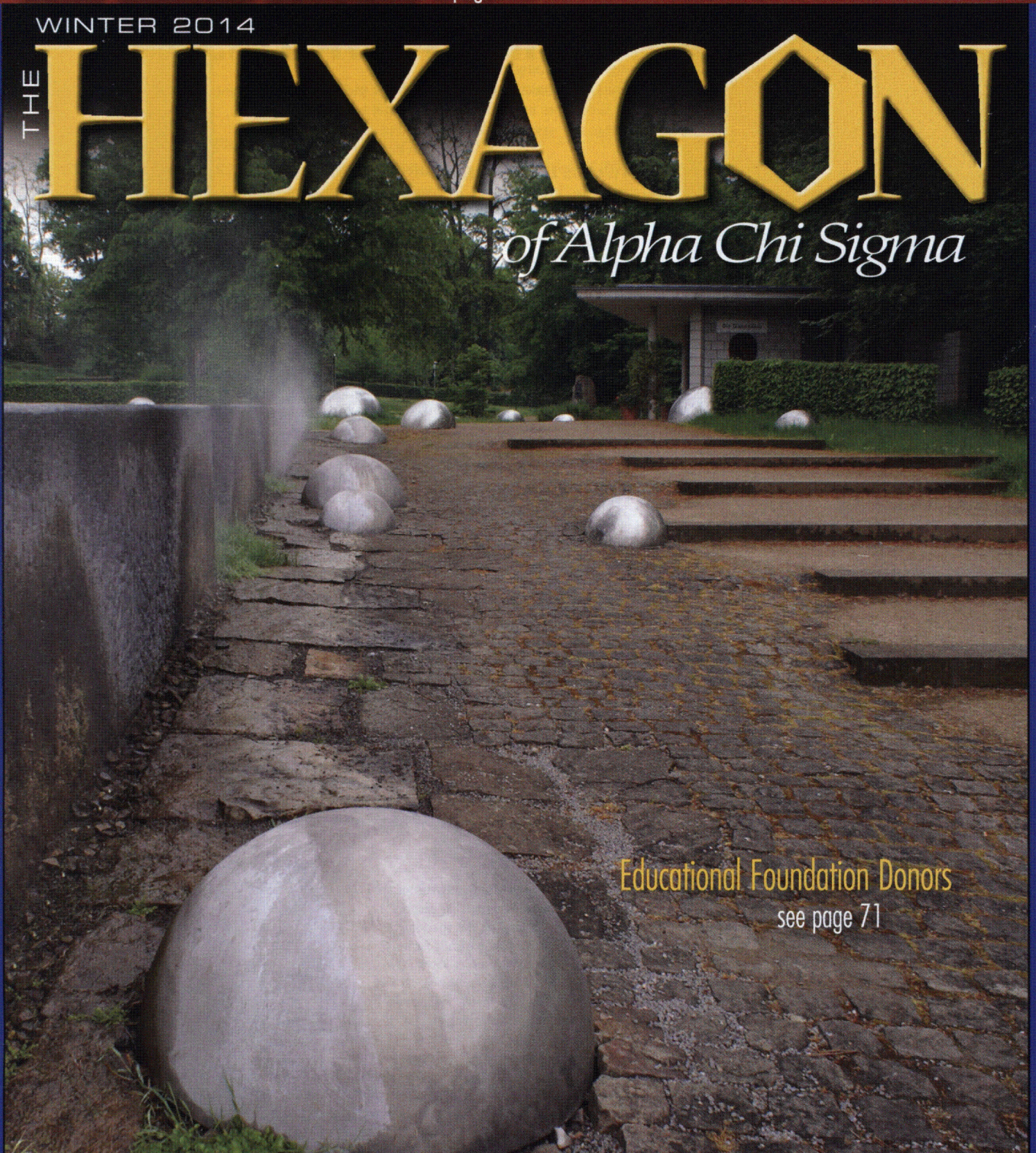


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There is nothing “Only” in being “Only Human”

There is plenty of conversation and excitement about the growth of the Fraternity and as we embark on the growth of the Professional Branch, and it gives me reason to pause and think about who we were, are, and where we are going. As I reflect on my own experiences, a common theme comes up over the course of the past decade. It is an interesting conversation to have with yourself because it is in equal parts thoughtful, defining, and serious.

The questions are: what is the purpose of Alpha Chi Sigma; what is our core focus; and what is it that we do best?

These are easy questions to ask, but after pondering they can be hard to answer. We do science outreach programs with school children, award merit badges, and provide public demonstrations of chemistry at Renaissance Fairs. We do Iron Birds games, Shrimpfests, and district conclaves. We pledge, initiate, and colonize, and we have fun times that build memories. We help each other find jobs and provide one another with career advice. We do many things to promote our core values and purpose: the Three Objects.

Other organizations do some of these things as well. For example, the American Chemical Society is very good at promoting chemistry both as a science and as a profession. ACS is a professional organization. Okay: a little common interest is a good thing. Alpha Chi Sigma, a professional chemistry fraternity, likely will not be a publisher of technical journals, nor should we, because it is not our strength.

So what is it that links us all together? What is the thing we do best? I believe there is a thing. What makes us great... what makes us such a vibrant organization... what our most valuable asset is, well... it is simple: it is us. All of us! We *ARE* Alpha Chi Sigma. Alpha Chi Sigma is best when we are doing our thing. When we are interacting socially, or working together on outreach activities, or sharing our excitement about our organization. We are a committed community. It is our core business and it embodies our purpose.

We are always connected, past and future, now and forever. The only choice you have to make is how closely and how often. Visit with one another when you get the chance; or keep an ear open for a dinner or social activity hosted by your local professional representative, chapter, or group. And if there is not one nearby, contact the National Office for a list of brothers in your area and share the excitement of what we do best.

We excel at the human aspect of our profession and we do a great job at it, because we are only human, with chemistry as a passion, after all.

The *HEXAGON* of Alpha Chi Sigma is grateful to all of its members who provide the terrific images we use in this publication. All of the images associated with the most recent Conclave, that we used in the last issue, and throughout this issue, were provided by Charles McAnany, *Iota 2008*, who has released these photos for use under CC-BY 4.0, <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/> [creativecommons.org].

On the Cover

This is the entrance to the Bad Pyrmont spa in western Germany. The metallic carbon dioxide “bubbles” allude to the sparkling waters here. This spa is historically famous for its therapeutic baths and its vapor cave with a low-lying layer of asphyxiating carbon dioxide. Joseph Priestley made “Pyrmont water” a household name when he first prepared artificially carbonated water, which he recommended (erroneously) as a preventive measure for scurvy. Carbon dioxide (“mephitic air”), first scientifically characterized by Joseph Black, was further studied by Daniel Rutherford, featured in this issue of *The HEXAGON*, who distinguished “malignant air” (nitrogen). Photo by Jenny Marshall.



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Philanthropy is important at both the national and local levels. In addition to acknowledging the generous gifts to the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation, we also feature a report of a fantastic fundraising story featuring the brothers from Beta Pi at the University of the Pacific. See page 72 for more details.

One of our generous donors was left off of the Paracelsus Club list in the last issue of *The HEXAGON*. We apologize to Dr. Gary L. Mueller, Paracelsus Club Member, for this grievous oversight!

The Objects of Alpha Chi Sigma

1. To bind its members with a tie of true and lasting friendship.
2. To strive for the advancement of chemistry both as a science and as a profession.
3. To aid its members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions as chemists throughout their mortal lives.



Gamma brothers give magnetism demonstrations at the Cleveland Great Lakes Science Center.



Gamma Brothers Diana Christian (left), Lauren Phillips (center), and Ava Kotvas (right) showing off their snazzy science demos.

Level 4 Wyvern: Gamma Goes to the National Science and Engineering Festival

Submitted by Diana Christian, Gamma 2012, Ava Kotvas, Gamma 2012, Lauren Phillips, Gamma 2012

Last April, brothers from *Gamma* Chapter went to the National Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C. This festival, which runs every two years, invites scientists and engineers from around the country to participate through lectures and demonstrations. This year, the festival took up the entire D.C. convention center, a total 2.3 million square feet of space. Bill Nye, Michio Kaiko, and many others were there, with a total attendance of 325,000. Not only did the brothers of *Gamma* Chapter perform small science demos for attendees, but they also had the chance to meet up with other brothers from both *Gamma Iota* Chapter and the D.C. Professional Chapter.

One of our favorite demonstrations that we used at the festival were our “lava lamps,” made by filling a small water bottle with vegetable oil and colored water, and dropping an Alka-Seltzer tab in. The water and oil separate, and the sodium bicarbonate reacts with the water, creating bubbles that float up into the oil, and then fall back down. This makes it look like a lava lamp. We also had ferrofluid on display, and demonstrated color-change precipitation reactions. We use these, and other demos (gas-producing acid-base reactions, hydrophobic sand, glue polymerization, and non-Newtonian fluids) at our regular service events back home in Cleveland, Ohio with the Great Lakes Science Center and at the annual NASA Girls Take Flight event. We love these demos because they are simple enough for young children to get excited about, but they also represent some complex scientific principles.

Our chapter has taken part in many service events, and enjoys reaching out to new locations to do so. As a chapter, we’ve organized 10 service events in the past school year, and had an average of 11 brothers attend each event. We really enjoy getting kids interested in science, and showing how cool science can be. We try to make all of our demos easy enough to do at home, so that parents can keep their kids enthused by doing them on their own.

Grand Philanthropy at Beta Pi

Submitted by: Tiffany Lee, MA, Beta Pi 2013

When the *Beta Pi* Chapter heard that University of the Pacific’s chemistry department was awarded a \$500,000 challenge grant from the John Stauffer Charitable Trust, the brothers decided to seize the moment.

“This was the great opportunity we had been waiting for,” said Alec Follmer, who served as the chapter’s Master Alchemist and graduated with a degree in biochemistry in Spring 2014.

The chapter jumped at the chance to turn \$10,000 from their fundraising coffers into a \$20,000 gift. The Stauffer challenge grant, announced in January 2014, has a goal of matching gifts like the chapter’s donation, dollar for dollar, up to a potential \$1 million. The funds will support the John Stauffer Undergraduate Summer Research Endowment in Chemistry and Biochemistry.

When fully funded, the endowment will provide approximately 10 grants every year to Pacific undergraduate students, allowing them to pursue research outside of the rigorous school year. Summer research opportunities provide invaluable experience for undergradu-



The brothers of the Beta Pi Chapter donated \$10,000 to the professors of the Chemistry Department at the annual ACS barbecue.



The Brothers of Alpha Alpha at Stanford.

Alpha Alpha returns to Palo Alto

The *Alpha Alpha* Chapter was founded at Stanford University in 1916. The chapter flourished for several years, but sometime in the 1960s died out. Little evidence remains of the dissolution of the chapter, and university archives show that in 1969 letters to the University president attempted to revive the chapter to no avail.

Leaving the history behind, we fast-forward to 2011, to a Stanford Chemistry Department where few had ever heard of Alpha Chi Sigma. Although there was collegiality among the chemistry majors, the community was lacking in deep friendships and extracurricular activities in chemistry. Bringing *Alpha Alpha* back to Stanford began as an idea in the fall after a conversation between Brother, and the current advisor, Dr. Charlie Cox, and a small group of students.

With students interested, a pre-colony was founded under the wing of the *Sigma* Chapter at UC Berkeley. In fall 2011, five Stanford students pledged the *Sigma* Chapter and a pre-colony was born. In spring 2012, a second class pledged at the Stanford campus and was initiated under the *Sigma* Chapter, transitioning *Alpha Alpha* to a Colony. With two more pledge classes in the spring and fall of 2013, *Alpha Alpha* was officially reinstated as a chapter on March 8, 2014.

While these numbers of initiates are exciting, what was more incredible were the bonds that began to form around chemistry on the Stanford campus. The *Alpha Alpha* Chapter is composed of students from a variety of majors, predominantly chemistry and chemical engineering, but also biology and other sciences. United under a passion for chemistry, the chapter provides a place for study groups, volunteering, mentoring, professional advising, and so much more. A few favorite events that *Alpha Alpha* has hosted include faculty dinners, chemistry magic shows, resume workshops, study nights, and special dinners. Popular across campus is Chem Cookies, in which our members pass out cookies after general chemistry exams. Visiting and bonding with neighboring chapters *Sigma* and *Gamma Zeta* is another favorite activity.

The help and guidance of the *Sigma* Chapter was critical in bringing *Alpha Alpha* back to life, and the new chapter is grateful for both their assistance and friendship. With the history of the chapter in mind, *Alpha Alpha* is working hard to build a chapter that will last. With the most recent spring pledge class of 26—the largest yet—we are excited to expand across campus, bringing the joy of Alpha Chi Sigma brotherhood to a growing number of passionate chemistry students.

ate students, often propelling them into additional scholarly research and prestigious graduate programs. Our brothers have seen the impact of undergraduate first-hand. A large number of our brothers have been working with science professors in their respective research areas.

The chapter's gift was presented at the Chemistry Department's annual ACS barbecue in the spring, and came as a complete surprise to the Chemistry Department and the University.

"The donation came out of the blue to us," said Andreas Franz, professor and co-chair of the Department of Chemistry. "We are extremely grateful to the students of Alpha Chi Sigma for their generosity. They are not only supporting the short-term objective of helping the university match the Stauffer Challenge grant, but they do so much more: They are effectively investing in a commitment that the chemistry faculty and the university are mak-

ing into the future education of students in chemistry and biochemistry."

The brothers of *Beta Pi* had long been raising funds to support the chapter's mission of helping its members achieve their goals and ambitions as chemists through such activities as hosting benefit nights at local restaurants and selling lab books to fellow students. They continue to actively fundraise and collect donations to ensure that Pacific's strong tradition of undergraduate research would continue for future chemists.

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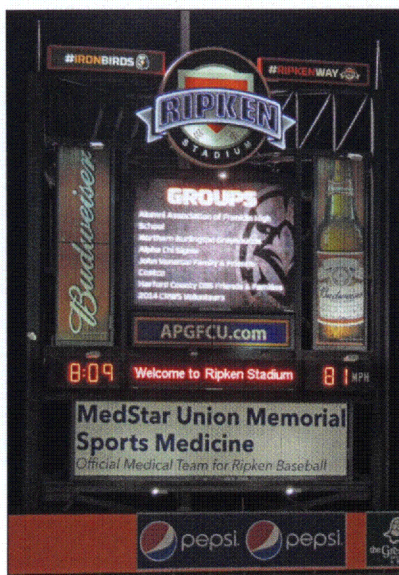
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LEFT: Alpha Chi Sigma on the Ironbirds Scoreboard. RIGHT: Delaware Professional take in the Old Ball Game in August.

Delaware Pro and the Ironbirds

Submitted by: Ken Busch, OA, Epsilon 1984

In August, Delaware Pro organized its annual trek to the Ironbirds (the farm team for the Baltimore Orioles) in Aberdeen, Maryland. This was, I think, the 14th gathering.

The groups are listed on the scoreboard at a certain point in the game. If you look closely at the middle of the scoreboard screen, you can discern "Alpha Chi Sigma."

We were lucky to have two members of the Supreme Council in attendance. So, naturally, I thought it would be ever so clever to have them pose with the Ironbirds mascot, named Ferrous. I will not tell you how many little kids I had to elbow out of the way to get this picture!



GMC Nalley, Ferrous the Mascot, and GCA Webster

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bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1947. He worked for Standard Oil of California/Chevron for 37 years as the corporate chief fire protection engineer worldwide before retiring in 1984 and starting a consulting business as a licensed professional engineer. He was an active member of the National Fire Protection Association since 1964 and was chairman in 1980 when he became member emeritus on several committees. He was a life member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs as well as a life member of the Western Fire Chiefs Association. He also was a master mason. Johnson served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and was honorably discharged as a captain. He traveled extensively worldwide during his career and continued his love of travel during his retirement.

Robert Carney MCBRYDE, *Alpha Upsilon* 1948, passed away June 21, 2014. McBryde was born in Detroit in 1929. He graduated from Redford High School in 1946. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from Michigan State College in East Lansing, Mich., in 1950 and 1951, respectively. In 1952, McBryde was called to serve his country in the U.S. Air Force, finally retiring in June 1980 after 28 years of service and achieving the rank of Colonel. In 1981, McBryde joined Martin Marietta Aerospace as a senior engineer until his retirement in 1991. After his retirement until his death, McBryde remained active as a home remodeler, a furniture builder and a general handyman. Those who knew McBryde know that he never really retired from work. He will be remembered for his work ethic, his smile, his generosity and his willingness to come to the aid of his friends and family. He avoided computers, rarely used his cell phone and read the *New York Times* daily. Prior to his passing, McBryde asked his family to contact all of those people for whom he had done work and to let them know that his "lifetime warranty is about to expire." And while McBryde will be remembered for his generosity in life, he instructed his attorney and family that his "intellectual property goes with [him]."

John H. WEISBURGER, Ph.D., *Alpha Pi* 1957, passed away February 17, 2014. Dr. Weisburger was a research professor of pathology in the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences at New York Medical College, in Valhalla, N.Y. His research focused on the etiology of cancer. Born September 15, 1921, Dr. Weisburger received his doctorate degree at the University of Cincinnati in 1949 and became a U.S. Public Health Service research fellow with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in 1950. At the NCI, Dr. Weisburger studied the effects of environmental chemicals on the alteration of the structure and function of DNA, contributing pioneering work on the mechanism of the carcinogen 2-acetylaminofluorene. He was named head of the Carcinogen Screening Section at the NCI and later director of the Bioassay Carcinogenesis Programs, where he explored new methods of testing chemicals for carcinogenicity.

Leo F. HENEGHAN, *Zeta* 1947, passed away January 19, 2014. He was born in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1923. He graduated from Illinois College in 1946 and earned a doctorate degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1950. He joined Merck & Co., Inc., in 1950 and led research and development projects, retiring in 1986.

Donald M. JOHNSON, *Beta Beta* 1947, passed away July 14, 2014. He was born in Vancouver, Washington, in 1921. He was a graduate of Washington State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1943 and a

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In the Double Bond



GE NOTE: *The HEXAGON* invites contributions from any couples, families, partners, and dear friends who share part of their overlap because of Alpha Chi Sigma. Please contact me with your story (bcoppola@umich.edu) and be sure to include pictures.

Kelly = Daniel

Daniel Tinney, *Alpha Kappa 2011*, and I (**Kelly Allen**), *Alpha Omega 2011*, met on the airplane taking both of us to the 51st Biennial Conclave.

We were both voted to be delegates for our chapters and as I was leaving Atlanta, Daniel was taking the next connecting flight to complete his journey to Iowa. Because neither of us really knew anyone going to Conclave (as we were first-time Conclave-goers), we found ourselves hanging out from the start due to having already been introduced on the plane. After Conclave ended, we wound up talking to each other nearly everyday. We even started planning trips to see each other (the first of which was in September) and by November we had decided to try dating long distance.

Now, almost two years later, we have finally found ourselves dating closer together in the city of Lancaster, Penn., as we are both working for Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories as chemists.



Aaron = Tiffany

Aaron, *Gamma Iota 2007*, and **Tiffany Lavinder**, nee Connor, *Gamma Iota 2008*, first met as big and little siblings at the end of the Big Brother Scavenger Hunt in fall 2008. They began dating in October 2009. Aaron proposed July 2, 2011 and they married April 1, 2012. They currently reside in St. Kitts with their cat and dog while Tiffany attends veterinary school. Aaron is starting a master's program in analytical chemistry in January 2015.

The Chronicles of Nernie: Tiffany took a little subling, named Erin, in the fall 2009. She tried to give Erin the nickname "Ernie" to differentiate "Aaron" from "Erin." Erin was not so keen on the nickname, so she started calling Aaron "Ernie," which eventually morphed into "Nernie," which she still calls him to this day.



FREE ELECTRONS

Rev. Kenneth R. BALDWIN, *Pi 1947*, is 91 years old and in good health. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married 66 years. They still like to dance, and Rev. Baldwin plays golf.

Dr. John D. BONNET, *Zeta 1947*, has practiced medicine for 62 years.

Lawrence C. CERNY, *Gamma 1951*, is seeking funding for research related to a freeze-dried blood substitute.

Ashlee Townsend CRIBB, *Alpha Omega 1985*, was named vice president of the industrial packaging business at Georgia-Pacific in April. Cribb has been with Georgia-Pacific since 2008 and prior to that was employed at Imerys Performance Minerals, Solutia and Monsanto.

William L. DUAX, *Alpha Theta 1962*, is coordinating a high school student training program in bioinformatics and structured biology. The program includes 50 students from 20 schools in the Buffalo, N.Y., area.

Dr. Larry Eugene ERICKSON, *Beta Rho 1978*, received a 50-year pin from the State of Kansas for his work as a professor of chemical engineering at Kansas State University.

A novel by Michael F. FROSOLONO, *Rho 1961*, will be published in February 2015. The novel is titled *Comfort and Affliction*.

Geoff GIARMO, *Alpha Beta 2003*, and Lauren GIARMO (Sullivan), *Beta Nu 2002*, welcomed

a baby girl, Elizabeth Marie, on Aug. 30, 2014.

Margaret KIMBLE, *Beta Nu 1977*, is a professor emerita of chemistry at Purdue University - Fort Wayne in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dr. Howard G. LASSER, *Alpha Pi 1966*, is a fellow of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors.

Arthur L. LIBERMAN, *Alpha Pi 1963*, retired as an IFF patent and trademark counsel in 2000. Currently, he is a securities trader and consultant.

Russell J. MARTIN, *Alpha Psi 1969*, retired from VSEPA after more than 40 years. Now Martin designs web-based training courses for CBU Plan.

Dr. Robert J. MCGORRIN Jr., *Zeta 1975*, was named a 2014 fellow of the American Chemical Society and a 2014 fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

Gerald E. MIKKELSON, *Alpha 1956*, recently visited the city of Tobolsk, the birthplace of Dmitry Mendeleev in western Siberia.

Edward C. NELSON, *Alpha Psi 1950*, has been retired from the Fisher Body Division of General Motors for 28 years. While there, Nelson completed development work on urethane foam and adhesives.

Unis S. RINACA Jr., *Alpha Kappa 1950*, retired from Merck & Co., Inc. in 1986.

Edward SCHASCHL, *Alpha Psi 1943*, is 90 years old and has been retired for 28 years.

James E. STICE, *Alpha Sigma 1947*, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Engineering Education. Stice is a professor emeritus in chemical engineering at the University of Texas and a member of the Arkansas Academy of Chemical Engineers. He served as faculty advisor for *Alpha Sigma* Chapter in the 1960s.

For more information about the award, visit <http://www.che.utexas.edu/2014/06/23/professor-emeritus-jim-stice-receives-asee-lifetime-achievement-award/>

Donald P. VICTORIN, *Tau 1947*, currently lives in a retirement community just north of Dallas with his wife of 59 years. He keeps busy there with the employee Christmas gift program and the resident council.

Dr. James A. WALSH, *Beta Nu 1957*, recently published his fourth novel titled *Clerical Errors*. Visit his website at <http://www.JohnTKWalsh.net>.

James Frederic WALTER, *Alpha Kappa 1978*, retired in November 2013.

C. George WHITE, *Rho 1966*, retired from Abbott Laboratories. He now serves as mayor pro tem for Round Rock, Texas, and enjoys cattle ranching.

Autumn = Benjamin

My husband, Benjamin Rainey, *Beta Eta 2009*, and I (Autumn Rainey), *Beta Eta 2009*, met during the Fall 2009 pledging ceremony for the *Beta Eta* Chapter at the University of North Texas. I was chatting with our then Master of Ceremony's wife about local restaurants when Ben came over and joined our conversation (I thought he and his sideburns were rather cute!). After pledging, per tradition, all the new pledges met with members at a local restaurant to mingle. Ben and I ended up seated across from one another. As we were talking, we realized we had quite a few things in common, but it was not until January of the following year that we started dating. In December 2010, Benjamin proposed and I accepted, and we were married in November 2011. We decided to honor how we met by having the Coat of Arms printed on the groom's cake with red carnations in Erlenmeyer flasks and chemistry books on the table. These days, Ben is serving in the U.S. Army (he tests petroleum for impurities) and we are the proud parents of the unofficial *Beta Eta* mascot, Samuel Nicholas.



Samuel Nicholas Rainey



REPORT FROM THE 2014 CONCLAVE

GE NOTE: The following report was compiled by Christina Grigoropoulos, *Gamma Beta 2003*, the lead reporter for *The HEXAGON*, and *The HEXAGON* reporters, who were Claudia Brodtkin, *Gamma Iota 2002*; Christy Gesell, *Epsilon 1994*; Cassandra Watson, *Alpha 2000*; Laura Walkup, *Beta Psi 2005*; Nicholas Rettko, *Alpha 2011*; Benjamin Yu, *Alpha Epsilon 2013*; Mason Williams, *Beta Nu 2012*; Jeremy Goens, *Beta Phi 2013*; Erica Washington, *Delta Beta 2012*; and Bryan Chin, *Occidental College Colony 2014*. We also thank the tireless members of the National Office as well as GR Pat Johanns, *Alpha Theta 1981*, for their contributions to the work. The GE thanks everyone for their efforts in the contributions to this report.



Sunday, July 27, 2014

Alpha Chi Sigma comes to Charlottesville

At the end of July 2014, more than 230 brothers of Alpha Chi Sigma gathered at the University of Virginia.

After weeks of texting, twittering and Facebooking to coordinate schedules, supplies, and other plans, registration for the 52nd Alpha Chi Sigma Biennial Conclave kicked off promptly at 1 p.m. in the Balz-Dobie residence hall. The national office staff, with the able assistance of *Alpha Kappa* brothers, moved the delegates efficiently through the registration process.

Although there were a few high level meetings of the Supreme Council and the District Counselors going on behind the scenes, most delegates took the opportunity of this free afternoon for forming some new bonds.

By 5 p.m., everyone was ready for dinner, and trekked over to the Observatory Hill dining hall, held in the Wild Terrace dining room. Over this working dinner, attendees learned some of the important aspects of parliamentary procedures. It is an initiation ritual at any Conclave!



Come and get it!

Welcome to the 52nd Conclave

Grand Master Alchemist Randy Weinstein, *Alpha Kappa 1990*, opened the first extraordinary session at 6:30 p.m. to great applause. This was a true homecoming, as he was initiated at the host school. With some nostalgia, he reminisced about sitting in Chemistry Room

402, sitting (and sometimes sleeping) in the upper left corner of the room. He promised to return there, tomorrow.

Introductions followed, from the Supreme Council to all of the delegates. One exemplary note: there was almost perfect attendance at all of the conclave sessions (only one delegate missed one session).

Some newsworthy nuggets of information:

- A new district map has been generated that will take effect after Conclave.
- A discussion of the problems and possibilities of expansion at community college in response to an expression of interest from a school.
- Expansion to Puerto Rico continues to be explored.
- We are planning to update the website in the coming year.
- The idea has come up in preparation for conclave for an intermediate level, two-star award for chapters.

Brother Levings took the group through the history and tradition of the

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ABOVE LEFT: The bonds of true and lasting friendship.
ABOVE MIDDLE: William Chang shows off conclave T-shirts.
ABOVE RIGHT: Awesome ear adornment.
LEFT: Jon Wenzel takes aim.



It's all smile and grins from where I stand.



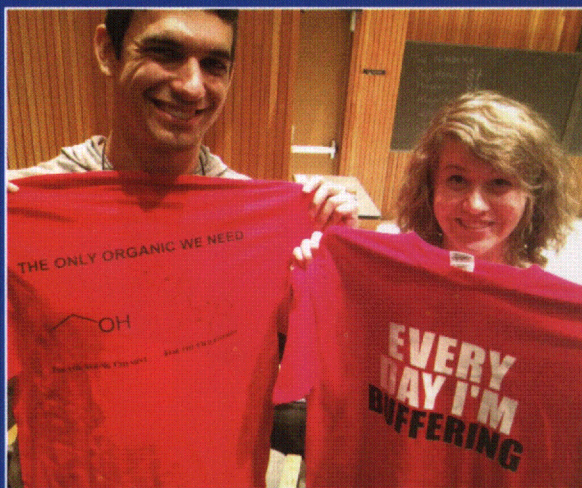
It's all shins and ankles from where I sit.

WELCOME TO THE 52ND CONCLAVE

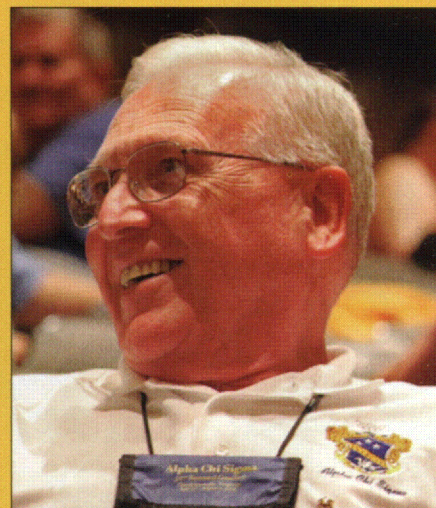


ABOVE: Lots of life in Chemistry Room 402 on a Sunday evening. ABOVE MIDDLE: Introductions are the first order of business ABOVE RIGHT: I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together...

RIGHT: Chicago Pro (l) and Virginia tech (r) show off their t-shirts BELOW: Calling the delegation to order can be a challenging task.



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Pete Yochim, Nu 1963, a true "O.L.D.F.A..."

tontine: recognizing, in order, those who have the longest record of continuous attendance to conclaves.

Sunday evening, we adjourned to Trinity on the Corner for more late-night brotherhood and bonding. Although everyone tried not to stay out *too* late, breakfast came all too early the next morning at 7 a.m.!





Monday, July 28, 2014
The Business of the Fraternity

The first Grand Chapter session was mainly informative. The legislative processes were reviewed for the entire assembled body, and the Supreme Council members gave their reports, as did standing committees. Notable mention was made to the success in expansion, with five added chapters over this biennium, as well as the added growth in the professional chapters.

After a short break, the group reconvened to an “Expand and Grow” session led by GMA Weinstein. Randy described a number of initiatives underway, including some led by monetary investments at the District level, to continue the terrific momentum seen over these past two years. The increasingly diverse and powerful ways of staying in touch with one another, particularly second-nature comfort level in the last decade or so of graduates, is likely contributing to better-than-ever communication between graduates and their home chapters, and in the ease with which new professionals are connected.



A team debate about legislation (we are certain).

Following lunch and some time for committee meetings, the delegation reassembled in Gilmer 130 for a legislative session. District meetings followed thereafter, where a common point of discussion was ways to improve the relationship between the collegiate chapter

and their alumni. These sessions were particularly helpful for districts that do not host their own District Conclaves.

After dinner, a session of *Quizzo* was held in the meeting hall. And that evening, everyone headed out to The Biltmore.
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ORDER OF ALTOTUS



LEFT: The jewelry of the Order of Altotus.
BELOW: Randy Weinstein joins the Order of Altotus. See more photos on page 92.

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The Quizzo session pitted nine teams, composed by the districts, against each other in four rounds of trivia, with 10 questions in each round. The category for Round One was general trivia (e.g., In which war was the battle of Dunkirk fought? Ans. WWII). The topic for Round Two was Alpha Chi Sigma (e.g., What alchemical elements are needed to make cold? Ans. Earth and Water). Brain Teasers were featured in Round Three (e.g., Forwards I am heavy, but backwards I am not. What am I? Ans. "ton"). And finally, in Round Four, it was a Name That Brother picture contest (e.g., Joseph Howard Matthews). The winners were the mercury team, comprising the North Central and Great Lakes Districts.

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 Getting Down to the Serious Business

Amidst the Grand Chapter sessions and the committee sessions dedicated to legislative issues, the second full day of the 52nd Conclave featured three important and timely sessions with significant



The weather was exceptionally cooperative and made break time a real pleasure. "Salut!" from John Stipp, OA, Epsilon 1989

carry-home information for all members of the Fraternity. The first of these was a general session on some of the civil/legal issues facing all organizations, including fraternities. The second session was on hazing, and the third was on the uses/limits of technology in fraternity affairs.

Listed here are the motions from the 52nd Biennial Conclave that changed the constitution or bylaws or have a direct bearing on the general membership.

Motion 4 retained the Pledge Fee at \$40 and the Lifetime Membership Fee at \$145.

Motion 5 amended the bylaws to clarify how the chair of the Professional Representatives committee was chosen.

Motion 6 amended the bylaws to clarify how the statements and vitae of Professional Representatives were made available.

Motion 7 amended the bylaws to permit a new member of the Order of Altotus to chose an item of jewelry or be declared an active professional member for life.

Motion 8 amended the bylaws to modify the composition of the Nominating Committee and remove the requirement that all permanent Grand Chapter committees to include at least one Professional Representative.

Motion 9 amended the bylaws to authorize the Grand Master of Ceremonies to set and publicize the fine for the loss of ritual.

Motion 10 amended the bylaws to include Professional Representatives in list of those who can be impeached for disloyalty or dilatory discharge of duties.

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Tontines: A Conclave Tradition

Submitted by: D. Mitch Levings, OA, GH, *Beta Delta 1975*

The idea of a Conclave Tontine began with Brother Gerry Dobson. A tontine in the traditional sense is an annuity or an object of some value that is held in trust by a group of individuals. The last survivor of the group takes possession of the item in trust. In 1980, Brother Dobson proposed, at the 35th Biennial Conclave, in Ithaca, that a modified tontine be established at each conclave. The membership of the tontine consists of all those attending that conclave. A member drops out of the tontine when he or she fails to make an appearance at the succeeding conclave. Conclave Motion #48 at that conclave resolved that a record of all conclave tontines be kept.

We're not always good at keeping resolutions passed at conclaves, but we have damned sure kept this one. For the past 17 conclaves, the welcoming session has included a recognition of the conclave tontines. Tonight marks the 13th time I've been privileged to make that introduction. For the past dozen conclaves, I have done this pretty much the same way Maurice Bursey did it before me. I would have everyone stand and then step backwards through the conclave list, with people sitting down as they dropped out of tontines. And for the last dozen years, in fact for as long as we have been keeping tontines, it has always ended the same way. The last brother standing was J. Haworth Jonte. "Howie," as he was known as by all, amassed an incredible record of attending 28 consecutive conclaves. He attended a total of 29 conclaves. No one else in the history of the Fraternity had that kind of attendance. Not even close.

As Howie's string grew, we began to give him prizes, little silly ones at first, more heartfelt and less frivolous as the streak grew. He enjoyed them all, but what meant the most to him was the few moments when we would bring him to the front of the room with a standing ovation. He would take a few minutes to address the assembly, sharing a little wisdom and inspiring everyone with the spirit of Alpha Chi Sigma. We lost Howie two years ago... at conclave... doing what he loved, and doing what was so important to him, and to us. It will not be the same at this conclave without him here. For the first time in the memory of anyone here, the tontine introductions will not end with a short speech from Howie. And all of you attending a conclave for the

first time: you won't know what you're missing.

Let's stand and give a final ovation to the memory of Brother Howie Jonte. Look around you and be proud that you are the members of the 52nd Conclave Tontine. Those attended our last conclave in Iowa City remain standing, and everyone else take your seat.

When you achieve five consecutive conclaves you are entitled to claim membership in an exclusive group. We call these people the Order of Loyal and Devoted, Frequently Attending, Revered Tontine. Because that's a mouthful, we shorten it to just the acronym O.L.D.F.A.R.T. Too bad we couldn't think of something more descriptive than this collection of letters... something that spelled a word or two.

Bill Sandstrom was not able to join us this year, and that ends his streak at 18, which leaves DeWayne Gerber, Pete Yochim, and me as the last brothers standing. This makes the 34th Conclave Tontine the longest running because none of us attended the 33rd Conclave in Rapid City.



J. Haworth "Howie" Jonte, OA, Beta Beta 1941 (1918–2012), attended every Conclave from 1958 to 2012. In 2012, Brother Jonte was invited to address the brothers, and had the following advice: "advertise." He meant that one should be proud of their membership in Alpha Chi Sigma, let others know of their membership and always be ready to help one another.



Howie speaks to brothers at the 2008 Conclave.

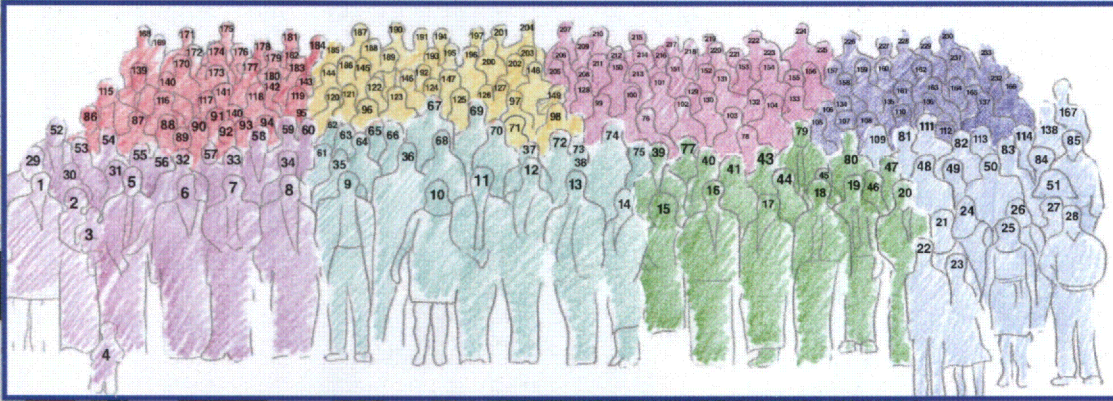
1. R. Scott Wilson, Alpha Zeta 1978
2. Cassandra Watson, Alpha 2000
3. Charlotte Watson, Guest
4. Lincoln Watson, Guest
5. Rod Watson, Guest
6. DeWayne Gerber, Beta Delta 1975
7. Gerry Dobson, Beta Eta 1970
8. D. Mitch Levings, Beta Delta 1975
9. Maurice Bursey, Rho 1967
10. Helen Webster, Alpha Rho 1994
11. Randy Weinstein, Alpha Kappa 1990
12. Jonathan Wenzel, Delta 1996
13. Mark Evaniak, Beta Sigma 1980
14. Jennifer Showerman, Zeta 1992
15. Dorothy Wright, Daughter of William N. Lipscomb, Jr., Alpha Gamma 1939, 2014 Hall of Fame Inductee
16. James Lipscomb, Son of William N. Lipscomb, Jr.
17. Margaret Lipscomb, Daughter-in-law of William N. Lipscomb, Jr.
18. Thomas Lipscomb, Grandson of William N. Lipscomb, Jr.
19. Arth Patel, Beta Pi 2012
20. Gary Kinsel, Beta Psi 2005
21. Mary Kinsel, Beta Psi 2005
22. Ian Kinsel, Guest
23. Aubrey Kinsel, Guest
24. Jennifer Shapiro, Beta Psi 2003
25. Rachael Duff, Guest
26. Jennifer Duff, Gamma Iota 1998
27. Christiane Hassel, Epsilon 2000
28. Bryan Duncan, Epsilon 2011
29. Charles McNany, Iota 2008
30. Susan Shuping, Epsilon 1991
31. Cindy Koffman, Alpha 1979
32. Katurah Roell, Alpha Kappa 2014
33. Eric Stevens, Alpha Kappa 2013
34. Nicholas Offerjost, Gamma Iota 2012
35. Vikrant Khare, Alpha Kappa 2012
36. Patrick Johanns, Alpha Theta 1981
37. Marie Hayden, Gamma Nu 2011
38. Ceci Contreras, Alpha Pi 2012
39. Timothy Deschaines, Mu 2002
40. Christina Grigoropoulos-Cortright, Gamma Beta 2003
41. Deborah Haney, U of Tampa Colony 2013
42. **mistakenly numbered shoulder*
43. Luke Williams, Gamma Beta 2011
44. Mark Sahara, Alpha Omega 2004
45. Zarna Patel, Beta Pi 2012
46. Nai Saepphanh, Alpha Alpha 2012
47. Caitlyn Stouder, Delta Gamma 2013
48. Bob Stevens, Beta Delta 1979
49. Cristy York, Delta Gamma 2013
50. Gary Anderson, Alpha Eta 1962
51. Mary Kathleen (Katie) Riley, Alpha Rho 2004
52. Jeff Moore, Alpha Omega 1996
53. Allison Moore, Alpha Omega 1990
54. Ben Margulies, Alpha Rho 2003
55. Claudia Brodwin, Gamma Iota 2002
56. Benjamin Weidemann, Alpha Theta 2012
57. Mic Le, Gamma Iota 2009
58. Christian Hall, Gamma Iota 2013
59. Daniel Tinney, Alpha Kappa 2011
60. Emma-Rae Ranger, Gamma Upsilon 2014
61. Amrie Grammer, Alpha Kappa 1986
62. Faustina Smith, Gamma Beta 1988
63. Claire Smathers, Gamma Tau 2014
64. Justin Betancourt, Zeta 2013
65. Ava Kotvas, Gamma 2012
66. Smitha Ajampur, Zeta 2013
67. Nathan John, Rho 2013
68. Cayce Dorrier, Rho 2013
69. Marc Gutierrez, Rho 2013
70. Elizabeth Williard, Rho 2013
71. Melissa Ward, Alpha Theta 1998
72. Laura Walkup, Beta Psi 2005
73. Sandra Lukaszewski-Rose, Alpha Theta 1995
74. Crissy Dansak, Gamma Psi 2014
75. Tina Sengphanlaya, Beta Eta 2013
76. Brent Sullivant, Beta Eta 2009
77. Hailee Wetherbee, Beta Sigma 2012
78. Casandra Setser, Alpha Kappa 2001
79. Matthew Hursey, Gamma Xi 2013
80. Keenan Noyes, Alpha Upsilon 2013
81. John E. Adams, Beta Delta 1971
82. Bill Lewis, Iota 1995
83. Phillip Miller, Alpha Omega 2012
84. Stacy Grant, Alpha Omega 2014
85. Anthony Yasmann, Alpha Rho 2009
86. Berk Ekmekci, Alpha Kappa 2012
87. Austin Schinlever, Alpha Kappa 2013
88. Gina Baldi, Alpha Kappa 2014
89. Tomas Rey, Alpha Kappa 2014
90. Sebastian Ortiz, Alpha Kappa 2011
91. Jeffrey Pyster, Gamma Chi 2014
92. Lauren Abbott, Alpha Kappa 2013
93. Kelly Allen, Alpha Omega 2011
94. Paige Pizsel, Alpha Kappa 2013
95. Col. William Myers, Alpha Sigma 1954
96. Thalia Sass, Delta 2014
97. Andrea Martin, Gamma Omega 2010
98. Antonette Crego, Delta 1990
99. Stephen Ingham, Gamma Omega 2009
100. Ben Yu, Alpha Epsilon 2013
101. Daniel Valentin, Alpha Rho 2013
102. Daniel P. Foreman, Alpha Pi 2011
103. Stephanie Dingwall, Beta Gamma 1998
104. Randy Dingwall, Beta Gamma 1998
105. Bryan Chin, Beta Mu Colony of Beta Gamma 2014
106. Fritz Batiller, Beta Gamma 2010
107. Justin Lee, UC of Irvine Colony 2014
108. Vianca Vianzon, Sigma 2012
109. Erica Washington, Delta Beta 2012
110. Jeffrey Ivie, Beta Tau 2013
111. Matt Schnippert, Gamma Beta 2003
112. Harold Cowan, Iota 1988
113. Jen Schnippert, Gamma Beta 2003
114. Herb Sipe, Alpha 1962
115. Calvin Bond, Alpha Rho 1986
116. Mike Raffay, Iota 2000
117. Eric Geanes, Beta Rho 2010
118. Harrison Schmidt, Beta Rho 2013
119. Katie Finn, Delta Delta 2013
120. Eli Riekeberg, Gamma Theta 2012
121. Alison Uhl, Alpha Theta 2005
122. Jennifer McGowan, Gamma Theta 2013
123. Cameron Olson, Delta 2013
124. Kathryn Cavanaugh, Alpha Theta 2003
125. Leah Anklam, Gamma Beta 2013
126. Rebecca Vaders, Gamma Omega 2013
127. Francesca Pellegrino, Gamma Omicron 2008
128. Kaylin Clark, Beta 2010
129. Daniell Rowles, Gamma Omicron 2005
130. Noah Sena, Gamma Omicron 2012
131. Jay Sekhon, Alpha 2007
132. Lina Alsamsam, Alpha 2011
133. Arielle Martin, Alpha 2013
134. Jennifer Dunaj, Gamma Zeta 2013
135. Jenna McClanahan, Gamma Theta 2010
136. Julie Breckenridge, Beta Delta 2002
137. Daniel Znidarsic, Alpha Epsilon 2003
138. Pete Yochim, Nu 1963



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| 139. Spencer Norman, Beta Delta 2011 | 151. Chuck Carroll, Zeta 1990 | 166. Adam Flint, Beta Nu 2004 | 185. Stephanie Bates, Alpha Rho 1995 | 203. Hannah Bowman, Beta Nu 2006 |
| 140. Slava Zakjevskii, Beta Rho 2002 | 152. Brent Collins, Upsilon 1999 | 167. Adam Kinne, Beta Nu 2007 | 186. Marlena Patrick, Alpha Sigma 2012 | 204. Kip Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990 |
| 141. Sean Smith, Beta Rho 2013 | 153. Mason Williams, Beta Nu 2012 | 168. Dan Palasky, Beta Delta 2007 | 187. Michael Pizarek, Zeta 2008 | 205. Rebecca Marsnik, Beta 2013 |
| 142. Derek Morrison, Beta Phi 2013 | 154. Alex Peterson, Alpha 2013 | 169. John Stipp, Epsilon 1989 | 188. Christy Gesell, Epsilon 1994 | 206. Lauren Giarmo, Beta Nu 2002 |
| 143. Jeremy Goens, Beta Phi 2013 | 155. Kathryn Mosesohn, Gamma Phi 2010 | 170. Oliver Penrose, Gamma Theta 2003 | 189. Tanner Lawrence, Gamma Iota 2011 | 207. Michael "Hobbs" Heilman, Epsilon 1991 |
| 144. Theresa Crowley, Delta 2010 | 156. Colin P. Tingo, Alpha 2011 | 171. Matthew Senter, Beta Delta 2012 | 190. Shane Willing, Gamma Phi 2011 | 208. Audra Benzschawel, Beta 2009 |
| 145. Tyler J. Smith, Gamma Theta 2013 | 157. Magda Dallemagne, Beta Sigma 2011 | 172. Rachel Palasky, Beta Delta 2007 | 191. Sean Pawlowski, Gamma Upsilon 2006 | 209. Abbey Degraffenreid, Alpha Omega 1995 |
| 146. Joe Cullen, Zeta 2009 | 158. Michael Joseph Hartman, Gamma Iota 2013 | 173. Fernando Nieto, Beta Rho 2013 | 192. Erin Fagan, Gamma Iota 2009 | 210. Ethan Murnahan, Iota 2005 |
| 147. Meghan Sandlin, Iota 2013 | 159. Nick Rettko, Alpha 2011 | 174. Sarah Pickett, Gamma Theta 2000 | 193. Jack Hagedorn, Epsilon 2013 | 211. Randi Ress, Gamma Nu 2008 |
| 148. John Becker, Iota 1986 | 160. Eilish Mitchell, Pi 2009 | 175. David Campbell, Beta Chi 2012 | 194. Kenneth L. Busch, Epsilon 1984 | 212. Kerri Federico, Mu 2008 |
| 149. Rosaniine Ammonia, Iota 1999 | 161. Lauren Gareau, Delta Alpha 2013 | 176. Ashley Cantrall, Beta Psi 2013 | 195. Nichole Bennett, Gamma Psi 2011 | 213. Sara Baldvins, Beta 2009 |
| 150. Josh Stenger, Epsilon 2002 | 162. Alex Jordon, Mu 2013 | 177. Francesca Vacca, Delta 2013 | 196. Shane Stone, Pi 2012 | 214. Merryyn Cole, Alpha Theta 2003 |
| | 163. Sandy Sansing, Beta Delta 2002 | 178. Miranda Kalaskey, Gamma Eta 2013 | 197. John Terry, Guest | 215. John D. Cole, Iota 1997 |
| | 164. Kayla Miller, Delta Alpha 2011 | 179. Dmitri Svetlov, Alpha 2009 | 198. <i>*this number is not on the outline</i> | 216. Daniel Lowrey, Alpha Zeta 2000 |
| | 165. Sherrie Settle, Alpha Kappa 1983 | 180. Sarah Phillips, Alpha Sigma 2013 | 199. <i>*this number is not on the outline</i> | 217. Nick Garcia, Epsilon 2006 |
| | | 181. Joseph N. Link, Beta Chi 2014 | 200. Geoffrey Giarmo, Alpha Beta 2003 | 218. Skylar Carlson, Gamma Beta 2009 |
| | | 182. Megan Czerniejewski, Beta Psi 2010 | 201. Eric Haas, Sigma 1998 | 219. Don Drinkwater, Tau 1987 |
| | | 183. Jenna Silverman, Gamma Nu 2012 | 202. Sharon Oldani, Beta 2012 | 220. Cary Supalo, Beta Nu 1997 |
| | | 184. Santina Cruz, Gamma Kappa 2012 | | 221. Alexander Carley, Alpha Beta 2013 |
| | | | | 222. Derek Marin, Gamma Zeta 1998 |
| | | | | 223. Michael Kuo, Zeta 2006 |
| | | | | 224. Kyle DesRochers, Alpha 2012 |
| | | | | 225. Michael Quan, Sigma 1993 |
| | | | | 226. Michael Clager, Gamma Iota 1989 |
| | | | | 227. Andrew Badwal, Delta Alpha 2013 |
| | | | | 228. Rodney Diertert, Guest |
| | | | | 229. Taylor Perkins, Delta Alpha 2009 |
| | | | | 230. Howard McLean, Iota 1989 |
| | | | | 231. Amy Pochodylo, Alpha Upsilon 2011 |
| | | | | 232. Virginia Johnson, Tau 2013 |
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Focus on the Host Chapter: Alpha Kappa

Submitted by: D. Mitch Levings, Grand Historian

The gracious host of the 52nd Biennial Conclave was the fraternity's thirty-fourth chapter, located on the historic and picturesque campus of the University of Virginia. The University, located in Charlottesville, VA, was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1825. At its founding, the university was comprised of seven separate and independent schools that reflected what Jefferson felt were fundamental to education at the time. The seven schools were: Ancient Languages, Modern Languages, Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Mathematics, Medicine, and Chemistry. Jefferson thought chemistry was a science so important that it deserved its own college. With such a focus on chemistry it's not surprising that Alpha Chi Sigma would have a chapter here. What is a bit surprising is that it took them two tries to get it done.

In February of 1913, the secretary of Kappa Delta Mu wrote to GMA Mathews inquiring what it would take to affiliate with Alpha Chi Sigma. Mathews replied at some length, giving the usual information regarding Alpha Chi Sigma, and suggesting that a printed petition be prepared. Within days the National Office received a petition complete with the requisite charter fee.

The petition underwhelmed the Supreme Council, so they sent the Grand Treasurer Gordon McBride to investigate the situation in person. McBride reported that the petitioners were entirely acceptable personally, that the faculty was agreeable to the project, and that conditions within the department were fairly satisfactory. Despite GT McBride's positive report, the contents of the petition just didn't win over the Council. On June 11, 1913, the Council voted to allow Kappa Delta Mu to withdraw their petition and submit a better one in the fall. They also agreed that the charter fee would stay on deposit until the new petition was received.

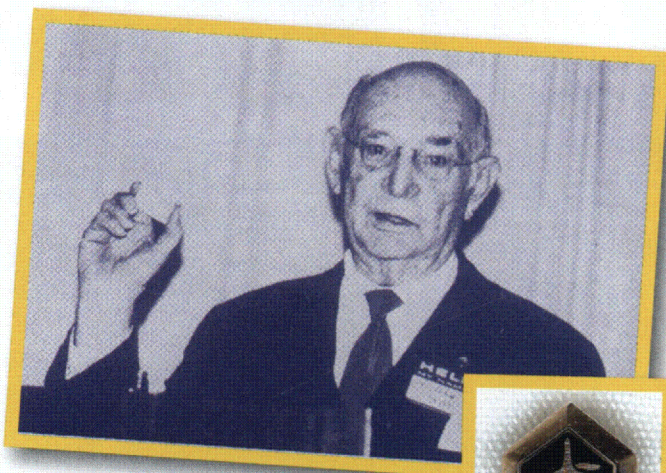
Kappa Delta Mu continued on as a local fraternity, successful on their own, ignoring the snub from Alpha Chi Sigma. Except for Gardner Carter. One of the Kappa Delta Mu charter members, Carter would not allow project to die. He continued to communicate with both organizations and finally in February of 1921, the secretary of Kappa Delta Mu sent a letter to GMA Stroud Jordan, saying they were interested in trying again.

Jordan made an inspection trip to Charlottesville on November 5, 1921 and guided the local chapter in the formation of a new petition. The petition was received by the Supreme Council in February, 1922. On May 15, 1922, the petition was approved by the Grand Chapter and a May 27 installation date was set.

Jordan returned to Charlottesville with Middle Eastern District Counselor Louis Trostel and former Grand Recorder Leon Shaw to conduct the installation. Of the 26 charter members, one was a sophomore, eight were juniors, there were six seniors, six grad students, two faculty and three Kappa Delta Mu alumni, including Gardner Carter.



Charter members of Alpha Kappa (June 1922 Hexagon, p 332)



*ABOVE: Dr. Yoe at the 1972 Homecoming banquet. (Winter 1973 Hexagon, p 28)
RIGHT: Kappa Delta Mu badge (photo courtesy of J Becker)*



The installation was conducted in the hall used by the Washington Literary Society and was followed by a banquet at the Country Club.

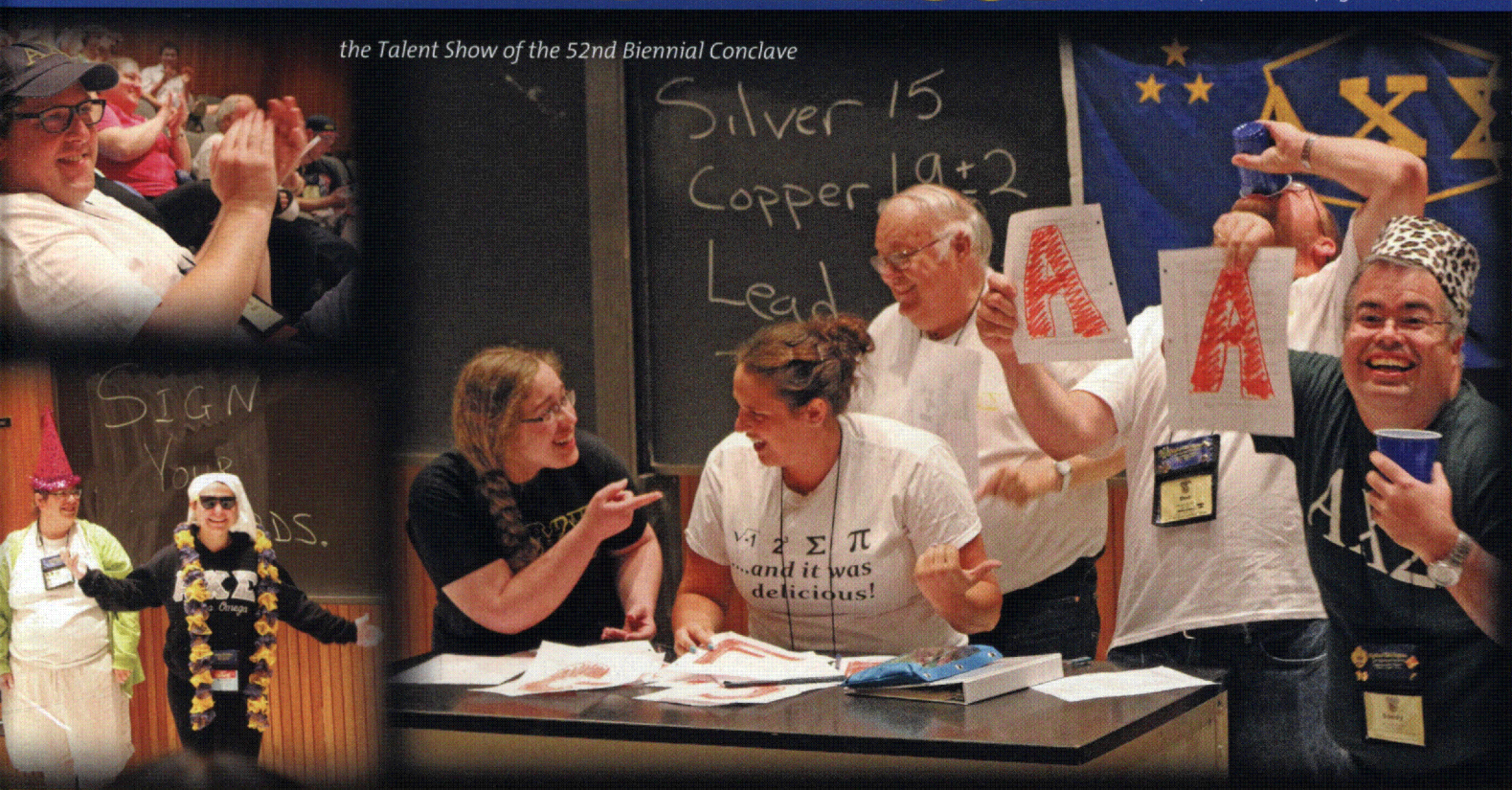
Fifty years later charter member John H. Yoe would be the guest of honor at the 1972 *Alpha Kappa* Homecoming banquet. Dr. Yoe, Professor Emeritus at UV was the lone living member of the chartering 26. During the banquet Master Alchemist Bill Pits presented Dr. Yoe with a plaque of appreciation. In return, Dr. Yoe presented the chapter with his Kappa Delta Mu badge.

The 75th Anniversary of *Alpha Kappa* Chapter was celebrated on November 8, 1997. The evening began with a reception at the chapter house, attended by nearly sixty brothers. An Italian buffet followed at Newcomb Hall. The after dinner speaker was GPA Frank Carey. Helping celebrate the anniversary was Alpha Kappa Brother and District Counselor Sherrie Settle. Alpha Kappa is also the initiating chapter of current Grand Vizier, Randy Weinstein.

TALENTED BROTHERHOOD

(See more pictures on page 91.)

the Talent Show of the 52nd Biennial Conclave



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Motion 11 amended the bylaws to enumerate the duties of a Professional Representative.

Motion 20 amended the bylaws defining the term of a Professional Representative to no more than two years and established the procedure for replacing a Professional Representative who was unable to finish their term.

Motion 22 set the number of Professional Representatives for the 53rd Biennium at eight.

Motion 26 amended the constitution to designate new members of the Order of Altotus as active professional members for life.

Motion 27 amended the bylaws to enumerate the duties of a District Counselor.

Motion 37 directed the Supreme Council to consider inviting and reimbursing normal conclave expenses for two representatives (only one delegate) for chapters that are less than five years from their date of installation and chapters involved in expansion efforts.

One of the most popular events of conclave is the Honor Initiation. This year's Honor Initiate was Dr. W. Dean Harman, Professor of Chemistry and Chair at the University of Virginia, whose area of focus is organic chemistry with a specialization in arenes. The evening rounded out at Trinity on the Corner.

SESSION I: A Tort is Not a Cake

The keynote Speaker, Mitch Crane, is a recipient of the Sigma Phi Epsilon "Distinguished Alumnus Award." He has given seminars on date rape and hazing at over 600 campuses. This presentation centered on a discussion on the legal and moral aspects of fraternal behavior served up as equal parts anecdotal cautionary tales and practical advice.

"Tort" is legal jargon for a civil wrongdoing incurred when there is negligence that results in harm. Although the negligence can be deemed as intentional or unintentional, the responsible party can be held responsible for the harm by the judge and jury. There is a duty of the organization, through the members who act on its behalf, to protect against any harm that you know exists or is foresee-

able (to guests, invitees, etc.). The question foreseeability is best determined by conservative behavior because it will otherwise be determined by the judge and jury. In general, a breach in this duty has resulted in injury.

Situations that come up frequently in cases: if you are providing alcohol, you need to provide a safe outlet for urination; you also need solid handrails and good lighting. If someone is injured at a party because of a tort, the landlords (possibly alumni), the chapter, and the university if it recognizes the fraternity (even if it's simply just listing it on a website) are all potentially liable. Anyone and everyone can be responsible for the sexual assault of a woman if they could foresee it happening. The more dangerous something is, the more you need to make sure it's safe (bathrooms are working, dark areas are lit, under-agers are not served, etc.).

There are few who employ hazing as a mechanism to gain the respect of prospective members—this is particularly true for social fraternities as evidenced by reports of hazing and sexual harassment incidences on campuses nationwide. The

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problem is that respect must be earned not gained, and we should aim to earn the respect of prospective brothers through our actions and our words, not through humiliation and intimidation.

At all times, we must uphold the basic principles of who we are as brothers of Alpha Chi Sigma. We have rules, and the rules tell us what to do; at the root of these rules is the fundamental moral obligation to protect others and us from harm.

SESSION II: Hazing

In this session, questions about case studies were posed for discussion. Incidents that have happened recently were also presented, as well as what would happen if any of these incidents reached a court of law.

Blindfolds—times in ritual when candidates are blindfolded from station to station.

- Do everything to make sure candidates don't trip (lifting them up).
- Make sure everyone is SOBER.
- Ritual—means doing everything the same way over and over again; deviation is an infringement.

- Blindfolds and hoodwinks are okay.
- Someone needs to be with candidates at all times—can't be left alone ever!
- Walk in front of them to make sure it's safe for them go.
- Blindfolding in cars is not ok because to the public that gives a bad perception. People can also get nausea from doing it.
- If they are uncomfortable being blindfolded, they are allowed to close their eyes, so it's good to let them know that they will be blindfolded before they even start pledging.
- Expose your candidates to the fact that they will be playing a character so they can dissociate.

Questioning—cannot quiz people in front of a group of people because that is considered humiliation.

If anyone does not follow the initiation ceremony seriously, they should be asked to leave.

What constitutes as a fraternal event?

- It is what a jury would determine is a fraternal event. If they can get enough evidence to link it to the fraternity then it can be considered a

fraternal event (location, publicizing, attendance, financing, etc.).

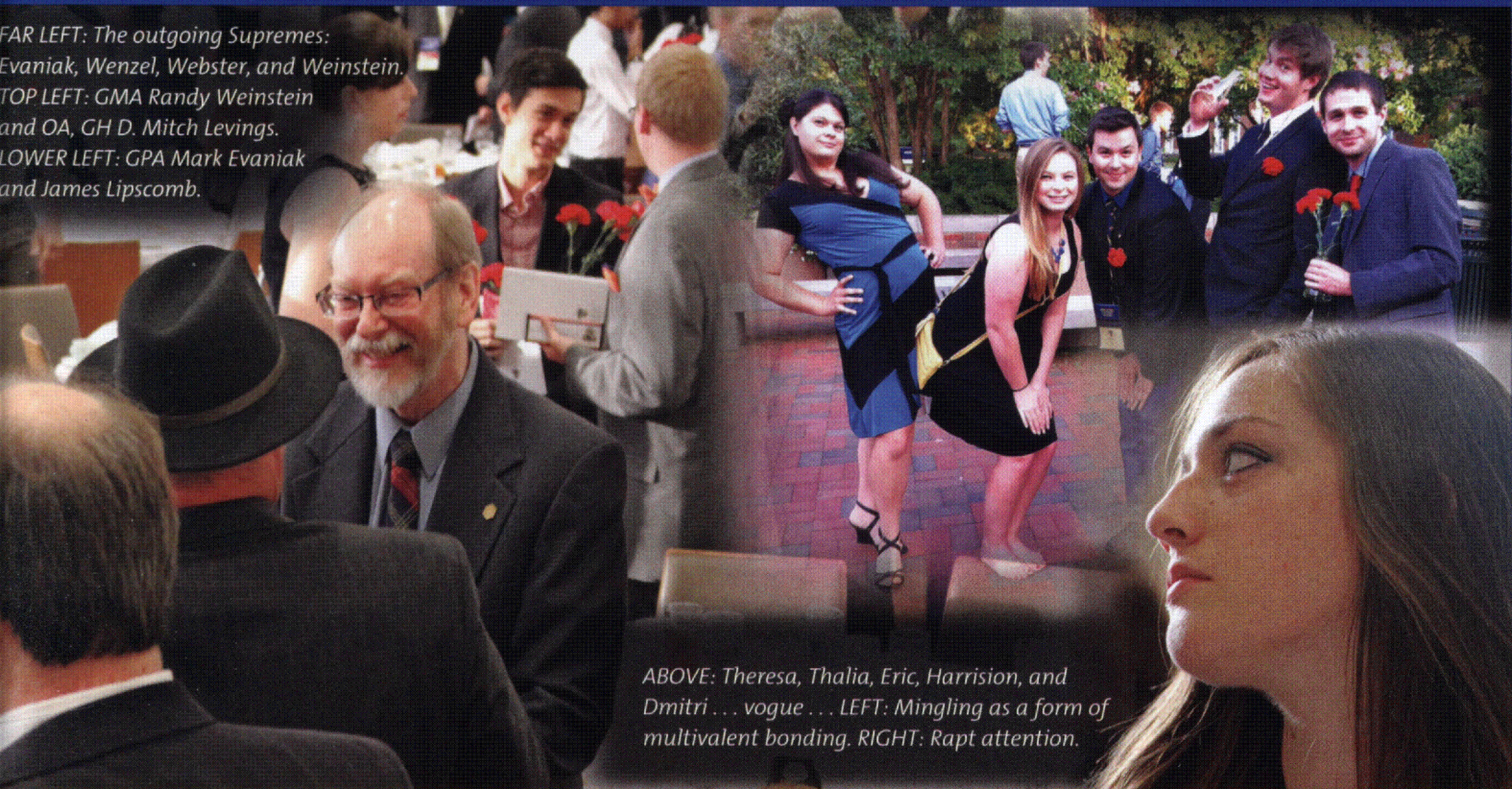
- You cannot get around the rules, a lawyer will readily connect it to you through simple reason.

SESSION III: Technology Workshop

The following list is the currently the best set of recommendations and guidelines about technology and fraternity business.

- Ritual cannot be distributed or kept digitally.
- Consideration for creating a common online pledge education curriculum for the use of all chapters. Use wikis or forums to host discussions or field and answer questions.
- Take advantage of social media to reach out to people. Generate interest in target institutions to gain membership or colonize new chapters.
- Take advantage of the non-profit status of the fraternity to gain ad space or Google keywords for reduced prices.
- Clarification: Chapters are able to authorize an induction to be done at a colony's campus without needing

FAR LEFT: The outgoing Supremes: Evaniak, Wenzel, Webster, and Weinstein.
 TOP LEFT: GMA Randy Weinstein and OA, GH D. Mitch Levings.
 LOWER LEFT: GPA Mark Evaniak and James Lipscomb.



ABOVE: Theresa, Thalia, Eric, Harrison, and Dmitri . . . vogue . . . LEFT: Mingling as a form of multivalent bonding. RIGHT: Rapt attention.

all of the roles being done by the parent chapter members. i.e. they can ask and assign members within the locality to carry out the roles.

- There is a possibility of being able to acquire loaner sets of regalia to avoid the wear of hard and constant travel.
- Chapters should consider taking advantage of the expansion funds allotted to each district to improve technology infrastructure.
- Chapters are able to redirect their websites to the National servers, which would allow the websites and account information to be accessible by national. This would prevent chapters from getting locked out of websites if they should lose passwords or lose the ability to alter the website. Consideration: Chapters should look to the resources available on campus to develop their websites, whether it be through student services or the computer science departments.
- Centralize non-ritual documents in a shared Google drive or dropbox that will be accessible by all chapters.
- Reminder to keep good and methodic records for posterity. Electronic and

physical copies, so if one fails all is not lost from a chapter.

- Keep chapter websites updated frequently, as this can directly benefit expansion efforts for the collegiate chapters.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 Getting Down to the Serious Business

During the antepenultimate Grand Session, Supreme Council nominations were taken, and those brothers nominated were given a chance to discuss their goals for the fraternity, as well as to answer questions.

After the last of the District and Committee meetings, there was a two-hour break devoted to serious purpose. All of the delegates, guests, and others then ran off to their rooms to make themselves as glamorous as possible. The noise of blow dryers, chatting voices and laughter filled the Balz-Dobie residence hall as everyone prepared for the group photo and the Kuebler Banquet.

Meeting on the Rotunda Steps, 230 resplendent individuals gathered in close-quarter brotherhood (the photo and its

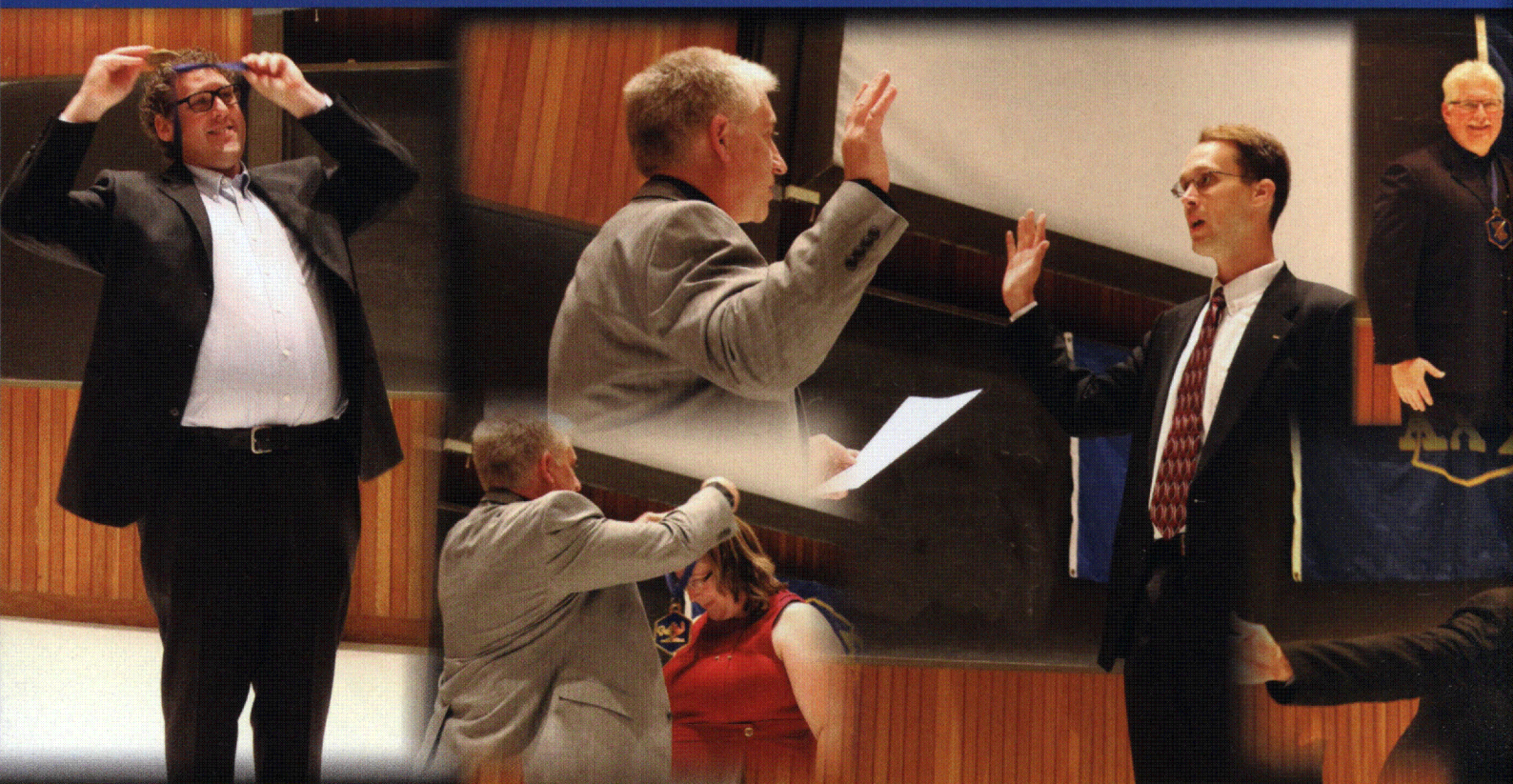


Fernando...is romancing the stone....

legend can be found at the centerfold of this issue). Heading off to the Newcomb Ballroom for the Kuebler Banquet, participants spent the early part of the evening treasuring the limited time remaining with far-flung and newly made friends.

Once dinner was served, GMA Weinstein, GPA Evaniak, GMC Wenzel, and GCA Webster spoke. They announced the 2013 and 2014 Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar Award winners (Amy Pochodylo, *Alpha Upsilon 2011*, and Jenna Silverman,

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Gamma Nu 2012, respectively), the Robert T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award (Dr. Andrea E. Martin, Gamma Omega 2010), the 2014 Alpha Chi Sigma Hall of Fame Inductees (William N. Lipscomb, Jr., Alpha Gamma 1939, and Rudolph A. Marcus, Zeta 1965) and the 2014 John R. Kuebler Award winner (D. Mitch Levings, OA, GH, Beta Delta 1975). Dr. James Lipscomb accepted the Hall of Fame Award on behalf of his family, and Kuebler Awardee – in the fashion of his role as the Grand Historian – reviewed the life and contribution of John R. Kuebler.

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Talent, Awards and Farewells

On the last day, Supreme Council elections were held. Mark Evaniak, Beta Sigma 1980, was elected as Grand Master Alchemist; Jon Wenzel, Delta 1996, was elected as Grand Professional Alchemist; Helen Webster, Alpha Rho 1994, was re-elected as Grand Collegiate Alchemist; and Kip Nalley, Alpha Sigma 1990 was elected as Grand Master of Ceremonies.



The new Supreme Council... deliberates...and Pat Johanns remains as the Grand Recorder.

Later in the day, OA members Gary Anderson and John Adams led an informative session on the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation, including a possible new initiative in cooperation with Amazon Smile, which is a program for charitable organizations.

In between this business, however, there was time for monkey business, and the Talent Show of the 52nd Biennial Conclave was held. It is safe to say that this was perhaps the greatest amount of revelry to ever emerge from Chemistry Room 402.

TALENT SHOW

Creativity and Exultation Boil Over from Room 402



FAR LEFT: GMA Randy Weinstein, ready to turn over the reigns. TOP CENTER: Newly installed GMA Mark Evaniak swears in GPA Jon Wenzel. BOTTOM CENTER: GMA Mark Evaniak swears in GCA Helen Webster. TOP RIGHT: The new Supreme Council for the next biennium. LOWER RIGHT: Newly installed GMC Kip Nally takes a bow.



Finally, at the end of the day, members of the Supreme Council presented collegiate awards, including One-Star and Three-Star Chapter Awards, as well as citations for extraordinary work throughout the biennium. District Counselors award their citations to their worthy chapters. And after dinner, the delegates settled in one last time for the Grand Chapter awards, special recognitions, Supreme Council installation and Order of Altotus installation.

GMA Weinstein swore in his replacement, Brother Evaniak. Newly installed GMA Evaniak then, in turn, swore in the remainder of his council. There was a brief huddle while the newly elected Supreme Council decided what to do about the appointed Grand Recorder position, but quickly enough, they reappointed Patrick Johanns, *Alpha Theta 1981*.

And in the end, newly installed GMA Evaniak had the gavel in hand and was officially closed the 52nd Biennial Conclave.

CONCLAVE AWARDS SUMMARY



The Awards Session of the 52nd Biennial Conclave of Alpha Chi Sigma

As the last order of business, the new Supreme Council is presented, as well as the various awards to individuals and chapters.

2014 John R. Kuebler Award Winner

D. Mitch Levings, P.E., *Beta Delta* 1975

2014 Hall of Fame Inductees

William N. Lipscomb, Jr., *Alpha Gamma* 1939
Rudolph A. Marcus, *Zeta* 1965

Order of Altotus

Randy D. Weinstein, *Alpha Kappa* 1990

2013 Scholar Award

Amy Pochodylo, *Alpha Upsilon* 2011

2014 Scholar Award

Jenna Silverman, *Gamma Nu* 2012

Robert T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

Andrea E. Martin, *Gamma Omega* 2010

T. Dale Stewart Award (Best Chapter)

Gamma Zeta Chapter

J. Haworth Jonte Award (Most Improved Chapter)

Beta Sigma Chapter

Clyde B. Hutchison Award (Best Professional Activities)

Iota Chapter

Walter T. Schrenk Award (Most Collegiates at Conclave)

Alpha Chapter

Vincent A Sedlak Award (Best Professional Chapter)

Delaware Valley Professional Chapter

Conclave Initiate: Katurah Roell

Honor Initiate: Dr. Dean Harman

Three-Star Chapter Awards

<i>Alpha</i>	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	<i>Beta Pi</i>	<i>Gamma Nu</i>
<i>Beta</i>	<i>Alpha Beta</i>	<i>Beta Sigma</i>	<i>Gamma Xi</i>
<i>Gamma</i>	<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	<i>Beta Psi</i>	<i>Gamma Omega</i>
<i>Delta</i>	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	
<i>Iota</i>	<i>Alpha Kappa</i>	<i>Gamma Eta</i>	
<i>Pi</i>	<i>Alpha Omega</i>	<i>Gamma Iota</i>	
<i>Rho</i>	<i>Beta Gamma</i>	<i>Gamma Kappa</i>	

One-Star Chapter Awards

<i>Zeta</i>	<i>Beta Delta</i>	<i>Beta Rho</i>	<i>Delta Beta</i>
<i>Mu</i>	<i>Beta Eta</i>	<i>Gamma Delta</i>	
<i>Tau</i>	<i>Beta Nu</i>	<i>Gamma Omicron</i>	



The list of citations is too long to include, but some of the recognitions shown here include:

- New Jersey Professional, for its help with collegiate chapters
- Gamma Theta, for its outreach efforts
- Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Alpha, for their revitalizations
- Alpha Beta, for its work with the Albion College Pre-Colony
- Alpha, for the internal support it gave upon the unexpected loss of a brother
- Chicago Professional, for its efforts in carrying out Professional Inductions
- Mu, for its work with the Boston University Colony



Hall of Fame Awardee William N. Lipscomb, Jr.

Dr. James Lipscomb

Eldest Son

Perhaps it is time for the eldest son to speak.

Bill Lipscomb's eldest son was born Oct. 8, 1945. He rests in Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles, having lived two hours. I speak in his name, though he had none. I am James, the younger brother.

But you did

Upon Bill's death I received letters of kindness. Each stood apart from the others in its own way.

This award to Bill from Alpha Chi Sigma stands apart in that Bill now lives in history. There is no Nobel Prizewinner to receive this award and with whom to celebrate. There was no obligation or expectation to make this award or to seek out Bill's children to accept it for him. But you did.

Pauling's student

Alpha Chi Sigma brother and Nobel Laureate, Linus Pauling was Bill Lipscomb's dissertation advisor.

Pauling was a hands-off mentor, much like Bill's parents.

"My early home environment ... stressed personal responsibility and self reliance. Independence was encouraged especially in the early years when my mother taught music and when my father's medical practice occupied most of his time."

So in graduate school Bill was comfortable with Pauling not being the hand-holding type.

"I was always doing some outlandish thing, and he [Pauling] would correct me, but that is the way it worked with Linus; he would come in once every two months, or three months, and ask what you have been doing, and suddenly he would toss up five ideas that you haven't thought of, that would keep you busy for the next five months. And he'd leave you alone, which was the best thing in the world for me. Being left alone, and left with good ideas."

Sometimes Pauling carried this hands-off thing to an extreme.

"I had been reading the 1940 edition of The Nature of the Chemical Bond, and was puzzled by the discussion of resonance contributors to bonding in CO. When Pauling stopped by, I told

him that when I used the force constant for the -C-O+ and for the +C-O- structures, the formal charges greatly shorten these bond contributions to the hybrid, which also includes the C=O structure. He said, 'Yes, Bill, that's why I didn't do it that way,' and then he walked out!"

Pauling influenced much of Bill's career,

"My interest in biochemistry goes back to my perusal of medical books in my father's library and", "... were strongly influenced ..., by Pauling's interest in antigen-antibody (haptin inhibition) studies, by his lectures on chemical bonding especially in boron hydrides and metals,"

Pauling was also not the, 'Attaboy, job well done.' type: Story 1:

"[From] Linus Pauling, I learned a lot of things. I thought the worst thing that happened to me was that if I would publish something wrong. That is not the worst thing. [Pauling told me that] the worst thing that can happen to you is [that] you publish something that is uninteresting."

Combine that with what Doug Rees, one of Bill's former students, has written: Story 2:

"Consequently, when Lipscomb discussed his plans to work on boron hydrides with Pauling and was told that this was not very interesting, it could be reasonably interpreted as a criticism. I believe Pauling's reaction still bothered the Colonel years later (despite winning the Nobel Prize for this work)."

I too got this impression in conversations with Bill, who told me those two stories about Pauling, not directly that the second one was hurtful, but always on different days, as if to leave it to me to put these two together and draw the conclusion. Bill never gave you his heart directly. Instead, had only the rhetoric of facts, leaving interpretation to the listener.

Yet in a way, Lipscomb's work that extended our understanding the nature of the chemical bond (three-center two-electron bond, ethane barrier, etc.) continued Linus Pauling's work that extended our understanding the nature of the chemical bond (orbital hybridization, resonance, and ionic vs. covalent bonding), as well as continuing Pauling's work in boron hydrides, metals, and molecular biology.

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So evidently, Pauling never said, what perhaps should have been said. I say that there is no student of Linus Pauling who has better honored his legacy by continuing his work than has William Lipscomb.

Lipscomb's students

Two of Lipscomb's official students are Nobel Laureates. Roald Hoffmann received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1981 for work in theoretical chemistry, in a way extending Lipscomb's theoretical work. Thomas A. Steitz received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009 for the structure and implications for public health of the large subunit of the ribosome, the largest structure yet done, continuing the large structure work he started in Lipscomb's lab where Steitz worked on carboxypeptidase A and aspartate carbamoyltransferase, each in its time the largest atomic structure yet done. Ada Yonath, who also was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2009 for part of the structure of the ribosome, worked in Lipscomb's lab while a postdoc at MIT, [Yarnell2009] not an enrolled student of Bill's, but a student of his in every other way.

Like Pauling, Bill was not the, the hand-holding or, "Attaboy, job well done." type with his rhetoric of facts. Bill treated his students and his children the way his parents and Linus Pauling treated him.

So, perhaps Bill never said what perhaps should have been said. I say now that there are no students of William Lipscomb who have better honored his legacy by continuing his work than have Roald Hoffmann, Tom Steitz, and Ada Yonath.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not something that one can give to oneself.

I was in secondary school. Bill came to my room. It was time to speak to the son with the mediocre grades. Bill spoke of how the Lipscomb male line had produced four generations in a row of doctors of one sort or another, M.D. or Ph.D. He said that logically it could not go on forever. It must end sometime. Then he left.

Bill did not give up on me. He later sent me to a private high school whose tuition he could scarcely afford. Perhaps by way of reply I eventually was awarded a Ph.D. I wonder if Bill was proud of me in this regard. We never spoke of it.

But for now in his young son's room we did not see this future. Bill had stopped talking. Bill gives the surface facts, leaving it the listener to read his heart. To my reading the conclusion was self-evident. Bill was letting go of a dream that his son would be the fifth doctor in a row. Bill was giving in advance forgiveness to me.

Biographers beware of the drive-by interview. Over time, complexity and ambiguity may emerge.

Bill's father was a physician, as was Bill's grandfather and great grandfather. Bill's father, William Lipscomb Sr., died three years before his son was awarded the Nobel Prize.

There was a day when Bill Lipscomb spoke wistfully,

"I was told jokingly that if I were to be a physician I would be the fourth straight generation."

And there were more of these days when Bill spoke of how his physician father told Bill that he should do whatever he wanted, that his father was content with Bill's choice to get a Ph.D. rather than an M.D.

But, there was another day. My records suggest that it was in 2008:

"I have one regret about the Nobel Prize. I regret that it did not happen a few years earlier. If it had, then maybe my father would have forgiven me."

There may be a big prize

The last word goes to Bill, of course.

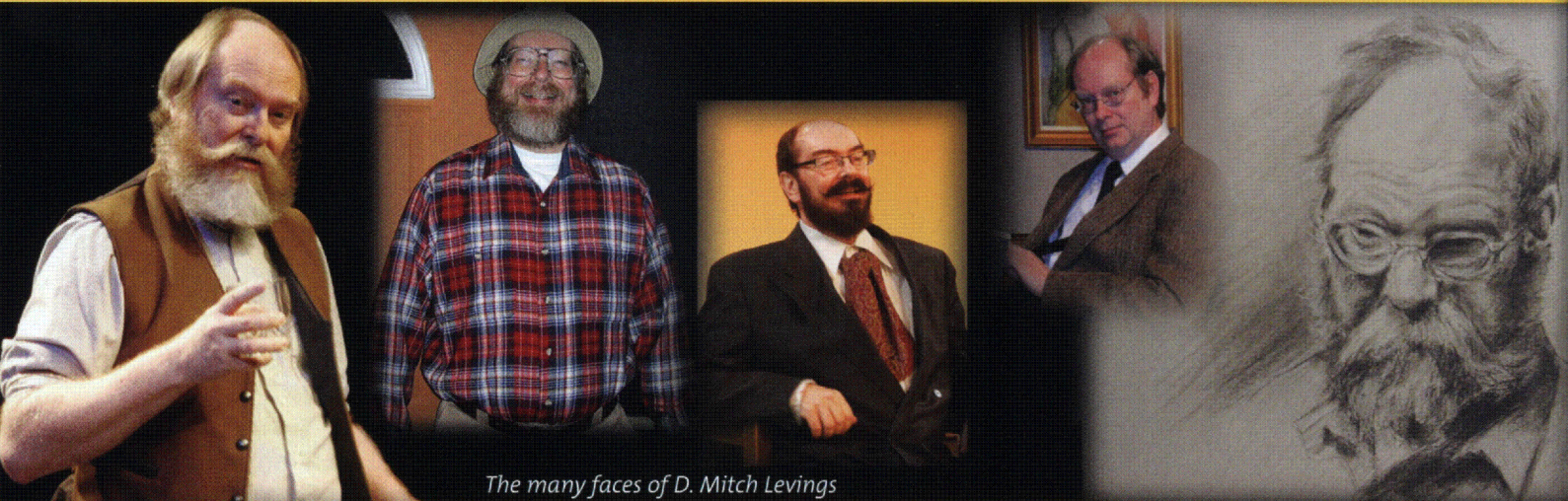
Both Linus Pauling and William Lipscomb were awarded the Nobel Prize in part for a better understanding of the nature of the chemical bond. But even now in the 21st century the chemical bond is in some ways little understood. Bill said that we still do not have

"... a systematic valence description of the vast numbers of 'electron deficient' intermetallic compounds,"

That is, we do not fully understand the nature of the chemical bond in for example KHg_{13} and Cu_5Zn_7 in that we cannot predict many such structures. Bill had planned to pursue this after understanding boron bonding. Bill concludes:

"For the person who figures this out there may be a big prize."

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The many faces of D. Mitch Levings

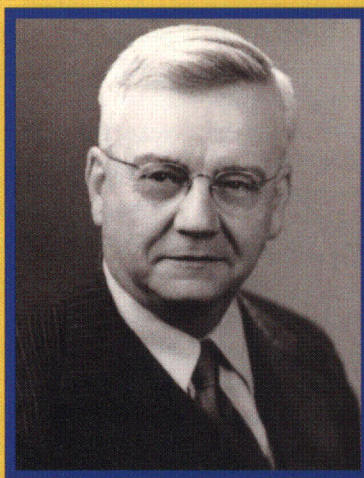
2014 John R. Kuebler Award Winner Address

By D. Mitch Levings, OA, GH, *Beta Delta 1975*

Thank you. I've been struggling with the right words to describe what a tremendous and humbling honor it is to receive this award. So, rather than craft words of my own, I would like to quote fraternity founder, Joseph Howard Mathews, when he was presented with the Kuebler Award on September 14, 1965. Said Mathews, "I am highly honored to receive the John R. Kuebler Award—for two reasons. First: This award is the highest honor it is in the power of the fraternity to give. Second: An award bearing the name of John R. Kuebler is of special significance. Certainly no member of Alpha Chi Sigma has ever given more of himself than he, and I doubt that anyone ever will. To him, Alpha Chi Sigma has been almost a religion—and he has performed his duties with religious zeal—even though at times his language may not have been particularly religious!"

I didn't know John Kuebler, never got a chance to experience his fraternal passion first hand. But I do have several second degrees of separation. My fraternal path has crossed a number of people who have spent time with Brother Kuebler. They all support the assessment of founder Mathews. Brother Kuebler truly earned his nickname, "Mister Alpha Chi Sigma". Who was this person for whom the fraternity names its highest honor?

John, pronounced by those who knew him well, as if it were spelled J-A-W-N, came into the fraternity by way of the *Epsilon* Chapter at Indiana University during his sophomore year in 1910. He was *Epsilon* Chapter's 40th initiate and the fraternity's 421st. As an undergrad he was *Epsilon's* Treasurer and after graduation, he stayed connected to the chapter as its Alumni Secretary. It was as Alumni Secretary that he caught the attention of the Supreme Council.



John R. Kuebler, Epsilon 1910

In 1917, when the Supreme Council created the role of District Deputy, John Kuebler was the overwhelming choice to lead the Middle-West District. John attended his first Conclave in 1919. His participation and eloquence at that Conclave got him tapped to be a Special Features Editor for *The HEXAGON*. This led to an assistant editorship going into the 1922 Conclave in St. Louis. That Conclave set the bar for contentious conclaves. That Conclave is the one where the Professional members rebelled against the plans of the Supreme Council and the New York Alumni, specifically against GMA Stroud Jordan's proposal to divide the fraternity into two separate and independent fraternities, the Order of Alchemists for college campuses and the Order of Kems for non-collegiate loca-

tions. Kuebler and the other alumni spent the biennium preparing an alternative to splitting the fraternity.

They arrived at the Conclave a day early to put a final polish on their counter-proposal. Since Alumni chapters had been disbanded at the previous Conclave, many of the alumni were there without a vote and had to depend on convincing the voting delegates to oppose the Supreme Council backed restructuring.

At the end of that Conclave, the fraternity was restructured but not in the way either side had envisioned. From the debates, arguments and compromises of that conclave emerged a single fraternity with two branches, Collegiate and Professional with equal standing and each with their own executive. The rest of the new Supreme Council consisted of a Grand Master Alchemist, a Grand Recorder-Treasurer and a Grand Editor. Kuebler was named Grand Editor. As a side note, Ben Ball was nominated for the post of Grand Recorder-Treasurer, but he declined the nomination. He was elected anyway and had to use every ounce of persuasion he could muster to turn the post over to Arthur Davis.



Supreme Council restructuring came again in 1926 when the position of Grand Master of Ceremonies was restored to the Supreme Council and the Grand Editor position merged with the Grand Recorder-Treasurer. Kuebler held the combination role of Grand Editor and Grand Recorder, and all of this while still holding down a day job. John's Day Job was as an instructor of Chemistry (and sometimes Physics) at Indianapolis' Shortridge High School. With the exception of a two year leave of absence during World War I to support the U. S. Army Chemical Warfare Service in Washington, D.C., Kuebler taught at Shortridge for 25 years. In 1942, the Supreme Council redefined the role of the Grand Recorder/ Grand Editor and John became a full-time, paid member of the National Office staff.

For 33 years John Kuebler was the face of the fraternity to collegiate and professional chapters. He was the main contact for all things administrative, he coordinated the publication of the fraternity's journal and made sure reports were submitted on time. A lot happened on his watch. More than 30,000 members were initiated and 24 collegiate chapters were installed. I got too dizzy trying to count the comings and goings of Professional Chapters so suffice it to say there was dynamic movement in Professional Branch.

John was in charge of the National Office in 1928 when Alpha Chi Sigma joined with other professional fraternities to establish the Professional Interfraternity Conference. In 1949, he was elected the PIC's Secretary-Treasurer. He also held the National Office together during the late 40s and early 50s when the fraternity became so divided over the restrictive clauses that finally resulted in the removal of all ethnic barriers to membership.

Through the good times and the difficult ones, Kuebler maintained order within the fraternity. He was honest, dependable and kept his promises. He was frugal with fraternity funds and his records were orderly, meticulous and easy to audit. His manner was deliberate, thoughtful and almost shy. He achieved results by being patient but persistent, humble and gracious. And he excelled at communicating. He was a master of the written word. His letters were never dull, never vague. His disarming humor put a zest in his letters, yet his meaning was always crystal clear.

John R. Kuebler was the personification of Alpha Chi Sigma, but nothing lasts forever and in preparation for the Grand Recorder's

inevitable retirement, in 1953, the Supreme Council appointed Dr. R. Lowell Hicks (*Zeta*) to the part-time position of Assistant Grand Recorder. Dr. Hicks' term of office was to be for one year with a possible renewal at the end of the year. As head of the Chemistry Department at Franklin College, AGR Hicks would spend what time he could at the National Office during the school year, but would be free to spend the summers working full time for the fraternity. That lasted until 1955 when AGR Hicks was offered an associate professorship at the Missouri School of Mines in Rolla. As long as Brother Hicks was head of the Chemistry Department at Franklin University, he was close enough to Indianapolis to go in to the National Office to take care of fraternal matters. With the new position in Rolla, he was no longer able to serve in that capacity. Since the part time option did not work out, in the fall of 1956, the Supreme Council hired 35 year-old Roy Loan, *Alpha Pi 1954*, to work full time for the fraternity. Unlike the part-time AGR position created for Brother Hicks, Brother Loan left his position with Washington Gas Light Company in Washington, D.C. and relocated to Indianapolis to work full time in the National Office.

With a succession plan established, Grand Recorder Kuebler was ready to consider retirement.

July 31, 1959 was the last working day for the Grand Recorder. Kuebler's retirement marked the end of an era, but not the end of fraternal service. According to plan, AGR Roy Loan step up to Grand Recorder and Kuebler took on the role of Grand Historian.

John attended the 1960 Conclave as the Indianapolis Pro delegate. He stated it felt really good to be on the other side of the GR desk. At the conclusion of that Conclave, by special legislation, John was elected to a position of honorary GMA, so that he could be immediately inducted as an honorary member of the Order of Altotus. John would wind up attending 21 Conclaves between 1919 and 1966. If the fraternity was recording tontines back then, his tontine would be 20 conclaves long. John enjoyed retirement and remarked, "There's no business like no business."

As it turns out, John Kuebler's shoes were a little hard to fill, and within two years philosophical differences between the Grand Recorder and the Supreme Council lead to Brother Loan leaving office to pursue other interests. The Grand Recorder position being vacant, the Supreme Council pressed John to come back to his old job while a search committee tried again to find a Grand Recorder.

John finally got to retire for good on January 1, 1962. Merle Griffin and Donald Cassady took over their new and separate jobs as Grand Recorder and Grand Editor, respectively.

Acting on a suggestion from the membership, Ron Warren had been developing an Alpha Chi Sigma Man-of-the-Year award. The award was ready to be to be introduced in early 1962, but before going public with it, Ron suggested that instead of just calling it the Man-of-the-Year Award, it would deeper meaning and convey more of the spirit of the award if it were named for the man who was Mister Alpha Chi Sigma. The Council unanimously agreed, and when the Award was announced it was the John R. Kuebler Award.

This award means a lot to me and I'm proud to accept it.

Thank you.

100 years ago... Winter 1914/15

The explosive growth of Alpha Chi Sigma from 1908 to 1913 took sudden lull with only two chapters installed in early 1914 and not much on the horizon for 1915. However, in 1915 the chemistry department at the University of Pittsburgh established a relationship with the Mellon Institute, greatly enhancing the undergraduate chemistry program and providing an opportunity for the next Alpha Chi Sigma collegiate chapter. Some years prior to this, *Kappa* Brother Robert Kennedy Duncan established the Industrial Research Fellowship at Pitt bringing together a body of graduate students of unusual ability, including a number of Alpha Chi Sigma men, particularly from *Kappa* Chapter at Kansas. There was talk of creating an Alumni Chapter at Pitt, but the inability of alumni chapters to initiate new members made that plan less attractive. Creating a collegiate chapter at Pitt was explored but rejected because except for the Industrial Research Fellowship, the chemistry department at Pitt wasn't strong enough to support a chapter. Because of the new relationship with the Mellon institute, the chemistry department was greatly enhanced. A local chemistry club, the Pitt Alembic, was established and all the Brothers working in the Industrial Research Fellowship encouraged the local club to affiliate with Alpha Chi Sigma. In February the GMA received a letter from Pitt Alembic president R. F. Brenner and secretary S. F. Hodgson, requesting permission to petition the Grand Chapter. The letter stated Pitt Alembic consisted of 15 students in good standing and that they had the support of the 12 Alpha Chi Sigma members on the Pitt faculty.

75 years ago... Winter 1939/40

The physical chemistry laboratory at the University of Arkansas was transformed into a banquet hall for the January dinner meeting of the *Alpha Sigma* Chapter. The Brothers chose this venue as change of pace from their usual restaurant rotation. Head Chef, Brother Jimmie White and Assistant Chef Brother Bert Cottrell cooked steaks on a grill constructed from a bread tray and heated by six Fisher Burners. Quant Lab ovens were used to bake sweet potatoes and heat dinner rolls. Tomato juice cocktails were served in 100 cc beakers while water and milk were served in 250 cc beakers. After the dinner and short business meeting, the pledges were guided in solubility experiments involving hot soapy water and dirty dishes.

The Houston Professional Chapter invited the local chapter of the American Chemical Society to a banquet at the Rice Hotel. An overflow crowd of more than 325 heard a presentation by Dr. W. K. Lewis, author of *Principles of Chemical Engineering*. The Houston Professional Chapter was also busy attempting to establish a professional chapter in the Beaumont/Port Arthur area.

The Los Angeles Professional Chapter held a joint meeting with Iota Sigma Pi, the women's professional fraternity, which featured a presentation by Dr. R. E. Vollrath of USC on the new 200 inch telescope at the Mt. Palomar Observatory.



D. Mitch Levings, OA, Grand Historian
Beta Delta 1975

The 41 members of the New York Professional Group petitioned the Supreme Council to transition from a Professional Group to a Professional Chapter. The petition was approved, contingent upon the Grand Recorder's receipt of the charter fee.

In football action, the Brothers of *Alpha Omega* good-naturedly razed the *Delta* Chapter Brothers as Georgia Tech defeated Missouri in the Orange Bowl.

50 years ago... Winter 1964/65

On January 16, *Kappa* Chapter Brothers traveled from Lawrence to Manhattan, Kansas to conduct held their first Manhattan-based initiation of Kansas State pledges. Attending the initiation were Grand Master of Ceremonies Mack Barlow, Grand Recorder Merle Griffin and Midwest District Counselor Don Coyne. The *Kappa* Chapter Brothers had been working with the Kansas State group for more than a year. After this initiation, with guidance from *Kappa*, the colony was ready to prepare a petition for a charter.

A Founders Day banquet hosted by the Rochester Professional Chapter featured Dr. Eldon Bauer who gave a talk on the founding and growth of the Fraternity. Also attending the banquet was Fraternity Expansion Director Ron Warren and 22 chemistry students from the Rochester Institute of Technology. It was an initiative of the Rochester Professional Chapter to establish a collegiate chapter at RIT. With the support of the Rochester Professional Chapter and the Alpha Chi Sigma members on the RIT faculty, Brother Warren approached *Pi* Chapter at Syracuse to sponsor a colony at RIT. *Pi* Chapter embraced the plan and on February 20 the Supreme Council authorized the *Pi* Colony and RIT.

GPA Jim Miller made a trip to New Orleans to meet with past GMA Watson Chapman and eight other professional brothers at the Restaurant Sclafani for jazz music and Creole cuisine. The true purpose of the meeting was to discuss reorganizing and reactivating the New Orleans

Professional Chapter. Brother Chapman felt he had ample time to devote to the initiative, having recently retired from Celotex and starting a new job as Tulane University's Custodian of Rare Books and Manuscripts. By the end of the dinner, all present concluded a rejuvenated New Orleans Professional was indeed a possibility.

Beta Omicron Chapter at the University of Houston got some initiation assistance from several members of the South Texas Professional Chapter.

25 years ago... Winter 1980/90

The *Constitution and Bylaws* Reconstruction Committee, consisting of Grand Parliamentarian Jim Koewler, PR John Mattson and *Beta Gamma* MC Eileneen Wiseman issued their preliminary report. The committee literally took the document apart line by line and rearranged it to remove ambiguities, inconsistencies and redundancies.

GMA Mitch Levings issued Constitutional Interpretation 57 which addressed a potential situation where the president of a Professional Chapter could also be a District Counselor and/or Professional Representative and thus get multiple votes on Grand Chapter propositions. The GMA interpreted the *Constitution* as intending a Brother to only represent one interest and therefore could only cast one vote on an issue.

In a trio of Valentine's Day appointments, John R. Mattson was appointed Expansion Director; Ricky Carlson was appointed Southeastern District Counselor and Patrick Johannis was appointed Northern District Counselor.

10 years ago... Winter 2004/05

Undeterred by rain, snow, flooding and a "boiled water alert," the Supreme Council met at the National Office in Indianapolis. As is typical of January Supreme Council meetings, the budget was the main topic of debate and discussion. By the end of the weekend a balanced budget was forged. In addition to the budget, the meeting agenda covered an additional 37 separate topics. The Fraternity web site was discussed at length and a list of priorities for the site was established. In order to promote a positive image of the fraternity through targeted public relations activities, the Supreme Council established the position of National Correspondent. The National Correspondent is to be a resource of the Grand Recorder with a sunset provision that retires the position at the end of the biennium.

On February 26, *Gamma Theta* Chapter at Truman State University hosted the Central District Conclave.

Nearly 100 Brownie Girl Scouts earned their Science Wonders Try It Badge through the tutelage of 21 brothers of the *Gamma Kappa* Chapter. The event held at James Madison University involved classroom study, hands on experiments and chemistry demonstrations.

Beta Mu Chapter at Occidental College was declared inactive while colonies at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Loyola University were invited to petition the Grand Chapter for a charter. ○



HOT RETORTS

DEGENERATIVE MOTIONS

Motions Ruled Out of Order at the 52nd Biennial Conclave

GE Note: Not all of the legislation proposed during the business sessions of the Conclaves makes it to the floor for discussion, and they must simply be ruled out of order by the GMA. In years gone by, these degenerate motions were submitted on green sheets of paper... and memories are long.

Be it resolved that the background of the web page for submitting degenerate motions be changed to green.

Be it resolved that peace be made with the Romulan Star Empire.

Be it resolved that the Arts and Crafts Committee fabricate an Alpha Chi Sigma-appropriate luggage identification tag to enable GH Mitch Levings to locate his luggage at the airport.

It is proposed that when there is a conflict, it shall be resolved with a dance off.

All Supreme Council Records shall henceforth be kept in Klingon.

Pluto is still a planet!

Let it be resolved that previous and current parents explain how children work to the GMC. Pictures, physical props, and the use of loaner children are highly encouraged.

Every time someone buys a pair of boat shoes, the shoes must come with a seaworthy boat.

That $2+2=4$ except for abnormal values of 2.

Henceforth when making a motion, one shall make the motion of patting his head and rubbing his stomach in a circular fashion. This will be known officially as "Making the Motion."

Be it resolved that it is full of stars.

Be it resolved that the GVD give GMC Wenzel the Birds and the Bees talk and explains how kids work.

Be it resolved that any future speakers discussing torts must provide cake for consumption during their sessions.

Be it resolved that this legislative body has no confidence in Chancellor Palpatine.

Be it resolved that seat O102 in Chemistry 402 be henceforth known as the Randy Weinstein Memorial Sleep Chair.

Be it resolved that henceforth the Security Council, when verifying the chapter session is indeed secure for closed session, shall inquire that the raptor fences are still on. This shall be phrased thus: "The raptor fences aren't out, are they?" with the reply, "No, no, they're still on."

Be it resolved that the raptor fences are still on, fully charged.

Be it resolved that E.T. needs to use Skype to video call a ride home.

Be it resolved that the spice must flow.

Be it resolved that the GMA is a Cylon impostor

All new motions must be presented as a haiku.

It is hereby requested that we stop all present and future motions and save the clocktower.

Be it resolved: GMC Wenzel shall be greeted with "Dance, Tall Man! Dance!"

Be it resolved that all elements are equal and noble, irrespective of their placement on the periodic table.

Be it resolved that the Kobayashi Maru scenario is not a no-win scenario.

Be it resolved that the Grand Master Alchemist is the one who is out of order!

Motion to change the Fraternity call from the traditional whistle to a Wyvern Screech.

