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Another Academic Year has started or in some cases is about to start. With this, the national officers of Alpha Eta Rho want to wish you a wonderful and successful year. Wonderful in that your experiences shall be as great as you would wish them to be and successful in that your goals will be realized. As a chapter we hope that you will accomplish what you want for the year and that it will meet the expectations that one should envision for a professional fraternity chapter.

During this past year, the number of new names received at the national office for membership into Alpha Eta Rho dropped significantly from that of previous years. Although the number of new members does vary from year to year, this office is always concerned when the number drops by a large amount.. Specifically this drop was from a number of approximately 800 in the 2002-2003 year to 580 for the 2003-2004 year. If this drop reflects an attitude by the chapters that the national office does not do enough for you, please let us know your thoughts as to what can be done better. Another item that the chapters should be aware of is the need to send in the names of new members. Two years ago (2002), we received a request for new memberships for one school for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. Obviously, that chapter needs to be better organized (and they were so notified). In line with that last statement, it should be mentioned that we received a message from one chapter last year questioning

the wages that were paid to the national and regional officers. You should be aware that all of the officers do this on a voluntary basis. The large social fraternities have well paid full time staff and large budgets. Alpha Eta Rho has never operated in that manner

We do look forward to serving you in the best possible way that we can. Let us know what we can do for you and let us know what you are doing so that we can pass that information on to all of the other chapters.

One last item here is a perpetual one. Please let us know what you as a chapter are doing, what activities are planned, etc. As we pass that on to other chapters, they in turn can get new ideas as to activities, both social and community.

WEBSITE.

After many years of thinking about it and searching for an expert in the field, your fraternity finally has established a national website. It is being handled by Purdue University. Use AHPnational.org for the address.

CHAPTER NEWS

Although the BEAM is intended to bring you the good news that is happening with the chapters, at times there must be some news that should be shared that is not as pleasant as we would like it to be. The following two paragraphs are examples of this.

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From the EPSILON RHO chapter at Embry-Riddle, Daytona Beach we received a sad message that one of their active members was killed in a motorcycle accident, June 24, 2004. Jeremy Shirley had been initiated into the Epsilon Rho chapter in 2001 and was a very active member in a very active chapter. Although Jeremy was driving safely and was wearing a helmet, he was unable to avoid hitting a car that turned abruptly into his path. Upon collision, Jeremy crashed through the window of the other vehicle and died on impact.. The thoughts of this office go out to the family and the chapter. For further details, you may contact Peter J. Duvo, Secretary of the Epsilon Rho chapter via e-mail at pbapilotfit@hotmail.com

And from the SIGMA chapter at Southern Illinois University we have received the following information . An alumnus of the Sigma chapter, Second Lieutenant Ryan LeDuc, was killed in Iraq when the Humvee in which he was riding overturned, pinning him underneath, killing him. While at SIU, Ryan developed a reputation of always being willing to help others in any way that he could. Ryan graduated from SIU in May, 2002 with a degree in aircraft engineering. His aviation goal was to pursue a career in commercial aircraft maintenance.

AND NOW FOR THE MORE PLEASANT NEWS.

BETA CHI

After a lengthy silence, the Beta Chi chapter at the University of Oklahoma is about to become active again. Mr. Frank Mitchell (e-mail – fm20@cox.net) formerly of Beech Aviation is the leader behind getting them going. Installation and initiation is tentatively set for late October. The Beta Chi chapter is fortunate to have Frank as their advisor. He

has a wealth of experience in the field of aviation and has always been very supportive of collegiate aviation. More from them in the next issue of the BEAM.

NU ALPHA



The Nu Alpha chapter, representing the Southern Illinois University at the San Diego campus has one of the more interesting situations. A large number of the members of the chapter are on active duty with the U. S. Navy, located on Coronado Island (North Island base) in the San Diego harbor. At one time this late summer there were three aircraft carriers located at the facility there. The picture is of members Daniel Lomax and Marshall Olney with the carrier Abe Lincoln in the background.

NEW CHAPTERS

As of this date, there are two new chapters that are in the process of being formed. One is located at Florida Memorial College and will be the Mu Iota Alpha Chapter. Installation is set for October 22 and the contact person there is Pearline Richards and can be reached at othlee@hotmail.com. The second chapter is located at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, Pennsylvania. No date has been set as of now for the installation. Contact person is Chris Hummel, Faculty Advisor. More information about these two new chapters will be presented in the November issue of the BEAM.

Scholarship Information

Once again the National Board of Alpha Eta Rho will be awarding six five hundred dollar scholarships during 2005. To be eligible for one of these scholarships a student must be an active undergraduate member of a local chapter and be recommended by the chapter. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) will be required. Only one application will be accepted from any one chapter, multiple applications from one chapter will not be considered. Applications must be received no later than March 18, 2005 to be considered. All applicants will be notified (winners or not) no later than May 1, 2005. Checks for the winners will be sent to their school c/o the Scholarship Coordinator no later than June 1, 2005. Applicants must complete the form below and include with the form a letter indicating their future plans and why they feel they should receive the award. The letter should also include membership and leadership activities with the fraternity, the school and the community. A copy of the applicants academic transcript must be included Applicant must be approved by the chapter faculty advisor. If desired an applicant may copy this form.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

Please submit your items and or photos to:

Robert Clement
1863 Dogwood Hollow Dr.
Germantown, TN 38139

Copy should be on disk (w/hard copy) or type written. Photos of any type are okay as long as they will scan well. Please be sure to identify photos as to time, place and date as well as any individuals in the photograph(s).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2005

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

College or University _____

Alpha Eta Rho Chapter _____

Proposed Date of Graduation _____ Grade Point Average _____

Faculty Advisor (name: please print) _____

College address _____

Approved by Faculty Advisor: _____

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