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Piece of Northwestern State History on Display at Pi Kappa Phi Headquarters Museum

A small piece of Northwestern State University's history is now on permanent display at Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity National Headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. One of the only known surviving membership badges of Phi Kappa Nu Fraternity, the predecessor of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, was recently added to the collection at the Eldred J. Harman Museum.



John Levy Frederick



Phi Kappa Nu Fraternity (predecessor to the Beta Omicron Chapter) gathered outside Caldwell Hall, circa 1935.



The jeweled badge is prominently displayed along with other local fraternities that were absorbed by Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity. Visitors to the museum can explore artifacts in a visual history of the Fraternity, dating back to its founding in 1904.

Phi Kappa Nu was organized at Louisiana State Normal College (now Northwestern State University) on October 17, 1929 and grew to become one of the school's largest and most-involved organizations. Its members later decided to seek the benefits of joining a

national fraternity and on September 21, 1956 the Beta Omicron Chapter was installed as the 63rd chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

The badge belonged to the late John Levy Frederick, a member of Phi Kappa Nu in the early 1950s and later one of the early members of the Beta Omicron Chapter. Placing the pin in the Harman Museum was the work of Beta Omicron Chapter Alumni Association board member Shayne Creppel. Frederick's widow, Jan, gave the badge to Creppel after having a conversation about the Fraternity's history. It was first presented the chapter at the 2011 Founders' Day banquet and was placed in the care of Pi Kappa Phi Headquarters later in 2012.

John Frederick died in June 2001, at the age of 67. After graduating from Northwestern State College, he entered the Army and served in the Korean War. Until his death, he was the owner of Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, the oldest continuously operated business in Natchitoches. In Frederick's obituary, he was remembered for sharing his abilities and talents with all he met." For his 67 years he lived life to the fullest with unconditional love for his family, commitment to his business, and his passion for all that is just and decent in the world."

Fittingly, his badge will now be forever preserved in the same room as the membership badges of the founders of Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity.

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Four Pi Kappa Phi Members Named "Extra Mile Scholars"

Awarded \$3,800 in Scholarships

Pi Kappa Phi alumnus and business executive David D. Morgan, Sr. is investing in the future of several promising young leaders at Northwestern State University. Four members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity were awarded scholarships at the 6th annual Beta Omicron "Extra Mile" Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Morgan created the program to inspire students to pursue excellence in academics, campus and chapter leadership, service, and employment.

Jake Bryan, Sean Austin, Kolt Kays, and Scott Mayeaux were awarded \$3,800 in scholarships at the 6th annual event.

Omicron alumnus David D. Morgan. An entrepreneur, an insurance executive, and a leader within his industry and his fraternity, Morgan has spent a considerable portion of his life helping others to be successful. Whether through the offering of insurance products to association members across the country that help provide a greater peace of mind, or through his volunteer work with several Pi Kappa Phi chapters, Brother Morgan's commitment to helping people (especially his Pi Kappa Phi brothers) is a trademark of his personality. Instilling the lessons he learned growing up in Louisiana – lessons of hard work, industriousness, and self-determination – into the heart of this new initiative, the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation created the scholarship program in 2008. In the time since, the program has furthered the academic pursuits of more than 40 students in awards upwards of \$26,000. It remains the only program of its kind among Pi Kappa Phi's 179 chapters.

Recipients are selected through a rigorous application process that awards points for campus and chapter leadership, grades, employment, and a series of essay questions. This program seeks to recognize the effort and seriousness that a student displays in pursuit of academic excellence. But just as important as a student's scholastic prowess, however, is their commitment to applying

themselves in the classroom and in life outside of the classroom by going the "extra mile." Senior Scott Mayeaux credits leadership programs like the "Extra Mile" inspires personal growth. "I am confident, proud, and passionate about the things I become a part of, all because of Pi Kappa Phi," he said. "It has taught me the vital skills that I need to go out into the world that awaits." An established leader on campus, senior Jake Bryan said the "Extra Mile" Scholarship challenges the Fraternity's members to start preparing for success today. "I've learned more about leadership and conducting business than any other opportunity up until this point in my life."

Underscoring the purpose and mission of the program, Beta Omicron alumnus and re-chartering archon Wes Breeden delivered the keynote address. He currently serves as Regional Vice President for Association Member Benefit Advisors. His primary role is meeting the needs of the company's clients as well as developing leaders within the company. Breeden shared the defining qualities of successful individuals and described his journey from the classroom at NSU to the board room in a corporate setting. Drawing on a lifetime of inspirational influences, he recalled several people who shaped his outlook. One of his strongest points of advice centered on taking action, not making excuses or settling for mediocrity. "My grandfather was a farmer and he used to tell me since I was a little kid, over and over and over, if you can get up in the morning and put your boots on and go to work, you have half the world beat."

Robert G. Crew was named Beta Omicron "Alumnus of the Year" for personal achievement, outstanding service to the Fraternity and community, involvement in the life of the university, and serving as a model for lifelong brotherhood.

Dozens of active members, alumni, and representatives from Northwestern State University were in attendance for the catered dinner. Special guests included: Dr. Randall J. Webb, President of Northwestern State University; Robert Crew, Beta Omicron alumnus and Executive Assistant to the President; Dr. Chris Maggio, NSU Assistant Vice President for External Affairs; Mrs. Frances Conine, NSU Dean of Students; Dr.

Margaret Kilcoyne, Director of the NSU School of Business and past Beta Omicron Rose Court member; Reatha Cox, NSU Director of Student Life and First Year Experience; Natalie Laurence, NSU Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life; Greg Burke, NSU Director of Athletics; Mike McConathy, NSU Basketball Head Coach; Brittany Godsey, NSU Women's Basketball Asst. Coach; Dr. Bill Smith, NSU Dir. of Marketing and Branding; Tom Whitehead, NSU Professor Emeritus of Journalism; Doug Ireland, Beta Omicron alumnus, Chapter Advisor, and NSU Sports Information Director; Dr. Michael Land, Beta Omicron alumnus, Academic Advisor, and NSU Professor of

Microbiology; Lane Luckie, Beta Omicron Alumni Association/ Housing Corporation President; Wes Breeden, Beta Omicron alumnus, re-founding Archon, and keynote speaker; Alan Pasch, Beta Omicron Alumni Association/ Housing Corporation Dir. of Housing and NSU Director of University Facility Use; Shayne Creppel, Beta Omicron Alumni Association Director of Alumni Events; and Chad Hancock, Beta Omicron Alumni Association member.

At the close of the evening, the members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity recognized a special guest at the banquet, Mrs. Blanche Watkins. She is the mother of NSU dean of students, Frances Conine, who is Beta Omicron's first chapter mother since re-chartering in 2000 and a longtime friend of Pi Kappa Phi. Mrs. Watkins is the wife of the late John Watkins, who served as archon of the Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at the



Scan for a photo album from the banquet & to listen to the keynote address!



University of Alabama. In the time before his passing, he could still recall fond memories and love for Pi Kappa Phi. Mrs. Watkins was presented a bouquet of red roses, the Fraternity's flower, in honor the decades of support she has shown Pi Kappa Phi and in memory of John Watkins.

AN OPEN LETTER

HOW PI KAPP CHANGED MY LIFE

By: Randy Smith #389



I have always tried to do my part to help my chapter as an alumnus, but I never imagined what Pi Kappa Phi would do for me. pictured, Randy and Rachel Smith with daughter Maci and son Jacob.

The following is an open letter from Randy Smith, an alumnus of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at Northwestern State University. One year after his son underwent an extensive surgery, he asked to share his thoughts with the countless people who taught his family an important lesson about the bonds of brotherhood.

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"My name is Randy Smith. I'm 27 years old and live in Alexandria, Louisiana and am married to Rachael Tingle Smith, an alumna of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. We have a son, Jacob, who is now 2 years old. I want to share with you exactly what true brotherhood can accomplish and

overcome. When Jacob was about six months old, he was diagnosed with craniosynostosis, which is a deformation of the skull that causes the suture lines to close faster than they should. This typically leaves the child with a ridge down the front or back of the head. Naturally, this brought immediate worry and we took to the internet to try to find out more. What we saw was nothing short of sickening. If left untreated Jacob could suffer deterioration of the skull and deformation of the brain. The condition is treatable but involved taking Jacob to Dallas, Texas to undergo an extensive surgery to remove his skull and completely reconstruct it.

Having all of this thrown into my lap at once was extremely stressful and brought me to a really dark place. You always hear the expression "you never know what love is until you have a child," but you never really understand it. I finally knew what this meant after Jacob was born. I also discovered an intense fear that I never knew existed, leaving my wife and I feeling painfully alone. Aside from the fear of our baby undergoing this intense surgery, we knew the hospital bills could reach astronomical numbers. The best doctor for this procedure was in Dallas, meaning it would not be covered by our insurance. Costs could reach well over \$40,000 for surgery fees and hospital bills. Day after day it seemed all we received was bad news on top of more bad news. When you join a fraternity, most people tend to think of it as an activity that spans four or five years until you leave it behind after graduation. That wasn't the case for me. I have always tried to do my part to help my chapter as an alumnus, but I never imagined

what Pi Kappa Phi would do for me. It often seems to take great incentive or motivation to persuade a group of college men to do something, but not this time. My brothers decided to throw several fundraisers for my son's surgery. All of this was done in secret without ever saying a word to me or my wife (because they knew I wouldn't hear of it). Before I knew it, they held a benefit car wash for Jacob, a "chunk your change" event in front of the NSU Student Union, an article in the local newspaper, and rallied several sororities to join the effort. Brothers from across Louisiana and Texas flooded my Facebook account, home mailbox, email, and phone with messages of encouragement. The money raised was not as nearly as important to me as was the selfless thought. Suddenly, I no longer felt alone in this journey.

Jacob's surgery came on November 2, 2011, the worst day of my life. As my precious child was hooked up to machines and undergoing an unimaginable surgery, I was constantly receiving texts, emails and phone calls of support from the actives and alumni of Beta Omicron Chapter. From this, I drew needed strength from my brothers. The total selflessness and commitment to helping a brother and his family brought me to tears. At the chapter's Founders's Day banquet in 2011, I brought my wife and Jacob to express how the gesture impacted my life. It didn't matter if they had raised \$100 or \$100,000. The fact that they were there for me, and more importantly, my son is something I'll never forget. It also reminds me of what initially drew me to the Fraternity — lifelong brotherhood. We share so many experiences: love, laughter, arguments, fights and tears. It's all through an unbreakable bond. When Jacob is older, I will make sure he knows what Pi Kappa Phi has done for him. It brought his father and mother together and helped lift them up through one of the darkest moments of their lives.

Jacob is growing just like any typical two year old. He'll go back to the specialist when he's five for monitoring of his skull to make sure it won't require another surgery. However, we're in for another emotional journey. Our daughter Maci was also diagnosed with craniosynostosis, so she will require the same surgery next July when she is about 11 months old. We are going into this familiar experience reassured by your outpouring of prayers and words of encouragement."

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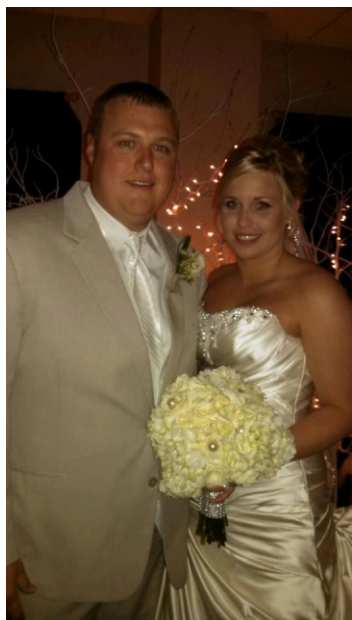
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Luke Leger (#414)
and Karissa Branch.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Tying the knot!

Best wishes to these alumni who were married in the last 6 months!

- ~Nathan Pearson (#495) and Julee Bornowski.
- ~Luke Leger (#414) and Karissa Branch.
- ~Shane Moser (#387) and Jennifer Williams.
- ~Brandon "Pops" Messick (#464) and Merideth Snively.
- ~Josh Robert (#342) and Sommer Mrozek.
- ~Chris Rajewski (#352) and Dawn Normand.

Bouncy Beta Omicron Babies!

Congratulations to these alumni who had children in the last 6 months:

- ~Randall Babin (#420) and his wife Laura, on the birth of their son Sean Ashton.
- ~Chris Rajewski (#352) and his wife Dawn, on the birth of their son Cayden Michael.
- ~Greg Comeaux (#333) and his wife Amy, on the birth of their son Baylor Martin.

Chris Rajewski (#352) with his son Cayden Michael.



Save the Date!

NSU Homecoming 2013

October 18-19 | Natchitoches, LA.

Details & schedule to follow at pikappNSU.org

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ALUMNI DUES

Your alumni dues help to fund alumni mailings and events. Dues are \$50 annually. If you have not yet paid for 2013, please send payment to:

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The Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter makes monthly giving safe and easy with an automated monthly transfer. To arrange to have a small gift automatically transferred each month from your banking account to Beta Omicron Chapter, contact Treasurer David Morgan Sr.

ALUMNI UPDATES

To include an update about yourself in the next issue of the newsletter or submit historic photos and story ideas, e-mail your submission to Lane Luckie at laneluckie@hotmail.com. Visit our Web site below for a complete list of members and contact information.

BETA OMICRON ALUMNI CHAPTER

Your support of the Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter helps assist the student chapter and pay for communication efforts like the B.O. Alumni Blast. One hundred percent of your contribution goes to fund those things that advance Beta Omicron Chapter at NSU.

This year, the Alumni Chapter made considerable donations:

- Funded and constructed a new fence in the backyard
- Funded the quarterly issues of this publication
- Purchased a new stove for the kitchen
- Alumni Chapter National Dues
- Funded paint & materials for kitchen & game room
- Funded ceramic tile in kitchen & game room
- Plumbing repairs in master bathroom
- Housing Corp. Tax Return

While some members pay their annual dues in one lump sum, the Alumni Chapter encourages you to consider spreading your gift out over the course of the year by authorizing an easy, automatic monthly transfer from your banking account to Pi Kappa Phi's banking account. Most alumni agree to donate \$20 per month, but a gift in any amount makes a difference. Please help support your Alumni Chapter make a difference in the lives of our student members. Sign up today!



ALUMNI MONTHLY GIVING FORM

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each month to their account held at Sabine State Bank, account number _____, from my account.

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I have the right at any time to cancel this transfer upon written request to the bank. I understand that should my account have insufficient funds on the day of the transfer, the transfer will not take place and will be skipped for that period. This authorization is for the benefit of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and places no additional liability on the bank for failure to make timely transfer.

DUES-PAYING MEMBERS 2012-2013

Listed here are dues-paying members of the Beta Omicron Alumni Association. Alumni dues help to fund alumni events and mailings like the B.O. Alumni Blast.

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