

Inside AKL

April 2006

Chi Chapter Receives Charter, Gamma Kappa Charters in May

April 9th is a significant day for Chi Chapter. They were chartered on that day in 1960. That is why the undergraduates felt it appropriate to have the charter returned to the chapter on April 9th, 2006. The event occurred on a Sunday evening, which is unusual for a chartering ceremony, so that it would coincide with the original chartering day. Numerous alumni attended the event including men that signed the original charter 46 years ago!

Chi Chapter isn't the only new chapter this semester. On May 20th our colony at Fairleigh Dickinson University will be receiving their charter. This means the addition of our Gamma Kappa Chapter. The men at FDU have achieved this feat in what we believe is record time going from colonization to chartering petition in less than 6 months! More information regarding the upcoming event will be online soon.

Conclave is Coming This Summer

The 49th Conclave of The Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda Conclave will be held at the Sheraton Indianapolis.

The hotel for this year's Conclave was chosen for its location. Indianapolis is central to the majority of our chapters and is 1/2 mile away from the National Headquarters. The Indianapolis International Airport is serviced by most major airlines at decent fares.



Members staying at the hotel will find the room rates superb for an Indianapolis property. The room rate before tax is \$92.00 a night and up to four people can stay in a room.

The hotel is just 15 minutes from downtown. Parking is free at the Hotel which is connected to an upscale Fashion Mall on the North side of the city.

The hotel has an indoor pool, health club, whirlpool and sauna. The location is central as many area attractions are located within a

5 mile radius of the hotel.

Conclave starts the evening of August 10th and is an exciting time for the Fraternity. It is the legislative session as well as a time for bonding and reminiscing. Alumni, undergraduates, family and friends are all invited to join us. Conclave includes Ritual, the Omega Ceremony, and an alumni reception sponsored by the AKL Education Foundation. This year we will be providing education sessions on recruitment and other operations in between business sessions.



The registration form, general conclave information and the hotel brochure are all available for download [here](#).



HOLD THE PRESS!!!! A National Fraternity Golf Tournament is being organized in conjunction with Conclave. It will be held on August 10th prior to the opening festivities of Conclave. Check back to www.akl.org in the near future for more details.

Big Men On Campus

These chapters and members have been doing some great things:

- Gamma Chapter - Four seniors received \$1000 Scholarships from Gamma's Scholarship Fund
Eta Chapter - The chapter ran the Jefferson Elementary Carnival with over 40 members participating in the project.
Student Union. Ryan Barfield received a Community Service Appreciation Award from the Black
Kappa Chapter - Members of the chapter participated in a campus wide philanthropy on MLK Day.
The entire chapter participated in a service project at Camp Cary (A boy scout camp)
Upsilon Chapter - Lance Cortrite was elected IFC Risk Manager
Chapter's new member class had the highest GPA of all new member classes on campus.
Chi Chapter - Chapter received its charter.
Psi Chapter - Received a Certificate of Merit from the IFC
Lopaka Baptiste received the IFC Man of the Year award
Members of the chapter volunteered at the Calvin Skywalk miniature golf tournament for Junior Achievement
Alpha Zeta Chapter - Chapter co-sponsored a Walk for the Cure for the 3rd straight year.
Held a successful Fathers' Weekend which focused on improvements to the house.
Currently working on a service project for the Children and Family Center of Maryville
Was recently recognized by IFC for its community service work and philanthropic money raised.
Alpha Phi Chapter - Members of the chapter attended Team Idaho, a leadership conference
Beta Nu Chapter - Gabe Goldman won his second fight in his Muay Tai championship series and will be advancing to the next round
The chapter secured \$1,300 from SGA for next year's Halloween Watch
Kevin Uffelmann was elected risk management chair for IFC
Kevin Uffelmann was awarded the Campus Luminary Award by the Greek Council
The chapter is using an automated phone tree service for members that is working great. www.onecallnow.com
Beta Omicron Chapter - Joey Blast participated in the Choices Alcohol Education Program on and is serving as a Resource Counselor
Received a 3 star fraternity rating by JMU
Has been participating in "Bowling for Kids" which benefits Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Beta Tau Chapter - Justin Montgomery was elected IFC Recruitment Chair
Ian Isabell was elected IFC Chief Justice
Mark Pfeffer was elected IFC Treasurer
Kevin Coppinger was appointed to the Campus Activities Board
Kevin Coppinger and Justin Montgomery were both elected to SGA
The chapter held two successful services events the last week in March
Beta Phi Chapter - Bret Freeman was recognized by the Industrial Design Department for outstanding work
Daniel Dixon and Ryan Northington have been named IFC Webmasters
Beta Psi Chapter - Chapter is currently raising money for Relay for Life
\$1000 was donated to Cystic Fibrosis by the chapter
Gamma Alpha Chapter - Matt Bomberger was selected as a Summer Welcome Coordinator
Eric Peterson and David Zobel were elected to the MSA Senate
The chapter's "Otter in thr End Zone" event raised \$4000 for Stripes (a student sober driving program)
Gamma Beta Chapter - The chapter placed third in RAMS (Rock Against Multiple Sclerosis)
Donated \$2800 to Cystic Fibrosis
Held a successful These Hands Don't Hurt that got campus press
Members spent time at a VA Hospital playing BINGO with patients
Chapter sponsored two children through Angel Tree
Held a concert that raised \$1400 for the Red Cross Hurricane relief fund

Gamma Gamma Chapter - Michael Smith, Anatoly Kvitnitsky, Victor Low and Michael Morcello were selected for Gamma Sigma Alpha HS

Raised \$1000 and provided 100 hours of community service through These Hands

Don't Hurt

David Whitman was selected to attend the NIC Meeting on the Hill

Mike Guinta was elected to the Rutgers Peer Review Board

20 brothers participated in Rutgers Dance Marathon

Gamma Zeta Chapter - Cary West was awarded the Mark Sykora Scholarship

Matt Harrison was awarded the Aristocrat Award

Gamma Iota Chapter - Chapter won Distinguished Service Award by IFC

Chapter won Chapter Character Award by IFC (second year in a row)

Jeff Szumanski won the President of the Year Award by IFC

Crosby Houpt won Greek Man of the Year by IFC

Crosby Houpt was named the Darrell H. Cooper Leadership Scholar

Mike Haynes was awarded the Gold Medallion as the Volunteer of the Year

(University Student Affairs)

Mike Haynes was awarded the Merlanti Business Ethics Award

Mike Haynes was awarded the Michigan Campus Compact Heart and Soul Award for

Volunteerism

Mike Haynes was awarded the Michigan Service Scholars Award

Joe Swierlik was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Tony Corsi was awarded an ROTC Scholarship

The chapter raised \$1000 for Relay for Life

The chapter raised \$350 doing These Hands Don't Hurt

NJ Beta Colony - Will be chartered May 20th

PA Delta Colony - Cory Wilkosz was inducted into Order of Omega

PA Epsilon Colony - The colony participated in the 5k Starbucks Walk for Water

The colony participated in the Cecil B. Moore Campus cleanup

The Fall of Sigma Chapter

An email sent to chapter presidents from the Executive Director

It is my duty to inform you that the charter of Sigma Chapter at Central Missouri State University has been officially withdrawn and will be held in trust by the National Fraternity until such time comes that we can reestablish a chapter at that campus. The tentative return date is already scheduled for 2010.

As a reminder the chapter was accused of violating numerous risk management policies for over a year and a half, local, state and federal laws, as well as acting in a manner that goes against the values of our organization.

The process of withdrawal as outlined in our governing documents was followed. It began with a 30 day suspension of the chapter, then a vote by the NEC which required a 3/4 vote in favor, then a vote by our active eligible chapters which also must be 3/4 vote in favor. The chapter chose not to provide a show cause letter to defend their position during the 30 day suspension or to address the NEC verbally prior to their vote. All undergraduate members of the chapter have been moved to alumni status with the exception of one who was expelled by a unanimous vote of the National Executive Council.

I want to thank all eligible chapters voting for and against the action that submitted their ballots on time and in the proper format. Ballots were required to be returned on or by April 17th. Chapters under financial suspension (have a debt of 60 days or greater) were not eligible to cast a ballot.

While the withdrawal of a charter is never wanted or something to be proud of I want to impart on you the importance of the decision that has been made and the resounding message our Fraternity has just made. We have taken the most severe action possible against a chapter. It has been at least 6 years since the last charter was withdrawn due to risk management and other actions by a chapter. This significant in that most other (Inter)National Fraternities go through this process almost annually. What this means to me is that our chapters are operating in a manner to be proud of and in a manner that provides a safe, clean and rewarding experience. By closing Sigma Chapter we, including our undergraduate chapters across the country, have also said that we will not lower the bar regarding the expectations of our membership. We have stated to the world that our 5 Ideals are not just words we say but Ideals we expect our members to strive towards in their daily actions. It

means we will follow the policies we set for ourselves, hold ourselves to a higher standard than others, and that we will embrace the communities we live within.

In parting, I will leave you with a communication we received from an alumnus of Central Missouri State University that is not an AKL.

To Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity,

*My name is Richard *****. I am an alumnus of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO.*

This morning I received word that your national body has suspended the chapter at CMSU because of a party that took place around the Martin Luther King Holiday in Warrensburg.

I wanted to write you and thank you personally for sending a message that this type of behavior is not tolerated by your organization. I am very pleased, that as a national body, you stand behind the motto I saw on your website, "Men of Character Committed to Making a Difference."

As a black man, I want to thank you because minority students have historically faced a lot of racism on campus in Warrensburg. In recent years, Central Missouri State University has done a lot of work to have a more inclusive and multiculturally diverse campus. The current president, Aaron Pedolefsky and his wife, Ronnie, are committed to the growth of the university and the students, staff and alumni.

As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, I want to thank you for standing behind the principles of your organization. I understand that steps are underway to revoke the charter of the chapter at CMSU. As a fraternity man, I was rather surprised that your organization would impose the strictest of all penalties that can be levied against a chapter. Personally, I would have thought a multiple year suspension of the chapter and expulsion/suspension of members would have been appropriate. I want to commend you for taking the steps you have deemed appropriate in this matter.

I am sorry that such an event took place at the campus of CMSU, and that the members of the chapter forgot about the Christian principles your organization stresses. I am very pleased that the national body takes matters like this very seriously. Unfortunately, many of us still recall the ugly incident at Auburn University a few years ago involving members of Beta Theta Phi. Your actions sends a positive message to the masses about the philosophies of Alpha Kappa Lambda.

You are truly a first class organization.

Again, Thank you and God Bless You!

Sincerely,

*Richard *****
Central Missouri State University Alumnus*

Our Accredited Chapters

Once Again it is time to recognize our Accredited Chapters. Accreditation is a measurement tool used annually by the Fraternity to make sure our chapters are providing an experience to our members that is educational, safe and exciting. The reporting for the program occurs throughout the year.

The 2005 year we had twice as many chapters meet accreditation as the year before. Congratulations to all of the following:

- Gamma Chapter - University of Illinois
- Eta Chapter - Washington State University
- Kappa Chapter - Purdue University
- Xi Chapter - Truman State University
- Tau Chapter - Pennsylvania State University

- Psi Chapter - Iowa State University
- Alpha Phi Chapter - University of Idaho
- Beta Nu Chapter - Virginia Commonwealth University
- Beta Psi Chapter - Missouri State University
- Gamma Beta Chapter - University of Alabama
- Gamma Gamma Chapter - Rutgers University
- Gamma Delta Chapter - University of Montevallo
- Gamma Zeta Chapter - University of Georgia
- Gamma Iota Chapter - Eastern Michigan University

Accredited Chapters receive insurance discounts and are eligible to apply for our alcohol-free housing waiver. They are also shown additional consideration in the awards process for chapter awards at Conclave.

Recruitment Targets Set For Next Year!

"Grow the Fraternity." Has that phrase become ingrained in your mind yet? Sometimes you might feel that the National Fraternity is really pressing the issue to the extreme. The fact is we are. What we have come to realize is this:

1. Almost 50% of our chapters are below the average chapter size on their campus. This means they are not meeting their easy potential. Being smaller than the average Fraternity on campus does not mean that the experience the chapter is providing its members is bad, just that the chapter is not providing the experience to as many quality men as possible. **Our chapters should have two Permanent Goals: to be the best fraternity experience available and to provide it to the most quality men possible.**
2. Chapters meeting their potential must continue to recruit at that level to operate efficiently. The experience you create at your current chapter size can only be replicated if the chapter remains at that size. Housing, dues, activities and alumni are all affected by the size of your chapter. The biggest chapter killer is a glass ceiling. Too many times a chapter has fallen back on the notion that they are already too big or they can stand to recruit fewer men and in two to three years they have found themselves dead in the water. Examples from the past decade: Mu Chapter - Ohio State University, Omicron Chapter - University of the Pacific, Alpha Beta - University of Arizona, Alpha Mu - University of Arkansas, Beta Zeta - East Tennessee State University, Beta Rhi - Elon College, Gamma Epsilon - Mississippi State University, Gamma Eta - University of Central Arkansas. **Don't get added to this list.**
3. The more members we have the lower our liability insurance costs per a member. Simple math, the bill gets split X amount of ways. The more men we have, the less an individual has to pay.
4. The larger the chapters, the easier it is to expand to new campuses. More men in the chapter mean more men transferring to other Universities. It means more friends interested in AKL and starting a chapter on their campus. It means we become more visible for our achievements and therefore are extended invitations to start chapters on other campuses.

With that said. Here are the numbers our chapters **MUST** achieve next year (and yes, there will be incentives for doing so) **orange** means the chapter is currently below the average chapter size on their respective campus. **Yellow** means they achieved or passed their recruitment target for the current year:

Chapter/Colony	University	Fall Semester 2006	Spring Semester 2007	Total Target
Gamma	University of Illinois	19	5	24
Eta	Washington State University	20	5	25
Kappa	Purdue University	25	10	35
Xi	Truman State University	23	6	29
Tau	Pennsylvania State University	8	3	11
Upsilon	University of Northern Colorado	11	3	14
Chi	California University of PA	6	6	12
Psi	Iowa State University	12	3	15
Alpha Zeta	Northwest Missouri State U.	12	3	15
Alpha Kappa	Colorado State University	6	6	12

Alpha Lambda	Northern Illinois University	14	4	18
Alpha Rho	University of Texas - El Paso	12	3	15
Alpha Phi	University of Idaho	23	6	29
Beta Nu	Virginia Commonwealth University	10	10	20
Beta Omicron	James Madison University	13	5	18
Beta Tau	Southern Illinois University - E	12	5	17
Beta Phi	Auburn University	10	5	15
Beta Psi	Missouri State University	23	9	32
Gamma Alpha	University of Missouri	21	9	30
Gamma Beta	University of Alabama	21	5	26
Gamma Gamma	Rutgers University	8	7	15
Gamma Delta	University of Montevallo	12	4	16
Gamma Zeta	University of Georgia	15	5	20
Gamma Theta	Boise State University	8	2	10
Gamma Iota	Eastern Michigan University	7	7	14
PA Delta	Edinboro University of PA	10	5	15
NY Alpha	SUNY - Oneonta	5	5	10
PA Epsilon	Temple University	12	6	18
NJ Beta	Fairleigh Dickinson University	6	6	12
TOTAL		384	158	542

Throwing the "Book" At Them

Campus cops delve into cyber-world, using Facebook.com to track students.

(This Article is from CURRENT, A Newsweek publication.)

Filled with the euphoria of victory and dreams of their first Big Ten title in 11 years, Penn State University students rushed the field as time expired in their win over Ohio State. In the chaos that followed, the campus police struggled to keep control, and identifying the over-zealous fans seemed impossible. Impossible, that is, until the police department turned to a new crime-fighting tool: facebook.com.

Penn State officers had warned the students in advance last October that crossing over from the stands was a safety hazard and would not be permitted. When the rules were broken, a quick search online revealed the facebook.com photo album "I rushed the field after the OSU game and lived." The album creator had even helpfully tagged all of those involved—offering the campus police an easy way to issue stern warnings. "It was really dangerous and not acceptable behavior," says Tyrone Parham, assistant director at the PSU police. "We needed to send a message. We searched the group, contacted the individuals and said that this was not tolerable behavior."

Long a student favorite and the seventh most-trafficked Internet site, facebook.com has found a new following—those who wear blue. Traditionally, campus police forces have followed noise reports in their attempt to keep Saturday nights safe. But the advent of social-networking sites is starting to revolutionize campus detective work.

George Washington University police department chief Dolores Stafford claims, "Facebook exists and can certainly be a tool, but we're not out there looking at the site." Students at the college, however, are not so sure. When rumors flew that campus cops were using the student social network to infringe their right to party, GWU students decided to exact revenge. In a carefully executed plan, students filled facebook.com with chatter about a raging party they were throwing, hoping the police would be watching. They were not disappointed. When the officers arrived, they found shots glasses brimming with chocolate cake, Beirut cups filled with frosting, and partygoers loaded up on sugar rather than alcohol.

While the GWU police deny using the Internet to find the party, the students felt vindicated. 'Cake Party' attendee Kyle Stoneman comments: "From a larger standpoint, there's nothing immoral or illegal about [the police using facebook.com]. I guess they'll play their game, we'll play ours, and we'll see who wins."

For college police forces, however, the issue is about more than winning. Instead, they try to find that delicate balance between upholding the law and maintaining good relations with the students. "It's a never-ending struggle," says Fisher College Chief of Campus Police John McLaughlin. "Like any other college and university, we want this to be as open of a relationship as possible. We don't want to be too obtrusive and we also don't want to be too strict. It requires real diligence."

McLaughlin's police force found itself logging onto facebook.com in September 2005 when a student alerted them to activity in a college group. The group's chatter outlined a plot in which a female student planned to falsely accuse a particular sergeant of sexual harassment.

"We have never checked facebook before, and we haven't checked it since," McLaughlin said. "But when it was brought to my attention, I was concerned there were students participating in something that might get out of control." Following further investigation, two Fisher students, including the president of the student government association, were expelled for conspiring against the police officer. They claimed the whole group was simply a joke.

For students who are afraid of incurring the wrath, or handcuffs, of their college police force, there is always another option—change your security settings. "Students always have had complete control of what shows up on the site," says Chris Hughes, facebook.com spokesman. "You can easily go in and change your privacy settings."

Students can choose to make any information on the site—from contact details to photographs—available to only their friends or individuals from their particular college or university. For that reason, campus police can only access profiles that have not been restricted by the user.

Most university police forces claim that they have better things to do than surf student profiles. Tim McGraw, a lieutenant with the University of Colorado at Boulder police, said his force is more interested in protection than persecution. "No, we don't look at the Internet for parties to go bust," says McGraw.

But this new tension in the student-police relationship exemplifies a larger social concern about the nature of online privacy. "If the information is available online, anyone's able to go look at these sites," Ellen Lubell, a member of the New Law Center in Newton, Mass., said. "There's definitely a misperception among students that they're protected." As Penn State students learned in October, there's no such thing as safe cyberspace, especially if you're tagged out on your way home.

College campuses are buzzing with activity. Here are a few examples of how our police forces are joining the mix.

The Good: Getting Chummy

Adopt-a-Cop programs are becoming an increasingly common way for colleges to soothe dealings between their Greek communities and police units. At the University of New Hampshire, one cop is assigned to each fraternity and sorority house.

The Bad: A Tragedy

University of Central Florida police officer Mario Jenkins was shot and killed during a school football game in winter 2005, by a member of Orlando's city police force. As part of a new state program to infiltrate tailgate parties and stop underage drinking, Jenkins was in plain clothes and under cover. When he fired shots, apparently to quell the beginnings of a drunken mob, the Orlando cop mistakenly opened fire, killing the 29-year-old officer.

And The Just Plain Weird

UMichigan's Department of Public Safety thwarted amorous intentions when sophomore Paul Skaistis tried to propose to (married) University President Mary Sue Coleman this Valentine's Day. Skaistis started a Facebook group called "I'll propose to Mary Sue Coleman on Valentine's Day If 250 People Join This Group." When the appointed day arrived, he showed up at Coleman's house as promised, only to be met by DPS officer David Dupuis. The suitor was ushered away with the words, "I don't think you're her type."

Meet Your New NEC Undergraduate

My name is Mike Weber, I am the new NEC Rep. I just wanted to introduce myself to all of you. I also wanted to give you a little background about myself. I am currently the Vice President at Beta Psi Chapter, Missouri State University. I have been numerous positions including Treasurer, Secretary, Judicial Board Chair, Academic Chair, and Chaplin. If you have any questions or would like to contact me please feel free to do so.

Thanks,

[Mike Weber](#)

Vice President

Beta Psi Chapter

NEC Representative

Alpha Kappa Lambda

Your NEC Undergraduate is a voting member of the National Executive Council and represents the 30 chapters and colonies nationwide. To do his job he needs to hear from your chapters. Make sure to let him know if you have questions, opinions or comments about how the Fraternity is operating.

Reminders!

- Numerous Accreditation Reports are Due May 1st
- Award Applications for Conclave are Due on June 15th (Holmes and Brehm are due on 15h this year too)
- Conclave Registrations are due June 1st for the regular registration rate
- Hotel reservations for Conclave should be made by July 1st
- Conclave starts August 10th
- Chapters must have their accounts clear by July 1st to qualify for the Conclave Travel Fund
- Ask your president about the proposed Bylaw amendments.