Senge focus on (1) systems thinking, (2) personal mastery, (3) mental models, (4) building shared vision, and (5) team learning. Senge stresses that "the disciplines of shared vision and team learning differ from the other three in that they are inherently collective in nature. The practices are activities engaged in by groups. The principles must be understood by groups. And the

essences are states of being experienced collectively." There are in these three small sentences a wealth of challenges! This approach well reminds me of the seminars in which I took part at Princeton Theological Seminary where early on we were told, "There are no right answers, and no one is going to be giving you grades. You must be resources for each other and then give yourself an honest evaluation of your work."

Where is my developing argument taking us? How, really, am I "making a case" for what can be done with such material as

this as related to our cardinal principles? Well, take for example "sound learning." I have served the fraternity in the past as the scholarship commissioner. I know for a fact most scholarship chairmen in our chapters think primarily about reporting grade point averages and winning scholarship awards. However, we need to ask the question, "In what ways might we benefit by a team learning approach?" If you were a student in our organizational development master of science degree program, you would learn rather quickly about team learning! You would see groups of people studying together with rather

animated interactions, remembering as they do that there will only be a "group grade." You are required to study with and interact with one another. Nobody flies solo!

What is all involved in team learning? First of all, from the "practices" aspect, one must quickly suspend assumptions and be open to a variety of views and approaches. Second, people must learn to act as colleagues: there is no one "authority" from which all the rest get the "right answers and approaches." Third, one comes to understand how one's own defensiveness can surface and interfere with team learning. One must begin by understanding that great teams do have conflict! Senge believes that "one of the most reliable indicators of a team that is continually learning is the visible conflict of ideas." The final point is that of "practicing," which asks that even though the disciplines may be "personal," they must be practiced collaboratively.

Now we do have a challenge before us! As suggested above, I am only looking at that Phi Delta Theta value we refer to as "sound learning" or "scholarship" and want to begin a dialogue which will (1) help us as fraternity members to have a clear idea as to what this value (to which we have committed ourselves by signing *The Bond*) really means as we live out our lives in school or outside school. I have frequently discussed with Brother Phis the fact that leaving college did not somehow release me from my Phi Delta Theta commitment to *The Bond*! When we say "a fraternity for life" we need to ask ourselves just



Fr. Turner

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