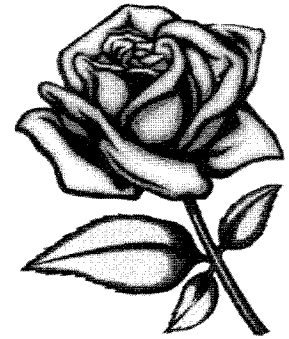


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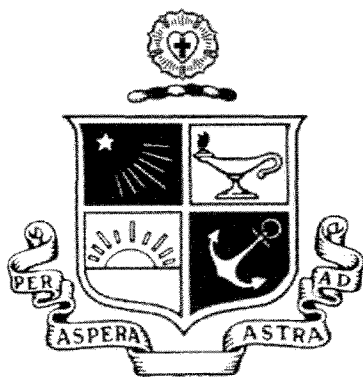
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President's Corner - I Care

Chad Winterhof, 26th National President

YOU! Yeah, I'm talking to you. I wanted to grab your attention because there is a great opportunity presenting itself to you right now. I am the new National President, Chad Winterhof. I welcome you on the journey we're about to take together over the next few years. But first, there are a few details I'm going to tell you. I care...know this! I love Beta Sigma Psi...use this! I love God...Praise Him!

One of the things I love about the Bible is how it puts its message into story form. Now this message of "I care" isn't coming from me. It's coming from you. This goes back to our National Vision for Beta Sigma Psi. Our vision is not going to come from above and get handed down to our chapters and alumni. We're going to create our vision from the feedback you give us.

Here's some feedback I've taken to heart from Steve Liescheidt of Eta Alumni:

"I am in EIGHT professional organizations in St. Louis and on the Program Committees for 6 of these. Taking on the Eta Chapter SWOT/GAP challenge just added another task to my list of "to do's". Why did I do it??? Because - I care and I have the skills and abilities to offer at this point in my life."

"We need to become a "High Expectation" Fraternity from Keith Dierberg, Chairman of the Educational Foundation and Iota Alumni

"When Rush is up, everything is up." from Larry Edwards, Former National President and Zeta Alumni.

It seems like a lot of these Gold Rose articles throw around the old theme words like Rush, expansion, volunteering but none of it

really hit's home with our members. I could easily have given a National Operation Plan that said we're going to increase membership, try to expand to other colleges, and get more alumni to volunteer. But, I believe I have failed if I did that.

I joined Beta Sigma Psi for what it stands for and I wanted to be a part of that. I became National President because I see the potential of Beta Sigma Psi. I can sum up how we're going to reach that potential in one word and once again it isn't rush, expansion, or more volunteering. It's ATTITUDE!

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others; I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The message we're going to be sending you is Attitude Towards Success. It has 3 simple steps to success.

1. **Focus:** Have a plan! Address your weaknesses to solve them and your strengths to utilize them.

2. **Discipline:** Keep the plan! You should have a system to hold people accountable to your plan.

3. **Action:** Carry out the plan! This is the most important step. Realize that if you do not follow through on an action you

need to go back to step one and have a plan to handle your situation of why it didn't get done in the first place.

We have setup a Steering Committee that will meet in November to develop a 5-year Plan for Beta Sigma Psi and focusing on attitude will be a major focal point.

Next, is how we as Beta Sigs have the right attitude to uphold our identity of the 3 S's.

Social: This one isn't having the biggest and the best parties. This is being involved on campus and SERVING our community. By community, I mean the Lutheran Church, your college, and your city.

Scholastic: While having guys that get good grades is nice to have, your chapter should also be providing an environment and programming for new and current members to excel.

Spiritual: PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. I can't stress this enough. Your chapter might usher, have bible studies, and be involved with peer ministry. That's not our problem. Our problem is doing this as a whole chapter not just as a small group of guys in the house. So make a decision as a house that EVERYONE is going to be involved in this aspect of Beta Sigma Psi.

The reason you're still reading this article is because YOU CARE! So if you have an idea you've been meaning to get done for Beta Sigma Psi. Don't wait one minute, not one second. Get it done. NOW!

per Aspera ad Astra,

Chad Winterhof
26th National President

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2002 National Convention

By Jim Shildmyer, Eta

The 2002 National Convention showcased some of the best of Kansas City while members of the fraternity met to conduct the business of the National Council and recognize chapters and individuals for their accomplishments and service.

The Convention included discussions of the fraternity's traditions, a seminar on risk in today's fraternity, a presentation by Major James Tate of the Missouri Air National Guard and a Royals baseball game that went into extra innings.

The Convention opened Thursday night with a mixer letting old friends catch up on news about each other and members from different chapters meet each other as well as alumni who continue their service to the fraternity.

Friday morning the Leadership Academy began to supplement the education chapter members receive through their local structure. This year's Leadership Academy featured content focused as much on alumni as on active members encouraging everyone to look at his membership as a lifelong opportunity.

The traditions presentation hosted by Scott Gessell of Delta and Larry Edwards of Zeta gave members an open commentary on the history and building of the fraternity through its many stages. Looking at

the growth of the organization over time and the success and failure of various programs offers many insights into the challenges we continue to face. Through it all, a strong emphasis on our Lutheran heritage and support from church-related aspects of chapter life have made the difference in recruiting, chapter activities and quality of life for each chapter. (See the related article on page 8 of this issue for more details from this outstanding presentation.)

Ralph Folkerts of Alpha then co-presented an informative session on chapter liability and insurance with Joe Walrod, an insurance agent who underwrites policies for businesses and individuals.

Chapters face an increasingly litigious society where their sphere of liability continues to expand far beyond the chapter house. Liability issues have closed many chapters across the nation, some deserved and other the victims of bad circumstances.

In either regard, beta Sigs can guard against these risks through adherence to carefully planned risk guidelines and appropriate insurance coverage to protect the fraternity's resources in the event of an accident.

Risks go far beyond the kinds of accidents that make headlines. Alcohol and sexual misconduct are favorite headlines of the media when the cases involve even a remote Greek connection, but chapters also face risks from having employees such as cooks and housepar-



Major James Tate of the Missouri National Guard talks about the new state of awareness in American following Sept. 11 including an increased appreciation for those in the military during the 2002 Convention Awards Banquet.

ents. Individual members may also lose valuable property in the event of a house fire or water leak.

Maintaining compliance with inspection and building code requirements as well as following legal and university guidelines is a first line of defense. Awareness and training can avoid bad situations and insurance helps protect against significant losses in the event of an accident. But all of this requires planning and education in every chapter. (A related risk management story is included in this issue on page 14.)

The 2002 Awards luncheon featured an opportunity to recognize chapter and individual achievements in the fraternity including chapter awards for programming.

Pastoral Advisor Jeff Moore of Concordia Seminary presented a session about the apostolic purposes Beta Sigma Psi can fulfill including keeping young men connected to the church during their college years and serving as a funnel for men interested in the seminary.

The luncheon include an outstanding reflective presentation by Past National President John Hingst of beta Chapter on the importance of individual members stepping up to confront challenges facing the fraternity at all levels.

Beta Sig faced seemingly insurmount-



Outgoing President Kirk Meyer of Alpha Chapter presides over the meeting of the National Council during the 2002 National Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri.

able challenges and somehow persevered, Hingst reflected "It makes me think the Lord wants Beta Sigma Psi to continue."

The fraternity grew out of a specific need for Lutheran student to associate together during college and was held together by Del Lienemann in the World War II years. Eventually the fraternity grew to 18 chapters and a foundation to support housing needs and a second foundation for scholarships. In fact, there were many times when the assets of the Foundations were the only thing keeping the fraternity going, hingst said.

Looking at the challenges the fraternity faces today, Hingst said we can certainly overcome any obstacles, but have to be willing to go outside the fraternity for support when it's needed.

Afternoon sessions and Saturday included the National Council meeting to conduct the business of the fraternity.

The National Council reaffirmed its relationship with the Lutheran Church including service and regular worship in congregations in the campus community. Also the fraternity reiterated its Initiative Regarding Alcohol Use in Chapter Houses passed in August 2000 during Council sessions. The resolution encourages chapters to move toward dry housing through the initiatives of members at each chapter creating appropriate policies for each campus.

Continuing its strong stance against hazing in Greek organizations, the Council voted to continue its zero tolerance policy and focus on life-long membership education and service to the fraternity.

Also addressing risk, a motion was passed encouraging all chapters to create and write a policy on overnight guests in chapter facilities and file the policy with the National Office by Oct. 31, 2002.

Motions placing both Omega and Chi chapters on suspension for lack of contact with the National Office and uncertain membership roles were passed to create an opportunity to reinvigorate these chapters and infuse them with new members and new excitement. Both campuses still present an excellent opportunity for the fraternity to grow, but need careful attention in the near future.

An enabling vote was approved allowing the National Fraternity to engage with the Educational Foundation and the Housing Foundation through a vote of the Board of Directors to bring in a paid Executive

Director to support the fraternity if a workable plan is created. Also passed was a motion to allow the National Council to elect three volunteer Regional Vice PResidents and one volunteer Alumni Vice PResident for the 2002-2004 term.

A motion standardizing the Associate Member program on an eight-week plan was tabled for further consideration and study, but a resolution was passed encouraging chapters to use an eight-week program and reports its results at upcoming National functions as the fraternity continues to develop a standardized and focused education program for new members. An eight-week program is already structured under the new Associate Member Handbook teaching guides and other materials used for member education.

Also, a motion was tabled initiating penalties on chapters for failing to submit paperwork and fees to the National Office on time as this has become a problem in recent years. Another item placed on the table for the next session of the National Council was a motion for an open seminarian scholarship sponsored by Beta Sigma Psi. Instructions in the motion to table the idea sent the original framework to the Educational Foundation for feedback.

Election of officers occurred Saturday afternoon with several members of the outgoing Board of Directors continuing in service to the fraternity and new members of the Board coming from several chapters.

Finally, the Convention closed with the traditional banquet featuring Major James Tate of the Missouri National Guard reflecting on Leadership and how the country has changes in its regard for members of the military since Sept. 11, 2001.

Tate observed that the tenets of leadership including selfless service and personal courage were clearly in evidence on



Pastor Jeff Moore of Concordia Seminary educates members about the apostolic potential in the fraternity's chapters as they recruit new members and develop relationships with local congregations and campus groups.

Sept. 11 from many sectors including private citizens, police and firefighters. In rushing into the buildings, "they knew if they acted they would save at least some lives, even if they didn't know who or how many," Tate said.

Following the attack, the military was called into action and military guards from many different branches and levels of the services were placed in public posts where they had never before been stationed.

"We as military members are much more cognizant of our jobs," Tate said. "We are thankful for the support we get from people just like yourselves."

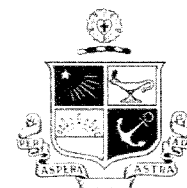
The awards banquet also included special recognition of Tiemann recipient Don Scifres of Beta Chapter and Steve Panhorst who will receive the Lienemann Award for his many years of dedicated service to the fraternity. Finally, outgoing National President Kirk Meyer was recognized for his continuing service to the fraternity.

The Convention closed Sunday with a morning chapel service from Pastor Moore and a final Council session to conclude voting business. The new National Board of Directors then met for the first time to plan the upcoming year and address immediate needs on the fraternity's business agenda as well as lay out goals from incoming President Chad Winterhof of Epsilon.

2002 National Awards Presented

**Lienemann, Tiemann and Erck Awarded for 2002
Iota and Alpha-Alpha Share Founder's Cup
Epsilon, Eta Alumni Recognized for Service**

By Rod Thompson, Epsilon, Interim Executive Director



The Awards Committee is chaired by George Kiser, alumnus from Iota Chapter and assisted by Rod Thompson, alumnus from Epsilon. Alumni serving on this year's awards committee included Warren Pflantz from Iota, Cliff Ascher from Zeta, Eric Held from Eta, and Mike Nolte from Alpha. If you are from the St. Louis area and want to help with the Awards deliberations, please contact the National Office or a committee member. We hope there are a few alumni from the chapters not represented on the awards committee who will consider joining this committee next year.

The Lienemann Award is the Fraternity's highest honor. Appropriately, it was first given to Del Lienemann, an alumnus of Delta Chapter, who served as the National Secretary-Treasurer from 1942-1964. The Secretary-Treasurer's position was comparable to today's Executive Director, and was a volunteer position during Del's tenure. The award is given for "outstanding service to the Fraternity, university, government, or mankind in general." The application process includes submission of a nomination package at least three months prior to the annual National Council meeting, the nomination package is reviewed and approved by the National Executive Board, and then forwarded to the current Lienemann Award recipients for their endorsement. This year's Lienemann Award recipient is Steve Panhorst, an alumnus from Eta Chapter. The award will be presented to Steve at Eta Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration.

The Governor Norbert T. Tiemann Award is presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession over a lifetime of achievement. Appropriately, it was first given to Governor Norbert T. Tiemann, an alumnus of Delta Chapter, who served as the Governor for the State of Nebraska. The award is given for "a lifetime of exceptional accomplishment in professional endeavor."

This year's recipient is Donald R. Scifres, Ph.D., an alumnus of Beta Chapter. The award will be presented to Don at Beta Chapter's Homecoming celebration. An article describing Don's professional accomplishments is included elsewhere in this edition of the Gold Rose.

The Erck Award is presented each year to the outstanding active member of Beta Sigma Psi. The award is named for the late Reverend Erck, longtime Pastoral Advisor to Delta Chapter. The award includes the following wording: "A distinguished leader in church, fraternity, campus and community affairs, demonstrated in assuming leadership, sharing responsibilities, teaching, supporting, caring, and giving of himself while achieving academic excellence." The 2002 Erck Award recipient is Chad Pfister from Iota Chapter.

The Hingst Award is presented annually to the active chapter or colony that exhibits

the top scholastic achievement in the National Fraternity. The award is named for W. John Hingst, an alumnus from Beta Chapter, who served as the National President from 1952 to 1967. Nominations were received from Zeta, Eta, Iota and Epsilon Chapters. The 2002 Hingst Award was presented to Eta Chapter.

The Edwards Award is presented annually to the active chapter or colony exhibiting the best overall management. The award is named for Larry Edwards, an alumnus of Zeta Chapter, who served as National President from 1967 to 1972. A nomination was received from Zeta Chapter. The 2002 Edwards Award was not presented and the Awards Committee hopes that 2003 will be a very competitive year for this prestigious award.

The Welge Award is presented annually to the active chapter or colony deemed to



Iota and Alpha-Alpha Chapter shared the 2002 Founder's Cup for their membership education programs. The award will travel between the chapters until the next awards presentation. Both chapters were successful due to a concentrated effort for the entire year in developing a competitive program.

have the best recruitment program. The award is named for William H. Welge. An alumnus of Alpha Chapter, Brother Welge was one of the Founding Fathers of Beta Sigma Psi and served as National President from 1936 to 1938. Nominations were received from Zeta and Epsilon Chapters. The 2002 Welge Award was presented to Zeta Chapter.

The Baehr Award is presented annually to the active chapter producing and displaying the best chapter or colony scrapbook. The award is named for William Baehr, a former Kansas State University Professor of Library Sciences and National Historian, who realized the importance of preserving chapter histories. The scrapbook is useful for a rush tool. Nominations were received from Iota, Alpha-Alpha and Epsilon Chapters. The 2002 Baehr Award was presented to Iota Chapter.

The Founder's Cup is presented annually to the active chapter or colony deemed to have the best membership education program. The traveling trophy is over 30 inches in height, and is awarded to the active chapter or colony that provides scholarship, religious, leadership, personal and social skill development programs and activities for active and associate members alike which add to the educational value of chapter life. The 2002 Founder's Cup was presented to both chapters nominated for the award, Alpha-Alpha and Iota Chapters.

The Luther Award is presented each year to a person devoting service to the Lutheran Church. This prestigious award is presented to any pastor, church official, or other distinguished member of the Lutheran community for devoted service to the Lutheran Church and spiritual leadership provided to Beta Sigma Psi. Pastor Mark Heilman was nominated by Epsilon Chapter and is the recipient of the 2002 Luther Award. Pastor Heilman has also volunteered to serve the fraternity as our National Pastoral Advisor for the 2002-2004 term.

The Junker Georg Award is named for Martin Luther who hid and wrote under that name during the warrant for his arrest from the Vatican (he signed his writings Knight George, or in German, Junker Georg). This award is presented to the Beta Sigma Psi brother (either active or alumnus) most responsible for starting a new colony of Beta Sigma Psi. The award is presented as part of the colony's chartering ceremony. We did not have any colonies this past year and therefore the award was not eligible for presentation.

The Alumni Volunteer Service Award is designed to recognize those alumni that contribute substantially to our fraternity over the course of the school year. The award is presented to alumni who significantly impact a collegiate chapter or colony, alumni chapter, national committee, or national board; be significant in nature and produce tangible results; reflect favorably on the alumnus' chapter and Beta Sigma Psi; and be of sustained and direct nature. The 2002 Alumni Volunteer Service Awards (with the citations included) were awarded to:

Brian Clark and Michael Cooper from Epsilon Chapter. The members of Epsilon Chapter appreciate the efforts of the Ames Alumni Board, and in particular, Brian and Michael, for the notable results Epsilon has achieved recently. The recruitment program has turned around and Epsilon has a full house. Academically, Epsilon has been in the top six fraternities on a consistent basis. The kitchen is receiving a face-lift and the chapter should be able to "burn" their mortgage in about ten years. Brian and Michael serve on the Ames Alumni Board as Co-Advisors to the active chapter. They have led efforts to hire house parents and cooks. They have made a point to acquaint themselves with most of the collegiate members. They make a trip to at least one recruitment function every summer and always attend the annual corn picking fundraiser. They attend many of the chapter meetings and the quarterly Ames Alumni Board meetings. Brian



Chad Pfister of Iota receives the 2002 Erck Award from outgoing National President Kirk Meyer.

and Michael have worked together as a team to help improve Epsilon Chapter and interact with the collegiate members, and they are most deserving of the Alumni Volunteer Service Award.

Jim Shildmyer from Eta Chapter. Jim has served on the National Board of Directors as the Vice President for Alumni Affairs. Jim has worked diligently with several alumni interest groups around the Midwest in the effort to energize interest in the Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapters. Jim also served on the committee that organized the 2002 Biannual Convention in Kansas City. This committee met frequently during the past year to organize and make the arrangements necessary for the convention participants to enjoy the festivities. Jim agreed to accept the nomination as the Alumni Affairs Vice President for the 2002-2004 term, and we all look forward to the continued success in connecting alumni with the fraternity that Jim has been able to orchestrate.

2003 Awards Applications Sent to Chapters with Right On Target Manuals

Award applications for the 2002-2003 school year have been included in the Right On Target Manual sent to chapters at the start of the school year. Right On Target also serves as the outline for many awards evaluations, including the Edwards Award for chapter management. The Right On Target program is a comprehensive chapter management program covering all aspects of chapter life and officer duties. Chapters are encouraged to follow this outline from the start of the year so they will be fully prepared to submit for all awards in 2003. **Alumni should also follow up with their chapters to ensure compliance with the Right On Target program and eligibility for awards.** If you have questions, contact a National Officer.

Traditions Summary

By Matt Kreps, Zeta, National Publications Editor

One of the early sessions at the 2002 Leadership Academy concerned the traditions and history of Beta Sigma Psi. Presenting were two distinguished alumni, Larry Edwards of Zeta and Scott Gessell of Delta.

The session began with a few thoughts about some of the things active members were discussing including study hours, associate member training, and chapter life. Most importantly, these are the same concerns our chapters have expressed for many years. In short, nothing has changed.

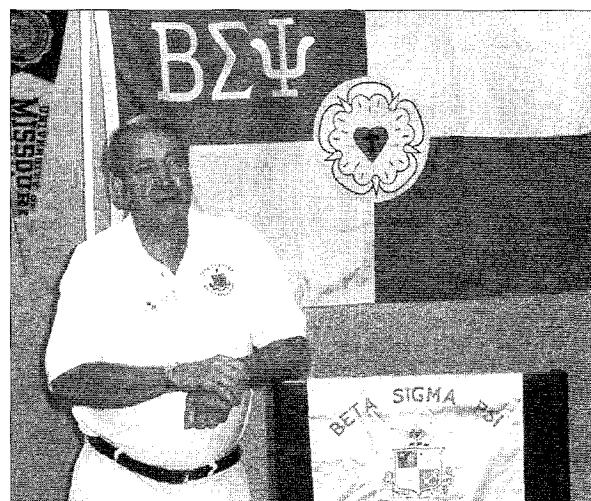
The fraternity continues to be different things to different people. For some members, it was a place to stay and a group of friends during college. For others, it was an anchor for their church life during college. Regardless of the undergraduate experience, surveys of alumni show that they continue to be actively involved in the church, with many serving on congregational boards and as president of their congregation at some point.

Regardless of the experience of chapter life, the Lutheran identity has been entrenched in the basic fabric of the fraternity with the scholastic and social aspects of Beta Sigma Psi coming from that same foundation. "You have to understand what the fraternity is before you can help it grow and change with it," Edwards said.

Looking back on conventions from the past, Scott Gessell remarked, "There are some great traditions in the fraternity; this gathering is one of the greatest. It was a privilege to attend years ago."

The speakers reflected on many of the traditions at the various chapters and their genesis. "Traditions such as sneaks and National Basketball grew out of friendships between brothers at different chapters," Edwards said. Many of these friendships began at National events such as convention or when brothers went to a game at another school where the fraternity had a chapter.

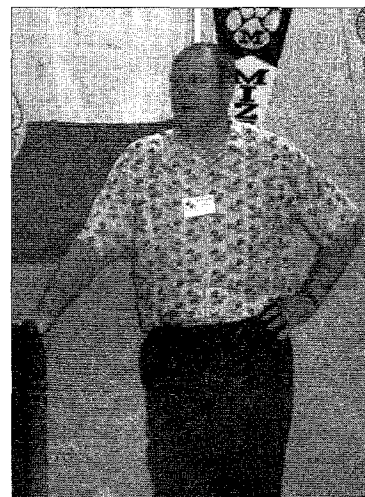
The speakers covered a brief historical overview of the fraternity



Larry Edwards of Zeta Chapter who has served as National President and continues to serve on the Beta Sigma Psi Foundation.

years and into explosive growth when Beta Sigma Psi added most of its chapters. From that point, the chapters slowly declined with many of them closing as the college mindset moved away from traditional activities such as fraternity and church.

The history of the fraternity is studded with moments when a single leader stepped up to push the chapters away from the brink of closure and re-introduce the energy and sense of purpose needed to sustain this organization. The challenge is maintaining the direction for years at a time.



Scott Gessell of Delta Chapter and a member of the Educational Foundation Board

Looking Forward

Out of this session came the genesis at the joint meeting of the National Boards to act on a growing sense of urgency to put the fraternity on a path for growth and vitality in the future. For more on the outcome of that meeting, see *We Will Succeed* on page 12 of this *Gold Rose*.

Since adding several new chapters over the last six years and seeing one or possibly two of them since stumble we have also seen many of the older chapters suffer low membership counts and less than successful recruitment.

At the same time, other chapters continue to enjoy strong recruitment and move forward with programs to better chapter life and update their facilities. We have also found a substantial calling on campuses in the Concordia system and at school such as Midland Lutheran to support the Lutheran identity and church-directed interests of the students through a Lutheran social organization.

A key part of that are alumni who know and enjoy the history of the fraternity and who are willing to share it with the next generation of Beta Sigs so they can stand up and share these stories ten, twenty or even thirty or more years later. These alumni are needed in the chapters, at alumni events and in metropolitan alumni groups. They are also needed at campuses to help start and advise new chapters -- a richly rewarding task.

It is hoped that alumni will step forward to help the fraternity continue its mission by taking Beta Sig to new campuses as well as forming metropolitan alumni groups to let alumni get together in locations far from chapters.

Alumni interested in forming a metropolitan chapter can contact Jim Shildmyer, Vice President of Alumni Affairs, to learn more about this exciting and enjoyable opportunity to rekindle old friendships and meet new brothers.

Sent, or Just Gone?

When young men leave their home church, they can just disappear off to their new adventure. Or they can become the church's newest apostles carrying the Word with them.

Rev. Jeffrey C. Moore
Director of Recruitment and Admissions
Concordia Seminary

While serving as pastor of my first congregation in rural Missouri many years ago I realized that when our Lutheran kids left for college, they never came back. Oh, there were visits, but seldom, if ever, did they return to live back in their home town.

It took me many more years to realize that the congregation could choose to deal with this in a positive way. Our young people could just leave us, or we could send them. There's a big difference!

What I mean is that when young people just leave their home and church nobody really pays attention. One day they're there, the next they're gone. Mom and Dad pay some attention, of course, but it's usually a pretty private "grieving" and adjusting process. I know--my wife and I just dropped our daughter off at college for the first time! The youth group leader, if there is one, might notice, and maybe even the pastor, but basically, the person is just gone.

Probably the new college student is happy to be gone, too, not just out from under the parents' thumb, but away from getting up early on Sunday morning, maybe even away from their prayer life.

It could be different, though. A congregation could choose to send their young people off with a mission, rather than just watching them leave. Think about it--these are people who have fairly recently gone through extensive instruction in the Christian faith. Maybe they've been very active in youth programs, servant events, etc. Why just assume that they're glad to get away from church? Why not, instead, formally commission them to serve as the congregation's representatives to their college campus?

The word "apostle" comes to mind, from the Greek *apostello*, which means to purposefully send out. College students can be apostles to their new setting!

Beta Sigs know the challenges new college students face. Maybe you chose Beta Sig precisely because you were looking for support, Lutheran Christian support, in facing those challenges. I don't know whether your congregation was "smart enough" to purposely give you a send-off that said, "you are our apostle, our representative, carrying the life and love of Christ to your campus." All I know is that Christ Himself saw it that way, whether His local body of believers thought to say it.

If you're reading this as an active, I encourage you to picture yourself as this kind of "apostle." You don't have to be pushy, abrasive, or holier-than-thou. That's not the way Lutheran Christians do this! But you can be salt and light in an environment that needs both.

If you're reading this as an alumnus, I encourage you to talk to your local pastor about being purposeful in sending your young



people off to college. An excellent resource for this task is available from Concordia Publishing House, called "The Campus Connection." In this book you'll find a service of sending, ideas for forming a small committee to keep in touch with college students, and even reproducible newsletters that your congregation can personalize and use to maintain that connection.

Sending students out with a formal commission may not seem like a big deal to each them on that day. In fact, with college on the horizon, their minds will probably be elsewhere. But, down the road, they may come back to that commission and see an opportunity.

All of us Christians are "sent," but college students may not know it. Help make it clear that they didn't just leave!

Helpful Resources

Send your college-bound students out with a mission to carry God's Word in their daily lives. Concordia Publishing House offers a helpful tool for this process called **The Campus Connection**.

From the CPH Web site: Keep in touch with members who are away at college by sending them a monthly newsletter. Each reproducible newsletter contains a lead article with devotional content, cartoon, question and answer column, Scripture and space for personalization.

Item Number: 12-3374

ISBN: 0570053269

Ordering Information: www.cph.org or 800/325-3040

Eta Chapter: 50 and Counting

Eta Chapter celebrated 50 years of brotherhood with over its homecoming weekend. The festivities included the presentation of the Lienemann Award to Steve Panhorst, a legacy member of the chapter. (See the Award story on the next page.)

The weekend's activities began with registration for visiting alumni and officers on Friday intermixed with social events to let members catch up on news with each other. Saturday morning included the traditional chapter alumni meeting to conduct business and hear reports of progress from the active chapter. A luncheon including a visit from the UMR Chancellor capped off the morning and ushered in the homecoming game festivities with UMR squaring off against Missouri Western State College.

In the evening the chapter hosted a banquet at the Oak Meadows Country Club. Sunday chapter members and alumni attended worship services and visited over brunch at the chapter house before returning home.

More information and a complete story will appear in the next issue of the Gold Rose.



Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi runs in the Panhorst family. Pictured from left to right: Al, initiated in 1962, presented Lienemann in 1992; Jeanne, initiated in 1992 as an honorary member; and Steve, initiated in 1986, presented Lienemann in 2002

Donors Contribute to Foundation

The Educational Foundation did not hold its regular pledge drive last fall due to the events of September 11. This decision to not solicit funds in a calendar year, especially one in which the markets have been extremely difficult, represents a strong faith in the financial viability of the fraternity and the future support of its members.

However, many members sent contributions to the Foundation even without the drive. The following list recognizes those members for their continued support. The National Fraternity thanks these brothers for their continued awareness of our goals and needs.

This fall will see the return of the traditional Phone-A-Thon. Members may also send contributions to the fraternity at any time care of the National Office.

Per Aspera!

Membership levels

Founder's Society: \$500+
Concordia Club: \$250-\$499
Wittenberg Club: \$100-\$249
Patron: \$60-\$99
Member: \$30-\$59
Donor: \$1-\$29

Alpha Chapter

Jonathan Link, Wittenberg Club
Richard Henrichs, Member
Carl Fischer, Donor

Beta Chapter

Dale Siefker, Wittenberg Club
Jeffrey Van Voorhis, Wittenberg Club
Alan Hedegard, Patron
Ray Burbrink, Member
Wayne Schulenberg, Member
Edwin Bescherer Jr, Founder's Society
John Hingst, Founder's Society
James Muhl, Donor

Delta Chapter

Donald Kroeger, Wittenberg Club
Terry Christensen, Wittenberg Club
Oliver Block, Patron
Alan Bauer, Member
Dr. Norman Witt Sr, Founder's Society
Kenneth Schmidt, Donor
Michael Milius, Donor
Milbert Grummert, Donor
Willard Spech, Donor

Epsilon Chapter

Stevin Dahl, Wittenberg Club
Rodney Thompson, Founder's Society
Jeffrey Johnson, Donor

Eta Chapter

Dan Hack, Wittenberg Club
Edward Branhof, Wittenberg Club
Jonathan Schmidt, Wittenberg Club
Alan Hasselbring, Member
Dennis Kinchen, Member
Kenneth Voertman, Founder's Society
Steve Panhorst, Founder's Society

Iota Chapter

David Heisterberg, Wittenberg Club
Warren Pflantz, Wittenberg Club
Robert Glock, Member

Lambda Chapter

Philip Roekle, Wittenberg Club

Theta Chapter

John Koskela, Donor

Xi Chapter

Jay Nigh, Donor

Zeta Chapter

John Reynolds, Wittenberg Club
Larry Wolgast, Wittenberg Club
Roger Diekmann, Wittenberg Club
Larry Dannenberg, Patron
Oliver Hemmann, Member
Paul Mellring, Member
Donald Brinkman, Donor
Lawrence Bullinger, Donor

Chad Pfister Named 2002 Erck Award Recipient

By Rod Thompson, Epsilon, Interim Executive Director

Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity recently named Chad Pfister, an active from Iota Chapter, as the 2002 Erck Award recipient. The Erck Award is presented each year to the outstanding active member of Beta Sigma Psi. The award is named for the late Reverend Erck, longtime Pastoral Advisor to Delta Chapter. The award includes the following wording: "A distinguished leader in church, fraternity, campus and community affairs, demonstrated in assuming leadership, sharing responsibilities, teaching, supporting, caring, and giving of himself while achieving academic excellence."

Chad is a 1999 Knob Noster High School graduate. Chad has been a member of Iota Chapter located at the University of Missouri-Columbia since August of 1999. Chad has served Iota Chapter as Publicity Chair, National Council Representative, InterFraternity Council representative, and for the past two years as Treasurer. Chad attended the National InterFraternity Council's Undergraduate InterFraternity Institute (UIFI), the premier Greek Leadership Academy, and was one of the first mentors for the NIC's Futures Quest, a young leader's workshop.

This was not the first time Chad has been recognized by the National fraternity. At the 2000 convention, Chad was named as the Outstanding Speaker. Chad has also been involved with the National Fraternity by serving on the Constitutional Review Committee, the 2002 National Convention Planning Committee, and organized and coordinated the 2002 Beta Sigma Psi Membership Education Forum and National Basketball Tournament held in February 2002 at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Chad will graduate from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in December 2002. Chad plans on attending the Truman School of Public Affairs for a Masters of Public Administration degree, and the University of Missouri Law School for his Juris Doctor degree.

Chad was elected as a Regional Vice President at the 2002 National Convention and serves on the National Fraternity's Board of Directors. Chad will coordinate activities with Alpha, Eta and Iota Chapters and help facilitate these chapters' programming and interaction with the National Fraternity.



Steve Panhorst is Recipient of the Lienemann Award

By Rod Thompson, Epsilon, Interim Executive Director

The Lienemann Award will be presented to Steve Panhorst, an alumnus of Eta Chapter. The presentation will be at the 50th Anniversary celebration for Eta Chapter during the weekend of October 12, 2002. Please join in congratulating the Panhorst family on this momentous occasion.

Steve served Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity as Chairman of the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation (1992-2002). He created the National Fraternity's 200-page web site and maintained it for its first four years of existence (1996-2000). Additionally, Steve acquired a new membership management and fund raising computer system for the Fraternity and performed all of the data entry and forms/report generation for the first years (1998-1999). Steve also served as National Council Representative (for the Rolla Alumni Chapter and Eta Chapter, 1986-2002) and as a Rituals and Traditions Committee Member (1988-1989). He was presented with an Alumni Volunteer Service Award (1998) to recognize his contributions.

Steve served Eta Chapter as Christian Growth Chairman (1988), Steward (1988), two terms as Treasurer (1987), Checkwriter (1986), Commissary (1986), and Secretary of his Associate Member Class (1985). He received the chapter's Outstanding Scholarship and Outstanding Service awards (1988) and received a scholarship from the Educational Foundation (1987). Other collegiate organizations and honors include Secretary of Blue Key (Leadership Honorary), Intercollegiate Knights (Service), Treasurer of Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science Honorary), Secretary of Kappa Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honorary), and President of Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Honorary). Steve graduated (magna cum laude) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics.

Steve's father, Al Panhorst, is a 1962 initiate of Eta Chapter and was presented with the Lienemann Award in 1992. Steve's mother, Jeanne Panhorst, after serving as National Office Secretary (1986-1992), was initiated as an honorary member in 1992.

Steve grew up in St. Louis and was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement (1981-1995), where he served as an usher and helped to start the young adult group. Steve and his wife Jeni currently live in Phoenix and are new members of Desert Cross Lutheran Church. They were previously members of Esperanza (Hope) Lutheran Church (1996-2002) where Steve served as Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Assistant, Vacation Bible School Teacher, and Webmaster.

For nearly 11 years, Steve worked in technology with Andersen Consulting (now Accenture). He is now a self-employed Technology Consultant focusing on Web development, programming, and networking for small companies in the Phoenix area.

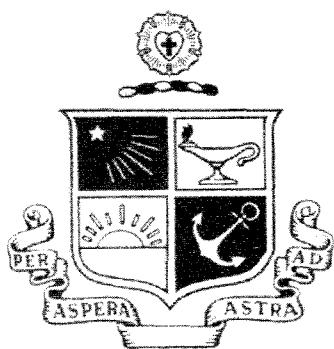
We Will Succeed!

By Larry Edwards, Zeta, and Rod Thompson, Epsilon, Interim Executive Director

An objective evaluation of our fraternity would conclude that we have significant challenges to overcome in recruitment, expansion, funding and commitment of our collegiate members and alumni. Anyone familiar with the history of our fraternity would recognize that we have faced similar challenges at some point in time before. We will succeed in overcoming the current challenges that face our membership today, but we need the prayerful support from all of our alumni across the country.

One of the highlights at the Kansas City Biannual Convention was a presentation to the collegiate attendees by Larry Edwards (Zeta Alumnus, Past National President and Lienemann Award

Recipient) and Scott Gesell (Delta Alumnus) on the history of Beta Sigma Psi. Larry and Scott took turns at sharing some aspects of our fraternity history that are relevant to our present times (see the related article on page 8). Everyone in attendance gained some appreciation for what our founding fathers experienced when they started the



fraternity and how we have survived as a faith-based fraternity over the years, to include overcoming the drastic measures of a depression and the World War II commitment for that generation to serve our country. Our fraternity was founded as a way for Lutheran men to continue their faith journey during the college experience and we will survive only when we are committed to a common bond based on our Lutheran faith and fellowship.

The Biannual Convention was a golden opportunity to have the fraternity's leadership, both young and more seasoned, to meet and openly discuss the challenges facing the fraternity today. There was no agenda for the meeting, just a meeting of minds committed to the future of the fraternity. This discussion is meant to inform our vast alumni membership who were unable to attend the Convention but want Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity to become the focus for a faith journey to young men attending college who are learning to become the leaders in our churches and role models for future generations of Christians in our congregations.

The conclusion reached by the leaders of our fraternity is that we must continue our Lutheran membership commitment for Beta Sigma Psi to survive as a fraternity. Our history is full of examples when chapters failed because they denied the Lutheran membership requirement. Our members who choose another Christian faith after their college experience due to spousal preference can continue their support of Beta Sigma Psi, but this does not change our focus on the Lutheran membership commitment. Our pastoral

ministry helped Beta Sigma Psi begin as a Lutheran fraternity and we will succeed only if we continue with the Lutheran faith as our focus.

A task force has been formed under the leadership of Larry Edwards and John Hingst (Beta alumnus, Past National President and Lienemann Award recipient). Bill Bunte (Lienemann Award recipient and Past Chairman of the Erck Foundation) suggested the principal tasks with the volunteers assisting as follows:

Task 1: Conduct Information Gathering. Keith Dierberg (Iota Alumnus and Chairman of the Educational Foundation) and Al Panhorst (Eta Alumnus and Lienemann Award recipient). This effort will involve analyzing the demographics of our current chapters and determine where the recruitment opportunities exist for the future recruitment strategy.

Task 2: Define Goals and Objectives of the National Boards of Directors and the chapters. Larry Edwards and Scott Gesell. Determine the strategic direction for the existing structure of the fraternity.

Task 3: Establishment of a full time staff position. Rod Thompson (Epsilon Alumnus and Interim Executive Director) and Kirk Meyer (Alpha Alumnus and Past National President). Identify the job description for a paid full time staff director and expectations for involvement with our volunteers around the country.

Task 4: Development of Training and Recruitment aids. Ralph Folkerts (Alpha Alumnus, Past National President and Lienemann Award recipient) and Chad Winterhof (Epsilon Alumnus and National President). Prepare recruitment aids that enhance our efforts to recruit members to our existing chapters and prepare for expansion efforts.

Task 5: Development of a long-range plan for funding these initiatives. John Hingst and Bill Bunte. Identify alumni committed to the future of the fraternity and assist them in methods to financially contribute to the fraternity, such as taxable donations of stocks or bonds, provisions in wills or taxable direct contributions to the fraternity through the Educational Foundation.

How can you help?

These volunteers are energized and will contribute many hours to plan for the future of the fraternity. You can provide assistance in the following ways:

Financial support. Send your contribution to the Educational Foundation today as your statement that Beta Sigma Psi is needed for our collegiate ministry and for the future leadership of our congregations. Mail your tax deductible check to the National Office in Belleville made payable to the Educational Foundation before the annual phone-a-thon later this year. We didn't have a phone-a-thon last year due to the tragic events surrounding September 11. A year without an organized contribution fund drive has not diminished the Educational Foundation's commitment to the edu-

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New National Board Elected for 2002-2004 Term

One of the highlights from Convention was the election of a new slate of volunteer National Officers to continue administering the business of the fraternity.

The table below lists the elected and appointed officers. Additional contact information is located on page 2 of the Gold Rose. Alumni are encouraged to contact the National Officers with questions, suggestions or to find out how you can become involved in supporting Beta Sigma Psi.

Every officer is a volunteer with the only paid position at the present time being a part-time administrative secretary in the National headquarters to assist in processing chapter paperwork and forwarding materials to the appropriate officers.

Brothers continuing their service on the Board include Chad Winterhoff, Matt Kreps, Jim Shildmyer, Del Karmeier, Rod Thompson and Tanner Ehmke.

Position	Filled By	Chapter	Home	Previous Position
President	Chad Winterhoff	Epsilon	Robbins, IA	Regional Vice President
Senior Vice President	Matt Kreps	Zeta	Plano, TX	Publications Editor
Regional Vice President	Chad Pfister	Iota	Columbia, MO	New to Board
Regional Vice President	Jason Davis	Zeta	Overland Park, KS	New to Board
Regional Vice President	Dane Kohrs	Zeta	Manhattan, KS	New to Board
Alumni Vice President	Jim Shildmyer	Eta	Leawood, KS	Alumni Vice President
Treasurer	Del Karmeier	Alpha	Leawood, KS	Treasurer
Recruitment Director	Cliff Ascher	Zeta	O'Fallon, IL	New to Board
Membership Education Director	Jeff Andrews	Epsilon	Albany, NY	New to Board
Interim Executive Director	Rod Thompson	Epsilon	O'Fallon, IL	Interim Executive Director
Publications Editor	Tanner Ehmke	Zeta	Healey, KS	Regional Vice President
Pastoral Advisor	Mark Heilman	Epsilon Pastoral Advisor	Ames, IA	New to Board

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cational support of our collegiate members; however, the lack of an organized fund drive was noticeable in the Educational Foundation's financial statements.

Chapter Visitation. If you are on business travel nearby our existing chapters and future colonies, please contact the National Office and we will help coordinate your visit with our collegiate members. Our collegiate members are anxious about their future employment in the working world and seek guidance and advice for their professional careers, in addition to the advice in managing their local chapter issues and business.

Colony Support. We are looking at expanding our presence at Lutheran colleges and universities. If you are nearby these expan-

sion efforts, your active support of the young men who want to become Beta Sigs is urgently needed.

Reactivation of Chapters. We have many locations where Beta Sigma Psi was previously present on colleges or universities but did not survive for various reasons. Delta Chapter at the University of Nebraska is a primary opportunity for reactivation. Other legacy chapters have potential as well, such as the University of Kansas and others. Please send your name as a point of contact if you are nearby a college or university where Beta Sigma Psi is needed for the Lutheran college ministry.

We are committed and we will succeed. We ask for your assistance, prayers and support. The dream of Beta Sigma Psi is alive and well in our times and for the future. We will succeed!

Managing Risk Protects Our Future

By Matt Kreps, Zeta, National Senior Vice President

The big news story this summer was child kidnappings. A year ago it was shark attacks. Not much before that, the big news story seen every night on every major news station was multi-million dollar lawsuits against fraternities for negligence that led to injury, disability or death.

What made these stories particularly scary was that it wasn't just the chapter being sued. Individuals in that chapter, national organizations and alumni groups were sued. The lawyers went after anyone with money, and they still do.

Beta Sigma Psi has been blessed to avoid these scenarios. Some of that may be luck since many of these incidents happened when chapters were following the rules for risk management. But Beta Sigma Psi has also developed and enforced strict policies designed to limit and avoid situations where these risks exist.

Know the Rules, Then Follow Them Without Exception

The National Council of Beta Sigma Psi again re-affirmed its key risk management policies during sessions in Kansas City this August. Chapters should have already received their annual packet with copies of these policies to be shared with every member of the chapter as well as signature sheets that must be signed by every member of the chapter.

After a few years, it might seem that this process is repetitive, and that is exactly the point. Risk management is a repetitive exercise designed to keep everyone aware of the risks each chapter faces, and the potential costs if someone forgets about those risks. Perhaps one of the best definitions of risk management is identifying potential problems, developing policies to avoid those situations, then constantly educating everyone in the organization about the program.

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Risk Resources

Understand the Rules:

Federal, state and local laws -- Check with your local police department
College and Greek Affairs policies -- Check with the appropriate offices
Beta Sigma Psi National Policies -- Check with the Senior Vice President

Resources:

Your local Greek Affairs office has access to educational materials and speakers. If offered, every member should attend college sponsored risk programming. National Fraternity policies are online at www.betasigmapsi.org.

National Fraternity Contact:

Matt Kreps, Senior Vice President at 214/597-8200 or matt@dk3media.com.

Risks Fraternities Face:

Alcohol and drug misuse
Sexual misconduct
Hazing violations

Accidents on chapter property
Accidents at chapter events
Employee Liability

In risk management, the best defense is making sure the opportunity for risk never occurs. Chapters that follow these national policies, as well as policies created by their local Greek organizations and colleges, remove many of the opportunities for risky situations. Plus, if an accident were to happen and the chapter can demonstrate that it followed the letter and intent of the poli-

cies, it has gone a long way toward protecting itself from legal action. Even so, there are no guarantees in the court system.

Going One Step Farther

This year, each chapter will be asked to appoint an experienced member of the chapter as a risk

chair. This is a new position, and each chapter will be asked to submit a report of this person's activity and effectiveness in August 2003 at the Leadership Academy in order to create a structured position within the chapter governance system.

The risk chair should be a junior or senior who has been a member for at least one year. He should be familiar with the National Fraternity's policies as well as college and Greek association rules for risk

management. These policies include but are not limited to alcohol policies, event registration policies, hazing policies and housing compliance issues for inspections and maintenance. Material has been sent to each chapter president outlining some initial suggestions for this position.

Importantly, alumni committees for housed chapters should have regular contact with this person to make sure the chapter remains in compliance.

The National Senior Vice President will also be talking with each active and alumni chapter about insurance coverage to look for gaps and insufficient coverage. We hope to be sure our future is protected with adequate coverage if an accident were to occur. Compliance with all relevant policies by the active chapter will be an important part of obtaining and keeping this coverage.

Continued vigilance and strict adherence to our policies offer the best protection for Beta Sigma Psi. But it is important the these policies be incorporated into every member's education every year, and we are always seeking new opportunities to improve our programs in the future. The risk landscape continues to change, but the fraternity is well-positioned to protect our most important asset -- the future.

With a little work and smart decision making, Beta Sigma Psi can continue to maintain a safe and memorable experience for all of our members.

Don Scifres Names 2002 Tiemann Recipient

By Rod Thompson, Epsilon, Interim Executive Director

Donald R. Scifres, Ph.D., an alumnus from Beta Chapter, was named as the 2002 Tiemann Award recipient. The Governor Norbert T. Tiemann Award is presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession over a lifetime of achievement. Although Don graduated from Purdue in 1968 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, his achievements met the criteria and the high standards the National Awards Committee have used to evaluate candidates for this prestigious award.

Don earned both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1970 and 1972, respectively. Don received an honorary doctorate from Purdue in 2001 and an Outstanding Electrical Engineer Award in 1992. Purdue has a strong family connection for the Scifres family. Don's uncle, Robert E. Scifres, is a 1938 Purdue graduate who received an Outstanding Electrical Engineer Award from Purdue. Don's wife, Carol, is also a graduate of Purdue. Purdue University recognized Don and Carol's generosity by having a wing of the new nanotechnology center named after Don's father, Ray, a member of Purdue's electrical engineering staff for 35 years before retiring in 1975.

Don is a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, holding more than 130 patents in the field of electro-optics. He demonstrated the first distributed feedback injection laser, now used to carry internet and telephone information over fiber optic cables around the world, and the first cw laser diode arrays among many contributions to the fields of semiconductor lasers, fiber optics and optoelectronic integrated circuits. He has published over 300 technical articles, including contributions to the books *Molecular Beam Epitaxy* (Pergamon Press, 1980) and *Diode Laser Arrays* (Cambridge University Press, 1994).

Don is the co-chairman of the board and chief strategy officer of JDS Uniphase, an optical communications company traded on the NASDAQ with home offices in San Jose, California and Ottawa, Canada. Don founded Spectra Diode Laboratories in 1983, a telecommunications company located in San Jose, California, which later became known as SDL Inc. before merging with JDS Uniphase. Don was Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of SDL. Prior to the merger, SDL was one of the top 100 companies listed on the NASDAQ. From 1972 to 1983, Don held increasingly responsible positions at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, including Manager of Optoelectronics and Xerox Research Fellow.

Don is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Physical Society, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Optical Society of America. He has also served as the President of the Laser and Electro-Optics Manufacturers' Association (LEOMA) and the IEEE Laser and Electro-Optics Society (LEOS). Don has been honored with many prestigious industry awards for the commercialization of

semiconductor optoelectronics and laser technology including:

□1985 received the IEEE Jack A. Morton Medal for contributions to electrically pumped distributed feedback lasers and high-power phased-locked laser arrays

□1994 received the IEEE / LEOS Engineering Achievement Award for development and commercialization of high power semiconductor lasers and their applications

□1996 received the Optical Society of America's SIT Edward H. Land Medal

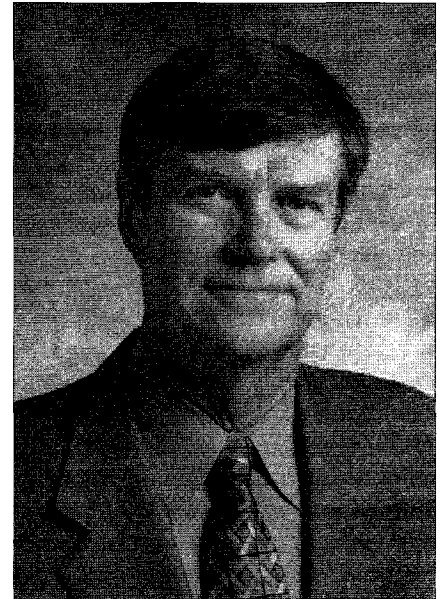
□1997 received the American Physical Society's George E. Pake Prize for "outstanding research in high power semiconductor lasers, the transformation of these research results into commercial products, and extraordinary accomplishment via founding and leading a successful and growing new business based on these products"

□1997 elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering for contributions to the semiconductor diode laser technology. Election to the Academy is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made "important contributions to engineering theory and practice, including significant contributions to the literature of engineering theory and practice," and those who have demonstrated "unusual accomplishment in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology"

□2002 received the Rank Prize Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of optoelectronics. Don was honored for the invention of vertical cavity surface emitting lasers. The Rank Prize Awards were presented at a special ceremony at the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

We congratulate Don on his educational achievements, many prestigious industry awards, his successful career, a family tradition with Purdue University, and now the recipient of the Tiemann Award from Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity. The alumni from Beta Chapter celebrate their Homecomings with gatherings every two years on even numbered years. Please join Beta Chapter alumni at Purdue University's homecoming this year to honor Don Scifres with the Tiemann Award.

Congratulations Don and God's blessing for the future!



Don Scifres, Beta 196X, will receive the 2002 Tiemann Award recognizing lifetime achievement at Purdue's Homecoming this Fall.



Charitable Giving: Do It with Purpose and Planning

Financial experts estimate that, in the next 10 years, up to \$10 TRILLION will be transferred through the estates of individuals. Their loved ones, as well as the government, are likely beneficiaries-but not exclusively. In addition, more and more people are bequeathing a portion-and sometimes a very substantial portion-of their assets to charitable organizations and other causes they hold dear.

Why Giving Takes Planning

Whether you are pursuing your short- or long-term giving goals, planning is important. Why?

Giving should be a behavior that reflects your values. What kind of message do you hope to convey through the way you manage and share your financial resources? How do you want to be remembered? Through thoughtful planning, you can make sure such concerns are addressed to your satisfaction.

Loved ones can be spared the responsibility of shaping your legacy. Even though you are known well by your family and friends, they might be unclear about your wishes and goals. Only you can most accurately communicate and put into practice your charitable intentions.

Advance notice of gifts can help recipients make the most of the money. Being aware of their supporters' intentions can provide some helpful context when setting their organizations' sights.

You and your heirs can experience tax

savings while seeing your gifts grow. Giving is primarily a matter of the heart. Regardless, smart decisions around the financial implications of your giving can ease the tax burden on your heirs and possibly increase the final amount received by your charity of choice.

Get with the Program

Many non-profit and financial services organizations sponsor programs that guide philanthropists through the "whys" and "how-tos" of charitable giving. Often, these programs present the benefits of charitable giving in light of tax and other financial implications, introduce innovative methods in gift-giving, and offer workshops to help people prepare their charitable giving strategies.

Good programs also encourage involving the expertise of others (i.e., financial services professionals, accountants, attorneys) in the planning process. If you have not already discussed your charitable intentions with your group of professionals, consider seeking their insight soon.

This information was provided by Cliff Ascher through Thrivent Financial for Lutheran's, the new name for Aid Association for Lutheran's and Lutheran Brotherhood following their merger. If you have additional questions about charitable giving, you can contact a local Thrivent representative in your congregation or find more information online at www.thrivent.com.

Notes from Iota Alumni: 40th Anniversary Plans Underway

C'mon Home:

Mizzou's Homecoming was October 26th. MU took on rival KU and Iota kicked off its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration. The official day of Iota's 40th Anniversary as a Chapter is December 8th, 2002. Join the chapter April 12 for the formal celebration as the chapter marks four decades of Lutheran brotherhood.

The occasion will be commemorated with a banquet on April 12th in Columbia, MO. A fun-packed weekend including a golf-scamble, campus tours and good times with old friends is in the works. More information to follow soon.

For information on Homecoming or the 40th please don't hesitate to call or e-mail Tim Rassbach (314.894.2168 or rass@socket.net).

Specifics to follow soon...

BΣΨ Offers 8 Seminarian Scholarships

The Educational Foundation this year approved a grant application for seminarian scholarships of \$500 each. Beta Sigma Psi will award up to eight one-year scholarships for alumni attending seminary for the 2002-2003 school year. Applications are available online at www.betasigmapsi.org for download.

At least five recent alumni are currently in seminary, and the fraternity hopes these scholarships will further encourage young men to consider service to the church as a career choice. Expansion onto Lutheran campuses such as Concordia-Bronxville and Midland Lutheran College have put the fraternity in a position to encourage and support even more students considering seminary studies on those campuses by offering membership in the fraternity during their undergraduate years.

During the meeting of the National Council in Kansas City, a motion providing for at-large seminarian scholarships for those pursuing studies but who are not alumni of the fraternity was brought forward. After consideration, the motion was placed on the table for future discussion after determining the success of the scholarship program for alumni and to further evaluate the benefits of an at-large program to the National Fraternity.

Discussion of the motion also raised the need for increased awareness of the fraternity at churches sending men to colleges where the fraternity has chapters. Alumni are asked to forward leads on graduates to the local chapter by mail, phone or e-mail. Contact information is located on the back cover of Gold Rose and on the National Web Site at www.betasigmapsi.org.

Beta Sig will continue to fulfill its goal to support its members and the Lutheran Church through programs such as scholarships and service in the future.

Passing the Torch: The Future of BΣΨ

by Cliff Ascher, Zeta, National Recruitment Director

While at the recent Beta Sigma Psi National convention in Kansas City Mo. I observed alumni leaders who were concerned for Their Fraternity. Two of their major concerns were Rush and the future of Beta Sigma Psi. I also observed new chapter officers eager to help make a difference in Their Chapter, looking for guidance from alums that have walked the path before them.

In that discussion, I learned that 73% of our Beta Sigma Psi alumni have gone on to hold an elective office in their church-as Elder, Chairman, Pastor, Treasurer, and Committee Chairmen. My point is just this-They are leaders! They are leaders in their Church; their communities, and their homes.

We too can choose to be great, or we can choose to walk by hoping that someone else will pick up and meet the challenge. As Alumni, we are the glue that holds Our Fraternity together.

As I write this and listen to the September 11th anniversary information on television about those aboard Flight 93, those fallen fire fighters in the towers, those individual heroes who saved other lives, heroes who lived and heroes who died, I am reminded of one very distinct observation-They were too leaders!

I've learned that leaders and heroes are just ordinary people just like you; just like me. Leaders are not simply born to greatness, instead they respond in time of need-in a time of crisis. Beta Sigma Psi is in a time of crisis-we need to ensure we are all actively involved in Rush this year, next year, and every year that follows. We too can choose to be great, or we can choose to walk by hoping that someone else will pick up and meet the challenge.

As Alums, we are the glue that holds Our Fraternity together. We provide the chapter house and its furnishings, we provide the supervision and guidance to the Actives as they sometimes wrestle with problems bigger than they have encountered before. If we are not, we should be! We can provide support to the Rush programs; we can ask about the successes, both large and small; we can provide financial support to ensure a pleasant chapter house in which our members can live, we can help raise funds through direct solicitation and through fundraisers that help involve the entire alumni chapter. If we are not, we should be.

If you live outside of your alumni association area, you can help organize a metropolitan chapter, or branch alumni chapter. If unable to donate time, donate an annual gift back to Your Fraternity. If we are not...

As Active chapter members, You hold the link between the past and the future. You are the ones who set the expectation for your chapter and those who follow in your footsteps. Somehow, people have a way of living "up to" or "down to" the expectations set for them. As actives, You set the standard for Your Rush program. You set the number you hope to bring in your doors. You set the standard for the quality of person you admit to Your House. You set the standard for whether you actively recruit Lutheran's (It is the standard set forth in our national charter), or you allow Your Chapter to take an easy path and simply recruit your friends whether or not they meet your fraternity's expectations. There are a lot of good Lutheran young men out there. We only need to meet them.

These Lutheran young men want to prepare themselves for their future; they want to be leaders in their areas of study, whether in education, business, sales, military, church, or any other worthwhile endeavor. Beta Sigma Psi offers to give them that very opportunity.



You set the standard for academics, and you set the role model for study habits. Does your chapter focus on the social side too much or do they apply themselves daily. Always look at your role in your chapter and ask, "Am I a part of the problem or a part of the solution." I can tell you that 73% of those who walked before you are leaders in their church and want to be a part of the solution.

As Pledges, you too are the future of Our Fraternity along with those who follow in your footsteps. I challenge you to set admirable expectations for yourselves and for your pledge brothers. Then, strive daily to reach those goals, encouraging one another in the process of learning and developing those ties of brotherhood. Help to identify the fellow Lutheran's you want to have in your Chapter House.

Serve your God by being of service to the local church and to the campus community. Serve your family by making them proud of their son by living up to the expectations you set for yourself. It will set a pattern of fulfillment in accomplishments throughout your life. Serve Your Fraternity. Take on those tough challenges. Challenges are what sharpen our ability to react to the leadership demands of the future. Remember you are not alone in meeting those challenges; you have brothers you can call on to help with tough issues.

It makes no difference what our role may be. We all are the future of Beta Sigma Psi. Choose to be a leader, now and in the future; choose to be an active part of what you believe in as a Beta Sig!

Six Beta Sigs Attend UIFI Last Summer

Once again the National Fraternity in coordination with the Educational Foundation sponsored scholarships for Beta Sigs to attend the Undergraduate Interfraternity Leadership Institute. For the past several years, Beta Sigma Psi has sponsored these scholarships as a way to support training for chapter members and to bring educational resources from outside the fraternity into the chapter setting.

Sending Beta Sigs to UIFI costs in excess of \$400.00 per man, but the training is well worth the expense.

Wondering what UIFI covers? From the NIC Web site:

The Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute is a program helping fraternity and sorority leaders transform their communities through values based action for the last 13 years.

UIFI is a principle-centered approach to creating change within a Greek community. Lessons learned at UIFI will be beneficial for a lifetime. UIFI helps participants identify the timeless principles through which they can define themselves individually and organizationally.

UIFI then helps participants recognize how they can act out these principles by honing important life skills in areas such as leadership, group dynamics, service, and organizational change and development.

UIFI also generates a momentum toward positive change in local Greek communities by creating a strong connection among all participants where people feel responsible to each other and to the greater good called "fraternity." Commitment helps UIFI graduates translate their enlightenment into action.

Below are comments from two members of Epsilon who attended UIFI this summer.

From Eric Borchers:

"The institute had such an impact on me that I would like to encourage every Beta Sig with a strong desire to serve his chapter to attend. Throughout the week each participant carried a notebook containing written teaching materials and several journal

What happens at UIFI?

- ☐ Experience team-building at its best with fellow UIFI chapter members.
- ☐ Learn the value of a Greek environment that promotes academic achievement, ritual-based decision making, and a balanced college experience.
- ☐ Be challenged to explore potential as a leader.
- ☐ Tap the power to motivate and encourage others.
- ☐ Experience the excitement of a hands-on service plunge in the local community.
- ☐ Identify what's important to Greeks.
- ☐ Be able to recognize signs of group think that interfere with the chapter.
- ☐ Better understand the urgency for change and personal responsibility to facilitate it.
- ☐ Exchange ideas with other participants and facilitators.
- ☐ Take home a resource kit designed to help you involve others in activities similar to those at UIFI.
- ☐ Leave encouraged, energized, and confident to face the challenges ahead.
- ☐ Identify resources and professionals to help achieve goals and objectives upon returning to campus.
- ☐ Translate Awareness Into Values Based Action

portions for personal entries. We were challenged to write down our thoughts about the various activities and lectures we participated in, especially concentrating on specific changes and actions we wanted to take back to our own chapters. Reading through my notes, I was pleased to find that I have already been fulfilling many of the personal goals I set for myself back in June.

"While UIFI has not been at the front of my mind this semester, the ideas set forth in the five-day institute were so relevant and well-presented that they have stayed in the back of my mind since I returned from Indianapolis.

"The overall focus of the UIFI curriculum is to teach leadership through values-based action. I found this idea to be especially meaningful and significant for Beta Sigma Psi, as our fraternity is founded on the very Word of God, and every move that we make as a fraternity to return to those original Christian ideals is surely a step in the right direction.

"The UIFI facilitators taught values-based action through a variety of methods including large group lectures, large group interactive activities, small group discussions, personal reflections, and a service experience. Some sessions were encouraging; others forced us to take a hard look at the negative impacts of policies and activities in our own chapters and in the Greek community as a whole. In fact, UIFI opened my eyes up to the importance of interaction with other Greek houses, and it also dispelled many of my own stereotypes about members of other fraternities and sororities.

2002 Scholarship Recipients

Travis Bennett - Eta
Eric Borchers - Epsilon
Kurt Buhr - Epsilon
Thor Fox - Iota
Kyle Ronat - Iota
David LeFevre - Iota

"If you attend UIFI, you will meet a dynamic and encouraging group of Greek leaders from across the country, and you will have a great time getting to know them and spending time with them."

From Kurt Buhr:

"My UIFI experience was a fantastic learning and growth opportunity. Through group activities and challenges we as participants were forced to become both leaders and followers, giving suggestions and solving problems as a team, almost before we even knew each other. Time was given for both seriousness and fun, making the five days fly by as one.

"I attended UIFI to make myself a better leader. I returned with that, but also so much more. I returned with ideas for improving my chapter, my Greek community, and my campus, and the motivation with which to implement them. UIFI was one of the best things I could have done with my summer. I recommend it to anyone interested in improving themselves and their chapter, and having a great time doing it."

Brotherhood Updates

Those Who Have Departed

Robert W. Ruder, died August 23, 1999.

Rev. Reuben J. Schmidt, Honorary Zeta 1951, died March 8, 2002. Rev. Schmidt was born July 13, 1918, and graduated from Concordia Seminary St. Louis in 1944. Rev. Schmidt was pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Kansas State University Lutheran Ministries from 1949 to 1956.

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Calling All Duffers!

On July 17th, the Kansas City area Beta Sigma Psi alumni group held its second annual Golf outing at Paradise Point Golf Club in Smithville, MO. Alumni from around the Kansas City area representing six different Beta Sig chapters joined for a little golf, some good food and entertaining stories.

Representatives from Zeta, Eta, Iota, Alpha, Delta and Epsilon were all present for the event. "It's great to have such a wide group of alumni represented," said tournament organizer Brent Toellner of Iota Chapter. "We also had a distinctly different group than we had last year, so hopefully everyone who has played in the event will continue to come and bring in more of their fellow brothers. That's the best way for the event to grow."

The foursome of Andy Green (Zeta), Kevin Bosworth (Delta), Kurt LaCoste (Epsilon) and Gordon Rames (Zeta) took home first prize for the tournament with a low score of nine under par. The threesome of Brent Toellner, Pete Reithmeier and Doug Neeb (all of Iota Chapter) finished second.

Last year, all of the proceeds from the golf outing were given in the name of Beta Sigma Psi to Kansas City Lutheran High School - a tradition Toellner said he hopes to continue. "We had a team cancel at the last minute this year so we weren't able to make any money. However, our hope is to continue doing this tournament as a fundraiser for an area Lutheran charity.

Alpha Alumni Meeting Oct. 25

Alpha Alumni will attend homecoming Oct. 25-27. The fall business meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Chapter house on Oct. 25. More information is available online at the Alpha Alumni Web site at <http://www.geocities.com/alphaalumni/>.

2003 MEF/NBT at Iota

The 2003 Membership Education Forum and National Basketball Tournament will once again be held at the University of Missouri-Columbia. It will be held from January 31 to February 2. This is a little earlier than normal but it is the best weekend for the majority of chapters, so we hope that you will plan accordingly to attend the event. More detailed information will be released in October.

The MEF will include a \$10 registration fee per member that attends, covering the costs of the weekend, as well as a t-shirt. The basketball tournament entry fee will be \$50 for the first team, and \$25 for each additional team. Once again a block of rooms reserved at the Day's Inn Conference Center at \$54.95/night; reservations can be made by calling (573) 445-8511 and should be done by January 15, 2003. A preliminary schedule is below.

Questions concerning the event can be directed to cpfister@socket.net. Please also send any topics which you wish to have talked about during the Membership Education Forum.

Friday, January 31

Evening Social Gathering at Iota Chapter House

Saturday, February 1

8 am – Noon	Membership Education Forum at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch w/ Featured Speaker
2 pm – 7 pm	National Basketball Tournament at MU Student Rec Center
7 pm – 9 pm	Brotherhood Event

Sunday, February 2

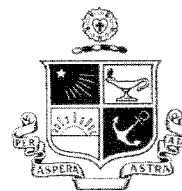
8:30 am – Noon Attendance at Various Churches

Delta Re-Colonization Plans in Progress

The Lincoln Alumni in conjunction with neighboring Active chapters have been pursuing re-colonization at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

The new and unique Chapter concept was discussed at a meeting on September 7th in Lincoln. Further re-colonization meetings will be held on October 13th and at Homecoming on November 9th. Both events will be held at the Lutheran Student Center. (535 N. 16th @ UNL!)

Interested parties may contact Lee Anderbery, 402-421-1460 or email at studebankr@aol.com, or contact Roy Josoff Jr. 402-643-9014 or email at rjosoffjr@highplains.com. Details about the Homecoming event will be published on the Lutheran Student Center Website (www.lutheranstudentcenter.com).



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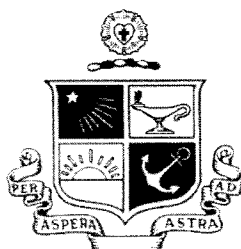
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