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The Greek Life Newspaper, All in a day's work

By LES ROBERTS
Alpha Tau Omega

The definition of unity can be found in any dictionary. Research of the word only outlines his significance in the structure of a fraternity. The actual formation of unity and the ability to make it work requires belief in its value.

It was a belief in unity that made The Parthenon a reality. There is a clear message in these pages and it reads "alive and kicking."

This publication stands for the meaning of the Greek system. That meaning concerns reaching out. The opportunity to reach out to potential future brothers/sisters to join our family is important to the Greek system. It will allow the university and the surrounding community to see that we can assist in spreading knowledge. The very foundation of the Greek system involved helping others.

By believing in ourselves, the tradition of our founding fathers can continue. It is also important that we support the leaders of today. By setting standards for today, we are making history for posterity. By reaching out to the

community and local businesses, we can establish good rapport based on mutual goals. We can work harder for humanity.

The Parthenon is our voice to the University. The voice encourages support for each other to achieve new heights of accomplishment. Let's reach out together.

The newspaper is a tool for building stability that is a trademark for the Greek System here at Jacksonville State University. That trademark should be upheld and preserved. By standing united, we can serve an even bigger purpose and strive at even larger goals.

Achieve beyond the limits. Unity will determine the success for the future. The university and the community laid the foundation. The Greeks must do the building. Twenty three organizations collaborated in this unity.

It is called The Parthenon.

Now it is time to concentrate more on what we can give back rather than what we can receive. It is time to repay the loan from our founders by giving back to the Greek Society that which was so graciously endowed to us.

Greek life is the news!



Greek Week was observed recently at Jacksonville State University. Members of Greek fraternities and sororities gathered on the lawn of the newly constructed Paul Carpenter Village.

Greek Week at Jacksonville State University

By Stacy Goode

April 5 through April 9, fraternities and sororities got together to celebrate "Greek Week", a time loaded with activities designed to bring Greeks together for a time of fellowship, competition and education.

New activities were added this year to make the week more enjoyable and to get more people involved. Delta Chi member Greg Swindal said, "There was more crowd participation this year. People were more excited and seemed to enjoy events this year, especially the obstacle course."

The obstacle course was one of this year's new activities and also one of the main attractions. It was a joint project between the Greek

Week Committee and the ROTC department. The ROTC department set up the obstacle course and supervised in order to assure safety in the events, while the Greek Week Committee, as in all other Greek Week activities, acted as judges.

Kelly Brown, a ZTA, competed in the obstacle course. "It was really a lot tougher than I thought it would be. People were overwhelmed. We don't train for this kind of thing; that made it a lot harder," Kelly said. The obstacle course consisted of dips, pull-ups, a rope bridge, a wheelbarrow race and a grenade throw.

Other new activities this year included an all star softball game and a night of pool, darts, foosball and air-hockey for the fraternities

at Gaterz.

"The all-star softball game was a big hit," said Will Cambardella, a Kappa Alpha.

Admission to the game was a canned food item and according to Rusty Taylor, over one hundred cans were collected and will be donated to the Salvation Army for the Disaster Relief in Jefferson County. Jennifer Steight, a Phi Mu, who ran in the 4/400 relay said, "it was a hard event. Nobody had really trained for it but everyone took it seriously."

Not all of the events were based on physical strength and agility, and people turned out to watch their fellow Greeks display their talents through competition, whether those talents were traditionally competitive, such as the

4/400 relay, or leaned toward a more wacky definition such as the Belly Flop/Dive contest.

This week was not only about having fun and friendly competition, it was also about education and helping others.

Included in the Greek Week agenda was a blood drive and a date rape seminar. Over 140 pints of blood were donated. ZTA and Sigma Phi Epsilon donated the most blood. Although the blood drive and date rape seminar were both Greek Week events, they were open for public participation. In fact, notices were sent to schools and news organizations welcoming them to the seminar.

There was a contest for Greek God and Greek Goddess to find the two people who most personi-

fied what it means to be Greek. There was a tie for Greek Goddess between Beth Bules, an Alpha Xi Delta, and Shelley Knox, a Delta Zeta. Greek God was won by Shane Rehberg, Sig Ep.

Elections were held for Most Valuable Person and most spirit and best Volleyball beat. In the sororities, Heather Dizon won MVP, ZTA won Most Spirit and Alpha Xi Delta won the volleyball tournament. In fraternity competition, Al Restrepo, A Kappa Sigma won MVP, Sigma Phi Epsilon won most spirit and Kappa Sigma won the Volleyball tournament.

According to Jaime Henderson of Delta Zeta, "Greek Week is always so much fun and it is competition, but everyone really enjoys it."

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OPINION

We finally have a voice!!!

RUSSELL LEE TAYLOR
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The idea of a Greek newspaper has been talked about quite a lot for the last few years. It has been brought up in every type of meeting you could possibly imagine.

It appeared that the problem with the production of a Greek paper was that it would take a Greek wide effort to put a project of this magnitude together.

This Greek-wide effort came about this semester thanks to

the efforts of Les Roberts, the President of Alpha Tau Omega.

The media at large has focused its negative sights on the Greek system as a whole over the last few years.

The results of all of this negative publicity has been made evident by the drop in our numbers here at JSU.

Much of the negative publicity may have been deserved, but a lot of positive publicity is also deserved for every Greek organization's dedication to public service and this commu-

nity.

One good thing the negative publicity has done to help the Greeks is make us take a long, hard look at ourselves and see what is wrong.

It's time we returned to our roots and philosophy on which we were founded, and lead college men and women in the pursuit of academic enhancement.

We have strayed somewhat from what our founders passed down to us due to the decline of the Greek system as a whole

over the last few years.

By returning to our true goal as an organization, positive changes will occur. The goal of the Parthenon and the Greek community is to encourage Greek unity.

Individually our voice means little, but collectively we will be heard.

We strive toward these goals with all of our efforts, because without unity this paper will never grow to be the great media vehicle it could be for us.

Sterotyped for life

By **RICHARD BYNUM**
Co-Editor/Parthenon

The original intent of this editorial was to be a detailed and concise rebuttle to the accusations made by a faculty member of JSU labeling the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity as the "date rape" Fraternity on Campus. Realizing that to do so would only create more turmoil, a different approach is warranted.

It is, however, my responsibility as Co-Editor of this publication and a member of the Fall 1997 pledge class of ATO to state the facts and defend the Fraternity and its members against this allegation. Each Fraternity plays a vital part in the structure of this University, and there is intense loyalty among each Chapter.

Here are the facts related to the incident. A pledge in the Fall of 1994 was accused of "date rape".

After the Fraternity was informed of the accusations made against the pledge, he was relieved of his responsibilities as a pledge of ATO. The individual was never convicted of these charges.

Making such comments regarding the character of ATO members in a public forum is unfair to the men of this Fraternity.

The lives of ATO members, their reputations and future career

plans can be affected by such negative stereotyping.

Respecting the guidance and opinions of university faculty is part of the training received by all members of a Fraternity. Equally as important is a reciprocated effort on the part of faculty members to not make derogatory comments based on vague facts.

In this incident, the facts speak for themselves. The accusations are untrue and unwarranted.

Music Review

TAB BENOIT REVIEW
By **MARTAIN SULIA**

About two years ago, going on sheer word of mouth, I decided to make the time to walk through the thousands of fellow listeners at city stages to hear this blues man. I had heard nothing but praise about Tab Benoit. As I approached, there he was sitting on stage, playing his guitar and screaming the words of "sweet home Chicago" into the mic. I was convinced. I had to stay and listen to the rest of the show. The only thing that I didn't care for was the fact that he could only play for the traditional 45 to 50 minutes city stages allow each band.

Born in Louisiana Benoit developed a love for blues right from the first time he picked up a guitar at the age of

ten. With three studio albums under his belt Tab Benoit has established himself in the world of blues, caught often playing in Memphis and New Orleans.

It is not an uncommon site to see him accompanied on stage with the likes of blues legends such as B.B. King and other greats. His new live album titled Live:Swampwater Jam, released late last year on the independent label Justice Records, captures the talents of Benoit and the way the blues should be heard.

Unlike most live albums Live: Swampwater Jams contains all new material along with covers of some classic blues songs such as "garbage man" and "too many dirty dishes". Currently on tour in support of his new live album

Tab Benoit is definitely someone we will hear more about.



Tab Benoit will be in concert in Huntsville at the Crossroads Friday, May 22. For more information on the show, contact 92 J at 782-5592.

PARTHENON MISSION

The Parthenon, a Greek Life newspaper was founded by members of the Greek system for the purpose of promoting Greek life at Jacksonville State University and the communities it serves. The Parthenon will serve as an informative tool for the student body, faculty and members of the community to make them aware of the benefits of Greek life. Our goal is to share knowledge of the significance of the University's Greek system. We will report the positive and negative issues and cover stories related to Greeks as well as other student body of Jacksonville State University in an objective, unbiased manner. By promoting business through advertising we can be seen as a positive influence throughout our community. By utilizing such resources, we can endeavor to establish new goals and historically preserve that which is vital to us here at Jacksonville State University.

Introduction to Greek Life at JSU

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO ATO:

Les Roberts is the President of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Jacksonville State University. Les has held several positions within the fraternity including IFC representative, social chairman, worthy sentinel and treasurer.

Les is originally from San Diego, California. He is majoring in commercial design and minoring in coaching.

HISTORY:

Alpha Tau Omega began as an idea in the mind of a young Civil War veteran named Otis Allan Glazebrook, who wanted peace.

His people were defeated, many of their cities burned, much of their countryside ravaged. Glazebrook, who had helped bury the dead of both sides, believed in a better future. saw the bitterness and hatred that followed the silencing of the guns and knew that a true peace would come not from force of law, but rather from within the hearts of men who were willing to work to rekindle a spirit of brotherly love.

On September 11, 186, Glazebrook invited two close



friends to his home and read them the Constitution he had written and invited them to sign up.

It was the first fraternity founded after the Civil War, and the first sign of Greek life in the old Confederacy. Founded at Jacksonville State in 1969, the Eta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is still a leader among Greek organizations.

RECENT EVENTS:

Members of ATO and Kappa Alpha Order recently worked together to build low income houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Both organizations also conducted a canned food and clothes drive with proceeds being donated to the Christian Outreach Program.

ATO was also involved in constructing rooms for the Odyssey of the Mind, which is a competition held recently on campus. ATO entertained senior citizens by sponsoring a Bingo game at the



Members of Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha Order recently held a clothes and food drive to benefit the Christian Outreach Program.

Wessex House recently in Jacksonville.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ATO will host a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society in July. They will also host a March of Dimes fund raiser. In June, ATO will join forces with other

school fraternities to host a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO AKA:

The President of AKA is Adrian Henderson. She is the President of the Lambda Pi Chapter of AKA at JSU. Adrian

is a senior from Birmingham majoring in Biology and is also a member of the NAACP. She has also held the position of Treasurer in 1997. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek Letter organization established in America by black college women. This sorority was founded in 1908 at Howard University. Some efforts of AKA include scholarship, vocational and career guidance, health services, and advancement of human civil rights. Our colors are salmon pink and apple green. Our flower is the pink tea rose and our stone is the pearl.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. June 15-2-3rd annual PIMS youth summer camp
2. July 4-10-58th Biennial Boule National Convention in Chicago
3. July 11-21-The post Boule Tour in Italy

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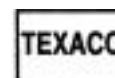


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AOPi HISTORY

AOPi was founded at JSU on March 24, 1990, and the Chapter name is Delta Epsilon. The color is cardinal, and the flower is the Jacqueminot Rose. The mascot is the endangered specie the Giant Panda and is sponsored throughout the year in many of the fund-raisers. Alpha Omicron Pi's philanthropy is Arthritis Research, and some of our community services include; Adopt-A-Mile, Adopt a Brownie Troop, and sponsoring a needy child from our local schools

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded on January 2, 1897 at Bernard College of Columbia University in New York. Alpha Omicron Pi was founded at JSU on March 24, 1990, and the Chapter name is Delta Epsilon.

RECENT EVENTS:

Alpha Omicron Pi was very busy socially. They held several mixers with fraternities and including a cook out with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a Jimmy Buffet mixer with Kappa Sigma, and sponsored and organized a self-esteem mixer with Zeta Tau Alpha and an Alcohol Awareness

seminar with Alpha Xi Delta. They also reconstructed their scholarship program, and implemented a study program. This helped to boost AOPi's G.P.A. from last in Greek standing to second overall in the fall semester.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO ALPHA XI DELTA:

Jennifer Esce is the President of Alpha Xi Delta. Alpha Xi Delta was founded at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois on April 17, 1893. It was the first sorority at Jacksonville State University being established on March 2, 1968, making this their 30th anniversary. The colors are light blue, dark blue, and gold and the mascot is Betxi Bear.

Alpha Xi Delta is very proud of its philanthropy, Choose Children. They sponsor children through DHR and visit the Calhoun County Attention Home weekly. Fund-raisers are held each semester to raise money for different children's organizations.

The sorority was proud to win the Chapter Life Excellence award presented by the Pan Hellenic council. The group also won the Order of Quill award, for chapter management, pre-



The sisters of AOPi after winning the sorority dance competition.

sented at the National Convention.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Currently alumnae tea, sisterhood retreat, Rose Cotillion formal, and Senior Ceremony are planned. Plans for the upcoming fall rush are also being made. If you would like to more about this organization please call me at 782-6157.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO DELTA CHI:

Michael Williams is the President of Delta Chi. He is 24 years old and a senior at Jacksonville State University. Michael began classes at Jacksonville State University in 1992. After a year in college he joined the United States Marine Corp Reserves. When he

returned to Jacksonville State University he joined Delta Chi and has never regretted it. The fraternity moved into a new house at Paul Carpenter Village and Michael became house manager and the new member educator. In the spring of 1998 he was named the President of Delta Chi.

HISTORY:

The Delta Chi Fraternity was founded October 13, 1890 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Originally founded as a law fraternity, Delta Chi became a social fraternity in 1921. From that time until the present, it has grown to an international organization with over 120 chapters worldwide. Delta Chi Alumni have achieved success in business, entertainment, government,

and numerous other professions. Delta Chi's are involved in Student Government Association, Inter-Fraternity Council, Order of Omega, University Cheerleaders, the Orientation Team, numerous professional organizations, and various honor societies. The Delta Chi Fraternity strives to inspire an idea of excellence in all of its members.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Delta Chi looks forward to fall rush.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO DELTA SIGMA THETA:

Shandice Potts is the President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. of the Kappa Beta Chapter at Jacksonville State University. She is a member of the Black Educational Support Team and a member of STARS (



Students together are reaching success). She was a peer advisor and very active in the community.

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HISTORY:

Delta Sigma Theta was founded in 1913 in Howard University. The founders envisioned an organization of college women who believed in series and strong community endeavors. Through its programs and activities, Delta Sigma Theta demonstrated its vital concern for social welfare, academic excellence and cultural enrichment. There are over 200,000 member and 890 plus chapters from the United States to West Africa today.

RECENT EVENTS:

Delta Sigma Theta volunteered at the Anniston Middle School to help children. They also assisted with the Habitat For Humanity project recently. The group also sponsored one child with Children International for the welfare and children in need.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO DELTA ZETA

Jennifer Renee Newton is the new Delta Zeta president at Jacksonville State University. Renee is from Leeds, Alabama and is in her third year at JSU. She is working on a pre-business major. She has previously held offices of academic chairman and

activities chairman of Delta Zeta. She has also participated in many extracurricular activities such as the Fastbreakers dance line for two years. She is full of ideas for Delta Zeta and JSU.

HISTORY:

Delta Zeta was founded in Oxford, Ohio at Miami University on October 24, 1902. The Lambda Gamma chapter was founded in Jacksonville in March of 1977.

RECENT EVENTS:

Delta Zeta has taken on many fund-raisers and projects for their philanthropy supporting the speech and hearing impaired and recently sponsored a golf tournament in which the proceeds were donated to the organization. Delta Zeta had a mother/daughter retreat and a father/daughter retreat. Both were successful events and presented a positive view of Greek life. Delta Zeta would like to congratulate all of



their new marching ballerinas.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO KAPPA ALPHA:

Thomas Patrick Murphy came to Jacksonville State in 1994 to play baseball for the Gamecocks. Instead of playing ball, Patrick became a part of the Kappa Alpha Order at the end of that year. Patrick grew up in Atlanta, Georgia where he developed an early interest in the teachings of Robert E. Lee and the confederate war. Patrick is a business management major and was secretary before he was elected president.

HISTORY:

In the summer of 1865, Washington College in Lexington, Virginia voted unanimously to offer the college presidency to Lee. Among the students at Washington College were James Ward Wood, William Nelson Scott, Stanhope McClelland Scott, and William Archibald Walsh—all attracted by the presence of Lee. There the four unit-



ed to found the Kappa Alpha Order in 1865. Kappa Alpha Order is a contemporary order of knighthood.

RECENT EVENTS:

The Kappa Alpha Order recently participated in the Habitat for Humanity project. Working with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the KA's worked to construct a house for a couple in need of a place to live. Other projects in the last few months have included time well spent with kids from the Coosa Valley Detention Center. A bowl-a-thon was held to attract support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which is KA's national philanthropy. The KA's are also planning a golf tournament some time in May at Stoney Brook golf course in Jacksonville. Details will be forthcoming.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO KAPPA ALPHA PSI:

The President of the Eta Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is Kevin J. Hoult. Kevin is a native of Hartselle, AL, and a graduate of Hartselle High class of 1991. He is also a recent graduate of JSU, earning a B.S. in psychology and is presently

working on his masters in counseling.

HISTORY:

In January, 1911 a 20 year old student led a group of 10 black collegians in forming a fraternity at Indiana University. They could not use most of the school's facilities, residence halls, or dining rooms. But limited only by their imagination, they persevered, forming a bond that would expand, flourish and produce.

The Eta Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is a imperious chapter that was founded at JSU May 5, 1974.

RECENT EVENTS:

The fraternity also has been involved in several community outreach projects including a Kappa's Kummunity Klothung drive, and the Anniston High Scholl Kappa League, which seeks to inspire young men of the community to strive for excellence. They invite all fellow Greeks to participate.

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PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO KAPPA SIGMA:

Steve Hunt says that becoming involved with the Greek system here at JSU was the greatest decision he ever made. Steve chose Kappa Sigma in the fall of 1994, and was initiated the following January. Being a member of Kappa Sigma helped him get elected to the SGA and get totally involved with the University.



Greek unity continues during spring break in Panama City Beach, Fla.

HISTORY:

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity evolved from an ancient European student society in Bologna, Italy during the 1400's. It was founded upon the idea of mutual benefit for membership.

The same ideal was the basis of five students at the University of Virginia to found the Kappa Sigma Fraternity in 1869.

Kappa Sigma has now grown to be the fourth largest fraternity in the nation.

Kappa Sigma here at JSU have started a long tradition, since their existence in March of 1972, and this tradition still holds true today.

EVENTS:

Along with being one of the largest fraternities, the fraternity also stresses academics by presenting more than \$70,000 in scholarship and leadership awards to undergraduate in the U.S. and Canada.

The fraternity also has a \$26,000,000 insurance policy for its undergraduate chapters, along with a nationally recognized alcohol and substance abuse program.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO PHI BETA SIGMA:

Bobby Kelly from Tuscaloosa who is the President of Phi Beta Sigma graduated from Central High School in 1992 and entered military training at Fort McClellan. Bobby is a senior at Jacksonville State University majoring in social work.

HISTORY:

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., an international organization for college and professional men, was founded in 1914 at Howard University and has as its principles, Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service.

These principles are exhibited in the fraternity motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity."

As one of the eight predominately Black Greek Lettered organizations, Phi Beta Sigma has a membership for over 105,000 with 650 chapters throughout the continental United States, Switzerland, Europe, the Caribbean Islands and Africa.

EVENTS:

Phi Beta Sigma's three National Programs are Social Action, Education, and Bigger and Better Business. In order to implement these and other programs, the Fraternity works with organizations such as:

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, the NAACP, the National Urban League, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, National Boy's Club of America.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is an organization that is concerned and involved in meeting the needs of the community.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO PHI MU:

Crystal Harbin is the President of Phi Mu and offices in Phi Mu previously held by her include: assistant treasurer, chairperson for intramural, chairperson for ritual.

HISTORY:

Phi Mu was founded in 1852 at Wesley College in Machine, GA and is a non-profit organization.

Their national philanthropies include: Project Hope and Children's Miracle Network. Wesson House, Children's Hospital, and the Battered Women Shelter of Gadsden. They are the second oldest sorority in the nation.



RECENT EVENTS:

Achievements this semester include: a \$100 donation to Applebee's coaches for cancer and participated in a fashion show sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

The sorority also held a food drive on March 15 and donated money and clothes to the recent tornado victims in Alabama.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Four members of the sorority will be participating in the Boy Scouts of America Golf Tournament. Several members will be attending the Phi Mu convention in July in Palm Springs.

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ATO to build on a strong foundation

Eta Theta Chapter planning to turn dreams of building house to reality

The Eta Theta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has been endeavoring to build a new house for the past several years.

With the vision and leadership of the past two presidents, the dream is fast becoming a reality.

In the words of current Eta Theta President, Les Roberts, "it has been an ongoing work ethic that was originated by former two time President Brian Neace (96-97)."

Many people who are associated with the ATO fraternity have devoted many resources in helping to achieve the new house.

One very prestigious group of people is the Alumni of Eta Theta, such as Jeff Webb. Without their undying loyalty and support, this project would not have gotten off the ground.

The house plan was designed by Julian Jenkins.

The house will be built by Sam Almarod Construction of Jacksonville and the estimated cost is \$360,000 to \$370,000.

The new house will be built on a corner lot and will be joining three other fraternity houses already completed (KA, DX, and Sig Ep).

To help raise money for the house, the actives will be working the NASCAR race at Talladega in April and will raise approximately \$6,000 for the house fund.

The House Corporation is awarding special contributors with an engraved brick.

Each brick will have the name, pledge class, honorary name, and other engravings (space permitting).

There are three sizes and are awarded with any \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 donation respectively.

We're not done yet. We still need lots of support. Please contact Les Roberts, Eta Theta Worthy Master for further details on how you can be a worthy participant.

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PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO PI KAPPA PHI

Jason Kelly is the President of Pi Kappa Phi. He is from Marietta, Georgia and a 1994 graduate of North Cobb High School.

He is majoring in Physical Education.

HISTORY:

Pi Kappa Phi originated at the College of Charleston on December 10, 1904 with the Alpha Chapter.

Simon Fogarty Jr., L. Harry Mixon, and Andrew Alexander Kroeg Jr. were the main three founders in Charleston.

Delta Epsilon Chapter started at Jacksonville State University on May 13, 1972. Clyde McSpadden was the first initiate of Delta Epsilon.

RECENT EVENTS:

After serving a two year leave of absence, Pi Kappa Phi started the fall started off with a minimal number of members, and after the first semester, membership increased by over one hundred percent.

In Intramurals we finished second overall in fraternity sports.

GOALS:

The fraternity's expected goal in the fall of 98' is to have 35 plus members, so they can start re-chartering and the building of a new house.

They would like to thank the fraternities and sororities for their support and motivation.

The fraternity would like to say a special thanks to Dr. John Hammett and Mr. Clyde McSpadden for making this all possible.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO SIGMA PHI :

Joe Harbeson is the President of the Alabama Theta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

He has been enrolled at Jacksonville State University since the fall of 1995 and has been a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon since 1996.

He has held several positions including Academic Chairman, Vice President of Programming and has been active on the goal setting council for 1996-1998.

He is currently a senior majoring in Law Enforcement with a minor in Political Science.

Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a career in politics within the State of Alabama.

HISTORY:

Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded at Richmond College in Richmond, VA on November 1, 1901.

Since that time, JSU's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alabama Theta, was chartered on April 14, 1990.

The Alabama Theta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon provides positive programs developed to mold new members into positive role models for society.



By providing a productive atmosphere for its brothers, Sigma Phi Epsilon fully educates its members into successful college men by

upholding its principles of virtue, diligence and brotherly love.



PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO SIGMA GAMMA RHO:

Lacheresa Greene is the President of Sigma Gamma Rho.

HISTORY:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized by seven young women on the campus of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana on November 12, 1922.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is a nonprofit collegiate organization with focus on community service.

Its purpose is expressed in its slogan "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. gives leadership, service and resources toward removing barriers and inequalities so that all people may develop their potential and exercise full citizenship.

Activities are encouraged that will encourage the positive thinking concerning the dignity and worth of the individual members.

They are committed to working to improve the quality of their lives and the society they serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Develop program to ensure equal opportunity for its minority to channel the dynamic energies of its young people into creative outlets.

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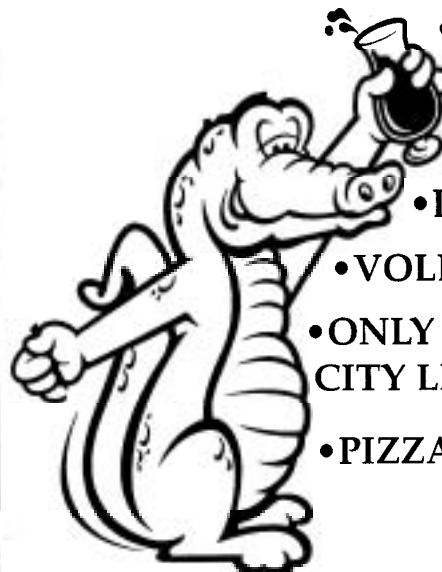
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PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO SIGMA NU

Eric Bourne is the President of Sigma Nu.

HISTORY:

Sigma Nu has had a proud history, since its founding at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. Along with Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, and Kappa



Alpha Order were founded in Lexington, Virginia. Together they have formed what is known as the Lexington Triad. Sigma Nu was founded against haz-



Members of Sigma Nu return to their founding chapter in Lexington, Va.

ing and it proudly stands on three powerful principles which are Love, Truth, and Honor. Over the years, Sigma Nu has produced many well-known and respected leaders. A few of these individuals include: Senator Trent Lott-Senate majority leader, Harrison Ford- movie actor, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Pat Riley- hall of Fame coaches, and Charles Schwab-founder of the Charles Schwab investment firm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sigma Nu recently visited their founding chapter in Lexington, Virginia and held their annual "ship wreck" event.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO TAU KAPPA EPSILON:

Leo Davidovich is the

President of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He is originally from Philadelphia, PA. and arrived on the campus of Jacksonville State University in the summer of 1995. Within a few days after checking out the campus had learned from the Student Activities Director that a new colony of TKE was trying to be established. I and three brothers from UAB, along with the Alpha class of 1995 are considered the colony founders.

HISTORY:

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity was established in 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan University and has grown to become the world's largest international fraternity with over 300 chapters and

colonies in the U.S. and Canada. Tau Kappa Epsilon has built a solid foundation of more than 200,000 brothers: a number that is steadily growing each year. Tau Kappa Epsilon has only been on the campus of Jacksonville State University for three years.

RECENT EVENTS:

The philanthropy of TKE is the Special Olympics. TKE has helped raise hundreds of dollars for this organization, along with coaching youth softball during the Special



TKE

Olympics each spring. TKE also helped sponsor the Salvation of Calhoun Count and participated in the Annual Adopt an Angel program with the campus radio station, 92J. This past year TKE and 92J sponsored over 100 children and collected over 200 hundred toys for needy children. TKE also had clothes drives and canned-food drives for the Salvation Army. They collected over 1000 articles of clothing for the needy of Calhoun County.

Turgeon received a B.S. in Personnel Administration from Kansas in 1987.

PRESIDENT'S INTRO TO ZETA PSI:

Erin Henley is currently serving as president of Zeta Psi chap-

ter of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She pledged Zeta in 1995 and has held many positions in ZTA including 1st Vice President in 1997 and activities chairman. She is an elementary education major and currently a junior planning to graduate in Spring 1999.

HISTORY:

The Zeta Psi chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha was chartered at JSU on December 6, 1969. For nearly thirty years, Zeta has remained a strong organization for women on this campus. Zeta's strong sisterhood has aided in their ability to meet quota and remain at total year after year.

RECENT EVENTS:

Zeta is involved in several service projects such as Adopt-A-Mile, nursing home visitation, and the support of under privileged children. On a national level, ZTA gives it's time and money to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. They are actively involved in fund-raisers and benefits to help in the research, prevention, and search for a cure for breast cancer. Each October they volunteer at the Race-for-the-Cure in Birmingham, an annual marathon to benefit the foundation. On the JSU campus, Zetas have had many fund-raisers including a Bowl-for-the-Cure to raise money to fight breast cancer.



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SPORTS

JSU tabs Turgeon for men's basketball post



New Men's Head Basketball Coach Mike Turgeon

NBA assistant hopes to take Gamecocks to a higher level

By MIKE GALLOWAY
Sports Information Director

Jacksonville State University has stepped into the National Basketball Association ranks to hire a coach for its men's program.

Mark Turgeon, 33, currently an assistant coach to Larry Brown with the Philadelphia 76ers, is the man Gamecock Athletic Director Joe Davidson tabbed to replace Bill Jones as JSU's new coach.

Jones retired at the end of the 1997-98 season.

"We're extremely excited about the addition of Mark Turgeon to our staff," said Davidson in making the announcement.

"With his valid background, he brings a new dimension to our men's basketball program. We're confident in Mark's ability to help us compete in the Trans America Athletic Conference on a yearly

"With his valid background, he brings a new dimension to our men's basketball program."

- Jacksonville State University Athletic Director Joe Davidson

basis.

Turgeon brings an impressive array of playing and coaching experience to the table.

A four-year letterman at Kansas, where he played for Brown, Turgeon was the Jayhawks' team captain in both 1986 and '87 and was named to the Big Eight All-Freshman team in 1984.

He was a member of four Kansas teams that consecutively appeared in the NCAA Tournament, including the 1986 squad that advanced to the Final Four.

He began his coaching career as an assistant to Brown at Kansas in 1987-88, the same year the Jayhawks captured the National Championship.

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He coached with current Kansas coach Roy Williams for four years and helped lead the team to a 130-41 record during that span, including a second-place finish in the '91 national championship.

In addition, two KU teams won Big Eight Conference championships and one Big Eight Tournament crown.

In 1992, Turgeon went to work as an assistant to Jerry Green (now the head coach at Tennessee) at Oregon.

During his five-year stint, Oregon went to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 34 years, posted its third consecutive winning season for the first time in 20 years, and was invited to the National Invitational Tournament.

He rejoined Brown in April of 1997 as an assistant with the 76ers.

Turgeon received a B.S. in Personnel Administration from Kansas in 1987.

He (Turgeon) coached with current Kansas coach Roy Williams for four years and helped lead the team to a 130-41 record during that span...

Campbell takes 1998 TAAC Women's Golf Championship

By JOEL LAMP
Delta Chi

JACKSONVILLE—After all the rain and storms, it was the Camels that came out on top through the storm, as Campbell won the 1998 TAAC Women's Golf Championship, hosted by JSU at Silver Lakes Golf Course.

Campbell won their third consecutive conference title and their eighth of the season, holding off a charge from Georgia State in the second round, to defeat them by 29 shots.

The Lady Camels will advance to the NCAA Regional, and hope to repeat last year's performance and advance to the NCAA Championships.

Jacksonville State finished in a tie for fourth with the College of Charleston.

JSU improved from last year's eighth place finish.

Campbell's Mara Larrauri won the individual medalist honors in a sudden-death play-off. Vicki Tutt of Georgia State, Line Berg of Central Florida, and Maria Combes of Campbell earned All-Tournament honors.

JSU's fourth place finish is

their best in the TAAC Tournament in their three-year history.

The Lady Gamecocks were paced by Vicki Hanks and Erin Elias, as both girls finished in the Top 20.

The Jax State men's golf team plays in the TAAC Championship, hosted by Georgia State, May 20 and 21.

The Gamecocks are the defending conference champion.

The Gamecocks will be hard pressed by Georgia State, Campbell, Stetson, and Central Florida.

Football is ATO...the rest are just details

By LES ROBERTS

The past 4 years should read 4 and 0 for Alpha Tau Omega fraternity football.

The ATO football team has won the IM championships for a fourth straight year.

Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Chi fraternity went head-to-head for four quarters, in a defensive struggle down-to-the-wire championship game. It all ended when Bryan Neace intercepted a deflected pass and waltzed into the end zone.

Both teams are noted for their explosive offenses.

However, that was not the case in this game. It was DEFENSE that won the championship.

In the closing minutes of regulation play, AX was driving from deep in their own territory. AX was passing the football, when leading defense rusher, Christian LeBlanc reached up to deflect the pass and middle linebacker Bryan Neace became the recipient of the football.

"The football rivalry is a good, competitive rivalry...friendly, but competitive."

- Christian LeBlanc on the ATO-KA football rivalry

He ran into the end zone for a touchdown!

"I saw the quarterback just drop back and I followed his motion and just got my hand up," said LeBlanc.

The game ended 6-0 ATO.

Alpha Tau Omega won the championship for 3 previous years with the traditional football rivalry with Kappa Alpha Order.

The two met in 1994 and 1995 seasons and met once again in the 1996 season championships.

ATO went on to defeat KA. The key to that game was a big

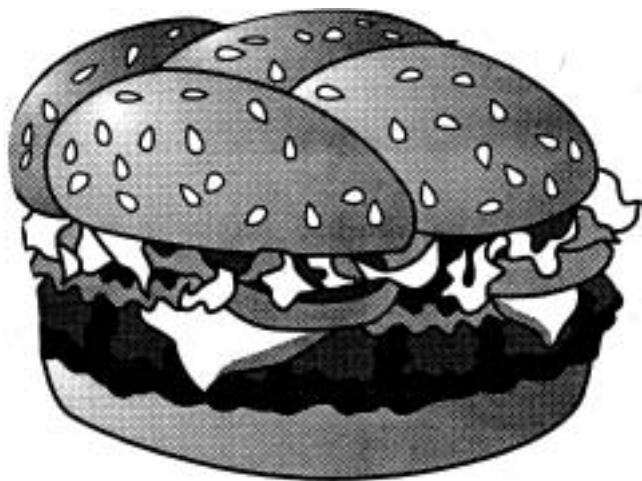
touchdown pass by the offense to seal the victory.

"The football rivalry is a good competitive rivalry...friendly, but competitive," says LeBlanc of the ATO/KA football rivalry.

All fraternities are competitive in sports, that is one of the common bonds that is shared between fraternity men.

The 1998 IM football season is coming soon and Alpha Tau Omega will be working to keep their unblemished championship record.

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Let's move forward as rush preparation nears

By **JOSH BEARDEN**
I.F.C. Rush Chairman

It is that time of year again. Classes are over and summer vacation is about to begin.

However, this is also a very vital time for all of our chapters.

It is rush preparation time.

Over the last couple of years, our numbers throughout the university and the

nation have steadily declined.

What can we do about this?

There is a communication problem.

Most students are not aware of the best work that we do in the Greek community.

More information needs to be provided concerning our community oriented efforts in order to silence our critics.

More effort is warranted in order to reach out to individu-

als and show our interest in their involvement.

Certainly, every system has a case of the "bad apples."

Unfortunately, that is what society sees most of the time.

All 22 chapters at Jacksonville State University have good chapters with leaders whose intentions of being recognized as a positive organization are a priority.

Food drives, blood drives, interaction with our youth and seminars on important issues are all part of fraternity life.

Over 80 percent of our S.G.A. officers, 50 percent of our S.G.A. Senate, and 50 percent of Peer Counselors have been Greek.

They the leaders and the student voices for our school.

Why aren't students aware? We have not told them. It's as simple as that. Our chap-

ters need to provide more information on these services..

The Inter fraternity and Pan Hellenic Councils are forming Rush committees to hopefully do a better job of getting our positive side heard and seen.

Also, for the very first time, the Greek organizations have been given a mandatory orientation session for all incoming freshmen and parents.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our system to make some gains in our rush numbers.

Plans are being made to contact every incoming freshman and transfer student coming to J.S.U. Annual rush booklets will be passed out at orientation.

The purchase local newspaper ads for our system is also

being considered. Pan Hellenic and the Inter fraternity Councils are doing this, but support is needed from each and every chapter to make it work.

Recruitment must be a priority.

Good luck to every chapter in making this a tremendous rush year.

10 MAJOR ASSUMPTIONS INHIBITING RECRUITMENT RESULTS:

1. Potential members know what a fraternity is.
2. Only freshmen are interested in joining a fraternity. Only freshmen will make good members.
3. Recruitment is expensive.
4. The prospective member will come to us.
5. Recruitment happens in a certain time, place and manner, usually for one week, once or twice a year.
6. Most prospective members want to join fraternities for parties.
7. Prospective members join fraternities with nice houses and good reputations.
8. Recruitment is a preliminary round.
9. Pledging is when we really see if a person will make a good member.
10. Recruitment is time-consuming.

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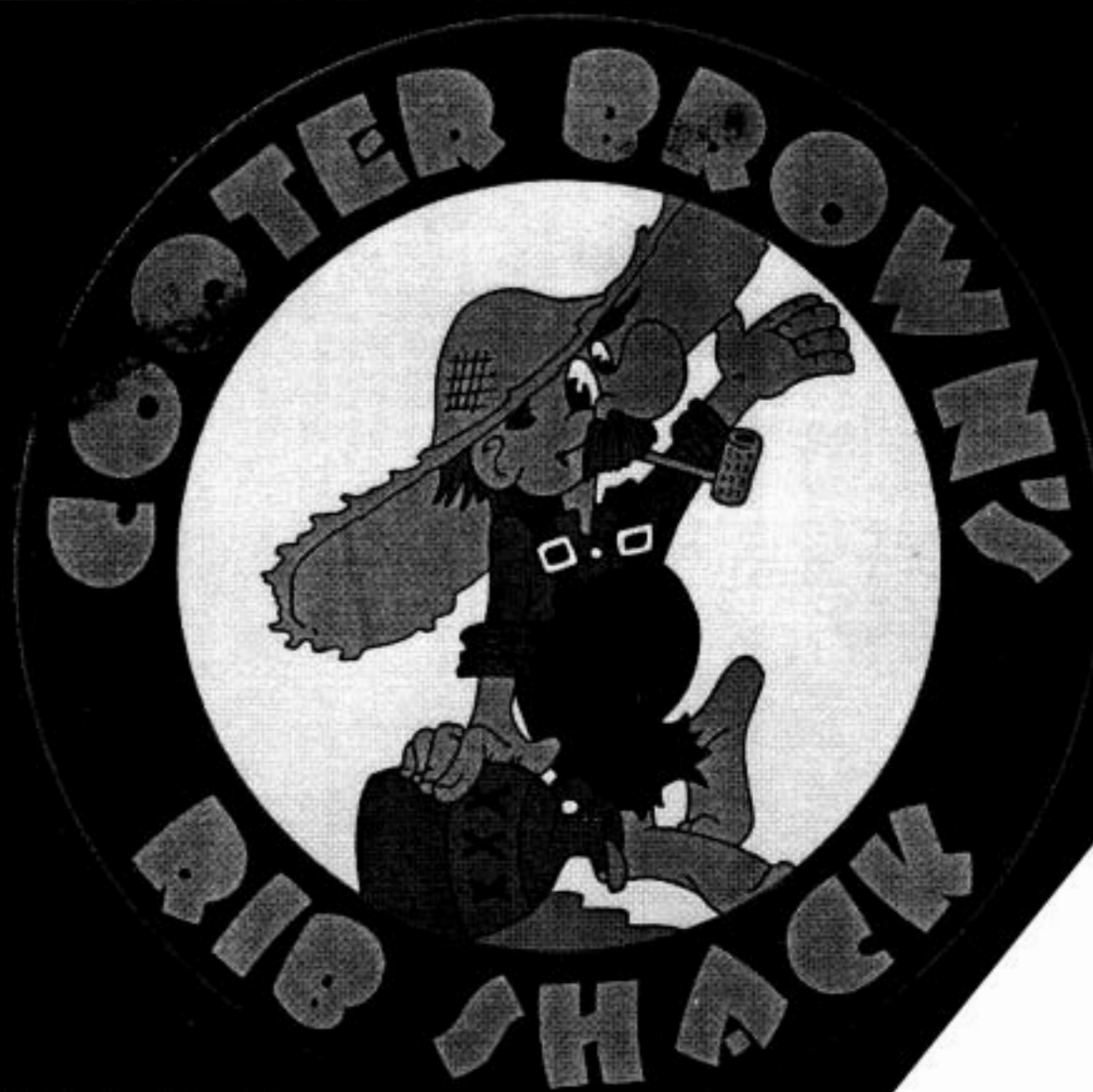
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