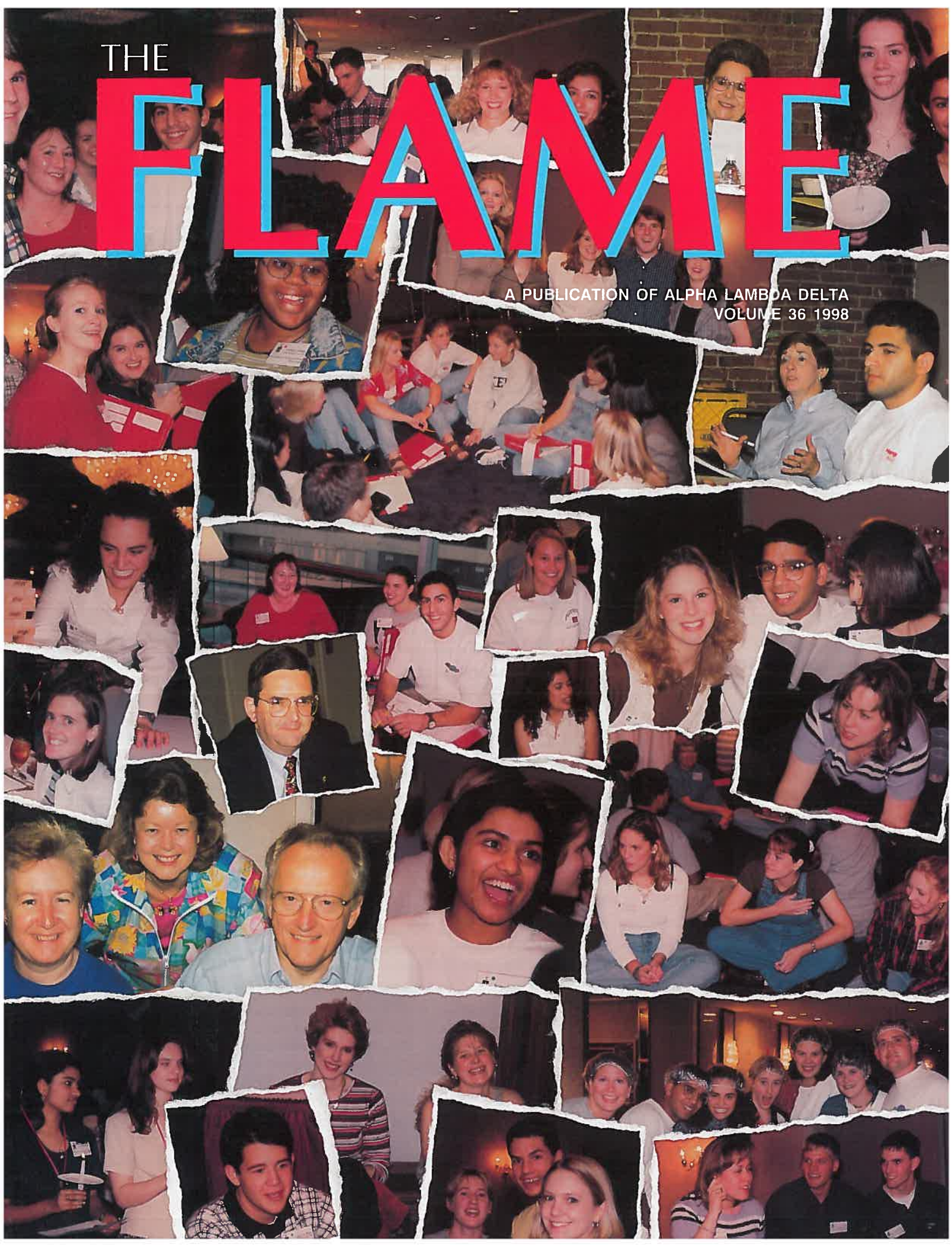


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FROM THE EDITOR

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

*Dean Dorothy Anderson Retires as National President
Dr. Patricia Graham Installed as New National President*

Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Meets in Philadelphia

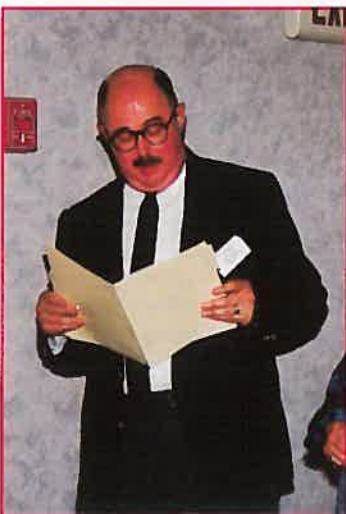
In June of 1997, the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for three days to conduct the annual business of the Society. Budgets were discussed, the annual National Leadership Workshop was planned, and strategies for increasing membership were advanced. We welcomed Ms. Heather Hartland as Student Member-at-Large and expressed our great appreciation to Dr. Susan Melson Thompson of Purdue University and Ms. Kori McKune of the University of Portland as they leave active Council service.

Dean Dorothy M. Anderson Retires After Six Years as National Council President

After 14 years of service to the Council and six years as Council President, Dean Dorothy M. Anderson of Susquehanna University retired from service to National Council. At a banquet which concluded this year's Council meeting, friends and relatives of Dean Anderson and Council members, current and past, congregated to say "thank you" for her years of service to Alpha Lambda Delta.



Mrs. Mary Jane Cross, Dean Anderson's sister, was one of many family and friends who attended the closing banquet.



Dr. Michael R. Nichols, Editor, reads the resolution recognizing Dean Dorothy Anderson's many accomplishments for Alpha Lambda Delta.

Dean Anderson is a graduate of Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and has spent most of her professional career there. She received her M.A. from Syracuse University where she worked as program coordinator, hall director, and student assistant in the Dean of Women's office. In 1967, she returned to Susquehanna as Assistant Dean of Women. She was later appointed as Dean of Freshmen, and in 1980, she was appointed Dean of Students. In this role she supervises residential life, campus activities, the Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning, the Counseling Center, the Health



The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society: l to r: Ms. Kori McKune, Dr. Elizabeth Broughton, Dr. Susan Melson Thompson, Dr. Margie Wade, Dr. Mike Nichols, President Patricia Graham, Ms. Heather Hartland, Out-going President Dorothy Anderson, Sean Armin, Executive Director Glenda Earwood-Smith, Dr. James Stemler, Dr. Patrice Berger, Dr. Barbara Mann, and Dr. Butch Hill.

Center, Public Safety, Multicultural Affairs, and Career Services. She also manages the disciplinary system, coordination of advising assignments, orientation, advising the Student Government Association and other campus organizations, as well as advising and counseling students.

She is a member of many professional organizations and is currently President-Elect of the Selinsgrove Rotary Club and a member of the SUN Home Health Board of Directors. She holds honorary membership in Phi Gamma Mu and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Editor Mike Nichols prepared the following resolution which was read at the closing banquet this summer. It summarizes what many Alpha Lambda Delta members have felt over the years.

A Resolution for Dean Dorothy M. Anderson Presented at the Closing Banquet of the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for Freshmen June 21, 1997

Whereas...

Dean Dorothy M. Anderson has given generously of her time and talent to Alpha Lambda Delta: Twenty years of service to the Chapter at Susquehanna University, fourteen years of service to the National Council with six years as its President.

Whereas...

In addition to her administrative ability and years of service, Dean Anderson's personal qualities have endeared her to

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Council members past and present. Among these are:

the joy and optimism with which she tackles any job; her ability to facilitate meetings where decisions are made and tasks are completed with everyone feeling included, valued, and listened to; the obvious pride she takes in her family and their accomplishments and triumphs

her sense of humor—a must for an Alpha Lambda Delta National Council President and a Dean of Students. We have never seen her take herself too seriously. Her integrity and innate sense of fairness that permeates all she does



New President Dr. Patricia Graham, Assistant to the President for Planning and Special Programs at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and out-going President Dorothy Anderson, Dean of Students at Susquehanna University.

So, Be it resolved that...

National Council and Alpha Lambda Delta members everywhere owe a great debt of gratitude to Dean Anderson for her legacy of leadership, energy, and laughter. She leaves us this date as President, but she will always be our friend.

The Torch Passes

Prior to the installation of Dr. Patricia Graham as President of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta, Dean Anderson made these closing comments:

"As I prepare to leave office of Alpha Lambda Delta, I have to say WOW! - what a terrific meeting we've had! Council Members will recall that I started the meeting with



Life long friendships are represented by Council members Heather Hartland, Kori McKune, President Patricia Graham, Vice President for Finance and Long Range Planning Dr. Margie Wade, Council Member Sean Armin, and out-going President Dean Dorothy Anderson.

words from the Officer Installation portion of our ritual: "The group has chosen its leaders, and for those who have been chosen, the responsibility is great. Both the successes and the failures of the group will be attributed to you."

Noting those "heavy" words as we close our meeting, it is a good feeling to know that we are able to do so knowing that we have every reason to feel we have all fulfilled our responsibilities in grand style.

During this year of moving the office and total staff transition, we have had our largest membership ever (20,955); we've learned our perpetual fellowship funds are very close to one million five; made plans for our 75th anniversary that include raising our annual expenditures for fellowships to \$75,000 by 1999, including for the first time, undergraduate scholarships! We've also engaged in successful fund raising, and, I'm happy to announce to Barb Quilling that over \$19,000 has been raised for the fellowship named in her honor. It's also a pleasure to have Nicole Heath, the first Barbara P. Quilling fellowship holder, with us tonight.

As I leave office at a time when opportunities and new challenges abound for the Society, I do so knowing that the Society is in terrific hands, with a Council that knows that things are accomplished by WE, and not by any one person.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as National President of Alpha Lambda Delta."



Ms Nicole Heath, who entered medical school in the fall, and Mrs. Barbara Quilling, former Executive Director of National Alpha Lambda Delta, attended the closing banquet. Ms. Heath is the first recipient of the Barbara Quilling Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship. Since retirement, Mrs. Quilling has stayed very busy traveling, making presentations to various professional organizations, serving as Vice Chair of Historic Preservation in Muncie, Indiana, doing on-air volunteer work for public radio, and reading to Head Start students in the public schools.



Participating in a great closing banquet for the 1997 Annual Meeting of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta were Council members Kori McKune, Heather Hartland, Former Executive Director Barbara Quilling, Council Member Sean Armin, and Nicole Heath, the first recipient of the Barbara P. Quilling Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship.

Dr. Patricia A. Graham Installed as President of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council

Dr. Graham is the Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs for Planning and Special Programs at the University of

Texas at San Antonio. She has been with the University since 1974. Prior to employment at UT-San Antonio, she was Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Education at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Graham received her B.S. in Business Administration and History from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and her M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction is from the University of Texas at Austin. She conducts seminars and workshops and speaks throughout the United States and internationally on topics of decision-making, performance appraisal, stress and time management, and values education. The majority of her publications are in the area of values education. Dr. Graham is also the Administrative Advisor at UTSA for two national honor societies, Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Chi, and the UTSA Ambassadors.

A member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma, Dr. Graham is active in the National Association of Women in Education, and served as the state president of the Texas Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors. A National Council member of Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society

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Resolution of Appreciation For Dr. Susan Melson Thompson June 21, 1997

Prepared by Dr. Margie Wade
Alpha Lambda Delta Vice President
For Finance and Long Range Planning

Whereas, Susan Melson Thompson has served Alpha Lambda Delta as a chapter advisor at Purdue University and a Member-at-Large on the National Council,

Whereas, Susan has brought her leadership and insight to the work of the Fellowship committee serving as a member for one year and as chair for two,

Whereas, Susan has shared her enthusiasm, generous spirit, and interest in others with her fellow council members, enriching our time together,

Whereas, Susan's wide network of friends has allowed her to enhance her enjoyment of each Council meeting location and explore new places,

And whereas, we are pleased to learn that Susan will maintain her affiliation with Alpha Lambda Delta as she resumes her service as Administrative Advisor to the Purdue chapter,

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta express their appreciation to Susan for her friendship and for her valuable service and many contributions to our society. We look forward to our continued association.



Resolution of Appreciation For Kori McKune June 21, 1997

Prepared by Sean Armin
Alpha Lambda Delta National Council
Student Member-at-Large

Student Member-at-Large, Kori McKune, has graciously served on the ALD National Council for the past two and a half years. As the chair of the Order of the Torch Committee, she has aptly organized and coordinated the efforts of the other committee members in conducting an impartial evaluation of the applicants. Kori has also participated in the demanding selection process of ALD Fellowship recipients and the new Student Member-at-Large. Her contribution to the Council has not just been limited to her extensive involvement in the various committees, but has also been through her innovative ideas, constructive remarks, and her consistent input on issues. Most importantly, her caring personality and her accessibility have brought joy and pleasure to the Council members.

Be it resolved that the ALD National Council greatly appreciates the dedication of Kori McKune to ALD and its goals. ALD is grateful to her for her work as a Council Member-at-Large. Kori will surely be missed.

Party On!!! But don't ever forget your friends at the ALD National Council.



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from 1969-1972, she currently serves on the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta as the National President. She previously served on the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council as Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion and as a district adviser. Dr. Graham also is serving a four-year term on the National Council of Alpha Chi Honor Society for Juniors and Seniors.

Reflecting on her new role as National Council President, Dr. Graham writes:

"What an exciting time the June 1997 Alpha Lambda Delta National Council meeting in Philadelphia was! Those of us privileged to serve on the Council felt we were at an important milestone in the life of our honor society.

- *Society membership is at an all time high with an annual membership in 1996-1997 of 20,955 deserving college freshmen*
- *Preparations are well underway for the Society's 75th anniversary celebration in 1999*
- *The Society has surpassed its endowment goal of \$1,000,000*
- *This year the Society had a record number of donations to the Fellowship Fund for the Barbara P. Quilling Fellowship*
- *Approval was granted to increase the amount of the Maria Leonard Fellowship, beginning in 1999, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of Alpha Lambda Delta*
- *The Council voted to establish an undergraduate scholarship program in the academic year 1998-1999 to provide a scholarship of \$1,000 each to 20-25 juniors who have completed their year of active membership*

The Council meeting was also an opportunity to thank

Dorothy Anderson for her many years of service to Alpha Lambda Delta. Dottie served fourteen years on the National Council, starting as a District Adviser and ending with six years as the National President. Throughout her tenure with Alpha Lambda Delta, Dottie exhibited exceptional organizational skills, administrative expertise, and a fantastic ability to work with people.

Thanks to Dean

Dorothy M. Anderson for what she has done and will continue to do for Alpha Lambda Delta and the thousands of deserving freshmen.

I am delighted to assume the role of National President of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. The Society is strong and well grounded with roots in the past, a solid trunk in our present, and branches reaching to the future. We have an organization poised and able to move into the new century. As we approach our 75th anniversary, the future is bright. I'm glad to be a part of this organization that recognizes and celebrates academic excellence."

The Alpha Lambda Delta National Council is seeking applications and/or nominations for National Council Member-at-Large to serve from 1998 to 2001. National Council members attend the annual National Council meeting in late June. Nominations must be submitted by May 30, 1998 to National Alpha Lambda Delta P.O. Box 4403 Macon, GA 31208-4403

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ANNIVERSARY CHAPTERS

The following chapters are celebrating significant milestones in their history this academic year

10 years - Cumberland University (Apr.); University of North Carolina-Greensboro (May); University of Pittsburgh - Bradford (Apr.); Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Sept.); University of Southern Colorado (Feb.); Wesleyan College (Oct.)

25 years - Central Oklahoma Univ. (Nov.); Midland Lutheran College (Nov.); Oral Roberts University (Nov.); Radford Univ (Oct.); Tennessee Technological University (Nov.); Valdosta State University (Feb.); Western Carolina University (Oct.)

30 years - Carson Newman College (Nov.); Carthage College (Nov.); Georgetown College (Nov.); Indiana State University (Nov.); Lamar University (Nov.);

Murray State University (Nov.); Nicholls State University (Dec.); University of CA-Santa Barbara (Nov.); University of Incarnate Word (Dec.); Wayne State University (Nov.); Wittenburg University (Nov.)

40 years - Arizona State University (Feb.); Baylor University (Apr.); Central Methodist College (Mar.); University of Memphis (Apr.); Regis College (Mar.); Samford University (Sept.)

50 years - University of Nebraska - Lincoln (Feb.); Willamette University (Apr.)

60 years - Bucknell University (May); Coe College (Apr.); Drake University (May)



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by *Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith*
Executive Director
National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

Congratulations to you on achieving membership in a national honor society during your first year of college! That is a remarkable feat—an accomplishment that only 15% of college freshmen achieve!

I am very pleased to be serving as the Executive Director of National Alpha Lambda Delta. My association with this honor society began during my freshman year at Auburn University when I was initiated while Dean Katharine Cooper Cater was serving as ALD National President. One of our 16 fellowships is named after Dean Cater.

The National Headquarters of the Society is now located in Macon, Georgia, on the campus of Mercer University. We are working to improve services to the chapters by making better use of technology. We hope that you will visit our web site at: www.mercer.edu/ald often to find out what is happening on the national scene. We also hope that your chapter will develop a web site and link it to the national site. Please let us know when your chapter site is up so we can link it to the national site.

This year's student leadership and programming workshop was a great success in Dallas, Texas, with over 110 participants. Next year's workshop will be held in Denver, Colorado, on October 23 - 25. We hope that you will begin making plans to send two officers to the Denver workshop.

In 1999, Alpha Lambda Delta will celebrate its 75th anniversary! The National Council is planning several special activities throughout the year:

- April 19 - 25, 1999 will be National Alpha Lambda Delta Week! Chapters are encouraged to have special activities and celebrations to promote Alpha Lambda Delta during that week.
- Additional travel monies will be available to support the travel of National Council members to be a part of your chapter's initiation activities during the year. The chapter can ask that a member of the National Council come to the campus and the National Council will cover the transportation cost.

- The Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois is planning a special initiation ceremony and workshop for the weekend of April 23 - 25, 1999.
- The National Council will have a special anniversary party for past Presidents and Council members at the June 1999 Council meeting in Cincinnati.
- St. Louis will be the scene for the 1999 October Leadership Workshop!
- Special certificates, special jewelry, a poster for each chapter, a booklet on 75 Years in Alpha Lambda Delta, and a banner will also commemorate the 75th year of our Society.



But best of all, during the 75th anniversary year, Alpha Lambda Delta will begin offering 20 to 25 TROW UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS of \$1000 each! Students inducted during 97-98 who have completed their active year of membership in ALD will

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be eligible to participate in the national competition for these new scholarships in 1999.

In addition to the new Trow Undergraduate Scholarships, one of the 16 graduate fellowships will be raised to \$5000 while the remaining 15 fellowships will continue at \$3000 each.

This significant increase in financial awards is possible because of the support and generosity of ALD chapters, former advisors, national council members, friends of the Society, and the wise and prudent investment policies of the Council over

the years. THANK YOU for investing in the future!

I would like to challenge your chapter to consider honoring significant administrators and faculty members on your campus with membership as an honorary member of Alpha Lambda Delta. There is no charge for honorary memberships and there are certainly individuals on your campus worthy of honorary membership. Be sure to include one or two new honorary members when your chapter conducts your next initiation!

Let us know in the National Office if we can be of service to you!

The Flood

Colorado State University Loses Archives and Charter

by Linzi Cross

July 28, 1997 was quite an eventful day in Ft. Collins, Colorado. This was the day of the big flood. Now, I don't know much about precipitation measures, but from 5:50 until 11:00 pm, 5.31 inches of rain fell. This was the largest rainfall for a six hour period in a 108 year history in the Ft. Collins area. The flood was due to a small creek, called Spring Creek, that caused a massive problem. The water flooded the Colorado State University campus and a nearby trailer park. There were five deaths that occurred in the trailer park, but, luckily, none on campus.

Water raged through the campus, missing the residence halls, and making its way to the heart of campus. The major areas that were affected were the Lory Student Center and the Morgan Library. The student center has a lower basement-type level, that was completely wiped out. The basement consisted of a restaurant, bowling alley, various student organization offices, and the university bookstore. Books and bowling pins were found as far as a mile away from campus. Windows were shattered and the contents of the lower level were soon to be found on the front lawn of the student center. The library was also severely affected; an estimated 500,000 books were damaged. Many departments were left without resources and students were left with the option of finding books on their own or taking a bus to the University of Colorado in Boulder to use their library. This

interlibrary loan program will cost approximately \$4.8 million dollars.

The bookstore lost \$5 million dollars in inventory; \$8.4 million in business revenues. The first week of class there was a two hour wait to buy books-if they were even there. This caused for some interesting conversations comparing flood stories with patient students.

The total estimated damages were \$160 million dollars, including 25 damaged buildings and 13 closed buildings.

Now, how does this all relate to Alpha Lambda Delta? Along with countless other organizations, Alpha Lambda Delta had its office in the basement of the student center. Consequently, we lost everything. We lost membership lists, initiation supplies, and our original charter. I had the privilege to attend the Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas this October and was able to talk about my experience with the flood and how it affected Alpha Lambda Delta. Much to my surprise, I received a brand new, beautiful replication of the original 1956 charter!

Life at Colorado State University has been a little different, unexpected, and difficult at times. However, everyone has been wonderful in helping us get back to our feet, dry out, and

return to 100%. These things are possible with the help of generous individuals, such as those at Alpha Lambda Delta. Thanks again for the support and for a wonderful time in Dallas!



Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith, ALD Executive Director, presents Linzi Cross a new charter for Colorado State University at the Annual National Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas. The original charter, along with valuable records and archives, were lost in the flood of 1997.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE EVER

Alpha Lambda Delta 1997 National Leadership Workshop Held in Dallas, Texas

Over 130 students and advisers from Alpha Lambda Delta Chapters throughout the United States met in Dallas, Texas, from October 17-19 for the annual National Leadership Workshop.

The workshop is designed to bring together members and advisers to network and share ideas for creative programming, fundraising, membership recruitment, chapter projects, enhancing the learning environment of their institutions, and community involvement.



Harrison Greenlaw of the University of South Carolina was selected Alpha Lambda Delta, Outstanding Advisor of the year.

ALD Executive Director, Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith, welcomed participants at the Dallas Grand Hotel and introduced Dr. Mike Nichols, ALD Editor, who presented "The Weirdest Speech About Leadership You've Ever Heard," which challenged members to take care of themselves and to build a leadership team that would be intact

when their terms of office are over!

Patricia Graham, Alpha Lambda Delta's National Council President, presided over get-acquainted mixers, skit practices, and Games Night. In the course of just a few hours strangers became friends with lots in common and much to share.

Saturday activities began with workshops on varied topics such as

- "Using the World Wide Web to Enhance Your Chapter's Image" led by ALD Council Members Dr. Butch Hill, Ohio University, and Ms. Heather Hartland.
- "How We Won the Order of the Torch: Suggestions for Creative Programs" moderated by National Council Member



Advisors from throughout the United States met in Dallas with ALD National Council Members and the Executive Director.

Sean Armin with representatives from Miami University of Ohio, Valparaiso University, UCLA, and the University of Montana at Bozeman.

- "Chapter Activities" with Harrison Greenlaw, University of South Carolina, this year's Alpha Lambda Delta Outstanding



The winners of the 1997 Song Contest!

Advisor Award recipient, and Dr. Patricia Graham, University of Texas at San Antonio and ALD National Council President.

- "Running Successful Meetings" with Dr. James Stemler, University of Portland, and ALD Vice President of Chapter Relations and Expansion.
- "Finances: Fund Raising, Dues, and Budgeting" with Dr.

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Elizabeth Broughton, Eastern Michigan University and ALD National Council Member.

- "Member Motivation" led by Dr. Patrice Berger, University of Nebraska, and ALD National Council Member.
- "Recruitment of New Members and Public Relations" led by Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson, Jackson State University and ALD National Council Member, and Dr. Mike Nichols, ALD Editor.

After a luncheon and the traditional T-shirt exchange, members



Would you believe costumes for the song contest!?

were free to tour Dallas, including the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Museum. Members of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter of Southern Methodist University were on hand to help lead the tours. Advisors met with officers of the National Council and the Executive Director.



National Council Members Dr. Patrice Berger and Dr. Elizabeth Broughton don academic regalia for the "model Alpha Lambda Delta initiation" held at the Saturday evening banquet.

Mississippi. Council Members Heather Hartland, Dr. Patrice Berger, Dr. Liz Broughton, and Sean Armin conducted a "model initiation ceremony."

Harrison Greenlaw of the University of South Carolina was



"Games Night" is always a highlight of the ALD National Leadership Workshop.

presented with the Outstanding Advisor Award and addressed the banquet guests with views on leadership. Skits and the talent contest followed with a dance which went on into the wee hours.

Sunday breakfast closed the workshop with presentations about The Flame, services offered by the National Office, and additional information about deadlines, fellowships, and special programs.



The "T-shirt" exchange is a popular feature of the Saturday luncheon.

There were good-byes and promises to write and to visit from new ALD friends from across the United States.



"Checking in"—over 130 students and advisors attended the annual National Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas in October.



Alpha Lambda Delta on a Commuter Campus Face to Face with a New Challenge

by Tonya Hudgins

Beautiful chapels, spacious green areas, fountains, and dorms filled with students are what most people associate with the typical college campus. However, these images do not appear at Georgia State University. Instead, students see seven story parking garages, endless cement, and school buildings that cover about ten city blocks. To top it off, most students drive an hour or more in Atlanta's rush hour traffic to arrive at such a scene. Why do students commute so far to go to a school so unlike typical colleges? A myriad of reasons can be used to answer this question, some of which include quality education, convenience to downtown businesses (almost half of the student body at GSU are part-time students with full-time jobs), and the variety of subjects that can be studied at an institution of its size. But what about those students who want to live the college life such as being involved in academic organizations (such as Alpha Lambda Delta), Greek life, and dorm living. While GSU is trying hard to improve it's image to young students, there are a lot of obstacles that will remain a problem in turning GSU into a place where young college students can truly experience their college years.

For organizations such as ALD, the set-up of GSU's campus has proven to be a major obstacle in the success of the chapter. In fact, ALD was just reinstalled in the Spring of 1997 after a five year period of inactivity. Approximately seventy-five members were initiated, and six of those volunteered to hold officer positions. This period of inactivity is attributed to the structure of GSU because it is hard to get a group of students in one place at one time.

One major problem is that the college has over 30,000 students and only 2,000 dorm rooms. Students who live in the dorms have

two ways to get to school; they can either drive and pay the fees, or ride MARTA, Atlanta's public transportation system.

GSU is located in the middle of downtown Atlanta, making it accessible to sundry suburbs from all directions. While this location is a great asset for the school, it can be detrimental for organizations since one member of ALD could possibly live over two hours from another member.

This obviously makes it hard to get together outside of school for activities.

Although GSU has many obstacles to overcome to make ALD a successful chapter, it can be done with a bit of "special needs" planning. To help the chapter get started, GSU and ALD sent President Stephanie Zraggen and Vice President Tonya Hudgins to the annual National Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas. The two brought home great ideas, projects, and helpful hints to help get ALD off to a good start! The executive board took some ideas from this workshop and molded them to fit ALD at GSU. One strategy that helps alleviate the misrepresentation problem we have with students attending school on opposite days is to alternate the days of meetings. One month the meeting will be on a Monday, the next on a Tuesday. This gives every member an opportunity to attend. While this may sound confusing, it works well at GSU. Another thing we do is communicate through e-mail. Because so many people work and do other things, it is often hard to find the time to come to meetings or even communicate over the telephone. However, that does not mean those members do not want to be involved in the community service projects and social activities ALD plans. E-mail is a way to send information on short notice. Important information is also guaranteed to get there



President Stephanie Zraggen and Vice President Tonya Hudgins of Georgia State University's Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter got some good ideas for activities and increasing chapter visibility at the ALD 1997 National Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas.

We are saddened to report the death of Ms. Ruth Weimer Mount, Editor of *The Flame* from 1966 to 1969. Ms. Mount spent much of her professional career at The Ohio State University. She was President of the American Council of Honor Societies from 1963 to 1965 and was very active with Mortar Board.



She is survived by her husband, John T. Mount of Columbus, Ohio.

unlike phone messages or word-of-mouth. We do not e-mail the entire group of members; only those who are consistently active. To help get information to nonmember students on campus, the chapter has elected a publicist. The job of making and hanging fliers is a large job at a large school, therefore calling for this position.

Recalling GSU's location problem, we have come up with a way to locate events without forcing people to drive two hours across town. For example, ALD is decorating a retirement home for Christmas. One of our members located a brand-new facility in her home town, an hour from the school. The location was agreed upon by all members to be our "special charity."

ALD is a new chapter at GSU, so the members thought it appropriate to begin with a new charity. The retirement home is

thrilled to have us, being the first organization to participate with them. For members who live on the other side of Atlanta, another member has offered use of her mother's van to meet everyone at school for a car pool to the event. Everyone chips in on gas, they have a good time riding together and can become better friends in the process. ALD at GSU is very lucky to have such wonderful and dedicated members. Although the number of active members is low, the quality of those few make up for it tenfold!

GSU's chapter of ALD may have its problems, but problems will not stand in the way of making ALD a huge success! Because each ALD chapter differs in size and structure, ideas that work on one campus may not work on another. GSU has recognized and accepted this fact, made it's changes, and continues to strive to maintain ALD's high standards of excellence.

United States Senator Addresses ALD Initiates at Long Island University

by Sandra M. Morgan and Benil Abraham

Monday, October 6, 1997 marked Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus' third Alpha Lambda Delta initiation ceremony. The bright early autumn evening befitted the occasion. Forty-two students, including six honorees were initiated into the Brooklyn Campus' chapter of ALD. The highlight of the evening was a speech given by one of the honorary initiates: Senator Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut.

With white candles in hand, symbolizing the light which comes from knowledge, the impeccably dressed members-to-be marched proudly into the conference hall, while family and friends looked on with pride in their eyes. This writer can personally say that as one of the initiates, I felt a sense of accomplishment in my heart that will last a lifetime. Students took the ALD pledge and Dean Bernice Braid, administrative advisor, presented them with their certificates and pins.

Four student members were installed as chapter officers. They are: Raymond Tso, President; Eduard Arabov, Vice President; Varghuese Baby, Treasurer and Sandra Morgan, Secretary. Raymond Tso declared in his acceptance speech that the new members will follow the path established by their predecessors. He expressed that various events are on the year's agenda that will benefit the campus community. These events include a food drive, tutoring, and Toys for Tots, to name a few.

This year six honorary members were inducted into the Alpha

Lambda Delta chapter. They included Dr. Chantale Damas, ALD Faculty Advisor and Assistant Professor of Physics; Dr. Leah Dilworth, Assistant Professor of English; Christopher J. Dodd, United States Senator from Connecticut; Mr. Edward R. Downe, Jr. former member of the LIU Board of Trustees and adjunct Instructor; Dr. Timothy Houlihan, Associate Director of Academic

Advisement, faculty advisor to Optimates (a campus honor society) and adjunct Associate Professor of History; and Dr. Ross Wheeler, Associate Director of the University Honors Program and adjunct Associate Professor of English.

In his keynote speech, Senator Christopher Dodd stressed the advantage of the richly diverse campus population and the importance of learning from each other. Drawing on his experience in the Peace Corps, Dodd ex-

pounded on how the most important lessons in life are taught outside the classroom where they no longer remain theories but must be put into practice. He went on to say, "...you have to find the time in your lives to make a difference. You are endowed with talents, but you need to find some way to take those talents and give something back to the community."

Moving from the conference hall to the Salena Art Gallery, new ALD members, their families, and friends were treated to a lovely reception, where students posed for photographs with Senator Dodd. For most, the memories of the evening will last long after the photographs have faded.



Left to Right: Varghuese Baby, Treasurer; Chantale Damas, Faculty Advisor; Eduard Arabov, Vice President; Christopher J. Dodd, United States Senator, Connecticut; Raymond Tso, President; Sandra Morgan, Secretary



FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS 1998

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA HONORS THE 1998 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARS

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for Freshmen awards sixteen \$3000 fellowships annually for one year of graduate study. Any initiated member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has maintained the academic qualifications for membership is eligible to apply for fellowship consideration as a graduating senior or later. An endowment provides funding for these fellowships. Members of the National Council serve on a selection committee, review applications, and award the fellowships each year.



Philip Brown will use his M. Louise McBee Fellowship to study economics at the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Colorado College. He plans on studying policy development "...to help prevent economic emergencies from occurring and to make international responses increasingly appropriate and less myopic.



Tamara Graham-Voelker is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Hanover College and plans on studying English and American literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received the Mary Jane Stevenson Fellowship. Ms. Graham-Voelker feels that study of literature focuses on the central question of human existence—"What does it mean to be human?" She will study fiction and literature ("the letters to my soul").



Kathleen Burns is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi. She will be studying at the Baylor University College of Medicine toward an M.D. and a Ph.D. degree with her Maude Lee Etheredge Fellowship. She is interested not only in the practice of medicine, but also doing research to advance medical treatments. Her interests include cell biology, protein structure, and cancer.



Robert Grimm is the recipient of the Gladys Pennington Houser Fellowship. A member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Monmouth College, he will study history and philanthropic studies at Indiana University. In selecting this area for study, he says, "I have always loved being involved in volunteer work, and now that I have been conducting research in philanthropic endeavors, philanthropy has largely become my life."



Sonia Chadha will use her Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship to study medicine at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Ms. Chadha is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. Her decision to become a physician was strongly influenced by her summer volunteer work in a clinic in New Delhi, India. "I have found great enjoyment in working with people of all ages, races and personalities. I am now aware that a patient is a human and not just a collection of symptoms."



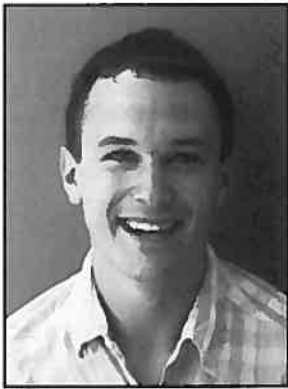
Nicole Heath is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Ball State University. She will study medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Ms. Heath worked in the national headquarters of ALD when the office was located in Muncie, Indiana. She is the first recipient of the Barbara P. Quilling Fellowship. She plans a career as a pediatrician and hopes to implement a program for unfortunate infants to insure their proper immunization at an early age to prevent common diseases and complications. "I believe all children have the right to proper health care, and I want to be an integral part of this cause."



Emily Ann Holmes is a graduate of Newcomb College where she is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter. She will study theology at the Harvard Divinity School with her May Augusta Brunson Fellowship. In making her decision for graduate study, she says, "... I believe that the issue of a woman's place in religious practice as well as the place of the feminine in systematic theology is one of the most relevant questions for contemporary feminist theory."



Karen Powell is the recipient of the Katherine Cooper Cater Fellowship and will study English literature at the University of Delaware. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Louisiana State University. Karen's specialty will be Renaissance British literature which she feels "...offers salient insights into critical elements of human experience, such as love, family, duty, honor, and virtue."



Edward Lain is the recipient of the 60th Anniversary Warner O. Moore Jr. Fellowship. A member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin, he will study medicine at the Baylor University College of Medicine. In making this decision, he says, "... all of the hours I spent observing interactions between patients and their physicians have taught me that trust is a necessity for successful treatment."



Brad Savage is a member of the Ohio State University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. He is a former member of the ALD National Council. He will use his Christine Yerges Conaway Fellowship to study Classics at the University of Washington. Brad feels that the study of the Classics speaks to his "...practical nature but still maintains my idealism."



Caroline Linn is a member of the Vanderbilt University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and will study veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University. She is the recipient of the Margaret Louise Cuninggim Fellowship. Caroline plans on specializing in veterinary cardiology and soft tissue surgery and wishes to teach and do research as well as practice in a university teaching hospital.



Charlotte Schulze-Hewett is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Iowa State University and plans on graduate study in mathematics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has strong research interest in neural networks and developing a method of differentiating between native and non-native English speakers based on a mathematical analysis of the patterns of sound and silence in their speech. She is the recipient of the Maria Leonard Fellowship.



Martin Nyberg is the recipient of the 50th Anniversary Miriam Sheldon Fellowship. He plans on studying biochemistry at Louisiana State University. He is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at LSU. Martin plans on focusing his studies on biophysics—"how cells work and why they work." As an athlete, he is also interested in the ways muscles function, particularly under extreme conditions.



Sharon Selby plans to use her Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship to study law at New York University. Ms. Selby wishes to "...develop my understanding of the nature of law in society, government, and the political process." She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Texas Christian University.



Sarah Triano is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She will study law and work towards a Ph.D. at San Francisco State University with the help of her Gladys Colette Bell Fellowship. She plans a career with "...participation in and commitment to public service activities which help to empower others."



Heather Wilde is this year's recipient of the Kathryn Sission Phillips Fellowship and will study physical therapy at Texas Tech University. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Angelo State University. Ms. Wilde plans a career which will allow her to make contributions "...through research work in the field, as a clinician, as a missionary, and as a professor of physical therapy."

Honorary Fellowship

An Honorary Fellowship was given to **Sita Nataraj**, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the College of William and Mary, to study economics with an emphasis on public policy.

Former Fellowship Recipient Finds Life Work With AIDS Patients

by *Charity H. Bracy*

As a first year graduate student in the School of Social Work at The University of Michigan, I was given the opportunity to experience the four seasons (one of the four seasons, winter, seemed to last longer than the rest). The four seasons, especially winter, was something new and exciting to a woman from California. Aside from the difficulty I experienced being so far away from my friends and family, this year provided me with many positive challenges and opportunities.

1996-1997 Activities

I found myself immediately looking for things to get involved with the day I arrived in Ann Arbor. In no time at all, I managed to commit myself to many "causes" and activities. Like my undergraduate university (UCSB), Michigan has a Best Buddies chapter, so I decided to participate in this program. At UCSB I was active all four years in Best Buddies, a program which pairs college students with people with developmental disabilities who live in the community. My buddy and I had a great time exploring Michigan together. I was also elected Vice-President of the Social Work Student Union, Social Work Representative to the Michigan Student Assembly (all school legislative government), and Co-Chair of the Community Service Funding Board for the university. In addition, I was appointed to the City of Ann

Arbor's HIV/AIDS Task Force.

I have also been kept very busy at my field placement, which is at Michigan Family Independence Agency (formerly Michigan's Department of Social Services). I work in the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Unit where I have designed

and analyzed the results from a quality assurance survey, investigated HIV-related policy both at the state and federal level, and began developing and implementing a "Return to Work" model program designed specifically for people living with HIV/AIDS. Designing the return to work program has by far been the most challenging and rewarding project I have worked on. I have had the responsibility of organizing two statewide summits, preparing funding proposals and grants, and developing a strategic plan, mission, vision, and job descriptions. Probably the most challenging aspect of this project has been taking on the role of "community organizer". This is a collaborative project, bringing people together from

Community-Based Organizations, AIDS Service Organizations, state and local government, public programs and organizations, businesses and corporations, and educational institutions. I am learning very quickly how to compromise, work with individuals who represent a variety of viewpoints, and mobilize a community behind a project.



Charity Bracy, recipient of the 1997 Mary Augusta Brunson ALD Fellowship for graduate study

As a result of this work project, I have been asked by my university advisor to prepare a manuscript for publication about return to work issues, demonstrating the need for work projects, and outlining Michigan's model program (Project HOPE). I have also been invited to present on the subject of work issues and developing employment programs for HIV+ individuals at next year's National Social Work and AIDS Conference. It is a very exciting time for me.

Future Plans

At this point in time, all I am certain of is that I will be graduating in December of 1997 with a MSW from the University of Michigan. There is a strong possibility that I may be staying in Michigan for another few years in order to implement the work project, and assist in replicating it across the state. It all depends right now on the amount of financial support we receive from foundations and corporations. I am pleased to say that the HIV/AIDS Community in Michigan must be impressed with the work I am doing because I received about six unofficial job offers. One of my co-workers said that "Charity Bracy is becoming a household name [in the Michigan AIDS community]". Deciding to stay here would be difficult, however, because I miss my family and friends in California.

If the job opportunities do not work out here in Michigan, my plan is to move back to California and teach for six months, pay off some student loans, and then perhaps travel a bit. What would follow is an intensive job search in both Southern and Northern California, hopefully resulting in a job in the HIV/AIDS arena. I would very much like to work in the Public Policy or Development Department at AIDS Project Los Angeles. I also intend to continue my volunteer work with Best Buddies and

perhaps begin volunteering at the Make A Wish Foundation.

Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, I do not think I am done with school. The plan for this week (my life plan seems to change weekly—too many things I want to do and not enough time) is returning to school in a few years to pursue a dual degree in law and public administration or law and public health. Some of my friends tease me that I am turning into a professional student. Conversely, I have friends in the "real world" who think I am pretty smart for avoiding the work world for as long as possible.

Five years from now, I see myself living in Washington DC, working at the White House Office of AIDS Policy, participating on the President's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council, and strategically planning how to become the next AIDS Czar. Pretty big dreams, you say? I have always dreamed big. And thanks to the financial support, and in a sense, the belief you all expressed in my capabilities and dreams by presenting me with a fellowship this past year, I believe that I can make my dreams a reality. I have never been afraid of a little hard work.

A Great Big Thanks to Alpha Lambda Delta!

The Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship assisted in making these experiences all possible. The Fellowship assisted in alleviating the financial burden associated with out-of-state tuition and graduate school in general, and allowed me to come to graduate school with a sense of accomplishment and prestige. I cannot express enough how appreciative and honored I am to have been given the opportunity to represent Alpha Lambda Delta this past year as a fellow. If I can ever do anything to assist Alpha Lambda Delta in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me. Keep up the great work!

National Council Welcomes Two New Members

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta welcomes two new members-at-large this year: Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, and Ms. Heather Hartland of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Dr.



Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson

O'Banner-Jackson is a graduate of Jackson State with a bachelor's and master's degree in English education. She holds a Ph.D. in English from Southern Illinois University and currently serves Jackson State as Chair of Developmental and Enhancement Studies and Assistant Professor of English. Dr. O'Banner-Jackson teaches literature and writing and sponsors many student organizations including Alpha Lambda Delta. She has

served on numerous University committees.

She is a member of the National Association for Developmental Educators, National Council for Teachers of English, the Mississippi Council for Teachers of English, Phi Delta Kappa (former

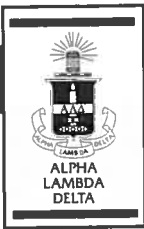
area IV Chairperson), Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, and Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society.

Heather Alice Hartland's hometown is Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Whitmer Senior High School where she was active in theatre, Student Congress, the speech team, Fanfare Show Choir, orchestra, and chamber orchestra. She anchored the school news show and twirled as a majorette in the marching band.



Heather Alice Hartland

At Bowling Green State, Heather is a Presidential Scholar, a member of the Honors Program and the Residential Computing Connection. She also serves as Vice President of Alumnae Relations of Sigma Kappa Sorority and as Alpha Lambda Delta Vice President and Publicity Chair. Ms Hartland has been active in various University and community theatrical productions and plans a career in some aspect of motion pictures, film, or theatre. She has worked as an extra and gopher at HBO production locations and various commercial shoots.



ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA 1998

ALABAMA

- 1 Alabama, Univ of - Tuscaloosa
- 2 Alabama, Univ of - Birmingham
- 3 Alabama, Univ of - Huntsville
- 4 Auburn University (Auburn)
- 5 Birmingham-Southern College (Birmingham)
- 6 Montevallo, Univ of (Montevallo)
- 7 North Alabama, Univ of (Florence)
- 8 Samford Univ (Birmingham)
- 9 Troy State Univ (Troy)

ARIZONA

- 10 Arizona State Univ (Tempe)
- 11 Northern Arizona Univ (Flagstaff)

ARKANSAS

- 12 Arkansas State Univ (State U)

CALIFORNIA

- 13 Calif State Univ - Long Beach
- 14 Calif, Univ of - Los Angeles
- 15 Calif, Univ of - Riverside
- 16 Calif, Univ of - Santa Barbara
- 17 Pacific, Univ of (Stockton)
- 18 Southern Calif, Univ of (Los Angeles)

COLORADO

- 19 Colorado College (Colorado Springs)
- 20 Colorado State Univ (Fort Collins)
- 21 Denver, Univ of (Denver)
- 22 Southern Colorado, Univ of (Pueblo)

CONNECTICUT

- 23 Connecticut, Univ of (Storrs)
- 24 Hartford, Univ of
- 25 New Haven, Univ of (West Haven)

DELAWARE

- 26 Delaware, Univ of (Newark)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- 27 American Univ (Washington)

FLORIDA

- 28 Florida, Univ of (Gainesville)
- 29 Miami, Univ of (Coral Gables)

GEORGIA

- 30 Brenau University (Gainesville)
- 31 Georgia Baptist Col. of Nursing
- 32 Georgia Southwestern College (Americus)
- 33 Georgia State Univ (Atlanta)
- 34 Georgia, Univ of (Athens)
- 35 Spelman College (Atlanta)
- 36 Valdosta State Univ (Valdosta)
- 37 Wesleyan College (Macon)
- 38 State Univ of W. Georgia (Carrollton)

IDAHO

- 39 Idaho, Univ of (Moscow)

ILLINOIS

- 40 DePaul University (Chicago)
- 41 Illinois State Univ (Normal)
- 42 Illinois Wesleyan U (Bloomington)
- 43 Illinois, Univ of, Urbana-Champaign
- 44 MacMurray College (Jacksonville)
- 45 Millikin University (Decatur)
- 46 Monmouth College (Monmouth)
- 47 Northwestern Univ (Evanston)
- 48 Southern Illinois Univ (Carbondale)

INDIANA

- 49 Anderson University (Anderson)

- 50 Ball State Univ (Muncie)
- 51 Butler University (Indianapolis)
- 52 DePauw University (Greencastle)
- 53 Hanover College (Hanover)
- 54 Indiana State Univ (Terre Haute)
- 55 Indiana Univ (Bloomington)
- 56 Ind Univ-Purdue Univ-Indianapolis
- 57 Purdue University (W. Lafayette)
- 58 Rose Hulman Inst of Tech (Terre Haute)
- 59 St. Joseph's College (Rensselaer)
- 60 Valparaiso Univ (Valparaiso)

IOWA

- 61 Coe College (Cedar Rapids)
- 62 Drake Univ (Des Moines)
- 63 Iowa State Univ (Ames)
- 64 Morningside College (Sioux City)
- 65 Simpson College (Indianola)

KANSAS

- 66 Fort Hays State Univ (Hays)

KENTUCKY

- 67 Cumberland College (Williamsburg)
- 68 Georgetown College (Georgetown)
- 69 Kentucky, Univ of (Lexington)
- 70 Murray State Univ (Murray)
- 71 Northern Kentucky Univ (Highland Heights)

LOUISIANA

- 72 Grambling State University
- 73 Louisiana College (Pineville)
- 74 Louisiana State Univ (Baton Rouge)
- 75 McNeese State Univ (Lake Charles)
- 76 Newcomb College (New Orleans)
- 77 Nicholls State Univ (Thibodaux)
- 78 Northeast Louisiana Univ (Monroe)
- 79 Northwestern St U (Natchitoches)
- 80 Southwestern La, U of (Lafayette)

MAINE

- 81 Maine, Univ of (Orono)

MARYLAND

- 82 Maryland, Univ of (College Park)
- 83 Morgan State Univ (Baltimore)

MASSACHUSETTS

- 84 Massachusetts, Univ of (Amherst)
- 85 Mass, Univ of - Lowell
- 86 Regis College (Weston)
- 87 Salem State College (Salem)
- 88 Western New England College (Springfield)

MICHIGAN

- 89 Albion College (Albion)
- 90 Kalamazoo College (Kalamazoo)
- 91 Western Michigan Univ (Kalamazoo)

MINNESOTA

- 92 Mankato State University
- 93 Moorhead State Univ (Jackson)
- 94 Winona State Univ (Winona)

MISSISSIPPI

- 95 Jackson State Univ (Jackson)
- 96 Mississippi College (Clinton)
- 97 Mississippi State Univ (Miss St)
- 98 Mississippi, Univ of (University)
- 99 Southern Miss, U of (Hattiesburg)
- 100 Tougaloo College (Tougaloo)

MISSOURI

- 101 Central Methodist College (Fayette)
- 102 Columbia College (Columbia)

- 103 Drury College (Springfield)
- 104 Lindenwood College (St. Charles)
- 105 Maryville University of St. Louis
- 106 Stephens College (Columbia)
- 107 William Jewell College (Liberty)

MONTANA

- 108 Montana State University (Bozeman)
- 109 Montana State Univ (Billings)
- 110 Montana, Univ of (Missoula)

NEBRASKA

- 111 Doane College (Crete)
- 112 Midland Lutheran College (Fremont)
- 113 Nebraska, Univ of (Lincoln)
- 114 Nebraska, Univ of - Omaha
- 115 Wayne State College (Wayne)

NEW JERSEY

- 116 Rider College (Lawrenceville)

NEW YORK

- 117 Alfred University (Alfred)
- 118 Long Island Univ (Long Island)

NORTH CAROLINA

- 119 Lenoir-Rhyne College (Hickory)
- 120 Meredith College (Raleigh)
- 121 N Caro A & T State U (Greensboro)
- 122 North Carolina, U of - Greensboro
- 123 Salem College (Winston-Salem)
- 124 Western Carolina Univ (Cullohee)

NORTH DAKOTA

- 125 North Dakota, U of (Grand Forks)

OHIO

- 126 Ashland Univ (Ashland)
- 127 Bowling Green St U (Bowling Green)
- 128 Cincinnati, Univ of (Cincinnati)
- 129 Heidelberg College (Tiffin)
- 130 Hiram College (Hiram)
- 131 Kent State Univ (Kent)
- 132 Marietta College (Marietta)
- 133 Miami University (Oxford)
- 134 Mount Union College (Alliance)
- 135 Ohio Northern Univ (Ada)
- 136 Ohio State Univ (Columbus)
- 137 Ohio University (Athens)
- 138 Otterbein College (Westerville)
- 139 Rio Grande, Univ of (Rio Grande)
- 140 Toledo, Univ of (Toledo)
- 141 Wittenberg Univ (Springfield)
- 142 Wright State Univ (Dayton)

OKLAHOMA

- 143 Central Oklahoma, Univ of (Edmond)
- 144 Okla Baptist Univ (Shawnee)
- 145 Okla, Univ of (Norman)
- 146 Okla, U of Sci & Arts of (Chickasha)
- 147 Oral Roberts Univ (Tulsa)
- 148 Phillips Univ (Enid)
- 149 Southern Nazarene Univ (Bethany)

OREGON

- 150 Linfield College (McMinnville)
- 151 Oregon State Univ (Corvallis)
- 152 Oregon, Univ of (Eugene)
- 153 Portland, University of
- 154 Willamette Univ (Salem)

PENNSYLVANIA

- 155 Bucknell University (Lewisburg)
- 156 Chestnut Hill College (Philadelphia)

- 157 Dickinson College (Carlisle)
- 158 Elizabethtown C (Elizabethtown)
- 159 Gettysburg College (Gettysburg)
- 160 Penn State Univ (Univ Park)
- 161 Penn State Univ - Altoona
- 162 Philadelphia Col of Pharm & Sci
- 163 Pittsburgh, Univ of - Bradford
- 164 Seton Hill College (Greensburg)
- 165 St. Vincent College (Latrobe)
- 166 Susquehanna Univ (Selinsgrove)
- 167 Temple University (Philadelphia)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- 168 Clemson University (Clemson)
- 169 Columbia College (Columbia)
- 170 Converse College (Spartanburg)
- 171 South Carolina, U of (Columbia)
- 172 Winthrop Univ (Rock Hill)

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 173 South Dakota State U (Brookings)
- 174 South Dakota, U of (Vermillion)

TENNESSEE

- 175 Austin Peay State Univ (Clarksville)
- 176 Carson-Newman C (Jefferson City)
- 177 Cumberland Univ (Lebanon)
- 178 East Tenn State Univ (Johnson City)
- 179 Maryville College (Maryville)
- 180 University of Memphis
- 181 Tennessee Tech Univ (Cookeville)
- 182 Tenn, Univ of - Chattanooga
- 183 Vanderbilt Univ (Nashville)

TEXAS

- 184 Angelo State Univ (San Angelo)
- 185 Baylor University (Waco)
- 186 East Texas State Univ (Commerce)
- 187 Houston, Univ of (Houston)
- 188 Incarnate Word, Univ of (San Antonio)
- 189 Lamar Univ (Beaumont)
- 190 Midwestern State U (Wichita Falls)
- 191 North Texas, Univ of (Denton)
- 192 Sam Houston State Univ (Huntsville)
- 193 Southern Methodist Univ (Dallas)
- 194 Southwest Texas St Univ (San Marcos)
- 195 Texas A & M Univ (Kingsville)
- 196 Texas Christian Univ (Forth Worth)
- 197 Texas Lutheran College (Seguin)
- 198 Texas Tech Univ (Lubbock)
- 199 Texas Wesleyan College (Ft Worth)
- 200 Texas, Univ of - Austin
- 201 Texas, Univ of - El Paso
- 202 Texas, Univ of - San Antonio
- 203 Trinity Univ (San Antonio)

UTAH

- 204 Utah State Univ (Logan)

VIRGINIA

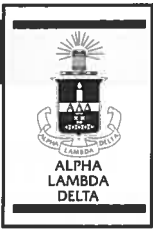
- 205 George Mason University (Fairfax)
- 206 Liberty Univ (Lynchburg)
- 207 Longwood College (Farmville)
- 208 Mary Baldwin College (Staunton)
- 209 Radford University (Radford)
- 210 Roanoke College (Salem)
- 211 Sweet Briar College (Sweet Briar)
- 212 William & Mary, C of (Williamsburg)

WEST VIRGINIA

- 213 Charleston, Univ of (Charleston)
- 214 W Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon)

WISCONSIN

- 215 Carthage College (Kenosha)
- 216 Wisconsin, Univ of - Eau Claire
- 217 Wisconsin, Univ of - Platteville



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The **Bowling Green State University** chapter inducted almost 200 new members during the Fall initiation ceremony. New members are led by this year's officers, President Joni DiRenzo, Vice President and Publicity Chair Carrie Bores, Secretary and Historian Donna Shoenfelt, Finance Chair Natalie Vastano, Service Chair Kate Slagle, Fund-raising Chair Amy Hine, Social Chair Marlene Rerucha, and Tutor Program Chair Mariah Cornwell. This year, officers are working towards greater communication, more social events, and combining fundraising and service events for the benefit of both the chapter and the community.

Successful service events last year included adopting an area of campus to keep clean, participating in the BGSU Dance Marathon to raise over \$102,000 for terminally ill children, volunteering for Coats for Kids, and helping out other campus organizations with their projects. Fun social events included a Polaroid scavenger hunt, scotch-less doubles bowling, and a murder mystery party. The tutoring program has expanded beyond helping fellow BGSU students to an outreach to community elementary and high school students. A new program they created was an entire week of festivities in April including decorating the tree in the union oval, wearing ALD shirts, creating a display case in the union lobby, and painting the spirit rock-all to lead up to BGSU's Alpha Lambda Delta Day, April 18.

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Members of **Carson Newman College's** Alpha Lambda Delta chapter are enthusiastically making preparations for programs and activities for the upcoming year. We are planning a garbage cleanup in tandem with other organizations on campus and efforts to adopt a highway spot are on their way. We are eagerly looking into the possibility of sponsoring a blood drive, volunteering at a home for battered women and children, and sharing time with the elderly in a local retirement center. Also, we are working to produce a monthly newsletter that will circulate to all ALD members on campus. We are looking forward to this year's opportunities to serve others in our community.

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Some of the planned activities at the **East Tennessee State University** chapter of Alpha

Lambda Delta include an open-air question and answer session with the incoming freshmen; tutoring sessions or group study activities near exam week, and perhaps, some joint activities with the other academic clubs on campus.

We hope to represent our school at the convention in Dallas and perhaps compete for the award given to the chapter with the most improvement at the end of the year.

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The **Heidelberg College** Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta had a great end to the year last spring. The prospective members were introduced to the honor society by a bowling party sponsored by the 1996-97 actives. There was pizza, pop, and all the bowling a person could handle. Our initiation was on April 4th. Forty-eight students took part in



Some active members of ETSU's chapter of ALD for 1997-98

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This year in the **Gettysburg College** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, newly elected president Ann Marie Bielli has said that she wants to maintain the high standards that were set by the outgoing officers, who were led by former president Carrie Williams.

One of these traditional events is to recognize any first year student who has been named by a professor as doing outstanding work in a particular class. Another event that the chapter will be doing is having a dinner in the spring semester for those first year students that have received a 3.5 GPA in the first semester. The last event that will be carried over from the previous years is the evening where officers walk around the freshman dorms and "catch" students studying, while rewarding them with a candy bar for their hard work. Additionally, the present officers have initiated a community service event. This year our chapter is traveling to the nearby hospital and decorating it for Christmas to spread yuletide cheer to the ill and injured.

This year's officers, inducted on October 4, 1997, include Ann Marie Bielli, President; Abby Scholer, Vice President; Chris Lunardi, Treasurer; Sabrina Bosse, Historian; Julie Friedland, Secretary; and Josh Eyler, Editor.

the ceremony, which was preceded by a dinner and speaker.

We are currently planning fundraisers and service projects for this fall. One of these is our annual "Boo-gram" sale. People buy bags of candy to be sent to their friends on campus. Homecoming is also around the corner, and we intend to have a float in the parade. Finally, we are also gearing up for another initiation ceremony to be held in October. This ceremony will allow all those who could not attend the spring ceremony to sign the book. It will also initiate those whose grades now qualify them for membership.

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The Alpha Chapter of the **University of Illinois** is off to a great start this year! In addition to our dynamic executive board, we selected a six-member committee of talented leaders who play a major role in planning the new activities and events we have this semester. We have increased our involvement in campus philanthropy, holding at least two service projects per month. As always, our tutoring program has been a success, and we are working to initiate new, equally successful programs. One of our new programs consists of monthly events that give members of the

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Members of the Gettysburg College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta

entire organization the opportunity to get to know one another and share ideas. Our event this month is a movie night held in a university auditorium.

In order to further develop our leadership skills, we are having a conference in the spring



The University of Illinois spring initiation banquet. Left to Right: Patricia Askew, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs; Barbara Quilling, former Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta; Amy Johnson, 1996-97 president; Sue Herbert, Faculty advisor; Richard Scanlon, recipient of Excellent Teacher Award.

semester for members of the Alpha Chapter. Our next move is to expand the attendance of this conference to include Alpha Lambda Delta members from all chapters in the surrounding area.

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Alpha Lambda Delta 1997-98 Activities at Kent State University.

- Monthly meetings of all members were held
- Bi-weekly or weekly officer meetings were held
- **September:** First meeting - snacks and trivia games
- **October:** "Brain Food" Program; passed out Blow Pops to students on campus who were studying.

The message attached to the candy read, "Here's some Brain Food from Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Keep studying!"

- **November:** Members posted flyers in residence halls telling freshman to study hard so they could keep their grades up, thereby being invited to join our society.
- **December:**
 - Members made holiday greeting cards for patients in an intensive care unit of a nearby hospital.
 - Members invited a photographer from the school paper - the "Daily Kent Stater" - to come to a meeting. Consequently, photos were taken of two of our members, and the photo was published.
- **January:**
 - Members held a 50/50 raffle to raise money



Kent State University chapter members, 1997-1998

- **February:** President and Vice President put together a team for campus-wide college bowl competition. ALD did not win and go to the regional competition, but within the University, they were the top organization team. (There were Greek

fraternities and sororities and independent teams there, too)

- **April:**
 - Members initiation: 96 new members, most of whom came to the ceremony, and many of whom joined at a catered luncheon that followed.
 - Members post-initiation meeting yielded about 35 new members - more than we've ever had. Elections for the 1997-98 officers held at April 7 meeting.
 - For the first time regional campus members volunteered to be representatives for their campuses. These representatives will attend meetings at the Kent campus and take the information to their regional campuses as well as coordinate activities in their area.
 - Members volunteered to pass out programs and seat guests at the Honors Week Honors Convocation ceremony, April 13, 1997. (Students excelling in academic excellence were recognized)
 - Members ran a trivia booth at the university festival, FlashFest, and gave away candy to all participants.

The goal for 1997-98 is to spread Alpha Lambda Delta's name on campus and to get members more involved. Members held their initiations earlier than usual this year so the 96-97 officers could train the incoming officers. This has proved beneficial. The new officers and other members were enthusiastic.

Members also plan to continue to participate in a secondary manner after their sophomore year, and the 97-98 group are excited about making sure that happens.

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For family, friends, and the academic elite who represented them, September the 2nd was a proud day indeed. The spectators present raised their cameras high as the navy/black and white clad Alpha Lambda Delta initiates filed into the small Liberty University auditorium, systematically filling their seats row by row.

For some initiates, this particular ceremony was a first time honor society experience; but for quite a few others, this was nothing new. Nevertheless, the excited chatters among the initiates revealed that the students in both categories were happy and proud of their academic achievement and their newly acquired honor society status. The initiation ceremony proceeded as the opening speeches were given by Dr. Pauline

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Alpha Lambda Delta chapter members at Liberty University

Donaldson, Administrative Advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta's Liberty chapter; Dr. Marilyn Gadoski, Faculty Advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta's Liberty chapter; and Dr. John M. Borek, Jr., the President of Liberty University. Afterward, the usual initiation rites were performed.

One aspect that the speakers made imperative to the Liberty chapter is that Alpha Lambda Delta membership should in no way confine us to complacency. Service to our campus and the community is, as the Liberty University chapter, a high priority. Our goals of service include the construction of an on-campus nature trail, and also the sending of Christmas gifts to needy children in impoverished countries through Samaritan's Purse, a children's relief organization.

Aside from service, Alpha Lambda Delta, along with other national honor societies, possesses two chief benefits: prestige and recognition. It is great to be recognized for achievement; but as a chapter, we see that prestige and recognition, as beneficial as they may be, are not enough to build an honorable reputation. Dr. Marilyn Gadoski says this: "People seem to get the impression that honor society members, or the 'smart kids', do nothing but read, study, and wallow in their own glory. But with our service projects, and being truly active in serving and inspiring our fellow students, we, as a Society, aim to prove otherwise."

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During the 1996-97 school year the Louisiana State University Chapter was delighted to initiate over 400 members. Included in the spring induction ceremony, held on April 8, 1997, was also the presentation of several prestigious awards.

This year, we were proud to increase the number of scholarships offered by awarding two Rae Sommer Sophomore Scholarships. Receiving these awards were James Stuart

Ferriss and Kami Michele Hess. The JoAnn J. Trow Award was presented to Debra Ann Cifreo. Jennifer Nicoll, Vice President of the LSU chapter in 1994-1995, was awarded the M. Margaret Jameson Outstanding Officer Award. Ten seniors, graduating with perfect cumulative 4.0 GPA's, tied for the Senior Book Award. They were Mary Dawn Albritton, Leslie Lynn Beard, Ann Hubbard Davidson, Christy Glenda Dimos, Patrice Marie Duhon, Martye Elizabeth Elfervig, Charles Sagrera Nguyen, Martin Erik Nyberg, Karen Elizabeth Powell, and Kelly Lynn Titus. Two of our graduating seniors, Martin Erik Nyberg and Karen Elizabeth Powell, were honored with Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowships.



*Louisiana State University Alpha Lambda Delta officers, old (1996-97) and new (1997-98)
Back: Jason El Koubi, Garret Fougot, James Wood, Middle: Katherine Hollis, Christina Devillier, Julie Bryson, Front: Bevanne Hanson, Ashlea McGehee, Erica Moore, Absent: Granger Harriss*

Following the spring induction, Alpha Lambda Delta members, family, and friends enjoyed a beautiful reception. New officers for the 1997-1998 academic year were also elected. They are Jason El Koubi, President; Katherine Hollis, Vice President; Christina Devillier, Secretary; Julie Bryson, Treasurer; Ashlea McGehee, Historian. This year has been a busy and prosperous year. We are extremely excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities

that it offers our chapter at Louisiana State University!

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The Montana State University-Bozeman Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has had a very exciting and eventful year. Highlights were our 65th Anniversary and winning the Order of the Torch Award.

The fall began with an initiation ceremony involving 16 new initiates. We had a dynamic guest speaker, Jaynee Groseth, Director of Alumni Relations. She gave an inspiring speech encouraging us to go on and do great things. At the remaining fall meetings, we held programs to help with awareness of several campus opportunities. We invited speakers from Study Abroad, National Student Exchange, Orientation Program, and Freshman Seminar Peer Leaders. Also during the fall, we sent two officers, Julie Carlson and Linda Johnson, to the National Leadership Workshop in Baltimore. Both had a great time and brought back exciting and informative reports and encouraged all of us to attend the next conference. Secretary Bill O'Neill took it upon himself to organize a world wide web page for our chapter. He did a very professional job and the chapter is proud to display our activities located at <http://www.studentmontana.edu/~ald>. Once again we sent two teams to support Bowl for Kid's Sake, a program which benefits the Big Brothers and Sisters program in the Bozeman area. Also in the fall, we organized and instituted volunteer tutoring for students before upcoming exams. Vice President Kim Klepzig organized the applications for graduate fellowships and we donated \$100 toward the national fellowships in honor of our 65th Anniversary. Public Relations Officer Amber Metz closed the fall semester by organizing our annual Book Buy Back Raffle where we raffled off a \$100 gift certificate to the MSU Bookstore.

We jumped into the spring semester by initiating about 80 new members. Cake and punch followed a ceremony that turned out to be nearly flawless due to the organization and cooperation of our officers and the new members. These new members pitched in and helped at MSU High School Days. At High School Days, we proctored a scholarship test and held a trivia quiz at the Extravaganza. The winner of the trivia quiz received a \$25 gift certificate to the MSU Bookstore. In March Vice President Kim sorted through hundreds of student records to determine winners for the 40 awards that our chapter gives at MSU's Day of Student Recognition. Four of the awards went to the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior who have

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Montana State University ALD chapter holds its 65th initiation

maintained the highest GPA in their respective classes. Also in March, our Junior Advisor formed a committee to select the winner of the Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship. Our chapter matches the \$150 given by National Alpha Lambda Delta, and this year the award was presented to President Jon Koon. Historian Debbie Zartner began to put together the details for the Order of the Torch application at the end of March, and by the end of April she had organized an outstanding representation of MSU's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. We held officer elections at our April meeting and celebrated with \$2 pizza. The new officers for 1997-1998 are President Duane Ray, Vice-President Dang Duong, Treasurer Jennifer Gates, Secretary Shanna Marsh, Junior Advisor Jon Koon, and Junior Advisor Kim Klepzig. The new and old officers held a training session at Advisor Mary Noll's house where a barbecue and dessert designated a new group to lead MSU's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta onward.

Last summer brought exciting news to our chapter when we learned that we had won the Order of the Torch Award for the first time. Dr. Patrice Berger from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln came to campus to present the Order of the Torch Banner to our chapter at our fall initiation ceremony. Guest speakers at the Order of the Torch ceremony included the Dean of Students Denny Klewin and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Joe Fedock. The ceremony went well and our chapter was extremely proud. As part of the award, former President Jon Koon was asked to speak at the National Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas. He had an excellent time and brought back many stories and experiences to share concerning Alpha Lambda Delta.

As we enter the 1997-1998 school year, our chapter looks forward to continuing our programs and promoting the ideals proposed by Alpha Lambda Delta.

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The ALD chapter at **Ohio University** has been busy in the past few months trying to make this year even more exciting than last.

Last spring after the initiation of new members, we had a picnic with past and current members. The picnic had great food and lots of fun with members playing a variety of games from a water balloon toss to a scavenger hunt. Everyone had a blast and was eager to repeat the fun in the near future.

One of the activities we have planned for this year is the Friday Night Meal at Goodworks, an Athens homeless shelter. We are providing all of the food and preparing it ourselves in the kitchen at the shelter. Members of our chapter have signed up to sit outside each of the dining halls on campus and encourage students to give up one of their meals on their meal plan. The donated meals will then be taken to the shelter where we will cook them to feed to those attending the weekly meal. Any of the meals not used will be frozen and left at the shelter to benefit more people later.

Other activities planned include a dance with other groups on campus, an officer retreat, production of our own web page, and of course, spreading the word about ALD.

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The **Northern Kentucky University** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated approximately forty new members on April 13, 1997. The new members held a pot luck dinner in appreciation of inspiring professors who reached out to our freshmen students on April 18. Since that time we have been busy with other activities. We took part in Freshfusion, a night of fun for the orientation of new freshmen. We had a booth where students could guess how many pieces of candy were in a jar. A reward for a guess was homemade brownies, and the winner received a backpack with the school initials full of school supplies. This was a terrific opportunity to get name recognition on campus! We are also planning in the future to have speakers come to our meetings and give presentations on different activities and opportunities our campus and community have to offer. On September 17, a man involved in the study abroad program came and informed us about the many advantages of studying in foreign countries. It was a terrific program which has many members dreaming of going abroad. We hope to carry on these activities and get new members involved in these activities and new ones in the spring.

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On Sunday, April 6, 1997, 20 students were inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, the national academic honorary for freshmen at the **University of Pittsburgh at Bradford**. The new members were inducted into the society by Jamie Olson, Chapter President, Dr. Holly Spittler, Administrative Advisor; and Isabelle Champlin, Faculty Advisor. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford was chartered as a chapter of National Alpha Lambda Delta in April 1988.

Inducted as honorary members were two members of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford faculty: Isabelle Champlin, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Dr. Hashim A. Yousif, Associate Professor of Physics.

The induction ceremony also included the installation of chapter officers. Officers include Patricia Gelatko, President; Shawna Platt, Vice President; Molly Pistner, Secretary; Erin Moran, Treasurer; Magnolia Hernandez, Editor; and Joanne M. Lamontagne, Historian.

Aimara Gomez-Martin was the recipient of the Senior Book Award which is presented by the National Alpha Lambda Delta office to the graduating senior in each chapter with the highest grade point average. Kathy L. Barrett, Dorothy Belle Craig, Gloria A. Glatt, Aimara Gomez-Martin, Kathleen Konjura, and Laura Reigel were awarded Senior Certificates, given to Alpha Lambda Delta senior members who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average.

Following the induction ceremony, a reception was held for the honorees and their guests in the Special Dining Rooms of the Frame-Westerberg Commons.

On Saturday, October 4, ALD helped the Friends of Hanley Library with its annual Alumni Weekend Book Sale. The proceeds of the Book Sale will benefit the Hanley Library.

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The **University of Southern Mississippi** Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. USM is also proud to announce that the 1996-1997 class with 110 members was the largest ever to be initiated.

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The **Tennessee Technological University** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is off to an exciting start in the 1997-98 academic school year. During this year, our goals have been to promote awareness and visibility, increase community and campus involvement, and encourage academic excellence as well as growth

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and development. Wanting to tell incoming freshmen about ALD, we participated in the New Student Orientation Fair and Carnival. For these events, we decorated tables, handed out brochures, and told the students about our organization. At the Carnival, students could play the *muffin tin game* in order to win cups and candy. Our chapter also gained additional



Tennessee Technological University Alpha Lambda Delta car wash

visibility when we won the best decorated table and received a free ad in our campus paper, *The Oracle*.

In addition to the New Student Orientation Fair and Carnival, we organized a donations only car wash, during September in order to raise money for our chapter. We were able to raise \$100, which we intend to use to accomplish our other goals. The car wash was one of the most exciting projects we have done this year. During this project, we were able to have fun and get to know each other better, while at the same time raise money in order to better our campus and community. In a few weeks,

we hope to decorate and bring baked goods to a local nursing home. Also, we plan on continuing the *Caught Studying* program by going to the library, as well as to the dorms, and giving candy to those diligent scholars who are studying. Through this project, we would like to increase student awareness of ALD and encourage academic excellence.

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Although The University of Texas at Austin chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiates larger numbers of members than most universities, the goal of the chapter has remained steadfast: to attempt to provide a purposeful community on campus for freshman and continuing students dedicated to excellence, to developing leadership skills and service to the greater university community and in the Austin area. This mission can be particularly critical on a campus where the undergraduate population alone is 36,000 (out of a total close to 49,000). Toward this end, the chapter ensured that Alpha Lambda Delta bookmarks were included in the summer orientation packets of all entering freshmen.

We have attempted to maintain some continuity in our community outreach programs, working with a campus-wide organization called Neighborhood Longhorns Outreach Center in east Austin, a primarily black and Hispanic community. We have held multistation, multicultural December holiday celebrations for several years, for which elementary-age school children are bussed in from several local schools.

We also co-sponsored through financial and volunteer support a year-long project in 1996 with Johnston High School, which has the highest dropout rate in Austin. Our advisor

served on a committee that worked for a year with faculty and administrators and a local performance company to "globalize the curriculum." So, for example, geography students built a huge geodesic globe for the school courtyard, journalism classes had guest columns in the U.T. newspaper, *The Daily Texan*, math classes studied conversion tables for measurements and money, English classes talked and wrote about world influences and so on. Alpha Lambda Delta members helped identify faculty who were amenable to do a few guest lectures at the school, and the entire project culminated in three iterations of the World Game being played by the students and facilitated by Alpha Lambda Delta and other honors students at UT. This game, invented by Buckminster Fuller, is played on a gymnasium-sized board, in which participants role play in various leadership positions for the countries of the world. The object of the game is to maximize resources without hurting other countries (would that geopolitics really functioned this way). During the weekend, some 200 of our members facilitated the participation of some 2,000 high school students.

The following fall, the chapter chose to celebrate the conversion of Zavala Elementary School to a community school by hosting a pot-luck supper for teachers, students, and their parents. The community school concept involves keeping the school doors open after the school day for such activities as health clinics, classes in English as a second language, computer class training, civic meetings and so forth, in the hope that parents who may have not been particularly involved in the school lives of their children will begin to think of the educational establishment in a more holistic and positive way, encouraging them to bolster their children and those who teach their children as well. This project seemed a natural marriage for Alpha Lambda Delta, committed to excellence in academic endeavor, but seeking to find ways to connect with the larger community as well.

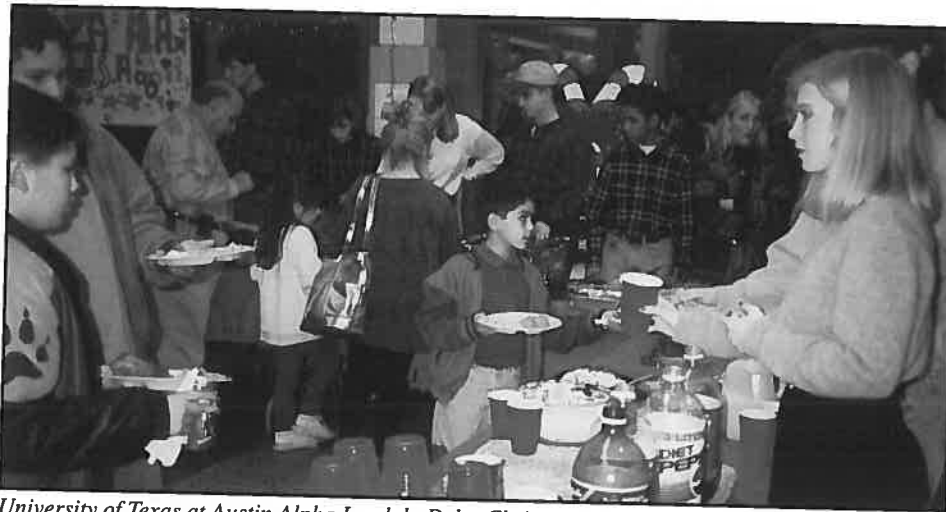
After initiating 571 new members last spring (our spring induction is generally four times larger than the fall induction), the chapter helped welcome and direct participants at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which brought more than 2,500 students and their faculty mentors from across the country to our university to present their research results. The magnitude and importance of this meeting to highlight the value of undergraduate research is inestimable, and many support roles filled by members of Alpha Lambda Delta helped make this a successful conference.

This fall our members have already



The University of Southern Mississippi Alpha Lambda Delta 1996-97 40th Anniversary

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University of Texas at Austin Alpha Lambda Delta Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at Zavala Elementary, December, 1996

participated in the "Hearts of Texas" campaign, manning a large paper mache heart on the main intersection of our campus, the West Mall, to allow students to contribute to the charity of choice through the contribution of their change. Some of our membership also participated in "Hoop it Up" the following weekend. For our larger community service effort this fall, we will volunteer en masse at the second annual Texas Book Festival celebrating Texas authors and benefiting libraries. A few of our members participated as volunteers for the first such event last fall, but this year some 200-300 members, old and new, will participate, primarily in the Children's Tent activities, featuring renowned San Antonio author Naomi Shihab Nye. This project is the brainchild of Texas' First Lady Mrs. George W. (Laura) Bush, and Alpha Lambda Delta is most pleased to participate in this state-wide initiative.

In response to the fact that two of our members won national awards last year, Chapter President Katherine Patten being selected for a Jo Anne J. Trow award and Edward E. Lain receiving the Warner O. Moore Fellowship to attend The University of Texas Health Science and Medical Center in Houston, the chapter has decided this year, in addition to continuing our \$500 award to an outstanding sophomore (who is honored at a prestigious scholarship dinner sponsored by the Texas-Ex Student Association each fall), to establish an endowed scholarship through the Texas Ex-Student Association. Once fully funded, this scholarship will initially award a \$1,000 scholarship, and it is our intention to allow the principle to grow to allow a larger award in future years. The current membership is committed to leaving a fully funded endowment (\$15,000) in three years' time, so that the

active membership, initiated as freshmen and fully participating as sophomores, may leave this scholarship in place as their graduation gift to the University.

One word about "active membership." Although it is the practice on many campuses that freshmen are initiated and are active as sophomores and then move on to other things, we are very proud that over the last few years, we have built a continuing relationship with our membership and many of them choose to stay actively involved in such activities as recruitment, initiation, and community service activities. It is our hope and expectation that Alpha Lambda Delta members at The University of Texas at Austin, under the guidance of Chapter Advisor Dr. Susan W. Howard, will continue to practice the pursuit of academic excellence while promoting individual leadership qualities and a dedication to community service that will be sustained throughout their sojourn at the University and beyond.

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For the Fall project of 1997, the **University of Texas at El Paso** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta escorted immigrants from the Jewish Federation of El Paso around the city. Working in pairs, we had the privilege of dining with some fascinating and gracious people from the Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, and Azerbaijan. Our members found it exciting to meet people from other countries. Collectively, we joined the El Paso Council of International Visitors and helped the Council welcome a group of International visitors sponsored by the State Department.

The initiation ceremony for this year's new members was held April 18 at the Alumni

House on the UTEP campus. Ten new members were initiated. Our new Chapter President is Leslie N. Lozano, replacing Kristy Seckler. Our other new officers are Lauren Carol Hamrick (Vice-President), Lena Dadras (Treasurer), Jerry McLain (Editor), Jeanne Michele Velasco (Secretary), and Ann Nicole Edwards (Historian). Our other new members are Jennifer Chanson, Antonio Javier Mendoza, Alicia Rocha, and Rebecca Rogers.

This year's principle Fall project includes volunteer work on Saturdays at the UTEP campus Centennial Museum. We received training to assist with tasks at the reception desk and the museum store, *La Tienda*. We are in the initial planning stages of organizing the first Ukrainian art exhibition in Texas. The exhibits will be provided by the private collectors: the Ukrainian Artist and the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington D.C. It will include a wide variety of art ranging from oil paintings to archeological artifacts. The goal is to expose the university community and the surrounding public to the various aspects of Ukrainian culture.

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On February 19, 1997, the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at The **University of Texas at San Antonio** initiated 67 members into the national academic honor society for college freshmen. At the spring initiation and installation of officers, the following officers were installed for the 1997-1998 academic year: President, Jacob Kluger; Vice President, Amy Thompson; Secretary, Allison Charanza; Treasurer, Melissa Tenberg; Historian, Jason Brown; and Editor, Michael Beville.

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The **Valparaiso University** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is hard at work trying to match the accomplishments of the VU chapter that received the Order of the Torch Award in 1996-97 and hopes to keep the fire burning through 1997-98.

This year, the chapter plans to sponsor two forums spotlighting important campus issues. Last year, ALD organized a forum concerning residential life. The forum this fall will take an in-depth look at campus administration. An additional forum will be held in the spring. The chapter will continue to provide decorations for a local hospital. Members of the chapter will visit the hospital five times this year to spread a little holiday cheer. In addition, the chapter will continue to work with the local Adopt-a-Family program to provide Christmas presents for underprivileged families.

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The members of **Western Carolina University** are looking forward to a year of progress and growth. In a campaign headed by chapter officers, Heather Sims, Jonathan Rowe, Kristie Johnson, Paula Woods, Kelly Billings, and Shawna Penland, the chapter is working to become more recognized and respected on campus. Efforts to achieve this goal have already been made.

One way to become more well-known is to encourage as many eligible students to join the honor society as possible. On October 14, Alpha Lambda Delta and Chancellor Bardo invited all the freshmen who graduated in the top 10 % of their class to the Chancellor's home to encourage them to continue such academic excellence. The Chancellor is very supportive of our Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter here at Western Carolina University. After inducting fifty-three new members this fall the chapter is well on its way to achieving this goal.

The chapter is also striving to raise funds for a scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to an Alpha Lambda Delta member for the 1997-98 academic year.

By these methods and others, including participation in the Alpha Lambda Delta leadership conference, this chapter firmly believes its goal will be achieved.

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The 1996-1997 school year marked the 26th year of the **University of Wisconsin-Platteville's** Alpha Lambda Delta chapter offering recognition to students who maintain high academic standards.

During the school year, Alpha Lambda Delta sponsored some new events to make incoming freshmen aware of our organization. We had a booth at the Student Organization Fair on campus. Students were able to look at ALD information, talk to ALD advisors, and get some brain food ("Smarties" candy). In November, ALD and the Honors Program co-sponsored its first ever dance for freshmen. This was an event planned to make them aware of our honor society's requirements for membership and to have some fun!

At the annual induction ceremony on April 20, 1997, UWP's Chancellor, David Markee, was inducted as an honorary member. Seventy-four new inductees pledged their determination to continue to strive for academic excellence. Three new members—Brett Leeser, Melissa Noll and Lynn Lancaster were awarded scholarships given by the local chapter, and Stacie L. Jasken was awarded the Jo Anne J.



(L to R): Shawna Penland (Historian) Kristie Johnson (Treasurer) Jonathan Rowe (Vice President) Dr. John Bardo (Chancellor) Paula Wood (President) Heather Sims (Secretary) and Kelly Billings (Editor) of the Western Carolina University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Trow Award. Chancellor Emeritus, Bjarne Ullsvik, and his wife, charter honorary member Lucille Ullsvik, presented a new scholarship, the Ullsvik Scholarship. Daniel Marotz, a Math and Industrial Engineering Double Major, received this award. ALD Senior Book Awards were given to Amy Abing, Cory Bartsch, Carolyn Klema and Kristin Rosa, four graduating members who maintained perfect 4.0 GPA's for their entire college careers, a testament to what dedication and hard work can do.

Officers for the 1997-1998 school year are the following: Melissa Noll, President; Brad Mootz, Vice President; Wendy Canon, Secretary; Nicholas Hildebrandt, Treasurer; Scott Kuznicki, Historian; Danielle Rotschka, Junior Advisor; and Leslie Fox, Senior Advisor.

After a hiatus of several years, Carol Sands has agreed to again serve as Administrative Advisor. Darla Banfi continues to serve as Faculty Advisor.

We started out this year by co-sponsoring another dance, this time with Student Ambassadors at the newly remodeled Ullsvik Center during freshman orientation week. It was a smash hit! We are looking forward to doing it every year during freshman orientation because it is a great time for new students to set the goal of being in ALD. Another goal the new officers have set for the year is to have our active membership increase. This is yet another way for members to be able to get together and benefit from their membership during their college years.



The 1996-1997 UWP ALD officers, pictured from left to right, are Darla Banfi, advisor; Shawn McMullen, Secretary; Danielle Rotschka, President; Leslie Fox, Junior Advisor; Hannah Voge, Vice President; Lana Bradley, Treasurer; Joanne Rash, Senior Advisor; Stacie Jasken, Historian; and Carol Sands, Administrative Advisor. Jasken (second from right) was also the recipient of the Jo Anne Trow Scholarship.



NEW CHAPTERS

*Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
Grambling State University
The University of Hartford
Mankato State University*

Alpha Lambda Delta Charters Four New Chapters

GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

by Glenda Earwood-Smith

Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director

The installation of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Georgia Baptist College of Nursing was held on Tuesday, September 16, during the college's opening convocation. Held in the school's auditorium, the ceremony was attended by over 300 students and the entire faculty of the college. Marna Burns, a faculty member who teaches psychology and the chapter's Administrative Advisor, was instrumental in advising the charter group and in coordinating the installation effort. Dr. JoEllen Datillo serves the chapter as Faculty Advisor.

At the opening convocation, President Susan Gunby announced a number of changes at the college due to the purchase of the formerly affiliated Georgia Baptist Hospital by a private hospital organization. She announced some new program offerings in the master's area and a capital campaign. A video about the campaign was shown. The college, which has been a women's college, has now voted to admit men although no men enrolled for the fall term.

Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith, the installing officer and the Executive Director of Alpha Lambda Delta, not only installed the chapter, but also gave the opening convocation address. The title of her speech was "The L's of Excellence: Leadership and Life-balance." Dr. Earwood-Smith addressed the issue of leadership as a relationship between the leader and other persons and suggested that leadership should be measured by how much the leader could inspire others to accomplish. She also stressed the issue of life balance, the challenge of balancing the often conflicting demands of study or work, family or friends, and self. She cautioned that while your work demands were represented by a rubber ball and would bounce back when dropped, your friends and health were represented by glass balls and might shatter if dropped.

Following the initiation of 30 charter members and four honorary members and the installation of the chapter, the chapter officers were installed: President, Nasheka Nash; Vice President, Keyce Benefield; Secretary, Julie Ham; Treasurer, Joanna Whatle; Editor, Amy Christian; Senior Advisor, Leslie Fisher; and Junior Advisor, Ashley Holbrooks.

Chapter President Nasheka Nash made comments accepting the charter and announcing how proud the school was to have a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. She promised that the chapter would play an active role on the campus and talked about some of the plans the chapter had for the fall.

After the convocation and installation ceremony, the students



Administrative Advisor, Dr. JoEllen Datillo, congratulates Charter Member Amy Christian. Faculty Advisor Marna Burns, background, passes out the membership certificates.

were treated to a luncheon in the upstairs lounge. After going through a receiving line of administrators and faculty members, the students had a buffet luncheon of sandwiches.

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

by Marie O'Banner-Jackson

National Council Member-at-Large

Grambling State University, located in Grambling, Louisiana, held its Installation Ceremony for Alpha Lambda Delta on Thursday, November 6, 1997. The event convened in the School of Nursing Auditorium at 7:00 P.M.

Dr. Marie O'Banne-Jackson served as Installing officer with Mrs. Bettye J. Chisley and Mrs. Rosetta Days, Faculty Advisor and Administrative Advisor respectively, assisting in the installation. Thirty-nine students and six honorary members were in the charter group.

The program began with meditation by Rev. Gardner Clark, Assistant Dean, College of Basic Studies, followed by a welcome by Mrs. Rosetta Days, Dean of Basic Studies. Adhering to the procedures outlined by the National Council for installation of Chapter and officers, the ceremony began.

Following the initiation of the Charter members and the installation of the Chapter, the Chapter Officers were installed: Hollie Ardoin, President; Gretchen Gillyard, Vice President; ReDhonda Malone, Secretary; Lylanda Miller, Treasurer; Charles Grier, Historian; Emeri O'Brien, Editor.

In the absence of Chapter President Hollie Ardoin, who was on intern assignment at the CIA in Washington, D. C. Vice President Gretchen Gillyard accepted the charter and outlined the



Members of Grambling State University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta smile as they receive their new charter.

goals and objectives of the group. She expressed how honored and proud the group was and thanked National ALD for approving their chapter. She issued a challenge to members and promised to keep Alpha Lambda Delta visible and busy in the Grambling State University community, the state, and the nation.

A reception was held in the lounge following the installation.

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

by Dorothy M. Anderson

Former National Council President

The University of Hartford Chapter installation took place on Sunday, May 4, 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of Gengras Student Union. Dorothy M. Anderson, National President, served as the Installing Officer. Forty-two students, and two honorary members were initiated into the Society. Dr. Jill Dix Ghnassia, Director of the University Honors Program, is the Administrative Advisor for the Chapter, and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta. She was initiated while a freshman student at Bucknell University when Mary Jane Stevenson, our former Executive Director, was the Dean of Women at Bucknell.

Dr. Humphrey Tonkin, President of the University, and Dr. Mako Haruta, who will be the Faculty Advisor for the new Chapter, were initiated as honorary members. Dr. Tonkin has served as President of the University since January of 1989, coming to the college from the Presidency of Potsdam College, SUNY. He earned his undergraduate degree at Cambridge University (St. John's College) and his MA and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has lectured on English literature, languages and international studies and has numerous publications. Dr. Haruta is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences and earned her B.A. at Smith College and the M.A. and Ph.D. at Boston University. She has taught at Hartford since 1992.

Dr. Ghnassia is an Associate Professor of English who has been Director of the University Honors Program since 1994. Prior to coming to the University of Hartford in 1985, she taught at Duke University and North Carolina Wesleyan College. In addition to her undergraduate degree from Bucknell University, she holds the M.A. and the Ph.D. from Duke University.

It is Dr. Ghnassia and Deborah Skinner, previous President of the chapter, and now the Junior Advisor, whose time, talents and efforts led to the formation and installation of the University of Hartford chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. The other new officers of the chapter are President, Sara Neuhauer; Vice Presidents, Melissa Aloisi and Patricia Schwartzbeck; Secretary, Alanna Rosano; Treasurer, Phil Settembrino; and Historian, Heather Fraser. Prior to the ceremony, the installing officer had the opportunity to meet with the officers to discuss ideas for the new chapter to pursue. The chapter made the decision to have two Vice Presidents in order to facilitate programs. They plan to assign the Editor's task to one of these two officers.

As the line was formed to enter the room for the ceremony, each new initiate was given a lapel carnation to wear for the event. The University and Alpha Lambda Delta colors are the same so all of the bouquets and decorations were beautifully coordinated.

Dr. Tonkin and Chapter President Neubauer accepted the Charter with brief remarks. The late afternoon ceremony was followed by a reception held in an adjacent dining room for the new members, their parents, and guests. Among the guests was Dr. Guy C. Colarulli, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies who had been especially helpful to Dr. Ghnassia in establishing the Chapter.

Dean Anderson's Remarks

One of the most meaningful responsibilities of a member of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta is the opportunity to serve as the installing officer for a new chapter. I have been fortunate enough to have had that opportunity numerous times since 1983 and, each time, have had the feeling of participating in an event that is historic in the life of both the National Society and the institution. This particular installation has personal history for me in that it is the last installation I will have the opportunity to perform while serving as President of National Alpha Lambda Delta.

For the National Society, in its 73rd year of existence, adding this chapter, is occurring in the year when we have more than 20,000 new members, our largest annual membership ever, and in the year when we have a new office location and a new Executive Director, Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith.

If I've done my math correctly, 1997 is historic for the University of Hartford because it marks the institution's 40th anniversary. Founded in 1957 when three well-recognized institutions of higher education merged - the Hartford Art School, Hillyer College, and The Hart School - the University now includes nine colleges. Its large variety of programs attract a diverse student body from 3/4's of the states in the United States and from more than 60 foreign countries. Its degree programs are fully accredited, and the University is committed to the concept of a free, democratic spirit of inquiry and discussion, fostering close student-faculty contacts, and allowing students to pursue programs that cut across departmental lines and involve more than one school.

Given the caliber of the programs and reputation of the University for excellence, National Alpha Lambda Delta is pleased to present you with your Charter and looks forward to

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the unique contributions that will be made by the members of this new chapter in the life of both your institution and the National Society. As your history begins as the University of Hartford Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, I have no doubt, based on those I have met today, that this is a chapter on the right track, ready to meet its obligations and challenges, with individual members who will, indeed, be leaders for the next century.

Congratulations to you all.

MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY

by Patrice Berger

National Council Membe-at-Large

On Thursday, May 1, 1997, Dr. Patrice Berger, member of the National Council, installed the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Mankato State University, at Mankato, Minnesota. The ceremony was held in the ballroom of the Centennial Student Union at 7:00 p.m. One hundred and twelve students were inducted into the charter group of the Society as well as four honorary members.

The four honorary members, representing both the faculty and staff at Mankato State, have been actively involved in the establishment of the local chapter for several years. They are: Geal Mericle, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics and Director of Developmental Mathematics. She holds a B.A. from the University of Maryland and an M.S. degree from Mankato State University. She has taught at Mankato for 11 years and has served as the Alpha Lambda faculty advisor since 1995. Robin Hart has served as the Administrative Advisor for Alpha Lambda for two years. She is the Assistant Director of the First Year Experience program at MSU and the Director of Orientation. She is a graduate of Miami University and holds an M.S. in College Student Personnel Services also from Miami University. Anne Latsch is Assistant Director of the Career Development Center at MSU and holds an M.S. degree in Counseling from MSU. Robin Lehman is the Senior Advisor of the Alpha Lambda group and serves as the graduate assistant in the First Year Experience Office at MSU. Her B.S. degree is from Drake University.

The newly installed officers of Alpha Lambda Delta worked diligently for several years to prepare Mankato State's petition for its ALD chapter. In the past two years in particular, Robin Hart, the administrative advisor, brought this planning activity to conclusion. With strong endorsement from the University administration, MSU submitted its petition for a chapter in the 1996-1997 academic year. The request was approved and plans for the initiation ensued. Robin Hart initiated a preliminary meeting with Patrice Berger, the installing officer, in Lincoln, Nebraska in the spring of 1997, at which arrangements were finalized for the ceremony at Mankato. The society officers very cordially greeted Patrice Berger on May 1, inviting him to lunch in the Student Union, providing a brief campus tour, and extending generous hospitality.

The installation site was the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Centennial Student Union. Dr. Richard Rush, President of Mankato State, greeted the assembled students and their guests, and spoke highly of the value of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter to the Mankato academic community. He also praised the student



One hundred and twelve students and four honorary members were inducted into the Charter Class of the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at Mankato State University.

leaders and their advisors for the extensive work they had performed to realize their objective. Following the installation of the Chapter and the initiation of the foundation class at MSU, the officers were duly installed: Jennifer Homan, President; Tami Siebenaler, Vice President; Jason Reuter, Secretary; Stacy Burns, Treasurer; and Dana Peterson, Historian.

Other newly initiated students were recognized for their contributions to the chapter: Jennifer Krueger, Communications Chair; Molly Hammer, Community Service Chair; Vanessa Woodcock, Freshman Chair; Carrie Williams, Public Relations Chair; Ben Chirhart, Development Chair.

The two advisors, both initiated into the Society as honorary members, are: Gael Maricle, Faculty Advisor; and Robin Hart, Administrative Advisor.

Immediately following the ceremony, the new members, their parents, and guests adjourned to a reception area for a time of conversation and celebration. President Rush, along with several MSU faculty, extended Mankato State hospitality to the appreciative guests.

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ORDER OF THE TORCH

*University of California at Los Angeles
Miami University of Ohio
Montana State University at Bozeman
Valparaiso University*

The Order of the Torch annually recognizes outstanding Alpha Lambda Delta Chapters whose activities are deemed exceptional. Applications are judged by a committee of the National Council, and the announcement of winners is made in the fall.

In addition to being named to this prestigious order, a member of the National Council visits the honored college or university to formally present the award and the Order of the Torch banner at a special ceremony. A member of the Chapter is invited to attend, with all expenses paid, the National Leadership/Activities Workshop in October to present a session on that Chapter's unique and creative programming.

This year, Order of the Torch Awards were presented to:

- **The University of California at Los Angeles**
- **Miami University of Ohio**
- **Montana State University at Bozeman**
- **Valparaiso University**

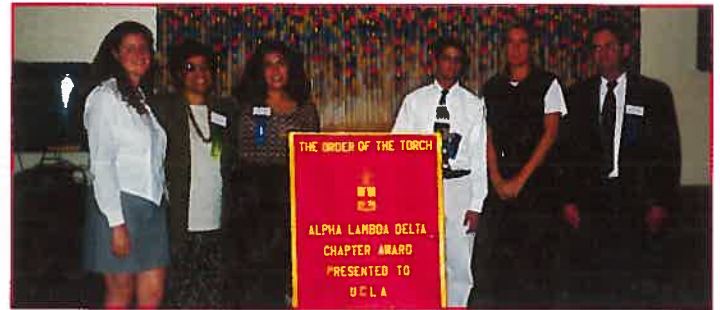
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Dr. Jim Stemler, National Council Vice President for Expansion and Chapter Relations, presented the 1996-1997 Order of the Torch Award to the UCLA chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. The ceremony was held on October 9, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the Kerckhoff Lounge on the UCLA campus. Approximately 70 people attended the lovely ceremony which was planned and orchestrated by the 1997-1998 officers, to honor the 1996-1997 officers and other chapter members, who applied for and received the Order of the Torch.

Sandwiches, cookies, and drinks were enjoyed by the Deans, Vice-Chancellors, current and past Alpha Lambda Delta officers, current and prospective members who attended the celebration. Dean Joan K. Nelson, the faculty advisor, commended the chapter officers and members for their outstanding chapter activities. She highlighted that this was the first time UCLA won the award and how proud they should be of such an honor. Dr. Stemler also complimented the chapter for setting as a goal the winning of the Torch and their follow through on this goal by the creative activities such as LA Works, in which 4,000 volunteers from Los Angeles gathered together to help clean LA by removing graffiti, planting new trees, and painting murals. Wow, what a fun and worthwhile activity!

In addition, Dr. Robert J. Naples, the UCLA Assistant Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Students, spoke about the Order of the Torch and the reason why UCLA was chosen as a winner. He spoke about how everyone involved in the chapter was very excited to see the end results of all the projects they had finished. Dr. Naples also told the group to be looking forward to compelling other students to do their best in all areas of their life—spirit, mind, and body, and that this will be a very challenging year.

Yosi Nasserizad, the chapter president, and Sean Armin, the chapter senior advisor and National Council Student Member-At-Large, addressed the group offering congratulatory comments to last year's group. Dr. Stemler presented the Order of the Torch banner to Rebecca



Presentation of the Order of the Torch Banner: l to r: Sabrina Sztain, current Chapter Vice President, Dean Joan K. Nelson, Faculty Advisor, Rebecca Yasharel, 1996-1997 Chapter President, Yosi Nasserizad, Chapter President, Dean Kathleen McMahan, Faculty Advisor, and Dr. James Stemler, ALD National Council and presenter of the award.

Yasharel, the past chapter president, Sean Armin, Yosi Nasserizad, and Sabrina Sztain, the current chapter vice president. Rebecca expressed the gratitude of the 1996-1997 class and talked about the rewards which come from the concerted efforts which must be made by a chapter in order to win such an honor. In addition, one of the other highlights of the evening was when Rebecca presented to the group a special video presentation which captured the fond memories and cherished moments of past activities.

It was especially nice that past president Rebecca Yasharel, and past vice presidents, Philip Tahtakran and Sean Armin, could be there to accept the award. Dr. Stemler had some time before the ceremony to chat with Rebecca, Philip, and Sean, and current chapter officers about the award and how Rebecca's, Philip's and Sean's contributions to the chapter made it a great success.

Remarks by Dr. James G. Stemler ALD Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion

It is a pleasure to be here to present the Order of the Torch Award to the UCLA Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. I have worked with Sean for the last two years on the National Council, and it is nice to be able to meet the officers and see the campus. Sean has asked that I tell you a little bit about the Torch Award and our National Office.

The Order of the Torch Award was initiated in 1989 to recognize the most outstanding chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta. Over the last 8 years, 18 chapters have won the Order of the Torch Award. These are our most outstanding chapters which deserve special recognition. The UCLA Chapter has now joined this elite group.

Unfortunately, I was not on this year's committee which made the selections, but I have served on the committee during the previous two years. I know the quality of the last two year's winners and I would say that the UCLA Chapter is among the very best applicants over the last 3 years.

I was particularly impressed with the chapter's participation in the L.A. Works project for cleaning up schools. Also, I found the Halloween Trick-or-Treat project for inner-city children, a novel and

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worthy program. Doing such a project for 1800 elementary and junior high children is quite an accomplishment. Beyond this, I found the chapter's work with the Ronald McDonald House to be noteworthy, as well. And, of course, there was the Caught Studying program which is an ALD tradition. I also noticed a number of social activities such as the ice cream social and hiking trip. All of these activities provide members the opportunity to meet other students like themselves.

Beyond all of the activities, I found the presentation of your chapter activities among the best I have seen. Someone or a group of students was ever faithful in taking pictures and recording all of these activities. The organization of the application was excellent as well. I don't think I have seen a better presentation for the Order of the Torch Award.

The national office of Alpha Lambda Delta provides a wide range of services for the 217 chapters. Some of these are fairly simple functions, such as mailing brochures and bookmarks, printing and mailing membership certificates and jewelry, and providing Senior Book Awards. The national office also publishes the *FLAME* once a year. This is our national magazine which focuses on all of the activities of Alpha Lambda Delta and its chapters.

One of the primary events which the National Office sponsors each year is the Leadership Workshop. This year the workshop will be held in Dallas, Texas and representatives of the UCLA Chapter will be there to tell other chapters about the UCLA activities. Usually, there are 50 to 60 chapters represented at each workshop. Since the annual workshop rotates across the country every four years, as many as 150 chapters participate in this time period. The workshop provides a wonderful chance for Alpha Lambda Delta members to meet other members from across the country.

Another important function of the National Office of Alpha Lambda Delta is to award 16 Graduate Fellowships of \$3,000 each. And, starting next year, Alpha Lambda Delta will present 20 to 25 Trow Undergraduate Scholarships of \$1,000 each. Those of us on the National Council are truly excited about this new program. The new Trow Scholarship program moves Alpha Lambda Delta into a position to help and reward undergraduate students more than ever before.

Again, it is a pleasure to be here and CONGRATULATIONS to the UCLA Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on winning the Order of the Torch Award this year.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY OF OHIO

A special ceremony was held at Miami University at its Oxford Campus on September 12, 1997, to celebrate receiving the Order of the Torch. Dr. Herman ("Butch") Hill, a Member at Large of Alpha Lambda Delta's National Council, was on hand to make the presentation and these remarks:

Dr. Hill's Presentation

It is my great pleasure to be here this afternoon on the happy occasion of presenting the Order of the Torch to Miami University. I bring you greetings from Pat Graham, President of National Alpha Lambda Delta, and Glenda Earwood-Smith, Executive Director.

My National Council duties do not involve selection of the Order of the Torch, but I have read your application, and I have to tell you I am really impressed. You had what would have been an amazing year last year, had you started out in good financial health, and I know that you had to reach the mountaintop by first digging yourself out of a hole.

The Order of the Torch is awarded to chapters that excel in programming, internal communication, and campus visibility. It would be hard to pick which of these you did the best in. The phenomenal turn outs you had for general meetings speaks to all three; however, did you really bake cookies for the campus bus drivers? So Ryan, and the rest of last year's



Former Miami University of Ohio Chapter President Ryan Ernst and Dr. Butch Hill, ALD National Council Member, proudly display the banner for the Order of the Torch Award.

officers, congratulations!

I would like to close with a few words to this year's officers. I am privileged to be the faculty advisor of a chapter that also won the Order of the Torch three years ago. You know that National Alpha Lambda Delta has a rule that, as Torch winners, your chapter is now ineligible to win the award for three years. The idea is to keep chapters from building "dynasties", but it is a little unfair. I know that our chapter has had some motivation problems the last few years. I hope you won't let this happen to you, and I'll give you two good reasons for why it shouldn't.

First, when you go to the leadership workshop in Dallas next month, when you tell folks that you're from Miami, they're going to say, "Wow! you won the Order of the Torch!" so as far as most people know, you'll be the ones who actually won!

More seriously, surely you'll want to follow the Latin dictum *carpe diem*, seize the day. Bill Doan, who was the 1990 valedictorian of his high school in Greenfield (in Ross County, just east of here) and an honor student at Ohio University did. I don't want to cast too serious a tone to this happy occasion, but I come here directly from Bill's funeral this morning. He was killed in a freak traffic accident at the age of 25. And while there was plenty of grieving going on, I can tell you that absolutely everyone said he had a full life. *Carpe diem* had been both the theme of his valedictory address and the theme of his life.

Now, I'm not saying you should strive for excellence in programming, internal communications, and campus visibility because you might be dead tomorrow. I'm urging you to do these things because you are alive today, you're bright, you're leaders, and you can.

Once again, congratulations to Alpha Lambda Delta at Miami University. As you follow ALD's motto "We shall pass our torches on, one to the other" you have a very bright torch to light from!

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

by Patrice Berger, ALD National Council Member-at-Large

Montana State University at Bozeman received the Order of the Torch in a campus ceremony on September 24, 1997. Incoming President Duane Ray chaired the meeting and acknowledged the excellent performance of the past year's officers led by President Jon Kuntz. The meeting was very well attended by members of the Bozeman chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta with representation dating back to 1971. Several Montana State faculty and administrators joined the meeting and heard from Dr. Denny Klewin, Dean of Students, and Dr. Joe Fedock, Provost for Academic Affairs. Chapter Advisor Mary Noll received a hearty welcome from the students.

Dr. Patrice Berger, Council Member-at-Large, presented the award to the chapter and reviewed the extensive service that the chapter had



Chapter Officers and members of the University of Montana at Bozeman proudly display the Order of the Torch Banner presented by Dr. Patrice Berger, Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Member-at-Large.

performed on the university campus as well as in the Bozeman community. He addressed the newly initiated members of the chapter and encouraged them to recognize the commitment and accomplishments of the students who had earned the Order of the Torch recognition, and sustain and expand the programs they had initiated.

A social event completed this festive occasion. Old and new members became acquainted and confirmed their resolve to maintain the high quality of service to the community and personal development that the society promotes.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

by Susan Melson Thompson

Former ALD National Council Member-at-Large

Dr. Susan Melson Thompson, former National Council Member-at-Large and Administrative Advisor at Purdue University, presented the Order of the Torch Award to the Valparaiso University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. The presentation was one of a number of awards presented during the campus' Opening Convocation on August 26, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at the magnificent Chapel of the Resurrection on the Valparaiso campus.

Dr. Thompson was seated with current and former chapter officers in a reserved section of the chapel. Prior to her presentation, the chapter's faculty advisor, Dr. Arvid Sponberg, was honored for twenty-five years of teaching at Valparaiso. All University faculty were in attendance and were in full academic regalia. The beautiful chapel echoed with the President's opening day speech and a short religious service. What had started out as a foggy day quickly became a gorgeous, colorful morning as the sun streamed through the stained glass windows.

During the awards portion of the convocation, Dr. Thompson spoke about the Order of the Torch and the reasons for selecting Valparaiso University as a winner. She presented the banner to the current president, last year's vice president, and a number of other officers. Unfortunately, last year's president was unable to attend, because she is not on campus this semester. Dr. Tim Jenkins, Dean of Students, and Administrative Advisor, was also present in the audience.

Dr. Thompson's Remarks

I bring you greetings and congratulations on behalf of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta and my own institution, Purdue University. I am very pleased to be here on this special occasion of the opening day at Valparaiso. This is only my second visit to your campus, and my lasting memory of this institution is this beautiful chapel. I can't imagine a more stunning setting with the sun streaming through these magnificent stained glass windows!

Twenty-two years ago this fall, I was initiated into the Purdue chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. Recognition of my hard work by this honor society reinforced and encouraged me to strive to do my best even when faced with difficulties.



The Order of the Torch for Valparaiso University was presented at its opening convocation. Left to Right: Kelly Faulstich, Secretary, 1997-98; Linda Powers, Treasurer, 1997-98 Kyle Wright, Publicist, 1997-98; Dr. Susan M. Thompson, Assistant Dean of Students, Purdue University; Leighann Nachtigall, Historian, 1996-97; Jill Van Dalen, President, 1997-98; Angie Lusk, Historian, 1997-98; Amanda Pencek, Secretary, 1996-97; Sarah Hamlin, Treasurer, 1996-97; Jeremy Gacnik, Vice-President, 1996-97; Dannielle Carrig, Vice President, 1997-98

Through Alpha Lambda Delta, I became acquainted with others who also placed a high priority on academic achievement, and I was given a foundation on which to build further success and high standards of excellence.

Those of you who are already members of Alpha Lambda Delta here at Valparaiso are very fortunate to be a part of a very special award-winning chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta! This past summer at the National Council meeting in Philadelphia, your chapter was chosen to receive the Order of the Torch award. I can remember when the selection committee made their announcement of this year's winners, and they told the council that these chapters were above and beyond any of the other applicants.

This award is presented annually to no more than five outstanding chapters in the nation, and it recognizes your chapter's excellence in programming, service, activity level, internal communications, and campus visibility during the 1996-97 academic year. Activities receive the heaviest weight by the judges.

Your work with the Caring Place, and your many service activities impressed the committee, as did your collection of books for students in Rwanda, the forum you sponsored for students and administrators, and the decorations you put up in a hospital oncology unit during the holidays.

The chapter here at Valparaiso is part of a select group of 1997 winners that include Montana State University, UCLA, and Miami University of Ohio. Just as the Olympic Torch symbolically lights the way for a celebration of the best athletes in the world, the Order of the Torch symbolizes the recognition of the best chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta in the nation.

The Order of the Torch is a culmination of your hard work and achievements. The students who contributed to the success of this chapter truly understand the purpose of Alpha Lambda Delta. They set meaningful goals, had high standards, and lit the way for others to follow.

Alpha Lambda Delta's motto is "We shall pass our torches on, one to another." Those who initiated you passed their torches on to you, and you will have the opportunity to pass your torches on to those freshmen who will be initiated next spring.

As I now present this award to advisor, Dr. Arvid Sponberg and other members of Alpha Lambda Delta, I challenge you to continue serving others, promoting scholarship, and lighting the way as role models for those who come behind you. Congratulations!

I hope you will find a place where it can be displayed proudly for others to see!

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LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

ORGANIZATION

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year in college. Founded as an honor society for freshmen women at the University of Illinois in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta became a national organization as chapters were established at Purdue in 1926 and at DePauw in 1927. Its purpose is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist women and men in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

STRUCTURE

Alpha Lambda Delta has 217 chapters throughout the nation, and more than 500,000 students have been initiated. The society consists of active members, alumni, honorary members, faculty advisors, administrative advisors, and its governing body - the National Council. The National Headquarters, located in Macon, Georgia, is staffed by an executive director and several assistants. Business of the organization is conducted at the annual meeting of the National Council, whose members include elected officers as well as professional and student representatives.

CHAPTERS

Chapter activities vary from campus to campus. Each chapter is expected to initiate new members at least once a year and to fulfill certain minimum essentials of business. Other activities usually encourage, honor, and publicize scholarship among students. Many chapters also sponsor and/or participate in service projects on their campus or in the community. Chapters compete for the prestigious Order of the Torch Awards.

LEADERSHIP

Students may participate in Alpha Lambda Delta at the national level in addition to serving as campus chapter officers. Three members represent the students at the



One hundred thirty Alpha Lambda Delta members from throughout the United States gathered in Dallas, Texas for the Annual National Leadership Workshop in October, 1997.

annual National Council meeting, serve on committees, and work with campus chapters, professional council members, and council officers throughout their terms.

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Alpha Lambda Delta's official symbol is a gold candle with its Greek letters superimposed on the candle holder. The society honor key and lapel pin depict this symbol. Colors of the society are red, gold, and white. The coat of arms is a gold-bordered black shield with a red-tipped white candle, above which is a white altar with an open book on it.

FEES

Upon initiation, each member pays \$15 national dues. Initiates receive a certificate of membership and a key or lapel pin. The local chapter sets its own dues. Members may purchase T-shirts from National Headquarters.

AWARDS

Sophomore members may compete for the Jo Anne J. Trow Awards that provide \$150 to each recipient.

In honor of Maria Leonard, founder of the society, a Book Award is presented to the Alpha Lambda Delta graduating senior in each chapter who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA.

Senior Certificates, available from National Headquarters, may be presented to graduating members who have maintained the cumulative GPA required for membership.

FELLOWSHIPS

The National Council awards sixteen fellowships annually, each amounting to \$3,000, for one year of graduate study. Any initiated member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has maintained the academic qualification for membership is eligible to apply as a graduating senior or later. An endowment provides major funding for these fellowships.

