



# B.O. Alumni Blast

The Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter Newsletter of Pi Kappa Phi  
Northwestern State University

Fall, 2003

## Homecoming Blow Out Underway

The events for Beta Omicron Actives and Alumni continue to grow for NSU Homecoming. This year a number of activities are planned. Several other events are still being planned. Stay tuned to the chapter for details.

### Friday, October 24th

#### Golf Tournament

8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. tee times

Call Mike Allain at 504-231-4410 for details.

#### Alumni and Families Social and Dinner

7 p.m. at Scott Roach's Home (see directions to Scott's home on insert page inside). Please donate \$10 per person to cover the cost of this event. RSVP to Scott at Roach@nsula.edu.

### Saturday Oct 25th

#### Homecoming Day Activities

9:00 a.m.

Alumni Coffee

Pi Kappa Phi House, 730 College Ave

9:30- 10:30 a.m.

Alumni and Housing Corp. Meeting

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Open House for Parents and Alumni Families

12-2 p.m.

Pi Kappa Phi Tailgate Party, behind stadium near the tennis courts

2:30 p.m.

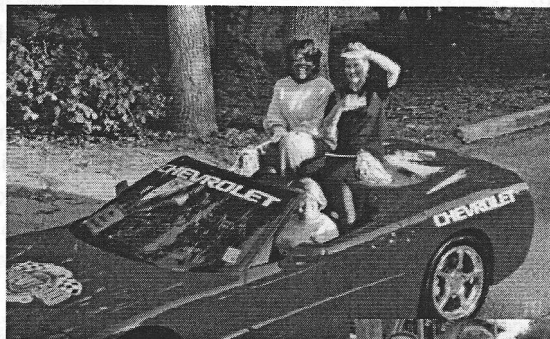
Homecoming Football Game - NSU vs.

Nichols State

7:00 p.m.

Alumni and Active party. Pioneer Pub, Front Street (North end). Dance music by a local D.J. Cash bar. This joint function (Actives and Alumni) is being paid for by the Alumni Chapter — **Alumni Donations are NEEDED.**

### Homecoming 2002 - More Photos Inside

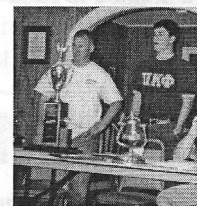


Oprah Winfrey participated in the NSU Homecoming Parade, riding with former Rose Peggy Pittman Plunkett, wife of Bill Plunkett

Tailgate Party revelers included (from left, back) John Springer, Robert Broadwell, Robert Wagnon, Pat Kelly, Rick Yates, David Morgan Jr., David Morgan Sr. (front), Nick Nichols and Mike Edwards.



Beta Omicron champions for the second consecutive year! Logan Nolan (left) and Chris Lyles show the "Demon Cup" taken by the chapter this fall. The cup is awarded to the All Around NSU Intramural Champion.



## Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Update

### George Etheredge moves, Scott Roach steps in as Chapter Advisor

On June 28, 2003 a Alumni Board meeting was held at the Pi Kapp house in Natchitoches. Attending the meeting were Alumni George Etheredge, Scott Roach, Robert Broadwell, Mike Allain, Ruben Tweedy and myself, David Morgan. Actives that attended the meeting were Chapter Archon Chad Black, Historian Robert Lockwood and Greg Comeaux.



Scott Roach

As you may be aware, the Pi Kappa Phi National Chapter Advisor of the Year George Etheredge has moved to St. Thomas USVI, and Brother Dr. Scott Roach has taken over as Chapter Advisor of our Chapter. We wish George all the best in his new paradise as he becomes "The Island Man," and we look forward to seeing him at Homecoming. In my opinion the rechartering of Beta Omicron Chapter would not have happened without Brother George. We will always be indebted to him for his efforts.

The purpose of the meeting was an informal "State of the Chapter Update" to see where the chapter was on several topics: 1. Homecoming, 2. Rush, 3. Push America, 4. New Alumni positions.

# Pi Kapp brothers stay busy improving Chapter House



By **Robert Broadwell**  
*President, B.O. Housing Corporation*

It has been a very busy year at Beta Omicron, and a lot has been happening at the Chapter House. The undergraduates implemented a plan that will keep the house full of tenants each semester. Obviously, this is important for cash flow and paying our bills.

As most of you should be aware, the Housing Corporation refinanced the house last year, on a 10-year note. Interest rates continued to go down, so again, we refinanced. The net effect was that we kept the note the same, but reduced our payment term by three months. We now have approximately 8.5 years remaining before the house is paid off! Special thanks to Scott Roach and Robert Wagon for getting this job done!

Several improvements have been completed at the chapter house this year. Blown insulation was put in the attic to help reduce utilities. In certain areas of the attic, there was virtually no insulation, and now, you can "feel" the difference in the house. We purchased a new couch, as normal wear and tear took its toll on one of the old ones. The carpet in the game room side of the house was removed, and the existing concrete was exposed. After seeking a recommendation from alumni Bruce Kinder at Kinder Paint Company in Alexandria, he recommended a method to stain the concrete and apply a sealer. Bruce donated the materials, and this job has been completed. It will really help to keep this room clean. There is

a pool table in there with couches, a color T.V., and a coke machine. Inevitably, there will be spills with normal activities, and carpet is probably not a good idea here. Thanks, Bruce!

The biggest capital improvement was the new faux brick patio in the back yard. The yard had become a virtual mud hole during wet periods, and the mosquitoes had rendered the yard unusable much of the time. We took bids on a 500-square-foot slab, and the housing corporation awarded the job to a local contractor. The patio has a Flagstone pattern, and along with the deck we added last year, it really looks great! We did some landscaping, and it makes the back yard very presentable. I believe this was a great investment. The guys can have sorority exchanges there, and they have added some "tiki" lanterns to promote a romantic effect. HA! (Priorities haven't changed much over the years).

The undergraduates have worked hard on enhancing the house as well. They have done painting, inside and out, and have done a number of repairs to the house. The pool table was re-felted at their expense, and we have added expanded cable so they can watch football games on a lot of channels. This room should be a great place for them to "hang out".

The housing corporation had another active year, and we certainly have other things we would like to do. It is a matter of funding, so any help in this area will be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see everyone at homecoming. Thanks for all your help!

## Financial Advisor Report



by **Robert Wagon**, *Financial Advisor*

Over the summer I volunteered to become the financial advisor for the chapter. I have met twice over the summer with the Archon, Vice-Archon and Treasurer to help them work up the budget for the upcoming fall semester. The

fall budget will be presented to the members for approval at their first meeting.

While doing this budget, it gave me an insight of just what is involved financially with the chapter. I was amazed of what it cost this chapter to operate. Just to give you an idea of what it takes to operate, here are the figures from their FALL SEMESTER, 2003, proposed budget:

Insurance, IFC dues, Order of Omega, Misc.	\$7,168.00
Mid-Year Leadership Conference	\$800.00
Push Week Advertising	\$200.00
Pins & Jersey's	\$605.00
Founders Day	\$550.00
Brotherhood (Movies, buffet, etc.)	\$1,000.00
Parlor Fees (paid to the Housing Corp.)	\$1,600.00
Rush Expenses	\$2,920.00
Bid Party	\$1,575.00
Homecoming Float	\$200.00
Christmas Party	\$750.00

Sorority Exchanges	\$400.00
Fund Raiser Expense	\$562.50
NSU fee to Tailgate (2 year fee)	\$500.00
Tailgating Expenses (food for 6 games)	\$600.00
Rental of the Pub for 6 after game parties	\$1,000.00
Security for parties	\$550.00
<b>Total Fall Semester Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,980.50</b>

The income for the chapter comes from dues (\$17,000), fundraisers (\$3,000), and donations from alumni (\$1,000). The biggest problem the chapter faces here is the collection of their dues from the members. Currently, there is over \$3,000 due the chapter in past due amounts. This is not good. To help in the collection of these delinquent dues, the chapter has contracted Omega Financial to collect all future dues, and all past due amounts owed to the chapter. They charge a little over 4% on the collected amount. Over the past thirty days, Omega has been able to collect a portion of the past due amounts. I think contracting Omega Financial is a step in the right direction, and will help eliminate a large past due amount in the future.

I hope this gives the alumni a little better idea of what it takes financially to operate as a chapter. It is a pleasure and a lot of fun to work with these young men, and I look forward to working with these men in the future. If you have a chance or a desire to volunteer and work with these young men, do it. It's a blast!



## **B.O.'s ritual team to host initiation of 1956 pledge during reunion weekend Oct. 24-25**

### ***Billie Roy Cook, Pledge Emeritus, becomes a bona fide Brother***

By Mike Murphy

Charter members of B.O. Chapter, along with other chapter alumni representing their 1956-1962 collegiate years at NSU, will host the group's bi-annual reunion to rekindle friendships and recall fond memories Oct 24-25 in Natchitoches. Ironically, their long-term friendships and frequent communications via the Internet have included a 1956 Freshman Pledge, neophyte Billie Roy Cook. "Pledge Cook" was a carry-forward from the local fraternity, Phi Kappa Nu.

B.O. Charter Members, Mike Murphy (No. 5), Charles Bice (No. 8), Bill Plunkett (No. 3), John Wheat (No. 29), and Robert Kelley (No. 17), all reunion coordinators, told us that during the alumni group's previous reunion in 2001, they voted to

end Cook's overextended tenure as a Pledge and bring him into the alumni brotherhood ranks. Cook is a retired Army Major with two tours in Vietnam as a member of the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" and he is also a member of the NSU Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jack McCain, owner of McCain's Auto Supply in Natchitoches, was the first Archon of this Chapter in 1956. We understand that there was a protracted and humorous Internet dialogue about the indignities of their 50's "informal initiations," and whether Pledge Cook should be "tested" or should he be inducted into the fraternity through the Ritual's formal rites. The Brothers from the "collegiate years" decided, tongue-in-check, to forego the informal initiation on

the basis that Cook's two tours of duty in Vietnam exhibited the supreme test.

The Ritual Team of Beta Omicron Chapter, along with the Alumni Chapter Board, plan to bestow the initiation Ritual honors, on Friday evening, October 24, 2003, on Bill Cook, who has, perhaps, held one of the longest tenures as a pledge in the history of Pi Kappa Phi. This historic event will coincide with NSU's Homecoming weekend.

A Friday night dinner is planned for the early arrivals. A Saturday morning registration and get-together will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, and Saturday evening will culminate the weekend with a dinner-banquet at the downtown Merci Beaucoup Restaurant.

## **Rush week Sept. 8-12 included full slate of fraternity activities**

Classes at NSU began on August 27th. NSU has established a formal rush week that began on Monday, September 8, and ended on Friday the 12th when bids were given out. The activities for rush were as follows:

Monday and Tuesday evening — Those that signed up for formal rush were divided up into smaller groups to go to each house either Monday or Tuesday evening.

Wednesday — Each young man going thru rush picked three houses and revisited each of those houses in the evening.

Thursday — Each fraternity could have a social this evening and invited those they wanted. Pi Kapp held a ski party at Scott Roach's home on Sibley Lake.

All fraternities gave out Friday Bid's and the pledging initiation was held that afternoon.

The Chapter has a rush budget of \$2,000 and would like to order T-shirts, posters, handouts from national, cups with Pi Kappa on them and other type of promotional items.

Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma are still the competition, and they both are well funded by their alumni during rush as always. If you would like to make a donation towards rush, please call Chad Black at 318-792-5112. Donations are really needed.

## **Twenty new Associate members, initiation goals, good grades dominate school start**

by Chad Black, Archon

Well school is finally back in session here at NSU. Rush has come and gone, and Beta Omicron at this time has 20 new Associate members. We will continue rush for the remainder of the semester. Our main focus is initiating 80% of our associate class this year, as that is a criteria looked at for the Mixson Award from National Headquarters.

Intramural football has also started again with Pi Kapp defeating Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha by an average of 35 points. TKE forfeited their game against us yesterday leaving us at 3 - 0.

This year, Beta Omicron also has the SGA President, SGA Speaker, SAB President, and Greek Council President in our ranks.

All of this and defending Intramural Champions for the second time brings the new year off to a great start!

## **Highest grades of all fraternities**

Once again we had the highest grades for fraternities on campus last spring, giving us a clean sweep for the year. This year promises to be just as great as our scholarship chair is staying on us to keep going at the same pace.



At Homecoming 2002 Alumni Social held at George and Cathy Etheredge's home, (from left) 1971 Rose Debbie Wallace Morrison, Andy Bachman, Mike Edwards, George Etheredge, Sherry Morgan, and Bill Morrison



Tailgate Party revelers included (from left) David Morgan, Mike and Dianne Edwards, Mike Allain, and Rick Yates



(l-r) Judy Allain, Pam and Robert Broadwell

(l-r) Travis McManemim and Mike Edwards



(l-r) David Morgan and Andy Bachman, Alumni Chapter Secretary, update Beta Omicron membership file



(l-r) Mike Allain, Robert Broadwell, and George Etheredge conduct Beta Omicron Housing Corp. meeting

## New alumni chapter positions

Robert Wagnon has agreed to become the Financial Advisor to the Chapter. The Chapter is in real need of help in this area, and I know with Robert's financial background and experience that he will have an immediate impact on the chapter.

The Alumni Chapter Communications position is open. We need someone to help keep all Alumni up to date about what is going on with each other as well as updates from the Chapter at NSU.

Our Alumni group has continued to grow each year, and we look forward to seeing you at Homecoming and becoming involved with the chapter. The BEST Chapters always come from the Chapters that have Active Alumni who are involved and care about their chapter.

## Directions to Friday night Homecoming get-together

The Friday Homecoming get-together will be at my house (Scott Roach): 292 Monroe Drive (A.K.A. Moose Lodge Road). Phone is (318) 352-6913.

Directions from the Pi Kapp house are to turn RIGHT out of the parking lot on to College Avenue heading West toward Many. Take a RIGHT at the first light on to the by-pass by Brookshires. Travel past where the old Keg used to be. Turn LEFT at the next light on to HWY 3191 (Old Highway 1 North). Go approximately a mile and turn LEFT at the top of the hill onto Monroe Drive. Go approximately 1/2 mile to the second mailbox on the RIGHT and turn in at 292 Monroe Drive on the RIGHT.

## Two lost brothers found, search continues for others

With the help of brother Corey Wilson in Minden, we have been able to locate a couple of our lost brothers. John Wright is living in Minden and works for the Webster Parrish Sheriff's Department. His information is as follows: John Wright, 104 Nichols Drive, Minden, LA 71055

John informed us that Allen Lyons, also from Minden, has gone on to the chapter eternal. He died about four years ago from a heart attack.

## Beta Omicron supports PKP 'Push America Journey of Hope' for third year

Once again the Pi Kappa Phi "Push America Journey of Hope" crossed the country and arrived in Shreveport on Saturday, July 26. The riders toured the Shrine Hospital that morning, and our chapter was responsible for the BBQ Chicken lunch, as we have been the last two years. Participants spent the night sleeping on the gym floor at Cope Junior High School in Bossier City, then left Sunday morning after breakfast.





**PI KAPPA PHI  
BETA OMICRON  
ALUMNI CHAPTER**

With homecoming around the corner, I would like to ask that everyone pay their dues of \$25.00 for the next school year.

We have big plans for Homecoming and we really need a big turnout both physically and financially to make it possible.

Currently we have \$952.15 in the account. Push America bike ride expenses were \$485.00, that was \$15.00 under budget. We sent \$100.00 to National to join their alumni association.

The guys at NSU are doing their best to make us the best fraternity on campus. They just need a little help from their alumni. Please send your dues ASAP so we can help them reach their potential.

Thanks,  
Rick Yates  
Treasurer - Alumni Chapter



**PHI KAPPA PHI  
ALUMNI DUES**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

INITIATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MINIMUM DUES: \$25.00

ADDITION CONTRIBUTION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO:

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# Missing Beta Omicron Alumni Members

Please help us find these missing alumni. We also need e-mail addresses for all members. Send information to BoAlumni@aol.com.

## Please Help Us Find These Missing Beta Omicron Alumni

#6 Larry Bell	#99 Thomas Payne	#149 Ronald Fontenot	#218 Charles Cantrell Jr.	#270 Walter Fairbanks
#14 Ron Gilliland	#106 Freddie Litton	#151 Gary Berry	#219 Michael Gill	#271 Marshall Lafitte
#16 Bobbie Howie	#110 T.W. Sandefur	#152 P. S. Evans	#227 Joseph Nobles	#272 Paul Laughlin
#25 Barnaby Seiler	#111 Douglas Barnett	#153 L. E. Murray	#228 John Walding	#273 Terry McManus
#62 John Mize	#113 Thomas Tynes	#154 Virgil Brumley Jr.	#229 Artoun Baghramian	#274 Allen Parker
#64 Larry Shook	#114 P. D. Jeansonne	#163 Rudy Burnette	#230 John Davis	#276 Blake Chauvin
#76 William Rutledge Jr.	#116 J. H. Baynard Jr.	#166 James Barnhill	#235 Mohammad Tavakolian	#277 William Stevens
#81 Benny Long	#119 J. C. Shaw	#171 Charles Cooley	#241 John Hennigan Jr.	#278 Jose Chabin
#82 John Mathews	#120 W. M. Hatcherr	#177 C. M. Maynard	#249 Bruce Soileau	#280 John Allen
#83 D. W. Phipps	#128 Alexander Nobles	#178 F. Solis	#251 Thomas Verhalen	#281 Darrell Gordy
#84 Jerry Spears	#129 J. S. Slaton	#180 Dean Bounds Jr.	#253 Johnny Harrison	#282 Rodney Roddy
#85 Harris Rowzie Jr.	#134 O. R. Gibbs	#200 Harrell Enis	#260 Neal Trent III	#283 Kenneth Bird
#88 L. D. Bucknum	#142 John Oden	#206 Howard Eggerton	#264 Randy Doyle	#284 Dennis Clarkston
#91 Christos Docolas	#143 Stanley Slaydon	#207 Mark Ezarik	#265 Henry Guin	#285 Philip White
#93 Buddy Durham	#144 David Watts	#209 Bill O'Neal	#267 Moaveni Siamak	#304 Steve Franklin
#94 R. W. Frederick	#145 J Roberts	#211 Derl Adams	#268 Derwin Bird	#305 Jonathan Grant
#95 C. B. Brown	#146 K. P. Bailey	#216 Jack Daniel	#269 John Law	#312 Todd Modgling
#98 H. R. Thompson	#147 Joe Beck	#217 Robert Burke		

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