

B.O. ALUMNI BLAST



CULTIVATING STUDENT LEADERS TO GO THE “EXTRA MILE”

Two members of Beta Omicron chapter were honored for their dedication at the Second Annual Beta Omicron Scholarship Banquet on Monday, March 23, 2009.

Kyle Duhon, a sophomore biology major, and Kyle Domangue, a sophomore psychology major, were recognized as the “Morgan Extra Mile Scholars” for spring 2009, at the banquet held at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant in Natchitoches. More than \$2,000 in scholarships were awarded.

The recipients were selected for their commitment to excellence in academics, leadership and service, and for maintaining part-time employment while in school.

Alumnus David Morgan established the scholarship, which is awarded each semester, to recognize undergraduate members for going the “extra mile” in college. He attributes much of his personal success to involvement with Pi Kappa Phi and other organizations while attending Northwestern State University. “At one point you got into Pi Kappa Phi. Now let Pi Kapp get into you,” he said.

Morgan hopes the scholarship will encourage members to aim for greatness within the chapter. Duhon and Domangue were selected for their involvement in the chapter and on campus as well as their achievements academically. “Aside from learning to be a leader, I have also learned and found something that could not be done anywhere else. I have learned what a true friend, a brother, will do for his fellow brother.” Duhon stated.

Northwestern State Head Football Coach Bradley Dale Peveto delivered the keynote address at the banquet. He spoke on how a successful group, whether a football team or a fraternity, is successful when it capitalizes on its “blue-collar members.” It doesn’t take a single standout, but a group of people who work hard. “This group’s got it,” he said. He also discussed the qualities that define success.

Also during the scholarship banquet, members of the Beta Omicron chapter recognized David Morgan for his support and guidance of the chapter since its re-chartering in 2000 and presented him with a special gift. Beta Omicron Historian Shayne Creppel spoke about the chapter’s appreciation of Morgan for establishing the “Morgan Extra Mile Scholarship” and for challenging the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi to put forth the effort it takes to become successful in life after their time at Northwestern.

Dozens of chapter alumni, active brothers, and representatives from Northwestern State University were in attendance for the dinner. Special guests included: Robert Crew, alumnus and Executive Assistant to the President; Dr. Chris Maggio, NSU Dean of Students; Mr. Greg Burke, NSU Athletic Director; Dr. Bill Morrison, alumnus; Mr. Shawn Daily, alumnus and Chapter Financial Advisor; Dr. Michael Land, alumnus, Chapter Academic Coach and NSU Associate Professor; Mr. Dion Boyett, alumnus and Director of the NSU Small Business Development Center; and Doug Ireland, alumnus, Beta Omicron Chapter Advisor and NSU Sports Information Director.

A FRIEND AND DAUGHTER, SHARON SAMPITE

BY SHAYNE CREPPEL



After a long and heroic battle with cancer, the Natchitoches community and Northwestern State University family said farewell on July 4, 2009, to one of its most cherished members, Sharon Sampite. As the daughter of Beta Omicron alumnus and former mayor of Natchitoches Joe Sampite, Sharon will forever be remembered for her dedication to service, pride in her beautiful city, and love of her university.

Sharon was extremely excited about the recent initiation of her

father into Pi Kappa Phi and expressed her appreciation for the chapter extending the invitation to him. Sharon was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority at NSU as well as a very involved member of the student body while attending college there. After graduating from NSU, Sharon spent 15 years in the insurance industry before finding herself back at her alma mater as the assistant director of institutional advancement at the NSU Foundation. Inheriting her father’s sense of civic pride and involvement, Sharon was also a member of countless organizations and groups in Natchitoches and Louisiana.

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ALUMNI DUES
Your alumni dues help to fund alumni mailings and events. Dues are \$50 annually. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2009, please send payment to:

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MONTHLY GIVING

The Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter makes monthly giving safe and easy with an automated monthly transfer. To arrange to have a small gift automatically transferred each month from your banking account to Beta Omicron Chapter, contact Treasurer David Morgan Jr.

ALUMNI UPDATES

To include an update about yourself in the next issue of the newsletter, e-mail your submission and photo to Lane Luckie at laneluckie@hotmail.com. Visit our Web site below for a complete list of members and contact information.

VISIT BETA OMICRON'S WEB SITE AT:
www.pikappnsu.org

The 2009-2010 academic year marks a milestone for Beta Omicron and for Northwestern. This year is the 10th anniversary since our re-chartering and NSU's 125th year since its founding. We are once again an award-winning chapter at the local and national levels in such areas as: academics; alumni relations; and service to our philanthropy, Push America.

We are working hard to recruit associate members this fall and hope that you and your family will come meet them at Homecoming. Our efforts to become better student leaders have also led us to enlist more alumni support. Alumnus Mike Land, our academic coach, has led our chapter to new heights in academia and has helped us strive to attain our goals in and out of the classroom.

Brothers have completed renovations to the chapter house, including refinished hardwood floors, new interior and exterior paint, and other small projects. These renovations were made possible in large part to Bruce Kinder and Mike Land who donated materials, time and effort to this project.



ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: RON "ASTRO" KNOTT '56

Ron Knott was among the members of Phi Kappa Nu, who helped form the Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1956. "I found the fraternity as a place to give and take with a group of friends that could be trusted. And it was in high standards with the college," he said.



Ron and his twin brother, Roland, were active members in the early years of the chapter. "It was fun having a twin brother in the fraternity and the school," he said. "Roland would cover for me when I skipped class to take flying lessons, and the teachers never found out that one Knott was not in class."

Ron flew Navy fighter aircraft from the deck of many aircraft carriers around the world. After seven years of active duty, he joined Delta Airlines as pilot and with whom he flew for more than 30 years. He continued to fly in the Naval Reserves for an additional six years. He has also owned and operated several civilian aircraft over the years.

Ron says, "I have never flown an airplane I didn't like." However, after more than 20,000 accident-free hours of flying over 50 years, none could erase the thrill of flying the Crusader.

He has developed more than 20 large real estate projects; owned and operated Ron Knott & Associates, Inc., an oil and gas production company. He started World Wide Imports that sold Mercedes Benz, BMW, Porsche and other fine automobiles.

Ron has authored several books, including Bible studies and Christian books. His latest book, *Supersonic Cowboys* is a collection of stories from more than 40 pilots who flew with Knott.

A line from the book's introduction reads: "Supersonic Cowboys is not a Hollywood story made up to appease the masses, but it is full of true life courageous stories, conveyed by the heroic pilot about his life and near-death daring experiences."

You can learn more about Ron and his books at www.ronknott.net.

Ron is past president of the North Texas chapter of International Fellowship of Christian Businessmen. He has appeared on many radio and television talk shows and had his own TV talk show for several months.

He and his wife Sharon are generous donors to the needy and have visited and contributed to orphanages in Russia, Romania, Korea, and the Philippines. He is a true philanthropist and practices the directive that it is better to give than to receive. He says, "I had much rather be on the giving end, than having to be on the receiving end."

Ron and Sharon have been blessed with two boys and two girls, five grandchildren, plus a host of children they support around the world.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Robert Kelley '56

Kelley and his wife, Nancy, live in Chicago, Ill., for the summer. They met and were married there; however, they migrate to their home in Palm Desert, Calif., during the winter months to seek comfort. He retired as a partner in Arthur Andersen in 1997. Earlier this summer, they visited Natchitoches and were house guests of Billy Plunkett '56 and his wife, Peggy.

Leo Murray '69

Murray lives in Oberlin, La., with his wife, Barbara Taylor Murray. They have two children, a daughter and a son. Leo is currently the assistant director of bands at DeRidder High School. He has taught music and band for more than 30 years.

Robert Broadwell '72

In his spare time, Broadwell is a high adventure chairman at Troop 6 of Boy Scouts of America, in Alexandria, La. He returned in July from his fourth canoeing expedition in the Boundary Waters in Ontario, Canada. His son Thomas is an Eagle Scout and a member of Gamma Iota chapter at LSU. His son Patrick is a high school senior currently working on his Eagle project.

Kyle Thomas '00

Thomas is currently a financial management officer in the United States Navy. He is stationed in Norfolk, Va. He graduated in 2007 with an MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School of Business and Public Policy. In 2008, he went on a mission to Darfur, Sudan, working with the U.N.

John Gillard '01

Gillard is married to Callie Reames Gillard, and they live at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida with their 4-year-old son. John is a 1st Lt in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service Corps. and a flight commander of Resource Management. He hopes to eventually return to Louisiana as a hospital administrator.

Manny Augello '05

Augello is the executive sous chef at Jolie's Louisiana Bistro in Lafayette, La. He and his wife, Abi Broussard Augello, were married in January and have started an underground dinner and events company named "Blue." They recently closed on their first home.

Matt Darby '08

Darby is serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, Ill. He is training for electronics technician and hopes to join a Navy Seal team as a communications and radar specialist.

CHAPTER ETERNAL



Funeral Services were conducted for Huey P. Fitch, 72, on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Beau Pre Mausoleum Chapel with Father Jody Simoneaux officiating. Interment followed in Beau Pre Mausoleum.

A native of Patoutville, longtime resident of Jeanerette and resident of Lafayette, Mr. Fitch died Monday, June 22, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. in a Lafayette hospital. Survivors include his mother Lena Armentor Fitch of Jeanerette; two daughters, Courtney E. Fitch of Lafayette and Angelle A. Fitch and Russell Rung also of Lafayette, one son, Huey P. Fitch Jr. of Spring, Texas; two step-sons, Eric Landry and wife, Stacey, of New Iberia and Lt. Col. Stephen Landry and wife, Pricelda, of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters, Lois F. Darden and husband, Don, of Charenton, and Connie F. Landry and husband, Kenneth, of Jeanerette; one brother, Walter Fitch Jr. of Baton Rouge; friend, Susan F. Landry of Lafayette and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Fitch Sr. and son, Eugene Walter Fitch. Pallbearers were Huey Fitch Jr., Eric and Stephen Landry, Hunter, Jason and Walter Fitch Jr.

Donations may be made in Huey's name to Hospice of Acadiana or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

'SHARON SAMPITE' (continued from cover)

Sharon's strength and character is an inspiration to many. When diagnosed with cancer in 2006, the same type that claimed her mother, Hazel, her courage and strength inspired many. When it became painfully clear that her time with us would be cut short, her optimism never waned. She comforted those around her and began to plan her own memorial service, a service that was meant to inspire and enrich the lives of those who were there.

Though her 48 years with us were sadly brief, her strength and character were an inspiration to many. For those who wish to honor her memory, Sharon established two scholarships at Northwestern State. The Sharon Sampite, John and Allison Van Hoof Educational Scholarship and the Sampite Family Baseball Scholarship.

HOMECOMING 2009

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ALUMNI SOCIAL

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - All Pi Kappa Phi members, alumni and their families are invited to attend this social event at the "Docks" at Mariner's Restaurant on the Highway 1 Bypass North.

NSU GREEK REUNION

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - All NSU Greeks, past and present, and their families are invited to gather for an evening of reunion and activities on campus.

ORDER OF THE LAMP SUB RITUAL

9:30 p.m. - Members and alumni will gather at the Pi Kappa Phi house for a brief sub-ritual.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

ACTIVE/ ALUMNI BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Active members will cook breakfast for alumni at the Pi Kappa Phi house.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON SAMPITE

9:30 a.m. - Chapter members will participate in a Push America/Sharon Sampite memorial bicycle ride. Riders arrive at 9:30 to participate in a tribute to Sharon Sampite. Members, alumni, and friends of Sharon are encouraged to attend.

PI KAPPA PHI ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity House. All Pi Kappa Phi Alumni are invited to attend the annual meeting. For more information or to RSVP, contact David Morgan at (512) 694- 4639 or ddm@davidmorgan.com

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

12:00 p.m. - Alumni and their families are invited to a lunch at the Natchitoches Events Center in downtown Natchitoches. The meal will cost \$15 per person. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kie Boyett at (318) 332-1951 or kieboyett@gmail.com

HOMECOMING PARADE

3:00 p.m. - Begins at Prather Coliseum and ends at the Downtown Riverbank. A pep rally on the Riverbank will follow the parade.

PI KAPPA PHI TAILGATE PARTY

4 p.m. (approx.) - Pi Kappa Phi alumni are invited to the tailgate party at tailgating area of the stadium. For more info or to RSVP, contact Britt Richey at (337) 526-6175 or jrichey002@student.nsula.edu

PREGAME ACTIVITIES

6:30 p.m. - Turpin Stadium
Enjoy pre-game show by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other game-day activities.

NSU VS. TEXAS STATE GAME

7:00 p.m. - Turpin Stadium

"BOOGIE ON THE BRICKS"

Join fans after the game in the Historic District for live music, food and drinks as Natchitoches puts on its best for the Demons!

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42 YEARS AGO

Many happy hours are spent just being together in the fraternity house. *Photo courtesy of Pi Kappa Phi National Archives*





BETA OMICRON ALUMNI CHAPTER

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Your support of the Beta Omicron Alumni Chapter helps assist the student chapter and pay for communication pieces like the *B.O. Alumni Blast*. One hundred percent of your contribution goes to fund those things that advance Beta Omicron Chapter at Northwestern State University.

This year, the Alumni Chapter made a considerable donation to the chapter to help underwrite recruitment efforts, finance house improvements, including a new roof, published quarterly issues of the *B.O. Alumni Blast*, and paid the national pre-initiation fee this fall for each associate member with a 2.75 or better high school G.P.A. While some members pay their annual dues in one lump sum, the Alumni Chapter encourages you to consider spreading your gift out over the course of the year by authorizing an easy, automatic monthly transfer from your banking account to Pi Kappa Phi's banking account. Most alumni agree to donate \$20 per month, but a gift in any amount makes a difference. Please help support your Alumni Chapter make to a difference in the lives of our student members. Sign up today!

Listed here are dues-paying members of the Beta Omicron Alumni Association. Alumni dues help to fund alumni events and mailings like the *B.O. Alumni Blast*. *Denotes members who are paying monthly dues through EFT.

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