Jay Jacobs:

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As I began writing this letter I was flying home from our 11th annual Mid-Year Leadership Conference in St. Louis. More than 500 undergraduate and alumni brothers were in attendance – the single largest gathering of brothers in the history of our Fraternity. They represented 125 of our 130 chapters and colonies, and came together with the singular purpose of making their chapters the very best they could be, thereby making Sigma Pi the very best it can be.

The Mid-Year Leadership Conference has developed into, perhaps, our most important educational program, growing from just over 100 participants in 2002 to its current size, and all the while remaining free to our undergraduates. By training our chapter officers to excel in their jobs, they are spreading the gospel of Sigma Pi to their chapter brothers. The intensive curriculum included recruitment, management skills, developing an organizational structure, chapter finances, chapter programming, university relations, and use of the Executive Office database. In addition, we held our second Province Archon Academy to train and assist these key volunteers, and also had training for our new Chapter Directors.

We have had many chapters report significant increases in pledges and initiates this academic year. Most of those chapters are crediting their success to the recruitment and social skills training provided at both the Mid-Year Leadership Conference and Sigma Pi University, held last summer. This initiative has taken several chapters to an entirely new level, and has saved others from closing due to low membership. Healthy membership is usually the sign of a healthy, successful chapter, and I am pleased that our undergraduate brothers are adopting and implementing the skills, and using the resources, the Executive Office has made available to them.

Of course, the other significant recent event is the retirement announcement by our Executive Director, Honorary Grand Sage Mark Briscoe, after fifteen years leading our executive office. We are all grateful to Mark for his service, which will be the subject of a much longer article in our next Emerald. I appointed Past Grand Sage and Founders' Award recipient Dr. Robert L. Burns (ΔΦ, Wisconsin - LaCrosse '71) as chairman of the Grand Council's Executive Director Search Committee. The Grand Council is confident that this committee will identify a talented slate of candidates from which we can select our next Executive Director. In the meantime, the Grand Council will work with Interim Executive Director Brian Alley to ensure that services to our chapters and brothers remain consistent during this period of transition. Details of the search and selection process are in this issue, and also at www.sigmapi.org.

The new Executive Office database gives access to a wide variety of information to all our brothers through mySigmaPi, which any initiate can use simply by entering his name and year of initiation. It can be used to locate lost brothers, network regionally, organize alumni events, and update the Executive Office with your personal information so that you continue to receive the Emerald, as well as communications from your chapter alumni. As we continue to implement this system over the next few months, we will also be rolling out a new and improved jobs board that will assist both our brothers seeking employment and brothers looking for qualified leaders to join their places of employment.

The Grand Council will also be innovating to increase the level of communication with our brothers. The Grand Council Blog is designed to better disseminate news of our actions, and, more importantly, will create a method for our members to ask questions or make suggestions directly to the Grand Council. We want to make sure that brothers do not have to wait until one of our two annual meetings to find out what is happening in their fraternity. Keep us busy – log on and ask away!

The new international website at sigmapi.org has been up and running since February 4, and that should also improve our members' access to all types of news and information about our Fraternity. Coupled with our recent upgrades to the Emerald, we are sharing all of the news about Sigma Pi that we can, but we need your help. Be sure to update both the Executive Office and your fellow chapter alumni on both individual and chapter accomplishments, as well as alumni milestones, through emerald@sigmapi.org.

It is not too early to start planning for our 51st Biennial Convocation, to be held this summer in San Antonio, Texas. From the opening reception August 8 to the official closing with our awards banquet on August 11, the program will be exciting and entertaining. We look forward to seeing many of our brothers there, both undergraduate and alumni.

The Grand Council and Executive Office will continue to build on the enthusiasm shown by our 500 brothers in St. Louis. We are investing back in our chapters with more staff to support them, more resources to assist them, and improved systems to simplify interaction with the Executive Office. Our goal, as always, is to give our undergraduates the opportunity for the best fraternal experience we can, and to give our alumni the opportunity to maintain connections with their brothers. We welcome your reports to let us know how we are doing.

Brothers, Sigma Pi is hitting on all cylinders, addressing our needs and improving wherever we can. As Grand Sage, I can assure you with all confidence that the one area we do not need to improve is the quality of our brothers. The 500 young men in St. Louis for Mid-Year Leadership represent the very best of our "New Generation of Leaders," a generation of which we can all be proud, a generation that is "striving to make real the Fraternity's ideals in their own daily lives."

Fraternally,

Christopher R. Brown
Executive Director search

The Grand Council (Board of Directors) of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International Inc., invites nominations and applications for the full-time position of Executive Director of the Fraternity.

The Executive Director (ED), the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity and manager of the International Headquarters, reports to the Fraternity’s Board of Directors (The Grand Council). The ED is responsible for the effective administration of the Fraternity from its headquarters in Nashville, including but not limited to:

Leadership in development of a vision and plan for the continuing growth and excellence of Sigma Pi Fraternity and service to its undergraduate and alumni members.

Recruitment, training, and oversight of the Headquarters professional staff, including on-going professional development. Direction of professional staff and alumni officers and volunteers for member, chapter and club services.

Fiscal management of the Fraternity’s annual budget and related matters, including annual budget development and overall responsibility to provide required reports, summaries and audits.

Implementation and oversight of events, projects, programs and services, rules and directives provided for in the Fraternity’s Constitution and Bylaws, actions and policies of the Grand Council, and other official directives.

Oversight of Fraternity records (business, financial and membership), data and data systems including chapter status, pledge/initiate reports, and other required reports, trend analysis and projections as necessary.

Over-all responsibility for planning and implementation of Fraternity leadership and education programs, conferences, and conventions.

Service as a primary representative of the Fraternity to host institutions, the media, the higher education community in general, and other college fraternities/sororities (including their trade associations), and appropriate fraternity related organizations in the United States and Canada.

The successful applicant will hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in an appropriate field from an accredited higher education institution, will have a minimum of 8 years of fraternity or non-profit or related employment at a leadership/management level, will have exceptional communication skills, and will be capable of identifying and implementing cutting-edge technology in the Fraternity’s operations.

Salary and compensation package are competitive.

For full consideration applications must be postmarked no later than May 21, 2012, and must include:

- a letter of interest
- a current professional resume
- the names and contact numbers of no fewer than three professional references

Send all inquiries, nominations, and application materials to:
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Any posting updates can be found online at www.sigmapi.org.

Northeast Province Workshop held

On Saturday, February 25th, seven chapters met at Cornell University to participate in the 3rd annual Northeast Sigma Pi workshop. Presenters included Jim Wisherd (Grand Herald), Michael Ayalon (Province Archon), and the Sages from each chapter. The major topics included were Networking 101, Policy Governance, Brotherhood Sustains Us, and Improving Chapter Scholarship. The chapter Sages also presented their own PowerPoint sessions to discuss what their chapter does best in an effort to share best practices between the active members.

“One of the most rewarding parts of being a volunteer is watching your groups develop and become the best they can be over a period of a few years,” said Michael Ayalon, Province Archon for Northeast Pennsylvania and Long Island. “With more brothers attending and participating in the workshop each consecutive year, we’ve seen an increase in the size of the pledge classes, more dollars raised for various philanthropies, and higher chapter GPA than in years past for the province. Much of the appreciation goes to special guest speakers like Jim Wisherd for making the trip all the way from Georgia, as well as the entire Mu Chapter at Cornell for hosting the event.”
New Jersey Pledge Province Workshop

For the first time in the history of the New Jersey Pledge Province Workshop, attendance exceeded 145 new member candidates and initiates. Seven of eight New Jersey chapters and our colony were in attendance.

The workshop, held every Spring semester since 2003, brings together potential new members and shows them that Sigma Pi Fraternity is larger than an individual or an individual chapter, but includes all Sigma Pi brothers around NJ, the northeast and all across North America. The workshop was held at New Jersey's newest colony at Rutgers University, home to our current Grand Sage Christopher R. Brown (FH '81).

Former New Jersey Province Archon and current Gamma-Eta Colony Director, Paul Gorman (AE '95), opened the workshop with a rundown of the afternoon's schedule. Gamma-Eta Colony President Jordan Zuber and Vice-President Ethan Arbuthnot welcomed the attendees to Rutgers University and introduced them to the largest Greek system in the state of New Jersey.

Rutgers is home to over 30,000 students, 400 student organizations and over 3,500 students in 80 Greek organizations. The average chapter size at Rutgers is 40, while our colony has 72 members as of the workshop date.

Following the welcome and introduction to Rutgers, their most famous alumnus, Grand Sage Chris Brown, took the stage talking to the group about image and how important it is to respect the fact that as a member of our Fraternity, we represent all Sigma Pi members around the world. GS Chris Brown then filled the attendees in on what was going on in Sigma Pi Fraternity, International. He spoke of expansion, finances, and the great future and of course the news about Executive Director Mark Briscoe's retirement. The entire New Jersey Province thanks Mark for his support over the past 15 years.

The final presentation of the day focused on the importance of participating in local and international events. The chapter Sages shared what is going on at each of the schools in the Province and all the Brothers were invited. Special attention was paid to the great national conferences from The Mid-Year Leadership Conference, Sigma Pi University and of course the next Convocation in San Antonio this summer.

It was a great day, with a lot of brothers, special thanks goes to all of our presenters and the Gamma-Eta Colony for hosting, but there are others that made this day great, specifically, Joe Palazzolo, Tom Gipson and Garry Warner.

Workshop held in Texas

This year is off to a great start for Sigma Pi throughout the state of Texas. In January, we held our first Texas Province Workshop, with all four chapters attending (Gamma-Theta, Theta-Nu, Iota-Gamma, & Iota-Delta), along with Grand Sage Chris Brown & ELC Brett Nichols. The workshop was held in the Darryl K. Royal Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Kevin Cerilles, from Gamma-Theta stated that the workshop, not only helped teach the logistics of running a chapter, but also helped each brother mature as a leader and brought all of the Texas chapters closer together. The workshop attendees were broken up into groups based upon officer positions, which allowed for engaging & informal delivery of the topics, along with the open exchange of ideas. In the end, each chapter, executive council, officer, and brother learned more about fraternalism and what it means to be a Sigma Pi brother.

This summer the Biennial Convocation will be held in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt on the Riverwalk. This will be the first time that Texas has had the privilege of hosting Convocation, so let's make sure that undergraduate and alumni brothers from across the state attend from August 8-12. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months. Be sure to check out the website at sigmapi.org.
Sigma Pi's annual Mid-Year Leadership Conference (MYLC) was held for the 11th time in St. Louis, Missouri, during the first weekend in February. This is Sigma Pi's premier leadership conference for new chapter officers to receive training on their leadership positions, network with other members of Sigma Pi and learn about the resources they have at their disposal.

MYLC has been a long evolving conference with humble beginnings. Mid-Year started with just the chapter sage attending. In 2012 for the second consecutive year, the sage, second counselor, third counselor and recruitment chairman were included. Over 500 brothers were in attendance including over 400 undergraduates plus Executive Office staff, volunteers, Grand Council members and vendors.

Using participant surveys throughout the conference, Sigma Pi continues to innovate and evolve the conference. Every undergraduate participant received a survey to assess their knowledge of their position at the beginning and conclusion of the conference.

68% of undergraduates completing the pre-conference survey say this was their first international Sigma Pi event with an additional 20% stating they had only attended one other event (Convocation or SPU) as an undergraduate.
In the pre-conference survey 58% of undergraduates said they strongly agree that they "understand the duties they are responsible for in their current officer position." In the post conference survey 86% of undergraduates say they strongly agree.

In the pre-conference survey 39% of undergraduates said they strongly agree that they are "familiar with the resources that are available to me as an officer." In the post conference survey 70% of undergraduates say they strongly agree.

In the pre-conference survey 74% of undergraduates said they strongly agree that they "are confident that they can perform the duties for which they are responsible for as an officer." In the post conference survey 85% of undergraduates say they strongly agree.

Finally 86% of undergraduates strongly agreed that they would recommend the conference to future attendees and 82% of undergraduates strongly agree that MYLC was a good use of their time.

As the survey data shows undergraduate members left MYLC more knowledgeable about their positions, knew more about the resources available to them and left more confident that they could perform the duties of their officer position.

As MYLC has evolved, Sigma Pi has brought new and exciting innovations as well. This year was no exception. Some of the major changes this year included:

- A complete revamp of the program book. The new program book was a workbook allowing undergraduates to take notes and critically think through processing questions and developing long term chapter goals.

- To supplement the new workbook, flash drives were provided containing a variety of materials ranging from officer manuals to supplemental materials for breakout sessions.

- Sigma Pi utilized the Guidebook application for Android and Apple phones giving users the ability to view the conference schedule, set reminders to attend certain sessions, view maps of the hotel and see what vendors have for sale in the Vendor Village.

- Twitter also played a big role in allowing attendees to provide instant feedback and to have conversations with other attendees.

We were fortunate to continue our strong programming partnership with the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and Phired Up Productions. Will Foran from the NIC facilitated a general session on values based leadership and provided second counselors training sessions. Vince Fabra from Phired Up Productions facilitated a great general session on dynamic recruitment and social excellence programs. He led discussions with recruitment chairman in additional breakout sessions. Additional speakers included Claire Wiegand from William Woods University, Brandon Nelson from University of Missouri at St. Louis and Mandy Pierce and Krystee Edwards from OmegaFi.


Since MYLC is an annual conference planning for the 2013 conference is already underway. The dates for the 12th annual conference are February 1-3, 2013. Sigma Pi looks forward to developing newly elected officers into a new generation of leaders in 2013.
Rechartering of Beta-Psi Chapter and 50th Anniversary at East Stroudsburg  

By E. Andrew Morris

In 1960 a group of students at East Stroudsburg State College for ever to be know at the “Unholy 10,” decided to start a fraternity on the campus.

This group included: Tony Messenlehner, Karl Dickl, John Gallan, Frank DiSimoni, Chuck Gallum, Ned Partridge, Barry Fleischmann, Joe Warne, John Gantz and Dick Millar.

Although the college was against having any fraternity on campus they were able to get recognition and became a colony of Sigma Pi. On November 18, 1961, the pioneering fraternity became the Beta-Psi Chapter.

Sigma Pi was the first fraternity to own its own house located at 12 Smith Street and initiated 717 members up until the chapter closed in 2006. The alumni were determined to reopen their chapter and in 2010 a meeting was held with Brian C. Alley, Assistant Executive Director, the interest group and the Beta-Psi House Corporation. As the colony grew the alumni put hours of work and over $80,000 into the house restoring it to one of the best in the country. The original woodwork, doors, and hardwood floors were redone with all new furniture throughout the house.

On December 3, 2011, 41 men were initiated as the new founders of the Beta-Psi Chapter. The ceremony was held in the Worthington Ballroom at the historic Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort located at Shawnee on the Delaware, Pennsylvania. Grand Sage Christopher R. Brown conducted the formal initiation ceremony inducting the following members: Zach Kaytes - Sage, Michael Petrillo - Second Counselor, James M. Mershon III - Third Counselor, Rocco Romano - Fourth Counselor, Frank Bricker - First Counselor, Patrick Healey - Herald, Shane McEvoy, Eric Mendez, Isaiah Morris, Jeff Martino, Christopher Badaracco, Garret Sweetman, Christopher Tracy, Eric Genua, John Deppert, Wayne Brown, Amanze Ofogbru, Daniel Seaman, Jack Sharp, Demetrios Lindsey, Anthony Albanese, Joshua Wenner, Michaelangelo Gabat, Raynard Beeks, Ryan Yusella, Jeffry Molinaro, Nicholas Melendez, Edwin Leon, Samuel Schlamowitz, Cody Sheelsucky, Ryan Eith, Michael Antorino, William Espostio, Peter Butitta, Ryan Ceary, Kevin Skilton, William Reilly, Joseph Cuevas, and Kevin Stumpf.

The chartering banquet was held at 8:00 p.m. in the Worthington Ballroom with over 150 alumni, new members, parents, and special guests from East Stroudsburg University. Larry A. Moyer, Chapter Director, was the master of ceremonies for the banquet for the evening introducing the speakers and telling the story of the 50 years of brotherhood for the Beta-Psi Chapter. Melissa Wolters, East Stroudsburg University Greek Coordinator welcomed Sigma Pi Fraternity, International, back to the university as a vital part of the Greek system. Grand Sage Christopher Brown presented the charter to Zach Kaytes and the new Executive Council for the upcoming year. After the banquet the first dance was with the new members of the chapter and their mothers. The alumni spent the evening recalling memories and making new ones with the new members.

THE UNIVERSITY:  
East Stroudsburg University, a comprehensive university in northeastern Pennsylvania offering 58 undergraduate and 22 graduate degrees, is one of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. East Stroudsburg Normal School opened it doors on September 4, 1893. In 1960, the college's name was changed to East Stroudsburg State College, reflecting the addition of liberal arts and science curricula. The college officially became East Stroudsburg University on July 1, 1983.

CHARTERING TEAM:  
Grand Sage: Christopher R. Brown - (FH '81)  
Grand Second Counselor: Edward R. Levesque - (HH '99)  
Grand Third Counselor: Brian C. Alley - (A '03)  
Grand Fourth Counselor: Michael R. Ayalon - (EU - '97)  
Grand First Counselor: Martin C. Evans - (BV - '88)  
Grand Herald: E. Andrew Morris - (FY - '70)
A fantastic luncheon was held at the University Tower in Durham, NC which from the 17th floor offering guests a gorgeous view of the Durham, Chapel Hill, Raleigh area. The luncheon also offered guests a tasty buffet including grilled salmon, and North Carolina BBQ pulled pork. Individuals who spoke at the event include Grand Sage Chris Brown, PGS Gary Tash and Chapter Director Todd Rust. The invocation and benediction was provided by the chapters’ second counselor, Cameron Agraz. After the banquet, the chapter got right back to work with a brothers only retreat later than evening to begin planning for their fall semester. Also in attendance from the Grand Council was Grand Herald Jim Wisherd as well as alumnus Harry Ebert (Θ, ‘45). Undergraduate chapters that were represented at the event include: Rho (NC State), Alpha-Nu (Wake Forest), Beta-Pi (Virginia), Theta-Theta (Ferris State) and Iota-Eta (UC Santa Cruz). Thank you to all that participated and helped the chapter along the way to chartering. The chapter is excited and looking forward to the fall.
Alabama // Theta-Omicron Chapter

The brothers of the Theta-Omicron chapter at the University of Alabama have had a phenomenal fall semester, one which has seen record breaking growth and outstanding involvement within our student community. This fall we initiated our largest fall pledge class to date numbering at thirty-five new members. Our success has set the bar high for the fall to come. The fall was a time of growth, not only for our rush but for multiple aspects of our fraternity as well. This year Sigma Pi hosted its first charity concert to combat breast cancer, an event which brought together hundreds of students on campus to donate to the American Breast Cancer Society. With our new members assisting us in our future endeavors, the brothers of Theta Omicron are excited for a time of growth the likes of none our chapter has seen.

Arkansas State // Alpha-Pi Chapter

After initiating our fall pledge class, Alpha Pi’s numbers are up and we look forward to an exciting semester. We recently participated in the Have a Heart Wish-a-Thon to benefit the Make a Wish foundation. We are also busily planning our annual Founders’ Day festivities, which include a golf tournament and Alumni banquet. We also anticipate our yearly Spring formal event, the Orchid Ball. We have many philanthropic and social events on the calendar already, and the semester is shaping up to be busy one. Alpha Pi foresees an exciting and prosperous semester and future.

Arkansas Tech // Iota-Lambda Chapter

Even though the year is still young, and we are all patiently awaiting the end of the world, Iota Lambda chapter at Arkansas Tech University has started the year off right with another successful officer transition. Our first officer retreat was a great success in not only passing on responsibilities, but also combining the voices of the old exec board and the new ones to set achievable goals heading into 2012. We are continuing to plan a combined spring formal aboard the Arkansas Queen with our brothers from Alpha Pi Chapter, and hosting our first Province workshop here at Tech. Iota Lambda Chapter is hoping to place this workshop among a continuing list of successes, and are pushing onward to grow in the eyes of the campus and community.

Arkansas // Alpha-Sigma Chapter

We started off the Spring semester by initiating 17 new brothers. We are now shifting our focus to spring rush. We hope to bring in a great class. We are also in the process of planning an awesome formal in St. Louis. It is going to be a great semester.

California - Berkeley // Iota Chapter

The Iota chapter continues to excel with its outstanding academic marks, philanthropy involvement, and commitment to brotherhood- above-all-else. UC Berkeley is renowned for its academic rigor and, with trademark Sigma Pi pride and dedication, brothers of Iota chapter have risen to occasion. As a reward, Iota chapter organizes frequent brotherhood retreats to such places as Lake Tahoe or Santa Cruz, perpetuating camaraderie, personality, and community among the brothers. Many of the philanthropy events, both organized by Sigma Pi and otherwise, also offer the brothers enrichment and focus. This semester, Iota boasts a strong, eager pledge class (Alpha-Beta), destined to further improve our chapter—organizationally, structurally, and socially—as our fraternal kin. Great emphasis is placed on traditions and ritual, while in our pledges we also foster adaptive and progressive perspectives, supplementing our chapter’s characteristic dynamism. 2012 will stand as yet another year of excellence for Iota chapter and Sigma Pi at large.

California - Santa Barbara // Alpha-Omicron Chapter

The brothers of the Alpha-Omicron Chapter at University of California, Santa Barbara have been having a fantastic year thus far! We now stand at 55 members, the biggest our house has been since its rechartering. We have been very busy making
awesome renovations to our chapter house, building a stronger connection with our favorite volunteer organization DAWG (Dog Adoption Welfare Group), planning great brotherhood activities like a trip to Paintball USA, and maintaining an outstanding presence throughout our community with brothers showing leadership in organizations such as UCSB Adventure Programs and the Men's Rugby Team. Our house GPA beat the all-mens and all fraternities averages on our campus, and our ACE Project™ is ready to go for next quarter. We were also recognized for hosting world-renowned DJ Porter Robinson at our oceanside satellite house for a special performance which made it onto MTV's "College Invasion Tour" documentary.

**California State - Long Beach**

Beta-Omicron Chapter

The Beta-Omicron chapter has had an outstanding fall semester. We have successfully welcomed seventeen new brothers into our chapter. Throughout the semester we have raised alcohol awareness in our campus. We have also had a successful Miss Greek and Sorority Soccer event to help raise money for our philanthropy, the Spady Foundation. There has been an outstanding attendance rate in supporting other fraternity and sorority philanthropies. The Beta Omicron chapter placed first in our school's sporting events. Overall our chapter strives to maintain a strong bond between each other and to improve alumni relations.

**California State - Sacramento**

Eta-Alpha Chapter

The Brothers of the California State University Sacramento Eta Alpha Chapter are looking forward to another strong semester of recruiting, philanthropy, scholarship, and socializing. We are continuing our pursuit of social excellence, development of character, and academic achievement. The brotherhood continues to grow each semester with support from our Alumni and International office.

**Carleton**

Eta-Rho Chapter

Eta-Rho is happy to welcome 15 new brothers from the Alpha Pi fall class. In addition we are proud to announce the return of the Greek Olympics trophy to our chapter. Our winning ways have also continued in the Greek Hockey League as we try to defend last year's inaugural championship. November was highlighted by our annual Remembrance Day Poppy Sales in which we raised over forty-five hundred dollars for the Royal Canadian Legion. Lastly, our chapter is gearing up for our annual Founders' Day Tundra Bowl as well as our 20th Anniversary Orchid Ball at the historic Chateau Laurier.

**Central Florida**

Iota-Kappa Chapter

As this semester has started Iota-Kappa is looking forward towards a successful semester. Our NME program began with the addition of our new pledge class. 1M sports are on the rise currently with soccer and dodgeball, and hockey starting soon. Greek Week partners have been announced and we are excited to be partnered up with Kappa Delta. So far, we are expecting to participate in five external organizations' philanthropies and preparing for our own ACE Project™. We have also recently adopted our own road on campus. Iota-Kappa is enjoying a great basketball season and a great semester. Go Knights!

**Central Missouri**

Gamma-Gamma Chapter

Gamma-Gamma chapter recently celebrated coming in first in G.P.A. We currently have two new members signed and will be stating the new member program beginning Sunday, February 12th. We look to have a great semester, which will include our 50th anniversary of becoming a charter chapter at UCM. This weekend on we are doing a pancake breakfast for Panhellenic. We look to take first in intramurals. So far we are going to the playoffs in basketball and dodgeball. Gamma-Gamma chapter is also leading in Gamma points and look to take the award again.

**Delaware**

Iota-Beta Chapter

Following a stellar fall 2011, in which Iota-Beta added 15 new Deltas to our Chapter roll for 85 total brothers, and raised nearly $5,000 through an ambitious philanthropy campaign, we're anticipating an even stronger spring semester. After installing a new E-board, meeting with several other chapters in our Province, and sending a delegation to the Mid-Year Leadership Conference, we plan to implement some crucial improvements to our operations. We are all looking forward to more efficient internal operations, a successful rush, and a vibrant brotherhood in the coming semester. Major events scheduled for the semester include our Founders' Day celebration and luncheon on February 25, and our annual Golf Tournament on May 5. Our Chapter's expectations for this semester remain as high as our aspirations to a second Grand Sage Cup.

**Detroit Mercy**

Gamma-Alpha Chapter

This year is history in the making for Gamma-Alpha. A successful fall pledge class has proven to want great things for the chapter. More importantly, 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the brotherhood at Detroit Mercy. We are working diligently to compile the past 50 years to showcase at this year's Orchid Ball. Meanwhile, the brotherhood is in charge of putting on an Easter egg hunt for the local youth, and we look forward to being involved in the new international philanthropy project.

**Drury**

Epsilon-Rho Chapter

Our Fraternity is looking forward to a strong spring semester. We are hoping to watch our latest pledge class grow into leaders across campus and within the Fraternity. Beta Gamma pledge class consists of 15 quality guys. We at Epsilon Rho are looking forward to another awesome Spring Formal coming up in early April. We are looking to return to the top again this year by winning Greek Week as well as intramurals. We have a tentative ACE Project™ in the works as well as continuing our high standard of community service. All in all it should be a very successful semester for the men of Epsilon Rho.

**Duke**

Iota-XI Chapter

The Duke chapter of Sigma Pi has concluded its first spring rush, and is very proud of the results. Eleven new brothers have joined our ranks, the largest number of new brothers attained by a first year fraternity at Duke in recent times. Plans are set to hold our first ACE Project™ benefiting the famous Duke tenting city, K-Ville, used by students to attain entrance to the home basketball game
against UNC. The project will involve raising awareness about the dangers of drinking, a serious concern due to the nature of the parties that mark the conclusion of the tenting season. The brothers will also be participating in their own Sigma Tigers philanthropy. The philanthropy will involve benefitting a local tiger shelter.

**East Stroudsburg**

Beta-Psi Chapter

Our freshly chartered chapter at East Stroudsburg University is ready to bring back the first Greek life on our campus. With half of our executive council back from midyear, we are ready to start our first semester off right! We have a strong rush class with 8 new members. These new members will be our first pledge class of the new Sigma Pi Beta Psi chapter. We look forward to helping landscape the newly constructed dorms on campus. We also will be excited to see our house almost fully refurbished.

**Eastern Illinois**

Beta-Gamma Chapter

After a successful Founders' Day Formal, Beta Gamma is currently getting ready for Greek Week. Also, Beta Gamma is participating in a Big Brother charity event that includes taking kids to an EIU baseball game. As the year starts to wind down, Beta Gamma is trying hard to have another successful year.

**Elon**

Epsilon-Theta Chapter

The 2011/2012 school year has been great for the Epsilon-Theta chapter. In the fall, we brought in six new members to the sophomore class. After spring rush, our numbers will be larger than ever. The university also granted access to an on-campus house for the first time in seven years. This signals a stronger presence within the Greek community, and the university as a whole. The annual SigmaPalooza, a concert cosponsored with three other Greek organizations, was a success. Featuring local artists, the proceeds went to the benefit of each organization's respective philanthropy. We look forward to holding our annual dodge ball philanthropy event this spring, as well as starting new events to benefit the campus and the community.

**Fairleigh Dickinson**

Epsilon-Xi Chapter

The chapter is off to a good a start, going out and becoming more active around campus, helping out, making plans to help freshmen move in next fall for free. Over the course of the semester, plans to do more philanthropy include spreading alcohol awareness, as well as hosting anti-hazing workshops.

**Georgia Tech**

Iota-Mu Chapter

The brothers of Iota-Mu are off to a great start for 2012 with a new EC that is committed to making our chapter the best it can be. This semester our main focus is to revamp how we do recruitment. We are changing from a passive "rush" to a more active recruiting style where we take ourselves to the recruits. Also, small dinners with brothers are used to enhance personal relationships with potential members. In these less intimidating situations, we can really connect and show them what it means to be a Sigma Pi. These new efforts are starting to bear fruit. Our current pledge class has doubled in size from recent years and will grow still as recruitment is a continuous goal of ours.

**Grand Valley State**

Theta-Rho Chapter

Hello brothers! We are excited to kick off 2012! We've made a very strong presence at many Greek functions on campus this year and our I.M. basketball team is going strong. We are looking forward to our upcoming socials. Within the next few weeks we will be pinning Omicron class. We have set our sights on winning Greek Week for the second year in a row.

**Illinois Wesleyan**

Epsilon-Gamma Chapter

This past semester, we men of Epsilon-Gamma chapter formally initiated 12 new members into our chapter. This puts our chapter's size at 53 current members - the largest our house has been in almost a decade. For this coming Spring semester, we have formally pledged 7 men to our chapter, which shows that our chapter is only continuing to grow. In January, Epsilon-Gamma hosted our first annual "All Sorority Brunch." We raised about $200.00 and split the money among the four social sororities at IWU to go towards the philanthropy of their choice. We also have been working to reestablish our roots. Being still a somewhat younger chapter, we are working to reestablish and document our history to not be lost forever. Any alumnus of Epsilon-Gamma who is interested in assisting in this process should contact our local chapter. Information can be found at www.iwusigmapi.org.

**Iowa**

Xi Chapter

Xi chapter continues to improve and innovate. Our philanthropy chair is working hard to put on our 2nd annual sorority super bowl. We are striving to beat our donation from last year. The executive board decided to take on the work-intensive fundraiser of an alumni and parent golf outing and banquet. Recruitment is building a strong spring pledge class.
Chicago
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International brothers and alumni celebrate this grand occasion with U.S. University of Louisville and hope that many of our national chapter. We have had an overwhelming leagues this spring. We are excited to say that to present our 2nd annual Brothers at Gamma-Eta Colony. Our next step is to charter before the end of the kitchen at Elijah’s University of Lou isville and earn the title of the Fraternity of the Sigma Chapter.

We are pairing with Alpha Omicron Province & Pi lookahead sisterhood of a local Boys Dimes Foundation. The highlight of our year so far has been sponsoring the 11-14 year old Winter Basketball League of a local Boys & Girls Club. We have built a strong relationship with the Boys & Girls Club, and serving our community while building brotherhood has proven to be rewarding in many ways. With the end of the year rapidly approaching we hope to win Greek Week once again and earn the title of the Fraternity of the Year on our campus.

Louisville
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Colony
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The University of Louisville colony had the 2nd largest group of recruits in spring recruitment of all Greek organizations. We are also getting ready to present our 2nd annual Sounds for Hounds philanthropy event and participate in the 75th annual Fryberger (Greek sing) competition at the Palace theatre. Our brothers are participating in the basketball and soccer intramural sports leagues this spring. We are excited to say that our next step is to charter before the end of the semester and finally become the next recognized national chapter. We have had an overwhelming amount of support from the Grand Council and the University of Louisville and hope that many of our international brothers and alumni celebrate this grand occasion with us.

Kansas State
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Tota-Alpha Chapter
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New officer installations are successful with three new officers and two continuing officers. Recruitment this semester is starting quite well and we will hopefully have five or more pledges by next week. New member education is going over revisions in order to better benefit the new members. Our group learned a lot at MYLC and is starting to take action with new ideas and continuing ideas with the information we have acquired.

Lawrence Tech
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Zeta-Omicron Chapter
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Zeta-Omicron Chapter at Lawrence Technological University has been busy on the athletic field. In the school’s Winterfest, the Sigma Pi team made it to the championship game in the broomball tournament. We also won the hot dog eating contest. We also put together a basketball and soccer team to play in the school’s intramural leagues. We are in the process of planning an Adopt-A-Road cleanup, campus cleanup, a bowling-athon and our annual Faculty & Staff Luncheon. All proceeds will be donated to the Autism Speaks Foundation. We will be honoring Chi Omega Rho with a Chivalry Dinner along with giving out Valentine’s Day cards to each sorority on campus. We had a successful rush due to our Rush Chairman Jacob Bresinski. We pinned 5 promising young men who will be great quality additions to the chapter. Lastly we have 3 brothers running for Student Government and IFC positions.

Michigan State
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Zeta-Mu Chapter
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Once on the verge of revocation from the national order, our chapter here in East Lansing has made monumental steps not only in refocusing our attention towards rebuilding our brotherhood to meet the standards of Sigma Pi, but to model the ideal fraternity in Michigan State’s Greek life. Since those dark days, Zeta-Mu has earned several awards from the Greek community: our first ever Gala award for recruitment with 24 initiated pledges in fall of 2011, 17 rushes this spring, and most recently placing 1st in the campus wide MSU Greek Week competition from 12th last fall. We here at Zeta-Mu are ecstatic about what this great progress has done for us as a chapter, and hope to continue our success here in East Lansing for many years to come.

Middle Tennessee State
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Theta-Omega Chapter
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The Theta-Omega Chapter had an outstanding semester. We achieved the highest GPA and the most community service hours in IFC. Our own Donald Ables won Centennial Homecoming King and Buddy Renner was elected Vice President of recruitment for IFC. We’re also excited about having the most seats on the IFC Greek Leadership Team. As far as intramurals we won first place in soccer, kickball, and horseshoe toss. This past semester we gave a helping hand to the Discovery Center, provided 40 meals to the homeless in partnership with Hands on Nashville, participated

Brothers at Gamma-Eta Colony, at Rutgers working in the kitchen at Elijah’s Promise
Gamma-Upsilon Chapter at Murray State enjoying the homecoming football game
Zeta-Alpha Chapter at West Chester donated $5000 in books to the YMCA Police Athletic League After School Program and served Thanksgiving dinner.
Alpha-Nu Chapter’s intramural soccer championship team at Wake Forest
Theta-Theta Chapter at Ferris State celebrating homecoming successes
in the Tracy Lawrence Turkey Fry, and worked for the Greeksgiving food drive. Our chapter is excited and grateful for such an accomplished semester. With the guidance of our new executive board and the zeal of our brothers we’ve striving for yet another great semester and wish the same for our other chapters.

Missouri - St. Louis  
Delta-Zeta Chapter

The new year has rolled over and Delta-Zeta is looking strong. Our new executive council consists of older members and newer members and we are excited to see what 2012 has to hold for us. We also welcome Greg Ritchie as our new chapter director who we believe will lead us to be a top chapter not only on campus but within Sigma Pi. Our new members are fired up right out of the gates, they are taking on some of the most challenging positions in the house and excelling at them. Delta-Zeta is looking strong in 2012 and with our current chapter we look to have a fantastic year.

Missouri Southern State  
Eta-Mu Chapter

This past semester, we had 4 pledges; 3 of which initiated. Our yearly fall philanthropy was larger than it has ever been, raising over $90,000. This semester was not only great for our philanthropy, but we have seen a growing bond in our brotherhood as well. We have had a few different types of events like paintball, bowling, billiards, and visiting other chapters nearby. We are hoping to visit some of the larger chapters in the coming months and get to know some of our other brothers. Though we are a small chapter, we have seen great improvements in all aspects of our chapter’s functions.

Monmouth  
Delta-Beta Chapter

In January of 2012, the Monmouth University Delta-Beta chapter got together with Greek Senate and hosted a Saint Jude’s charity DJ battle. Hosted by our chapters Sage, $1,500 was raised and donated to Saint Jude’s for cancer research.

Morehead State  
Delta-Rho Chapter

This last fall we congratulated one of our brothers for his accomplishment of becoming a second lieutenant in the United States Military. Second lieutenant Corey Roberts was a four year active member of the Delta Rho chapter, holding multiple positions on the executive office including Sage. We are honored and grateful to have had 5 brothers in the last 3 years earn their second lieutenant rankings as active members of our chapter, including Zack Shuttle, BJ Izer, Zack Shawver, Wesley Yonts, Corey Moore, Justin Collins and Corey Roberts. They have provided us with a model of discipline and chivalry, characteristics of a Sigma Pi. We wish them the best through their travels and thank them for their service to our chapter and to our country. We are proud.

Murray State  
Gamma-Upsilon Chapter

Gamma-Upsilon has had a very successful fall and winter term. After taking seven new members in the fall and three more (so far) in the spring, we have been striving to help the campus community and the area in general. At the end of the semester, we had a social event with an admittance price of canned goods which were donated to a local food bank. Gamma Upsilon has also cleaned up the local basketball arena many times after top notch performances from the last unbeaten basketball team in men’s Division one college basketball. In addition to some philanthropy events planned with campus sororities, we have been active in campus intramural sports such as flag football, and upcoming soccer and volleyball. Gamma Upsilon is looking forward to a strong and successful spring semester of scholarship, service, and growth.

NJIT  
Alpha-Mu Chapter

2012 is starting off right. The several rush events that we held over the semester have paid off and the new pledge class looks very promising. Thanks to the efforts of Michael Besko, Christopher Cochran, Igor Mihatov, and Supervisor Kave, several operations have been executed to bring Sigma Pi back to its rightful number one spot on campus. The Fraternity has been cleansed and rejuvenated from the Inside-out and is purer than ever before. With this promising future ahead, Sigma Pi Alpha Mu chapter is proud to announce its new position as the superior dominating presence in New Jersey. Alpha Mu also has several projects lined up for the year, including ACE week, and our annual Sam Spady Alcoholic Awareness presentation. With the success of current events and our annual Founders’ Day alumni event, Alpha Mu is looking stronger than ever and eagerly looks forward to a superior year ahead.

Ohio  
Epsilon Chapter

During this winter quarter Sigma Pi’s Epsilon chapter did a philanthropy event called “Skytars Army” with the lovely ladies of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority for a young child named Skylar. Sigma Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta raised over $3,000 for Skylar and his family. Sigma Pi also became the largest fraternity on Ohio University’s campus.

Oklahoma State  
Colony

Oklahoma State University Colony has gone through drastic changes in the last year. At the start of the fall semester our colony had gone through a spring cleaning, with the help of the executive office, filtering out all but the most motivated individuals, giving us a fresh start. We started the semester with 8 members, by the end of the semester we had 26. Our recruitment goals this spring are to surpass those numbers. Our main priorities is progress towards our goal of chartering by the end of the spring semester, and establishing a name for ourselves on campus. Early February, ten members took part in the Stillwater Polar Plunge, raising over one thousand dollars for Special Olympics Oklahoma, receiving an award for top fundraising organization.

Old Dominion  
Theta-Eta Chapter

The fall semester and beginning of this spring semester proved good for our chapter at Old Dominion University. We successfully had our first ever semi-formal that went fantastically. At the end of February we will be having our annual Orchid Ball; it should be a great time and we expect to have a good turn out since this will be our tenth year since colonizing here at ODU. We have already begun planning out our yearly Fire Fighter Day in March, where we cook out and give back to the local fire fighters. All of our brothers also are pushing very hard for recruitment this spring semester, and we are all looking forward to having a very packed but rewarding rest of the semester.

Oregon  
Iota-Epsilon Chapter

Here at U of O we’re hard at work making small but important improvements to our chapter as a whole. We’ve been sprucing up our chapter house as well as streamlining our chapter bylaws by removing contradictions and updating outdated sections in order to accommodate for our incredibly fast growth as a chapter. We’re quickly becoming one of the top fraternities here on campus after only being around for about 5 years, and we continue to improve by receiving excellent grades as well as adding new brothers that represent Sigma Pi in a great way.

Penn College  
Theta-Phi Chapter

The Theta-Phi chapter at Penn College has been working non-stop on RUSH this semester. During the rush week, we had multiple events including Grilling, Dodge Ball, Call Of Duty, and an open house. Sigma Pi is looking forward to gaining a good number of Brothers this semester.

Purdue  
Eta Chapter

The brothers of Eta Chapter have been extremely busy lately and it has been for a good reason. Last semester we had a total of 17 initiates which is the most we have had in one semester since fall 2008. We also received one of our best chapter GPA’s in the past five years. All of the studying seems to have paid off without harm to recruitment or the chapter. The new initiates have already taken crucial roles in the house and are doing a fantastic job. This spring as of now we have eight pledges which is the largest spring pledge class in recent memory. We are not stopping though. This is just the beginning for Eta chapter. Even though we are about to turn 100 years old the spirit in this house is alive and well and we do not see it dying anytime soon!
Brothers at Beta Chapter at Indiana celebrating the holidays

Rowan // Zeta-Chi Chapter

The brothers of the Zeta-Chi chapter are preparing for an exciting spring semester at Rowan. Last semester Zeta Chi was happy to initiate 5 new brothers of the Beta Epsilon pledge class and is now looking forward to another large spring class. The chapter was recently awarded the highest fraternity GPA on Rowan's campus and is planning another ACE Project™ for later in the semester.

Saint Joseph's // Theta-Chi Chapter

Saint Joseph's University student life revolves around their beloved team. During a recent philanthropy event held at a rivalry basketball game, the Theta Chi chapter raised over $1,000 from a foul shot competition during a time out. Members also performed an ACE Project™ involving basketball. The chapter is also bringing back an ACE Project™ known as "Random Acts of Kindness" that encourages each brother to record 50 acts of kindness. The brothers are looking forward to great weather and continued success in the second half of the spring semester.

San Jose State // Beta-Eta Chapter

In early November, we elected our new executive council. The first event under the new EC was our annual Thanksgiving pot luck. It was a good chance to see everybody again including some alumni that made it out to the Thanksgiving dinner. Now we are entering our new spring semester, looking to make changes for the better of the chapter. At the current stage we are implementing new ideas and trying to improve our grades for the new semester. We are hopeful that our new attitude will help bring the change to the chapter, and we are looking forward to a great semester.

Saginaw Valley State // Theta-Beta Chapter

The chapter is doing great, we are adding more and more guys to our chapter as the semesters go on. We've been doing a lot of self-building over the last couple of years and we are headed in a good direction. We have been getting our names out in the campus at all the events that have been held and showing our campus that Sigma Pi is here to support them in any way that we can. We've been visiting chapters to see how we can possibly do things better in our own chapter and have learned a lot from the International Fraternity. The Theta-Beta chapter is going in a good direction with more philanthropy and social events and leadership roles being taken at the on-campus level. We live and breathe Sigma Pi for life.

Southern Tech // Epsilon-Alph Chapter

Great things continue to be happening at the Epsilon-Alph chapter. We placed second overall
in Goat Night, a competition between the Greeks that has been held every fall semester since the early 70's. The Red Cross blood drives that we sponsor 2-3 times a semester continue to be a favorite event in the student center. More and more Epsilon-Alpha alumni have been contacted through the efforts of the First Counselor and many attended the chili dinner we recently held. As we continue on into the spring semester, our chapter has placed more emphasis on brotherhood events. Several have been planned for the spring and our first was a rewarding fraternal experience at the local skeet shooting facility. Lastly, some individual initiative has been taken by three brothers who have successfully started the first golf club on campus. We look forward to a very productive 2012.

SUNY - Buffalo // Epsilon-Omicron Chapter

Our ACE Project™ for this semester is looking great, we will be doing a Kickball tournament for charity.

TCNJ // Theta-Delta Chapter

The Theta-Delta chapter of Sigma Pi at the College of New Jersey has been eagerly finding ways to advance our status in the college community. We have expanded our Fraternity by accepting a very strong class this past fall and are extremely excited with the positive direction being taken by our chapter during the present spring rush season. Our chapter has taken part in many philanthropic events, including co-sponsoring the TCNJ global awareness week with the Haitian student organization and the creation of the annual Sigma Pi spelling bee. We continue to maintain a strong community presence through our weekly adopt-a-highway cleanup programs, as well as our service to the local animal shelter. As the school year advances, we hope to recruit an excellent spring class that will continue to uphold the standards of the Theta-Delta chapter of Sigma Pi.

Ohio State // Gamma Chapter

After chartering just nine months ago Gamma is back in full force! Our Beta pledge class consisted of eight members in fall quarter. Beta class was the first pledge class to go through our revised new member education process. They loved every minute of it and are now proud brothers of Sigma Pi. We currently have fifteen pledges for this quarter, and are anticipating even more pledges this spring. Later this month, we will be attending Polar Plunge, an event in which the brothers will jump in a pool of water in the midst of an Ohio winter to raise money for the Special Olympics. Last year our chapter raised the most money out of any participating group, and we intend to raise even more money this year. We are so glad to be back on Ohio State's campus once again!

Penn State // Theta Chapter

The spring semester is looking pretty good over here at Theta chapter. The chapter had more than 90 young men come out for spring recruitment. Three of the chapter's brothers, Anthony Wahrer, Kevin Bischoff and Aaron Orloski will be dancing in Penn State's 46 hour Dance Marathon to fight against childhood cancer. The brotherhood was able to raise more than $55,000 dollars this year for the cause.

Texas // Gamma-Theta Chapter

The Gamma-Theta chapter has been having a great year. Our fall ACE Project™ was a huge success and helped the UT Police Department teach the consequences of drunk driving through the Shattered Dreams program. We are young this year with only a couple of graduating seniors, so with each pledge class, we grow even larger. This January, we hosted Expansion Consultant Brett Nicholos, who helped us attain a larger Spring pledge class than normal and whose advice will inevitably help with fall rush. This January, our chapter also hosted the Province Archon Workshop, a workshop for all chapters in Texas, that taught leadership skills and outlined ways of more effectively running our respective chapters. This workshop hosted speakers such as Grand Sage Chris Brown, Province Archon Chris Chesney, Expansion Consultant Brett Nichols, and representatives from both the Iota-Delta and Theta-Nu Chapters. This spring we have our usual social events planned and with a brand new community service committee we look forward to giving back to the community. Overall, it's looking to be a great semester for the Gamma-Theta chapter.
Virginia //
Beta-Pi Chapter

We have recently concluded a successful spring rush. Some of the highlights include a cookout where we watched the NFL playoff games as well as a UVA basketball game and a trip to Monster Jam. From spring rush we were able to get 14 new pledges. All the brothers are very excited about the 14 guys that accepted their bids. All of our executive positions switched over for the start of this semester. Our exec meetings have smoothly transitioned with all the new members as well as familiar members in new positions. We are excited for what we can accomplish for our chapter with our new executive council.

Wisconsin //
Wisconsin - Oshkosh //
Gamma-Mu Chapter

Gamma-Mu would like to congratulate our newest class of initiates: Shane Connor, Dakota Burt, Jordan Demeny, Paul Zimmer, Evan DuVall and Frank Willies.

Valparaiso //
Beta-Tau Chapter

The brothers at the Beta-Tau chapter are working extremely hard to add to our numbers this year, with our recent pledge class of nine men we have seen success. Success that has stemmed from our increasingly growing campus involvement that includes the new President of IFC along with presidents of many other campus organizations and clubs. Our tireless effort will bode well as we strive to stay one of the top Greek organizations on campus. In addition, we have seen numerous renovations in effort to keep them intact and we hope to continue to improve thanks to the support of our generous alumni. We continue to support our campus and community through philanthropic efforts benefiting the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, a marine life rescue center in Florida. We are very optimistic about the future of this chapter as we look to sustain our recent success for years to come.

Washington State //
Iota-Nu Chapter

After a thrilling fall semester Iota-Nu plans on hitting spring semester head on! After coming off the largest pledge class in our chapter's history, we expect another fruitful semester of recruiting with a rough estimate of 15 young men interested in becoming brothers of Sigma Pi! We continue to give back to the community as our chapter has just joined forces with a local charity in order to give us more opportunities to perform our civic duty. Greek Week is drawing closer, and as always we plan on being competitive and expect to finish on top! We also have been able to reserve the country club for the Orchid Ball, which is sure to be a night to remember! All in all Iota-Nu is growing and we are all excited to see where the future takes us! Go Cougs!

Western Michigan //
Gamma-Rho Chapter

This school year has had its share of accomplishments for the men of the Gamma Rho chapter, starting with the election of Brother Jordan Werner to IFC Executive Board as Service Chair. We also held our first annual Drug and Alcohol awareness seminar on campus for the Greek community to address issues like risk management and alcoholism. Along with the initiation of nine new brothers this semester, the chapter has obtained a new house to be moved into this August, also four of our E-Board members attended Mid-Year in St. Louis. We also attended this year's Impact Retreat with the basis of it being strengthening and maintaining Greek life. This year has started off strong for the men of Sigma Pi at Western Michigan University and looks to continue that way this spring. With unity of purpose Sigma Pi moves on.

Wisconsin //
Wisconsin - Madison //
Tau Chapter

Tau Chapter has had a very successful past month, which included events such as Founders' Day and the Polar Plunge. Founders' Day saw nothing more extravagant than usual but as always both alumni and actives found the experience to be very fun and rewarding, especially those who this was their first Founder's Day. The Polar Plunge philanthropy went very well; as a chapter we raised well over a thousand dollars and had four brothers actually jump into the freezing lake. March looks to be a relatively quiet month as the brothers prepare for midterms and the general increase of schoolwork that accrues just before the midterms and the general increase of schoolwork that accrues just before Spring Break. Our main focus going into March will be the education and initiation of our spring pledge class.

Wisconsin - Platteville //
Delta-Iota Chapter

Fall 2011 was another productive semester. In addition to the usual highway cleanup and other philanthropy events we try to do each year, we helped a local alumnus, Ryan Griessmeyer, with his bi-yearly run near Madison, WI. Ryan owns a company called Race Day Events which operates runs for charity, and in years past he has given as much as $25,000 toward MS research through organizations such as Huntington's Disease Society of America and other organizations. As a chapter we helped Ryan by setting up and tearing down obstacles in the race, handing out water, and making sure the race went as planned. Several brothers have even participated in the run itself, taking first and second in the Greek category. We look forward to helping Ryan again in the future.

Wake Forest //
Alpha-Nu Chapter

It's shaping up to be a great spring semester for the Alpha Nu chapter. Joining us in our fraternal endeavors, our chapter has recruited 16 excited new members; and for good reason. This semester Alpha Nu plans to get its hands dirty with multiple philanthropic events. On March 3rd, we are bringing back the Sigma Pi Masters golf tournament amongst our members. Later in the semester we will also be holding our annual philanthropic event Reggae Fest benefitting the Red Cross. We also are inviting friends and family to watch a tricycle race to be held on our main quad with benefits going to the children's home in Winston-Salem, NC. Finally, we have some great ideas for our ACE Project including a project to get a traffic light installed on a dangerous turn out of our campus. We here at Alpha Nu are extremely excited for what the future holds.

Western Michigan //
Gamma-Rho Chapter

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William Paterson //
Theta-Tau Chapter

We are currently planning our philanthropy, Sigma Pi Cutie Pi, we have our Friendlies fundraiser coming up soon to raise money and donate, and just attended the province workshop at Rutgers.

Worcester Polytechnic //
Gamma-Jota Chapter

We have our big philanthropy event Legends of the Golden Goat coming up. We are teaming up with Alpha Xi Delta again this year. Pledging is moving along well. We sent our sage, 2nd counselor, 3rd counsel, and rush chair to Mid-Year. We will be hosting Regionals on our campus soon. Our Orchid Ball is coming up as well.
Jay Jacobs (AΔ, Auburn '80) is an Auburn Tiger through and through. He believes and lives the Auburn Creed every day. His passionate belief in the creed, and the Sigma Pi Creed, coupled with his strong leadership abilities suit him well as the Athletic Director for Auburn University.

Growing up near Auburn, Ala., and being a die hard Tigers fan, there was really no question when it came time for Jay Jacobs to make a decision on which college to attend... Auburn University. Also, Jay's father was an Auburn alumnus.

"I grew up 20 minutes away," recalled Jay. "Auburn was the only option."
It probably didn’t hurt that his dad was the person he most admired growing up. “He loves people and he loves working hard,” said Jay. “He had a great attitude for every challenge. I try to emulate his core values of faith and family every day.”

Growing up, Jay didn’t have a specific career goal. He just knew that if he followed his dad’s example and worked hard, good things would happen.

“It doesn’t mean you don’t have setbacks,” said Jay. “But if you work hard, do what is right, treat people the way you would like to be treated and tell the truth, then you are going to have a chance to be successful. If you are smart and try to outwork other people, you will have opportunities come your way. I just always wanted to do a great job at what I do.”

When Jay got to Auburn as an undergraduate, he made the decision to walk on to the football team.

“It was one of the most grueling but most rewarding things I have ever done,” said Jay. “It was a fun time but a tough time. I will carry those experiences with me all my life. Building on the strong beliefs his father instilled, Coach Dye would always talk about character.

“Coach Dye always said character is not a sometimes thing. It is an all the time thing,” said Jay. “And that is just how I grew up.”

**Life-long bonds**

While Jay did not know anyone in Sigma Pi when he started at Auburn, he was friends with a Little Sister who was from his high school in Jacksonville.

“She had invited some of us over,” said Jay. “Her brother was a freshman also so we went to the Sigma Pi house to see her. We just thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and wanted to become a part of the Sigma Pi family.”

Jay was invited to join Sigma Pi and became pledge class president. He has held on to the bonds made to this day.

“The bond of our pledge class felt like no other,” Jay recalled. “It was great to be associated with them throughout my college career. One of my best buddies, who unfortunately passed away a few years ago, was Tommy Mills (A.A. Auburn ’80). Tommy and I were real close but David Piper (A.A. Auburn ’80) and a lot of the guys felt a strong friendship.”

**Leading the Tigers**

Jay feels that leading the Auburn athletic department is a wonderful challenge.

“All of us in the Auburn family have high expectations,” said Jay.

“The key to it is to lead with the Auburn values which are based on the Auburn Creed—doing what is right, working hard, having a spirit that is not afraid. It is a blessing to be in this role and to have the great coaches and staff that we have here working everyday to fulfill the Auburn mission.”

Jay has been fortunate to be able to fully fund all the athletic programs. They’ve built new facilities for all the programs except one in the last ten years.

“We try to put them all in a position to compete—not only athletically but academically,” said Jay.

The revenue from football generates about 75% of what they do in athletics. With that high level of revenue, they are able to fund all programs at the highest level.

“We are trying to bring home championships,” said Jay. “It is just a great feeling. The feeling when you see the student athletes as they grow and mature and they win a championship. “Just like these ladies last night [recognized for winning the ladies golf SEC championship],” Jay mentioned. “A couple of them have won three SEC championships. You can see how they are different every year and bring their experiences. That is what the collegiate experience is about—not only in the classroom but all the other things in life that you do here on campus to grow.”

Jay and his staff believe in growing their
student athletes physically, mentally and spiritually everyday.

"It is really a blessing to see a team win the SEC because of what it does for the entire university with the positive publicity," said Jay. "However, it is also what it does for the young people that know if they work hard in the classroom, work hard in the weight room, and they work hard at practice and in competition, that they don't always win but if they do all the right things they have a chance to win. That is what we believe we are all about here."

Jay believes in teaching those lessons that you have to earn your way through hard work.

"It doesn't always mean you end up with a ring on your finger but if you put in the time and effort, good things can happen. We have a culmination of all that when one of our teams wins a championship," said Jay.

One of many examples of Jay's character occurred recently when Auburn hosted a baseball game against SEC rival LSU.

LSU's Chris Sciambra suffered a non-displaced fracture in the C-1 vertebra of his neck after crashing into the centerfield wall while trying to catch a fly ball.

In addition to the medical attention given to Sciambra by the Auburn medical staff during the game, Jay authorized an Auburn University plane to transport Sciambra back to Baton Rouge.

"The actions of the Auburn staff during and after the game made a frightening situation much more comfortable for Chris and all of us at LSU and we all appreciate the generosity of Jay Jacobs in bringing Chris back home," said LSU head coach Paul Mainieri.

On the incident, Jay said "That is what we are called to do. We are all human beings and when a neighbor needs help, we need to help them."

When asked what he would recommend to Sigma Pi undergraduates working towards their dreams and aspirations, the answer was clear.

"Don't let anyone discourage you...stay the course. But you have to be deliberate in taking the steps to get to where you want to be. You can't just say 'I want to do this.' Your actions everyday have to support where you want to go. Nobody is given anything. Everything anyone gets is earned and you have to lay out a plan and follow your plan. Stick to your ideas. Stick to your dreams regardless of what anyone tries to tell you."

Jay and his wife Angie have three daughters and also serve as a foster family. Their 20 year-old is a sophomore at Auburn and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Their 17 year-old is a junior in high school and their 14 year-old is in 8th grade.
Alumni Notebook

Alumni News:

Beta Chapter Alumni Club

Hall of Fame Event A Huge Success: Over 75 alumni, undergraduates, and their guests gathered at the Indiana Memorial Union during Homecoming weekend to celebrate the 4th annual Beta Chapter Sigma Pi Hall of Fame. We inducted four members into the Hall of Fame during the dinner and ceremony emceed by Bill McGinnis '69. The inductees were: Donald Baker '56, Bob Meiser '57, Timothy Tahara '82, and Stuart Hobson '90. Also Nate Treadwell '12 was honored as Outstanding Undergraduate and Jodee Converse was honored as Parent of the Year.

There were Beta Chapter Sigma Pi members representing seven decades in attendance. Everyone gathered for cocktails and conversation in the reception area and was then followed by a sit-down dinner and the formal presentation of the Hall of Fame awards. It truly was a fantastic evening that all in attendance will remember for a long time to come. The Hall of Fame was conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service. Inductees are selected based upon several factors, including success in their professional career, commitment to philanthropy and their community, and commitment to the fraternity - whether it be at the national or chapter level. Pictures and more information about the event can be found at www.betachaptersigmapi.org.

Georgia Founders' Day celebration

Founders' Day celebration was held at Alpha-

Beta Chapter Alumni Club Hall of Fame: Nate Treadwell '12, Bob Meiser '57, Stuart Hobson '90, Jodee Converse, Donald Baker '56

Phi Chapter in Athens. Clark Britt '62, Claude Surface '65 and Myron Martin '65 and I went to Founder's Day representing the "old" alumni.

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Upsilon Alumni Association

Upsilon Chapter celebrated its 89th Founders' Day and awarded Golden Cross certificates
Theta-Nu Chapter (Houston) was honored to have alumnus Jackson Yaung (A, Vincennes '00) attend their first Founders' Day Dinner. The chapter hosted the dinner at the infamous (and haunted) Spaghetti Warehouse in Downtown Houston.

to Ron Jameson, who also accepted for his brother, Frank Jameson (Adytum on High). Paul Glowienke and Shelden Simons received their Silver Crosses, on the 25th anniversary of their initiation.

Brad Reichard, who works in political public relations in Boston, traveled the farthest. Alfred Hernandez journeyed from Houston; Mike Smith, Doug Keppler and Doug Glantz journeyed from San Francisco; and Ralph Rea (Class of '54) picked up Charles Osterlund (Class of '58) on his way from Mammoth.

Taek Chang, who works in finance at Toyota, is the new Chapter Advisor, and has jumped in full-steam.

Past Sage Spencer Van Ruiten won the William Meyer Award (Most Contributions to the Chapter, which was presented by national's Wm. Cutbirth Award winner Scott Scheffler) and 2nd Councilor Brandon Rokos won the Julien D'Avanzo Award (Spirit of Sigma Pi, which was presented by Julien's friend Sebastian Perkinson). Dylan Robin won the Community/Campus Service Award, and Andrew Munoz won the Academics Award.

The Upsilon Perpetual Scholarships were awarded to 1st Councilor Joey Donaldson, Miles Pember and Andrew Sanders.

Adam Treiger gave a moving tribute to Gary Gross, who passed to the Adytum on High at an early age after 20 years of public service and winning two Calif. Supreme Court cases that expanded the rights of child victims of domestic abuse. We also honored the fine gentlemen of Upsilon who passed to the Adytum on High: Past Sage Fred Thornley, John Goodlad, Past Sage James Cochran, Dale Champion, Lynn Diamant, Ralph Scott, Robert Lashbrook and Glenn Smith. The Perpetual Scholarships are awarded in memory of Joe Marsalek and Ray Carlisle, and in honor of Carl Moroney.

In current alumni news, Dan Kleinkopf and Matt Quigley coach the UCLA club baseball team.

Sam Allen had a front-page article in the L.A. Times on political corruption in small cities in Los Angeles County.

Alumnus Updates:

**Jim Divita** (ZM, Michigan State '04) - On December 10th, 2011 Jim got engaged to Jessica Mantione (Phi Mu Sorority, Florida State University) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jim worked at the Sigma Pi Executive Office from 2005 - 2008 as an Educational Leadership Consultant for the West Region and Director of Expansion. Jim and Jessica currently reside in Tampa, Florida, where Jim works as a Sales Rep for AvMed Health Plans, specializing in employee benefits, focusing specifically on group health insurance solutions.

**PGS John Kitch** (H, Purdue '70) was recently elected to the office of President of the Nashville Bar Association in Nashville, Tenn.

**Jim Livingston** (AA, Auburn '60) was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Auburn University. Mr. Livingston is a retired Marine General and recipient of the Medal of Honor.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Founded June 8, 1912, Eta Chapter will be celebrating 100 years this year. There will be a golf tournament the weekend of June 8, 2012, and an event during Homecoming weekend October 13, 2012.

Founded June 1, 2012, Zeta Chapter will be celebrating 100 years the weekend of June 8-9, 2012.

Contact the chapters for additional information.
Doctoral Candidate in Education Chosen for Prestigious Golden Key Scholarship

Brian Kurisky (96, Ferris State '97), a doctoral candidate in Old Dominion's Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, has been selected as a winner of the prestigious 2011 Golden Key International Honour Society Graduate Scholar Award.

The $10,000 scholarship is presented twice a year to 10 graduate students from around the world who exemplify the three ideals of Golden Key: academics, service and leadership. The Graduate Scholar award is the top scholarship among those given by Golden Key.

To apply for the award, students must relate their current and future academic plans, how they contribute to the campus and local community, and how they have shown leadership on and off campus. Three letters of recommendation are also submitted by a faculty member (about academics), current or former employer (leadership) and university/organization official who can address service to the campus/local community.

"Brian is an outstanding student and professional," said Dennis Gregory, the Darden College of Education's graduate program director for higher education and Kurisky's doctoral dissertation adviser.

"He not only excels in his academic work, but has contributed significantly to the SACS reaffirmation process, started and led several organizations at Old Dominion, has served as an ambassador of our program nationally and internationally, and works very hard to support the work of younger students in our academic program. He is clearly the perfect choice for the scholarship and represents Old Dominion extremely well with this honor."

The award was to have been given on Dec. 1, 2011; however, the decision was delayed until the end of February because of the large number of applicants (more than 1,000).

In a letter informing Kurisky of the award, Crystal Hunter, program manager of Golden Key International Honor Society, wrote: "We are proud to have you as a Golden Key member. On behalf of the Golden Key Board of Directors, the volunteer leadership and Headquarters staff, we extend to you our heartfelt congratulations for being selected as one of this year's winners."

Kurisky is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration in the Darden College. His dissertation will examine the educational topics within fraternity chapter director educational programs and if the topics are in line with the issues that face current college students.

Prior to starting the doctoral program, Kurisky was the assistant director of housing and residence life at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. Currently, he is a graduate research assistant in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at ODU, working on the Southern Association of College and Schools reaccreditation process.

He is the president of the ODU chapter of Golden Key, president of Chi Sigma Alpha Honor Fraternity, vice president of the ODU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a member of the Higher Education Student Association and chapter director for the ODU chapter of Sigma Pi international fraternity.

Off campus, Kurisky serves as president of the 1897 Association (an association of chapter directors and province presidents within Sigma Pi), a member of the American College Personnel Administration and director of communications for the Commission for Student Conduct and Legal Issues.

He received a master's in education in college student affairs and leadership from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich. His two bachelor's degrees – in intercultural communications and international political science – are from ODU.

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In addition, other interested brothers and pledges are encouraged to attend.

A chapter or colony may bring as many members as they please.

Registration and information now available at sigmapi.org
Adytum on High

Arkansas State - Alpha-Pi
Ford, Randall Leon '60
Hayden, Michael Jay '76
Renn, David Albert '69
Wright Jr., Bert '61

Cornell - Mu
Bauernfeind, Edmund '67
Calby Jr., Joseph Woodman '51
Carlson, Robert Codner '61
Chamberlain Jr., James Luther '48
Huff, Richard Jacoby '44
Hulford, Howard William '44
Knapp, Robert Adelbert '45
Knights, Jerold Glen '68
Tanner, Sereno Scantlon '43
Tucker, George William '53
Wille, Charles Ernest '50

East Stroudsburg - Beta-Psi
Rhoades, James John '63

Illinois Wesleyan - Epsilon-Gamma
Landau, Brandon Alan 2015

Indiana State - Gamma-Pi
Runyon, Douglas Scott '86

Indiana - Beta
Dietz, Michael Joe '69
Weston, John Bartel '66

Mississippi State - Alpha-Lambda
Smith, Lott Burnell '48

Missouri State - Alpha-Rho
Burk, Dennis Lynn '70

Morehead State - Delta-Rho
Dunnaway Jr., Junius Calvin '78

Murray State - Gamma-Upsilon
Strohmeyer, Clinton Steven '77
Weber, George Nicholas '71

NJIT - Alpha-Mu
Clarke, Harry Gail '43

North Carolina State - Rho
Snyder, Fred Conrad '46

Ohio Northern - Zeta
Studer, Richard John '68

Oregon State - Omega
Gilliam, Louis Leonard '41
Johns, Eldon Leroy '61
Keenan, Bernard James '50
King, Lauren Dale '53
Lowell, David Mohr '69
Sisson, William Howard '64

Penn State - Theta
Franks, Farrell Michael '66
Stiftinger, George Anthony '49

Purdue - Eta
Parrish, Mark Anthony '85

Shippensburg - Beta-Upsilon
Holtzman, Thomas Wood '67

Temple - Kappa
Hanselman, Elmer Clarence '43
Johnston Jr., Frank Robert '53

UCLA - Upsilon
Cochran, James John '65

Illinois - Phi
Sanner, Robert E. '52

Mississippi - Beta-Mu
Slavens, Charles Frederick '60

Pittsburgh - Chi
Linamen, Kenneth Reid '52

Texas - Gamma-Theta
Segrest, Charles Luther '64

Wisconsin-Whitewater - Gamma-Phi
Ferkoff, Russell Robert '69

Virginia Tech - Delta-Upsilon
Brown, Deane Harrison '73

Wake Forest - Alpha-Nu
Fulp, Donald Billy '77

Correction:
Mr. John Lawrence Margowski (FY, Murray State '69) was mistakenly listed in the Adytum on High. Brother Margowski is not deceased and we apologize for the error.
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Congrats! Eta-Tau Chapter at Fitchburg State received Most Improved Organization of the Year on campus and also held a very successful ACE Project™ to bring awareness to domestic abuse. Has your chapter completed an ACE Project™?