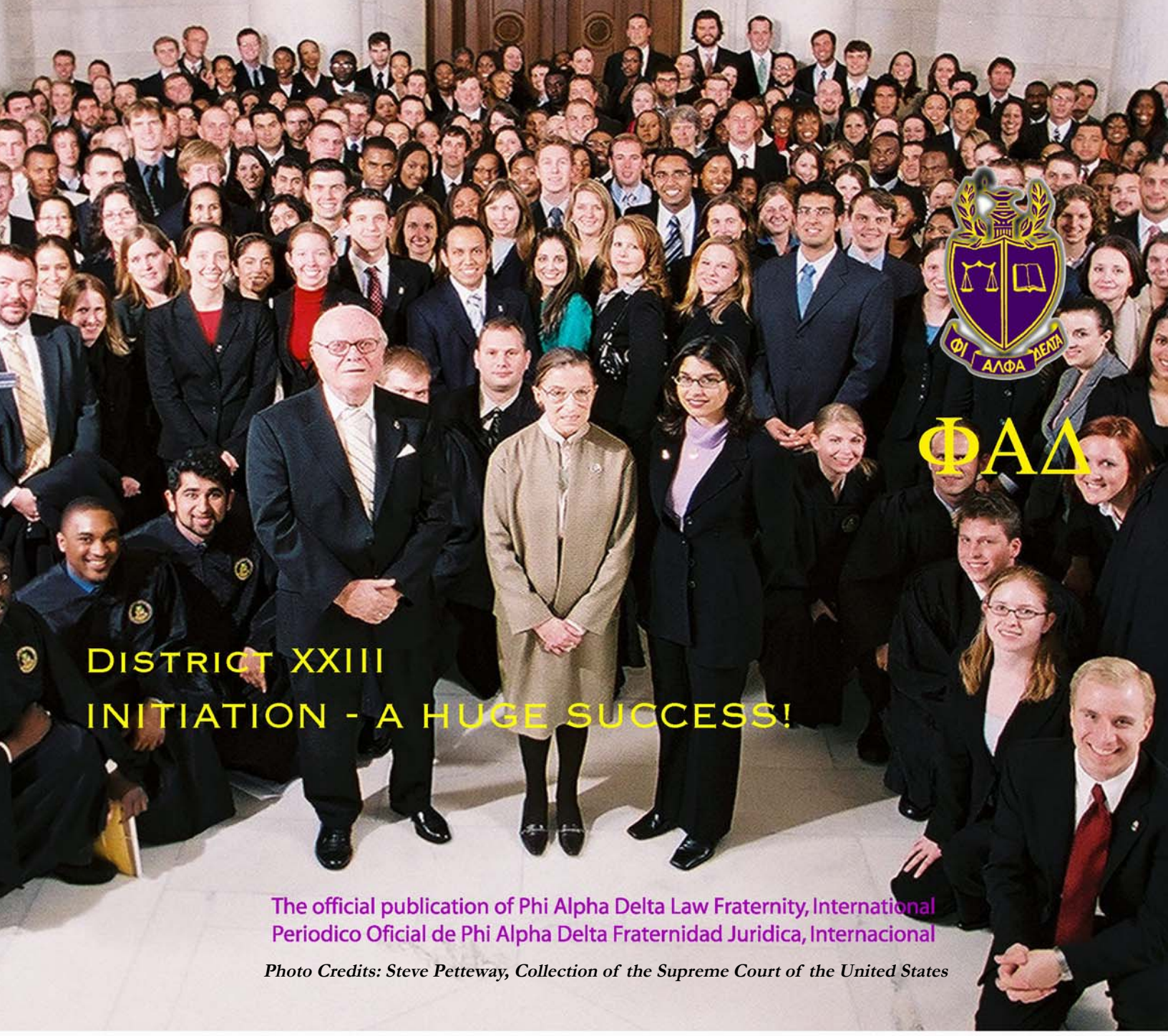


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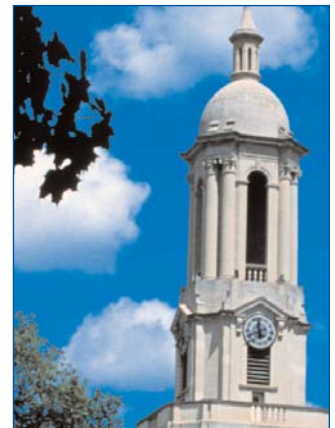
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From the Desk of the International Justice

"The Spring's The Thing"

My sisters and
brothers:

As you receive this
issue of *The Reporter*, we
are coming off a
tremendous Fall
semester for both our
pre-law and our law
school chapters.

Chapter programming
and rushing are at all-time highs, with some of the most diverse
programming our chapters have ever put forth. In particular,
our chapters are to be commended for all of the community
service programs and activities they have organized and
executed. I have showcased just a handful of these chapters
and programs in my evening acknowledgments on the PAD
listserv. For a more comprehensive detailing, please visit the
new PAD Public Service Center website at: [www.
publicservicecenter.org](http://www.publicservicecenter.org). The community service put forth and
the philanthropy achieved by our chapters is truly in the finest
traditions of our Fraternity.

In the Fall, we installed: our 97th alumni chapter – the
Western Suburban Alumni Chapter, just outside of Chicago,
Illinois; our 195th law school chapter – the Albert Patterson
Chapter at Faulkner University, Jones School of Law, in
Montgomery, Alabama; and our 271st pre-law chapter at
Appalachia College. We reactivated a number of our chapters.
And there is more to come in the next few months.

Work is being completed now so that in January we can
unveil the enhanced PAD website (www.pad.org). Both chapters
and members will find it to be more "user friendly" and of
service to them. This is only the first of three modules that
will be added to the website over the next two years all of
which will assist us in remaining the pre-eminent law fraternity
in the world.

But the Fall was only the beginning. It is important that we
sustain our activities during the Spring semester to come. With
all of our new members and increased activities, each chapter
must enhance their organizational structures through the
addition of new officer positions and increased committees to
meet the needs of our expanding chapter memberships.
Programming must be enhanced to address the multitude of
interests of all of our new members. We must continue to
rush new members at all levels to strengthen our chapters and
provide for our future. Many students won't even consider

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joining a law fraternity until after they have a semester or more of school behind them and we need to be there for them.

So, my sisters and brothers, "the Spring's the thing". This is our opportunity not to wind down operations but to continue the fine work of our chapters from the Fall. It's time to start thinking about the transition between officers that normally takes place in or about March each year. It's time to take a more "long range" approach to chapter programming – just as your International Executive Board works under the ten year "PAD Strategic Plan".

The Spring is also the time that we receive most of the voluntary dues from our alumni members. The payment of dues is one way to affirm one's commitment to our Fraternity. These dues go a long way in supplementing the cost of Phi Alpha Delta's operations and we truly appreciate the financial commitment made by our duespayers. Thanks to our duespaying members, we are able to advance our activities on many fronts.

Let's all make this Spring one to remember!

Warmest fraternal regards,

John

Desde el escritorio del Juez Internacional

"La primavera es la cosa"

Mis hermanas y hermanos: Cuando recibas este número del *The Reporter*, habremos salido de un tremendo semestre de otoño para ambos nuestros capítulos prejurídicos y los de las escuelas de derecho. Los programas de actividades y el reclutamiento ("rushing") están en su nivel más alto de todos los tiempos, con algunas de las actividades más diversas que nuestros capítulos han desarrollado. En especial nuestros capítulos deben ser reconocidos por todas las actividades de servicio a la comunidad que ellos han organizado y realizado. Ya las he presentado un puñado de estos capítulos y actividades en mis mensajes nocturnos posteados en el boletín electrónico ("listserve"). Para un vistazo completo y detallado, por favor, visita el la nueva página electrónica del P.A.D. Centro de Servicio Público en: [www: publicservicecenter.org](http://www.publicservicecenter.org). El servicio a la comunidad ofrecido y la filantropía alcanzada por nuestros capítulos es realmente una muestra de lo mejor de las tradiciones de nuestra fraternidad.

En el otoño, instalamos nuestro 97mo capítulo de exalumnos – el Capítulo *Western Suburban Alumni* – en las afueras de Chicago, Illinois; nuestro capítulo número 195 en escuelas de derecho – el Capítulo Albert Patterson en la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Faulkner en Montgomery, Alabama; nuestro capítulo prejurídico número 271 en el *Appalachia College*. También reactivamos varios capítulos. Y hay más en los próximos meses.

Una vez completado el trabajo en enero develaremos el mejorado sitio *web* de P.A.D.

(www.pad.org). Los capítulos y la membresía encontrarán que es más amigable para navegar y de utilidad para ellos. Este es solo el primero de tres módulos que se añadirán a la página electrónica en los próximos dos años los que contribuirán a que sigamos siendo la más importante fraternidad jurídica del mundo. Pero el otoño fue solo el comienzo. Es importante que mantengamos nuestras actividades durante el semestre de primavera que se avecina.

Con todos nuestros nuevos miembros y actividades, cada capítulo debe mejorar su estructura organizacional con la adición de nuevos oficiales y comités para cumplir con las expectativas de nuestra creciente matrícula. Las actividades deben ser mejoradas para atender una multitud de intereses de todos nuestros nuevos socios. Debemos continuar el reclutamiento de nuevos miembros para fortalecer nuestros capítulos y proveer para nuestro futuro. Muchos estudiantes no considerarían afiliarse a una fraternidad jurídica hasta después del primer semestre o más en la escuela y debemos estar pendientes de ellos. Así es que mis hermanas y hermanos, "la primavera es la cosa". Esta es nuestra oportunidad, no de ir recogiendo velas, si no de continuar el excelente trabajo que nuestros capítulos hicieron en el otoño. Es tiempo de comenzar a pensar en la transición hacia los nuevos oficiales que normalmente debe tener lugar alrededor del mes de marzo de cada año. Es tiempo de tomar un acercamiento "a más largo plazo" sobre el programa de actividades – así como su Junta Ejecutiva Internacional trabaja con un "Plan Estratégico de P.A.D." de diez años. La primavera es también el tiempo en



"THE REPORTER" COVER:

Congratulations to all of our new District XXIII initiates and thanks to District XXIII Justice Araj Ahmed, Assistant DJs Sharon Bailey and Joel Borovsky for hosting District-wide Initiation at the Supreme Court on October 24, 2006! Special thanks to Supreme Court Justice and P.A.D. Sister, Ruth Bader-Ginsburg for attending!

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Samuel Houston Chapter Observes 104th P.A.D. Founder's Day

47 Years of continuous chapter operations at South Texas College of Law

The Samuel Houston Chapter conducted a ceremony to honor its original charter members in celebration of the founding of both Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, which was founded over 104 years ago, and the Samuel Houston Chapter, which was founded on May 30, 1959 at South Texas College of Law.

The program began with the induction of twenty new members into the chapter, including one alumni member initiation. Following the ceremony several of the initiates indicated that a lasting impression had been left with them on the professionalism of the Fraternity.

Following the initiation, the approximately sixty assembled members were escorted to the Emilie Slohm dining room for a seated dinner honoring the founding members of the fraternity. The scheduled program commenced with the following speakers:

Justice Bob Gammage told of his attendance at the 1964 Washington Biennial Convention and how this experience motivated him to remain active in the activities of the Fraternity during his extensive public career. Justice Gammage is a retired Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Before being elected Justice, Justice Gammage served as a Texas State Representative, a Texas State Senator, a United States Representative, a Justice on the Third Court of Appeals in Austin, and finally as a Delegate to the Constitution Convention of 1974. He was also a candidate for Governor of Texas during the spring election earlier this year. In addition to his many other activities, Justice Gammage presently serves as a political science professor at Texas State University and cut short one of his classes to drive several hours to attend the reception.



Original Chapter Members, May 30, 1959.



Chapter Justice Scott Poerschke presents Judge C. Raymond Judice with an award for serving as the Chapter's first Justice.

Retired Justice Ben Z. Grant, of the 6th Court Of Appeals in Texarkana, drove from his home in Marshall, Texas to attend. Prior to his service as an Appellate Justice, he had served as a Texas State Representative. During his 10 years as a member of the Texas House, he served as chairman of the Houston Judiciary Committee, and as President of the Texas Judicial Council. He was also a Delegate to the 1974 Constitutional Convention. He was also candidate for Lt. Governor of Texas during the last election. Justice Grant told of his induction into the Fraternity as an alumni member while serving as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee in the old Supreme Court Chambers in the renovated Texas State Capitol building. During his remarks, Justice Grant told how much he had been impressed with the **"Great Teachings of the Fraternity,"** which included **Integrity, Compassion and Courage** and how they had guided him during his long public career.

Former State Senator Jack Ogg, who had served as Program Director for



Justice Bob Gammage regales of his experiences with Phi Alpha Delta.



Alumni, faculty, and students enjoying a dinner in the Emilie Slohm dining room at South Texas College of Law.

the Chapter during its inception, discussed many of the programs sponsored by the Chapter which benefited the profession development of the chapter members. He also served as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1974, and later was a candidate for Attorney General of the State. He shared his experiences in starting a law practice straight out of law school with two of his fellow classmates, including **Judge C. Raymond Judice** who had served as the first Justice of the Chapter and **M.B. Merrill** who served as the second Chapter Justice. His daughter, **Kim Ogg**, formerly head of Crime Stoppers in Houston and is now in private practice, was inducted into the Fraternity and Chapter during the ceremonies immediately preceding the banquet, and his wife, **Connie Ogg**, who was instrumental in aiding and developing many of the earlier programs of the chapter was also present.

Former State Senator Gene Jones was also in attendance and recalled many of the chapter activities while he was a law



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Grant Chapter Gives Back to the Community

By, Amy Scholz

Photos Courtesy of Ben Jenkins

The Grant Chapter and the University of Akron successfully helped save lives this fall. Working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Grant Chapter members recruited students to donate blood. On October 2, students donated blood, each giving enough to help save three lives.

Blood drives are a bi-annual event for Grant Chapter. The Bloodmobile parks in front of the law school, catching the attention of all students at the University. Therefore, not only is this event a community service project, but it also incorporates the entire University, not just the law school, which fosters good relations between the law school and the University as a whole.

Over the past two years, Grant Chapter has successfully recruited over sixty blood donors. Our efforts have helped to alleviate blood shortages in local hospitals. We are very proud of this accomplishment! Continuing our tradition of organizing the only blood drive through the law school, the Brothers and Sisters of Grant Chapter have scheduled another blood drive in early March 2007.



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student and member of the Samuel Houston Chapter. He also was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1974. Later he served as a Dean of South Texas College of Law and was always willing to lend support to our Fraternity and Chapter.

Justice Poerschke, next presented the four chapter founding members in attendance with some exceptional and personalized awards: **George Martin**, who is in private practice in Galveston; **Al Engel**, who served as the first Chapter Treasurer; **Milton McCullough**, who served as the first chapter Clerk. Special honors were extended to **Judge C. Raymond Judice**, the first chapter Justice, for his continuing support of the Samuel Houston Chapter. The Chapter then played a DVD which highlighted several of Judge Judice's many accomplishments, beginning with actual pictures from the founding of the Samuel Houston Chapter on May 30, 1959. The DVD progressed into the present, highlighting Judge Judice's exceptional service to both Phi Alpha Delta and the Texas legal community.

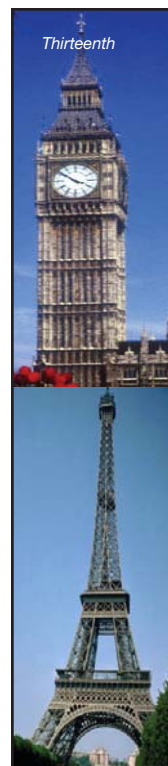
Among other chapter members from the early days of the chapter who join numerous other alumni and current chapter members, including the newly initiated members, in attendance at this program were: **Van Hendrix** who is currently in private practice; **Westley Hocker** also in private practice; **W. Allan Marcontell** who served as the Chapter Marshal in 1961; **Allen McAshan**; Judge

Karl Micklitz; **Bill Nedd** who served as Chapter Justice in 1964; **Judge Mike Thibodeaux**; **Kenneth Judice**, **John Beeson**; **Patricia Kay Dube**; **Marshall M. Taheri** who is an adjunct professor of law at South Texas; **Kevin A. Sunn**.

Professor Harry Reed who has taught at South Texas for nearly fifty years, and who taught just about everyone in attendance was warmly greeted by many of his former students, some of who had been in his class 40 years ago. **Professor Mark Siegel** was also present and recognized for serving as the Chapter's faculty advisor for over last ten years.

This function served to enhance the fraternalism among the members of the Samuel Houston Chapter and instilled in its members the professionalism that is Phi Alpha Delta. It also provided a forum for many old friends to renew acquaintances.

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ROBERT M. LaFOLLETTE CHAPTER REACTIVATED

On November 8th each year the Fraternity celebrates Founders Day the anniversary of the adoption of its first Constitution and By-Laws in 1902. On Founders Day 2006, one of the ways the Fraternity celebrated its 104th birthday, was the reactivation of the Robert M. LaFollette Chapter at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The chapter was originally chartered on May 15, 1966, but lapsed into inactivity a few years ago.

Reactivation efforts began in September with a visit from Membership Service Consultants Simon Patry and Jon Bassford with a little support from District X Justice B.J. Maley. New members were recruited and new officers were selected. The officers elect met with District Justice Maley for a training session in early October, and hit the ground running with pizza rush event and an Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Law School Q&A session for first year students before holding the Reactivation Ceremony.

The Reactivation team was made up of International Vice Justice, Alan Zerkowitz; International Executive Board Member, Jeff Hesser; District X Justice ,B.J. Maley; former District X Justice, Kelly Schwab; and Ryan Chapter Justice Nick Destefanis. About twenty new members were initiated into the Fraternity, and the following chapter officers were sworn in by Brother Zerkowitz: Justice, Kelli McKinney; Clerk, Peter Harbach; Treasurer, Aaron Glass; Marshal, Lee S. Dreyfuss III; and Alumni Liaison, Kate Peckham.

Congratulations LaFollette Chapter! We look for great things this Spring and in the coming years!



*LaFollette initiates and officers pose for a picture with:
(front row) Intl. Vice Justice, Alan Zerkowitz; Ryan Chapter Justice, Nick Destefanis;
former District X Justice, Kelly Schwab; and IEB Member at Large, Jeffrey Hesser.*



LaFollette Chapter Officers Sworn in: Alumni Liaison, Kate Peckham; Treasurer, Aaron Glass; Clerk, Peter Harbach; Marshal, Lee Dreyfuss; and Justice, Kelli McKinney.

The Fashionable Adams Chapter

The Adams Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Fashion Show and Charity Date Auction this year to support the Shalom Community Center of Monroe County, IN. The Shalom Center works to aid and improve the lives of underprivileged men and women. It provides clothing, shelter, and meals, as well as information and counseling to help those in need get better jobs, better education, and find the means to support themselves and their families.



This year, the Fashion Show and Charity Date Auction took place on November 3 at the Bluebird Bar in Bloomington. Adams Chapter members worked hard to obtain

support from businesses in Monroe County who generously donated prizes and certificates ranging from a free round of golf to theater tickets and dinner packages. These prizes were auctioned off as date packages and used as raffle items. Fashion Show attendees learned about appropriate attire for the workplace, and most of the clothing that was modeled was donated by local retailers to the Shalom Center. The Adams Chapter members raised over \$3,700 for the Shalom Center. In addition, the students and professors who attended the show came with clothing donations for the Center. The event was a tremendous success and furthered the community's awareness of and involvement with the Shalom Center.



Rayburn Chapter – Trick or Treat!

Rayburn Chapter's Annual Halloween Trick or Treat held in October 2006 was a tremendous success! This dedicated chapter had over 400 kids attend this year with over 20 student organizations participate!

The members of Rayburn Chapter report that they “went through more candy than you can imagine!”

Congratulations to this creative and community-service minded chapter on a job well-done! Be sure to keep an eye open for other Rayburn Chapter events!

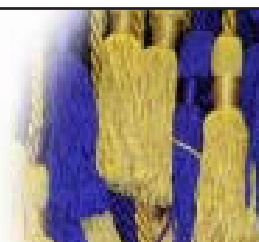


*Tonya Graser, Rayburn Justice and
Mahsa Tajipour, Rayburn Marshal.*



*IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE - NO IT'S SUPERMAN!
a.k.a. Adam Rieck, a 1L Rayburn Chapter Member.*

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Submitted by, Ron Winter, International Secretary

What an outstanding fall semester we have just completed. We are on a record-setting pace for annual initiations in the 104-year history of the Fraternity. The reports have been duly and timely delivered to your Executive Office by those tasked with the responsibility of doing so – our chapter clerks and secretaries.

With that great news as a backdrop, I must also – in the interest of fairness – report this news: we have reason to believe that many other initiations have been conducted but the members have yet to be duly enrolled because their names and fees have not been sent to Baltimore. If you are aware of such an occurrence, please rectify the situation immediately by notifying the Executive Office staff.

Failure to report initiations creates two glaring problems. The first is that the member is not duly enrolled in an organization which has much to offer. They will never fully realize the benefits of membership for which they paid.

Just as important, failure to forward the application fees to the Executive Office is a violation of the fiduciary responsibility which each chapter officer accepts when taking the oath of office. Actions like that later in life as an attorney can be grounds for disbarment. It is important to learn these life lessons now.

Your spring semester rush activities should be well underway by now.

Remember that rush is a full-time, year-round activity. Regardless of the success of the fall recruitment, there are many 1L students who delayed the decision to join in order to first determine if they could survive the rigors of law school, and still more on your campus who have not even heard of Phi Alpha Delta (as difficult as that may be to believe!). Now is the time to remind these students that their local PAD chapter is accepting new members. You should have a complete fall calendar of events to demonstrate the activities and purpose of our fraternity, and the knowledge to successfully convince these students to join.

Once you have members in place, it is important that you communicate with them regularly to remind them of chapter events. I try to keep a calendar of local PAD activities, but it is helpful to receive a reminder of upcoming events to ensure that I have it planned and on my calendar – and that I know where and what time the event will be held. Even if they can't make it, members like to know that they are not forgotten once they join. Be sure to invite your members and encourage their participation in all chapter events.

Along with event notices, it is vital that your members are aware of chapter meetings and the items to be discussed. Prepare an agenda of topics to distribute with the meeting notice, and follow with minutes of the meeting to keep members informed of what the chapter is doing. A well-run chapter is a well-informed chapter.

Finally, as important as chapter meetings and events are to the health and

growth of a chapter, the most important meeting is the *Transition Meeting*. This gathering of the new and old officers of the chapter is the one opportunity you have to share the knowledge, learn the tricks and lay the groundwork for a seamless transition to the new administration. With the proper hand-off of the tools necessary for success of the chapter, we see sustained growth and continuity. Without it, we see chapters shrivel on the vine for lack of leadership and direction. It is the single, most important meeting you will hold – as officers – all year. The most important chapter meetings, of course, are the initiations (notice the plural form) you hold in fall and spring.

Your first spring initiations should be taking place in February, your elections later that month or in March, transition meetings within 10 days of the elections (in fact, advertise when the Transition Meeting will be held prior to the elections so that everyone is aware of the date and the responsibility of attending), and a second spring initiation for the new officers to conduct before the end of April. By then



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Welcome Patterson Chapter! Albert Patterson Chapter Installed

By, **Matt Bell** – Chapter Vice-Justice

The newest chapter of Phi Alpha Delta is the Albert Patterson Chapter at Faulkner University's Jones School of Law. Jones Law School received provisional approval from the ABA summer 2006, and the students were excited about the opportunity to become a part of the world's largest legal fraternity. The record number of charter members clearly shows their excitement.

In their first semester of existence, the Chapter boasts a membership of 78 members, which is even more impressive when you consider that is nearly 1/3 of the student body. The goal for the spring membership drive is to reach 40% of the student body. The formal initiation and charter ceremony took place on November 10, 2006, at the Alabama Supreme Court. The Honorable Richard McCully (*McKellar*) presided over the ceremony, and the Honorable Bill Prior gave a wonderful speech. The ceremony was followed by a lovely reception at the Capital City Club in downtown Montgomery. The Chapter did not sit around waiting for the November 10th initiation to arrive. They held their first

fundraising campaign during the month of October by selling t-shirts that proclaimed, "We Own Blackacre!" The shirts were a hit and the chapter sold nearly 100. In addition, the Chapter also held their first event in the form of a 3-on-3-basketball tournament on



November 4th. The tournament was a success, with 8 teams registering to play. With finals approaching quickly after the initiation, the Chapter held a food drive for the needy of Montgomery. The twist, which they borrowed from the A.H. Stephens Chapter, was a promise of immunity from professors if students brought items to class for the food drive. It was a great relief to many students to be free from briefing cases for the two days before Thanksgiving break. The drive raised nearly 400lbs of food, and the goal for next year's drive has been ambitiously set at 1000lbs.

The Albert Patterson Chapter is excited about the upcoming semester, and has already developed a few unique ideas for the future. They plan to host a March

Madness basketball tournament in the spring and have set a goal of 16 teams for that tournament. In addition, they plan to host "P.A.D. Lawn Games" on the grassy courtyard near the school. Every other Friday, when they are not having a Chapter meeting, they will invite everyone on campus to take a study break by playing horseshoes, ultimate frisbee, football or some other fun activity. They are also researching the possibility of securing discounts, exclusively for P.A.D. members, at restaurants and entertainment venues around town. James Rutter, Chapter Justice, believes "this discount card would be of great value to all members and will be a strong recruiting tool." With one semester successfully under their belt, you can expect great things in the future from this new Chapter.



Langston Chapter FALL EVENTS

The Langston Chapter hosted several events this fall. Included were an Alumni Panel, New Members Welcome Potluck, a Community service project sponsoring a cookout for the homeless and a Finals Review for 1Ls. Congrats to all new Fall 2006 New Members of Langston Chapter!



The Record Breaking Semester - Willis Chapter

By, **Victoria Godwin – Chapter Justice**

The school year kicked-off right with the Willis Chapter traditional “Welcome to Law School” social. We invited all students to celebrate the first week of school and gear us up for a successful year! Recruitment efforts continued throughout the month setting up rush tables and inviting non-members to join our family. The Willis Chapter has a mentor program to help new P.A.D. family members with questions about law school and P.A.D.

We also held a “Congratulations Social” celebrating all those who made it through their first month of school. Then it was time for *our initiation*. With the assistance of our Alumni Advisor, Steven Miller, we initiated a record breaking 65 members into our family. This was the largest initiation that we have ever had in one semester and we celebrated afterwards at a bonfire social.

Willis Officers and a few other members attended the District Conference for District XIV, where we were awarded the Chapter of the Year for 2005-2006. We learned valuable recruitment and networking skills. At the conference, we met some students attempting to revive the Coke Chapter. At the time of the conference, there were no current student members in the Coke Chapter. At the advice of our District Justice, Simon Patry, we invited the students interested in keeping the Coke Chapter active to our second initiation. On October 11, we not only initiated the remainder of our new members but also the new members of the Coke Chapter, and installed their officers.



HAMMOND CHAPTER REPORTING

On October 14, members of the Hammond Chapter volunteered to serve at the annual fundraiser held by the University of Iowa Museum of Art. The money raised at the event is used each year to keep the Museum free and open to the public. The theme of the evening was “Shaken & Stirred,” and classic bond movies played as the public circulated through the open galleries and enjoyed various local musicians who also donated their time to the evening. Fourteen members donated their Saturday evening, offering appetizers donated by the 10 best Iowa City restaurants and selling raffle tickets to the fundraiser attendees.



The Hammond Chapter raffle ticket sellers: Jessica Tucker (3L), Justice Jennifer Seifert (2L), Minji Kim (1L), Sandra Goveia (3L).



SMILE HAMMOND CHAPTER! Top row left: Elizabeth Albright (1L), Sandra Goveia (3L), Kristina Kaluza (1L), Minji Kim (1L); bottom left: James Gretter (1L), Justice Jennifer Seifert (2L), Mari Kaluza (1L).

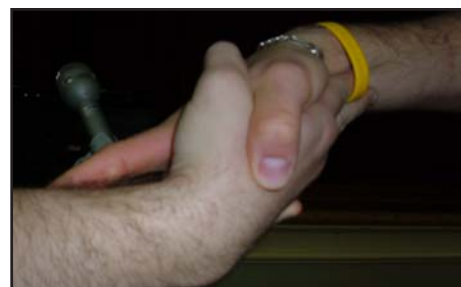
On October 13, the Willis Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual CLE titled, “Avoiding Wrongful Convictions in Criminal Cases.” Using the ABA text, *Achieving Justice: Freeing the Innocent, Conviction the Guilty*, our two speakers, Victor Streib and Dr. Dennis DeLuca, a lead forensic expert for the state of Ohio, spoke to over 20 attorneys from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois. This was the largest attorney audience that our law school has had for a CLE held by a student organization. After compiling the



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Rockefeller Chapter

Phi Alpha Delta has sponsored several events this semester at the Albany Law School. One of the most popular events is the Annual McKinnley Poker Tournament. Portions of the proceeds that the chapter raises go directly to charity.



Keener Chapter

The Keener Chapter of Emory University has had a very successful start of the year. In recruiting 25 new members, the chapter size has grown significantly since its rebirth in 2005.

A traditional initiation was held at the Georgia Supreme Court in October to welcome the new members. The Second Annual Sandwich War, a sandwich-making competition between the three law school classes, raised over 100 pounds of sandwiches for the Atlanta Food Bank.

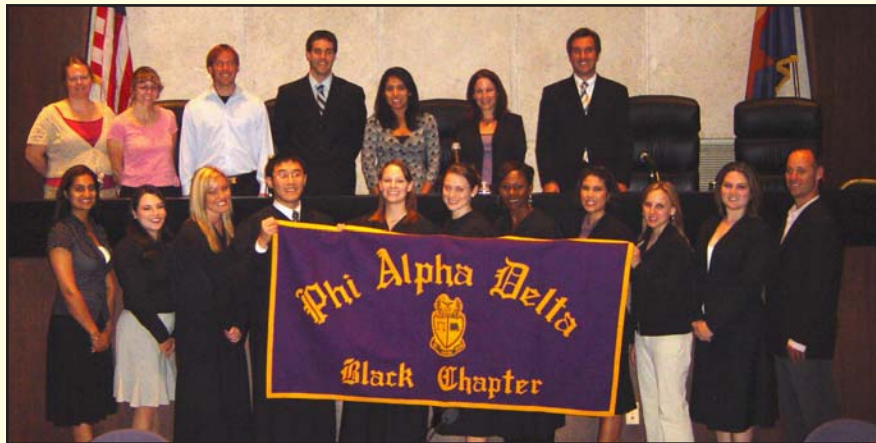
The fraternity has continually supported the Atlanta Food Bank throughout the year by hosting bake sales and canned food drives. Additionally, the Keener Chapter has increased visibility on campus by sponsoring social events such as Braves games and laser light shows. The chapter has grand plans for the upcoming year and is look forward to continued success!



Waite chapter hosts their most successful "Welcome Party"



District XXV enjoys a nice dinner after their hard work during the District Conference.



BLACK CHAPTER FALL INITIATION

On October 23rd 2006 The Hugo Black Chapter at Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law hosted its Fall Initiation Ceremony. Thirteen new members were initiated into the Chapter. Faculty advisor, Professor Popko gave a moving address on the four fundamental principles of Phi Alpha Delta – Integrity, Compassion, Courage, and Professional Service citing real life examples of how these attributes led to great advocacy. As part of the ceremony, Black Chapter took the opportunity to thank Arnold Hirsch, P.A.D. International Treasurer; Carrie Smith, District V Justice, and Professor Popko for their continuing guidance and support. Black Chapter also honored its former Justice, Kristin Kaleo and Vice-Justice Thomas Williams, for their outstanding leadership and service to Black Chapter and the student body. The evening concluded with a reception at the College of Law.



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evaluations, we had numerous requests to have another CLE.

We moved on to our 4th Annual Charity Flag Football Tournament. On November 4 the Ohio Northern Law School students hit the field. The L3 girls remained undefeated, winning for the third straight year, while the L2 guys dominated over the L3 guys and the L1-Section 1 guys crushed the L1-Section 2 guys. This night of fun under the lights, raised over \$200 in donations for the Samaritan House.

Our philanthropy for the semester wasn't over with the Flag Football Tournament. We had the P.A.D. Canned Food Drive. Willis Chapter teamed up with the Christian Legal Society at Ohio Northern College of Law to have a canned food drive. Some professors embraced the "Can the Socratic Method" idea, allowing a "pass" for any student who brought a can to class on a selected day, while other Professors announced they would match any contribution made by their class. After a week of collection, we broke yet another record as we had boxes filled with canned food, the most collected as far as any of the professors could remember.

As the semester came to an end, we focused on finals. P.A.D. members met with each other to form study groups and met with their mentors to go over notes and approaches for exams.

We look forward to next semester, were we have plans for bigger and better things for the Willis Chapter offering *service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.*



Jordan History

An exciting aspect of the traditions for Phi Alpha Delta's Jordan Chapter at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Houston, Texas) to be emulated by other law school chapters is their "History Meeting."

The history meeting offers many things for incoming fraternity brothers and sisters, including the opportunity for the initiates "mentees" to meet their chapter mentors. The history meeting is a valuable bonding session – and "fraternity learning" tool. All attendees watch the "Thru the Ages" P.A.D. history video and share the historical information sent to the chapter from Brother Judice. The meeting also has trivia games and a question and answer section with chapter alums. The experience concludes with a post-meeting happy hour for all at a local



hangout. The pre-initiation history meeting for 2006 fall initiates was held on October 18. Jordan Chapter (Justice Ben Gregory) proudly announces 100%

turnout for the meeting! Contributing to the success of this year's history meeting was DaeJan Grigsby (Vice Justice) and Destinee Waiters (Clerk).

EDMONDS CHAPTER - A FANTASTIC SEMESTER

By, Pamela Brown - Justice

This past semester has been wonderful! We initiated 20 new members which doubled our membership. Our chapter has remained relatively small as our campus has over 30 clubs to choose from. Even with all that competition we have received recognition from our school, faculty, and students for the projects we have done this semester.

On November 5, our members helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity in San Jose. I personally helped put up gutters along with another sister, Katherine de Coro. Those who were scared of heights and tall scaffolding stayed on the ground and helped with painting. It was a nice day and we got to meet the family who will live in the house when it is complete.

From November 6-10, we co-hosted a drive for the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. One member, Leslie Maglione, who has done work with the HSSV, suggested the idea. We also got in touch with SALDF (Students for Animal Legal Defense Fund) and got them to co-sponsor. We brought in our own animals, which included my Yorkshire Terrier, "Belvedere" and Leslie's German Shepard, "Yeager," to assist with the drive. By the end of the week we had received over \$1000 worth of items and \$200 in cash to donate to the HSSV.

In December, we also helped with our Student Bar Association's Adopt-A-Family project. We adopted an 8-person family and an additional 1-year-old from another family that needed presents. Each member of the family got approximately

\$80 worth of gifts, which included work boots, DVD Player, dolls, clothes, socks, a stroller, educational DVDs, and more. This was one of the most rewarding projects we did this year.

The Edmonds Chapter also attended the District Conference at UC Hastings this semester. We had a few social events, which included Dave and Busters End of the Semester Party, and an initiation party at a member's house. This semester has been great and full of amazing projects. Next semester is shaping up to be even better. We are aiming to initiate at least another 20 people into our chapter so that we can become a prominent organization at Santa Clara University School of Law!



District I Recap

By Melody Crick District I Justice

Way up here in the Pacific Northwest, District I is having a great year! District I is composed of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, Alberta and British Columbia. Each of our chapters has been extremely busy so far this year and I wanted to share some of their accomplishments.

Borah Chapter held a tailgate party before their school's big football game this semester. They also held their most successful food drive ever, collecting over 12,963 items.

Connelly Chapter has been very involved with the Ronald McDonald House. They do many projects with kids including parties and crafts. They also host the Turkey Challenge at their school and challenge other organizations to help provide complete dinners for needy families.

Lusk Chapter had a great rushing semester! They hosted a very successful 1L academic assistance program that had overwhelming attendance.

Truman Chapter has also been involved with the Ronald McDonald House. They hosted a very successful 1L exam tips program. In addition, they sent a delegate to the Pre-Law Conference.

Williams Chapter thrived with community service events. In addition to their own very successful food drive, where they collected 7227 items, the chapter adopted a needy family and provided them with a great Thanksgiving

TRUMAN CHAPTER



The Truman Chapter at Seattle University School of Law volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House during Thanksgiving week. The Ronald McDonald House provides support and housing for families of children who are undergoing treatment at nearby hospitals.

Truman Chapter taught the children how to make "hand-turkeys" out of construction paper. Next semester, the Truman Chapter will help the children make Valentine's Day cards for their loved ones.

Truman Chapter initiated 16 new members during Fall Semester and is currently planning their Spring Semester rush and initiation.

basket. They planned for weeks to provide this family with a great holiday. Somehow the chapter also found time to hold a blood drive.

Alums living in the Pacific Northwest we need you! All of our law schools are looking for ways to connect with P.A.D. alums in our area. If you are interested in being more involved, please e-mail me at melodycrick@msn.com.

District I also includes Alaska. Without a law school, Alaska presents a difficult challenge. However, we have created a Yahoo group specifically for P.A.D. members who are interested in

Alaska. If you are looking for opportunities in Alaska or if you have Alaska opportunities that you would like to send out, please e-mail me at melodycrick@msn.com.

District I continues to grow. All of our chapters have worked very hard this semester and have many exciting things planned for next semester. We are looking forward to a great spring!



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District I held a very successful District Conference in Seattle on September 23rd. Special thanks to MicroMash for sponsoring, Truman chapter for hosting and Derek and Rhonda Hill for making the trek to the great northwest!"

your fall calendar is developed, and you're ready to hit the ground running in August.

As clerks, you have a vital role in all of these activities. If you need someone to help you with the notifications, or the minutes, or the correspondence, select someone to assist you. You are the lifeline of the chapter, the link to the Executive Office from your chapter. Fulfill your duties, and the chapter will have success.

I will be back later in the spring to talk about chapter awards. I remain available to answer any questions or concerns that you might have. You can reach me by e-mail at rwinter1117@adelphia.net. Until then, take good notes.

P.A.D. graduating students and new attorneys should plan now for a healthy financial future

Graduating students often have not yet considered how they will manage their student loan debt, and new attorneys sometimes have trouble adjusting to making their student loan payments. If you have student loans, you'll want to read on as we reveal a few ways to budget effectively for your student loan repayment. Following these simple tips can help you establish good habits now that will lead you to a positive financial future.

Graduating soon?

Make sure you know when your student loan payments are due. Federal Stafford loans (but not Federal PLUS loans) have a grace period of six months after graduation before repayment begins. This allows you time to find a job and plan your repayment strategy, which may include loan consolidation. Below is a list of important to-dos for your grace period.

1. Assess all of your debt. If you have credit cards, a car payment and/or private student loans, compare the interest rates and plan on paying off the highest interest debt first. Credit cards and consumer loans typically compound interest, making them more expensive and harder to pay off over time. Federal student loans are simple-interest loans with low interest rates, so don't feel pressure to pay them off early. Put your money where it will be the most beneficial.

Debt Management Tip:
Federal student loans

have deferment and forbearance options that allow you to stop making payments for up to three years under certain circumstances. If you qualify for postponement of payments, work toward paying off other higher interest debt during that time period.

2. Choose a consolidation lender. If you consolidate your variable-rate student loans during your six-month grace period, your interest rate will be reduced by up to 0.6%. Choose a lender that offers cash back incentives or special perks for making payments on time. For instance, P.A.D.'s student loan partner, College Loan Corporation, offers a special cash back incentive of up to \$4,000* for P.A.D. members. If you have student loans that are eligible for consolidation, contact College Loan Corporation at (800) 314-0680.

3. Choose a payment plan that fits your budget. The four payment plans for federal student loans are *Standard*, *Income Sensitive*, *Graduated* and *Extended*.

Standard payments divide up your payments evenly over time.

An *Income-Sensitive* plan factors your monthly income with your total balance to arrange payments that won't be too much for you to handle.

Graduated payments allow you to increase your payments as time goes on and your monthly income increases.

Extended payments lengthen the life of your loan so you have more time to pay, thus lowering your monthly payments.

Are you a new attorney?

The average law school graduate owes more than \$60,000 in student loans, with monthly payments of \$700 or more. Loan consolidation can help ease this financial burden by reducing your monthly payments and offering special, cash back benefits from lenders. Following are tips to consider if you are thinking about consolidating your loans or have previously consolidated:

1. Consolidate all of your eligible loans. Be sure to include all of your eligible loans when you consolidate. If you have already consolidated your student

loans, make sure none of your loans were left out. Be sure to add any new loans, to save you money on interest down the road.

2. Choose a repayment plan that you can manage. Federal student loans have four repayment plan options to accommodate different financial situations: Standard, Income Sensitive, Graduated and Extended. Carefully consider each option and choose the plan that works best for your situation.

3. Take advantage of lender incentives. Call your lender to find out what special benefits they offer for consolidation. P.A.D. members can take advantage of special benefits by consolidating with P.A.D.'s student loan partner, College Loan Corporation.

4. Eliminate higher interest debt as quickly as possible. If you have credit cards, a car payment and/or private student loans, compare the interest rates and plan on paying off the highest interest debt first. Credit cards and consumer loans typically compound interest, making them more expensive and harder to pay off over time. Put your money where it will be the most beneficial.

These are just a few suggestions to help you successfully manage your student loan debt. P.A.D.'s student loan lender, College Loan Corporation, has experienced loan consultants available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer any questions you may have and to provide personalized advice.

Call (800) 314-0680 to speak with a personal loan consultant or log on to www.collegeloan.com/pad to learn about special consolidation benefits, like up to \$4,000* cash back, for P.A.D. members.

*Borrowers who make payments on time each month for 48 consecutive months will receive a cash rebate equal to 5% of their principal balance outstanding, up to \$4,000. Additional terms and conditions apply; contact CLC for details.



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que recibimos la mayor parte de las cuotas voluntarias de nuestros miembros exalumnos.

El pago de las cuotas es una de las maneras de afirmar nuestro compromiso con nuestra Fraternidad. Estas cuotas juegan un rol vital en suplementar los costos de las operaciones de Phi Alpha Delta y verdaderamente nosotros apreciamos el compromiso financiero de aquellos que pagan las cuotas. Gracias a nuestros miembros que pagan sus cuotas, somos capaces de adelantar nuestras actividades en muchos frentes.;

Vamos todos a hacer de esta primavera una que sea recordada!

Un caluroso saludo fraternal, John



2006

The 2006 Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial and Law School Expo was held in November in Washington, DC.

The Conference was an overwhelming success with over 350 students, alumni, judges and exhibitors from around the country.

A special "thank you" to our Conference Sponsors, The Princeton Review and The Reed Group. In addition, thank you to the over two dozen JAG Corps members and P.A.D. Brothers and Sisters who judged the Mock Trial Competition.

Conference attendees participated in general sessions, workshops and a law school expo with over 40 exhibitors. You can see those exhibitors on pages 34 to 37. Speakers Kimm Walton, Rick Barnes, Sonel Shropshire and Elaine Penn educated the crowds while entertaining them at the same time!

Congratulations to all of the chapters and individuals who took home awards! This was a highly competitive year. It is a tribute to those chapters who continue to run exceptional chapters.

We look forward to planning the 2007 Conference. If you are interested in participating in the Pre-Law Conference, please contact the P.A.D. Headquarters at 410-347-3118 or email info@pad.org.



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Outstanding Attorney
 Mike Harnden
 University of Arizona

OVERALL

4th Place – Temple 1
 3rd Place – Canisius
 2nd Place – Arizona 2
 1st Place – Concord 1

CHAPTER AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Pre-Law Communication Program
 University of Arizona

Best Pre-Law Community Service Program
 3rd Place – University of California Berkeley for Legal Advice and Referral Clinic

Tie for 2nd Place
 California State University Northridge for Youth Service Day

Tie for 2nd Place – Texas Tech University – State School for Community Service

1st Place – Louisiana State University – Katrina Relief at the Field House

Outstanding Pre-Law Recruiting Program
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Outstanding Rush with 135 members last year
 University of Arizona

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Bernadette Martinez – University of Central Florida

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 – Tyler Carrell – University of Arizona

Outstanding New Pre-Law Chapter
 California State University Northridge

Don Hutson Outstanding Chapter
 3rd Place – University of California – Berkeley
 2nd Place – University of Miami
 1st Place – University of Arizona

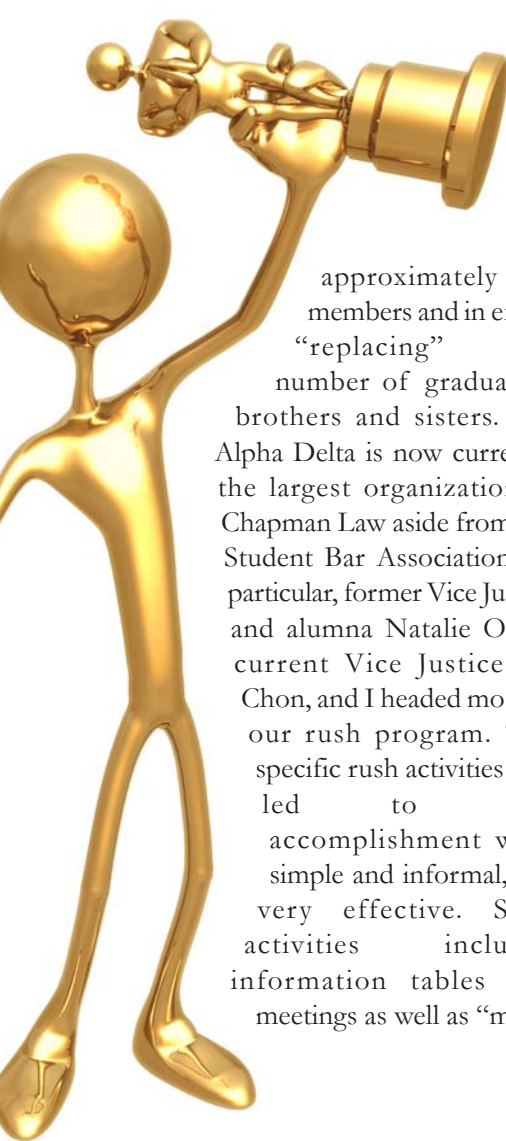
Please visit page 34-37 for a listing of all of the Law Schools who displayed and recruited during the 2006 Pre-Law Conference and Law School Expo. A special THANK YOU to those schools who continue to make this one of the premier conferences in the country!

2005-2006 District XXX Best Chapter

by, David Huynh - Justice

The presentation of the District XXX Best Chapter Award to Whittaker Chapter is truly a great honor and an achievement for which all of our members are proud. And as with any great accomplishment, our success is due to the collective efforts of many people – in this case, our members and executive board. Phi Alpha Delta is an organization whose strength comes from the dedication and support of its members and Whittaker Chapter's members have demonstrated a high standard of both over the 2005-2006 academic year.

Fall Rush 2005 is the first example of our chapter's success. With the help of our members, Whittaker Chapter initiated almost fifty new members, increasing the chapter's size to



approximately 120 members and in effect “replacing” our number of graduating brothers and sisters. Phi Alpha Delta is now currently the largest organization at Chapman Law aside from the Student Bar Association. In particular, former Vice Justice and alumna Natalie Ortiz, current Vice Justice Jin Chon, and I headed most of our rush program. The specific rush activities that led to this accomplishment were simple and informal, but very effective. Such activities included information tables and meetings as well as “meet-

and-greet” events in local restaurants and a “Back to School” party. Beginning our Fall Rush early was a notable benefit as well.

In addition, to increase our organization's visibility and communicative ability on campus, I have created a TWEN page and MySpace profile (www.myspace.com/padchapman) for the chapter. Because of increased interest in Phi Alpha Delta as a result, we expect another great year in terms of recruitment.

The Whittaker Chapter's professional program is another area where we had success. Our chapter hosted prominent criminal defense attorney Tom Mesereau as a guest speaker. Former Justice and alumnus Matt Brady arranged Mr. Mesereau's visit, which was an event that drew a full audience, including PAD members, nonmembers, and faculty.

Our chapter intends to maintain the success of our professional events program with several events spearheaded by Vice Justice and Professional Committee Co-Chair Jin Chon. First, the Whittaker Chapter is planning a “Dinner with P.A.D.” event where members will have an opportunity to meet local Phi Alpha Delta alumni.

Our chapter's academic program is also a key component of our overall success. The Whittaker Chapter's longstanding academic activity is the outline bank, a tool that helps students prepare for their classes and final exams. Building on this program, the Whittaker Chapter plans to implement a series of class review sessions taught by faculty members who are Phi Alpha Delta alumni.

Community service is another area where the Whittaker Chapter has had a successful program. In the past, members have dedicated weekends to volunteering in children's homes and have participated in various collection projects such as canned food drives.

For the 2006-2007 year, our chapter plans to continue with these activities and, in addition, coordinate volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity.

Fundraising is where the Whittaker

Chapter has seen the most improvement and success this past year. We raised a significant amount of funds for 2005-2006 by selling Chapman Law apparel. Other avenues we explored to raise funds included the sale of snow cones, Halloween grams, and Valentine's grams. With these endeavors, we were able to raise a sizable amount of money for chapter operations. As such, our chapter was able and continues to charge member dues of only twenty dollars a year.

We plan to continue the success of our fundraising program with even more activities. Our executive board has set a goal to identify member needs and address them in creative and low-cost ways while keeping membership dues the same. The underlying objective is to provide members value for their chapter dues in the form of programs and events they want to see, thereby increasing member satisfaction.

Our chapter has established an annual “Wine & Cheese Party” that our members participate in and look forward to every year. Another longstanding tradition in Whittaker Chapter is our “Back to School” party, which also serves as an excellent recruitment tool. Our chapter is also hosting a one night cruise in Newport Bay, California. Moreover, a “Movie Night” is in the works, as well as several themed parties. Whittaker Chapter will also be involved in the organization of a district-wide trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Looking at our chapter's various successes over the past year, it is clear that the collective effort of dedicated members and officers is the key component running throughout our programs. Whittaker Chapter's charter class recently graduated in 2006, demonstrating the youth of our organization. However, the enthusiasm of that class remains with us, which is the reason for our success as a professional fraternity. Receiving the Best Chapter Award serves as both a confirmation of and tribute to the work of the individuals who strive to make our organization the best it can be.

Watkins Chapter - Community Service

Watkins Chapter fed 250 homeless people at Durham Rescue Mission and Urban Ministries and gave out care bags at the Urban Ministries. To raise additional funds, we sold raffle tickets for \$5 which raised \$550. We also had a Karaoke Fundraiser where we asked the Deans, Professors and Faculty to participate. We set up tables with donation jars with their pictures. The faculty member that had the most money by Friday at 1:30 had to sing in front of the entire school! We raised \$1300!

We only needed \$1070 to feed the homeless. After we saw that we raised that much we decided to do care bags. We spent \$200 on lotion, listerine and soap. PAD member Candice Hil's father donated 200 toothbrushes and PAD member Maryam Mehrabani's husband donated 200 toothpaste and 60 toothbrushes.

We would like to thank the Deans, Professors and Faculty who participated in our Karaoke Fundraiser. NCCU Law's 2006 - 2007 Star Performer is Professor Beckwith. It was a hard battle between Professor Joyner and Professor Beckwith but Professor Joyner made a great donation at 1:20 which put Professor Beckwith in the lead. Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a success because of all the funds that NCCU Law contributed. We were able to provide meals for 250 members of the homeless community of Durham. We filled the women and children hearts with our Phi Alpha Delta and NCCU Law love, thoughts and service at Durham Rescue Mission first. We begin our evening with a prayer. We then put on our hair nets and gloves. Some students gathered around the serving table. Some students made sure that the children had high chairs. Some students prepared their drinks. Some students took their plates to their tables. Some students took them desserts. We continued in fellowship as we served them a great meal prepared by Honey's

DISTRICT XXVI PHOTO MEMORIES



Congratulations to the Chester Bedell chapter for a successful initiation.



Bradwell Chapter's Halloween Costume & Toga Party.



Bradwell's annual Cigar and Martini Party held on November 10th.



TEAM BRADWELL!

P.A.D. won 20-4 against DTP in their new annual kickball tournament.



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Camp C.O.O.L. 2006

Hickman Chapter at the University of Houston Law Center hosted in 2006 the fourth annual Camp C.O.O.L. (Children's Orientation On Law). The camp is held annually on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week and each year offers its "campers" (ranging from Kindergarten to 6th grade) a variety of activities. The camp is open to any Houston-area child with seventy campers attending the 2006 camp, as reported by Heather Koster (Hickman-Camp C.O.O.L. chair) and Sara Vingiello (Hickman-Community Service chair).

The first two days of Thanksgiving week are holidays for surrounding school districts, but the universities have classes. With local day care facilities beyond capacity, Camp C.O.O.L. gives university students/faculty and Houston-area attorneys a law-related alternative for children and younger relatives. It is a safe alternative to leaving grade-schoolers home alone and, as a bonus, low-cost as well. The cost per camper remains at the 2003 registration fee of \$5 for both days (and includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, all craft supplies, and a camp shirt).

Each day of camp is memorable for the campers and volunteers alike with the three age-appropriate tracks running constantly (one for grades K-1st, one for 2nd-3rd, and one for 4th-6th). Campers fill the day with "mock" law classes, arts &

with a mock teen court trial – with K-3rd serving as the jury of 'peers' for the 4th-6th grade-attorneys and witnesses for the prosecution and defense. The campers on Tuesday perform for parents and guests a mock criminal trial on the courtroom stage of Krost Auditorium. The activities for the campers are hosted by law students, local attorneys, high school volunteers from Houston's teen court program, and other community resources — such as the Houston SPCA "animal welfare education" course taught by Amber Benn.

Two committees from the Houston Young Lawyers Association ["HYLA"] hosted sessions at the 2006 camp. The mock teen court trial's host was HYLA's Teen Court committee. Teen Court co-chair, Amber Cox Joachim, and Memorial High School student, Luis Reyna Jr., on the Monday afternoon of camp introduced the 4th-6th graders to the "teen court" process and guided them as the campers crafted and performed the mock teen court trial script. For preparation of jury "service" for the mock teen court trial, Wendy Miller (Teen Court co-chair) taught an introductory lesson to K-3rd grade campers on the courtroom and serving on a jury. David Moncure and Melisa Thacker, co-chairs of HYLA's Young Lawyers in Schools committee, also hosted a session on the Monday of camp to 4th-6th grade campers. This HYLA-sponsored session provided an introduction on the legal system followed by a written "bar exam" for campers.

Hickman is able to keep the cost of the camp affordable due to the generosity and manpower given to the camp by the P.A.D. Public Service Center, U.H. Law Center, and the Houston community. It is the food and activity sponsors that make the camp extraordinary. Sponsoring organizations for the 2006 camp include new groups like the Houston S.P.C.A. Education department and Houston

Chapter Justice-Scott Poerschke, and consistent repeat support from groups such as HYLA, P.A.D. Public Service

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Restaurant of Durham. They fulfilled our hearts with their many thanks. We enjoyed each moment we shared with them. After cleaning, we then traveled to Urban Ministries to continue our service to the community. Members gathered around the serving tables with their gloves ready to fill each and every person's plate that walked through the doors. We also passed out care bags filled with toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, lotion and listerine as they entered the building. Members walked to tables greeting each person as they filled their bellies. The community left with filled bellies and we left with a full heart. Thank you to all the students that helped us serve, clean and fellowship. Thank you Phi Alpha Delta members and Professor Harris for making this community service project a rewarding success.



crafts projects, and various law-related programs. The agenda on both days includes mock trial. Monday concludes



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Rayburn Chapter's Essential Role in Annual Alumni Gala

The Texas Tech University School of Law hosted a distinguished alumni dinner in September of 2006, while celebrating its' 40th anniversary. Event sponsors were the school's Office of Alumni Relations and the Samuel L. Rayburn Chapter. This dinner marks the 3rd Annual Law School Gala, and the sellout crowd is the largest attendance ever for the Gala – with more than 350 alumni, students, and guests in attendance.

Rayburn Chapter has actively sponsored the event for the last three years and every year the event doubles in size. The Fraternity officers and members are instrumental in planning and organizing the event. Phi Alpha Delta makes it an important part of the Gala to offer service to the students, school, profession, and community. Through its work with the Gala, Rayburn Chapter is able to work with Texas Tech University School of Law to positively contribute to the enrichment programming and history of Tech Law. Chapter Justice Tonya Graser enthusiastically states that Rayburn Chapter looks forward each year to preserving the future legacy of the event. The Gala is an event offering lasting benefits for the legal profession and community due to the experience and legacy of Tech Law and Phi Alpha Delta.

The 2006 event honors Justice Phil Johnson. Justice Johnson is the first Texas Tech alumnus to serve on the Texas Supreme Court (appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the position in 2005). Justice Johnson graduated with honors from the Texas Tech School of Law in 1975 and practiced law with the firm of Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam in Lubbock. He was elected in 1998 to the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo and in 2002 named chief justice of that court (a position held until named to the Texas Supreme Court). Justice Johnson has served on numerous committees of the State Bar of Texas and is a member of the College of the State Bar. He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation and a past president of the Lubbock County Bar Association.

Planning has already begun for another exciting and much larger Gala in 2007.



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Center (Carole Collins, Director), Foundation of American Board of Trial Advocates (Jo Ann Murray-Assistant Director of Professional Education), State Bar of Texas (Tammi Sweet-Communications Dept.), Harris County Sheriffs, UH Law's Juvenile Defense clinic (Gail Lutz, supervising attorney), UH Law Student Services, Hispanic Law Students Association, Association of Women in Law, The Advocates, Asian Law Students Association, Journal of Texas Consumer Law, Black Law Students Association, and the Public Interest Law Organization.

The primary reason that organizations and campers are drawn to Camp C.O.O.L. is simple; it is a lot of fun! The excitement and energy brought by the child campers to the law campus for those two days, as affirmed by the 2006 mock trial judge Paul Batrice (District IX Justice), "is contagious." It is hard not to smile watching a fifth grader in the mock trial give an opening statement. And it is heart-warming to hear a second grader in the mock teen court trial jury deliberations throw out words like "fairness" and "justice".

The lessons learned at the 2005 camp hold special meaning to a parent of one of the first-grade campers. An excerpt from that parent's email reads:

"Just a note to thank PAD for organizing Camp COOL. Abigail had a great time and learned a lot. I wanted you to know that she has already used some of what she learned. Last Saturday she participated with some friends in the Pearland Christmas Parade. Abby was passing



candy out to the crowd when a man grabbed her by the arm and said, 'Come with me into the crowd.' Abigail twisted loose and got back with the group. The adult sponsor told us she just thought it was a drunk asking for candy. It was only later in talking to Abigail that what the man had said came out."

What I want PAD to know is that Abby told me that when the man grabbed her she did what she learned in Camp COOL about self defense. She has been told about "stranger danger" her whole life but it is clear that your presentation made an impression. I don't want to overreact. This could have all been a misunderstanding etc. However, know that, as a Daddy, I am grateful to PAD for the time its members gave up that week to teach my daughter. You may have saved Abigail from abduction. Thank you, K. Murphy

If you would like additional information on this camp or on how to host a Camp C.O.O.L. at your school, please email Wendy Miller (P.A.D. Public Service Center, Board of Directors) at wmmiller@houston.rr.com.



The Mentschikoff Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta initiated 18 new members for the fall of 2006. The Executive Board is pleased and excited for a larger spring initiate class. The Executive Board is represented in the photo from left to right: Justice, Albert Yonfa; Vice Justice, Jennifer Mancebo; Treasurer, Kate Terentina; Marshal, Senen Garcia; and Clerk, Mary Soisson.

Trevaskis Honored

Pennsylvania's First Lady Marjorie O. Rendell and the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD) presented David Keller Trevaskis, a current Board member of the Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center, with the 2006 Compass Award for Excellence in Civic Learning at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

David Trevaskis is a lawyer and educator who has been a leader in civic education across the state and the nation. Trevaskis serves as the premier law-related educator in Pennsylvania. An attorney and former third grade teacher, he currently works as the pro bono coordinator for legal services for the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) as well as the PBA's coordinator for public education about the law. He is also the PBA's liaison to PennCORD and serves on the P.A.D. PSC Board of Directors.

Trevaskis is the president-elect of the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies and has been the chair of the PCSS Law-Related and Civic Education Special Interest Group since 1989. He helped draft the Pennsylvania Civics and Government Standards and coordinated Pennsylvania Governor's Institutes on Civics and Government and Social Studies from 1999 to 2001, programs in which he continues to be actively involved.

Trevaskis is also the developer and original trainer for Project PEACE (Peaceful Endings through Attorneys, Children and Educators), which has brought peer mediation and conflict resolution education to nearly 500 schools. Project PEACE is designed for elementary schools and strives to reduce conflict and violence in Pennsylvania schools by teaching children, who are still in their formative years, how to alter their behavior, control their anger and resolve their disputes peacefully. The children become active participants in governing behavior in their classrooms by taking on the role of mediator. Through the assistance of neutral peer mediators, conflicts are settled in a more positive



manner. With fewer conflicts in the classroom, educators can put their energy into teaching instead of disciplining.

Trevaskis also serves as the executive director for Law, Education, and Peace for Kids (LEAP-Kids). LEAP-Kids (Law, Education and Peace for Kids) has the mission of promoting good citizenship through law-related and civic education. LEAP-Kids, chartered in 2001 as a for-

profit educational consulting business, also houses the Pennsylvania Youth for Justice site.

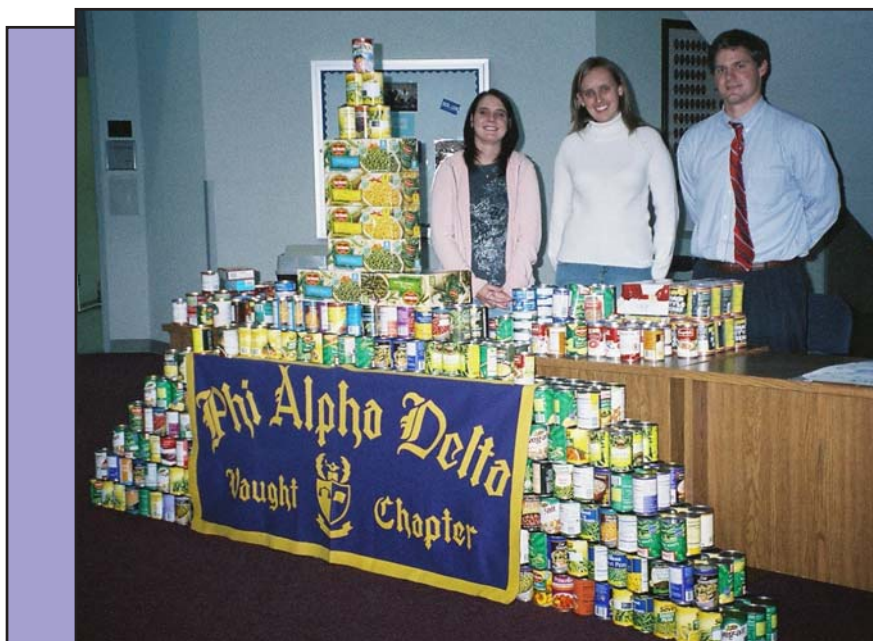


PennCORD is a coalition of state and national organizations committed to renewing the civic mission of Pennsylvania schools, in classrooms and in after-school programs in every community. Founding partners in the coalition include the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania, under the leadership of First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; the National Constitution Center; the Pennsylvania Bar Association; and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The Compass Award, developed by PennCORD's founding partners, is given to recognize and honor an individual, school or organization who has excelled



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VAUGHT CHAPTER – IMMUNITY DAYS

The Phi Alpha Delta Immunity Days was a phenomenal success! As a direct result of everyone's enthusiastic participation, 1,000 pounds of canned goods were donated to Feed the Children. In addition, approximately \$400 dollars will be donated to a homeless shelter.

Once again, thank you so much for making immunity days a success and for giving some eccentric PAD members the ability to build a giant can pyramid.

Pictured from Right to Left: Whitney Herzog, Clerk; Lindsey Rames, Immunity Days Chair Person; and Peter Scimeca -Justice.

Magruder Chapter Welcomes High School & College Students Interested in Law

The Magruder Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, headquartered at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign-Urbana, in conjunction with Street Law, a club dedicated to teaching high school and college students about their rights, welcomed about thirty guests at their Pre-



Students interested in law await responses to their questions from the panel.

Law Week Kick-off event. Local high school students, undergraduate Pre-Law Phi Alpha Delta members, and Pre-Law Club members comprised the group of guests to the College of Law for an informative panel discussion to kick off the start of the Law School's Pre-Law Week. The panel, "Law School: Everything You Want to Know About Getting There," consisted of not only Magruder Chapter and Street Law executive board members, but also



Jessica Young (Magruder Justice), Paul Pless (Dean of Admissions), Joe Kreeger (Magruder Marshal), and Jennifer Carnahan (Street Law President) listen to questions from the guests.

included the Dean of Admissions for the College of Law, Paul Pless. During the discussion, guests enjoyed pizza and soda while getting their questions answered on law school applications, LSATs, and general law school information.

The panel was held as part of the Magruder Chapter's push to include students interested in attending law school in College of Law activities through Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Week. Over the course of the week, pre-law students will sit in on law school classes, tour the school, and eat lunch with their law school mentors.

Law school and pre-law students also began their new "Mentor/Mentee" program Monday night, which will continue throughout the academic year. The Magruder Chapter hopes that this new initiative will open discussion lines between the Law School, the Pre-Law chapters, as well as the high schools in the community, giving pre-law students much-needed access to answers on law school-related issues.



The panel and the guests enjoy pizza and drinks as they listen to a 1L P.A.D. member discuss her experience deciding to apply to law school and the application process.

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Knox Chapter – Another Food Success Story!

Submitted by, Knox Chapter

The Knox Chapter at the University of Arizona had our first canned food drive in as far back and out chapter can remember and is proud to announce it was a great success. We employed similar strategies of other chapters in getting faculty participation in order to encourage students to donate cans and cash for immunity from cold calling in classes. Though faculty participation was reluctant at first we eventually succeeded in getting almost all the first year professors on board. Thanks to their assistance and the hard work of our membership and the generosity of the school we were able to raise over \$400 and 400 pounds of food for our local food bank. We hope that we can build on this success for next year and make our drive and immunity program a constant fixture at the school.



Black Chapter

The Hugo Black Chapter at Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law hosted a Holiday Food Drive to support St. Mary Westside Food Bank Alliance between November 20th and 28th. This is the second year that Black Chapter has been running the food drive at ASU law school, and had great success in both years, raising a substantial amount of nonperishable food and other necessity items for the St. Mary Food Bank. Black Chapter has a strong commitment in community service; a blood drive was also hosted at the law school on October 26, with another blood drive planned in March 2007.

Food Drive - Williams Chapter SUCCESS!

The annual law school food drive was the most successful year UO has ever had! Part of the tradition is to get the 1L sections competing against each other for the most donated food, which often includes professors offering immunity from being cold-called, or matching the amount of canned food the students bring in. To help maximize the amount of donated food, Williams Chapter took a hint from Truman Chapter and sold canned food items to 1Ls who may have forgotten about their immunity days. The cans were sold at a profit, with all proceeds going to Food For Lane County. This year, the food drive expanded to get local law firms involved. Six Eugene law firms hopped on board, and were given lists of Food For Lane County's most wanted foods.

To get the 2L and 3Ls interested in donating canned food, the chapter spoke with professors who taught the largest classes and asked for student immunity

(if students bring a certain number of canned food items, the professor would not call on that student). We also partnered with the Law and Entrepreneurship Student Association (LESA) and offered three lucky students automatic admission to two of the most sought-after events at school: the Law of Beer and the Law of Wine, where professional brewers/vintners speak about the legal aspects of running their businesses.

Throughout the week the 1Ls increased the amount of food they donated. They met UO law's 5000 item goal all by themselves! We also had two students challenge the law school. They brought 300 food items, and offered to buy pitchers of beer to any students or student groups who matched their contribution. We also had an unofficial competition between two of the law school journals: Oregon Law Review and the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation. Food For Lane County reported roughly 9,626 pounds of food: over 4 1/2 tons!



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and promoted civic engagement in their community and has served as a civic leader and role model. The Compass Award represents civic direction, which was set by the founders of the United States through an unsurpassed civic vision. It was first awarded last year to Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"In a society such as ours, children look to others for guidance and leadership," said First Lady Rendell. "The Compass Award was designed specifically to recognize the outstanding characteristics embodied by tonight's honoree. I can think of no other individual more deserving. David is clearly the model for active citizenship with an unsurpassed passion and an American soul."

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Introduction to Australian Gun Control Policy

*Australian Minister for Justice Senator
The Hon. Christopher Ellison*



In my role as the Minister for Justice and Customs I have had portfolio responsibility for firearms matters since January 2001, and I count oversight of Australia's national firearms reforms as one of my most important tasks.

The Australian Government recognises the legitimacy of firearms ownership, and draws a clear distinction between legal and illegal use of firearms. Indeed, in 2002, I established the Sporting Shooters and Firearms Advisory Council as a formal, permanent and wide-ranging means of consultation with stakeholders. The Council comprises representatives of sporting shooter organisations (longarms and handguns), firearms dealers, farmers, the security industry and film armourers. I work closely with the Council to progress firearms reforms in a manner that allows their legitimate use, while enhancing the safety of the general Australian community.

Prior to 1996, Australia had limited legislative requirements to register firearms and license firearms owners. Since that time, two major incidents have guided Australia's system of firearms controls. In 1996, at Port Arthur in Tasmania, a gunman killed thirty-five people and seriously injured twenty-five with a number of semi-automatic centre-fire rifles. In 2002, a student at Monash University in Victoria killed two people and injured seven others with a number of handguns he was licensed to possess.

The shootings at Port Arthur shocked Australians and undermined our faith in community safety. Australians looked to their leaders to restore this faith. Consequently, in 1996 the Australian Government, together with all State and Territory governments, developed the

National Firearms Agreement, in which they agreed to limit the ownership, possession and use of firearms to those with an identified 'genuine reason'. A genuine reason included an occupational requirement, recreational hunters with permission of land owners, sporting shooters with membership of an approved club, and bona fide collectors. There were few genuine reasons for possessing semi-automatic centre-fire rifles, and personal protection was not classed as a genuine reason for any kind of firearm.

The 1996 reforms, under the *National Firearms Agreement*:

- required the registration of all firearms;
- established registration systems, maintained by each State and Territory, linked across Australia;
- required licensing of all firearms owners;
- required the establishment of a genuine reason for owning, possessing or using a firearm, which does not include self defence—including significant restrictions on access to automatic and semi-automatic or 'military style' long arms;
- required strict health, character and safety criteria for firearms licence applicants; and
- established minimum firearms safety training and storage requirements.

In 2002, as a result of the shooting at Monash University, further reforms prohibited certain types of handguns for sports shooting purposes, enhanced controls over the licensing of sporting shooters and placed tighter controls

on access to handguns. The 2002 Reforms, introduced under the *Council of Australian Governments Handgun Resolutions* were, again, jointly agreed by the Australian and all State and Territory governments.

These Reforms: (Western Action)

- a barrel length of 120mm for semi-automatic and 100mm for revolvers or single shot handguns (except for highly specialised target pistols), or
- a shot capacity in excess of 10 rounds.
- established new requirements for sporting shooters to gain access to handguns, including:
- membership of a sports shooting club for all sporting shooters
- satisfactory police record checks and character references for new sporting shooters
- graduated access to handguns for new sporting shooters through a 12-month 'probationary period' supervised by the club
- completion of firearms safety training for new sporting shooters, and
- participation in a minimum number of shooting events every year for all sporting shooters.

Illegal firearms

In 2002, greater emphasis was also placed on the use of firearms in crime, with particular focus on handguns. This led to the development of the *National Firearms Trafficking Policy Agreement (NFTPA)* which increased efforts to detect illegally imported handguns through improved Australian Customs Service (Customs) controls and established substantial penalties for the illegal possession or selling of a firearm.



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The legislative definition of 'possession' was significantly extended.

The NFTP provided for stricter monitoring of licensed firearms dealers, including the power to refuse or cancel licences where the dealer is associated with or employs persons of bad character. It also provided for tighter recording and reporting of transactions involving major firearm parts and provided for the establishment of federal cross border firearms trafficking offences, with a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$275,000 fine.

Impact of reforms

While it is difficult to prove a causal relationship between the implementation of public policy and behavioural developments in society, available research casts a positive light on the implications of Australia's firearms reforms over the past ten years.

Data from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) indicates that:

- Firearms murder has decreased from 99 victims and 31.7% of all murders in 1996 to 38 victims in 2003 and 13% of all murders;
- Robbery with a firearm has decreased from 1,585 victims and 9.7% of all robberies in 1996 to 1,108 victims in 2003 and 6.0% of all robberies;
- Firearm-related deaths have decreased from 521 in 1996 to 299 deaths in 2002; and
- Firearms thefts have decreased from approximately 4,000 per year in the late 1990s to an estimated 1,300 in 2004.

Future reforms

While we believe Australia's firearms policy is on the right track, activity to reduce the negative harms associated with firearms is ongoing. Among proposals being actively pursued is the development of a National Firearms Management System which will allow cross-jurisdictional tracking of firearms from point of import/manufacture to point of export/destruction.

There is also a long term programme of research into firearms theft to identify trends in the nature of firearms theft and

develop initiatives for reducing firearms theft.

A legislative review by the AIC to identify potential loopholes in Australian Government, State and Territory legislation that may contribute to diversion of firearms into the illicit market is ongoing.

There is currently a review of the trends in penalties and sentencing for firearms offences to identify any inconsistencies in penalty application.

A strategic programme of firearms storage inspections is being undertaken to ensure storage requirements are being complied with.

Finally, we are pursuing the development of nationally consistent regulation of firearms manufacturers and film armourers.

These reforms, like all of those implemented since 1996, are the product of hard work on the part of many people. I acknowledge the efforts of the Sporting Shooters and Firearms Advisory Council, whose expertise informs the Commonwealth's firearms policy. I also acknowledge and thank my counterparts at State and Territory level – without them there could be no national firearms policy. Finally I acknowledge those public servants who have done so much to ensure that the detail of policy accurately reflects its spirit.

Chris Ellison has been a Liberal Party Senator for Western Australia since 1993.

After serving as a Parliamentary Secretary in 1997, he became Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs and Minister Assisting the Attorney-General.

In October 1997 he was appointed Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training. Twelve months later, he was appointed Special Minister of State.

Minister for Justice and Customs since January 2001, Senator Ellison has oversight of: the Australian Federal Police; the AFP Australian Protective Service; the Australian Crime Commission; the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC); the Australian Institute of Criminology; CrimTrac; and the Australian Customs Service. Among other responsibilities, Senator Ellison has oversight of the Federal Government's firearms policy.

Dear Members,

We have all turned on the news and seen or read about death, disease, famine, and the multitude of other tragedies that plague our world on a daily basis. I have been fortunate enough to become involved with a truly monumental international cause. It is the *first* public library in a country that has endured suffering on an unimaginable scale, *genocide*.



Construction has begun on the public library in Kigali, the capital city of *Rwanda*. After the library's planned completion in 2007, it will be a sanctuary where the people of Rwanda can learn, converse, and free their minds.

I am a student at the University of Maryland working to set up fundraisers in the DC metropolitan area. However, I am asking you to join me in the campaign to raise money and awareness for this library and the need for continued reconstruction in Rwanda. If your chapter could do a carwash or a raffle, all of the money raised would go a long way in aiding the people of Rwanda. Currently, the foundation has raised about one million dollars to date. Even with all this amazing support, we still need another six hundred thousand dollars to staff, maintain, and secure the library's future for the people of Rwanda.

If you would like to set up a fundraiser or make a contribution please feel free to contact me at paulhughes423@gmail.com. Please make all contributions out to: "The American Friends of the Kigali Public Library."



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William Woods University Implements a Drunk Driving Prevention Program

By, Stephanie Greenberg

On August of 2006, the Phi Alpha Delta chapter of William Woods University implemented a brand new community service project on the William Woods campus. The Drunk Driving Prevention Program, referred to by students as "D-Squared, P-Squared," provides an option to safely stay on campus, after going out for the night, by purchasing one dollar hot dogs, peanuts, brownies, and soda, instead of driving off campus.

Roughly four hundred students live on campus and have access to this new program. Every Thursday night, starting at 11 p.m. and ending at 2:30 a.m., members of the Pre-law fraternity volunteer to head up the sales of the various food items, the main item being hot dogs. Phi Alpha Delta purchased its own hot dog stand which the P.A.D. members set up in front of the campus' Tucker Dining Hall.

This program has become quite popular among the student population. The "P.A.D." t-shirts are commonly seen around campus! As a proven hit the chapter has great expectations for the other events to come!

Law Day at Pasadena City College

The Phi Alpha Delta Chapter at PCC, in conjunction with Pasadena City College Paralegal Association, will be celebrating its 12th annual Law Day on May 1, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In 1951, President Dwight Eisenhower established Law Day U.S.A., and in 1961, by a joint resolution on Congress, May 1st was declared the official Law Day. Since that time, schools, colleges, and universities have been participating in this annual national celebration of our American legal system, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

We have privileged in the past to have many fine exhibits from law schools, universities, law enforcement and legal placement agencies. We also had the honor of presenting excellent speakers including, Associated Justice Joyce L. Kennard of the California Supreme Court and the Honorable Jamie R. Corral of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at pccpad1@yahoo.com Or visit our website at www.pccpad.org.



Florida A & M University Pre-Law

The Florida A & M University Pre-Law Chapter has participated in many community service events. Including adopting a family for Thanksgiving and the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. They are looking forward to additional activities in the Spring!



University of Texas San Antonio Pre-Law

The University of Texas San Antonio's intramural co-ed flagfootball team's record is 2-1. The "Vipers" have a shot at making the playoffs! They have had strong support from members and rushees all season.

University of Texas at San Antonio Pre-Law Chapter Encourages "Community"

By, **Melissa Saenz**

On Friday Oct 6th our chapter volunteered at the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour and on Oct 18th and 19th we set up tables on campus for the San Antonio's Children Center. Then we dropped off those funds when we participated in the children's shelter 'Game Day' on Oct 22nd.

Also in October, we participated in the 'Trunk or Treat' event on campus. We dressed up for Halloween and set up games for children in our campus parking lot along with other student organizations, so that children from the surrounding area can come and 'trick or treat' in an area that parents know will be safe.

We had a bowling social which was a great success because we had a high attendance! The following Friday, we had a decorating social on campus to get decorations ready for Best Fest, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Best Fest, consists of each organizations on campus setting up a booth and selling a certain food or drink item. This year we sold chicken quesadillas and made a nice profit. Our last social for the month was our Halloween Social which happened on Oct 28th after 'Trunk or Treat.'

We also volunteered at the University of Texas at San Antonio Law Fair on Oct 27th, which is an event where almost every law school in the country comes



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to recruit and answer questions about their school.

During the event many of our members assisted the representatives throughout the day with whatever they needed which allowed for networking. Also, on Oct 29 we attended the Legal Profession Banquet and were able to interact with attorneys from the city and hear of their various experiences within the legal profession.



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LSAT Update: The New Face of Reading Comprehension

Article by Jodi Triplett, BluePrint

Every so often, the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) decides to give the LSAT a facelift. Like an aging starlet, the test can benefit from a little fine-tuning around the edges. This time around, the Reading Comprehension section (RC) is changing. This momentous event is slated for the June 2007 LSAT.

Such announcements are met with the kind of chaos that only occurs when type A, lawyer-to-be personalities meet with uncertainty. Beads of sweat form as prospective law students contemplate taking the “new” exam. How can they possibly study for a section of the test that has never been given? What if this new variable causes them to fail the test? Will life have any meaning without law school? And why does Kevin Federline persist in making albums?

Such existential questions are enough to drive anyone mad. Feeling the imperative to allay the fears of would-be lawyers

around the globe, Blueprint brought the issue to James Vaseleck, the Executive Assistant to the President of Law Services. Here is the information he imparted.

The format of the new RC section:

The new RC section will have three long passages of the kind with which students are familiar. Instead of a 4th passage, however, there will be two shorter passages, collectively equal in length to the old passage. Although some of the questions may target only one of the shorter passages, most will ask about the way in which the passages interact.

Think of it as sharing a Snickers™ bar with your sibling. After it's been split in two, you're far more interested in comparing both halves to ensure you didn't get shafted on the size than in contemplating your own share alone.

The reasoning behind the new RC section:

According to Mr. Vaseleck, current long RC passages “measure the ability to read with understanding and insight.” They prepare students for law school by having them read “lengthy and complex materials similar to those commonly encountered in law school work.”

In contrast, the shorter passages will

test students' abilities to “[apply] skills of comparison, contrast, generalization, and synthesis to different texts.”

Translation: you read a lot in law school. That's why there are long passages. But you have to understand how what you've read compares with that other stuff you read before. Hence, the shorter passages.

How do they score the new RC section on the June 2007 test if it's never been taken before?

As a reader, you have just committed the fallacy of acquiescing to a faulty conditional. In other words, students HAVE taken the “new” RC section – they just weren't a scored section of their LSAT. As Mr. Vaseleck describes: “The new comparative reading test material was field tested in 2002-2003 with appropriate populations and numbers of students. This field testing provides the statistical information needed to introduce the new material into the test.”

So rest assured, the new section has been tested as much as the new trans-fat-free cooking oil at KFC, and your results won't be bizarre or unfair.



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Texas Tech Pre-Law Chapter - Outstanding!

By, Jenny Plake & Logan Rankin

Will the new RC be harder than the old?

This is the million-dollar question, one that has some students scurrying to take the February test before the LSAT changes. Are they smart to do so? Before we answer that, let us explore for a moment the purpose of the LSAT.

As GPAs differ between schools and majors (how does a History major from NYU with a 3.0 compare to a Math major from OSU with a 3.5?), the LSAT provides a way for law schools to evaluate students from standardized criteria. Because the LSAT is ideally meant to test all students on the same exam according to one standard, the best circumstance would be all students taking the same test. Because this is wildly impractical, the real-world solution is to have tests that are as similar as possible to each other and whose micro-level differences are normalized through a statistical process called equating (similar to a curve). Hence, LSAC is committed to ensuring that difficulty levels across tests don't vary widely.

As Mr. Vaseleck puts it: "The field-test trials of comparative reading in 2002–2003 indicated that comparative reading is of approximately the same difficulty as traditional reading comprehension."

In other words, don't run to enroll for the February LSAT: June isn't going to be appreciably harder, just slightly different.

What do I do to study for the new RC section?

Unfortunately, there's not a lot of information available about the new passages right now. Check back with LSAC at www.lsac.org in February – that's when they'll be posting more information about the new RC section on their web site. Or ask Kevin Federline. We hear he may be contemplating a career change to law.

Jodi Triplett is a founding partner of Blueprint Test Preparation; the company with the highest advertised average LSAT score increase in the country. Jodi enjoys sunset walks on the beach, RC passages that discuss Jane Austen, and peanut butter brownies. www.blueprintprep.com

As the fall came to an end, the Phi Alpha Delta Texas Tech Chapter closed with great memories, experiences, and accomplishments for the year. After a successful start with rush, Tech Chapter was ready for a fantastic semester. In fact, it was one of the best years in history as far as quality and quantity in new members. With our new members, Tech Chapter was stronger than ever. The Texas Tech Chapter is heavily growing, increasing our members, community activities and service, as well as programs for LSAT preparation and law school application help.

First, by an unmatched fundraiser on October 26th, 2006 called "Bevo Barbeque." We sold barbeque and t-shirts in benefit of the South Plains Food Bank and participants in the mock trial competition who went to Washington D.C. Naval Patel, fundraising chair, commented that we had about 150 attendees and the Tech stands were filled with our shirts. The fundraiser was successful, spirited, fun, and helped the people who needed it most.

Texas Tech Chapter has also made an extraordinary impact on their community. The Lubbock State School is a tradition with the Tech Chapter. Since the Lubbock State school only gets government funding and spends what it has on essentials, Texas Tech wanted to reach out and make it a more inviting and jovial place to be. The Tech Chapter was also recognized in the Lubbock State School's cover of their brochure. Philanthropy chair, Chase Evans is excited about next semester where he has big plans for a concert with the Student Government Association and the Greek Community. We strive greatly to go out of our way to help the people who need the attention, time, effort, and help.

Another thing that has made the Tech Tech Chapter proud was awards given at the mock trial competition and conference at our nation's capital. Tech brought back with "best prosecution team" which were new members, Logan Rankin and Matthew Kolodowski. In addition, they were awarded 2nd place for community service out of 270 chapters.

Closing with such a successful year only makes the Tech Chapter excited about the next. The Tech Chapter plans to start a mentoring program with local attorneys and law students, more LSAT preps, and more events such as Relay for Life and Arbor Day. Tech will always continue to be beneficial to its members and community. We will be there for those people who need us the most.



Armstrong Atlantic Champions

By, Kelley Fahy

This year's Southeast Regional Moot Court qualifier champions are none other than our own brothers, Brian Dotson and Adam Morrison. Both men are members of the P.A.D. Pre-law Chapter at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia.

The third annual competition was hosted by Armstrong Atlantic and sponsored a local law firm, Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn P.C on November 3rd & 4th, 2006. Some other P.A.D. members who participated were Megan Herbert (*President*), Jessica Vaughn (*Vice-President*), Kelley Fahy (*Secretary*), Stephen Lambeth, and Veronica Golden. The schools that took part in the event were Liberty University, Lyon University, and Patrick Henry College; they traveled from as far away as Missouri and West Virginia. Yet, Dotson and Morrison defeated all the teams during the two day duration of the competition. They even defeated last years' national champion school, Patrick Henry, in the final round.

With the win, Dotson and Morrison have earned a spot in the 2007 American Collegiate Moot Court Competition. Although the men's oratory and critical thinking skills were essential to their win our P.A.D. advisor, Mrs. Becky Kohler da Cruz, and faculty coaches Dr. John Kearnes, and Dr. Liz Desnoyers-Colas to mention a few, were critical to the preparation which ultimately lead the men to their win. The national tournament will take place at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Va. So we wish our brothers the best of luck in the national tournament as only 64 of the other top teams from around the country will compete!



The University of Arizona Pre-Law Chapter won Outstanding Pre-Law Chapter of the Year for 2005-2006. This is the 5th year in a row this chapter has won this prestigious honor. CONGRATULATIONS!

University of Arizona Pre-Law Chapter

The University of Arizona Pre-Law Chapter had a very successful semester. We had over 60 events for members and pledges. The events that we ran included speakers with legal background, practice LSAT's, law school panels, socials, chapter intramurals, and more! In addition, we held 24 community service events, with 8 of those helping the Tucson youth.

Our members and pledges enthusiastically partook in philanthropic events such as charity dog washing and the "Beagle Rescue Howl-o-ween Party" earned us accreditations and photos in a local newspaper. In October, our pre-law chapter and the University College at the University of Arizona co-sponsored the 22nd annual law fair had which had 115 law schools in attendance. Over 500 students took the opportunity to go to our law fair. In November our chapter attended the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law National Convention in Washington D.C. and we had an excellent time.

We enjoyed bonding with other chapters and sharing ideas with one another. While at convention, our chapter had two teams compete in the mock trial competition and at the awards banquet both our teams, and our chapter were awarded for our successes. Our continued strength, and our outstanding recruitment program led to a dazzling pledge class of 52 this semester. Shining in their own endeavors, this class put on a "Black and White" jazz-club themed social that truly dazzled everyone in attendance. The pledges also held several successful fundraisers which included a spaghetti dinner and bake sale. With this outstanding new class of members our chapter welcomes the spring 2007 semester ambitiously. Much of our success comes from a strong balance between tradition and new ideas. We strive to maintain the ties we have made with so many organizations, while also looking forward to new and exciting opportunities like assisting a local high school regional mock trial competition.

P.A.D. Brother Honored With National Lifetime Service Award in Estate Planning

SAN DIEGO - November 2, 2006 -

The National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC) has announced that Harold S. Small (*Temple*), an attorney practicing in San Diego, California, will be presented with the Hartman Axley Lifetime Service Award at its 43rd Annual Conference at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida, on November 3, 2006. The NAEPC was formed in 1962, and is the multi-disciplinary organization of choice for estate planners with over 165 affiliated local estate planning councils, and their 23,000 combined members, throughout the United States.

Mr. Small was selected for this award in recognition of his many years of dedicated service, both to the field of estate planning and the NAEPC. He is only the third recipient of this award recognizing excellence in his profession and service to the NAEPC.

"I am honored to be recognized by such a distinguished group of colleagues at NAEPC," said Harold Small, Esq., "Continuing into my 30th year in supporting the organization, I'm proud of our accomplishments and shared commitment to the estate planning practice." Sam Tannebaum, CPA, David Lajoie, CPA, Lana McCormick, CLU, John Burson, Esq., and Hartman Axley, CLU, and other estate planners from around the United States helped to make this designation a reality and it helps the public identify estate planners.

He has been active in community affairs, having served as the President and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of San Diego, as a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the La Jolla Playhouse, as a Director of Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, as a Director of the United Jewish Federation, and has held



numerous offices at the local, regional, and national levels for the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs (the oldest and largest international food and wine organization). Mr. Small has been a resident of Fairbanks Ranch for a number of years and his office is in the Carmel Valley area.

Mr. Small has lectured for the State Bar of California, the California CPA Foundation, and the San Diego County Bar Association. He has also been a featured speaker on a Public Broadcasting System program on estate planning.

The NAEPC has created the Accredited Estate Planner (AEP®) designation that is available to Attorneys, Chartered Life Underwriters, Certified Public Accountants, Certified Trust and Financial Advisors, Chartered Financial Consultants, and Certified Financial Planners®. The AEP designation is awarded by the NAEPC to professionals who meet stringent experience and education qualifications including two graduate level courses administered by The American College and that pass a qualifying examination after satisfying application criteria including a minimum number of years of professional practice and demonstrating knowledge and experience.

Mr. Small earned a Juris Doctor from University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1970 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from San Diego State University in 1967.

Ricci Elected President

Elizabeth Ricci (*Fleming*) of Rambana & Ricci, P.A. Immigration Attorneys in Tallahassee became president of the Federal Bar Association Tallahassee Chapter.

In Remembrance...

Lance Corporal **Michael Glover** (*Homburger*), 28, a Queens native died August 16 during a combat operations in Fallujah.

Brother Glover was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division in Albany, New York.

Brother Glover knew he wanted to give something back to his country after seeing the sacrifices so many firefighters made on September 11, 2001. His uncle is former FDNY Chief Peter Hayden who oversaw operations at the north tower on 9/11.

Brother Glover joined the Adolph Homburger Chapter in 2005. He touched many lives and his loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

P.A.D. mourns the death on Friday, September 22, of **Charles W. Mentkowski, (LaFollette)** Professor Emeritus and longtime Associate Dean. Professor Mentkowski, L'48, practiced law in Milwaukee, specializing in family and juvenile cases, for nearly 20 years before joining the Law School faculty in 1967. The late Dean Robert F. Boden named him Associate Dean of the Law School in 1969. Professor Mentkowski served in that capacity for 20 years, working with both Dean Boden and his successor, Dean Frank C. DeGuire. Professor Mentkowski retired from the active faculty in 1996 and was appointed Professor Emeritus.

Barbara Helene (Slivken) Rich, 61 of Bettendorf died Thursday, October 26, 2006 at Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Barbara was born July 3, 1945 in Seattle, Washington to Frances (Hanchin) and Robert Slivken. Barbara, though not a member of Phi Alpha Delta, is considered a sister to us and is survived by many family and friends including International Board Member, Jeffrey Hesser.

West Suburban Alumni Chapter Holds First Annual Banquet

On November 16, 2006, the West Suburban Alumni Chapter held its first annual chapter banquet at the Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen in Westmont, Illinois. Approximately thirty P.A.D. members and guests, including student members of Dooley and Story Chapters, gathered in a private room for a little fraternal fellowship, some good food and drink, the unveiling of the chapter's newly issued charter, and a few remarks from various chapter officers.

The first order of "business" was a cocktail reception in the private dining room at the restaurant. Chapter members and their guests mingled from about 6:30 – 7:30 before settling down to their tables for dinner. As the chapter members began to take their seats, they took an immediate dislike to the seating arrangement (four to a table) and quickly rearranged the room to allow for larger groups to dine together and maximize fraternal fellowship.



Kneeling L-R: Vice Justice, Rick Spencer; Dena Spencer, Justice; B.J. Maley, Shari Erwin, Jim Erwin. Standing L-R (more or less): Jeff Dovitz, Treasurer; Chris Babakitis, Joe Circelli, Gloria Tsotsos, Ella Sewruk, Jim Riegel, Vito Kirvelaitis, Pete Bastianen, Joel Fonferko, Rachel Conradt-Adams, Sarah Holbrook, John M. Kenney (peeking from behind) Brian Adams, Cynthia Edwards, Brooks Brehme, Jennifer Mozgwezc, and Nancy Brehme.

At the conclusion of the dessert course, Brother John M. Kenney (Chapter Marshal) raised his glass and gave a toast to the West Suburban Alumni Chapter. Whereupon Brother B.J. Maley (Chapter Justice) took advantage of the break in socializing and made a few remarks. He recognized Brother Brooks Brehme, Event Chair, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in organizing the dinner. He recognized Joe Circelli, a member of Phi Delta Phi, who was in attendance as a friend of the chapter, and presented him with a PAD T-Shirt. Brother Maley then spoke briefly about plans for the coming year indicating that the chapter planned four full chapter social events and at least one Law Related Education and one charitable program. He also expressed his hope that the chapter would continue to grow and flourish, so that the group assembled at the 2007 banquet would be more than twice the size.

At the conclusion of Brother Maley's remarks, Brother Rick Spencer (Chapter Vice Justice) raised his glass and proposed a toast to Brother Maley, thanking him on behalf of the chapter for his efforts in organizing the group and its petition for charter. Brother Spencer also made a few remarks concerning the origins of the chapter and the long term discussion by some of its founding members of the need for such an organization.

The West Suburban Alumni Chapter serves PAD alumni members in Western Cook, DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties in Illinois. To learn more about the chapter, please contact B.J. Maley at attybjm@ameritech.net.

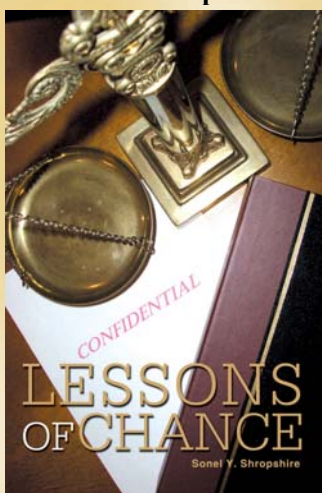


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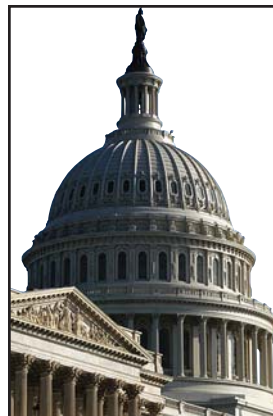
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