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FROM THE EDITOR

At the 1992 National Council meeting a mission statement and an editorial policy were adopted for *The Flame*.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To communicate the activities, ideals, and accomplishments of Alpha Lambda Delta with the vision to create and project a positive image of the society as a progressive and relevant collegiate organization with a commitment toward excellence.

EDITORIAL POLICY:

Alpha Lambda Delta reserves the right to exercise editorial decisions over written materials and/or articles submitted for publication. Content, design and layout will be the decision of the editorial staff. As a courtesy to feature writers and contributors to *The Flame*, every attempt will be made to furnish advance copy of material as it will appear in print.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL



Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Meets in New Orleans

n June of 1998, the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta met for three days to conduct the annual business of the Society. Among the many topics discussed were:

- Strategies for recruitment of members and faculty advisors
- Planning for the 75th anniversary of Alpha Lambda Delta
- The current scene and changes in higher education
- A new written history to cover all 75 years of Alpha Lambda Delta
- Expansion and Chapter Relations
- Finances and Strategic Planning
- ... and much more

President Patricia A. Graham of the University of Texas at San Antonio opened the meeting with these challenging words:

Throughout this first year of my term as President, one word has come up over and over again ... vision.



National Council President Dr. Patricia A. Graham, University of Texas at San Antonio, brings the meeting to order.

Where is Alpha Lambda
Delta going? How are we
going to get there? What do
we want Alpha Lambda
Delta to be in the 21st
century?

Our Council has the ability to meet the challenge of leading the Society today ... finding out what really matters: the members' world—issues of communication and needs and wants; the Society's world—key trends impacting notfor-profit organizations; the

external world—changes in higher education; and building a knowledge-based operation—21st century work and decision-making. Our Council has the ability to build the necessary partnerships. Our Council has the ability to lead the way, focusing and acting on what really matters: building a leadership team that focuses ___



The Council considers expansion and student recruitment strategies.

on steering; building a sense of community; and establishing a clear strategic direction.

Chad Christian of Midwestern State University in Bowie, Texas was installed as Member-at-Large. Dr. James Stemler of the University of Portland was elected Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion, and

Dr. Jan Vandever of the South Dakota State University was elected as Member-at-Large. Dean Alice Kaylor of Saint Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania was voted "Advisor of



Members-at Large, Dr. Marie O'Banner Jackson and Dr. Elizabeth Broughton discuss the budget of Alpha Lambda Delta.

the Year." The Council approved at least 25 \$1,000 Jo Anne J. Trow Awards for Undergraduates. We got the wonderful news that the Perpetual Fellowship Fund

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Members-at-Large Dr. Butch Hill and Ms. Heather Hartland help plan changes for Alpha Lambda Delta's web page.

continued from page 3 reached \$1.674 million!

A record number of Chapters were voted to receive the Order of the Torch:

Ohio University

1998-1999 Jo Anne J. Trow \$1000 Undergraduate Scholarship Awards

The Jo Anne J. Trow Award was started in 1988 to honor a past National President of Alpha Lambda Delta. Former Vice President for Student Services at Oregon State University, Jo Anne J. Trow served Alpha Lambda Delta as District VIII Advisor from 1974 to 1979, Secretary from 1979 to 1983, President-elect from 1984 to 1985, and as National President from 1985 to 1988. During her term as President, the National Council was restructured to provide a more streamlined operation. Originally, this award was established to give collegiate chapters of the Society an annual opportunity to reward an outstanding sophomore member of Alpha Lambda Delta with a stipend of \$150.

This year in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Council will offer at least 25 Jo Anne J. Trow Undergraduate Scholarships of \$1000 each! Applications for this undergraduate scholarship will be mailed to each chapter in January 1999. Each chapter may submit one application (chapters initiating 150-299 members may submit two applicants and chapters initiating 300+ members may submit three applicants). The chapter finalists must be postmarked on or before May 1, 1999. Scholarship recipients will be announced by July 15.

Eligibility: Any initiated member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has maintained the cumulative grade point average of Alpha Lambda Delta (i.e., 3.5 on a 4.0 point scale or the equivalent) through the first semester or term of the sophomore year is eligible to apply for the Trow Undergraduate Scholarship for the following academic year.

Selections will be based on academic records, recommendations submitted, the applicant's statements, and campus and community activities.

- University of Maryland
- Midwestern State University (TX)
- Bowling Green State University (OH)
- Saint Vincent College (PA)

We bid a fond farewell to out-going members, Sean Armin of the University of California at Los Angeles and Dr. Patrice Berger of the University of Nebraska. Resolutions were passed to honor their service to Alpha Lambda Delta.



Fellowship winner Martin Nyberg reported on his progress in graduate studies in physics and expressed his appreciation to Alpha Lambda Delta.

The Council met at Arnaud's for the closing banquet. President Graham welcomed our guests who included Carolyn Collins, Advisor at Louisiana State University; Dr. Harry Hale, Advisor at Northeast Louisiana University, and his wife, Ruby, Margaret King, Advisor at Newcomb College of Tulane University, and Martin Nyberg, 1997-1998 recipient of the Miriam Shelden Fellowship. Other friends, family members, spouses, and dates were also recognized.

President Graham installed Dr. James G. Stemler as National Council Vice President for Chapter Relations and

Expansion. Dr. Stemler is Director of the Honors Program and Associate Dean at the University of Portland where he also teaches in the Department of Sociology.

President Graham called upon Dr. Harry Hale who presented the Society with a check for \$500 from the Northeast Louisiana University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. Dr. Hale



At the closing banquet, President Graham formally installed Dr. James Stemler as Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion.

challenged other chapters to participate in this effort.

Fellowship recipient Martin Nyberg gave a report on his graduate work in physics at Louisiana State University and his sports career in the Olympics. He also expressed his



Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith expressed her appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Hale. Northeast Louisiana University ALD chapter presented the Society with a \$500 check to kick off the campaign for the ALD 75th Anniversary Celebration.

gratitude to the Society for supporting his graduate education.

With thanks to the members of the National Council for their hard work and best wishes for the coming anniversary year, President Graham adjourned the 1998 Council Session.



Dean Maria Leonard (1880-1976) University of Illinois Founder, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for Freshmen

Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana June 17-21, 1998

Resolution

Whereas, Sean Armin has faithfully served the student membership interest as a Student Council Member-At-Large, contributing to discussions,

committee work, reports, business, serving as a Fellowship reader, Guesstures Master, and Arch Inspector, and

Whereas Sean's leadership has aided in the growth of his chapter and student participation on all levels, and

Whereas Sean has even dutifully flown across the nation and back (in one night) to attend to council matters,

Be it resolved that the National Council thanks Sean Armin for his service, commends his success and wishes him the very best. Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana June 17-21, 1998

Resolution

Whereas, Patrice Berger served the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta ably and well for a full term as Member-At-Large, and

Whereas the Council has benefitted tremendously from his wisdom, his hard work, as well as his softspokenness, subtle sense of humor, and his amiable nature,

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta hereby expresses its profound gratitude to him for three years of service.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



by Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith

In 1924.....

- A gallon of milk cost 54 cents
- A gallon of gas cost 11 cents
- A new car cost \$265
- The average salary was \$2,196 a year
- Kleenex, the electromagnet, incandescent lamps and the loud speaker were invented
- The Rose Bowl ended in a 14-14 tie between Navy and the University of Washington
- King Tut's coffin was opened
- The first Winter Olympics were held in France
- And Dean Maria Leonard founded the first chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Illinois

I doubt even Dean Leonard could have realized how Alpha Lambda Delta would look 75 years later in 1999. Our 1998 membership reached an all time high with 22,312 members inducted and over 560,000 members inducted since our founding. The Fellowship Fund is valued at over \$1.7 million. We award 16 Graduate Fellowships, and in honor of our 75th Anniversary, we will award at least 25 Jo Anne Trow Undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000 each.



Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith visits with Council Vice President James Stemler and Editor Mike Nichols at the 1998 Annual National Council meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Students from throughout the United States attend our annual Leadership/Activities Conference, held in 1998 in Denver, Colorado.

In reading again the 50 year history of Alpha Lambda Delta, published in 1974, I felt an incredible debt of gratitude to Dean Leonard and the many other ALD pioneers whose commitment, energy, and enthusiasm helped make Alpha



Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith opens the door to Alpha Lambda Delta's new home near the Law School at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

Lambda Delta a remarkable success for the past 75 years. The Society has grown and prospered and continued to support and encourage freshmen scholars. Truly, we have"... passed our torches, on one to another."

A 75th Anniversary history is currently being published and will be mailed to your chapter soon. Since the 50th Anniversary of the Society, there is much of ALD's rich history to be told.

Since 1974, the Society has

- Dealt with the passage of Title IX and began including men in our membership
- Hired three executive directors
- Established a strong service oriented national office
- Staged a major reorganization of the Society's National Council
- Developed a long range plan
- Installed more chapters
- Experienced an incredible growth in the fellowship fund and the number of fellowships awarded
- Organized a national leadership/activity conference attended by advisors and students
- And added many new services and awards

Help us celebrate! April 19-25, 1999 has been named National Alpha Lambda Delta Week. We hope your chapter will plan some special events this spring to recognize and celebrate this significant anniversary.

And "Thank you," Dean Leonard!



LARGEST CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE EVER!

1998 Leadership/Activities Conference Held in Denver, Colorado

ver 150 students and advisors from throughout the United States met in Denver, Colorado from October 23 to 25 for the annual Alpha Lambda Delta National Leadership/Activities Conference.

The goal of the workshop is to bring together ALD members and advisors to share ideas and insights about creative programming, recruitment strategies, moneymaking activities, community involvement, and ways of enhancing the academic environment their campus and the



Advisors had a great time too!

success of their members.

This year's conference was the largest ever!

Executive Director,
Dr. Glenda-Earwood
Smith, opened the
conference with a
hearty welcome and an
overview of the next

three day's activities. Editor Mike Nichols followed with the opening speech, which challenged members to take care of themselves while building a leadership team.

National Council President, Dr. Patricia A. Graham of the University of Texas at San Antonio, presided over "get acquainted" exercises, a games night, and skit contest assignments. In a very few hours, total strangers from throughout the United States seemed to become friends!

Saturday's activities began with workshops on such practical topics as:

Using the World Wide
 Web to Enhance Your
 Chapter's Image, led by
 Members-at-Large Dr.
 Butch Hill and Ms. Heather Hartland.



Everyone practiced for the Skit Contest.



"Goat Boy" makes a cameo appearance.

- Ideas from Torch
 Winning Chapters, led
 by Chad Christian
- Creative Chapter Activities, led by ALD 1998
 Advisor of the Year,
 Dean Alice Kaylor, and
 National President,
 Patricia Graham
- Various Table Topics led by Members-at-Large, Dr. Elizabeth Broughton and Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson, Editor Mike Nichols, and Vice Presi dent James Stemler.

Following a buffet luncheon and "T-shirt Exchange," guides from the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the

University of Denver led students on their choice of three guided tours of the city.

That evening at the banquet, President Graham installed Dr. Jan Vandever, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at the South Dakota State University, as the newest Member-at-Large of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council. Dean Alice Kaylor of Saint Vincent College in



National Council President, Dr.
Patricia Graham of the University of
Texas at San Antonio, opens the 1998
Leadership/Activities Conference in
Denver, Colorado.

Latrobe, Pennsylvania was presented with the Outstanding Advisor Award. In her address, entitled "A Warrior, A Monk, and a Marvelous Group of Students," she challenged

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The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta were in attendance at the annual conference: I to r, front row: Dr. Mike Nichols, Ms. Heather Hartland, Dr. Margie Wade, Dr. Patricia Graham, Dr. James Stemler, Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith; second row: Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson, Mr. Chad Christian, Dr. Elizabeth Broughton, Dr. Herman (Butch) Hill, and Dr. Jan Vandever.



Saturday's banquet is another opportunity to make friends and exchange ideas.

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students and advisors with her inspiring words and received a standing ovation.

After formal group pictures of students, advisors and



At the end of the conference Member-at-Large Chad Christian was happy but exhausted!

the National Council, students changed to informal clothes and held the skit contest which clearly demonstrated that ALD students have musical and dramatic talent as well as wonderful senses of humor.

Sunday breakfast closed the annual conference with presentations about **The Flame**, services offered by

the national office, and additional information on deadlines, fellowships, and special program associated with the 75th anniversary.

There were good-byes and promises to write and visit

from new ALD friends from across the county.

Editor's Note:
We are very
grateful to Ms.
Lisa Bebell,
President of the
Trinity University
Chapter of Alpha



National Council Member-at-Large Heather Heartland helped students register.

Lambda Delta, for allowing us to print some of her excellent photographs of the Leadership/Activities Conference in Denver. Lisa is not only an outstanding student but an excellent photographer as well!

Chapter Challenge/Fund Development Drive for the 75th Anniversary

Bowling Green State University University of Delaware Elizabethtown College University of Florida University of Kentucky Louisiana State University University of Maine McNeese State University Mount Union College Ohio Northern University The Ohio State University University of Oklahoma University of Portland **Purdue University Rider University** Sweet Briar College **Trinity College** Tougaloo College Valparaiso University Valdosta State University State University of West Georgia Winona State University

As of 12/15/98

Outstanding Advisor of the Year Dean Alice J. Kaylor Honored

The participants at this year's Leadership/Activity Conference in Denver were inspired and entertained by a wonderful address from this year's recipient of the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award: Dean Alice J. Kaylor of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

In fact, Dean Kaylor received a standing ovation from the students and advisors when she described how much her



Dean Alice Kaylor of Saint Vincent College is awarded the Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award by President Graham.

association with Alpha Lambda Delta means to her.

The Flame is pleased to share with you President Graham's introduction and the text from Dean Kaylor's remarks:

"Our speaker this evening was selected as the 1998 Alpha Lambda Delta Advisor of the Year on the basis of her encouragement, enthusiasm, and guidance to the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on her campus.

Our Advisor of the Year founded the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on her campus five years ago. Through her guidance as Administrative Advisor, the chapter has grown and flourished to the point it was selected as one of the five chapters in the nation

to be selected for the prestigious 1997-1998 Alpha Lambda Delta Order of the Torch Recognition Award to Outstanding Chapters.

The college president of her institution was most complimentary in his letter of support for our



Friendships across many miles are made each year at the Alpha Lambda Delta National Leadership/Activities Conference.

speaker's nomination as outstanding advisor. "From my perspective as president, I can honestly say this individual is quite simply, one of the most dedicated, hardest working and competent administrators on the staff of this college. Her work with our chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is indicative of the care and concern she brings to all her endeavors. Despite a crowded calendar, she attends all chapter meetings; she eagerly assists the chapter officers; and she enthusiastically organizes and coordinates many chapter events. She has guided and nurtured the chapter into the premiere service organization on campus."

The Junior Advisor of the chapter stated, "She is the glue that holds our chapter together." Despite her busy schedule, she takes the time to recognize what her students are doing. We appreciate

how much she does for us."

We too appreciate how much she gives to Alpha Lambda Delta and are pleased to recognize her hard work and dedication. Please help me welcome our



"And what's the name of your college?"

1998 Outstanding Alpha Lambda Delta Advisor of the Year, Dean Alice Kaylor from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA."

A Warrior, A Monk, and a Group of Outstanding Students

by Dean Alice J. Kaylor, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA.

President Graham, Executive Director Earwood-Smith, Alpha Lambda Delta members, advisors and guests. I cannot begin to express to you what an honor it is to be with you this evening as the recipient of the Alpha Lambda Delta Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award. I find it a bit ironical that I am being recognized and honored for doing something that brings me so much joy. It is an honor and a privilege for me to work with the Saint Vincent College members of Alpha Lambda Delta. This group of students is truly exceptional and in the four years since we have been installed as a National Chapter, they have earned a reputation on our campus for the leadership role they have assumed and for their community service activities both on and off campus. I am also very pleased that we have been honored and recognized nationally as well with the Order of the Torch Award. October 3rd was indeed a special day on our campus when Past President Dorothy Anderson bestowed the Order of the Torch Award. Dean Anderson told us that it is quite remarkable for such a young chapter to receive this award and I would like to thank the students in our chapter who worked so hard to achieve it.

I would like to recognize some people who have been important in the development of Saint Vincent's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. First, I would like to acknowledge Dr. Andrew Turner, our faculty advisor. Dr. Turner was the person who suggested that we initiate a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta and has worked with me for the last six years as a fellow advisor. I would also like to thank Barbara Quilling, former executive director for all of her assistance in forming our chapter. I would like to thank Dean Dorothy Anderson for coming to Saint Vincent College on two occasions - first for our initiation ceremony and again for the Order of the Torch Award. Her enthusiasm for her work as an advisor and as the National President was truly inspirational to me. In fact, I know in my case her enthusiasm was contagious. I would also like to thank Glenda Earwood-Smith for all of her kind words and helpful assistance. Thank-you also to our president, Fr. Martin Bartel

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The songs and skits were outstanding.

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for his support and appreciation of all of the work that our chapter does.

And most of all I want to thank the 130 students who comprise Saint Vincent's Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. To me there is no greater recognition than that which comes from students. That the students took the time and effort to nominate me for this prestigious award means more than words can express. I had no idea that the students had nominated me so it was a real surprise when I learned that I had been named Advisor of the Year. I would especially like to thank Jackie



A dynamic duo entertains in the Skit Contest.

Moran, senior advisor, and Beth Smyder, last year's president, and all of our officers for making this award possible.

I love stories. I love to listen to them, to read and tell them. This evening I would like to tell you some stories about journeys, one about a German monk and one about a wonderful group of young people. These stories, you will see, have a connection. But before I tell you these

stories, I need to tell you another story that will explain how I arrived at these stories.

Each June, shortly after the school year ends, my daughter's summer reading list arrives in the mail. I must admit that I know that I anticipate its arrival more than my daughter does. In what has become a summer ritual in our home, my daughter, Miranda, and I read and discuss the books together. There are three reasons why I do this. The first is to show my daughter how I value literature with the hope that she, too, will develop a passion, or, at least an appreciation for it. The second reason is that it provides me with the opportunity to revisit such wonderful classics as To Kill a Mockingbird and other books that I have not read in years. The third reason is not as altruistic. I read along with her to be sure that the reading is accomplished and that she has a good comprehension of what she had read.

When the reading list arrived in June, 1997, it included

Homer's The Odyssey. Needless to say, Miranda and I spent a great part of our summer reading The Odyssey. It had been several years since I had read this book and I was grateful to have the occasion to read it again. I was very taken by the metaphor of the journey that Homer employed and it stayed with me. I'm sure that you have all read the Odyssey but I would like to take just a few minutes to remind us of Odysseus's journey. Remember that Odysseus and his men fought in the Trojan War. The Odyssey tells the story of all the obstacles that Odysseus and his men encountered on the journey back to their home, Ithaca. Their journey lasted several years and Odysseus and his men encountered one incredible situation after another. I'm sure you will recall Odysseus' encounter with the Cyclops, the one-eyed monster, Calypso, the sea nymph who held Odysseus captive for nine years, Circe, the enchantress who transformed Odysseus and his men into swine; Scylla, the six headed sea-monster that Odysseus and his crew had to pass on the voyage and the two

beautiful Sirens who tempted the sailors to death with their sweet and beautiful songs. Odysseus managed to survive all of the adversity that he encountered on his journey and after nearly 20 years, he returned home. As we know, Odysseus' iourney did not end with his return to Ithica. He encountered another set of trials



"Get acquainted exercises" helped break the ice.

which he had to overcome before he would settle back to life with Penelope, his wife, and Telemachus, his son.

There are several reasons why Odysseus' journey was successful. First, he was a brave warrior who was loyal to his men. His sense of obligation to his men and returning them to Ithaca motivated him to persevere. Second, Odysseus was a superb athlete who used his physical strength against his antagonists. Third, Odysseus was an exceptionally intelligent and wise man. He pondered situations before taking action and outwitted his enemy. He also possessed the gift of patience which enabled him to think through situations before taking action. Because of this courage, wit, and endurance, Odysseus was able to survive all of the trials he encountered on his journey home to Ithaca and face the ones that awaited him there as well. Remember these qualities because we will return to them momentarily.

Next I would like to tell you the story of a monk. Boniface Wimmer was a monk from the Benedictine Abbey in Metten, Bavaria. Wimmer had a dream of coming to America to educate the sons of German immigrants and to train a native clergy for the German speaking people of the United States. With the permission of his abbot, and the financial support of King Ludwig I of Bavaria, Wimmer, accompanied by several monks, journeyed to America and settled in southwestern Pennsylvania. Wimmer quickly realized that he could not limit his attention to



The skit contest boasted a panel of distinguished judges—ALD Advisors!

the sons of the German immigrants. Immigrants from many European countries also desired to have their sons educated and needed the benefit of the clergy. In order to meet this need, Wimmer solicited support from American bishops and friends and founded Saint Vincent Archabbey and College in 1846. In opening the College, which would offer a classical education, Wimmer instructed his monks to "Teach them (the students) first what is necessary, then what is nice and finally, what is beauti-



ALD Chapter President Anna Brooke Herrington of the Northeast LouisianaUniversity challenged all chapters to make a contribution to the Fellowship Fund in honor of the Society's 75 th Anniversary. Her Chapter was the first to make a contribution with their check of \$500.

ful." Saint Vincent quickly grew and today the 1500 year old Benedictine tradition flourishes there. But, Wimmer's journey did not end in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Wimmer traveled to many places including Minnesota, Kansas, North Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia, and Illinois where he established schools and parishes. Wimmer's journey left a genuine legacy of Benedictine education. Today there are 10 Benedictine colleges in the United States - all of them tracing their heritage to Boniface Wimmer and Saint Vincent Archabbey and College. These liberal arts institutions strive to maintain the legacy of Wimmer, that is to say; to teach their students "first what is necessary, then what is nice and finally what is beautiful."

Like Odysseus, Wimmer was triumphant in his journey. Wimmer was indeed a pioneer and adventurer. He understood the importance of education and had the persever-

ance necessary to work to achieve his goal of establishing a school. Most importantly, he was a man of vision. He realized the importance of education, culture and tradition. He was a strong leader who worked hard. Like Odysseus he possessed patience, but, he was also stubborn in his determination to succeed. Remember Wimmer's qualities, we'll return to them as well. Finally, I want to tell you about an exceptional group of

young people - and those people are you. Your stories haven't been written yet - they are works in progress and you are just embarking on your life journeys. And I am confident that your stories will be magnificent and while your journeys may not be as fantastic as Odysseus' or as remarkable as Wimmer's, they will be significant for you as well as for the people whose lives you touch. Last year, as I watched the members of the class of 2002 arrive on our campus, I was reminded of the metaphor of journey, and I thought about the wonderful journey they were about to embark on. Similarly, many of you were arriving on campuses at college and universities across the country embarking upon your new educational journey. Your presence here indicates that you have been successful in your venture thus far, not only as outstanding students, but also as leaders and good citizens on your campus and in your communities. I know that you will continue to be successful and I would like to remind you that as members of Alpha Lambda Delta the guideposts of your journey have already been set out for you. At your induction ceremony your advisor read these words:

"Your education is the means by which you learn to recognize the wonders of science, to appreciate the beauty of great literature and art, to use well our own language, to learn the lessons of past history, to speak and read the languages of other peoples, to study the social and political forces of the world, and to discuss the thought and philosophy of other ages. Through these means you can evaluate the forces and standards of your generation and learn to live significantly."

I love to hear these words read each year at our induction ceremony and I encourage you to reflect upon them and to use them in charting the journey for your remaining undergraduate



Dr. Margie Wade, National Council Vice President for Finance and Long Range Planning, and Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith congratulate Dean Kaylor (center) for her outstanding speech at the Saturday evening Banquet.

years as well as in your life's journey. Remember, too, the journeys of Odysseus and Boniface Wimmer and the qualities that they possessed which enabled them to persist and to arrive at successful ends. For Odysseus, it was intelligence, wit, patience, courage, loyalty and physical strength. For Wimmer it was a pioneer spirit, a belief in the importance of education, culture, and tradition, an ability to be a leader; and to possess a vision and a little bit of stubbornness. And, being stubborn isn't always a bad thing. Think of the qualities you possess and the way that you can use them to your best advantage. Finally, I

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hope that someday you will have the opportunity to share in a young persons' educational journey. I would like to thank my daughter for allowing me to share in hers and for inspiring the thoughts I am sharing with you tonight. And, I want you to remember that in education you must strive to learn first what is necessary, but to also learn what is nice, and to make the time to learn what is beautiful. If you do this, you will indeed live a significant life and your journey will be worthwhile.

Thank you.

Calendar for 75th Anniversary

January 1999 to December 1999 - All students initiated during the 75th year will have a special 75th anniversary seal placed on their certificates.

January 1999 - A special anniversary poster will be mailed to all chapters. Please share with chapter members and the campus.

February 1999 - 75th anniversary history book will be distributed to chapters.

February 1999 - the 575,000th member of Alpha Lambda Delta will be inducted!

April 19 - 25, 1999 -National Alpha Lambda Delta Week! Celebrate on your campus!

National Council Members are available to attend your spring initiation ceremony! If your chapter would like to have a national representative to attend your spring initiation ceremony, please call or e-mail the national office regarding

your request. We will need to know the

date for your spring initiation to coordinate the travel

schedule of the Council member. We will try to accommodate as many requests as the travel budget will allow.

April 23 - 25, 1999 - Special University of Illinois (Founding Chapter) initiation - Nearby ALD chapters will be invited to the initiation.

May 1, 1999 - Deadline for Trow Undergraduate Scholarship Applicants from the chapters.

At least 25 Trow Scholarships of \$1000 each will be announced by July 15.

September 30, 1998

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anniversary joins me in extending best wishes for a wonderful years to come.

- Chapters will be challenged to make contributions to the Alpha Lambda Delta

Chapter Challenge

Perpetual Fellowship Fund in honor of the 75th anniversary and as a way of supporting the new Trow Undergraduate Scholarships.

June 23-27, 1999 - Council meeting at Crowne Plaza in Cincinnati. Birthday party gala with invited ALD friends and guests. Former Presidents honored.

October 22-24, 1999 - Student Leadership Workshop in St. Louis. Special emphasis on 75th anniversary. Special Alpha Lambda Delta member scheduled to be speaker!

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FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS 1998-1999

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA HONORS THE 1998-1999 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARS

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



Gregory Charles Adam
Alice Crocker Lloyd
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Southern
Methodist University
Dallas, Texas
Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in
Organic Chemistry
The Scripps Research Institute



Lori Lynn Danuser Gladys Colette Bell Fellowship Undergraduate: University of Denver Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in American Literature SUNY, Buffalo



Mark T. Charbonneau Gladys Pennington Houser Fellowship
Undergraduate: University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Graduate Plans: Masters in Plastics Engineering-University of Massachuetts-Lowell



Amber Elizabeth Degn
Margaret Louise
Cuninggim Fellowship
Undergraduate: Trinity
University, San Antonio, TX
Graduate Plans: Masters in
Historic Preservation
University of Delaware



Vijay A. D'souza

Adele Hagner Stamp
Fellowship
Undergraduate: University of
Maryland
Graduate Plans: M.S. or
M.B.A. in Technology and
Policy/Business
University of CaliforniaBerkley



Dang Khoa Tam Duong
Barbara P. Quilling
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Montana
State University
Graduate Plans: M.D. in
Surgery
University of Washington



Amanda Jensen
Christine Yerges
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Drake
University, Des Moines, IA
Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in
Clinical Psychology
UCLA



Nada Bashir Memon Warner O. Moore, Jr.-60th Anniversary Fellowship Undergraduate: University of Alabama Graduate Plans: Medicine-University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Medicine



James Ashley Loging
Maude Lee Etheredge
Fellowship
Undergraduate: University of
South Carolina
Graduate Plans: M.D.,
Medical University of South
Carolina



Jeffrey M. Radcliff
Mary Jane Stevenson
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Depauw
University, Greencastle, IN
Graduate Plans: Master of
Music CompositionUniversity of Oregon



Adam Henry
Marshall
Maria Leonard Fellowship
Undergraduate: Trinity
University, San Antonio, TX
Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in
Physics
The University of Chicago



Amy Shem
May Augusta Brunson
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Arizona State
University
Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in
Immunology
Yale University



Marie Elena Matta
Kathryn Sisson Phillips
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Dickinson
College; Carlisle, PA
Graduate Plans: Ph.D. in
Business Administration
Duke University



Tina Leshea Smith
Katharine Cooper Cater
Fellowship
Undergraduate: Jackson State
University, Jackson, MS
Graduate Plans: Masters in
International Relations
University of Washington



Michelle Sharee Toy
M. Louise McBee
Fellowship
Undergraduate: University of
California-Los Angeles
Graduate Plans: J.D. in Law
Harvard Law School



Jamie Lynn Zysk
Miriam Shelden-50th
Anniversary Fellowship
Undergraduate: Kalamazoo
College, Kalamazoo, MI
Graduate Plans: J.D. in
International Law-University
of Michigan Law School

National Council Welcomes Two New Members

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta welcomes two new members-at-large this year: Mr. Chad Christian, a chemistry and biology major at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Dr. Jan Vandever, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Chad Christian was Vice President of his Alpha Lambda Delta chapter and is involved in many campus activities including coordinating a cultural film festival, restoring homes for Habit for Humanity, baking for the Halloween Bake sale, and collecting food for the Wichita Falls area Food Bank. He is a member of the Pre-Med-Club, a

> teacher's assistant for chemistry labs, and an active participant in intramural athletics. He also works as a shift manager at a local McDonald's.

As his Chapter's Vice President, Chad reports, "I impact the Chapter by staying enthusiastic and energetic. I work feverishly to keep members motivated and involved by staying in contact with the members to keep them updated on current events in the organization."

In recommending Chad for membership in the National Council, Alpha Lambda Delta Advisor Susan Henson writes, "I am amazed and proud at how the Chapter has turned around this semester, and I believe Chad is largely responsible for helping to reorganize and renew the Chapter's drive and commitment to service projects. The skills and

character that he demonstrates in our local Chapter would make him quite effective serving on the National Council. President Patricia A. Graham installed Chad as a Member-at-Large of National Council at the Council's annual meeting in New Orleans in June, 1998.

Dr. Jan Vandever, Professor of Mathematics and

Statistics, at South Dakota State
University, has been an Alpha Lambda
Delta Advisor for 15 years. A native
of New Jersey, Dr. Vandever holds a
B.S. degree in elementary education
from Monmouth College. She
received a M.Ed. degree in mathematics education from Rutgers University
and a M.A.T. degree in Mathematics
from Colorado State University. Her
Ph.D. is in measurement and statistics
from the University of North Dakota.

She is the recipient of the Larson Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence (1998) and the F.O. Butler Award for Outstanding Service to Students (1998), presented by South Dakota State University. In 1997, Dr. Vandever was awarded the Cushman-Breitwieser Award for Outstanding Teaching, Teaching and Service by the University of North Dakota's Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society for educators.



Member-at-Large, Dr. Jan Vandever, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota

In her application, Dr. Vandever writes, "I believe in Alpha Lambda Delta and the recognition it provides to our brightest young students. I am proud to be associated with National Alpha Lambda Delta and would welcome the opportunity to be involved at the national level."

President Patricia Graham installed Dr. Vandever as a Member-at-Large of National Council at the October Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado.



Member-at-Large, Chad Christian, Biology and Chemistry Major, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas

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PENNSYLVANIA



The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter of **Ball State University** has been busy this school year. Under the leadership and enthusiasm of our president we are implementing many new programs and activities that should help us celebrate the seventy-fifth year of Alpha Lambda Delta.



Ball State University members of Alpha Lambda Delta working on their homecoming banner

The goal of our chapter is involvement and community service. Our chapter believes involvement is the key to a successful organization. To do this, our chapter has set up a mass e-mailing system to notify all members of upcoming events and activities that we would like them to be involved with. We also post meetings in the school newspaper in hopes that students will read it and become interested. Lastly, we hold meetings every other Tuesday and invite all members to come and voice their opinions and ideas.

Our second priority is community service. Our programs and activities chair has been busy planning many new and exciting projects including a canned food drive, which will last until Thanksgiving, and raking leaves in local parks. We will also be visiting local nursing homes, volunteering to work with Habitat for Humanity in which we will be helping to build a house in the Muncie area. Our chapter is also honoring Alpha Lambda Delta's seventy-fifth anniversary by donating seventy-five dollar amounts to local charities.

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Ball

State University is off to an exciting year.

$A\Lambda\Delta$

The Bowling Green State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in Bowling Green, Ohio had a very successful 1997-1998 school year. The executive board was very ambitious and was able to get members involved to promote academic excellence on campus and in the community.

Graduate advisor, Beth Rosenbleet and chapter President, Joni DiRienzo worked extremely hard to keep the group organized and to make each program that the group sponsored a success. Carrie Bores, the Vice-President, kept all of the members informed of the activities through e-mail, an effective method for publicizing Alpha Lambda Delta events.

The B.G.S.U. chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta offers free tutoring to B.G.S.U. students as well as area elementary, junior high, and high school students. The tutoring program was led by Mariah Cornwell and about seventy members volunteered their time to help other students have a successful experience in

biggest service project for this organization was participating in a 32 hour dance marathon to raise money and awareness for terminally ill children who are treated at the Medical College of Ohio. Alpha Lambda Delta sponsored a four year old girl with Leukemia and raised the most money of the non-Greek organizations on campus.

Although the main focus of Alpha Lambda Delta is to maintain excellent grades and help others through tutoring and service activities, Marlie Rerucha, the social chairperson made sure the B.G.S.U. members had fun! The group took a trip to a local zoo to see Christmas lights, had a scavenger hunt, and had a Christmas gift exchange. Also, the organization had its first formal dance which was a lot of fun!

Donna Shoenfelt took on the dual role of Secretary and Historian for the group. Her responsibilities included taking notes at meetings, sending the minutes from meetings to members over e-mail, and making a scrapbook. Donna also kept track of active member points (points received for taking part in any Alpha Lambda Delta activity) that were tallied at the end of the year. The member who earned the most



Members of the Bowling Green State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta

school. The tutoring requests ranged from helping first graders with reading to assisting college students with chemistry. Every tutoring request was filled and the program proved to be a positive experience for both the students who received help and the tutors.

Social chairperson, Kate Slagle planned many activities that gave members an opportunity to help the community. The points was awarded a monetary prize.

The fundraising chairperson, Amy Hine, had a busy year building the Alpha Lambda Delta bank account to make the aforementioned projects possible. The most profitable fundraiser was a t-shirt sale. The organization also had bake sales at local stores.

Treasurer, Natalie Vastano, kept the bank accounts in order and up to date,



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which allowed the group to stay within a budget. The organization was able to raise more money than they began the year with which will allow for bigger and better activities for this chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in the future.

While the B.G.S.U. chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta had great success with many projects in the 1997-1998 school year, the biggest honor was receiving the National Order of the Torch Award. On September 27, 1998 at 3:00 p.m., the Alpha Lambda Delta fall induction was held in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom on the campus of Bowling Green State University. National Alpha Lambda Delta Members-At-Large Elizabeth Broughton of Eastern Michigan University and Heather Hartland from the University of Central Florida presented the Order of the Torch award to the B.G.S.U. chapter at this ceremony. The award not only recognized the accomplishments of the past year for Alpha Lambda Delta, but also served as motivation for the members being inducted at the ceremony.

$A\Lambda\Delta$

Although a campus organization for the past ten years, the Elizabethtown College, PA chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has only recently been born ... or reborn as may be the case. A small liberal arts college, E-town has been known for its strong student involvement. Embracing this attitude is our group of 37 active members. This year, the E-town ALD chapter is venturing far beyond past initiatives. In addition to offering assistance at a battered women's shelter and reaching "Into the Streets" for the annual college community service day, plans are underway for our winter service project to assist the elderly in the area. Aside from the ALD-sponsored Valentine's Day formal, we are hoping to hold a community-wide food and toy drive. Furthermore, in preparation for E-town's first journey to the national ALD conference, members are demonstrating their enthusiasm by selling T-shirts bearing the organization's emblem. Each day, new ideas are being molded to sculpt a greater appreciation for the organization and the ideals that it promotes. We are sure that this year will be a

successful one for the E-town ALD chapter, and we hope others can share in our enthusiasm!

ΑΛΔ

Students, faculty, and staff can find respite on a rainbow of colorful benches maintained by various student groups at **George Mason University**. These benches line the walkway between the student union and the library, perhaps the busiest intersection on campus.

The Office of Student Organizations, Activities, and Programs allows student groups "to adopt" a bench in order to raise their organization's campus visibility and recognition. Alpha Lambda Delta claimed this bench, prominently located under a shade tree in the middle of the walkway, and proudly decorated it with the Greek letters of the National Freshman Honor Society.

In a continuing tradition, new members of the George Mason University ALD Chapter will be involved in decorating the



While seated on the Alpha Lambda Delta bench at George Mason University, officers Jessica Carver, Historian, and Maria Gosiengfiao, Secretary, enjoy a chat with faculty advisors, Dr. JoAnn Schrass and Dr. Walter Rankin.

bench following their induction into Alpha Lambda Delta.

$A\Lambda\Delta$

The Georgetown College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated 77 new members during its spring initiation in March, 1998. The ceremony was followed by a reception for initiates and their parents. In addition, chapter members sponsored a luncheon for all seniors graduating with honors. New officers for the 1998-99 academic year are Talona King, President; Stacy Dunavent, Vice President; Beth Strategier, Secretary; Joey Coleman, Treasurer; and Karen Calhoun, Historian.

The chapter celebrated its 30th anniversary on Monday evening, November 16, 1998 with a banquet sponsored by local chapter members. Dr. Mike Nichols, a former member of the Georgetown College faculty and member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council, was the keynote speaker. Mrs. Sue Ellen Caldwell of Frankfort, Kentucky, and a charter member of the local chapter, also attended. Other guests in attendance included the President of Georgetown College, Dr. William H. Crouch, Jr., and the Executive Vice President/Provost, Dr. Charles Boehms. The Georgetown College chapter was chartered on November 18, 1968 with thirty-three members. During its 30-year history, the Georgetown chapter has initiated more than 1,200 students. Currently, there are 188 active members of the Georgetown College chapter.

ΑΛΔ

On October 31, 1998, the

Gettysburg College chapter of Alpha
Lambda Delta initiated 45 new members
during Parent's Weekend. The new officers
installed were Gwen C. Ceton, President;
Siri Rhys White, Vice-President; Emily J.
Boardman, Secretary; Robert D. McClain,
Historian; and Heather A. Frank, Editor,
Advisors Robert Nordvall, Dean of First
Year Students and Carey Moore, Professor
of Religion, spoke at the initiation as family
and friends proudly looked on. The new
initiates look forward to an exciting and
productive year.

ΑΛΔ

The 1998-1999 chapter at Liberty
University has begun what we anticipate to be the most productive year thus far.
We have at least one activity planned per month and have already met as a group for a night of cultural awareness. Three speakers were invited that have had



Georgetown College officers for 1998-99 are: Stacy Dunavent, Vice President; Talona King, President; Joey Coleman, Treasurer; Karen Calhoun, Historian; Beth Strategier, Secretary

extensive cross-cultural experiences in Europe and Asia. It was an evening well spent! Future activities planned range from working with inner city children to care packages during finals. One of our biggest events will be designing and making signs for each of the halls indicating each college within Liberty University. This project will not only help incoming students directionally and improve the campus, but also promote ALD visibility on campus.

Along the lines of visibility, we are taking steps to improve people's knowledge of ALD and to encourage students to work hard academically. To do this, we plan to write in the widely read school newspaper to promote our activities.

This year will definitely be one full of continual growth and activity.

ΑΛΔ

The Louisiana State
University Chapter initiated
475 members this past year.
Following the spring
initiation ceremony, awards
and scholarships were
presented to the members
and guests.

Twelve graduating seniors with cumulative 4.0 GPA's tied for the Senior Book Award. They are Kevin Scott Brown, April Ann Erwin, Jonathan

William Franzosa, William P. Goins, Kari Michelle Hebert, James S. Kurtz, Melissa Ann McCutcheon, Ryan Christopher Perry, Christopher Vasil Popov, Christopher Charles Roth, Adlah Sukkar, and Jessica Mae Wheeler.

The Sophomore Scholarship was awarded to Charla Nicole Burns, Martha Laurin Lester, and Vijaypreet K. Singh. Christy Anne Ledet received the Jo Anne J. Trow Award. The M. Margaret Jameson Outstanding Officer Award was presented to Charles G. Wood, president of the LSU chapter in 1995-1996.

This year the LSU Chapter presented the Outstanding Freshman Teacher Award to Karla Neal of the Mathematics Department at LSU. Selection was based on nominations received from the spring initiates.

The chapter participated in the campus wide program "endow an oak." A plaque

recognizing the \$1500 contribution by Alpha Lambda Delta will be permanently posted at our selected tree. The donation provides much needed care for the beautiful oak trees on our campus.

Newly elected officers for the 1998-1999 school year are: James Bollinger, President; Scott Hedlund, Vice President; Marc Danos, Secretary; Jeremy Gauthier, Treasurer; and Buck Kyle, Historian.

It was a most exciting year for LSU. We look forward to another prosperous year on our campus.

ΑΛΔ

It is a great honor to receive the Order of The Torch Award. For the University of Maryland Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the title of this award represents the spirit and dedication of those who gave their time and effort to put our new ideas for ALD to work. Last year we laid the groundwork for communicating to the larger student body of former and prospective initiates to make Alpha Lambda Delta an active campus organization. We created a bulk-mail list to send our newsletters, minutes and reminders through the internet. We also created a web page to announce our activities as well as to give an outline of the purpose of ALD. The participation in ALD events rose as this proved to be a faster and cheaper means of communication.

For National Volunteer Week, we made approximately 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. We publicized the event, PB Jam, and invited the entire student body to stop by the Student Union, to make a few sandwiches. This was a great success! During another volunteer activity, we assisted in the opening of a Wellness Center at Broad Acres Elementary School. While parents attended the health exposition, ALD participants organized games related to nutrition to teach the children. We all had an afternoon of fun as we challenged our knowledge of health-awareness. This past year, we asked a former ALD president, ODK member, and Spirit of Maryland recipient, Eric Young to speak at our initiation ceremony. Eric Young helped us to realize how much ALD has expanded



1998-1999 initiates of Liberty University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

through the years at the University of Maryland. With his continued school spirit, he gave us the incentive to compile our artifacts and strive to win the Order of the Torch Award. Our scrapbook was created as a future reference for executive board members to maintain the level of involvement in scholarship and volunteerism that we deemed essential for expanding our leadership role.

The outstanding executive board for the 1998-1999 year has already arranged activities that continue to maintain the Order of the Torch standards. Some of the planned events include: participation in the Fannie May Foundation's "Help the Homeless 5K Walk-a-thon," organizing a book drive to send "Books to Bosnia," and having a guest speaker from a finance corporation attend a general meeting to answer students' questions regarding budgeting and finance.

Through the enthusiasm and publicizing of the executive board, the University of Maryland Chapter of ALD has increased its number of active members. It is because of this high level of involvement that Alpha Lambda Delta is becoming a well-known campus organization.



Members of the University of North Alabama chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta

 $A\Lambda\Delta$

The Monmouth College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta is preparing for another productive and rewarding year. Our chapter, currently consisting of eighteen members, inducted nineteen bright new faces on April 20, 1998. We are very confident that these promising new members will carry on the strong traditions



Our first meeting for the 1998-1999 school year at Northeast Louisiana University. Officers: Front (left to right): Anna Brooke Herrington, Shauna Bennett, Ebony Penn Back (left to right): Lacy Durham, Crystal Alderman, Julie Jeane, Maria Rodrigue

we have established as a chapter. One of the new traditions we instituted this year was providing a campus-wide tutoring service for all students seeking academic assistance. Since the members of Alpha Lambda Delta are selected on the basis of their academic achievements, we felt it would be a good idea to share our talents with others. We also helped coordinate the Red Cross Blood Drives which were conducted on our college campus this past year. For such a small chapter, we are certainly proud of our achievements and hope for continued success in the future!

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The 1997-1998 academic year has been an exciting and active year for the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at the University of North Alabama.

We kicked off the year with our annual picnic where new and old members met and made new friendships. Our first activity of the year was "Caught Studying". During finals week members gave candy to hardworking students caught studying at Collier Library. Attached to the candy

was a message of encouragement.

Our next activity was the nomination of a Mr. and Miss University for homecoming week. The Mr. and Miss University award seeks to recognize an outstanding male and female student who have made a contribution to the University. Our nominees, Amanda Franks and Gerald Williams, represented our chapter with spirit.

Our December activity was to support two children from the Salvation Army angel tree. Christmas gifts were purchased for the two needy children.

Initiation is our big spring activity. The March 19 initiation is a joint ceremony with Phi Eta Sigma, held in the Performance Center here on campus. This year we initiated fifty-five students and two honor faculty. Mr. Gary Green was the speaker for the initiation ceremony.

The Senior Book Award is awarded to the Senior with the highest GPA in the graduating class. The Senior Book Award was awarded to Kristi Gooch, a past Alpha Lambda Delta president. Awards were also presented to two outstanding professors-Mrs. Alice Dill and Dr. Lisa Minor. Awards were also given to twenty three outstanding seniors in the chapter. There was a reception afterwards to honor the initiates.

$A\Lambda\Delta$

The Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter of Northeast Louisiana University has been quite busy for the 1998-99 school year. This year's staff held its first meeting for the new year members on May 5, 1998 (not long after the April 15th induction). Favorite Professor Week was sponsored to stress the importance of student-teacher relationships. Members nominated professors, and the top ten were given a banquet at the Bayou Desiard Country Club on September 3, 1998. Another great idea was to have another induction the following semester to increase membership and to include people who were able to bring up their grades from the previous semester. During October, the Northeast Louisiana University chapter plans to read

stories to children for Halloween. December will be the month for helping Salvation Army "Ring the Bells". President Anna Brooke Herrington and Chapter Relations Officer Julie Jeane represented Northeast Louisiana while attending the National Leadership Conference in Denver. This chapter has also taken the lead in fundraising for the Trow Scholarship Fund. Northeast Louisiana University's Chapter is definitely active in Alpha Lambda Delta.

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On Sunday, April 5, 1998, 19 students and one honorary member were inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. The members were inducted into the society by Patricia Gelatko, Chapter President; Dr. Holly Spittler, Administrative Advisor; and Isabelle Champlin, Faculty Advisor. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford established a chapter of National Alpha Lambda Delta in April 1988.

Dr. Vince Kohler, Chairperson of the Humanities Division, was inducted as an honorary member.

The induction ceremony also included the installation of chapter officers.
Officers include Star Dunham, President; Kelly E. Herzog, Vice President; Divia Thani, Secretary; Anthony D. Tanner, Treasurer; Carissa D. Stewart, Editor; and Kristen M. Rushe, Historian.

Molly Wilde was the recipient of the Senior Book Award which is presented by the National Alpha Lambda Delta office to the graduating senior in each chapter with the highest grade point average. Lisa Marie Aaron, Laurie K. Burkett, Andrea Mallery, Emily A. Nestlerode, Daniel Scott Tyson, Erin Lynne Vollman, and Molly Jean Wilde were recipients of the Senior Award, given to Alpha Lambda Delta senior members who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average.

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

$A\Lambda\Delta$

The Purdue University chapter of Alpha

Lambda Delta proudly initiated over 400 new members last spring. After the joint initiation ceremony with Phi Eta Sigma, many gathered together for a banquet in the Memorial Union on campus. There the new members had an opportunity to get to know fellow initiates and listen to the guest speaker.

New officers for this year were selected at the end of the spring semester, and they have been working hard to plan new activities and events.

During the 1998 fall semester, the officers planned and conducted a fall pledge ceremony and prepared for the initiation of 114 new members and one honorary, Ms. Renee Thomas, Director of the Black Cultural Center at Purdue. The initiation

ceremony was followed by a banquet with new members of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma.

Dr. Tom Turpin, professor of entomology and a very popular professor, entertained the new initiates and their parents with his speech that incorporated life philosophy as told by a cockroach.

Our chapter was also represented by our Advisor, Dr. Susan Thompson and the Chapter Treasurer, Erin Anderson, at the Alpha Lambda Delta workshop in Denver. They attended many workshops and acquired lots of ideas for improvements in our chapter. We are working on our volunteer tutor list, which will be up and running soon.

On Saturday, November 21, about 20 minutes prior to the kickoff of the Purdue-Indiana football game, the announcer called out a row and section number, and said if your name is Susan Thompson, look at the jumbotron for a message. The message read "Susan Thompson, will you marry me? Love Dave"

What a surprise! Purdue Pete (the school mascot) was there to help celebrate and help the jumbotron camera find the couple who were shown on the jumbotron. What fun!

"No date has been set yet, but we are very happy," reported Advisor Thompson. $A\Lambda\Delta$

The **Rose-Hulman** Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta became much more involved this year than in the past. After chapter elections in January and spring inductions



Alpha Lambda Delta members at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

in late March, the new slate of officers consisting of Wesley J. Bolsen, President; Jason Zielke; Vice-President; Sharon Foltz, Secretary; and Ken Rossi, Treasurer, decided to send two officers to the annual ALD national convention that was to be held in Denver, Colorado. This was something that the Rose-Hulman chapter was not on record ever attending. With the help of our advisor Dr. Caroline Carvill, professor in the humanities and social science department, Wes Bolsen and Ken Rossi were able to attend the 1998-99 conference. The main reason for our chapter to attend was to bring it back to life, and get involved with the national office of ALD. The Rose-Hulman chapter will be getting students to participate in the annual scholarship competitions as well as submitting an Order of the Torch application. Some activities that are currently in progress consist of a freshman orientation booklet to be distributed to all incoming freshmen on "Surviving Rose-Hulman". As Rose-Hulman takes its place as the #1 undergraduate Science and Engineering school in the nation, it is essential that we continue to strive for excellence in the first year, and build our Alpha Lambda Delta chapter.

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On October 3, 1998, Saint Vincent College of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was presented with Alpha Lambda Delta's Order of the Torch Award, for chapter excellence in programming, internal communication, and campus visibility. What makes this award even more prestigious is that Saint Vincent College is only in its fifth year of chapter existence. Enrollment is also much smaller at Saint Vincent than at the four other winning schools.

Sophomore President Beth Troy began the ceremony with a welcome and introductions for each speaker. Fr. Rene Kollar, O.S.B., History Department Chairperson, offered the Invocation. Junior Advisor and 1997-1998 President Elizabeth Smyder highlighted last year's projects and activities, which included a blood drive, a shoe drive, activities for finals week, Christmas dinner, Christmas caroling, and a spring picnic. Former National Council President Dorothy Anderson, Dean of Student Life at Susquehanna University, then presented the chapter with the Order of the Torch Award, which Beth Troy and Beth Smyder accepted. It was quite appropriate for Dean Anderson to present the award as she installed Saint Vincent's chapter in 1995. Fr. Martin Bartel, O.S.B., President of Saint Vincent College, gave final remarks and the Benediction. A reception following the award ceremony continued the celebration.

Also present at the ceremony was Saint Vincent Associate Academic Dean Alice Kaylor, who is the Administrative Chapter Advisor. Dr. Andrew Turner, chemistry professor and the Faculty Advisor, was unable to attend.

With visions set on the Maintaining the Flame Award, Saint Vincent has many activities planned for this year. Some of these include a clothing drive, Christmas caroling for a nursing home and hospital, making Christmas ornaments for a nursing home, Christmas dinner, "Sundaes on Thursdays" and "Caught Ya Studying" (two campus activities for study breaks during finals week), junior and senior high tutoring system, blood drive, and spring picnic.

The Order of the Torch Award Committee included Lindsay Berdell, Maria Ingros, Amy Jancaro, Rachel Jancaro, Jaclyn Moran, Dana Newlin, and Beth Smyder. The 1997-1998 officers included President Elizabeth Smyder, Vice President Heather Smith, Secretary Natalie Wayock, Treasurer Maria Ingros, Editor

Brennan Bums, Historian Dana Newlin, Web Master Douglas Sheffler, Public Relations Amy Jancaro, Junior Advisor Jaclyn Moran and Senior Advisor Rachel Jancaro. The 1998-1999 officers include President Beth Troy, Vice President Steve Snodgrass, Secretary Kathleen Schreck, Treasurer Sheila Smith, Public Relations Jeff Fensterer, Editor Bob Brown, Historian Andrea Ferraco, Junior Advisor Beth Smyder, Senior Advisor Haley Dzumba, and Web Master Doug Sheffler.



On April 26, 1998, Alpha Lambda Delta history was made as a new chapter of the society was installed at **Shenandoah University** in Winchester, VA. Shenandoah University is located 70 miles west of Washington, D.C. in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

After over a year of careful planning by many individuals, Shenandoah University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta installed 45 charter members and 4 honorary members. The installing officer was Dorothy Anderson, Dean of Students, Susquehanna University and Immediate Past President of National Alpha Lambda Delta. Dr. James A. Davis, President of Shenandoah University; Dr. Joel Stegall, Vice President for Academic Programs; Dr. Kim Fendley, Associate Professor of Sociology, and Judith A. Landes, Director of Academic Support Services were inducted as honorary members.

Dr. Kim Fendley and Judith A. Landes are the advisors for Shenandoah University's chapter of Alpha Lambda



Members of the Saint Vincent College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta were presented with the 1998 Order of the Torch Award

Delta. The current officers are Jennifer Comly, President; Ashley Ellison, Vice-President; Beth DiSabatino, Secretary; Anthony Wright, Treasurer; Sarah Newman, Historian; and Elizabeth Dull, Editor. Karyn Reim is Alpha Lambda Delta's representative for the Shenandoah University Student Government Association.

The chapter is currently involved in a pen-pal program with a local elementary school and has many activities planned for the academic year including food drives, a murder mystery dinner theater, academic support activities, and community service projects. The chapter plans to initiate new members in February of 1999. The chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at Shenandoah University is young but a "Flame!"

$A\Lambda\Delta$

The 1997-1998 year was a tremendous success for the **University of South Carolina** chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

While building on traditional programs, our chapter added some new achievements in an effort to continuously improve.

Beginning in the fall, active members were given opportunities for service with Welcome Week events. We hosted a program for new freshmen entitled, "The Right Way, The Wrong Way, The USC Way." A panel of ALD members answered the questions of the new students and discussed helpful hints for success. During the same week, council members also coordinated the distribution of "Freebies." These are boxes of samples

including shampoo, deodorant, snacks, scents, coffee, and new products.

We are especially excited about having our own chapter ALD t-shirts for the first year. The officers developed a design for a beautiful, classy shirt that all members can be proud to wear. These shirts were produced at a reasonable price so that any member actively participating with one or more of the chapters programs is given one for FREE. Extras are sold for the price of a mere \$5.00.

Our administrative advisor, Harrison Greenlaw, was recognized as the Outstanding Advisor of the Year by ALD National Council. Two officers attended the National Workshop in Dallas with Harrison where he gave the keynote speech and copresented a program on chapter activities.

In an effort to add some recognition to the USC chapter and to just have fun, some of our members designed and painted three winning spirit banners displayed at fall football games. Two first places and one third place earned ALD a total of \$300.

On the first Saturday in December, we hosted the USC Challenge, our largest activity for the year. This is an annual statewide high school academic team competition. Aside from planning and conducting this event, ALD members participate by performing such jobs as judges, score keepers, runners, hostesses, and buzzer system technicians.

We started the spring semester by inducting 395 new members, our second largest induction ever. From this group new officers for the 1998-1999 academic year were elected. They are Kathy Mitchell, President; Jennifer Niemi, Vice-President; Keltha McCall, Treasurer; Kara House, Secretary. We are also excited to have gained Lucille Mould, professor of French and University 101, as our Faculty Advisor. We are lucky to have four of last year's active officers returning to serve as Junior Advisors. They are John Sageser, Charlotte Mullins, Timothy Clardy, and Shanna Poston. The Junior Advisors and new officers have already met and discussed future events such as a potential semi-formal. The new officers have also distributed a spring newsletter updating the new members of our chapter.



University of South Carolina Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. The first meeting after induction.

Our last project of the year was Organ Donor Awareness Days. For two days, the ALD council educated members of the university community on the need for organ donation. We had a large number of faculty, staff, and students sign up to be organ donors.

In 1998, former ALD officer and Trow Award recipient, James Loging, received one of the 16 national scholarships awarded to ALD members pursuing graduate studies.

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The Sweet Briar College Chapter initiated 37 new Alpha Lambda Delta members on October 24, 1997. Many parents were present since the ceremony took place during Families Weekend, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful ceremony.

The new officers tried to give a new impulse to the chapter, since it had not been very active in the past.

Here are some of the activities we did. We started with a sale of "care-grams" consisting of a little note (written by the sender) and home-made cookies. This was extremely successful, and we ended up baking over 300 cookies... Right before exams, we had our traditional "freshman drop": we delivered a little bag (with candy, an ALD bookmark, and a few tips for exams) to the 200 freshmen on campus. In February, our ice-skating night enabled the members to get to know some of the freshmen; it was so much fun! During midterm week, many students warmly welcomed the candy from our "caughtstudying" night, which had been announced by mysterious flyers. After Spring Break, some of us helped out with the Academic Fair for prospective students, where they can meet faculty members from each department. We set up the signs and helped the students to find what they were looking for. Finally, we put in every freshman mailbox a comprehensive list of tips for exams, which was modeled on the one from the Academic Resource Center.

Now, we look forward to welcoming our new members. Right now, 38 students are eligible, and this number will increase when we get the grades for the second semester.

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We are delighted to announce that on April 11, 1998 the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of Texas at El Paso initiated 26 new members. We proudly announce this high number since only ten students were inducted the year before.

For their Fall semester project, last year's initiates did volunteer work at the UTEP Centennial museum. Each Saturday different ALD members helped out at the front desk and in the gift shop. All ALD members received training before doing this volunteer work. Immediately after the 1998 induction ceremony, we started to get our new members active. Our Chapter is a proud member of the UTEP Honors Alliance, a federation uniting Honor Societies on campus to better serve the University. Before final exams, the Honors Alliance presented its first ever "Honors



Members of the Sweet Briar College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta

Week;" which introduced students to the University Honors Program and the various Honor Societies on campus. Throughout this week long event ALD members served as ushers for Honors Convocation, and our new President gave presentations about Alpha Lambda Delta. During the annual UTEP Organization Awards Ceremony our former President, Leslie N. Lozano, was named Officer of the Year. We also helped out with the Alpha Chi Induction Ceremony and with the Spring '98 Commencement, which was the 100th Commencement for UTEP. George W. Bush was our keynote speaker.

During the Summer Semester we had several picnics and cookouts, to give our members the chance to become closer and establish friendships. We also took part in the New Student Orientations on campus. We set up tables at the Student Union where the Orientation participants had lunch and handed out information about ALD, which motivated them to study hard in order to be invited to join our organization.

As our Fall Semester project for 1998, we helped out with the early voting for the Texas State elections. We found a central place on campus to set up the voting booths and helped the staff to organize the event. We also talked to students and sent out e-mails encouraging them to vote.

We are honored to have inducted some of the most enthusiastic students on campus who now occupy some of the highest positions in the UTEP Honors Alliance and the University Honors Council.

Our officers for the 1998-99 academic year are: Gabriel A. Ramos, President; Julie Montenegro, Vice President; Amy Macias, Secretary; Robert Franco, Treasurer; Karina Franco / Sarah Kuhn, Editors; and Nelly Lafuente, Historian.

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The University of

Texas-San Antonio installed the following officers for the 1998-1999 school year: President, Claudia M. Carranza; Vice President, Carol Slawson; Secretary, Jamie Galindo; Treasurer, Jenny Martinez; Historian, Chelly Kluman; and Editor, Debra Fullerton.

This semester's activities include Best Friend (held at UTSA), mentoring at a local elementary school, collection of stuffed animals for a local hospital and children's shelter, and some more activities.

The chapter inducted 30 new members this fall and are looking forward to a great semester and an even better spring semester!

 $A\Lambda\Delta$

Trinity University's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter is proud to have initiated 135 new members during the spring of 1998. The magnitude of this number is astonishing considering the size of Trinity's first year class: roughly 650 students.

On Monday, October 19, 1998 the newly inducted members held the Trinity
University Alpha Lambda Delta First Year Mixer, which experienced great success despite being held in the midst of one of the worst floods in San Antonio's history. The mixer publicized the benefits of the organization as well as provided an incentive for first year students to study hard and attain the grade point average necessary for membership the following spring. New members staffed the event and provided advice and information to the many first years that attended, in a casual, study - break environment com-

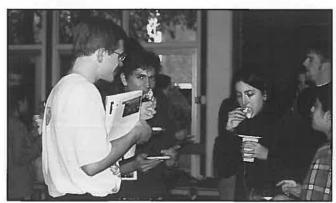
plete with food, music, and door prizes. The chapter's dark blue ALD shirts flooded Trinity's Ruth Taylor Foyer where the meeting was held. Extra chapter shirts, bookmarks, copies of the Flame and other information were set out and taken by those who attended. Copies of the chapter's Mid Term Blues sheet, which provides the names and phone numbers as well as tutoring specialties of members who offered to tutor first year students, were distributed for first year students to utilize. These sheets were also distributed to all of the First Year Seminar and Writing Workshop courses in order to make the resource available to all first years.

The chapter was very fortunate to have the assistance of other organizations and overall campus involvement in the study break. The event was publicized through an appearance from the chapter president and vice-president on Tiger TV (the Trinity Today Show), the campus television channel, as well as through a poster in the campus dining hall. An article in the campus daily newsletter, as well as box-stuffers and table-tents placed in the dining halls were also used to publicize the event.

In addition to educating first year students about ALD, the meeting was also a chance for the officers to update members on the chapter's activities and opportunities as well as motivate them. Chapter participation as well as community and visibility were emphasized.

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This year, Valparaiso University's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter has gotten off to a great start with a number of activities well underway! A phenomenal 112 new members were inducted last April, and have participated in a variety of projects under the leadership of President Lauren Caywood and Vice-President Mollie Lambert, aided by Secretary Michelle Boswell, Treasurer Jacque Richardson, Historian Emily Kowalski, and Publicist Laura Fucio. As members of the Academic, Forum, Service Projects, Recruitment, or Fundraising committees, members have donated their time through various activities, including the Peer



First year students at Trinity University enjoy free food sponsored by Alpha Lambda Delta at the ALD first year mixer

Tutoring program and holiday decorating in the oncology unit at the local hospital. In addition to serving the campus and the community, another goal for the chapter is to make sure this year's freshmen know what Alpha Lambda Delta is all about so they will look forward to joining this spring. By participating in VU's annual Activities Fair and painting a window in the Student Union for Homecoming, Alpha Lambda Delta is becoming a much more familiar name around campus.

The chapter is even more excited about future plans. More holiday decorating for the hospital is in the works, as is adopting a needy family for the winter season. We are planning a speaker for the spring, as well as a joint activity with Valpo's senior honor society. We will also continue to encourage academic excellence among fellow students with the "Caught Studying" program that has been so successful here as well as at other universities. As for getting the ALD name out-a web site is in the planning stages, and continued participation in campus activities is expected as well. We are all looking forward to making this year the best for Valparaiso's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta!

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The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Western Carolina University is constantly involved in all the activities that occur on and around campus, having currently 62 members. The 1998-1999 officers are as follows: Brenna Farmer (President), Christy Blake (Vice President), Jill Delp (Secretary),

Wendy Nicholson (Treasurer), Amber Hardison and Mandy Greene (Historians), and Jason Sheets (Editor). Dr. Robert Caruso, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, became the new Administrative Advisor and Dr. Joseph Meigs, a professor of English, remained the Faculty Advisor.

Even before the start of the fall semester rolled around, Alpha Lambda

Delta was present at every organizational fair during freshmen orientation in June. Also, at WCU's "valleyballyhoo", a celebration of all different organizations on campus at the beginning of every fall semester, officers of ALD set up a booth. Both of these activities gave incoming freshmen the opportunity to learn more about the organization and its purposes.

On October 18, fall induction took place at Western's University Center. The chapter inducted 20 new members, those that made above a 3.5 GPA in the spring semester of their freshman year. Furthermore, on October 29, Chancellor John Bardo will open the doors of his house for a reception for prospective members. All

members of ALD are invited as well as freshmen who were in the top 10% of their class in high school. This gathering offers prospective members a chance to meet officials of the university and talk with ALD members. Plans for the spring semester include the induction of new members as well as a fund-raiser for the annual scholarship. Currently, the officers of ALD are organizing a trip to Charlotte Motor Speedway to sell concessions.

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The 1997-1998 school year marked the 27th year of the University of Wisconsin - Platteville's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter offering recognition to students who maintain high academic standards.

During the school year, Alpha Lambda
Delta held a pizza party for incoming and
outgoing officers to familiarize the newcomers with their position. We also
publicized our chapter by holding an
informational meeting and passing out
ALD bookmarks to encourage freshmen to
study and strive to become an ALD
member.

At the annual induction ceremony on April 19, 1998, UWP's Tutoring Supervisor, David Griffiths was inducted as an honorary member and 109 new inductees pledged their determination to continue to strive for academic excellence. Two new members-Joan Henry and Connie Strause—were awarded scholarships given by the local chapter, and Erin Rischette was awarded the Jo Anne Trow Award, Chancellor Emeritus Bjarne Ullsvik and his wife, Charter Honorary member Lucille Ullsvik, presented the Ullsvik Scholarship to Amy Addison. The Senior Book Award was presented to Noah J. Gawlik, a graduating member who maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA for his entire



Two of last year's officers with all of the new officers of the Valparasio University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta: First row, left to right: Danielle Carrig, 97-98 President; Kyle Wright, 97-98 Publicist; Lauren Caywood, 98-99 President; Jacque Richardson, 98-99 Treasurer; Second row, Left to Right: Michelle Boswell, 98-99 Secretary; Mollie Lambert, 98-99 Historian; Emily Kowalski, 98-99 Historian; Laura Fucio, 98-99 Publucist

college career, a testament to what dedication and hard work can do.

Officers for the 1998-1999 school year are the following: Tara Fitzsimons, President; Erin Parkhurst, Vice President; Michele Velvikis, Secretary; Jeanna Koerperick, Treasurer; Kimberly Patcle, Historian; Wendy Canon, Junior Advisor; and Lana Bradley, Senior Advisor. Carol Sands serves as Administrative Advisor and Darla Banfi, as Faculty Advisor.

We started out this year by co-sponsoring a dance with Student Ambassadors at the Ullsvik Center during freshman orientation week. It was a smash hit! We are looking forward to doing it every year during freshman orientation because it is a great time for new students to set the goal of being in ALD.

Advisor Banfi and two officers, President Tara Fitzsimons and Junior



The 109 new UW-Platteville Freshmen Members, April 19,1998.

Advisor Wendy Canon attended the National Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Conference in Denver in October '98.

The officers held a dinner and retreat to set goals for the school year. We plan to offer opportunities for several service activities for our active members such as visiting nursing homes to play bingo and caroling at Christmas, and we are also interested in the Adopt-A-Highway program. We hope to get more members involved in fund-raising activities, such as selling Valentines Day cookies. These are some ways for members to be able to get together and benefit from their membership during their college years.



National Alpha Lambda Delta also has ALD jewelry, initiation cloths, graduation honor cords, and other materials to celebrate your membership in ALD. For additional information, contact the National Office in Macon, Georgia or check our Web Site at:

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NEW CHAPTERS

- Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia
- Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia

Alpha Lambda Delta Charters Two New Chapters

GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

by Glenda Earwood-Smith
Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director

he Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Georgia College and State University was installed on Monday afternoon, May 6, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. Held in the Russell Auditorium, the ceremony was attended by a number of parents and friends of the 38 new student members. Marianne Edwards, Director of the ACE Center, was instrumental in advising the charter group and in coordinating the installation ceremony. Dr. Edwards was initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta as an undergraduate at the University of Georgia when Katie Boardman was advisor and Dr. Louise McBee was on the National Council. Dr. Doris Moody will be serving as Faculty Adviser to the group.

The installation ceremony was held in Russell Auditorium on Monday afternoon following a weekend of theater performances on that same stage. The stage was transformed from the drama to a beautiful setting of green foliage with candles on each table. The new initiates sat in the front rows of the auditorium and processed across the stage as each person's name was called. Each initiate signed the chapter roll, received their certificate and jewelry, and shook hands with Dr. Edwards.

After the induction of the student members, three honorary members were inducted. Citations were read for each.

Honorary Members:

Rosemary DePaolo, President
Doris Clopton Moody, Director of Special Academic
Programs
John E. Sallstrom, Associate Vice President for Academic
Services

The chapter was very pleased that the new first female President of Georgia College & State University, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo, could be part of this installation ceremony and be inducted as an honorary member. Dr. John Sallstrom was instrumental in organizing the first meeting of students in forming a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta with the National Executive Director, Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith in the spring of 1997. One year later the chapter was installed.

Following the initiation of the charter members and the installation of the chapter by Dr. Earwood-Smith, the chapter officers were installed.

President - Robert Daneke



Alpha Lambda Delta members represent Georgia College & State University at Georgia Honors Council Meeting.
(L-R): Ben Carter, Davi Duggan, Bob Daneke, Dr. John Sallstrom, Rachelle Norton, Student leaders, Bob Daneke, President, Rachelle Norton, Secretary, and David Duggan, Junior Advisor, as well as ALD member Ben Carter, represented Alpha Lambda Delta and Georgia College & State University at the Georgia Honors Council Meeting held at Clayton State University in the spring of 1998. Joining them was Dr. John Sallstrom, an Honorary Member of the new chapter of ALD at GC&SU.

Vice President - Tormeika Sanford Secretary - Amanda Rachelle Norton Treasurer - Allison Cartwright Junior Advisor - Sara Davi Jayne Duggan Senior Advisor - Timothy Hagan Thompson

Chapter President Robert Daneke made some remarks on behalf of the chapter. He promised that the new honor society would take an active role in the Georgia College & State University community.

After the installation ceremony, a reception was held in a nearby courtyard for the new Alpha Lambda Delta members, their family members, and guests. At the reception, many of the letters of congratulations to the new chapter were displayed.

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

by Dorothy M. Anderson
Former National Council President
Located within the campus Center, the Wilkins Ballroom
served as an excellent location for the Installation Ceremony. A



Proudly displaying their new Alpha Lambda Delta Charter for Shenandoah University's Chapter are Dr. Joel Stegall, Vice President for Academic Programs; Chapter Vice President Kate Gibson; Chapter President Sarah Wall; and Chapter Advisor, Dr. Kim Fendley.

boutonniere was given to each of the new initiates as they lined up for the procession. The audience consisted of friends and family of the initiates. Both the President of the chapter, Sarah Wall and Dr. Davis accepted the Charter on behalf of Shenandoah. Sarah made special note of the contributions made by Ms. Landes's secretary, Deborah Teates, in doing much of the detail paper work it took to start the new chapter.

On an amusing note, the date on Shenandoah's Charter said 1989 instead of 1998. Needless to say, a corrected Charter has been given to the Chapter, but all of us enjoyed the idea of installing a 10 year old Chapter. While at the University, the Installing Officer enjoyed getting acquainted with Dr. Fendley. We had the opportunity to have lunch in the campus dining facility, attend a quilt show in a nearby town, and attend a portion of a Symphony Concert in Armstrong Auditorium prior to the ceremony. It is the Installing Officer's belief that this chapter is off to a good start.

Shenandoah Installation Remarks

by Dean Dorothy M. Anderson, Past National Council President of Alpha Lambda Delta and Dean of Students, Susquehanna University

It is now my privilege to install the Shendandoah University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. However, before I do, it seems appropriate to share some remarks about the potential of such an occasion in the life of both Shenandoah and National Alpha Lambda Delta. Alpha Lambda Delta will be the sixth honor society at Shenandoah. With its purpose of honoring and recognizing those freshmen students who have excelled during their first year of study, the Chapter will, in essence, be "an early identification program" for all other Societies.

Shenandoah, founded in 1875 in Dayton, VA, moved to Winchester in 1960. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and has grown to 1900 students. The University, with its broad vision, maintains a diversified and cutting-edge curriculum, and seeks to prepare students for the challenges of an advanced technical and global environment. A chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta fits perfectly in such a setting. As a

National Honor Society, we have continued to keep an eye on the future. We have endowed our graduate fellowship program and are about to add undergraduate fellowships tied to our 75th Anniversary in 1999. Among national honor societies we were among the first to establish a WEB site and offer the opportunity for all of our Chapters to link to that site. Students from Shenandoah will now have the opportunity to attend our Leadership Workshop and meet other ALD's from around the country, sharing ideas and making friends. Any member of the Chapter may in the future apply for and be selected as a member of the National Council. Depending on how active you choose to make the Chapter, it will provide a frame work in which you can grow, learn, and make significant contributions to your University community. The challenges and the opportunities presented to you as a new Chapter play a central role in your life as a student at Shenandoah

So lets' move ahead with the ceremony and officially make you the newest Chapter of National Alpha Lambda Delta.

Alpha Lambda Delta Acceptance of Charter Speech

by Sarah Wall, President

On behalf of my fellow members of Alpha Lambda Delta and myself, I would sincerely like to thank Dean Dorothy Anderson for her presence here today and installing one of the hardest and fastest working new chapters. It is indeed an honor and a noteworthy experience to have her here with us on this special occasion. Though it has taken a vast amount of time and exertion to arrange and coordinate this organization, in the end there is no greater feeling than that of accomplishment. Since the beginning of this year our goal has been to provide Shenandoah with an honor society for those students just beginning their college careers to be recognized and appreciated for their scholastic achievement. Being the first of its kind on the university's campus, it is exceptional that we have forty-five members here today that believe in just this.

However, we would not be here now if it had not been for our Faculty Advisor, Dr. Kim Fenley, and our Administrative Advisor,

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Ms. Judith Landes, to whom we owe a great deal of thanks. Unfortunately, Ms. Landes was not able to attend this ceremony due to a death in the family, and so I ask that we keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers. Since August of 1997 both Dr. Fenley and Ms. Landes have planned to see this organization through to the end, not only as an established campus organization, but as a nationally recognized and acclaimed chapter. With their assistance we have managed to gather a considerable amount of regard among Shenandoah's freshmen and sophomore students.

I would like to thank Ms. Deborah Teates, who was willing to aid us in more ways than one, whether it be providing us with a workplace or assisting us in paperwork.

Most of all, I would like to thank the members of Alpha Lambda Delta for their joint enthusiasm and interest in taking part in this organization. We have worked hard to light the FLAME and now that it burns, may we continue to pass it on to those it shines brightest upon.

Thank you for coming and I invite everyone to join us in the Wilkins Conference Room for a light reception after the initiates

conclude the recession.

Honorary Members:

Citations for honorary members, Dr. James A. Davis, Shenandoah's President and Dr. Joel R. Stegall, Vice President for Academic Programs were read by Dr. Kim Fendley. The Installing Officer read the citations for Dr. Kim Fendley, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and (in absentia) for Judith A. Landes, Director of Academic Support Services. Ms. Landes had been the guiding light and prime mover in getting this new Chapter established and ready for the Installation. Unfortunately a death had occurred in her family which necessitated her missing the ceremony.

Chapter Officers:

President - Sarah Wall Vice President - Kathleen Gibson Secretary - Sara Barkley Treasurer - Rebecca Miller Historian - Janelle Ragno

Alpha Lambda Delta: Impact on a Freshman

by Chris Vomastek Treasurer, ALD chapter, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas

hroughout the first year of my college career, I went to class, went to work, and then I went home. I didn't know that much about college life. To me, it was homework, tests and hours upon hours of study. College was a means to get me where I wanted to go and that was it.

Due to the fact that I worked hard and achieved a 3.5 during my freshman year, I was invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta. At first, I decided to join because I thought it would look good on my resume, and at that point, I didn't have much else to put on it. I decided to go to a meeting to find out what ALD was all about.

When I arrived at the meeting, I met the president and faculty advisor of the chapter. They told me I should run for office. Reluctantly, I did, and before I knew it, I became the ALD treasurer. I would really have to say that this is where my college career began.

In the fall, they put me to work, and I started to learn that there were other things on campus such as a social life, football games, academic bowls, film festivals, and much more. I met influential people who showed me how to apply for scholarships; because of that my tuition is now free. I was nominated for Outstanding Junior

Man, and I soon joined several other organizations on campus. I learned that the campus also extended into the community, and my circle of friends widened to include volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, mentors in the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Wichita Falls, and workers at Faith Mission for the homeless.

I have met many lifelong friends in this organization. My advisor, Sue Henson, has had the biggest impact on my college career. She has shaped myself and other officers into outstanding leaders on the campus. Jeannette Richmond, a senior officer in ALD, showed me how to navigate through the red tape of administration and become an effective conductor of meetings. Toby and Brady proved we could sweat out a 3-hour shift in 100+ temperatures to serve refreshments at the Cowboy's Training Camp and feel good about doing it.

The people I have met, experiences I have learned, skills I have developed, and the values I have deepened through my association with Alpha Lambda Delta will have a lifelong impact on me. I intend on passing all of that along to my fellow classmates. Thank you ALD for giving me the opportunity to succeed.

ORDER OF THE TORCH



Bowling Green State University
University of Maryland
Midwestern University
Ohio University
St. Vincent College

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

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

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

- Bowling Green State University
- University of Maryland
- Midwestern University
- Ohio University
- St. Vincent College

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Elizabeth Broughton and Ms. Heather Hartland represented the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta at the Order of the Torch ceremony at Bowling Green State University. The Torch ceremony was combined with the fall initiation ceremony and held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 1998 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union on the Bowling Green campus.

Sixty students were inducted as members of the Bowling Green chapter. Attending the ceremony were new and current chapter members, executive officers, parents, and several campus officials. The lovely and thoughtful ceremony had been planned by the officers and graduate advisor, Beth Michelle Rosenbleet. Dr. Barbara Keller, Associate Dean of Students and chapter advisor, and the University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Charles Middleton were also present for the award and induction ceremony.

It was especially meaningful for Heather Hartland to return to the Bowling Green State University campus where she completed her freshmen and sophomore years of college before transferring to the University of Central Florida. In her remarks as an ALD National Council member, Heather remembered fondly her days at Bowling Green, being inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, and serving as a chapter officer. Joni DiRienzo, past chapter president, represented the Bowling Green chapter at the Denver workshop in October. She shared many of



National Council Member-at-Large Heather Hartland congratulates Order of the Torch recipients at Bowling Green State University. From left are: Amy Hines, fund raising; Carrie Bores, Vice President; Beth Rosenbleat, Graduate Advisor; Mariah Cornwell, Tutor Chair; Donna Shoenfelt, Secretary and Historian; Natale Vastano, Treasurer; Joni DiRienzo, President; Ms. Hartland; and Faculty Advisor, Dr. Barbara Keller.

the activities which led to the success of the chapter winning the Torch Award.

This was the second time that the ALD chapter at Bowling Green won the Torch Award. On October 15, 1995, Dr. Susan Thompson presented the Torch Award to the chapter. Dr. Broughton challenged the chapter members to strive for the new "Maintaining the Flame" commendation and to not let their recent accomplishments be forgotten.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The Order of the Torch Award was presented by Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith, Executive Director of National Alpha Lambda Delta to the University of Maryland chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at a late afternoon ceremony on Wednesday, November 4th, 1998. The meeting was attended by a number of current and former Alpha Lambda Delta officers and members, faculty



Executive Director Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith presented the Order of thev Torch Banner to the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at the University of Maryland. Dr. Earwood-Smith is pictured with Past Chapter President Marla Thomas, Chapter President Adam Cohen, and Advisor Katherine P. Beardsley,

advisers, and persons interested in the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Maryland. The award ceremony and reception were held in the student center on the Maryland campus.

Adam J. Cohen, current Maryland chapter president presided

over the awards ceremony. Seated at the front with President Cohen were Maryland Chapter Adviser, Kathryn Beardsley, past chapter President Marla Thomas, Dr. Glenda Earwood-Smith, Executive Director, and University of Maryland President Dr. Charles Daniel Mote, Jr.

After greeting the guests and indicating the purpose of this celebrative occasion, President Cohen called on past chapter president Marla Thomas. Marla outlined some of the activities that the chapter planned and implemented last year. Marla mentioned the Vice President for Volunteerism, Nicole Pope, as instrumental in planning many of the service projects including preparing 750 sandwiches for Martha's Table, a downtown Washington soup kitchen. The Maryland ALD chapter collaborated with Golden Key National Honor Society on this project. Marla had represented the Maryland chapter at the recent national Alpha Lambda Delta workshop in Denver.

In her remarks commending the chapter for achieving the prestigious award, Dr. Earwood-Smith suggested the chapter members gained something more than the Torch Award - things that are important lessons in life. These included lessons on collaboration and cooperation, the joy of giving to others, the generosity or lack thereof of corporations, and how to promote your organization and other people. The chapter officers learned how to plan a large reception and how to be flexible in planning. Dr. Earwood-Smith suggested that the lessons learned from participating in these activities would be utilized long after the chapter members leave the portals of the Maryland campus.

Dr. Earwood-Smith mentioned that the University of Maryland Alpha Lambda Delta chapter has a rich and rewarding history with the national organization. Helen Clarke, a former employee at the University, served as 10th President of National Alpha Lambda Delta from 1979 to 82. Eric Young, who spoke at the spring, 1998 initiation and is a Maryland alum, served as student member at large on the National Council from 1987 to 1989. The University of Maryland ALD chapter has produced at least 11 fellowship recipients with the most recent, Vijay D'Souza and two fellowship winners in 1997. The chapter adviser, Dr. Katherine Pedro Beardsley, was the second recipient of the national Outstanding Adviser of the Year Award in 1991-92.

President Clayton Daniel Mote, Jr. accepted the Order of the Torch Award on behalf of the University of Maryland. The newly installed President expressed his pride in the accomplishments of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter members. He also stated "The organization is dedicated to getting students started correctly." After several pictures of the Torch Banner were taken, the guests were treated to refreshments including a cake to celebrate the award. The event was covered by a reporter from The Diamondback, the campus newspaper. An article and picture appeared in the Thursday, November 5th issue of the paper.

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

by Patricia A. Graham,

National Council President of Alpha Lambda Delta On Friday, October 2, 1998, National President Patricia A. Graham presented the Order of the Torch to the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. The 2:30 p.m. ceremony was held in the MSU Clark Student Center following a luncheon hosted by the University President, Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez.

Chapter members, advisors and university guests gathered in the Student Center Atrium to hear remarks from Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Graham, Chapter Advisors Sue Henson and Jane Leishner, and chapter members responsible for the Torch Award. Also at the ceremony was the Phi Eta Sigma advisor, Dr. Dirk Lindemann. Chad Christian, National Council Student Member at Large and former member of the Midwestern University ALD chapter, attended and expressed his pride in the MSU chapter's accomplishments. The Torch banner will hang in a place of honor in the Clark Student Center.

Chapter members who were particularly instrumental in the recognition of the Midwestern State University's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter were Chad Christian, 1997-98 Vice President; Chris Vomastik, 1997-98 Treasurer; Candida Nash, 1997-98 Secretary; and 1997-98 Junior Advisor, Jeannette Richmond. Chapter members Toby Syrus and Heather Dorzab were also instrumental in the Torch recognition. These members all attended the presentation.

In 1998-99 the Midwestern State University's Alpha Lambda Delta's chapter is led by President Faith Weiss, Vice President Marvin Superville, Secretary Renata Taylor, Treasurer Becky Sharp, Historian Courtney Barnes, and Senior Advisor Jeannette Richmond.

The 1998-99 chapter officers and members are excited to continue their quest for excellence and pursue the new Alpha Lambda Delta commendation for MAINTAINING THE FLAME.

OHIO UNIVERSITY



Ohio University ALD Advisor Dr. Herman (Butch) Hill, Retired ALD Executive Director Barbara Quilling, and Chapter Officers receive the Order of the Torch Banner in a special ceremony.

The Order of the Torch Award was presented by Mrs. Barbara Quilling, retired executive director of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society to the Ohio University Chapter of the Society on October 11, 1998. The Sunday afternoon reception was held in the historic 1804 room, so named to commemorate the founding date of the University.

The reception refreshments were served as guests arrived. Guests were greeted by chapter officers and chapter advisor Dr. Herman (Butch) Hill, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council. After a pleasant social hour, the presentation ceremony took place. The group of members and parents enjoyed President Jennifer Grosh's short welcome and explanation of the

occasion. Dr. Hill then introduced Mrs. Quilling.

During a short address, Mrs. Quilling complemented the chapter for being one of only four chapters who have won the award more than once. The new Maintain the Flame Award was explained and a challenge was made to the group to start working on their programs and application immediately.

In addition, the new resources on the web page were described as excellent. It was suggested that a book mark might be made for prospective members suggesting that they "check out" the web page.

The award banner was then presented to Brian Storck, past chapter president, and Dr. Hill. Brian gave an excellent acceptance speech. President Jennifer Grosh paid a tribute, on behalf of the chapter members, to Dr. Hill and presented him with a gift. A gift was given to Mrs. Quilling to thank her for coming. Gift certificates to the Ohio University Book Store were given to all past chapter executive committee members for their service to the chapter and in honor of the award for their tenure in office.

Attendees stayed for a while visiting before the reception was finished. During that time, some of the new officers asked their visitor to discuss some chapter activities that might be new to the chapter. Some suggestions were made, some resources were offered and a contact with the other Order of the Torch winners through their link on the web page was mentioned.

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE

The Order of the Torch was presented by Dean Dorothy M. Anderson, Past National President and Dean of Students at Susquehanna University to the St. Vincent College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on Saturday, October 3, 1998. Dean Anderson had been the Installing Officer for this chapter in April, 1995.

The Award Ceremony took place at 2:30 p.m. in the Science Center Amphitheater, the same location that had been used for the installation of the Chapter. Approximately 60 current and past members and parents of current and past officers were present. Advisor Kaylor and her husband, and a few other members of the



Dean Dorothy Anderson, Susquehanna University and former Alpha Lambda Delta National President, presented the Order of the Torch Award to representatives from Saint Vincent College. From left are: Elizabeth Smyder, Junior Advisor and Past Chapter President; Dean Anderson; Dean Alice Kaylor, Chapter Advisor, and Beth Troy, Chapter President.

faculty were among the gathering. An invocation was provided by Fr. Rene Kollar, Chairperson and Professor of the History Department. Introductions were by Mrs. Beth Ann Troy, current President of the Chapter. Highlights of the Chapter's history were provided by Ms. Elizabeth Smyder, Junior Advisor and Past President of the Chapter. Following the presentation, remarks and a Benediction were provided by Fr. Martin Bartel, President of the College.

At the reception that followed the ceremony, conversations with members and advisors indicate they are excited about the Denver Leadership Conference and full of plans for a continuing excellent future for the St. Vincent College Chapter. This is a Chapter that presents itself with "class" and one in which a high percentage of upperclass members remain involved with activities. Fr. Bartel, President of the College cited numerous ways in which the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter has "made a difference" to the quality of life and student involvement at St. Vincent College.

ANNIVERSARY CHAPTERS

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

5 years - University of Delaware - 3/7/94 Winona State University - 12/01/94

10 years - Louisiana College - 01/24/89, Dickinson College - 04/09/89 University of Portland - 04/01/89, Marietta College - 03/28/89, Maryville University of St. Louis - 04/19/89, Columbia College (MO) - 04/19/89, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science - 11/12/89, Meredith College - 11/29/89

15 years - University of New Haven - 05/15/84

20 years - Salem College - 12/02/79

25 years - Texas Lutheran College - 03/25/74, Southwest Texas State University - 01/18/74, University of North Alabama - 11/06/74 University of Alabama - Huntsville - 11/10/74, Troy State University - 11/10/74, West Virginia Wesleyan College - 12/08/74, Midwestern State University - 12/08/74

30 years - State University of West Georgia - 11/18/69 Texas A & M - Kingsville - 11/21/69, Vanderbilt University - 12/06/69 35 years - University of Connecticut - 04/26/64

40 years - Fort Hays State University - 03/07/59, Morningside College - 04/05/59

45 years - Alfred University - 03/13/54

50 years - Texas Tech University - 01/08/49, Butler University - 02/28/49, Illinois Wesleyan University - 04/09/49, Drury College - 12/14/49, Lindenwood College - 12/15/49

60 years - University of Montevallo - 02/27/39, University of Southern California - 05/23/39

65 years - Birmingham Southern College - 04/27/34, University of Georgia - 05/19/34

70 years - University of Oklahoma - 04/15/29

75 years - University of Illinois - 05/31/24

The Order of the Torch & Maintaining the Flame Recognition for Outstanding Chapters

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETY

The Order of the Torch annually recognizes outstanding chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta. Applications are judged by a National Council committee. Announcement of the award is made each summer with presentations made during the fall.

In addition to being named to the prestigious order, a National Council member is sent to the campus to present a banner proclaiming the award. A chapter member is invited all expenses paid, to participate in the program at the national Leadership/Achivity/Work for chapter advisors and officers. PLPHA

All chapters are encouraged to apply.

Congratulations to the 1998 TORCH AWARD winners:

- Bowling Green State University (OH)
- Midwestern State University (TX)
- Ohio University
- Saint Vincent College (PA)
- University of Maryland



Order of the Torch Award winning chapters may compete for the award only once every three years. However, the National Council has established a new award called "Maintaining the Flame." Chapters which won the Torch Award this year are eligible to apply. See box below for further information on this additional award.

Start planning now for activities that will qualify your chapter for the Order of the Torch Award.

"Maintaining the Flame" Award

This new award is available to those chapters who are winners of the Order of the Torch Award in 1998 and beyond. During the three year period of ineligibility for the Order of the Torch Award, the Torch Award chapters may apply for the "Maintaining the Flame" Award by submitting one copy of the same documentation as required for the Order of the Torch, Should a chapter fail to submit an application or not be awarded this "Maintaining the Flame" commendation in a subsequent year, they will not be considered for the award until they have earned the Order of the Torch Award again.

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LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE

Alpha Lambda Delta has 215 chapters throughout the nation, and more than 560,000 students have been initiated. The society consists of active members, alumni, honorary members, faculty advisors, administrative advisors, and its governing body - the National Council. The National Headquarters, located in Macon, Georgia, is staffed by an executive director and several assistants. The ALD Web site is www.mercer.edu/ald. Business of the organization is conducted at the annual meeting of the National Council, whose members include elected officers as well as professional and student representatives.

CHAPTERS

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

LEADERSHIP

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



Over one hundred forty Alpha Lambda Delta members from throughout the United States gathered in Denver, Colorado for the Annual Leadership/Activity Workshop on October 23 to 25,1998.

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

INSIGNIA

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

FEES

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

AWARDS

Sophomore members may compete for the Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarships that provide \$1000 to each recipient.

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

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

FELLOWSHIPS

The National Council awards sixteen fellowships annually, (one amounting to \$5,000, and 15 amounting to \$3,000) for one year of graduate study. Any initiated member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has maintained the academic qualification for membership is eligible to apply as a graduating senior or later. An endowment provides major funding for these fellowships.

