

News from the Chapters 1997-1998

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Geology

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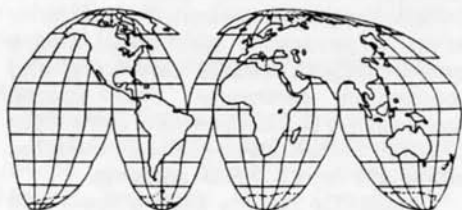
President: Joseph Fluder; Vice Pres:
Kris Kuzera; Secretary: Chris Ray; Histor-
ian: Brent Kastor

Highlights of Activities:

The 1997-98 school year saw an increase in volunteering for GTU members. A new initiation criterion for members is to donate five hours for the semester at any of the many off campus sites that needed help. This is an activity sponsored through the Campus Volunteer Center and is a good way to offer community service.

We hosted two successful canoe trips this year: the fall trip was on our own Evergreen Lake and the spring trip was on the Vermillion River. Our members, along with the Anthropology Club, continued to keep our ISU Nature Trail clean with regularly scheduled clean up days. Geography Awareness Week was packed with various events including a bake sale, the Geography Faculty Appreciation Luncheon which was well attended, Where in the World—Name That Landscape Game, County Local Geography Bee, Annual White Elephant Auction which raised \$170, and movie night showing *Mosquito Coast*. Six students were initiated Fall Semester with a dinner and ritual initiation held at Lucas Grill.

GTU members kept busy Spring Semester with input on the hiring of two new geography faculty. Members assisted with the Department's 10th Annual Career Fair working on set-up and clean up and helping host the event. We also held a faculty appreciation pizza party. Several members participated at the State Geography Bee, which was a little more exciting this year with a bomb scare at the Bone Student Center where it was held. We held a bake sale to raise money for our sponsorship of a local girl's softball team (with our own designed logo). We sold Geography T-shirts at both County and State Bees, raising \$922. We held the spring initiation in an old firehouse, now a restaurant, with five initiates, ten members, seven faculty, and



two office secretaries in attendance. Again Alpha Chapter had another successful year.

ALPHA PI—Department of Cartography and Geography

East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma 74820-6899

Sponsor: Dr. James Lowry

President: Sharla Williams; Vice Pres: Jason Masoner; Secretary: Scott McKinney; Treasurer: Chad Landgraf; Historian: Kelly Wilkerson

Highlights of Activities:

On April 7, 1997, the Alpha Pi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon at East Central University initiated eight members after a long period of inactivity. These students met and elected officers for the 1997-98 school year. Elected were Sharla Williams as President, Jason Masoner as Vice President, Scott McKinney as Secretary, Chad Landgraf as Treasurer, and Kelly Wilkerson as Historian. On October 21, 1997, the Alpha Pi Chapter co-hosted a campus visit and lecture by Dr. Tom Sever, a NASA scientist at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Also, on April 16th of 1998, we hosted Dr. Jack Estes of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Estes visited us as part of the AAG/GTU Visiting Geographical Scholar Program. Following his lecture, we held our second initiation where we added four new members. Upcoming events include a canoe trip and election of officers for the 1998-99 school year.

ALPHA SIGMA—Department of Geography

Clark University, Worcester, MA 01610-1477

Sponsor: William K. Koehlich

Highlights of Activities:

We held the annual initiation of new members Friday, April 3, 1998. Normally we hold initiation on the Friday closest to the anniversary of the Chapter date, April 11, 1951. This year initiation was moved back because Friday, April 10 was a religious holiday for both Christians and Jews. Nine members were initiated into the honor society. Professor, William Koe-

lick, who is retiring this year, concluded seven years as sponsor of the revived Chapter. Professor Douglas Johnson is the new faculty sponsor. At Clark, GTU functions strictly as an honorary society; the Geography Student Organization serves the social and programmatic functions.

DELTA ZETA—Department of Geography
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007

Sponsors: Donald J. Berg and Darrell E. Napton

President: Kelly Diekmann; Vice Pres: Pat Danielson; Secretary: Susan Cornforth; Treasurer: Bryan Bartsch Co-Chairs Convention: Mike Nelson and Doug Hagan; N.C.G.E. Outstanding Senior: Julie Greene; GTU Awards for Excellence in Geography: Bryan Bartsch and Travis Dolence

Highlights of Activities:

Delta Zeta Chapter, in association with the Geography Club, maintained a high level of activities during the 1997-98 academic year at South Dakota State University. The Chapter/Club participated in its semiannual highway cleanup community service project in the early fall. The membership also observed National Geography Awareness Week in November with students preparing an exhibit for the main university library. On 5 December the annual Chapter/Club Christmas banquet, social gathering and initiation took place. Five new G.T.U. members were welcomed into the society.

The Chapter/Club membership focused most of their efforts on producing the 29th annual South Dakota State Geography Convention, which is the longest running, student-sponsored event in the U.S. The 1998 meeting showcased 10 invited speakers, drawn from across the country, a student paper session, a G.T.U. initiation, a poster session, a social gathering, a geography quiz bowl, and a grand banquet, awards ceremony, and recognition ceremony. Two special guests at the G.T.U. ceremony came from Chadron State College and were inducted along with four S.D.S.U. students.

Chapter/Geography Club officers and

sponsors are planning the 30th Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention that will be held on 8-9-10 April 1999. The meeting will highlight the contributions of Dr. John Fraser Hart of the University of Minnesota's Geography Department. We have invited 16 geographers to give presentations, honoring Professor Hart. Chapter/Club members continue to refine the Department's home page on the Internet (<http://www.geography.sdstate.edu>). Social camaraderie among geography students (undergrad and graduate) and faculty is promoted by semiannual picnics, sponsored by the Chapter/Club.

ETA GAMMA—Department of Geography

State University College, Geneseo, NY 144544

Sponsor: Cheryl Lougeay

President: Carrie Tatnall; Vice Pres: Teresa Phelps; Secretary: Todd Drake; Treasurer: Jason Haremza; N.C.G.E. Outstanding Senior: Carrie Tatnall; GTU Awards for Excellence in Geography: Teresa Phelps

Highlights of Activities:

The Eta Gamma Chapter inducted seven new members at the Spring Geography Department banquet and awards ceremony. The May '98 graduates are either enrolling in graduate degree programs or have already contracted for professional placements. Three of the Chapter members presented papers at the Boston AAG meetings, one presented at the Middle States AAG divisional meetings, and several have been involved in professional internships ranging from environmental health to GIS. Social events are integrated with the Geography Club activities to provide a broad base of active students within the department.

GAMMA ALPHA—Department of Geology and Geography

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN 37044

Sponsor: David Padgett

President: Don Dehm; Vice President: Joseph Ansari; Secretary: Marguerite McKee; Treasurer: Haley Cooper; Re-

source Secretary: James Gilbert; GTU Awards for Excellence in Geography: Marguerite McKee

Highlights of Activities:

The Gamma Alpha Chapter at Austin Peay State University worked this year to strengthen itself and the department. Our recently added environmental geography major has encouraged the growth of the department and brings new promises to the potential of our Chapter. Our greatest success was the strengthening of the relationship among the geography students. We also strengthened the foundation of the Chapter and prepared next year's members with the opportunity to build with more programs and events.

GAMMA LAMBDA—Department of Geography

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1459

Sponsor: Wendy Shaw

President: Mary Goodwin; Vice Pres: Chris Granger; Secretary: Michelle Onkle; Treasurer: Kari Burge

Highlights of Activities:

Since the reactivation of our Chapter in 1995 we continue to be very active and visible on our campus. We have improved our membership drives by giving presentations in classes that include prospective members and continue to attract a group of new members. The 1997-1998 academic year saw Gamma Lambda Chapter holding regular well-attended meetings and developing a Chapter home page on the Internet. In addition, we have been busy with several activities that include the hosting of a guest speaker and participation in campus-wide events such as picnics. Several future activities include the design and production of Department of Geography display cases, field trips, and participation in our university's 'Welcome Week' activities. Gamma Theta Upsilon members continue to provide student leadership within the Department of Geography, leading the way, for example, in student participation at national meetings. Finally, the Chapter introduced an Outstanding Geography Student Award, an important

milestone in the revitalization of Gamma Lambda Chapter.

GAMMA ZETA—Department of Geography and Geology

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Sponsor: C. Nicholas Raphael

President: Cynthia Pogue

Highlights of Activities:

The Gamma Zeta Chapter and Eastern Michigan University had a modestly successful year of activity. We inducted four new members into the honor society. During Geography Awareness Week colorful images posted in our building illustrated the diversity, scope and excitement of geography. Also, during the week we made visits to four local second-grade classes. A slide show was presented which illustrated the cultural diversity of the world. In March 1998 the Chapter prepared and hosted the "Road Scholar" Science Olympiad for southeastern Michigan middle and high school students. The competition included topographic map knowledge and skills. One of our members, Cynthia Pogue, was awarded the Michigan Space Consortium Scholarship from NASA's Michigan Space Consortium. She will be assessing the impact of "El Ninos" on Michigan and the Great Lake basin's climate over the past half century.

KAPPA ZETA—Department of Geography
University of Northern Colorado,
Greeley, CO 80639

Sponsor: Dr. David Cole

President: Holly Hager; Secretary:
Michele Beaudoin; N.C.G.E. Outstanding
Senior: Leslie Jane Carter

Highlights of Activities:

In November, during 1997 Geography Awareness Week, GTU sponsored the visiting lecturer, Professor Pierce Lewis from Pennsylvania State University. The Chapter hosted a reception for Dr. Lewis. In the spring, the Chapter held an initiation ceremony and reception for the new GTU members.

THETA—Department of Geography and Regional Development

Arizona State University, Tucson, AZ 85721

Sponsors: Malcolm Comeaux and Brandon O'hVallachain

President and Treasure: Kristin Meyer;
Vice Pres: Gina Sambuco; GTU Awards
for Excellence in Geography: Kristin Meyer

Highlights of Activities:

Theta Chapter is still active. We went on several field trips, and in the Spring Semester we co-hosted (with the graduate students) a noontime brown-bag series. Field trips in the fall were to a swimming hole, a hike along Sycamore Creek and a hike to the site of a landslide to study catastrophe theory in action.

On February 7th, while on a trip to an open-pit copper mine disaster struck. The van in which nine students were riding rolled while exiting a freeway. One student, Matt Bailey, died, and a graduate student Helga Dunn, was paralyzed from the mid-chest down. Several others had minor injuries, and two others were unhurt. The Geography Department and the entire University community came together in support, but it will take us a very long time to get over this tragedy.

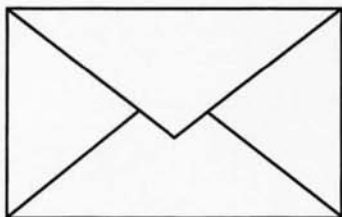
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