



## **Chapter 075 Fiftieth Anniversary 1956-2006**

The history of Southeastern's Chapter 075 of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is presented in two sections. The first section was written by Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Member Lou Ballard in 1996 in honor of the national organization's Centennial Celebration. It chronicled the then-40-year history of our chapter. The second section recounts the history of Chapter 075 from 1996 to the present and was compiled and written by past-presidents Sarah Spence and Joan Faust with the assistance of graduate assistant Robin Pringle.

We hope you enjoy reading the story of Southeastern's chapter's first 50 years.



### **Section I \_ 1956-1996**

#### **Preface**

At the 40th anniversary banquet in 1996, the Southeastern chapter honored charter members and past presidents. The program included a brief history of the chapter.

In this year of the centennial celebration of the national society, the members of the chapter wish to remember the past and to look toward the future. In this story of the chapter, we, the current members and officers, salute the founders and all members and officers of the first 41 years. We are grateful to them for their dedicated promotion of the objectives of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. As we continue our efforts to recognize and encourage superior scholarship, we leave as part of our legacy to future members this collection of information pertinent to the founding of the chapter and to its work from 1956 to 1997.

Most of the materials from which the research was done are located in the Southeastern Louisiana University Archives in the Sims Memorial Library. We are grateful to the staff of the archives for their ready assistance in making these materials available to us.

The information came from a variety of specific sources: A Petition to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for the Granting of a Charter for a Chapter at Southeastern Louisiana College at Hammond, Louisiana; minutes and agenda of executive committee and chapter meetings; chapter officers' records and notes; letters and memoranda; banquet

programs; Honors Convocation programs; newspaper clippings; the *Phi Kappa Phi Journal*; the chapter Record of members and officers; The *Phi Kappa Phi Newsletter*.

Other sources included the campus newspaper; the Southeastern *General Catalogue*; the Southeastern Louisiana University Profile Fall 1996; brochures from the Office of Public Information and Publications.

Several officers, past officers, and members of the chapter assisted in gathering information and in the drafting of the story: Sarah Spence, Kay Adams, Elizabeth Partridge, Sue Parrill, Howard Nichols, David Ramsey, Sidney and Ginger Romero, Roman Heleniak.

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## **1956-1996**

Forty-one years ago Dr. Luther H. Dyson, president of Southeastern Louisiana College, proudly announced that the enrollment had exceeded 1,500 students. The campus newspaper reported a new technological marvel: Dr. William Yardley had acquired an IBM machine for his Guidance Office that would score ACE Psychological Tests, doing in five hours the work that previously had required seventy-two man hours.

That fall of 1955 Southeastern became a testing site for the National Teachers Examination. Southeastern football had a great season.

In the spring Tinsley Hall, the first air-conditioned classroom building on campus, opened. The annual Alumni Banquet was held in the new but still uncompleted cafeteria.

Southeastern had a nightly radio program on station WFPR. The Methodist Church announced plans for a \$75,000 student center on West Dakota across from the campus. Student Government brought the Four Freshmen, a nationally celebrated singing group, to the campus. Miss D Vickers of the original Hammond Junior College faculty announced plans to retire and was honored by Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional society for women in education.

But for several faculty members and students, the major event of the 1955-1956 academic year was the institution of the SLC Chapter of the national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. (The above information is adapted from Professor C. Howard Nichols, Introduction of past chapter presidents and charter members, Southeastern Phi Kappa Phi banquet, April 1996).

## **THE BEGINNINGS**

### **The National Society**

The society that became Phi Kappa Phi was founded at the University of Maine in 1897. The primary objective from the beginning has been the recognition and encouragement

of superior scholarship in all fields of study. In 1900 the society became national with three chapters: the University of Maine, the Pennsylvania State College (now the Pennsylvania State University), and the University of Tennessee. The society now has 275 chapters.

### **The Southeastern Chapter**

In 1956 the Southeastern Louisiana College Chapter No. 075 was installed. Accompanying the Petition for a Charter is the following account of more than a year's planning:

On April 3, 1955 Dean J. B. Wooley called a meeting of the following teachers who were members of Phi Kappa Phi, a National Honor Society: Drs. Roy E. Hyde, Ralph Wilson, Preston Allison, Luther Dyson, Mr. Christian Fisher, Miss Patricia Catlett, Mrs. Anna May Fendlason and Mrs. Lucile Burgdahl. The purpose of this meeting was to make plans for the organization of a chapter at Southeastern Louisiana College. It was agreed by all present that such an organization would be an asset to the college.

Dr. Wooley asked that each member submit names from the faculty who would be asked to become charter members with the eight who were already members of other chapters.

A petition for the charter was drawn and submitted to the National Organization for approval. The following interim officers were selected: Dr. Roy E. Hyde, President, Mrs. Anna Fendlason, Vice-president, Dr. Ralph Wilson, Treasurer, Miss Patricia Catlett, Journal Correspondent, and Mrs. Lucile Burgdahl, Secretary.

This group held a number of meetings at which matters concerning dues, membership, constitution, and possible activities were discussed.

A special committee drew up a chapter constitution. A memorandum dated August 8 from chapter president Roy E. Hyde informed members that a constitution for the local chapter had been drawn up by a committee: Dr. Sidney J. Romero, Dr. Ralph W. Wilson, and Mr. John T. Purser.

The Petition for a Charter, dated August 15, 1955, states:

We, the undersigned members of the faculty and administrative staff of Southeastern Louisiana College, respectfully petition the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to grant a charter for the

establishment of a chapter of the Society at Southeastern Louisiana College.

Eight of us wear the badge of Phi Kappa Phi. The other petitioners are fully aware of the obligation imposed by membership in the Society, and all of us are convinced that the establishment of a chapter at this College would help promote the objectives of the Society.

In support of the petition, we submit the accompanying documents and information.

Following the petition is a list of the names of the twenty-four charter members, the eight original members and the sixteen additional members selected from the faculty.

The cover letter for the petition, dated August 15, 1955, was written by Dr. Luther H. Dyson, President of the College, to Dr. Julian Miller, Phi Kappa Phi Regent.

The accompanying information provides an overview of Southeastern Louisiana College at the time. The institution was established as the Hammond Junior College in 1925. In 1928 it became Southeastern Louisiana College. The College was authorized in 1937 to make preparations for four-year curricula leading to the baccalaureate degrees. In 1938 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana established the college by Constitutional, rather than by simple legislative, provision. Thus Southeastern joined the other four-year colleges in the State system of higher education under the control of the State Board of Education.

A description of the buildings and grounds shows the area of the campus as 375 acres, with a total investment in land and existing buildings of \$3,392,000. Five new buildings at a cost of \$1,500,000 were under construction.

Legislative appropriation was the chief source of income, supplemented with funds from municipal and parish school boards, student fees, and miscellaneous sales and services. All auxiliary services were self-supporting. Expenditures for the 1954-1955 session were approximately \$1,523,000.

The Linus A. Sims Memorial Library materials included 42,800 books, 4,400 bound periodicals, 4,000 pamphlets, 200 records and transcriptions, 367 current periodicals, and 13 newspapers. Equipment included record players and a microfilm reader.

Under Laboratory Facilities, the Department of Agriculture reported barns, lots, pastures for beef cattle, creamery, dairy, floriculture and horticulture, food preservation, poultry, swine. There were the biological and physical science labs. Other departments listed such labs as accounting, business machines, secretarial science, typing (business administration); elementary and secondary school and kindergarten (education); debate, discussion, dramatics, journalism (English); art, band and chorus rehearsal rooms, instructors' studios, a record listening room, student practice rooms (fine arts); food preparation, nursery school, home management, sewing (home economics).

The institutional organization included three academic divisions with a total of 13 departments: The Division of Applied Sciences (3); The Division of Education (3); The Division of Liberal Arts (7). The Division of Student Life was the fourth division. The

director of guidance was also in charge of the College Orientation classes. The staff of a Special Education Clinic on campus worked with the teachers and students of the schools in the Parish and with college students. The staff included speech and reading clinicians, psychologists, psychiatric social consultants, and a part-time psychiatrist.

The faculty (a total of 114 members) included 29 professors; 36 associate professors; 27 assistant professors; 4 instructors; 18 supervising critics. Earned degrees: 27 doctorates, 81 masters, 6 bachelors.

Student enrollment for the spring semester 1955 totaled 1,227: 469 freshmen; 279 sophomores; 192 Juniors; 210 seniors; 77 special students.

Degrees conferred for the 1954-1955 session were 130 Bachelor of Arts; 35 Bachelor of Science; 5 Bachelor of Education. Total: 170.

On May 11, 1956, on the campus of this small institution, the Southeastern Louisiana College Chapter No. 075 of the Honor Society of PHI KAPPA PHI, the fifth Louisiana chapter, was installed. The installation was conducted by Lawrence R. Guild, national secretary-treasurer, and Julian C. Miller, regent. They were assisted by Irving P. Foote, retired professor of education at Louisiana State University.

Charter members included the eight faculty members who were already members of Phi Kappa Phi, and sixteen additional faculty members. Sixteen student members were initiated, making a total of forty members in 1956.

The eight original faculty members included Dr. Luther H. Dyson, president of the College; Dr. Roy E. Hyde, dean of the Division of Liberal Arts; Dr. Preston B. Allison principal of the Southeastern High School; Dr. Ralph W. Wilson, professor of business administration; Mrs. Lucile Burgdahl, first grade supervisor Southeastern High School; Mrs. Anna S. Fendlason, professor of economics; Miss Patricia Catlett, assistant librarian; and Mr. Christian Fischer, Jr., professor of agriculture.

Other charter members were Dr. Roland Abegg, biology; Mrs. Martina Ellis Buck, history; Dr. Luther E. Chandler, dean Division of Student Life; Miss Anna P. Davis Librarian; Miss Lucille England, third grade supervisor Southeastern High School; Thomas E. Eudy, business administration; F. G. Fournet, Jr., mathematics; Lynn F. Kluth, English and speech; Dr. Jack W. Knight, chemistry; Dr. Elmer E. Puls dean Division of Applied Sciences; Mr. John T. Purser, English; Dr. Sidney J. Romero, history; Miss Sara Smythe eighth grade supervisor Southeastern High School; Miss Mary Schmidt, sixth grade supervisor, Southeastern High School; Dr. Ronald D. Stetzel, music; Dr. J. B. Wooley, dean of the College.

The interim officers chosen during the planning stage became the charter officers: Roy E. Hyde, president; Anna S. Fendlason, vice-president; Lucile Burgdahl, chapter secretary; Ralph W. Wilson, treasurer; Patricia Catlett, Journal correspondent.

Seniors initiated by the chapter officers were W. H. Bankston, Jr., Fred L. Bennett, Jr., Mary Bohning, Mrs. Mellonee W. Boughan, Sister Louis Marie Dawes, Melvin Giepert, Catherine A. Hyde, Mrs. Nancy LaGarde, Billy Ray McManus, James D. Mosher, Lawrence Ohman, Helen A. Oliver, Marie P. Rusciano, Merlin St. Cyr, Donald K. Sibley, Sr., and Joanne Spinks.

Following the installation, charter president Roy E. Hyde presided at a banquet held in the college cafeteria. Dr. Guild was principal speaker. The sixteen seniors initiated on this

occasion attended the banquet. Guests from other chapters in the state and members living in the community included Dr. Lewis Graham, president-elect, and Dr. T. J. Arceneaux, retiring president, Southwestern Louisiana Institute Chapter; Dr. W. T. Oglesby, retiring president, and Dr. M. D. Woodin, secretary-treasurer, Louisiana State University Chapter; Dr. P. K. Smith, chapter president, Dr. Paul Hendershot, and Mr. David E. Johnson, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute; Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mrs. C. Paul Phelps, Sr., Mrs. Helen Purser, and Hillary Bickford.

## **CHAPTER COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957**

BANQUET AND PROGRAM:	Anna S. Fendlason Lucille England Lynn Kluth
INVITATION:	Lucile Burgdahl, chairman Patricia Catlett
NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:	Ralph Wilson, Jack Knight Sidney Romero, Preston Allison Sara Smythe, L. E. Chandler
ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIATION:	Martina Buck, chairman Roland Abegg, Jack Knight L. E. Chandler

## **MEMBERSHIP**

According to the minutes of the Special Committee on Membership, dated December 18, 1957, the new chapter established guidelines for membership.

Regarding alumni membership, the class of 1939 would be considered the first graduating class. Under the national constitution, the chapter was entitled to elect 51 alumni. Three had already been elected, leaving a total of 48.

A criterion was established for alumni eligibility for membership: an earned degree from SLC. Alumni members would be elected "from among alumni who have graduated" because the Alumni Association considered anyone with 26 hours credit an "alumnus."

Criteria for faculty membership would be scholarship in undergraduate work and distinction in their academic fields. Nominations would be made by members from the floor, voting would be by ballot with no re-balloting, and a three-fourths majority of those voting would be required for election to membership.

These were the criteria set up for election of students to membership: ". . . the number of candidates from a division shall be directly proportionate to the total number of graduates from that division and candidates for membership shall be nominated by a committee appointed by the president of the chapter for that purpose. This committee shall present a list of nominees on a divisional basis and a second list of alternate nominees on a divisional

basis. The membership shall vote separately on the two lists. No one rejected as a nominee can be presented later as an alternate." A footnote makes this clarification: "alternate only on basis of candidate declining."

Over the years, these criteria for membership and procedures for election have been amended. Nominations of faculty and alumni are made in writing with a summary of qualifications: outstanding contributions as educators in teaching, research and publication, service to students and the university; outstanding contributions to society. The qualifications of the candidates are read aloud at the chapter meeting, and voting is by secret ballot. Faculty and alumni elections are conducted once per year at the spring meeting.

For election of undergraduates, a ballot is prepared, listing all students in each college who are eligible by academic rank and grade point average (minimum 3.4 as specified by chapter vote).

Elections are conducted twice a year, one in the fall semester and one in the spring. Normally, the chapter does not elect the full 10 percent in the fall. The names of all eligible students who were not elected in the fall are placed on the spring semester ballot, along with those who became eligible at the end of the fall semester. The character of the students listed on the ballot has been cleared through Student Life by the chapter secretary. Voting is by secret ballot in a chapter meeting.

After the College had initiated graduate studies with curricula leading to master's degrees (authorized in 1960), the chapter began the election of graduate students. In 1964 Juanita Lambert became the first graduate student elected. Currently, the chapter elects graduate students in the spring semester. The ballot shows the grade point average of eligible students who have been graduated in the preceding spring and fall semesters, and voting is by secret ballot.

All ballots--undergraduate, graduate, faculty, and alumni--are counted by a committee composed of the chapter secretary and two other members. A two-thirds majority of members present and voting is required for election.

The chapter president-elect, who serves as membership chairman, tries to identify members on campus and invite them to affiliate with the Southeastern chapter and encourages attendance at chapter meetings. In 1985-86 the campus membership list was updated in an effort to promote active membership. The chapter president contacted department heads and asked them to identify Phi Kappa Phi members in their departments. These members were then placed on the campus mailing list.

In order to encourage undergraduates to accept membership, the chapter president also asked deans to send letters of congratulations to students in their colleges who were elected as candidates for membership in Phi Kappa Phi. This practice continues.

In the fall semester the initiation of new members is held in conjunction with a reception honoring new members. In the spring semester the initiation is held immediately preceding the annual banquet honoring fall and spring new members.

According to the chapter record of membership, through spring semester 1996, the total number of members elected to the Southeastern chapter was as follows: students: 28; faculty: 79; undergraduates: 2107; alumni: 23; total: 2237.

Since 1973 the chapter has granted emeritus membership status to retired faculty members who maintained active membership in Phi Kappa Phi.

## ACTIVITIES

The Southeastern chapter regularly conducts certain activities, including the following: two executive committee meetings per year, one in the fall and one in the spring; two chapter meetings, one per semester, with election of new members; initiation of new members each semester; an annual banquet; recognition of the Junior in each college who holds the highest grade point average. Records for the academic year 1965-1966 show that members wore Phi Kappa Phi ribbons on their academic gowns at graduation exercises. This practice continues today. The chapter participates in triennial conventions and in regional workshops and activities. In 1959 Dr. L. E. Chandler, S.L.C. chapter president, served on the Committee on Audit at the Triennial Convention. In fall 1995 C. Roy Blackwood, past chapter president, was appointed to the Editorial Advisory Committee of the *National Forum*, the Phi Kappa Phi journal.

## Honors

The chapter has a long history of participation in the Southeastern Louisiana College Honors Convocation and, later, in the university Honors Program and in the honors convocations held by the various colleges in the university.

In 1965 the chapter voted to list Phi Kappa Phi candidates for membership in the College Honors Convocation program. In 1966 chapter president Preston B. Allison, sent a letter to James H. Wilcox, chairman of the College Honors Committee, outlining a proposed procedure for tapping Phi Kappa Phi candidates at the Honors Convocation. Dr. Wilcox wrote a response approving the proposal. In 1971 the chapter voted to discontinue the tapping because, although tapping was a distinctive ceremony, it created confusion at Honors Convocations. In 1971 the chapter voted to present the candidates with invitations to membership in lieu of tapping. Eventually, names were listed in the Honors Convocation program, and the candidates were recognized. This practice continues today at the separate honors convocations held by the various colleges in the university.

The chapter currently gives two student honors awards annually. The first of these was established in 1977 when the chapter made the first presentation of the Phi Kappa Phi Award for Academic Excellence in the First Year. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage superior academic performance during a freshman's first two semesters. Recipients are invited guests of the chapter at the annual banquet, where they are recognized and presented with a \$50 monetary award (raised from \$25 in 1987).

The second, the Phi Kappa Phi Award for Excellence in the University Honors Program, was first presented to Terrilynn St. Pierre in 1986. The recipient, chosen by the Director of the Honors Program assisted by the Honors faculty, is a guest at the annual banquet. The Director of the Honors Program recognizes the recipient and presents a \$100 monetary award (raised from \$50 in 1987).

The chapter has assisted with several other services to Honors students. In the 1980's the chapter established an Honors Advising Committee composed of Phi Kappa Phi members to assist students in applying for scholarships and fellowships for graduate school. The committee functioned for a short time, attempting to compile a central file of announcements



and brochures, along with application forms for major scholarships, fellowships, and grants. In the mid-eighties the chapter initiated a proposal for a Phi Kappa Phi Honors Study Room in Sims Memorial Library. The director of the library did not approve the proposal, the reason being that the library could be perceived as granting a special favor to one campus organization. In the late eighties members of the chapter began assisting the University Honors Committee by serving as interviewers of high school seniors who applied to Southeastern for scholarships.

In the fall semester of 1984 the chapter initiated a proposal for The Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Teaching Award. The initial idea was presented by C. Howard Nichols (history), who served on a special committee to prepare criteria and regulations along with Mary Nelson (home economics) and William Parrill (English). The award would total \$750--\$500 for the recipient and \$250 to be spent by the recipient to enhance teaching in his or her department; it would be offered at least every third year beginning with the 1985-1986 academic year; and it would be presented at the annual banquet. The recipient would have been a full-time member of the Southeastern faculty for a minimum of five years' continuous service. The selection committee would be composed of the academic vice-president of the university, the chapter president of Phi Kappa Phi and one elected faculty member of the chapter.

In March, 1985 Professor Nichols reported that the proposal was being withdrawn. The reason was that Dr. G. Warren Smith, president of the university, had informed Professor Nichols that he was establishing the Southeastern Louisiana University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The special committee for the Phi Kappa Phi proposal then considered other options. Finally, the committee tabled the matter and asked that a new committee be established.

### **The Phi Kappa Special Event**

These actions led eventually to one of the chapter's main activities during the late eighties. In 1987 the chapter began the annual Phi Kappa Phi Special Event: lectures, seminars, art exhibits, dramatic or musical performances, and other academic and cultural programs.

These presentations were offered on campus, free to students, faculty, staff and interested persons in the community. The purpose was to serve the university and the community by providing special intellectual, aesthetic, and cultural experiences. In some cases, the presenter stayed on campus for a day or two and visited classrooms in addition to the all-campus presentation.

The first Phi Kappa Phi Special Event (1987) was "Beulah Land," a multi-media presentation by Mississippi artist Ke Francis. It included an art exhibit, a lecture, and workshops. The department of Visual Arts was co-sponsor with Phi Kappa Phi. In 1988 the Event was a lecture by Dr. Charles D. Hadley, Jr., professor of political science at the University of New Orleans. A specialist in presidential politics, Dr. Hadley lectured on the Presidential Campaign 1988. In 1989 Phi Kappa Phi cosponsored the Fanfare keynote address by Patrick Taylor, noted Louisiana businessman and friend of education. With a change of pace in 1990, Phi Kappa Phi presented Melissa Thorburn, mezzo soprano, in

concert, accompanied by Willis Delony of the Southeastern music department. A chapter committee is currently making plans to revive the Special Event.

### **National**

In several activities the chapter has cooperated with the national society and with other chapters. In 1966 the chapter sponsored three new chapters. A letter from chapter president Preston B. Allison to Lawrence Guild, national secretary-treasurer (December 16, 1966) states: "The Southeastern Louisiana College Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, by action of its executive committee, recommends the establishment of chapters of the Society at the University of Southern Mississippi, Weber State College, and Ohio Northern University." The Southeastern Chapter has also shared information with other chapters. On November 12, 1966, Dr. Allison wrote a letter to Professor R. B. Thomas in response to a request for information on faculty membership for a new chapter at Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas. In 1976, chapter president Ronald Stetzel wrote a letter to Ray K. Baumgardner, chairman of the Graduate Student Nomination committee, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, in response to a request for information on procedures for electing graduate students.

Since 1960, the chapter has participated in the national Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program. The first nominee from the Southeastern Chapter was Irvn Richard Roper from Slidell, Louisiana. Professor Thomas K. Maddox ranked Roper "in the upper 5 percent of the students in our department [mathematics] in recent years with respect to his potential for successful graduate work." Several chapter candidates have received Honorable Mention awards in this competition.

Three candidates have been awarded fellowships for graduate study. In 1968-1969 R. David Ramsey (English) was awarded a fellowship. David Edward Thomas (mathematics) received a fellowship in 1969-1970 and Sean Patrick Kerrigan in 2004-2005 (biology and English). The chapter continues the nomination of a superior student in the Fellowship competition.

The chapter has also entered one nomination for the Phi Kappa Phi Scholar Award: Professor Michael L. Kurtz (history) in 1986.

The Southeastern chapter has participated in national Phi Kappa Phi publication and book displays. In the Fall 1964 issue of the Phi Kappa Phi *Journal*, Dr. Sidney J. Romero, head of the department of social sciences and professor of history and government, published an article "Americanism versus Communism." [Reprinted by permission from the *SLC Focus*, VIII (February, 1964).] The article presented the history of and responses to a course taught by Dr. Romero in his department. Southeastern developed Social Science 361 Americanism versus Communism, one hour credit, after the Louisiana legislature (in 1960) adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 54, requesting that the governing boards of the state colleges and universities "require each student to take a comprehensive course in the study of Americanism versus Communism" (Romero 17).

In 1994, books written by Southeastern Phi Kappa Phi members were on display at the national convention.

The chapter participated in the recent national discussion of the proposed revision of the translation of the Phi Kappa Phi motto.

## **Special Celebrations**

Through the years the chapter has celebrated special occasions and honors. In 1971 the first certificate of appreciation to past chapter presidents was awarded. This award is presented at the annual banquet by the in-coming president. In 1985 the chapter began a \$50 donation to the Phi Kappa Phi Foundation honoring deceased chapter officers. Those honored in 1985:

Lucile B. Burgdahl, secretary; Anna P. Davis, secretary; Velmarae Dunn, Journal correspondent; Anna S. Fendlason, vice president and secretary; Walter L. Russell, president; Sarah Smythe, treasurer; Earl Ray Wascom, president and vice president; Ralph W. Wilson, treasurer.

Deceased officers since 1985:

Martina E. Buck, vice president; L. E. Chandler, president; Elizabeth Stoney Davidson, vice president; Dorothy H. Fox, campus secretary; Roy E. Hyde, president; Joy Jackson, Journal correspondent; Harold J. Leu, president; Guss Orr, president; Helen Pyburn, vice president.

In 1974, a plaque with the Phi Kappa Phi insignia was placed with other plaques of Southeastern organizations in the Student Union Lions Den. In 1976 the Friendship Oak Plaque was presented to the chapter as a result of a \$700 donation to the Southeastern Development Foundation as principal for the award for Academic Excellence in the First Year. In 1986 officers began wearing the Phi Kappa Phi medallion at initiation ceremonies and on special occasions. Officers also wear academic gowns when they are conducting the initiation ceremony.

In 1976 the chapter participated in the national Bicentennial celebration. Chapter president Ronald Stetzel wrote a letter to the Hammond Bicentennial Commission requesting permission to place the 1976 annual Phi Kappa Phi banquet on the list of Bicentennial events. The printed program for the banquet was done in the national colors, with the Bicentennial emblem on the cover.

## **The Annual Banquet**

The banquet is the highlight of the chapter's annual activities. On this occasion the chapter honors all new members elected in the academic year, students demonstrating superior scholarship, and faculty and alumni who have made outstanding accomplishments and contributions. Student recognitions include the Junior in each college with the highest grade point average; a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the freshman year; and an upper-level student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the Southeastern Honors Program.

On several occasions the chapter has honored faculty members for their service to the university and to the Southeastern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. In 1981, the 25 anniversary of the chapter, past presidents and charter members were honored at the banquet. In 1986 charter members were honored; in 1987 emeritus members; in 1990, retired faculty members. In 1996, the fortieth anniversary celebration, charter members and past presidents were honored. Occasionally, the banquets have been dedicated to deceased chapter members. In 1988 the thirty-second banquet was dedicated to the late Harold J. Leu, past president of the chapter, and to the late Dudley S. Johnson, professor of history. The 1989 banquet was dedicated to the late Professor Guss Orr, past chapter president and dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts.

Individual faculty members have also been recognized at the banquet for outstanding accomplishments or services related to Phi Kappa Phi. In 1986, Dr. G. Warren Smith, president of the university, recognized the chapter's nomination for the Phi Kappa Phi Scholar competition: Michael L. Kurtz, professor of history. Professor Kurtz has published numerous scholarly articles and books. He is well known for an historical analysis of the Kennedy assassination, *Crime of the Century*, for his lectures and seminars on this topic, and for his biography of Governor Earl K. Long. He is a recipient of the Southeastern President's Award for Excellence in Research and for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Kurtz currently directs Graduate Studies.

In 1996 Lou E. Ballard was designated as a Distinguished Member of Phi Kappa Phi. The chapter executive board made the nomination. Dr. John Braithwaite, assistant director, national office, presented the plaque at the annual banquet. Elected to the Society in 1957 at Auburn, Ms. Ballard transferred membership to the Southeastern Chapter after she joined the faculty in 1960. She served the chapter as an officer for a total of 24 years, 11 of these as chapter secretary. She held three other offices: president, president-elect, and public relations officer. In the department of English, she directed Freshman English for 11 years and co-authored texts in developmental English and police report writing. She is a recipient of the Southeastern President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Having retired in 1996 after 36 years on the Southeastern faculty, Ms. Ballard is now associate professor emeritus of English.

The chapter has presented a variety of outstanding speakers at the banquets: national Phi Kappa Phi officers, historians, sociologists, humanists, chemists, biologists, educators, artists, and musicians. Some speakers have been Southeastern faculty and alumni. A sampling will illustrate the quality and variety of these speakers and their presentations at the annual banquets.

Dr. Bennett Wall of the department of history at Tulane University spoke on *Conspiracy in Political Assassinations* (1973). Southeastern professor of art, Hymel G. Falgoust, gave a presentation on *American Art Contemporary with the Revolution* (1976) as part of the Bicentennial celebration. Dr. Adams D. H. Koromas, director of Resource Services, New Orleans Public Schools, lectured on *Education for the Good Life: American and African Perspectives* (1977). Professor Mark T. Carlton, LSU expert on Louisiana history, spoke on *Buddy Roemer and the Anti-Long Tradition* (1988). A music program, *Country Music and the Great Depression*, featured Dr. Bill Malone, department of history at Tulane (1978). Dr. James Burke, LSU, presented a slide show and talk illustrating his *Printmaking Technique* (1980). *Leadership and Management* was the topic of a talk by the

Rev. Father Brian S. Bainbridge, multinational management consultant from Australia (1993). Dr. John F. Christman, biochemist, gave a lecture on Pandora's Box, the effects of science on the western world since the 1850's (1989). Professor James F. Fournet of the Southeastern Department of Foreign Languages shared his experiences as an exchange teacher in China (1986).

Other banquet speakers have included Dr. Clea E. Parker, Southeastern President (1968); Dr. Stephen Picou, sociologist and Southeastern alumnus (1987); Dr. Ed Renwick, Institute of Politics, Loyola University of New Orleans (1985); Dr. Lyle St. Amant, chief marine biologist, State of Louisiana Department of Wildlife (1971); Dr. Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, holder of the Fred C. Frey Chair in Southern Studies at LSU (1995); Dr. Randolph Howes, internationally recognized humanitarian, scientist, physician, surgeon, and inventor of a revolutionary surgical catheter (1996). In 1988 Dr. Howes was recognized as the Southeastern Alumnus of the Year.

Several national officers have been guests at the banquet. In 1967 (11 years after they had conducted the installation ceremony and attended the first banquet), Dr. Lawrence Guild and Dr. Julian Miller attended the initiation and banquet.

In 1993 and in 1995 Dr. John W. Warren, executive director, was a special guest. In 1996, the fortieth anniversary of the chapter, Dr. John Braithwaite, assistant director, was a banquet guest.

## **OFFICERS**

The original slate of officers (president, vice president, chapter secretary, treasurer, Journal correspondent) was retained until 1969. (See chapter Record of officers and members.) The March 6 minutes of that year show that, at the request of chapter secretary Lou Ballard, members voted to amend the first part of Article III, Section 1 of the chapter's constitution, to add to the slate the position of campus secretary in order to relieve the chapter secretary of these local duties. The slate of officers for 1969-1970 lists this office for the first time.

There have been two changes in titles of offices. The 1973-1974 slate shows the change from Journal correspondent to public relations officer. In the 1983-1985 slate the title vice president has been changed to president-elect (the chapter Record). The latter change in title reflects the chapter's practice of elevating the vice president to the position of president at the end of the term. Since 1989, men and women have been alternated in the position of president-elect, and, thus, in the position of president.

A total of 54 members have served the chapter as officers from 1955-1956 to 1995-1997. By offices, the totals are president, 23; vice president/president-elect, 22; chapter secretary, 10; treasurer, 11; public relations, 10; campus secretary, 6. Fifteen members have held two offices; three have held three; two have held four.

## **FINANCES**

Chapter dues have always been the main source of funds. In 1959 annual dues, including the banquet, were \$4.50. Later they were raised to \$5 and again to \$7.50. Since 1982, chapter dues have been \$10. Currently, the banquet fee is not included in chapter dues.

In 1960 the initiation fee was \$13.50, including the national fee. In 1996 this fee was \$35, including the \$10 chapter fee and the national fee.

In 1976 the chapter donated \$700 to the Southeastern Development Fund as principal for the Award for Academic Excellence in the Freshman Year. In 1986 the chapter added the Award for Academic Excellence in the university Honors Program. In 1987 the amount of each of these awards was raised, the freshman award from \$25 to \$50 and the Honors from \$50 to \$100. By 1996 the fund for these awards had been depleted. A fortieth anniversary memorial gift from retired faculty and charter member Lucille England covered the Honors award. The executive board plans to invite all active members to consider making donations to this fund.

The chapter honors banquet speakers with a stipend of \$200 to \$300. From 1987 to 1990 the Phi Kappa Phi Special Events required approximately \$700 each for three events (the fourth presenter did not accept the fee). The fall semester reception for new members costs approximately \$200, and the chapter has mailing and clerical expenses.

In 1988 the chapter authorized the treasurer to invest \$4,000. The interest is reinvested, and at the end of 1996 the total amount of this fund was \$5,036.44.

## **TOWARD THE FUTURE**

By fall semester 1996 Southeastern, in its 26th year as the university, had grown from a small college with an enrollment of over 1,500 in 1956 into a university with a record-breaking 14,592. The total number of employees reached 1,615. The 615 faculty members included 426 full-time and 189 part-time. From summer 1995 to spring 1996, Southeastern conferred 1,437 degrees: associate, bachelors, masters, and specialist. The College of Arts and Sciences filled the second of three Distinguished Teaching Professorships. Dr. Sally Clausen, president, proudly introduced the Southeastern World Wide Web site. The university was host to the Viet Nam Moving Wall on its visit to the area.

The Sims Memorial Library holdings had reached a total of 1,201,832 units: 339, 876 bound volumes; 2,315 periodical titles; 144,259 government documents; 670,473 microform units; 44,909 audiovisual materials. The Center for Regional Studies, housed in the Sims Memorial Library, continued to serve as a research and a resource center for the study of southeast Louisiana. The University Archives, also housed in the library under the supervision of the center, continued to acquire materials for use by university personnel and the community.

The Honors Program, which had grown to a total of over 500 participants, was one of a dozen in the nation and the only one in Louisiana to be recognized as exemplary by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station at Pass Manchac continued to provide for scholarly research, university teaching, teacher training and public service. Southeastern's Fanfare, a nationally acclaimed October festival of the arts and humanities, drew over 48,000 people on its tenth anniversary.

Southeastern provides several services through special departments and programs. The internationally accredited University Counseling Center provides counseling and personal and career guidance. The Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project, one of six sites of the National Writing Project, is a teacher-centered program that seeks to improve student

writing and the teaching of writing. Southeastern has its own KSLU, a nationally recognized public radio station. Accredited by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and affiliated with American Public Radio, KSLU emphasizes Louisiana's jazz heritage.

Developments in technology have enhanced learning, teaching, and research in all areas of the university. The use of computers illustrates this development: an academic computing system; personal computers with accessories; 34 separate computer labs; a faculty productivity center; three electronic classrooms; an administrative computing system; an Internet site; state-of-the-art computer operations in the Sims Memorial Library with access to the catalog and other data bases on campus.

The Southeastern Athletic program is a member of Trans American Athletic Conference with NCAA Division I basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, golf, volleyball, cross country, track and soccer.

Southeastern's growth is also represented in the physical facilities. The 1996-97 General Catalogue lists 25 permanent academic buildings, 14 other permanent buildings, and 10 student housing facilities. The 7,500-seat University Center, home to basketball and volleyball, also attracts conventions, trade shows, and concerts.

The total budget for 1995-1996 (\$54,212,128) and the total requested for 1996-97 (\$57,589,262) represent the rapid growth of the university in enrollment, faculty and staff, resources, services, operations and maintenance.

### **The PHI KAPPA PHI Chapter**

The Southeastern Louisiana University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi participates in this overall growth and development of the university. The installation of the chapter in 1956 was the realization of the dream of the eight original members. These members, along with the president and the dean of the college and the 16 others whom they chose as charter members, represented the high quality of the faculty and the excellence of the teaching at the small college. These founders recognized the superior students and faculty at Southeastern, and they knew the value to both students and faculty of a chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on campus. As they wrote in the Petition for a Charter, they were ". . . fully aware of the obligations imposed by membership . . .," and they were convinced that an SLC chapter would "help to promote the objectives of the Society."

The chapter did promote these objectives: the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all fields of study, with good character as an essential supporting attribute. For the first several years while the college remained small, election to this national honor society was recognized on campus as the highest academic honor for students and faculty. Membership was much sought after and deeply gratifying.

These charter Phi Kappa Phi members, along with other faculty who helped to make Southeastern an excellent small college, laid the foundation for the future Southeastern Louisiana University. The installation of a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was an important stone in that foundation. It brought to the campus the highest academic prestige. It provided the opportunity for students, faculty, and alumni to experience this prestige, by recognizing their achievement and encouraging them to seek excellence. As the small college developed into the regional university, the chapter continued to promote the objectives of the Society and expanded its academic-related services.

As we celebrate the 41st anniversary of the chapter and the centennial of the national Society, the chapter and the university salute the founding members. We honor them with respect and gratitude for their own achievement of excellence and for the vision and initiative they demonstrated in the founding of Chapter 075 of Phi Kappa Phi at Southeastern Louisiana College.



Office of the President

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA COLLEGE  
Hammond, Louisiana

August 15, 1955

Dr. Julian Miller  
Regent PHI KAPPA PHI  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Miller:

I am transmitting herewith the petition of Southeastern Louisiana College to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to grant a charter for the establishment of a chapter of the Society at Southeastern.

Faculty members of the College who are now members of Phi Kappa Phi, the administration, and the remaining members of the faculty desire the establishment of a chapter of Phi Kappa Phi since they feel that it is the type of honor society that would be appropriate for an institution such as ours.

I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information that may be desired.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Dyson  
President



## Section II \_ 1997-2006

### Preface

The last Chapter History, a monumental work of much research and care by Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Member Lou Ballard in 1996, celebrated the Centennial Celebration of the National Organization of Phi Kappa Phi but also chronicled the then-40-year history of our own Southeastern Chapter 075. In this the 50th year of our chapter, we again recount the many changes our chapter has experienced in the ten years since our last history, changes in the National Organization, in our own chapter, and in Southeastern Louisiana University.

The information on Southeastern was completed by past-president Dr. Sarah Spence with help from Phi Kappa Phi graduate assistant Robin Pringle. Information on chapter developments was written by past-president Dr. Joan Faust. Most of the information in this update has come from the Southeastern website as well as from the Chapter Secretary's own files and records. Information on university demographics has been supplemented by yearly University Profiles and the *General Catalogue*. We will concentrate on changes evolving since 1996, since origins of the organization have already been so admirably noted.

### 1997-2006

#### Commencement 2005

More than 1,100 graduates proudly walked across the stage at Commencement on December 17, 2005 to receive diplomas from Dr. Randy Moffett. Dr. Sally Clausen, president of the University of Louisiana System and former president of Southeastern, gave the keynote address. Ten students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence. The graduates were led in procession by the "Golden Graduates," members of the class of 1955 and previous years.

#### Enrollment/Admissions Standards

Since 1997, Southeastern has continued to grow. The official enrollment in Fall 1997 was 15,300, topping the 15,000 marked for the first time in the university's 75-year history. Southeastern hit its highest mark in 1998 with 15,334 students. In 2000, new admissions standards were put in place as follows: Entering freshmen must have an ACT composite of at least 20, rank in the top 50 percent of their high school class, or have a high school grade point average of 2.0 in core academic classes. In 2001, a year after putting the new admissions standards into place, enrollment at Southeastern held steady. Official figures show the enrollment of 14,535. In Fall 2002, the enrollment again topped 15,000 for the first time in three years. Dean of Enrollment Management Steven Soutullo is quoted as saying the enrollment gain can be attributed to Southeastern's success over the previous two years in

communicating its admissions requirements to new and transfer students. Students were rising to the challenge of the new standards. In Fall 2003, 5,662 set a university record while the higher average ACT scores for incoming freshmen reflected the university's goal of attracting better prepared students.

Again in Summer 2004, the standards were raised. If students needed more than one developmental course, they could not be fully admitted to Southeastern. The enrollment reached above the 15,000 mark with 15,472 with an all-time high average ACT composite of 21.0, besting both state and national averages. Summer Bridge programs in both 2004 and 2005 helped prepare students who did not meet criteria. An articulation agreement with a community college, which taught courses on Southeastern's campus, also helped to satisfy basic courses. Fall 2005 brought unforetold challenges. Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and surrounding areas on August 29, soon after the beginning of the semester. Displaced students and faculty sought refuge on Southeastern's campus and students from the greater New Orleans area, who had been attending other universities and colleges, added to our enrollment as we lost some of our students originally enrolled at the beginning of the semester. The unofficial figure after an influx of guest students was 16,311 on September 13. Spring 2006 brought the first "normal" enrollment since Hurricane Katrina.

### **The Face of the Campus**

The face of the campus has changed dramatically since 1997. After the renovation of the chemistry building, Pursley Hall, completed in September 1996 at the cost of \$5 million, other renovations and new buildings followed and literally changed the face of the campus. The War Memorial Student Union celebrated its re-opening after renovation in October 1998. The Union now houses the Follett bookstore, the newly renovated campus post office, Southeastern's Career Center, game room, a food court and coffee shop as well as office space and meeting rooms. A copy store was completed later.

A \$13 million new classroom and technology laboratory building was completed in 2001 and named Fayard Hall in November 2002. In addition to classrooms and labs, it houses the Departments of History and Political Science, Mathematics, and Sociology and Criminal Justice.

In November 2001 two groundbreakings officially began construction for two facilities. This included renovations and additions to the Charles E. Cate Teacher Education Center and new construction on the biology building. The 35,000 square foot addition to the south side of the TEC building and renovation of 13,150 existing square feet provide new up-to-date classrooms, teaching labs, as well as much-needed office space and conference areas for faculty, staff, and graduate assistants. The biology building design by Crump Wilson and Associates also includes offices for biological sciences faculty who are currently housed in four different buildings across campus, study facilities, and a roof-top research green house that will expand the university teaching and research capabilities. The building was completed in spring 2003.

### **New President**

In December 2001, the University of Louisiana System appointed Dr. Randy Moffett president of Southeastern Louisiana University. Dr. Moffett is a veteran of 25 years at Southeastern and served as interim president and provost under Dr. Sally Clausen. The new provost is Dr. John Crain.

### **Satellite Campuses**

Satellite campuses include Southeastern St. Tammany Center, located in Mandeville near the intersection of I-12 and Louisiana 59, and Livingston Literacy and Technology Center in Walker. Students may enroll and attend many of Southeastern's core curriculum classes at the St. Tammany Center. Each semester about 1500 students attend different classes there. Southeastern received \$4.5 million to help build and operate the Literacy Center in Livingston, the funds being available because of a court case involving dumping of toxic wastes. After the environmental suit was settled, the judge determined that the residents of Livingston Parish should get something out of the environmental class action suit. Continuing Education's main functions are the coordination of all non-credit and special activities both on and off-campus and the coordination of off-campus credit courses and telecourses. Figures for the years 2000-2005 are as follows:

At the combined off-campus sites, students enrolled in Academic Courses Off-Campus include the following:

2000-2001	6,206
2001-2002	6,303
2002- 2003	6,798
2003- 2004	5,968
2004- 2005	5,661

The increase in electronically delivered courses from 2000-2001 (1,728) to 2004-2006 (10,722) is phenomenal.

### **More Changes on the Face of the Campus**

#### **Residential Halls**

Housing for students has also changed. In 1999 Southeastern Oaks, an apartment-style facility with 312 beds, opened. Built in 2000, The Village, a residential facility for university-based organizations, including sororities and fraternities, houses approximately 270 students. Plans for tearing down old dormitories, beginning with the demolition of Tucker Hall in 2004, made way for the first phase of new student housing, a four-story structure near the university's entrance near University Avenue. In Fall 2005 eight new residential units that have up-to-date technology, more space, privacy, and security were ready for students. The units were ready before Hurricane Katrina hit.

With the recently completed \$55 million construction project, Southeastern's residential environment now features modern space for 2,089 students, which includes Southeastern Oaks, an apartment-style complex, and the Village, residential units for organizations.

The new offices of the University Police Department are also located in one of the residential halls, Pride Hall, placing it in a more centralized sector of the campus and adding a greater degree of security for residents.

### **Wellness Center**

In addition to classroom buildings and housing facilities, the new Pennington Student Activity Wellness Center was opened in 2001. The Recreational Sports and Wellness Department provides opportunities for all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their immediate families to participate in wellness programs and scheduled competitive activities in the 82,000 sq. ft. center. The center houses informal drop-in recreation by providing an 11,000 sq. ft. fitness room, elevated, 128,000 sq. ft. arena area hosting four basketball, four volleyball, and six badminton courts, two racquetball courts, two meeting rooms, two multi-purpose aerobic rooms, locker rooms and sauna included and a wellness suite. There is also a 1/8 mile indoor track. Members have access to the pool located in the Kinesiology and Health Studies Building.

### **Academic Colleges**

Southeastern reorganized academic colleges, effective Summer 2005, to form a new College of Science and Technology. The newly named college encompasses the departments of Mathematics, Biological Sciences, and Chemistry and Physics, departments presently housed within Arts and Sciences. A new combined Department of Computer Science and Industrial Technology, two existing areas in the College of Business and Technology, also became part of the new college. Under the reorganization plan, approved by governing board and the university Board of Supervisors, the College of Business and Technology was renamed the College of Business. Additionally, the College of Arts and Sciences changed to College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. It encompasses the departments of Communication, English, Foreign Languages and Literature, History and Political Science, Music and Dramatic Arts, Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Visual Arts, and the Cultural Resource Management Program.

Dr. Tammy Bourg serves as dean of the new College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Dr. Dan McCarthy assumed the role of interim dean of the College of Science and Technology.

The reorganization resulted in six academic colleges and includes three colleges not affected by this change. They are College of Education and Human Development, College of General Studies, and College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

### **Library Holdings**

The Sims Memorial Library holdings reflect 1,500,912 units: 386,715 bound volumes, 227,283 government documents, 795,999 microfilm units, 51,541 audiovisual material, 42,275 e-books. The Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies, housed in Sims Memorial Library, continues to serve as a research and resource center for the study of southeast Louisiana. The University Archives, also housed in the library under the supervision of the center, continues to acquire materials for the use by university personnel and the community.

### **Technology**

The Student Technology fee was authorized by state law and approved by Southeastern students in 1997. In 1999, Southeastern's Student Technology Fee Committee was established. It is comprised of the SGA president, several SGA members and university administrative representatives. In 1999, it generated \$1.5 million annually. The 2003–2005

Student Technology Fee Agreement reaffirmed the commitment of the Student Government Association to enhance and improve the quality and availability of student technology at Southeastern. Progress made during 2004-2005 made the total funds available for the fiscal year of \$3,312,988. The Office of Technology Resources listed technology labs in Spring 2006: 18 restricted labs, and 28 non-tech fee labs. A wireless network was made available for students, faculty, and staff in 2006.

### **The Southeastern Channel**

Broadening the access to educational opportunities, Southeastern signed an agreement in January 2002, with Charter Communications to initiate an educational access television for cable subscribers in Tangipahoa Parish. The broadcast operation, called the Southeastern Channel, is part of Charter's basic cable offerings and airs on Channel 18. Reaching an estimated 23,000 homes, the station, which began broadcasting in April 2002, airs 24 hours a day. In addition to programming produced by students and Southeastern's public information and sports information departments, the university broadcasts programming produced by the Annenberg/Corporation for Public Broadcasting station, which is oriented toward teacher and student development; the Research Channel, a broadcast operation produced by a consortium of major research universities throughout the nation; and NASA Television, which produces features and offers coverage of space shuttle missions and other space-related programs. The three-year-old channel won an Emmy award in the 2005 Suncoast Region Emmy Awards.

### **Environmental Research**

Southeastern's Turtle Cove Environmental Research Center, located at Pass Manchac, continues to offer students an ideal facility for wetlands research. In the fiscal year 2000, Southeastern and Turtle Cove received \$1 million through EPA. They then received from EPA \$1 million in 2001, \$1 million in 2002, and \$425,000 in 2004.

### **Small Business Development Center**

The Southeastern Small Business Development Center continues its mission to provide a nurturing environment to start-up and expanding small businesses in the area. The ribbon cutting was held on September 15, 2003 for its new location in the Southeastern Louisiana Business Center facility on Martens Drive. The facility has 17,000 square feet of office space, including a library, a business services center and business space for new start-up businesses. Southeastern has an annual impact of \$343 million on the Hammond area.

### **Athletics/Return of Football**

Southeastern continues active athletic competition. As a member of the Southland Conference NCAA Division I, Southeastern competes in men and women's basketball, cross country, track and tennis, men's baseball and golf, and women's softball, volleyball, and soccer. Discussion of reinstating football began while Dr. Sally Clausen was president. In March 2001 a \$5 million athletic program campaign was announced to include implementing its gender equity plan and the possible reinstatement of football. After Dr. Randy Moffett became president, the goal became a reality. Football was reinstated in Fall 2003 after a lapse of 18 years.

### **Fanfare and the Columbia Theatre**

“As the anchor festival for the university’s beautifully renovated Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts in downtown Hammond, Fanfare has become a north shore cultural icon,” according to a news release in the 2005-2006 season. Celebrating its 20th year, Fanfare made its debut in 1986. It is now the “opening act” of a year-long celebration of the arts.

### **Web Redesign**

A current project, begun in Fall 2005, involves updating the Southeastern Webpage, which has not been updated since 1996. Academic Phase II of the project is scheduled for completion in May 2006 and Phase III in July 2006. The Web Redesign project and the Web Content Management System are using the software package “Collage,” along with university templates, in its implementation.

### **SACS Accreditation**

As the 50th-year celebration of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi approached, Southeastern’s accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in December 2005. President Randy Moffett said that the SACS Commission on Colleges voted to reaffirm the university’s accreditation for another ten years with no stipulations. Southeastern had been preparing its application for several years. The new SACS review process mandates completion of a compliance audit that addresses 73 standards with significant documentation that each standard is being met. The new review process also requires the development of a quality enhancement plan (QEP) that addresses an area designed to enhance student learning at the university.

### **New University Residence**

Also, as the PKP 50th anniversary approached, yet another facility enriched the campus, the new President’s residence, completed in Fall 2005. The ribbon cutting for the first formal function at the University Residence was held Sunday, October 23, 2005, to recognize major donors and others who had contributed to the project. The new facility was funded entirely with non-operating and private sources, with leadership gifts from the estate of Marietta Schneider, the Development Foundation, and the Alumni Association.

### **Budget**

The total state funds in our university budget for 2004-2005 was \$45,694,764, while total self-generated funds was \$42,803,028 with zero federal funds. The projected budget for 2005-2006 was \$47,460,520 in state funds and \$47,460,520 in self-generated funds. The total expenditures for 2004-2005 were \$88,295,209, and the projected for 2005-2006 is \$93,565,537. This fiscal year data is official from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, updated September 15, 2005. Budget cuts after the aftermath of Katrina have altered this budget.

### **Moving Forward**

Southeastern Louisiana University remains a vital catalyst for educational, economic, and cultural growth in southeast Louisiana after the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina.

In the 2005-2006 academic year, the university offers six master's degrees and 12 bachelor's degrees.

On February 23, 2006, the Louisiana Board of Regents approved a proposal by Southeastern and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to begin offering a joint doctoral degree in educational leadership. The program is the Southeastern's first foray into doctoral education. As partners, the two institutions will form a consortium board that will jointly administer the program, offer classes and make decisions regarding program development and student participation.

### **Banquet Awards**

As in the past, our chapter especially recognizes the top freshman, the student with 30-42 hours who has taken a full load for two semesters and has achieved academic excellence in his or her GPA, choice of classes, and diligence in completing these classes. This student receives \$100, depending on chapter finances. We also award \$50 to the top Junior in each academic college, and \$50 to the top Honors student, selected by Dr. James Walter, head of the Honors Program.

Students who have achieved national Phi Kappa Phi honors through the Fellowship Program or Study Abroad Grants are also recognized with certificates at the banquet.

### **National Awards/Recognition**

Chapter 075 can boast of several national award winners and national recognition since 1996:

#### **2002**

**Dana Meidinger**, music performance major, was awarded a \$1,500 National Award of Excellence in the 2002 Graduate Fellowship competition. She was the chapter's first Award of Excellence recipient.

**Ronald (Aaron) Palmer** was our chapter's first National Phi Kappa Phi Internship Grant recipient. He was awarded \$1,000 toward his internship plans

**Dr. Tim Gautreaux**, professor of English, was the first nominee from our chapter for the South Central Region Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award.

#### **2003**

In the summer of 2003, then-chapter president Joan Faust was invited to take part in the creation of a Chapter Officer DVD to offer chapters suggestions on increasing interest and visibility on their campuses. The DVD was distributed to almost 300 chapters across the United States and the Philippines.

#### **2004**

**Roy Blackwood**, Southeastern Louisiana faculty member, former department head of the Visual Arts Department, and present director of the Cultural Management Program, was awarded the prestigious "Distinguished Membership" Award. A Phi Kappa Phi member since 1985, Blackwood served our chapter as chapter secretary and vice-president before serving as chapter president from 1993-95. On the national level, he served on the editorial



advisory committee of Phi Kappa Phi's journal, *The National Forum* from 1995-1998 and on the selection committee for the honor society's prestigious National Fellowship until 2004, when he began his service on the National Budget Committee. In our chapter's then-48-year history, only one other Southeastern faculty member, Associate Professor Emeritus of English Lou Ellen Ballard, had been awarded Distinguished Membership status.

Also in 2004, Blackwood was nominated for National Vice President. Though he was not elected to office, he gained much visibility for himself and for our chapter.

**Sean Patrick Kerrigan**, a Southeastern biology and English major from Kenner, was one of 60 students nationwide who were awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship. Kerrigan, who graduated in May, planned to use the prestigious \$5,000 award medical school at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where he was accepted.

In November, 2004, Past President **Joan Faust** was invited to be a member of the National Membership Opportunities Committee, the first of our chapter to be so invited.

### 2005

**Danny Heitman**, 1986 Southeastern graduate and 2005 Spring Banquet speaker, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Heitman, a Ponchatoula native, is a weekly columnist for the Baton Rouge *Daily Advocate*.

**Melanie Charier**, Junior History major from Hammond, was one of thirty-eight students nationwide to receive a \$1,000 National Internship/Study Abroad Grant. She used the grant to help fund her participation in the summer of 2005 in the Southeastern Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures' Rome and Mediterranean Study Cruise.

### Chapter Award

**Don Paul Elbers** of Mandeville was recognized as the chapter's nominee for a national Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship in 2005. Elbers had been a chapter student executive vice-president.

### 2006

**Brandi Hock**, English Education major and Spanish minor, was our third Study Abroad Grant recipient, one of 38 in the nation. She plans to use the grant for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Study Abroad program in summer 2006.

### Anderson/Snyder Lecture Series

The Anderson-Snyder lecture series was inaugurated in 2001 by Hammond natives Perry A. Snyder, executive director of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and his brother, Marshall M. Snyder, now an attorney in Nashville, Tenn. Both are graduates of Southeastern and were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at the university.

The series honors the Snyders' maternal grandparents, Smylie S. and Lucille G. Anderson, and their parents, Harry and Dorothy Jane Snyder. Smylie Anderson, a 1906 graduate of the Tulane University School of Medicine, was among the civic leaders in the 1920s who helped convince the Louisiana legislature of the need for a college in Hammond. His wife Lucille and son-in-law Harry Snyder were both educators along with the Anderson's three daughters, who also studied at Southeastern. Harry Snyder was captain of the 1941

Lions football team.

The lecture series also recognizes the role that Southeastern's Phi Kappa Phi chapter has played as the university's standard-bearer for honor and excellence. Lecturers for each year of the series are as follows:

### 2002

**H.W. "Bill" Brands**, Distinguished Professor of History at Texas A & M University and author of 15 books, presented the inaugural Anderson/Snyder lecture as part of the university's fall Fanfare. Dr. Brands' presentation, "The Strange Death of American Liberalism," was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2002, in the Pottle Music Building Auditorium. Dr. Brands' books include *The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*, *The Specter of Neutralism*, *The Wages of Globalism* and *TR: The Last Romantic*. Dr. Brands has been featured on C-Span's biography of Teddy Roosevelt. He is a frequent guest also on the History Channel, National Public Radio and PBS. He was honored in 1999 by Phi Kappa Phi as its Regional Scholar, one of many honors the historian has received.

### 2003

Hammond native **James Wilcox**, former editor at Random House and Doubleday and now director of creative writing at LSU and author of seven novels, with the eighth to be published in September of this year, spoke on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 2 p.m., in Pottle Auditorium. Among his acclaimed works are *North Gladiola*, and *Plain and Normal*, and *Modern Baptists*, a novel included in Harold Bloom's *The Western Canon*. He was a 1986 Guggenheim Award recipient and has published stories in *The New Yorker*. Wilcox also had personal ties to Southeastern: his father, James H. Wilcox, served as Department Chair of the Music Department at Southeastern before being named Dean of Humanities; he is still an active member of the Southeastern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and resides in Hammond with his wife, Marie.

### 2004

Peggy Prenshaw, an authority on Southern writers, presented the third annual Anderson-Snyder Lecture at 2 p.m. on March 10, 2004, at the university's Student Union Theatre. The lecture was followed by a reception in Clark Hall Gallery hosted by Southeastern President Randy Moffett, a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Prenshaw, who holds the coveted Eudora Welty Chair in Literature at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., spoke on "Story-telling Southerners: Lies, Lives and the Art of Writing." A past president of the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, Prenshaw received the organization's Phoenix Award for "distinguished achievement in Eudora Welty scholarship." She has written and edited books on Welty and Elizabeth Spencer, as well as on Southern cultural history. Prior to her appointment at Millsaps, she was on the English faculties of the University of Southern Mississippi and LSU.

## Major Changes in Our Chapter

### Initiations/Banquet

As with any non-profit organization, the Southeastern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi had to take a hard look at operating budget and expenses. One obvious expense that was difficult to justify in light of participation and campus visibility was the Fall Initiation and Reception,

a tradition important since the chartering of the Southeastern Chapter in 1956. A survey of past attendance and expenses indicated that few students were attending the induction, even fewer the reception, and virtually none of the upper Administration was able to attend either. In addition, these fall initiates often did not attend the Spring Banquet, which was our chapter's premier event of the year. Thus, the chapter was expending well over \$1,000 for an under-attended event. After lengthy discussions, the Executive Committee decided in fall 2003 to hold one induction in the spring, followed by the Spring Banquet, which we would make an even more organized event, well attended by inductees, present members, and administration. Students would continue to be elected in the fall and allowed to send in their membership applications; however, they would be inducted in the spring with spring initiates.

The first year proved extremely cost-effective, increased attendance and significance of our Spring Banquet, and did not seem to reduce the number of invitation acceptances. Therefore, we retained the practice of one induction per year.

The annual Spring Banquet remains the key activity of our organization. We continue to invite upper administration to sit at the head table, and we continue to invite a banquet speaker to speak at the event. Speakers featured since 1996 are as follows:

- 1997:** Dr. John Warren, National President of Phi Kappa Phi
- 1998:** Dr. Thomas Bonner, Jr. is Kellogg Professor of English at Xavier University
- 1999:** Dr. Margaret Marshall, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages
- 2000:** Dr. Perry Snyder, Executive Director of the National Office of Phi Kappa Phi
- 2001:** Judge Brady Fitzsimmons, First Circuit Court of Appeals
- 2002:** Dr. Perry Snyder, Executive Director of The National Office of Phi Kappa Phi and Southeastern Alumnus
- 2003:** Col. Murphy Neal Jones (USAF—Ret.), Vietnam POW
- 2004:** Judge James E. Kuhn, Southeastern Alumnus and Adjunct Faculty Member
- 2005:** Danny Hartman, 1986 Southeastern graduate and weekly columnist for the Baton Rouge *Daily Advocate*
- 2006:** Dr. Howard Nichols, Professor Emeritus of the Department of History and Political Science at Southeastern and longtime member of our chapter

At the Spring Initiation, we continue to use the suggested initiation script and continue wearing regalia for the ceremony.

### **Membership/Bylaws**

At the 2001 Triennial Convention, the National Phi Kappa Phi Bylaws were amended to allow juniors to be invited to the Society if they ranked in the top 7.5 percent of their respective college class. In addition, the previous limit of new invitees not to surpass 10 percent of the entire graduating class for that year was also lifted, so that any student who qualified for the top 7.5 percent of the junior class of each college, the top 10 percent of the senior class for each college, or the top 10 percent of all graduate students could be invited to membership. The National Office strongly urged each chapter to amend its bylaws to conform to the new National standards.

The Southeastern Chapter members expressed many misgivings about the seemingly more “relaxed” invitation standards. Many recounted their invitation to Phi Kappa Phi as one of the highlights of their undergraduate or faculty careers; allowing more candidates for initiation might only lessen the prestige of membership. Others cited the advantages of allowing juniors who might actually participate and help in chapter activities, since our normal practice of inviting graduating seniors prevented students from ever participating or even from attending General Membership meetings. Consensus indicated that, to remain a viable and visible organization on campus, our chapter needed student participation and input, and in 2002, the Chapter Bylaws were revised to reflect National Bylaws Revisions.

### **Student Executive Vice-Presidents**

Another radical recommendation coming out of the 2001 Triennial Convention was the creation of one or more student positions on the Executive Board. It was hoped this liaison position would encourage more students to become involved in chapter activities. In the fall of 2003, our chapter solicited nominations and interviewed potential candidates for Student Executive Vice-Presidents. The first students chosen are the following:

#### **2002-2003**

Lana Joiner Lee: Student Executive Vice-President  
Lindsey Bennett, Student Executive Vice-President  
Kathy Hanrahan: Student PR Officer

#### **2003-2004**

Lana Joiner Lee: Student Executive Vice-President  
Carron Fillingim: Student Executive Vice-President  
Pamela Barrett: Student Executive Vice-President

#### **2004-2005**

Don Elbers: Student Executive Vice-President

#### **2005-2006**

Elizabeth Brown, Student Executive Vice-President

### **Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Assistant**

One of the most difficult aspects of initiating and maintaining initiatives for the Southeastern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has been the often overwhelming paperwork and record-keeping necessary to maintain National Standards. The executive office of Campus Secretary was inaugurated in 1969 to facilitate campus mailings, and clerical help was also used on a per-hour paid basis. As our chapter attempted more projects for visibility and for the fulfillment of our society’s purpose, we realized we could not do this with faculty alone. In 2002, the chapter requested help from President Moffett, who quickly responded with a continuing Graduate Assistant position for our organization, which replaced the former Campus Secretary faculty position. This student position, assigned to the supervision of the Chapter Secretary, has proven a great success in facilitating our projects and efforts. The Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Assistants are as follows:

2002-03: Wendy Cole  
2003: Stephanie Bura

2004: Holly Heintz  
 2005: Ana Gorgieva  
 2005-06: Robin Pringle

### **Finances**

Chapter dues have continued to serve as the main source of funds since 1996; however, many either do not receive or do not note that chapter dues should be paid in addition to the national dues annually. In 2001, when the National Office instated a “Lifetime Membership” category of \$250, our chapter proposed and approved the installation of a Lifetime Chapter Membership of \$150, and several faculty and student members took advantage of this one-time fee. This immediate influx of cash greatly helped our checking account, and our A.G. Edwards Moneymarket account continues to grow. At our Spring General Membership Meeting on February 22, 2006, our total checking amount (before sending in membership payments) stood at \$15,153.28, while our A. G. Edwards, opened in 1988 with an opening balance of \$4,000, totaled \$6,785.46.

In addition, the Executive Committee realized our chapter dues had remained at \$10 per year since 1982. At the Fall 2005 General Membership Meeting, the Executive Committee proposed raising the dues to \$15 annually, and the proposal passed.

### **Promotion of Excellence Grant**

In April 2002, Southeastern’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was awarded one of seven National Promotion of Excellence Grants. The grant program was initiated in 1998 by the National Board of Directors to provide support to Phi Kappa Phi members and chapters as they design and implement programs and activities that advance excellence in higher education. Southeastern’s proposal for the creation of an intramural quiz bowl competition, written by Joan Faust, was fully funded at the requested \$2,400.

### **Phi Kappa Phi Homecoming Intramural Quiz Bowl**

Because the Promotion of Excellence Grant was awarded during the year that football was reinstated at Southeastern, the chapter decided to hold the first quiz bowl tournament in conjunction with the first Homecoming Week activities, and the event became the 2002 Phi Kappa Phi Homecoming Intramural Quiz Bowl Tournament. The grant money was used to purchase necessary buzzers, lights, clock, official College Bowl tournament questions needed for the competition, and flyers and posters used to advertise the event to both student and faculty teams. Billed as “another kind of competition” to enjoy during Homecoming Week, this first tournament was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 from 2:00-5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. Dr. Joe Burns served as moderator, while several other PKP faculty and student members participated as scorekeepers, judges, and stage managers to facilitate the change of teams. The tournament pitted student and faculty teams against each other in a single-elimination tournament that determined the top three teams. Prizes awarded were \$100 first place, \$50 second, and \$25 third. As suggested by the National College Bowl Association, teams were required to pay a \$20 registration fee.

This first year of the tournament featured the following teams:

#### **Student teams:**

The Dangling Participles (English Club/Sigma Tau Delta)  
 The Fighting Brains (Honors Student Organization)  
 Spoken Word Anarchy (student group)

**Faculty teams:**

The Gramminators (English Dept.)  
 Math Department +1 (Math faculty and guest)

**2002 Quiz Bowl Champions:** The Gramminators

Paul Crawford  
 George Dorrill  
 Dianna Laurent  
 Paul Sawyer  
 Christine Mitchell, alternate

At this first tournament, several members of the Phi Kappa Phi National Office came to witness the fruits of the Promotion of Excellence Grant, and President Moffett honored us by presenting the awards to the top teams. The tournament was also featured in the January 2003, National Phi Kappa Phi publication, *In Focus*. Included in the article is a picture of the first place winning quiz bowl team from the English Department, the Gramminators.

**2003 Tournament**

By the second year of the tournament, the chapter was able to fine-tune details of the event. Competition was changed to a double-elimination tournament, with faculty teams pitted against each other and student teams competing against each other to determine the first and second place faculty and first and second place student teams. Then the top faculty and student teams played the Championship match, determining the overall Quiz Bowl champion. Prizes were \$100 for the top faculty and student teams and \$50 for the second place in each category. Registration was raised to \$25, and, to facilitate the double elimination, teams played seven-minute games instead of two seven-minute halves as in the official College Bowl rules. The final championship games were extended to two seven-minute halves, and we purchased a championship trophy to be presented to this year's champion and handed down to each subsequent champion.

The 2003 Tournament was held again during Homecoming Week on Tuesday, October 14, from 2-6 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. Because of the success of the first tournament, the number of teams almost doubled. The following teams participated:

**Faculty Teams**

Dewey Decimators (Library Faculty)  
 Gramminators (English Dept.)  
 Media Blitz (Communications Dept.)  
 Mental Layoffs (Chemistry and Physics Dept.)  
 Revenge of the Math Nerds (Math Dept.)

**Student Teams**

Duck and Cover (student team)  
 Manglers (student team)

Rugby Bunch (Rugby Team)  
 Schoolhouse Flock (English Club/Sigma Tau Delta)

**Top Faculty Winner:** Gramminators

Paul Crawford  
 George Dorrill  
 Dianna Laurent  
 Paul Sawyer  
 Christine Mitchell, alternate

**Second Place Faculty:** Dewey Decimators

Ladonna Guillot  
 Eric Johnson  
 Laverne Simoneaux  
 Lori Smith

**Top Student Winner:** School House Flock

Andrea Barton  
 Dawn Humble  
 Jamie May  
 Janelle Woolley

**Second Place Student:** The Rugby Bunch

Brian Collins  
 Luke Causey  
 Nick Madere  
 Rachel Landry  
 Ryan Mclin

**2003 Quiz Bowl Champions:** Gramminators

**2004 Tournament**

The 2004 Phi Kappa Phi Homecoming Intramural Quiz Bowl Tournament was held Tues., Oct. 5, 2004, 2-6 p.m., again in the Student Union Theatre. With a generous donation from the Southeastern Alumni Association and funding through an SGA Organizational Grant, we were able to purchase more official games, provide consolation prizes of Southeastern water bottles to all participants, and purchase individual trophies to the top faculty and top student team members. The double elimination format was retained, with prizes and registration fees the same. Teams participating in 2004 were:

**Faculty Teams**

The Business Bunch  
 Gramminators (English Department)  
 Quadrivium (English Department)  
 Son of the Revenge of the Math Nerds (Math Dept.)

**Faculty Winner:** Quadrivium

Robin Norris  
 Anne Duke  
 Wade Heaton  
 Diane Fisher  
 Melinda Shelton

**Second Place:** Gramminators

George Dorrill  
 Paul Crawford  
 Paul Sawyer  
 Dianna Laurent

**Student Teams**

The Honors Team (Honors Club)  
 The Rugby Bunch (Rugby team)  
 Mr. Pi (Pi Mu Epsilon, Math Honor Society)  
 The Stigmatizers (English Club/Sigma Tau Delta)

**Student Winner:** The Rugby Bunch

Bryan J. Collins  
 Luke Causey  
 Nick Madere  
 Rhett Ramirez  
 Brandon Box

**Second Place:** The Stigmatizers

Louis Rue  
 Jaimie McNeill  
 Leigh Camacho  
 Natalie Natell  
 Emily Ritchey

**2004 Quiz Bowl Champions:** Quadrivium

By the 2004 tournament, the event had achieved the good-natured competitive atmosphere that was intended. To accentuate their team names, Quadrivium sported laurel crowns, the Gramminators maintained their monogrammed team shirts, and the Dewey Decimators once again flaunted grey “librarian” wigs to which they added red blinking strobe lights. The student and faculty champions traded jabs, as featured in the following story that appeared in the *Hammond Daily Star*:

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**English professors beat 'jocks' in Quiz Bowl**

BY FRED BATISTE

*Daily Star Staff Writer*

The Rugby Bunch outsmarted fellow students, but the Quadriviums were too "mean" for them.



The Quadriviums, consisting of English department staff and teachers, defeated the students 230-95 to take the overall title in the third annual intramural quiz bowl tournament Tuesday at Southeastern Louisiana State University.

SLU's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society held the tournament as part of SLU's slate of homecoming events. Eight teams -- four made up of faculty and four made up of students -- competed in the double-elimination tournament.

For their 120-75 win, the members of Southeastern Louisiana University's club rugby team received \$100 and they proved a point.

"We're not the dumb jocks," team member Brian Collins said, laughing after the event.

Organizers said the questions came from any topic area from popular culture to religion. First-place finishers in the student and faculty divisions earned \$100 while their runners-up received \$50 each. The responses to those questions also come from any topic.

The Rugby Bunch team seemed stumped by a bonus question in their student division final against the Stigmatizers. The question focused on Israel, but the members of the rugby squad had a different answer.

"Rick James?" team member Brian Collins responded, leading to an outburst of laughter from the audience. A member of the Stigmatizers blurted out another reference the late musician made about his drug usage on Comedy Central's "Chappelle's Show."

Collins said after the match the team decided to use James as a comical response whenever stumped. Team member Nick Madere said the nature of the tournament encourages a lighter mood and cracking jokes.

"Last year, we used John Wayne," Madere said.

The faculty competition took a more decorative turn. Some teams wore fake laurels and gray-haired wigs and sported names like the Dewey Decimators, Gramminators or the Son of Revenge of the Math Nerds.

"Those librarians were fierce," said Anne Duke, a member of the Quadriviums.

During a match between Quadrivium and the Business Bunch, Duke and her teammates were asked who was blamed for sabotaging Kwame Jackson's chances of winning the first season of Donald Trump's reality show, "The Apprentice." They shrugged their shoulders before giving an answer other than Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth.

"Britney Spears?" Duke said, causing a nearly 30-second delay for laughter. The team went on to win 125-65, setting up a faculty vs. student game with the Rugby Bunch.

"I've watched those guys. We have to get mean," English professor Wade Heaton said before the match. "Those guys are rugby players."

The final match drew SLU President Randy Moffett into the audience as the teams answered questions about presidential hopeful John Kerry, D-Mass., Barbie, Ponce deLeon and Post-It notes.

Communications professor Joe Burns, the bowl moderator, tried to prod the Rugby Bunch into an answer regarding "flubber" and "The Absent-Minded Professor," but to unforeseen results.

"What do you think of the people who teach you?" Burns asked the team of students.

"Quacks!" Collins said, causing another laughter-induced delay.

The members of Quadrivium -- Duke, Heaton, Diane Fisher and Robin Morris, shook off Collins' comments, said their name comes from Latin roots for "four" and "trivia" and joked that they have other ways of getting back at Collins for his comment.

"He's a student in the English department," Fisher said, laughing.

## 2005 Tournament

The 2005 Intramural Quiz Bowl Tournament, like all activities set for the fall semester of 2005, faced uncertainty in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, storms that devastated the entire Gulf Coast, brought much tree damage to the Southeastern campus, filled the Assembly Center with relief workers and National Guardsmen, and cancelled classes for almost two weeks. With uncertain futures for almost all south shore colleges and universities, Southeastern received an influx of 1,200 "guest" students who planned to return to their home institutions when possible.

Yet knowing that campus need the normality of Homecoming Week, events, some scaled back, were rescheduled for a month later than originally planned. The Phi Kappa Phi Homecoming Intramural Quiz Bowl continued its tradition on Tuesday, November 6, 2005, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Even with the challenges and distractions students and faculty faced through displacement and other hardship, the event attracted even more teams than in the past, and spirit was higher than ever. Again the Alumni Association gave a generous donation facilitating advertising, printing, and consolation prizes. We were also able to use some of their donation as monetary prizes through the Development Foundation. Though we were awarded an SGA Organizational Grant for \$1,000, the award came too late for this year's tournament so will be used for next year. Teams participating in 2005 are as follows:

**Faculty Teams**

The Business Bunch (College of Business)  
 Dewey Decimators (Library Faculty)  
 The Gramminators (English Department)  
 A Little Offa Center (Staff of the Center for Faculty Excellence and CAP Center)

**Faculty Winner:** Dewey Decimators

Kevin Cutrer  
 Eric Johnson  
 Laverne Simoneaux  
 Lori Smith

**Second Place:** A Little Offa Center

Dane Bounds  
 Dorothy Burton  
 Debbie Longman  
 Pattie Steib  
 Harlan Struble

**Student Teams**

The Stigmatizers (English Club/Sigma Tau Delta)  
 Team Biohazard (Biology Club)  
 Tri-Sigma (Tri Sigma Sorority)  
 Rugby Bunch

**Student Winner:** Team Biohazard

Roxanne Rudowicz  
 Christopher Harris  
 Jack Siegrist  
 Ian MacKinnon

**Second Place:** Stigmatizers

Lauren Carson  
 Dawn Humble

George Menhal  
Marie Ostinato

### **2005 Quiz Bowl Champions: Team Biohazard**

The 2005 tournament was significant in several ways. Besides another sign of “recovery” for our university after the storms, lighthearted competition reigned supreme. The Dewey Decimators traded in their identifying gray wigs for more intimidating army helmets bearing the silhouette of a serious reader on the fronts, while the new team A Little Offa Center competed with drain plungers adapted to their dartboard theme stuck to their heads, with smaller darts stuck to eyeglasses. Perhaps the major significance of this tournament was the student team Team Biohazard winning the Championship title, a tribute to the students and to their teachers.

### **“Our History. . . Our Legacy”: Phi Kappa Phi Endowed Scholarship**

In commemoration of our Chapter’s 50th anniversary, the Southeastern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi initiated the Phi Kappa Phi Endowed Scholarship. Administered through the Development Office, the scholarship was begun with a \$10,000 investment to award a \$500 scholarship beginning in May 2007 to a Junior meeting the criteria of selection:

- a member of Phi Kappa Phi
- 3.5 academic average
- actively pursuing a degree program
- embodying the ideals of Phi Kappa Phi

To plan the application process, determine fund-raising efforts, and select future recipients of the scholarship, the Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship Committee was drafted in April 2006, comprised of the following members:

Lou Ballard, Past President, Past Chapter Secretary, and named  
Distinguished Member of Phi Kappa Phi  
Christina Chapple, Public Relations Officer  
Earl Corkern, Professor Emeritus--Mathematics  
Carole Corkern, Faculty PKP member  
Joan Faust, Chapter Secretary  
Wendy Johns, Southeastern Development Office  
Howard Nichols, Professor Emeritus of History  
Katherine Pedersen, Chapter Treasurer  
Paul Riggs, Associate Professor Emeritus--Mathematics

### **50th Anniversary Banquet: May 4, 2006**

Our 50th Anniversary Banquet will officially inaugurate the Phi Kappa Phi Endowed Scholarship. In commemoration of the event, we will also unveil a newly framed original charter, which will hang in Sims Memorial Library to remind all students and faculty of the origins of our organization by a small group of dedicated, motivated faculty with a commitment to the love of learning. We honor them with this History and with the Legacy of the Phi Kappa Phi Endowment Scholarship, our commitment to those who will follow.



**The Honor Society of PHI KAPPA PHI  
Southeastern Louisiana University Chapter 075**

**CHARTER MEMBERS**

**May 11, 1956**

Abegg, Roland  
Allison, Preston B.  
Buck, Martina Ellis  
Burgdahl, Lucile B.  
Catlett, Patricia G.  
Chandler, Luther E.  
Davis, Anna P.  
Dyson, Luther H.  
England, Lucille  
Eudy, Thomas E.  
Fendlason, Anna S.  
Fischer, Christian, Jr.

Fournet, F. Gary  
Hyde, Roy E.  
Kluth, Lynn F.  
Knight, Jack Warren  
Puls, Elmer E.  
Purser, John T.  
Romero, Sidney J.  
Schmidt, Mary  
Smythe, Sara  
Stetzel, Ronald  
Wilson, Ralph W.  
Wooley, J. B.

**STUDENT MEMBERS**

**May 11, 1956**

Bankston, W. H., Jr.  
Bennett, Fred L., Jr.  
Bohning, Mary L.  
Boughan, Mellonee  
Dawes, Sister Louis Marie  
Giepert, Melvin J.  
Hyde, Catherine C.  
Lagarde, Nancy

Mosher, James  
McManus, Billy Ray  
Ohman, Larry E.  
Oliver, Helen A.  
Rusciano, Marie P.  
Sibley, Don K.  
Spinks, Joanne  
St. Cyr, Merlin

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**1956-2006**

1955-57	Dr. Roy E. Hyde
1957-58	Dr. Jack W. Knight
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1967-69	Dr. Harold J. Leu
1969-71	Dr. Walter L. Russell
1971-73	Mrs. Mary Nelson
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1981-83	Dr. Roman J. Heleniak
1983-85	Dr. Patrick D. Settoon
1985-87	Ms. Lou E. Ballard
1987-89	Mr. C. Howard Nichols
1989-91	Dr. Lawrence H. Davis
1991-93	Dr. Anna Sue Parrill
1993-95	Mr. C. Roy Blackwood
1995-97	Dr. Sarah Spence
1997-99	Dr. James F. Gaines
1999-2001	Dr. Donnie Booth
2001-03	Dr. Joan Faust
2003-05	Dr. Barbara Allen
2005-07	Dr. Donnie Booth

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	1955-57	1957-58
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Roy E. Hyde	Jack W. Knight
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Anna S. Fendlason	Sidney J. Romero
<b>CHAPTER SEC:</b>	Lucile Burgdahl	Lucile Burgdahl
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Ralph W. Wilson	Ralph W. Wilson
<b>JOUR CORRES.:</b>	Patricia Catlett	Patricia Catlett
	<b>1958-1959</b>	<b>1959-60</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Sidney J. Romero	L. E. Chandler
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Ralph W. Wilson	Martina E. Buck
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Anna P. Davis	Lucile Burgdahl
<b>TREASURER:</b>	F. Gary Fournet, Jr.	F. Gary Fournet, Jr.
<b>JOUR. CORRES.:</b>	Velmarae Dunn	Velmarae Dunn

	<b>1960-1961</b>	<b>1961-63</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Guss Orr	Thomas K. Maddox
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Patricia Catlett	Edwin Newman
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Anna S. Fendlason	Anna S. Fendlason
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Preston B. Allison	Sara Smythe
<b>JOUR. CORRES.:</b>	Velmarae Dunn	Velmarae Dunn
	<b>1963-1965</b>	<b>1965-67</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	F. Gary Fournet, Jr.	Preston B. Allison
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Elizabeth Stoney	Helen Pyburn
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Anna S. Fendlason	Lou E. Ballard
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mary Schmidt	Mary Schmidt
<b>JOUR. CORRES.:</b>	Velmarae Dunn	Mary Anne DeVillier
	<b>1967-69</b>	<b>1969-71</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Harold J. Leu	Walter L. Russell
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Mary Nelson	James H. Wilcox
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Lou E. Ballard	Lou E. Ballard
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Henry Earl Corkern	Henry Earl Corkern
<b>JOUR. CORRES.:</b>	Marjorie E. Miller	Marjorie E. Miller
<b>CAMPUS SEC.:</b>		Dorothy H. Fox
	<b>1971-73</b>	<b>1973-75</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Mary Nelson	Patricia Catlett
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Patrick D. Settoon	Ronald D. Stetzel
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Lou E. Ballard	Lou E. Ballard
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Henry Earl Corkern	Marjorie E. Miller
<b>PUB. REL.:</b>	Marjorie E. Miller	Anna Sue Parrill
<b>CAMPUS SEC.:</b>	Dorothy H. Fox	Dorothy H. Fox
	<b>1975-77</b>	<b>1977-79</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Ronald D. Stetzel	Earl Ray Wascom
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Earl Ray Wascom	Henry Earl Corkern
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Lou E. Ballard	Anna P. Adelman
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Marjorie E. Miller	James H. Honea
<b>PUB. REL.:</b>	Anna Sue Parrill	Jack W. Knight
<b>CAMPUS SEC.:</b>	Dorothy H. Fox	Joyce P. Perrin
	<b>1979-81</b>	<b>1981-83</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Henry Earl Corkern	Roman J. Heleniak
<b>V. PRESIDENT:</b>	Roman J. Heleniak	Patrick D. Settoon
<b>CHAPTER SEC.:</b>	Anna P. Adelman	Anna P. Adelman
<b>TREASURER:</b>	James H. Honea	James H. Honea

**PUB. REL.:** Joy J. Jackson  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Joyce P. Perrin

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**1983-85**

**PRESIDENT:** Patrick D. Settoon  
**PRES-ELECT:** Lou E. Ballard  
**CHAPTER SEC.:** Paul Riggs  
**TREASURER:** James H. Honea  
**PUB. REL.:** R. David Ramsey  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Mary Nelson

**1985-87**

Lou E. Ballard  
 C. Howard Nichols  
 Paul Riggs/James B. Davis  
 James H. Honea  
 R. David Ramsey  
 Anna Sue Parrill

**1987-89**

**PRESIDENT:** C. Howard Nichols  
**PRES-ELECT:** Lawrence H. Davis  
**CHAPTER SEC.:** James B. Davis  
**TREASURER:** R. David Ramsey  
**PUB. REL.:** Lou E. Ballard  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Anna Sue Parrill

**1989-91**

Lawrence H. Davis  
 Anna Sue Parrill  
 Robert C. Brown  
 R. David Ramsey  
 Lou E. Ballard  
 Billy H. Wyche

**1991-93**

**PRESIDENT:** Anna Sue Parrill  
**PRES-ELECT:** C. Roy Blackwood  
**CHAPTER SEC.:** Joan Lampkin  
**TREASURER:** R. David Ramsey  
**PUB. REL.:** Lou E. Ballard  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Billy H. Wyche

**1993-95**

C. Roy Blackwood  
 Sarah D. Spence  
 Donnie F. Booth  
 Thomas Lipscomb  
 Lou E. Ballard  
 Elizabeth Partridge

**1995-97**

**PRESIDENT:** Sarah D. Spence  
**PRES-ELECT:** James F. Gaines  
**CHAPTER SEC.:** Donnie F. Booth  
**TREASURER:** Barbara Forrest  
**PUB. REL.:** Lynn B. Wellman  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Elizabeth Partridge

**1997-99**

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 Donnie Booth  
 Victoria Mocsary  
 Barbara Forrest  
 Lynn Wellman  
 Joan Faust

**1999-2001**

**PRESIDENT:** Donnie Booth/Sarah Spence  
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**CHAPTER SEC.:** Victoria Mocsary  
**TREASURER:** Barbara Forrest  
**PUB. REL.:** Lynn Wellman  
**CAMPUS SEC.:** Joan Faust  
**S EXEC V.P.:**

**2001-03**

Joan Faust  
 Emily Bond/Barbara Allen  
 Ann Carruth  
 Katherine Pedersen  
 Joe E. Burns  
 Christine Mitchell  
 Lindsay Bennett  
 Lana Joiner Lee  
 Kathy Hanrahan

**S PUB REL:**

	<b>2003-05</b>	<b>2005-07</b>
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Barbara Allen	Donnie Booth
<b>PRES-ELECT:</b>	Donnie Booth	Cary Berthelot
<b>CHAPTER SEC:</b>	Ann Carruth	Joan Faust
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Katherine Pedersen	Katherine Pedersen
<b>PUB. REL.:</b>	Christina Chapple	Christina Chapple
<b>CAMPUS SEC.:</b>		
<b>HISTORIAN:</b>		Sarah Spence

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1991-93	Anna Sue Parrill	C. Roy Blackwood
1993-95	C. Roy Blackwood	Sarah D. Spence
1995-97	Sarah D. Spence	James F. Gaines
1997-99	James F. Gaines	Donnie Booth
1999-2001	Donnie Booth/Sarah Spence	Joan Faust
2001-03	Joan Faust	Emily Bond/Barbara Allen
2003-05	Barbara Allen	Donnie Booth
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**Chapter Sec.****Treasurer**

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1960-61	Anna S. Fendlason	Preston B. Allison
1961-63	Anna S. Fendlason	Sara Smythe
1963-65	Anna S. Fendlason	Mary Schmidt
1965-67	Lou E. Ballard	Mary Schmidt
1967-69	Lou E. Ballard	Henry Earl Corkern
1969-71	Lou E. Ballard	Henry Earl Corkern
1971-73	Lou E. Ballard	Henry Earl Corkern
1973-75	Lou E. Ballard	Marjorie E. Miller
1975-77	Lou E. Ballard	Marjorie E. Miller
1977-79	Anna P. Adelman	James H. Honea
1979-81	Anna P. Adelman	James H. Honea
1981-83	Anna P. Adelman	James H. Honea
1983-85	Paul Riggs	James H. Honea
1985-87	Paul Riggs/James B. Davis	James H. Honea
1987-89	James B. Davis	R. David Ramsey
1989-91	Robert C. Brown	R. David Ramsey
1991-93	Joan Lampkin	R. David Ramsey
1993-95	Donnie F. Booth	Thomas Lipscomb
1995-97	Donnie F. Booth	Barbara Forrest
1997-99	Victoria Mocsary	Barbara Forrest
1999-2001	Victoria Mocsary	Barbara Forrest
2001-03	Ann Carruth	Katherine Pedersen
2003-05	Ann Carruth	Katherine Pedersen
2005-07	Joan Faust	Katherine Pedersen

**Jour. Corres/Pub. Rel.****Campus Sec.**

1955-57	Patricia Catlett	
1957-58	Patricia Catlett	
1958-59	Velmarae Dunn	
1959-60	Velmarae Dunn	
1960-61	Velmarae Dunn	
1961-63	Velmarae Dunn	
1963-65	Velmarae Dunn	
1965-67	Mary Anne DeVillier	
1967-69	Marjorie E. Miller	
1969-71	Marjorie E. Miller	Dorothy H. Fox
1971-73	Marjorie E. Miller	Dorothy H. Fox
1973-75	Anna Sue Parrill	Dorothy H. Fox

1975-77	Anna Sue Parrill	Dorothy H. Fox
1977-79	Jack W. Knight	Joyce P. Perrin
1979-81	Joy J. Jackson	Joyce P. Perrin
1981-83	Joy J. Jackson	Joyce P. Perrin
1983-85	R. David Ramsey	Mary Nelson
1985-87	R. David Ramsey	Anna Sue Parrill
1987-89	Lou E. Ballard	Anna Sue Parrill
1989-91	Lou E. Ballard	Billy H. Wyche
1991-93	Lou E. Ballard	Billy H. Wyche
1993-95	Lou E. Ballard	Elizabeth Partridge
1995-97	Lynn B. Wellman	Elizabeth Partridge
1997-99	Lynn B. Wellman	Joan Faust
1999-2001	Lynn Wellman	Joan Faust
2001-03	Joe E. Burns	Christine Mitchell
2003-05	Christina Chapple	
2005-07	Christina Chapple	

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2005-07 Sarah Spence

**CHARTER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS DECEASED ( as of March 1997)**

Buck, Martina Ellis  
 Burgdahl, Lucile B.  
 Chandler, Luther E.  
 Davis, Anna P.  
 Dunn, Velmarae  
 Dyson, Luther H.  
 Eudy, Thomas E.  
 Fendlason, Anna S.  
 Fox, Dorothy H.  
 Hyde, Roy E.  
 Jackson, Joy J.  
 Leu, Harold J.  
 Orr, Guss  
 Puls, Elmer E.  
 Purser, John T.  
 Pyburn, Helen  
 Russell, Walter L.  
 Smythe, Sara  
 Stoney, Elizabeth  
 Wascom, Earl Ray  
 Wilson, Ralph W.  
 Wooley, J. B.

Dr. Sidney Romero  
Dr. Al Doucet  
Jerry Salamone  
Dr. Robert Brown  
Lynn F. Kluth

