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Money Available to Chapters

Submit Your Grant Proposals Soon

Many ΠΣΑ chapters across the country are busy now preparing proposals for the **15th Annual Chapter**

Activities Awards Contest. Why not have your chapter try for an award?! Proposals should be mailed to the National Office no later than Friday, November 29, 1996. Proposals should be in one of three general categories:

Membership: activities that increase the membership in a chapter or its visibility on campus.

Society Affairs: program activities, such as essay contests, newsletters, debates, speakers, public service awards, political activism projects, etc.

Service: activities such as providing speakers to area high schools or community groups to discuss political issues, conducting a campus poll to measure student interest in relevant civic topics, etc.

The maximum award for any one proposal is \$2,000. A chapter may submit more than one proposal but cannot be funded for more than one.

A proposal **must be submitted on the Chapter Adviser's official school letterhead, and must be approved with the Chapter Adviser's signature.** It must include a detailed description of the proposed project and a budget. Each chapter should have a complete statement of Awards Contest rules. If not, write, fax, or [e-mail the National Office](#) for one. Also, see past issues of the Newsletter for reprints of prize-winning proposals submitted by various chapters. Copies of previous award winning grant proposals also can be found on ΠΣΑ's new Internet Web site at:

<http://www.georgetown.edu/departments/government/psa>

The ΠΣΑ Committee on Chapter Activities will meet in early December and will select proposals based on intrinsic merit, the likely benefit to chapters of the proposed projects, and the clarity of the proposal itself. Announcement of the awards will be made in mid-December and publicized in the next Newsletter.

This program is a terrific way to activate your chapter and to receive financial support from the national organization for worthwhile chapter activities. **Send in your proposals soon!**

APSA Panelists Discuss Honors Programs

Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, and the APSA Conference of Chairs cosponsored a panel on undergraduate honors programs in political science at the APSA's recent Annual Meeting, held in San Francisco. Mark Warren of Georgetown University chaired the panel. The participants were Keith Legg of the University of Florida, Kay Schlozman of Boston College, Darryl Roberts of Tuskegee University, and Marian Smiley of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

The panelists discussed factors that influence the success of a department's honors program, such as the characteristics of the university and the level of faculty commitment. The following discussion touched on questions such as how departments promote interest in their honors programs, how departmental honors programs relate to university-wide honors programs, and how political science honors programs can be integrated with the activities of a Pi Sigma Alpha chapter.

Note from the Editor

More chapters have been sending in information about their activities, and I'm grateful for all the news. We still need to hear from **your** chapter. What are you up to? What has your chapter been doing this year? We'd like to report on it, so have someone - chapter advisor or student officer - take a few minutes to send a brief report to the National Office. The report should be in the form of an article, not just a listing of events. Photos are welcome as long as they're clear and the images are large enough to be reproduced faithfully. Please provide captions with the names, as appropriate. The Newsletter is published three times a year. The deadlines for submission of material are: September 10th for the **October** Newsletter; December 15th for the **February** newsletter; and February 20th for the **April** newsletter. A NOTE ON SUBMISSIONS: In addition to submitting a paper copy of your submitted material, please provide an electronic copy on disk as well. Alternatively, you may e-mail the submission to me directly at: tierney@bc.edu. Thanks.

William J. Keefe Chosen President-Elect

William J. Keefe, Professor of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh since 1968, has been chosen President-Elect of Pi Sigma Alpha. His term as the society's president will begin in September, 1998. Keefe's nomination as president-elect was approved by acclamation at the society's Biannual Business Meeting, held in San Francisco on August 30, 1996. Keefe's past service to Pi Sigma Alpha has included membership on the National Council from 1982 to 1984 and again from 1992 to 1996; for the most recent two years he also has served on Pi Sigma Alpha's National Executive Committee.



Outgoing ΠΣΑ's president David B. Magleby flanked by incoming president John Bibby (right) and president-elect William Keefe (left).

A distinguished scholar, Keefe is the author of some of the discipline's most widely used textbooks, including *The American Legislative Process: Congress and the States*; *Parties, Politics and Public Policy in America*; *Congress and the American People*; and *American Democracy*. His scholarly articles have appeared in various journals including *American Political Science Review*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, and *Western Political Quarterly*.

Keefe earned his Ph.D. at Northwestern University and served as chairman of his department at the University of Pittsburgh from 1968 to 1976.

John Bibby Takes Office as 30th President

On August 30th, 1996, John F. Bibby, Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, became the 30th President of Pi Sigma Alpha. Bibby has served as President-Elect of the honor society for the past two years and has been a member of the organization's Executive Council since 1991. Bibby's term as president will run for two years.

Professor Bibby's record of professional service is extensive. He currently is Chair of the Political Organizations and Parties (POP) Subfield of the American Political Science Association and is a member of the APSA Trust and Development Committee. In the mid-1970s he served as Vice-President of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Bibby is a leading scholar of American politics and author of several highly acclaimed and widely used books, including *Politics, Parties and Elections in America*; *Governing by Consent*; and *Party Organizations in American Politics*. His scholarly articles have appeared in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, and a variety of other journals and books. He is the 1987 winner of the Best Published Paper Award, granted by the APSA's Political Organizations and Parties Subfield.

Professor Bibby also has been honored over time for the quality of his teaching, having won the AMOCO Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1986 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. From 1973 to 1974 he was Director of the university's Robert A. Taft Seminar for Teachers, aimed at the advancement of teacher training in political science. Bibby received his PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1963. He received his B.S. at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he was honored in 1983 with the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Professor Bibby's accomplishments are not limited to academic life. He somehow has managed to find time to serve in a variety of governmental and political positions, as well: Executive Director of the Platform Committee for the 1976 Republican National Convention; Executive Director of the House Republican Conference, U.S. House of Representatives, 1969-1970; Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, 1965-1966; Member of the Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunity, 1976-1979; and Member of the Advisory Committee on State and Local Government Statistics, Bureau of the Census, 1969-1972.

New Council Members Begin Service

The nominations of new members of Pi Sigma Alpha's National Executive Council committee received approval by acclamation at the society's recent Biannual Business Meeting in San Francisco. The six new members serving four-year terms on the council are: Christopher Bosso, Northeastern University; Leslie Feldman, Hofstra University; Jewell Prestage, Prairie View A&M University; Michael Preston, USC; Darryl Roberts, Tuskegee University; and Elaine Swift, Eastern Washington University.

Leaving the Council after completing their four-year terms are: Sheila Ards, University of Minnesota; Clayton Clemens, College of William and Mary; Joseph McCormick, Howard University; Margaret Scranton, University of Arkansas-Little Rock; and Alan Shank, SUNY-Geneseo. Also leaving the Council are Charles O. Jones, who was serving on the Council ex officio as third past president, and William Keefe, who assumes a new position as President-elect of Pi Sigma Alpha.



Four new members of the ΠΣΑ Executive Council. From left, Christopher Bosso (Northeastern University), Elaine Swift (Eastern Washington University), Darryl Roberts (Tuskegee University), and Michael Preston (University of Southern California). (Absent from photo are Leslie Feldman, Hofstra University; and Jewell Prestage, Prairie View A&M University.)

Award Recipients Announced

Recently, the National Office proudly announced the recipients of the various Pi Sigma Alpha awards programs. These awards are intended to honor student members, chapter advisors, and individual chapters that have distinguished themselves in various ways.

Best Chapters

The awards for Best Chapters went to six schools, two in each of the three enrollment categories. Among institutions with total enrollments under 6,000, the winners were Illinois Wesleyan University (Dr. James Simeone, Chapter Advisor) and Mississippi Valley State University (Dr. Elen Singh, Chapter Advisor). Among institutions with enrollments between 6,000 and 15,000, the winners were Purdue University Calumet (Dr. Maurice M. Eisenstein, Chapter Advisor), and Villanova University (Dr. Robert W Langran, chapter Advisor). And among institutions with total enrollments over 15,000, the winners were New Mexico State University (Dr. Gregory Butler, Chapter Advisor) and the University of Texas at Austin (Dr. Gary Freeman, Chapter Advisor). The chapters at each of these institutions received awards of \$250. Starting next year, the Best Chapter Awards will carry a cash prize of \$500.



Robert W. Widell, "Best Chapter Advisor," From Auburn University



William L. Furlong, "Best Chapter Advisor," From Utah State University

Best Chapter Advisors

The three recipients of the \$1000 awards for Best Chapter Advisor are: Dr. William Furlong of Utah State University; Dr. Anne Hildreth of the State University of New York at Albany; and Dr. Robert Widely of Auburn University.

HON. MILTON MOLLEN SPEAKS AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Eta Pi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at Hofstra University held a banquet this year at the annual induction ceremony where 22 new members were inducted. The banquet was held at the Hofstra University Club and attended by the Political Science faculty, the current student officers, and esteemed guests.

The speaker for the induction was the Honorable Milton Mollen, Deputy Mayor of New York in the

Dinkins administration, and former Chair of the famous "Molten Commission" on police corruption. Judge Molten spoke to a crowded penthouse room in the Axinn Library on a variety of subjects including the importance of judicial independence in the face of public pressure and the necessity of having well trained public servants. His remarks and reflections about his experiences as Chair of the Mollen Commission were most informative. He spoke about police corruption in New York City in recent years and included advice on the importance of police training.

This year marked the inauguration of the newly established Herbert D. Rosenbaum/Pi Sigma Alpha award for the best paper in Political Science. The award was sponsored by a Pi Sigma Alpha chapter grant and presented by Professor Emeritus Herbert D. Rosenbaum. The recipients were Mr. Dominic Codio for a paper on "Democracy" and Ms. Carli Kosta for a paper on "Genocide Prevention." Professor Rosenbaum told the audience that he was indeed grateful that this award bears his name and stands for excellence, scholarship, and academic achievement in Political Science.

In her remarks, Chapter Advisor Dr. Leslie Feldman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, reminded the audience and new members of Pi Sigma Alpha of Aristotle's words about the importance of public service. Aristotle said that man is a "zoon politikon" or political animal who potentiates himself only in society. For Aristotle, it was only in society and the active participation in civic and political life that the individual could reach his potential and be fully virtuous. Thus, civic participation not only contributed to the common good but helped also to perfect the individual.



On March 29, 1996, Prof Thomas E. Patterson gave the First Annual Pi Sigma Alpha luncheon address at the Florida Political Science Association meeting held on the New College Campus of the University of South Florida (Sarasota). His address, "Out of Order. The Media's Role in Presidential Elections," drew over 75 Florida political scientists and some 20 members of the community at large.



Best Undergraduate Papers

In the cash award program for Best Undergraduate Papers, the first-place winner was Mary Carolyn Harris (pictured at right), The University of the South, who won \$200 prize for her paper entitled "Responding to Hate Speech: The Appropriateness of Discriminatory Harassment Codes in College Communities." The winners of "runner-up" awards (\$100 each) were Brian Christopher Castrucci, North Carolina State University, for a paper on "The Role of the Speaker, the Chair of the Education Committee, and Other Mechanisms Involved in the Legislative Journey of School Choice Through the North Carolina House of Representatives" and Shari Knoerzer, Nebraska Wesleyan University, for a paper entitled "Breaking Gender Barriers: Women's Committee Assignments in the House from the 90th to the 104th Congress."

Last spring the National Office announced the three winners of Pi Sigma Alpha's Penniman Graduate Scholarships. The winners were Joseph Quin Monson, Brigham Young University; Marie A. Witting, Purdue University Calumet; and Erin B. Kaheny, of New Mexico State University. The three scholarships of \$1500 each are awarded annually by a national selection committee to Pi Sigma Alpha members entering graduate programs in political science.

Letter from the Executive Director

As the new academic year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the latest developments concerning Pi Sigma Alpha. At the biennial meeting of chapter advisors held at the APSA convention, Pi Sigma Alpha has unveiled its new home page on the World Wide Web (WWW). The location of the Home Page is: <http://www.georgetown.edu/departments/government/psa>. The home page is registered with most of the popular search engines, including [Magellan](#), [Yahoo](#), and [Infoseek](#). If you forget the location or fail to bookmark it, run a search using one of these engines.

The home page contains the Pi Sigma Alpha Handbook, copies of the two most recent editions of the Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter, illustrations of our mug and medallion, a complete list of local chapters, linkages to local chapter home pages and to other political science sites of interest, examples of chapter activity grant proposals and reports, and lots more. You can also download forms and send e-mail to the national office from the home page. Next time you surf the net, peruse our home page and send us your comments and suggestions.

At its annual meeting at the APSA convention, the Executive Council of Pi Sigma Alpha expanded the programs and services of Pi Sigma Alpha in three significant ways. First, it raised the cash prize for the Best Chapter Awards from \$250 to \$500. The Best Chapter Awards are based on chapter activity reports filed by chapters at the end of each academic year. By tracking your chapter's activities and by filing a comprehensive and timely report, your chapter becomes eligible to receive this prestigious award.

Second, the Executive Council approved a program that will provide seed money to departments to reactivate dormant chapters. If your chapter has not submitted names for initiation into Pi Sigma Alpha for a number of years and you would like to reactivate your chapter, you are eligible for one of these small grants. Please [contact the national office](#) for more information.

Third, the Executive Council approved a Distinguished Lecturers/Important Issues program. Pi Sigma Alpha will videotape one major address at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association and offer these tapes to local chapters at nominal cost. This year Pi Sigma Alpha taped Robert Dahl's lecture on equality and inequality, which was presented at one of the plenary sessions. The goal behind this new program is to introduce students of political science to major figures in the discipline and to provide a forum within local chapters and departments for serious discussions of important intellectual issues and questions. If you are interested in ordering a videotape of Robert Dahl's lecture, please [contact the national office](#).

The national office wishes Pi Sigma alpha chapter advisors, officers, and members a successful academic year and encourages all chapters to take advantage of our many programs and services. If you have any suggestions for additional programs and services, please don't hesitate to contact the national office or one of the members of the Executive Council.

- James I. Lengle



Officers of Pi Sigma Alpha at West Virginia University present Rudolph Almas, Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, with a departmental T-shirt celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Department of Political Science. From left are Christine Brehm, Secretary; Jennifer Capiola, President; Dean Almas; Teresa Dumire, Treasurer; and Allan Hammock, Chapter Advisor.

Chapters' Annual Reporting Requirements

All chapters are required to make an annual report to the National Office. The information will be used to update National Office files and to assist in the Best Chapter Award selection process, so make your report as complete as possible. To make it easier to include all the information you need to, we have discarded the old annual report form and now ask chapters to provide the information as a narrative report. Please make certain that, at the very least, your report includes the following information:

- Chapter Name
 - Department
- College or University
 - Address
- Total student enrollment of institution
 - Name of chapter advisor
- Daytime phone number of chapter advisor
 - Names and titles of chapter officers
 - Dates of initiations in 1995
 - Dates of initiates in 1995
 - Annual budget for chapter
 - Amount of cash on hand
- Number of faculty who are members of ΠΣΑ
- Number of students who are chapter members
 - Any national ΠΣΑ programs or services applied for in 1995
- Programs sponsored (Note whether for members only, for department only, or for university community or public)

- Any other activities or services you think the National Office (or the Newsletter) should note

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Roundtable Replaces Solo Speaker at ΠΣΑ's 1996 APSA Lecture

One of the regular highlights of the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association is the Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, a plenary event which typically features a prominent public figure and attracts large audiences. Recent Pi Sigma Alpha Lectures have featured William Kristol, a conservative commentator and Republican operative; Ira Magaziner, senior advisor for policy development in the Clinton White House; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY); and Richard Cheney, former Secretary of Defense.

This year, Pi Sigma Alpha broke from its traditional format of a solo speaker and instead cosponsored, along with the American Political Science Association's Program Committee, a big-screen broadcast of Bill Clinton's speech accepting the Democratic presidential nomination and a post-speech roundtable of political scientists discussing the speech and the 1996 election. David Magleby, outgoing president of Pi Sigma Alpha, introduced the event and moderated the roundtable. A huge audience turned out for the event.

David Magleby, outgoing ΠΣΑ President, introduces the roundtable panelists at the recent APSA meeting's Lasswell Symposium. The panelists discussed Bill Clinton's speech to the Democratic National Convention and offered perspectives on the 1996 election. The panelists were (seated left to right): Linda Faye Williams, University of Maryland; Charles O. Jones, University of Wisconsin; Josef Joke, Die Sueddeutsche Zeitung; and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, University of Pennsylvania.



Videos To be Available to Chapters: Dahl Tape To be First in Series

In a plenary session lecture at the recent meeting of the American Political Science Association, Yale

Emeritus Professor Robert A. Dahl addressed a large audience on the subject of equality and inequality. Pi Sigma Alpha taped this lecture and will make copies of the videotape available to chapters at nominal cost for use in chapter meetings or in the classroom.

This is the first in a series of such videotapes. Each year at the annual APSA meeting, Pi Sigma Alpha will videotape one major address and offer the tapes to chapters as a way of introducing students to major figures in political science and to provide an instrument by which chapters can promote serious discussions among students on important intellectual questions and issues.

In this lecture Dahl addressed questions familiar to his readers: Are capitalism and political democracy compatible? Does democracy require political and economic equality? Are economic equality and capitalism compatible? Drawing on a lifetime of erudition, reflection, and writing on democratic theory, Dahl argued that the intrinsic tensions between democracy and market capitalism are best, if still imperfectly, resolved in a polyarchy. Polyarchies, he said, combine democracy and market capitalism without being either purely democratic or capitalistic. Such systems, he contended, provide the prosperity, openness, and opportunities needed to sustain democracy in the long run, but also generate inequalities that can compromise this goal.

Are Dahl's criticisms of capitalism well-taken? Does capitalism both sustain and threaten democracy? Does democracy require political equality? Does it require economic equality? How much inequality can it/should it tolerate?

Soon, videotapes of this provocative talk will be available for purchase by chapters for use in chapter meetings or in the classroom. If you are interested in ordering a videotape of Dahl's lecture, please [contact the National Office](#).

