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FOUNDER BENJAMIN PIATT RUNKLE MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, DC – On Saturday, September 6, east coast alumni and undergraduate brothers held a memorial service commemorating Founder Benjamin Piatt Runkle's birthday. Brother Anthony Dauer, Theta Beta '93, a Washington, DC, area alumnus led the ceremony which was held graveside in the Arlington National Cemetery.

After Brother Dauer performed the White Rose Ceremony, brothers Nathan Neal, Epsilon '83, President of the Capital City Alumni Chapter; Walter

Cooner, Beta Chi '74, President of the Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter; and James Heller, Gamma Phi '92, Vice President of the Washington Alumni Chapter each spoke of Founder Runkle and the lesson of courage that his life represents. The courage with which we face our years as undergraduate brothers and the courage with which we begin our careers and our lifelong service to each other, Sigma Chi, and the world we live in.

Brother Jon Miller, Alpha Gamma '66,

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From left to right: Bruce Castner, Grand Trustee; James Heller, Vice President, Washington Alumni Chapter; Walter Cooner, President, NOVA Alumni Chapter; Anthony Dauer, Washington Alumni Chapter; Nathan Neal, President, Capital City Alumni Chapter; Jon Miller, Eastern Province, Grand Praetor; George Hopper, Benjamin Piatt Runkle Memorial Warden. Photograph courtesy of Jon Miller.

Eastern Province Grand Praetor's words provided us with a perspective of the historical bounds that connect all of us together in the brotherhood:

Below this ground are the bones of Benjamin Piatt Runkle. Above this ground is the spirit of Benjamin Piatt Runkle. Within your heart is the spirit of Benjamin Piatt Runkle that was passed to you by Founder succession. The Founders challenged other Sigma Chis, they initiated other Sigma Chis, and they passed to other Sigma Chis the spirit that was inherent within all of them. It is within your heart. The spirit of the Seven Founders, the spirit of the Sigma Chis that were in your life when you were initiated that knew Sigma Chis that knew the Founders. Some day our bones or our ashes will be below the ground. And it is up to us to make sure that our spirit and the spirit of the Founders is passed to other Sigma Chis. Brothers, guard well the honor the Cross.

Following the ceremony several of the attending brothers met at a local restaurant to share in some of the best barbecue in the area and fellowship with each other.

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The memorial service will be an annual event. Due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend, the memorial in 2004 is tentatively planned for Saturday, September 11. If you are interested in attending next year's ceremony, please contact Brother Anthony Dauer at: anthony.dauer@verizon.net or P. O. Box 26061; Arlington, VA 22215-6061 in order to get on the event's mailing list.

MASTHEAD

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2003 BALFOUR LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

LINCOLN, NE – This year's Balfour Leadership Training Workshop [BLTW] was hosted at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln from July 31 – August 2, 2003. I was truly honored to attend this year's workshop as the newly appointed Chapter Advisor for the Kappa Rho Chapter located at American University and as an EXCOM member of the Washington Alumni Chapter. Also in attendance from the Eastern Province/ DC Region were:



Photograph Courtesy of Jon Miller

Undergraduate Leaders from all four active chapters. Undergraduate Leaders from Sigma Chi Sigma, the John's Hopkins University Colony. David Asselin, Advisor to the Epsilon Chapter recolonization effort. Anthony Dauer of Washington Alumni Chapter. Jon Miller, Eastern Province Grand Praetor. Nathan Neal of the Capitol City Alumni Chapter. Phil Petrucci of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter. Dennis Santoli, Northern Virginia Grand Praetor.

I am very pleased to report that the BLTW experience rekindled my personal Sigma Chi flame. Part of this renewal I can attribute to my roommate for the event, my Magister, Brother Kent Krause whom is serving as the Chapter Advisor to the University of Central Florida. Our conversation and reminiscing reminded me of the lifelong friendships that our order promotes. Further, the candid "breakout" discussion and keynote speakers reminded me of our obligation to lifelong learning. And finally yet most important, 150 alumni attended BLTW, about 50% more than normal. The general sentiment of this group was to instill justice in the hearts of our undergraduates. Specifically, many alumni brothers were inspired to refocus their energy on our actives, due to their belief that some Grand Chapter events may NOT have reflected our high

ideals. Nonetheless, as we closed the BLTW, I am confident that all those in attended had their “Sigma Chi Batteries” recharged.



Photograph courtesy of Anthony Dauer

One of the highlights of the BLTW included a “kickoff” meeting hosted by our Grand Praetor, Brother Jon Miller (above), where he outlined his expectations to the Eastern Province Team. Most noteworthy were his efforts to create unity among all chapters through sharing their finalized calendars. I reminded the actives that the entire Eastern Alumni Organization was represented at this kickoff meeting and we “stood ever ready to assist.” Another highlight was the inspiring words from Grand Pro Consul, Keith Krach. Brother Krach was the final keynote speaker and outlined how his Sigma Chi experience gave him the courage and ambition to found ARIBA Corporation, a >\$1 billion software company. I know his principled leadership style and demonstrated success resonated among the brotherhood.

In closing BLTW was a fantastic event that reminded me of how our fraternity creates leaders with enduring values and the highest ideals.

James Heller

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I just want to echo James' comments, BLTW renewed and invigorated my Sigma Chi spirit and I highly recommend that every alumnus who can attend to do so whether you are holding an advisory position or not, the time is well spent in fellowship with our brothers.

Anthony Dauer

SEPTEMBER 11 LUNCHEON

WASHINGTON, DC – The following thoughts were shared on September 11th by the alumni brothers of the Washington Metropolitan Area:

Robert Blinn: I was working in the Pentagon in 1D940 and someone across the hall from office watching TV said loudly “come look at this” and several of us responded. This was about 9:15. We saw the one tower burning and while we were watching the second tower was hit.

Shaking our heads and not saying anything we went back to work. At that point a loud speaker that I had never heard before came on saying “evacuate the Pentagon by your assigned escape routes.”

I pickup up my briefcase, as to go home, without that instruction and followed the others to the JCS ceremonial flag room and a outside door behind a curtain that I had never known to be there. We found ourselves on the River entrance ramp and continued to the Boundary Channel drive. We turned around and saw the roof of the Pentagon in flames and with heavy smoke.

We had not felt, heard, or smelled anything before we exited. The Pentagon 5 concentric buildings and the flames were in the section opposite our offices.

It was clear we were not going back to work and I headed to my car in North Parking. It took me three hours to get to the Courthouse area of Arlington and my company’s offices. Cel phones did not work and my wife Linda did not know of me until I finally go to me office and called her at home. She was relieved!

The Aftermath

I learned about the Pentagon attack at my company’s offices. I finally got home about 2:30 PM and watched the TV the rest of the day seeing the towers collapse and what video of the attacks were available. We missed the next day at work and did not return until Thursday.

I believe all of us can pick up there.

Since that time nothing has been the same. The Army Ten Miler event was cancelled. Our work was mostly suspended for several weeks and we followed the Afghanistan progress on our classified internet systems. My work was building data bases for the simulation in North Korea and I could do

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something.

We immediately began to see force protection steps as Military MP's appeared with M-16 assault rifles and all of the Pentagon guard became armed. Perimeter check points were established.

After a while chemical detection systems and IHAWK anti aircraft defense systems appeared.

Access with cars to the various military posts was restricted and that is why we came to this Embassy Row Hilton.

KAPPA EPSILON UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Excitement abounds as the new semester gets underway at the Kappa Epsilon chapter at the University of Delaware. Newly-elected Consul Kevin Hazleton '04 and Pro Consul Jon Sandurs '04 took control early with a 2003-2004 executive board planning day before school let out in the spring. At that time, Hazleton appointed Derby Days Co-Chairmen Brian Lawler '04 and Andrew Kreckmann '04 to get a summer's head start on the early-fall event. Derby Days will be held September 22-27. The highlight of the week promises to be popular cover band *Kristen & the Noise* who will play at the Derby Day barbeque on Saturday, September 27.

Immediately following Derby Days is UD's formal two-week fall recruitment period (September 29 – October 10). Though new recruitment opportunities are limited by the Interfraternity Council's structured recruitment format, Recruitment Chairman Joe Jacobs '04 has shown true creativity in getting the name of Sigma Chi to potential rushees. The strategic timing of Derby Days (the week before rush) hopes to convey the social fun of our fraternity as well as our commitment to serving others.

Successes and accolades for Kappa Epsilon have been a frequent occurrence in 2003. In the spring, at the University of Delaware's annual Student Leadership awards Banquet, the chapter was awarded *Most Outstanding Community Service by a Student Organization*. Community Service and Philanthropic endeavors during the 2002-2003 school year included:

- A donation of \$4,500 to the Children's Miracle Network, raised through Derby Days last spring
- Sponsorship of Kappa Epsilon's annual September 11th memorial blood drive with the Delaware Blood Bank

- Assisting the Delaware State Police in directing parking for the "Bike to the Bay" event held last October to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Sorting through canned goods with the sisters of Alpha Phi at the Delaware Food Bank
- Labeling storm drains around the city of Newark to prevent the flow of harmful chemicals and debris into the Delaware estuary

Further, this summer Kappa Epsilon was awarded its sixth Peterson Award in the past seven years. Additionally, we raised our chapter GPA last semester a quarter of a point from 2.740 to 2.991 – two-tenths higher than the all-men's average at Delaware!

The Kappa Epsilon chapter, a member of the Eastern Province, is located at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE. We can be contacted at:

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Chapter meetings are held every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in Willard Hall, room 109. To get to our house, from the south, take Maryland Exit 109 off of I-95 onto MD-279 N (Elkton Rd) toward Newark. After 3.75 miles, the lanes will merge and the road will bend hard to the right as it becomes W Delaware Ave. We are the large blue house (no letters) on the right just after this bend. To get to Willard Hall, continue on Delaware Ave to the second stop light. Make a left onto S College Ave. Make another left onto Main St at the next signal. You will quickly hit a light on Main St. Willard Hall is on the right just after this light. Room 109 is upstairs. -- William A. Tisdale III

HISTORY CHANNEL'S FRAT BOYS

WASHINGTON, DC – On September 1, at 9pm Eastern, the cable network History Channel aired a documentary on the origins of fraternities in the United States from the 1820s to today. While Sigma Chi was not directly covered in the documentary, images of the local chapter house on Ole Miss's campus appeared as well as several views of the general fraternity's web site. Overall the presentation was fair and balanced.

KAPPA RHO, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The 2002-2003 school year for the Kappa Rho Chapter marked one of, if not the best years at American University. This year, under the guidance of Recruitment Chairman Noah Goldberg, rush was a great success. With events at Atomic Billiards and the University Club, Kappa Rho truly focused on the ideas of our founders to acquire honest and good-natured men. After all the events were completed, Alex Curtas, Kevin Gilnak, Kyle Taylor, and Matt Amato stood strong as the four members of the Kappa class.

Kappa Rho is making its presence known in community service and fundraising for our philanthropy. The American Classic 5K headed by our Community Service Chairman Dan Paepke and the Washington Wizards fundraisers are both huge events for Habitat for Humanity, Children's Miracle Network as well as Kappa Rho. With nearly the entire brotherhood expected to volunteer and participate in both events they should make for some very exciting and memorable times for our chapter.

Our on campus presence continues to improve daily. From theater, to the Frisbee team, to the student government, the 2003-2004 school year will again prove that Kappa Rho has made remarkable strides to achieve its excellence in the community. -- James Mazzella

FOR THE GOOD?

My Brothers, Grand Chapter 2003 is behind us. If there was one word that was used over and over during the campaign speeches and award recipient talks, it was "service." This Grand Chapter reminds us that our involvement in Sigma Chi brings an opportunity for service. The question to be raised is "serve what?"

What do we serve? We serve our Fraternity best when we remember our three great aims, Friendship, Justice and Learning. Does it seem strange that we serve "friendship?" Well, perhaps that is stretching it. As we do the things that provide a service to others and each other, we must remember that friendship, as an aim, must not be forgotten. Sometime this is referred to as "taking your self too seriously" and forgetting to have fun. Our past has been clouded with issues that are distant from fun. Let's change that, resolving to make the future more fun and consistent with the second great aim.

Friendship begins with trust. Injustice breeds distrust. Let us resolve anew to begin the next two years in an environment of trust. Working together, we can be open with each other. We can be honest with each other. We can be inclusive. We can be understanding. We can give some slack where slack is needed. We can be forgiving. We can further our service by promoting a healthy brotherly spirit within the province. We can learn together the treasure each of us is to Sigma Chi.

Aiming to learn is a lifelong quest. We learn from our successes. We learn from our mistakes. We learn by formal education. We learn by hard knocks. Our work in the province will provide many opportunities to advance our interests. Will we make mistakes? Yes! Will we learn together in a positive way when we fail? That is a question that challenges us all. Each brother's dignity must be preserved.

I welcome this opportunity to serve you as your grand praetor. I "aim" to seek your friendship. I "aim" to be open and honest to achieve justice. I "aim" to learn with you as we strengthen our bonds and province.

In hoc,

Jon Miller
Grand Praetor
Eastern Province

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WASHINGTON ALUMNI CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

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- Here is my check for \$25 for 2002 Dues (\$5 if within 5 years of graduation)
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ISABEL

Bob Blinn visited out-of-town WAC member Bill Schrage in Richmond to assess the effects of hurricane Isabel on his life. I found a "battle zone" with streets just opened, neighborhoods without power, and others, like Bill, with their house damaged. In Bill's case a huge Oak fell across the power, telephone and TV Cable lines into his house ripping the power box off his house. He's been without power since last Thursday night and no help in sight. I went with him to get a power generator to allow use of his and Betsy's refrigerator and freezer and maybe his computer. Some have it worse than most of us did and I really feel for Bill in this situation.

BROTHER C. D. MOTE, JR., SIGNIFICANT SIG AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC – During this month's luncheon we will be presenting Brother C. D. Mote, Jr., President of the University of Maryland with the Significant Sig Award.

In September 1998, C. D. (Dan) Mote, Jr. began his tenure as President of the University of Maryland and Glenn L. Martin Institute Professor of Engineering. He was recruited to lead the University of Maryland to the top echelon of public research universities under a mandate by the state. Since assuming the presidency, he has encouraged an environment of excellence across the university in all academic disciplines. His high expectations have given new impetus to the momentum generated by a talented faculty and student body.

Increasing connections between the campus and the greater corporate and national laboratory communities, making the university the first choice for the state's best and brightest students, and helping the state understand that the university is its most important asset are his top priorities. His goals call for the university to lead the state in the development of its high-tech economy, especially in the information and communication, bioscience and biotechnology and nano-technology sectors. He has greatly expanded the university's partnerships with corporate and federal laboratories and successfully negotiated to bring to the College Park area the first Science Research Park sponsored by the People's Republic of China. Under his leadership, academic and professional colleges have flourished, and the arts have broken new ground with the successful inauguration of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, a state-of-the-art performance complex. President Mote has emphasized broad access to the university's model, enriched undergraduate curriculum programs and was responsible for launching the Baltimore Incentive Awards Program to identify, recruit, and provide full support to high school students of outstanding potential who have overcome extraordinary adversity during their lives.

He serves on the Technology Council of Maryland, the Washington Regional Committee for the 2012 Olympics, and is co-chair of the Potomac Conference of the Greater Washington Board of Trade. In 2001, "Washington Business Forward" magazine dubbed him one of the 40 most influential leaders in Washington, D. C.

Prior to assuming the Presidency at Maryland, Dr. Mote served on the University of California, Berkeley faculty for 31 years. From 1991 to 1998, he was Vice Chancellor at Berkeley, held an endowed chair in Mechanical Systems and was President of the UC Berkeley Foundation. He led a comprehensive capital campaign for Berkeley that raised \$1.4 B. He earlier served as chair of Berkeley's Department of Mechanical Engineering and led the department to its number one ranking in the National Research Council review of graduate program effectiveness.

Dr. Mote's research lies in dynamic systems and biomechanics. Internationally recognized for his research on the dynamics of gyroscopic systems, including high-speed translating and rotating systems, and the biomechanics of snow skiing, he has produced more than 300 publications, holds patents in the U.S., Norway, Finland and Sweden, and has mentored 56 Ph.D. students. He received the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

President Mote has received numerous awards and honors, including the Humboldt Prize awarded by the Federal Republic of Germany. He is a recipient of the Berkeley Citation, an award from the University of California-Berkeley similar to the honorary doctorate, and was named Distinguished Engineering Alumnus. He has received two honorary doctorates. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, was elected to Honorary Membership in the ASME International, its most distinguished recognition, and is a Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science, the Acoustical Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He and his wife of nearly 40 years, Patricia Mote, have two married children, Melissa and Adam, and four grandchildren. Patsy Mote has continued her strong support of the arts. At the University, she serves as spokesperson for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and is on the Board of the Rossborough Inn and Faculty Club. In Prince George's County she serves on the County Arts Commission, on the County Art in Public Places Panel, and on the Riversdale Mansion Board. She also is a member of the Washington Chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists.

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CALENDAR

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.....	December 11, 2003
.....	January 8, 2004
.....	February 12, 2004
.....	March 11, 2004
.....	April 8, 2004
.....	May 13, 2004
.....	June 10, 2004
Christmas Party	December 6, 2003
Kennedy Center Event	TBD
Brother's Day.....	TBD
Derby Day	TBD
Summer Event.....	TBD
Founder Runkle Memorial	September 11, 2004

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