

B.O. ALUMNI BLAST



1) Extra Mile Scholars are pictured with alumnus David D. Morgan. From LEFT to RIGHT: DJ Klucznik, Collin McKnight, David D. Morgan, Adam Upshaw, Chad Hancock. 2) Alumni visit before the start of the banquet. From LEFT to RIGHT: Chapter Advisor Shawn Daily, David D. Morgan, Bill Morrison, and Housing Corporation Vice President Robert Broadwell. 3) Jack McCain, Beta Omicron No. 1, welcomes students and guests on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.



3) Scholars Program seeks to inspire certain student outcomes based on academic performance, service to Pi Kappa Phi, and service to Northwestern State University, all while holding down part-time employment. It's the intent of the program to reward students who find success while giving

STUDENT LEADERS GO THE 'EXTRA MILE'

Last April's Inaugural Scholarship Banquet, at which four Beta Omicron student leaders were recognized through the David Morgan 'Extra Mile' Scholars Program, made a lasting impression on parents, the University and on Pi Kappa Phi.

On Thursday night, April 17, more than 70 Pi Kappa Phi students, dates, alumni, parents and administrators from Northwestern State University gathered at *Merci Beaucoup* for an evening in celebration of the chapter's academic accomplishments, and to recognize four outstanding students for going the 'extra mile.'

"This was a great evening for our four winners and for Beta Omicron," remarked Tom Atwood, Beta Eta (Florida State), executive director of the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation and the evening's emcee.

Working with the chapter's executive council, the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation helped host the inaugural scholarship banquet. Supporting the chapter in this endeavor were several Northwestern

State University notables including President Dr. Randy Webb, Dean of Students Dr. Chris Maggio, Vice President Jerry Pierce, Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew and Director of Student Programs Retha Cox as well as a number of other faculty and staff members.

The banquet began with a warm welcome from the chapter on behalf of Archon Britt Richey. In addition, a 'welcome home to Natchitoches,' for those alumni who attended was offered by founding Archon and City Councilman Jack McCain.

The highlight of the evening came when the chapter and the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation recognized four talented and dedicated leaders through the David Morgan 'Extra Mile' Program. Each student came away with a grant between \$400 and \$1000 depending on the quality of their application. The scholarship winners for the spring 2008 semester were DJ Klucznik, Collin McKnight, Adam Upshaw and Chad Hancock.

Designed to challenge and motivate students to 'go the extra mile,' the David Morgan 'Extra Mile'

of themselves and going that extra mile in life.

The application process was divided into three parts. Students first completed a general biographical section and submitted their transcript for evaluation. The second part included several essay questions designed to illuminate their future goals and aspirations and to define their understanding of success. The third and final part of the application included completion of a "points worksheet" whereby applicants would accrue points in the four aforementioned categories of academics, leadership in Pi Kappa Phi, service through a campus organization and part-time employment. Lastly, applicants submitted their paperwork to the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation's Distribution and Stewardship Committee for review and evaluation.

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Your alumni dues help to fund alumni mailings and events. Dues are \$25 annually. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2008, please send payment to:

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Thank you to those who sent alumni updates. To include an update in the next issue of the newsletter, e-mail your update and photo to Rodney Clements at rclements@pushamerica.org.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

The following brothers were reported to the National Fraternity as having passed to the Chapter Eternal since November 2007:

Larry D. Buckhum '64
Bill O'Neal '72

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www.pikappnsu.org

With the end of the semester and school year quickly approaching, Beta Omicron is taking a look back at all the accomplishments we have made. This semester started on a high note with Beta Omicron pre-initiating eight men, bringing our total membership to 40. Also, our campus involvement has increased dramatically to include an array of different organizations and clubs. Among all the fraternities, we had the second highest G.P.A., and the active chapter is currently working to increase our G.P.A. through a new scholarship program. In addition Beta Omicron established a tradition that can be carried on to later generations of Pi Kappa Phis by creating the annual Beta Omicron Scholarship Banquet to be held each spring. There were four scholars who received "The Morgan Extra Mile Scholarship" established by Beta Omicron alumnus David Morgan Sr. This banquet was a great success with many alumni, and school and city officials in attendance. It really showed what Pi Kappa Phis can do when they work together.

For the fourth consecutive year, Beta Omicron had a successful Crawfish Boil and Senior Send-Off. The active chapter will be losing some quality men, and they will surely become outstanding alumni members and work hard to promote Pi Kappa Phi and Beta Omicron. This summer brings much anticipation as we'll begin to work with a new rush process established by the school. We are going to hit the ground running this summer and hopefully increase our numbers drastically. Currently we are \$300 from becoming a level three chapter with Push America, which would be a great success for this chapter marking an all time high of raising at least \$75 per member for people with disabilities. Beta Omicron has had a lot of success over this past semester and year and we plan to continue and build upon this success to have another great year for Beta Omicron. Also, the active chapter owes much of its success to the alumni of this chapter who contribute so much time, money and effort to promoting this fraternity.

ALUMNI RETURN FOR HOMECOMING

BY LANE LUCKIE

Beta Omicron's 2007 Homecoming Weekend centered around laying groundwork for the future of Pi Kappa Phi at Northwestern State University. Last year, the chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary since chartering in 1956. Active members and alumni, along with their families spent the weekend bridging the gap between past and present, with the future in focus.

On Friday, October 26, Pi Kappa Phis and their families gathered along Jefferson Street for the annual Homecoming Parade. The Omicron Associate Class won second place for their pirate ship float in the parade. Families later gathered at the chapter house for an evening social, featuring the unveiling of the remodeled house. Refreshments were served and a slideshow of pictures from the past 50 years was played. After the social, members gathered to welcome three alumni initiates



into the brotherhood. The chapter selected to initiate Dr. Bill Morrison, Director of Technology of the Rapides Parish School Board; Mr. Doug Ireland, Sports Information Director at NSU; and Mr. Robert Crew, Executive Assistant to the President of NSU.

Saturday, October 27, The Pi Kappa Phi Housing Corporation/Alumni Association held its annual homecoming meeting to discuss future projects of the group to benefit the chapter. Mr. Shawn Daily was also announced as the new chapter advisor. Daily had previously served as financial advisor for Beta Omicron. The active chapter also presented the "Distinguished Alumni Award" to four outstanding alumni: Robert Broadwell, Shawn Daily, Bruce Kinder and David Morgan. Following the meeting, the chapter enjoyed a large turn-out for tailgating at Turpin Stadium before the game. At halftime, Pi Kappa Phi members Lane Luckie and Wil Adams were honored as part of the NSU Homecoming Honor Court. The weekend proved to be a big success, as the chapter's future continues to look more promising each year.

Former archon and chapter alumnus Rodney Clements was recently hired as Push America's new director of chapter services. As the first member of Beta Omicron to work for the greater fraternity, which is headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., he works to advance Push America's mission of "building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today."

Push America added Clements to the staff in early September to work closely with student chapters on their Push America fundraising, volunteerism and awareness.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the Push America team," Clements said, "and even more excited for the opportunity to work with undergraduate chapters of Pi Kappa Phi in the coming years."

Clements is a recent graduate of Northwestern State University where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. As an undergraduate, Clements served as the Push America chairman, historian and archon of the chapter. As a 2007 Journey of Hope team member, Clements served as the public relations coordinator for the Trans America route. As such, he was a member of the support crew that assisted the team of 25 cyclists in their journey from Oregon to Washington, D.C.

"Participating in the Journey of Hope was the best experience of my life," Clements said. "It enabled me to grow as an individual while making a positive impact on the lives of others. It is something that I would encourage everyone to do."

Created in 1977 by Pi Kappa Phi, Push America is the national philanthropy of the fraternity. Push America creates service-learning opportunities for student members of the fraternity, scripting opportunities for them to interact and serve persons with disabilities.

For any information regarding chapter services, please contact Rodney Clements at (704) 504-2400 ext. 117 or rclements@pushamerica.org.



'EXTRA MILE' (continued from cover)



Adam Upshaw is joined by his mother, Denise, following the awards banquet.

"We were very pleased by the caliber of each application," remarked Frank Parrish, Alpha Omicron (Iowa State), chairman of the Foundation's review committee, "and we look forward to seeing the program grow and reach more student leaders within Beta Omicron."

The David Morgan 'Extra Mile' Scholarship Program is an endowed scholarship of the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation. It is named for Beta Omicron alumnus and Foundation Trustee David D. Morgan. A generous gift in excess of \$100,000 endowed the program, which is restricted to the exclusive benefit of the Beta Omicron chapter. The next scholarships will be awarded at NSU's Homecoming on October 25, 2008.

David Morgan - Spring '70

David Morgan retired from 30 years in insurance industry and now spends time traveling with his wife Sherry. He serves as a Trustee on the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation and advisor to Pi Kappa Phi chapters at Baylor and NSU. He and Sherry have three children and two grand children. They live in Austin, Texas. ddm@davidmorgan.com

Chris Lyles - Spring '01

Chris Lyles married Laura Terrell Lyles in the summer of '07. He graduated from Nicholls State University in the Fall of '07 with a masters in Marine and Environmental Biology. Since then Lyles has started his Ph.D. work in microbiology at the University of Oklahoma, where he is working on hydrocarbon metabolism and how it affects corrosion in oil pipelines. The Lyles reside in Norman, Okla. clsounds@hotmail.com



Jeremy McLaren - Spring '01

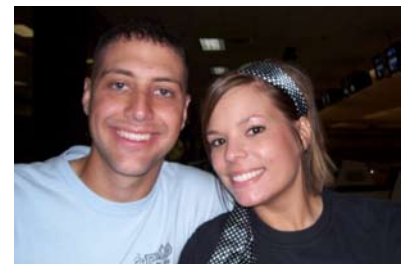
Jeremy McLaren is currently working for the family business Central Industrial Supply in Winnfield, La. He is set to marry Marie Cain on September 20, 2008. jeremypaul327@yahoo.com

Jake James - Fall '03

Jake James is living in New Orleans and working for LSU on a primate behavioral study involving HIV and alcohol while awaiting graduate school. killerj70@aol.com

Randy Smith - Fall '04

Randy Smith was recently engaged to Rachael Tingle (Sigma Sigma Sigma) from Natchitoches. The wedding date is set for April 18, 2009. Smith lives in Alexandria, La. pika650@aol.com



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Beta Omicron would like to thank the following alumni for their generous support of the Beta Omicron Chapter Investment Fund in 2008 (as of April 23).

Bruce Kinder '74
John Oden '68
Robert Crew '07

Robert Broadwell '72
Mitchell Adrian '80, BM (McNeese State)
Michael Land '02

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REMEMBER 52 YEARS AGO

Founding archon Jack McCain (left), receives the chapter's original charter from National Historian Frank Hawthorne, Alpha Iota (Auburn), who served as Beta Omicron's Installation Officer on September 22, 1956. Earlier in the day, student members of Beta Omicron were initiated by a ritual team who traveled from Beta Mu (McNeese State) to be a part of the activities. Thus, Phi Kappa Nu (the local fraternity) became Beta Omicron of Pi Kappa Phi.

