

B.O. Alumni Blast

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

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Chapter News from Dr. Scott Roach, Chapter Advisor

Things continue to go well for Beta Omicron at Northwestern. As they have from the very start, the Chapter has the lead when it comes to both academics and athletics. Though not the highest of all Greek organizations (the women beat them) the Chapter had the highest of all fraternities in grade point average for the Fall semester. They also did extremely well in overall intramural competition as they continued their winning ways.



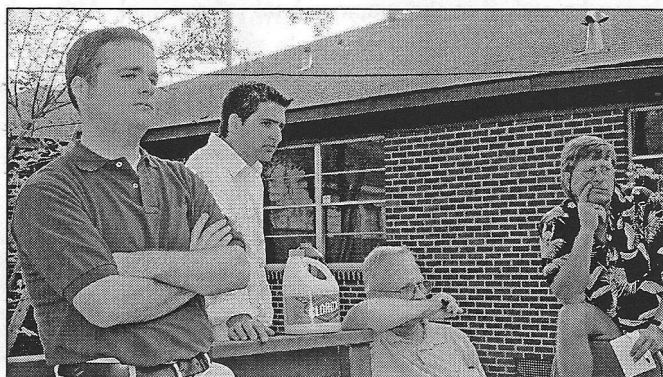
Scott Roach

The Chapter has also done quite well in Rush for both the Fall and Spring semesters, picking up quite a number of new associate members. Due to a changeover in the Greek Advisor's office, formal Fraternity Rush was poorly attended this year. Not to be discouraged by the number of young men going through formal Rush, Chapter members concentrated much of their efforts in the informal Rush period that followed, picking up a number of excellent new members. It was good timing to increase their numbers too, since the Alumni Chapter will welcome approximately 15 new members as senior Chapter members graduate this Spring.

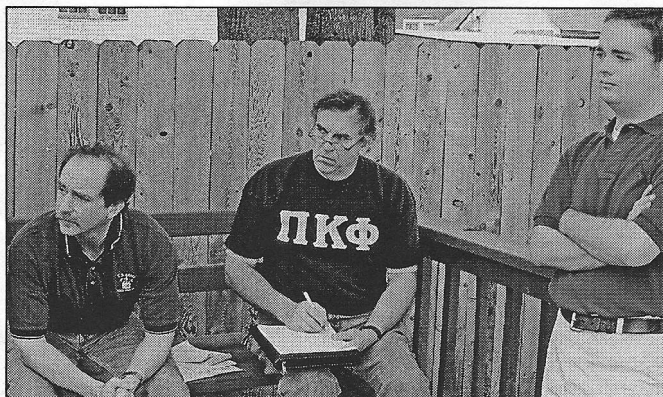
The House is looking better than ever with the new patio and landscaping in the back yard and the new couch for the main meeting room. Some changes are currently being considered regarding responsibility for the operations of the House. Chapter members and the Housing Corporation are contemplating shifting the responsibility for renting the rooms and overseeing expenses to the Active Chapter. If this change takes place, the Chapter will rent the House from the Housing Corporation and use the bedrooms as profit centers for generating funds for housing expenses. The Housing Corporation will continue oversight of all expenses and make sure that the note is paid. The Chapter will have the opportunity to take a greater role in cutting utility expenses and keeping the House occupied year-round.

We are all looking forward to an excellent year for the Chapter, yet they do have their work cut out for them for next Fall. First, they will need to strengthen their efforts to build their numbers after a large graduating class. Then, they will have to continue their success in the classroom, and on the playing fields if they want to extend their leadership into 2005.

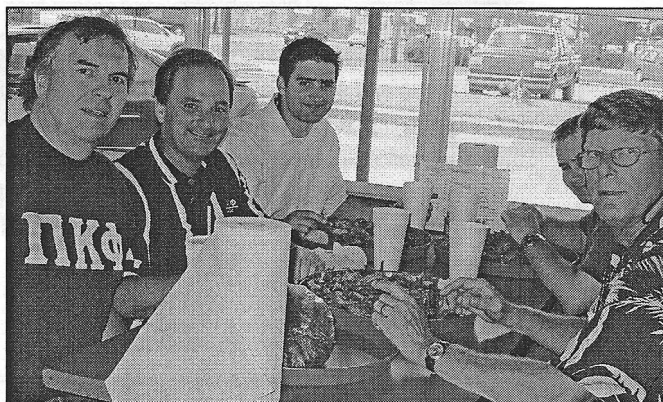
Alumni Chapter, Housing Corp. and the Executive Council of the Active Chapter meet to discuss the finances of the house



Special guest from National Office Cal Majure and Beta Omicron Alumni Wes Breedon, Sam Russell, and George Etheredge listen during the meeting



Dr. Scott Roach, Andy Bachman and Cal Majure



Andy Bachman, David Morgan, Wes Breedon, Cory Wilson and George Etheredge eat Crawfish after the meeting

Alumni Officers

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Andy Bachman
Rick Yates

BO Alumni Memories from the Founders Group

As far as Phi Kappa Nu, I was up and down like a cork in the water. That required "C" average almost got me! One day I would be up and the next day down. Those college professors, Dr. Doering and the boys, did not understand my way of life—skipping class and taking flying lessons was much more important than lectures and labs.

The after-hour activities at 'Ole Phi Kappa' were some of the most cherished and inspiring memories of my campus life. The Brotherhood and sincere concern for each other will always be etched in the memory bank of my soul. Although we had different goals as individuals, we came together as one unit and purpose in that little assembly. I can remember strolling downstairs to the underground (as I recall) meeting room after a hard day in the classes. The moment I walked into that gathering, I could feel the cordial unity of the fraternity. I felt much more significant there than just a name on a roll call in the classroom whose leaders could care less about my being. I was inspired much more to succeed in that little fraternity than in any classroom setting. The feeling of belonging was comforting, especially when others administered words of rejection and judgment.

Thank you Phi Kappa Nu and Pi Kappa Phi for your assistance and support in my college days. I really needed your companionship and fellowship. The camaraderie and fundamental elements of compassion that I experienced in your assembly was a catalyst that helped accelerate me to success beyond my wildest dreams.

I hope the fraternities of today and the future will not only recognize those on the honor roll, but give consideration to the struggling student who may one day walk on the moon! Yes, I have walked on my moon. I have flown "Over the Rainbow" where the blue birds fly and looked down at mother earth in awe. Could this really be me? It was!

Thanks again Phi Kappa Nu and Pi Kappa Phi for the nudge that you gave me, and many others as well, to take on the opportunities of life with confidence. I highly recommend you to all who tread through the universities of our land. You have made a difference.

-Ron Knott

I don't know that I can give you any facts but I will give you my impressions of that time...

I am not sure why we went national, but it just seemed like a good idea at the time (being part of something national instead of just a local fraternity). I don't even remember who was pushing the idea... I had always thought that I would run into another Pi Kap from some other school later in life. It never happened until we went back to NSU for the newly formed chapter. The national initiation program was impressive, something we did not have in the local.

The good thing about that period of time is that we were a local fraternity one day and part of a national fraternity the next, but nothing really changed as far as the local group was concerned. We still had the same parties, the same silly initiation rituals, and the same camaraderie. We still had our bridge parties at Grand Ecore instead of under the bridge. I know I felt as close to those who were a few years ahead of us that did not go national as I did to the new members who followed. Although we never lost anyone at the bridge parties, there were some close calls. I think Larry Bell (being the only sober person around) probably saved a number of us from really winding up under the bridge. I don't ever remember meeting anywhere other than in the dungeon while I was at NSU.

I know this just seems like rambling, but there are fond memories associated with both fraternities (although they seem a little blurred as senior moments set in). **-John Echols**

My recollection is that we (Phi Kappa Nu) were visited in the spring of '56 by a couple of national fraternities, SAE for one as I recall, and we were given a presentation by the national representatives. One of the fraternities was Pi Kappa Phi and their costs were much cheaper than the others, so we went with it. As I recall, the initiation team was from McNeese and Houston, or maybe just McNeese alone, and that was it. It was a money thing, pure and simple, as I recall. I believe after we went national, paid all the dues, etc., I don't recall hearing much from PKP national, except perhaps Peggy's Rose Honor, and we got a comment in the S&L for having the best jokes in a chapter newspaper.

-Charles Bradley

100 Year Centennial Celebration

Greetings from your National Council. I hope you all are getting excited about the upcoming Centennial Celebration being held at Supreme Chapter in Charleston, South Carolina this August. For those of you that have not visited the birthplace of Pi Kappa Phi, you will be amazed at the palpable feeling of fraternity that permeates the atmosphere at the College of Charleston. The campus is quaint and rife with significant mementos marking important dates in the history of Pi Kappa Phi.



Michael Allain

A stroll around campus this year will allow you to gaze upon the Pi Kappa Phi Memorial Gate, which was given to the university to mark our 25th anniversary in 1929. I urge you to walk through it. It gives you goose bumps. A short stroll from the gate takes us to the center of campus, where our 50th anniversary gift to the school, a huge clock on the façade of a central campus building, is visible. A few paces away one finds our 75th anniversary gift—a rose garden. Thousands of your brothers have touched the gate, set their agenda by the clock and smelled the sweet fragrance of brotherhood at these landmarks.

This year, a special and significant ceremony will unveil our fraternity's gift to the college commemorating the celebration of our centennial anniversary. We will unveil a beautiful Bell Tower next to the new library that will ring with the sound of brotherhood, hopefully for the next 100 years. The tower was funded from purely private alumni donations and will have a plaque bearing the names of donors giving \$1000 or more to its cause. Beta Omicron will be honored to have at least 3 of its brothers gracing its bronze surface.

You can register for Supreme Chapter online at www.pikapp.org. This can be a lovely trip for you and your family, with lots of fraternal activities mixed in with dozens of historic tours, restaurants, great shopping and the like. Beta Omicron should strive to make this a celebration of our unique bond of brotherhood, a bond that I can assure you does not exist in most places. Let's make plans to attend our Centennial Celebration this August in Charleston. I can't wait to see you there!

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi, Michael Allain
National Chaplain Beta Omicron #197

Beta Omicron Give-A-Push Weekend

Give-A-Push (GAP) Weekends are national service projects that provide funding and manpower to build and renovate structures such as accessible fishing piers, boardwalks, pavilions and playgrounds for facilities that serve people with disabilities. These weekends are an exciting chance for undergraduates to volunteer their time and take a break from classes during the school year.

Nine brothers of Beta Omicron chapter attended a GAP Weekend that was held at a development center in Jackson, MS April 2-4th. Four associates and five actives made the four hour drive that Friday afternoon to the Willowood Development Center. These brothers were:

Associates

Jeff Bergeron
Rodney Clemons
Jacob Mireles
Tony Pacheco

Actives

Jason Covey
John Gillard
Matt Leblanc
Chris Lyles
Logan Nolan

This was the first GAP Weekend brothers of Beta Omicron have attended, and B.O. had over 25% of the total Pi Kapp manpower there! Four other chapters were present. These young men helped construct a shelter over a concrete slab for the center's outside area. The plans were drawn by an architect, and the shelter was erected in just one day. Because of the small sacrifice these brothers made, Jackson will better serve its less fortunate citizens in the name of Push America. The B.O. brothers had a great time being not only the funniest and coolest Pi Kapps there but also working the hardest. -**John Gillard**

Rose Ball 2004

Rose Ball of 2004 was another great time and pleasant memories for all who attended. We had 100 guests, which included six parents. They all had a great time and wanted to be asked back again. Everyone was treated to a great dinner of rib eye steaks and several side items. A new band, Systolic, entertained with a large variety of music which kept everyone dancing until the early hours. Several awards were given out and a new tradition was started, that of a Rose Court. The following awards were given out to deserving people:

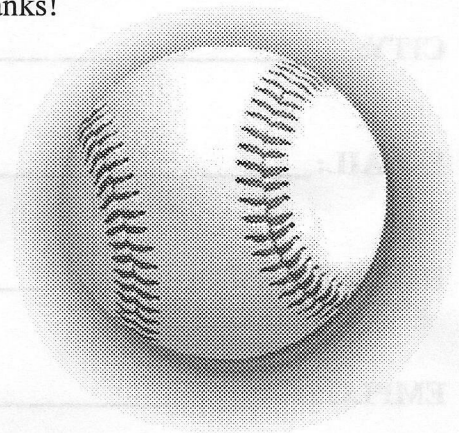
Mixon Award for Highest GPA: Josh Robert (cumulative 3.75)
Fogarty Award for Campus Involvement: Zach Pulliam
Kroeg Award for the one who bleeds White and Gold: Kory Kliebert
Active of the Year: Kevin Smith
Associate of the Year: Garon Gaspard
Mr. Beta Omicron: Steven Austin (current Archon)
Rose Court: Hillary Denman, Deshae Hughes, Meghan Guillory, Amy Wakefield
Rose Queen: Laura Terrell

This Rose Ball also marked the fourth anniversary of our re-chartering here at Northwestern State University. It also is the farewell dance" for the last of the founding fathers of which I am included. For those of you that missed this Rose Ball, I hope you can make it next time. And for those of you that were in attendance, it was great seeing all of you. - **Chad Black BO 299**

Attention all B.O. Members, Alumni and Actives

I would like to have a softball event around June 12th or either the weekend that precedes the 12th or the following. The event would be held in Alexandria, LA. Possible locations include Louisiana College, Alexandria Parks, or if enough people want to we can have the event in Natchitoches. Alexandria is less than 4 hours a way from any part of Louisiana. The game will be co-ed and possibly alumni vs. actives. The softball game will be held in the afternoon around 1:00. Afterwards there will be a BBQ for anyone who wishes. If there are enough young kids we could have a quick game for them. For the ladies who don't wish to participate they can go shopping at the local mall and various shops. When I get minimum of 20 people I will reserve a field for the event. Guys this will be a fun event that we could start doing every year. This is not alumni meeting...It is a Fun thing for all. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions please contact me ASAP. Thanks!

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Pi Kappa Phi Expansion

Pi Kappa Phi Has 127 Chapters now and plans to expand to these campuses:

1. Fresno State, Spring '04
2. Northern Illinois, Fall '04
3. Washington State, Fall '04
4. Radford, Fall '04
5. Nevada, date pending
6. Arizona State, Fall '05
7. Indiana State, Spring '05
8. Utah State, Fall '05
9. Baylor, Fall '05

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ALUMNI DUES NOW DUE

If you did not pay at Homecoming

NAME: _____ INITIATION # _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

POSITION: _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____

MINIMUM ALUMNI DUES: \$25 \$ _____

VOLUNTARY HOUSING CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

Mail to Alumni Chapter Treasurer
Rick Yates 2824 Churchill Drive Bossier City, LA 71111

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**100% of Alumni Dues are used to support the Chapter.
Your Financial Help is Needed!**

NSU Football Schedule

September 4	Louisiana-Lafayette
September 11	Jackson State
September 18	Texas Southern
September 25	Appalachian State
October 2	Oklahoma
	Panhandle State
October 9	OPEN
October 16*	McNeese State
October 23	Nicholls State
October 30	North Dakota State
November 6	Texas State
November 13	Sam Houston State
November 20	Stephen F. Austin

Home Games In Bold

* Homecoming

Tailgate Party tradition continues for every game

The tailgate Party tradition of Pi Kappa Phi will continue this fall for all home games, at the tent between Turpin Stadium and Prather Coliseum. The Tailgate Party starts two hours before every game.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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