

B.O. ALUMNI BLAST



HOMECOMING 2011: THE LEGACY LIVES ON

It's never too late to re-connect with five decades of Pi Kappa Phi brothers. Our annual Homecoming Reunion grows larger each year and 2011 promises to bring Beta Omicron's best one yet. There's already a space reserved for you among the Pi Kapps and their families to cheer NSU to victory over Southeastern! Parades, barbecues, golf tournaments, alumni socials, and of course Demon Football will certainly create a weekend to remember.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT

12:00 p.m. | NSU Recreation Complex | Come participate in the annual golf scramble on the 18-hole golf course. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kie Boyett at (318) 332-1951 or kieboyett@gmail.com.

HOMECOMING PARADE

5:00 p.m. | Fleur de Lis Stage, Downtown Natchitoches Riverbank | Join NSU President Randall J. Webb, Head Football Coach Bradley Dale Peveto and all of our Homecoming honorees for a special pep rally and recognition ceremony packed with entertainment from the NSU spirit groups.

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PI KAPPA PHI ALUMNI SOCIAL

8:00 p.m. | Location TBA | All Pi Kappa Phi members, alumni and their families are invited to attend this social event. Mingle and meet the Beta Omicron Chapter active members. Catch up with old friends and network with fellow alumni. A cash bar will be available.

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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 2011, 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

'HOMECOMING 2011' (continued from cover)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

HOMECOMING 5K FUN RUN

8:00 a.m. | Wellness, Recreation & Activities Center (WRAC) | All alumni & supporters of NSU are invited to a special 5K fun run/walk through the NSU campus.

PI KAPPA PHI ACTIVE/ ALUMNI BREAKFAST

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

"CYCLING FOR SHARON" BICYCLE RIDE AND PRESENTATION

9:30 a.m. | Pi Kappa Phi Clock, NSU Alumni Plaza | Members of Pi Kappa Phi will cycle from Powhatan to the Pi Kappa Phi clock on the NSU campus to honor the memory of Sharon Sampite. Sharon, the daughter of Pi Kappa Phi alumnus Joe Sampite, lost her battle with cancer in 2009. Members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority will make a check presentation to a scholarship fund in her memory.

"EXTRA MILE" SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND GROUP PICTURE

9:30 a.m. | Pi Kappa Phi Clock, NSU Alumni Plaza | Winners of the David Morgan Extra Mile Scholarship will be recognized during a check presentation. Actives and alumni are encouraged to attend. Our annual group picture will be taken at this time.

PI KAPPA PHI ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Pi Kappa Phi Chapter House | All Pi Kappa Phi Alumni are invited to the annual Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Association and Housing Corporation. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kie Boyett at (318) 332-1951 or kieboyett@gmail.com. For alumni members who pay their dues annually, it is due at this time.

PI KAPPA PHI FAMILY LUNCH GATHERING

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Pi Kappa Phi Chapter House | All Pi Kappa Phi members and their families are invited to enjoy food and fun at the Pi Kappa Phi House. Initiated members will also participate in a short sub-ritual and share "War Stories" of years gone by. Alumni and their families are encouraged to help fund this lunch with a donation to the chapter.

ALUMNI TAILGATING

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Demon Commons (formerly NSU practice fields) | All Pi Kappas and their families are invited to come by the tent and grab something to eat before the game. It will be a great time to visit with friends you haven't seen in a while and build relationships with fellow alumni. Join the Pi Kappa Phi alumni and active members in their tailgating zone for plenty of fun and brotherhood.

PREGAME ACTIVITIES

5:30 p.m. | Turpin Stadium | Enjoy the pre-game show by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other pre-game activities.

HOMECOMING GAME VS. SOUTHEASTERN

6:00 p.m. | Turpin Stadium

HALFTIME CEREMONIES

7:30 p.m. (approx.) | Turpin Stadium

BOOGIE ON THE BRICKS

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. | Front Street, Downtown Natchitoches

SIX RECOGNIZED FOR GOING THE “EXTRA MILE” AT NSU

Six members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity were honored for their commitment to leadership at the fourth annual Beta Omicron Scholarship Banquet. On Saturday, March 19, 2011; Jon Lee, Kyle Duhon, Chase Harvey, Scott Mayeaux, Tyler Stahl and Ryan Jeffords were named the Spring 2011 “Morgan Extra Mile Scholars.” The recipients were selected for excellence in academics, campus and chapter leadership, service, and employment. Over \$2,000 in scholarships were awarded at the banquet, held at Lasyone’s Meatpie Restaurant in Natchitoches.

The Morgan “Extra Mile” Scholarship Program is funded by and named for Beta Omicron alumnus David D. Morgan. An entrepreneur, an insurance executive, and a leader within his industry and his fraternity, Morgan has spent a considerable portion of his life helping others to be successful. Whether through the offering of insurance products to association members across the country that help provide a greater peace of mind, or through his volunteer work with several Pi Kappa Phi chapters, Brother Morgan’s commitment to helping people (especially his Pi Kappa Phi brothers) is a trademark of his personality. Instilling the lessons he learned growing up in Louisiana – lessons of hard work, industriousness, and self-determination – into the heart of this new initiative, the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation created the scholarship program in 2008.

The Morgan “Extra Mile” Scholarship Program seeks to recognize academic performance while encouraging active and sustained involvement in NSU all while remaining active in the affairs and operation of the Beta Omicron Chapter. These six honorees have exhibited their commitment to striving for excellence and are worthy recipients.

To solidify the mission of the scholarship, keynote speaker Richard Hughbank, a professor of Criminal Justice, shared his thoughts on how anyone can achieve their fullest potential. He detailed his experiences in the military and the best methods to share leadership with others. Hughbank shared this quote to summarize

his message, “Who we are might be predetermined, but the path we follow is always of our own choosing. We should allow our fears or the expectations of others to set the frontiers of our destiny.” He went on to explain that what we do with those fears define our character. Hughbank encouraged members to make the most of their college experience and challenged them to follow the Fraternity’s mission by choosing to lead.

Lane Luckie was also named alumnus of the year. Currently

vice president of the Beta Omicron Alumni Association/ Housing Corporation, Luckie has served as an alumni advisor since 2008. He is actively involved with the student chapter and serves the national Fraternity as a volunteer facilitator for alcohol education and risk management programs, a faculty member for Mid Year Leadership Conference, and is the chapter advisor for the Stephen F. Austin Associate Chapter. Luckie said he is very moved by the award. “It’s a great honor, but I feel like the true reward is getting to spend time with brothers who understand the concept of lifelong brotherhood. It makes me very proud to see the student members carrying on the legacy of hundreds of NSU Beta Omicrons.”

Dozens of chapter alumni, active brothers, and representatives from Northwestern State University were in attendance for the dinner. Special guests included:

Dr. Chris Maggio, Dean of Students; Robert Crew, alumnus and Executive Assistant to the President; Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto, NSU Head Football Coach; Mr. Shawn Daily, alumnus and former Chapter Advisor; Dr. Michael Land, alumnus, Chapter Academic Coach and NSU Associate Professor; Doug Ireland, alumnus, Beta Omicron Chapter Advisor, and NSU Sports Information Director; Mr. Lane Luckie, alumnus and Beta Omicron Housing Corporation Vice President; and Mr. Kie Boyett, Beta Omicron Housing Corporation director of alumni events.



ALUMNUS CREATES CAREER FROM PASSION OF SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Nick Breaux is on a journey to transform the lives of college students through teaching empathy and serving people with disabilities. The 2010 Northwestern State University graduate recently completed his first year as a program consultant for Push America. A philanthropy created by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1977, Push America instills lifelong service in fraternity members and exists to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Push America is based in Charlotte, North Carolina; however Breaux spends most of his time driving across the country. In the past year, he's logged more than 9,000 miles between visits to 40 universities. Breaux works with Pi Kappa Phi chapters to develop and improve Push America programming. Undergraduate chapters across the country have and continue to establish volunteer relationships with local facilities that serve people with disabilities in conjunction with fundraising on campus and in their local communities for the programs of Push America. Members of Pi Kappa Phi have raised millions of dollars for the programs of Push America as well as donated millions of man hours to renovate facilities that serve people with disabilities across the country.

Breaux's passion has not waned since his days as an undergraduate. In fact, it's only grown. In May 2010, only days after graduation, Nick completed a "super



summer" by serving as crew chief on both Gear Up Florida and the Journey of Hope South team. The cycling events bring the spirit of Push America to communities from coast to coast. Breaux says it remains the best summer of his life.

"Each day our work was rewarded as we visited a new town and new people. Everyone should understand that a person with disability is a person with their own set of abilities. That summer I met comedians, home run sluggers, business leaders, and champions. Although they live with certain disabilities, each has amazing abilities."

The same mission persists today with in his professional role at Push America. Breaux's visits to Pi Kappa Phi chapters allow him the opportunity to motivate and inspire college students to grow individually through service-learning. Particularly rewarding are his visits to newly established chapters.

"It's been great to help a new group men

start their Push America projects from the ground up," said Breaux. "Those guys are gung-ho about Push America and it's such an important part of growing brotherhood."

His travels have also connected him with incredible individuals. One memorable visit came at Western Michigan University's Theta Rho Chapter. Members had invited Johnnie Tuitel, a motivational speaker and founder of "Alternatives in Motion. Breax says Tuitel is the nation's leading, self-proclaimed 'handi-capitalist."

"He was born with cerebral palsy and is easily one of the funniest and most amazing people I've had the opportunity to meet. He attributes so much of his success to his focus on his abilities, not his disability."

The same values and ideas Breaux shares with Pi Kappa Phi members across the country are the same ones instilled in him as a student at NSU. "Beta Omicron chapter helped me develop leadership skills that have positioned me to serve others as a consultant for Push America."

Breaux says he looks forward to continuing Push America's work in erasing stereotypes associated with disabilities. "I do what I do to make a difference through my beliefs in a greater cause, to help people impact the lives of others, and present the opportunity for our members to grow."

To date, Push America has raised over \$15 million to benefit people with disabilities and organizations dedicated to their service.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Derick Wenning '02

After graduating from NSU in 2004, Derick completed medical school at LSU- Shreveport in 2008. Wenning spent three years in Columbia, South Carolina, for an emergency medicine residency. He and his wife Katie (Berg) are living in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as he completes a pediatric fellowship. This fall, the Wennings are planning to enjoy hiking and camping in the Carolinas.

DJ Kluczniak '04

DJ and his wife Ginna (McCowan) welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world on June 20. Check out Joey's Pi Kapp blanket!



Michael Tiffany '05

This June, Michael and Toni (Menard) were married in the historic 1836 Saint Martin De Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinsville. The Tiffanys recently moved to Seoul, South Korea, after being accepted to a teaching program.



← Matt Darby '07

Matt made a brief appearance on NBC's "Today" Show during New York City's "Fleet Week" in May. Somehow Darby was able to stand out from the dozens of other sailors in Rockefeller Plaza. During a commercial, Darby had a brief moment to chat with Meredith Vieira, Ann Curry, and Al Roker.

PHOTO COLLECTION DOCUMENTS 55 YEARS OF BETA OMICRON

Five years of collecting, scanning, organizing and researching will give hundreds of Pi Kapp alumni a glimpse into the storied past of Beta Omicron Chapter. A collection of photographs dating back to the late 1920s illustrates key moments in the formation of the chapter's predecessor, Phi Kappa Nu. More images document the 55 years since Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity was established at Northwestern State University.

At the time of the chapter's 50th anniversary in 2006, alumnus Lane Luckie began collecting photos for a slide show to be presented at the reunion. Since then, his desire to preserve the chapter's history has grown include 1,065 photographs; each one telling a unique story.

"I've always been a huge history buff, but I found a particular devotion in documenting Beta Omicron Chapter because of my personal connection," said Luckie.

After years of sorting through NSU Potpourri yearbooks, photo albums, chapter archives, Facebook, and by soliciting individual alumni, he's organized a permanent digital collection.

"The parallels are amazing," said Luckie. "When you compare the early days of the chapter with the current group, we have more in common than anyone could imagine."

You can visit the Beta Omicron Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pikappNSU.



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REMEMBER
45 YEARS AGO

Plans for the new house in
the making. *Photo courtesy of Beta
Omicron Archives*

