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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As you may notice from the announcements in this issue, we are looking for a new editor for this Newsletter. By May of next year, I will have been serving as the newsletter's editor for six years, and I feel that the time has come to pass this responsibility on to someone else.

I urge you to consider taking on this task. After all, it's not a very onerous job to put out this small publication twice a year. And the editor has the opportunity, as a member of the society's Executive Committee, to participate in formulating policy recommendations to the Executive Council. Perhaps most importantly, and (from my viewpoint) certainly most enjoyably, the editor gets to work closely with two wonderful people -- Jim Lengele, the Executive Director of Pi Sigma Alpha, and Nancy McManus, the society's Administrator.

So, again, please consider putting your name in for consideration. And if you'd like to talk with me about the job and what it entails, don't hesitate to e-mail me (Tierney@bc.edu) and we'll arrange a convenient time to talk by phone.

The number of chapters sending in information about their activities has slowed down again considerably, so please send us your news. As I've noted before, we hear from some chapters over and over again, but we still need to hear from your chapter. What are

WANTED: EDITOR FOR PSA NEWSLETTER

Pi Sigma Alpha is seeking an editor for the Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter. The Newsletter is published twice each academic year, in October and March. The editor is responsible for collecting and assembling information provided by local chapters and the national office, laying out the copy, and overseeing the printing and distribution of the Newsletter. Familiarity with word processing and desktop publishing is required. The editor receives an annual stipend of \$2,000, and would assume the position in July, 2000.

The newsletter editor also serves as an ex-officio member of the PSA Executive Council and Executive Committee. In that capacity, the editor would be required to attend the annual meeting of the Executive Council, which is held during the American Political Science Association Convention, and the annual meeting of the Executive Committee, which is held in Washington, DC, in April or May.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest and an academic vita to:

Pi Sigma Alpha National Office
1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

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 me by e-mail: Ideally, your report should be in the form of an article, not just a listing of events. You may also send me photos for inclusion, 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 deadline for submitting material for the next issue of the Newsletter, scheduled to appear in early spring, is February 1st.

John Tierney, Editor

Congressman John Lewis Delivers Annual ΠΣΑ Address

John Lewis, the longtime U.S. Representative from Georgia's 5th District, delivered the annual Pi Sigma Alpha Guest Lecture at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Atlanta in August.

Representative Lewis was first elected to Congress in 1986. His district encompasses the entire city of Atlanta, Georgia and parts of Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton counties. In 1996, John Lewis was unopposed in his bid for a sixth term. He won re-election for his seventh term in November of 1998. In the 105th Congress, Lewis is member of the House Ways and Means Committee, where he serves on the Subcommittee on Health and on the Subcommittee on Oversight. Lewis also serves as a Chief Deputy Democratic Whip. He was first appointed to this position in 1991. He also serves on the influential Democratic Steering Committee. Lewis is a co-chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, and a member of the Congressional Caucus on Anti-Semitism and the Congressional Black Caucus.



Lewis also is a past president of Americans for Democratic Action.

Though a formidable figure in congressional and national politics, Lewis is perhaps even better known for his heroic civil rights activism in the 1960s. As a student, Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1961, John Lewis volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, which were organized to challenge segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. Lewis risked his life and was beaten severely by mobs for participating in the Rides. During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis was the Chairman of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for the sit-ins and other activities of students in the struggle for civil rights.

Despite his youth, John Lewis became a recognized leader in the Civil Rights Movement. By 1963, he was recognized as one of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. (The other Big Six leaders were Whitney Young, A. Philip Randolph, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Farmer and Roy Wilkins.) Lewis, at the age of 23, was one of the planners of, and a keynote speaker at, the historic "March on Washington" in August 1963.

In 1964, John Lewis coordinated SNCC efforts to organize voter registration drives and community action programs during the "Mississippi Freedom Summer." The following year, Lewis led one of most dramatic nonviolent protests of the Movement. Along with fellow activist, Hosea Williams, Lewis led 525 marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. Alabama state troopers attacked the marchers in a confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." That fateful march and a subsequent march between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Applications Due Soon for Chapter Activity Grants

Many PSA chapters across the country are busy now preparing proposals for the 18th Annual Chapter Activities Awards Contest. Why not have your chapter try for an award?! Proposals should reach the National Office by Tuesday, November 30, 1999. 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.

This really is the honor society's best program, as it benefits the greatest number of students and chapters. 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. The PSA 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. Winners will be notified before Christmas. 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!

A HELPING HAND
How do you put together a winning proposal?
[Check out copies of previous award-winning grant proposals](#)

1999 Recipients of Awards as Best Chapter Advisors

Pi Sigma Alpha is very pleased to announce three winners of the annual awards for Best Chapter Advisor. The recipients of the \$1000 awards in 1999 are: Dr. **Stephen Farnsworth**, Mary Washington College, Kappa Upsilon Chapter; Dr. **Gene Garfield**, Murray State University, Zeta Phi Chapter; Dr. **John C. Kuzenski**, The Citadel, Beta Iota Chapter; and Dr. **James Wunsch**, Creighton University, Theta Alpha Chapter.

The National Office considers the awards for Distinguished Chapter Advisor to be one of the most important awards the society confers. As PSA Executive Director James Lengle has noted, "Chapter advisors are our strongest link to our student members and the level of leadership they provide within their chapters is the most important stimulus to student interest and involvement in the society."



Stephen Farnsworth
Mary Washington College



Gene Garfield
Murray State University

The awards were established in 1995 as a way to give special recognition to the importance of the advisor's role in a chapter's success. It includes a cash prize of \$1000, a certificate of recognition, and a letter of commendation that is sent to the president of the winner's college or university. Advisors are selected to receive the award solely on the basis of letters of recommendation from their department chair or deans, detailing their contributions to the chapter and listing their achievements in that role. The National Office writes each spring to the chairs of all political science departments where chapters are located, inviting them to nominate their own Chapter Advisors for this honor. We know that many hardworking, active, and inspired advisors are carrying on without the credit they deserve from their institutions, and these letters are intended both to call the chairs' attention to their good work and to stimulate nominations for the award. Even though, as with the other award programs Pi Sigma Alpha instituted in 1995, the number of nominations for Best Advisor has increased every year, it comes nowhere near the number of advisors who deserve to be considered for it.

Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing about the good work of chapter advisors unless someone lets us know of it. Toward that end, we ask department chairs to send in information (with publishable photo, if possible) about the contributions of faculty members who serve as advisors to their PSA chapters. If you chapter advisor has been doing an exceptional job, please send in a nomination by June 1st.

1999 Pi Sigma Alpha Awards

Best Chapter Awards, 1999

This year's annual awards for Best Chapter went to schools in each of the three enrollment categories. These awards are intended to honor individual chapters that have distinguished themselves in some way.

Schools with enrollment under 6,000:

Upsilon Lambda ,
Saint Anselm's
College Dr. Paul C.
Manuel, Advisor

Gamma Sigma,
University of the
South Dr. Joan S.
Ward, Advisor

Schools with enrollment of
6,000 - 15,000

Upsilon Iota, Mercer
University Dr. Eimad
C. Houry, Advisor

Delta Gamma,
Northeastern
University Dr.
Christopher J. Bosso,
Advisor

Schools with enrollment over
15,000

Beta Mu, Brigham
Young University Mr.
Ray Christensen,
Advisor

Delta Omega, Purdue
University Dr.
Rosalee Clawson,
Advisor

Best Undergraduate Class Papers

The 1999 Awards for Best Undergraduate Class Papers were awarded to the following:

First Place (\$250): "Early Warning: A Collective Measure for the Prevention of Ethnic Conflict," by Amy Nelson, Moorhead State University

Runner-up (\$100): "Has the Shooting Begun? A Test of the Culture War Theory on the Issue of Gay Rights," by Mari K. Bonthius, St. Olaf College

Runner-up (\$100): "Gaining Support through Casework: A Quantitative Study of Contractors and the Support They Give Their Representative," by Edwin W. Egee V, Mary Washington College.

No Graduate Paper Awards Granted Again This Year

The selection committee assembled to choose the recipients of the award for Best Graduate Paper decided, for the second year in a row, not to make an award in this category in light of the exceedingly small number of papers submitted for consideration.

This year's committee consisted of Michael Preston, University of Southern California (Chair); Karen O'Connor, The American University; and Dianne Pinderhughes, University of Illinois-Urbana.

Best Undergraduate Honors Theses

First Place (\$250): "A Living Past, a Dying Present: An Analysis of Nationalism, National Identity and Ethnopolitics in the Conflict between Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina," by Jennifer L. Tate, Southwestern University

Runner-up (\$100): "The Effect of Political Factors, Economic Conditions, and PAC Contributions on US Senate Votes Concerning Chinese MFN Status in the Post-Tianamen Square Era," by D. Michael Nardis, Georgetown University

Runner-up (\$100): "Secular vs. Spiritual: The Development of the State in Medieval Political Thought," by Julia Tyurina, University of Arkansas.

All of these awards to undergraduates were made by a selection committee of professors drawn from PSA's National Executive Council: Leslie Feldman, Hofstra University (Chair); Gregory Butler, New Mexico State University; and Elen Singh, Mississippi Valley State University

Delta Gamma Chapter at Northeastern University Confers Awards

The Delta Gamma Chapter held its annual Student Recognition Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, June 1. Seventy-five students, faculty, parents, and friends, including the president of the university and the dean of the college, attended. Twenty-six new members were inducted into the chapter.

The keynote address this year was delivered by the Honorable Shannon O'Brien, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Awards:

Political Science Major of the Year: **Kate Nepveu**, who is now attending Yale Law School.

Pi Sigma Alpha Paper Awards (Awards for best undergraduate and graduate papers in international relations and comparative politics. Awardees receive a \$100 honorarium.)

Undergraduate Paper: **Cara Lanigan**, "NATO: A Lingering Symbol of the Cold War or an Emblem of Euro-Atlantic Unity?"

Graduate Paper: **Rachel Plasch**, "Right Wing Nationalism in Russia: Where Has it Been and Where it is Going?"

A Report From Eta Pi, Hofstra University's Chapter

Hofstra University's Pi Sigma Alpha chapter (Eta Pi) held its annual initiation ceremony in April 1999. We invited Diane A. Davis, assistant city editor for the Queens edition of Newsday, to speak at the ceremony on the responsibilities of the media in politics.

We also awarded our third annual Pi Sigma Alpha / Herbert D. Rosenbaum Paper Prize to Doug Mateyaschuk, for his excellent paper, "Taking a Soft Line on Human Rights: An Analysis of the Bush Administration's Foreign Policy Decisions Toward China in the Aftermath of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in June 1989."

The Eta Pi chapter also awarded honorable mentions to the following three papers:

Chris Burlingame, "Arrogance Among Allies: How the Truman/MacArthur Controversy Changed Leadership Between the President and the Armed Services."

David Creed, "Fooled By 'A Dream': The Strategic Defense Initiative's Role in Ending the Cold War."

Deirdre Fox, "Interest Groups in the United States and Britain: A Comparison."

Scholars Receive PSA Best Paper Awards

Pi Sigma Alpha funds a program to give awards to the best paper presented at meetings of regional political science associations. In the past year, the following papers were recognized with these awards:

Southern Political Science Association

"The Spatial Theory of Voting and the Presidential Election of 1824," by **Jeffrey A. Jenkins** and **Brian R. Sala**, University of Illinois-Urbana. (Awarded November 1998; paper delivered November 1997)

Southwestern Political Science Association

“Estimating the Incumbency Advantage: A New Approach to an Old Problem,” by **Ronald Keith Gaddie** and **Lesli E. McCollum**, University of Oklahoma. (Awarded March 1999; paper delivered March 1998)

Midwest Political Science Association

“Two Hands on the Wheel: Independent Central Banks, Politically Responsive Governments, and Inflation,” by **Robert J. Franzese, Jr.** (Awarded April 1999; paper delivered April 1998)

Western Political Science Association

“Institutional Congruence, State Capacity, and Economic Growth in Tropical Africa: Theory and Empirical Evidence,” by **Pierre Englebert**, Pomona College (Awarded April 1999; paper delivered April 1998).

New Pi Sigma Alpha Chapters

Chi Theta...U. of St. Thomas
Chi Iota...Randolph-Macon College
Chi Kappa...Ouachita Baptist U.
Chi Lambda...Southern Utah U.
Chi Mu...Presbyterian College
Chi Nu...U. of Vermont
Chi Xi...Lindenwood U.,
Chi Omicron...U. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Chi Pi...Transylvania U.
Chi Rho...U. of the District of Columbia
Chi Sigma...Beaver College
Chi Tau...Quinnipiac College
Chi Upsilon...US Military Academy, West Point
Chi Phi...Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Charles Stewart Wins Franklin Burdette Award

Charles Stewart, Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is this year's recipient of Pi Sigma Alpha's Franklin Burdette Award. This award is granted each year at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association for the best paper presented at the previous year's meeting.

Professor Stewart's winning paper was “Architect or Tactician? Henry Clay and the Institutional Development of the U. S. House of Representatives.”

Three Chapters Awarded Reactivation Grants

In an effort to revitalize chapters that have been dormant for a while, the National Office has been offering small grants to help chapters toward that end. This year, three chapters received such grants:

Tulane University
California State University - Stanislaus
Whittier College

If your chapter has been dormant of late, and you think that a stimulus grant would help in revitalizing it, contact the National Office for information on how to apply for one of these grants.

New Chapter at Boston College Elects First Set of Officers

Members of the new Chi Eta chapter at Boston College recently elected the following persons to be the chapter's first officers : Bader Al-Saif, President; Andrew Thau, Vice-President; Katherine Lane, Treasurer; Jonathan Breviu, Secretary.

With eighteen members still on campus from last year's induction, the chapter is looking forward to bringing in new members this year.

Chapter Advisors:

Get With It! Join the E-mail Network!

We hope that our chapter advisors are aware by now that we have a mail listserver that allows the National Office to communicate easily, via e-mail, with advisors around the country by e-mail. Important messages and announcements such as program application deadlines are posted by the National Office and go to each advisor on the list as a regular e-mail message. Individual advisors also are able to offer messages of general interest to the list editor, who decides whether to post them to the whole list.

To participate in the H-Net, chapter advisors must identify themselves to the list server. Neither the National Office nor H-Net is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the list; when an advisor turns over responsibility for his or her chapter to another faculty member, it will be up to them to correct the H-Net address list. The National Office urges all chapter advisors to take advantage of this new service right away, and not miss any important deadlines.

To participate in the H-Net List:

-- Send an e-mail message to: listserv@h-net.msu.edu

-- In the message text (not on the subject line), type: SUBSCRIBE APSA-PISIG firstname lastname, affiliation

-- Example: SUBSCRIBE APSA-PISIG Sue Jones, Boise State University

After you sign up you will receive a "welcome" message on your e-mail, including some guidelines for participating in the network, sending messages to the editor, changing your e-mail address, and more. Thereafter you will automatically receive whatever messages the National Office puts on the system.

PSA-Sponsored Lectures at Meetings of Regional and State Associations

Pi Sigma Alpha funds a program to sponsor lectures at regional meetings of the various political science associations. This past year, the associational meetings that took advantage of this program and hosted Pi Sigma Alpha lecturers were:

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 1999
- Number of initiates in 1999
- Annual budget for chapter
- Amount of cash on hand
- Number of faculty who are members of PSA
- Number of students who are chapter members
- Any national PSA programs or services applied for recently
- 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

SEND REPORT TO:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036**

-- Northeastern Political Science Assn., November, 1998:
Michael S. Dukakis

-- National Capital Area Political Science Assn., March 1999,
Thomas E. Mann

-- New England Political Science Assn., April, 1999:
Robert Kuttner (from *The New Prospect*)

-- Illinois Political Science Association., November, 1998:
Senator Paul Simon

The Citadel's Chapter Wins Its Third National Award

As This Chapter Report Shows, Beta Iota Gets Off to Rolling Start for 1999-2000

Members of Beta Iota Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at The Citadel—The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston – received some great news over the summer months via their campus internet mail system. Chapter faculty advisor John Kuzenski was named one of the society's Best Chapter Advisors for academic year 1998-99. Members were thrilled and pleased at this recognition for Professor Kuzenski, and were similarly excited to have won national recognition for the chapter for the third year in a row. Resolved to maintain the high quality and quantity of programs it has offered in the past, Beta Iota Chapter has already planned a number of exciting activities for this academic year.

Once again this year, the chapter will co-sponsor the John West Lecture Series on campus, which brings distinguished public servants, diplomats, and other practitioners of modern-day politics to the Citadel campus for a day of lectures and interaction with political science majors. Members of the chapter will also sponsor and staff a series of voluntary after-hours meetings and seminars with freshmen that are designed to help them with homework assignments, introduce them to the research resources available within the department and the campus community, and allow them to interact with each other so as to form intellectual bonds with their peers in the department. In March of 2000, the chapter will also provide logistical support to the nationally recognized Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, and will again sponsor the Pi Sigma Alpha Best Student Paper Award to be given at that conference. The Symposium is the largest scholarly meeting in the country on the politics of a specific American region, and Pi Sigma Alpha at The Citadel has been actively engaged in providing actual organizational and logistical support to the conference since 1998.

Beta Iota Chapter is blessed with 13 returning members this year, to whom we are particularly looking for guidance and action. As a result of our summer recruiting drive, through which we work with the school's Registrar's Office to identify academically qualified potential members and then send them a "pre-qualified" invitation to apply for membership in the Fall, we have also added 20 new members for Fall 1999. This makes the chapter not only the oldest one in the state of South Carolina, but also the largest, as well! We are particularly proud of a number of our now-graduated seniors from last year, one of whom is currently enrolled in the advanced international studies program at George Washington University and another of whom received admission to the international studies program at The University of Wales. Several of our seniors last year, as in years past, also received offers of admission to a variety of selective law schools around the country. Looking ahead to this year, Beta Iota Chapter is proud to have as a member (and as this year's Vice President of the chapter!) the first anticipated four-year female graduate of the Southern Carolina Corps of Cadets, C/MAJ Petra Lovetinska. When females were formally admitted to the corps in 1996, Pi Sigma Alpha was among the first student organizations on campus to identify and recruit academically eligible women for initiation into the Society.

The discipline of cadet life at The Citadel is tough, and we make clear to our new members that joining Pi Sigma Alpha is even tougher: we require not only an outstanding academic record, but additionally expect our members to attend monthly meetings faithfully and give of themselves during chapter activities. It is a dedication to duty that our members freely and excitedly provide, however, and it makes them proud to

belong to a chapter that has been able to do so much-- and receive so much recognition for its efforts-- in such a short period of time. We would like to thank not only the National Office for its support and recognition of what we have been building here on the banks of the Ashley River, but also the other Pi Sigma Alpha chapters with which we have worked in the past to build a stronger and better Honor Society. Other Pi Sigma Alpha members and advisors are invited to browse our website (ever-improving, we hope) at www.citadel.edu/citadel/otherserv/psci/psa and provide feedback on how we might make this resource even more useful to the Pi Sigma Alpha family!

Penniman Graduate Scholarships Awarded



Gladys A. Ganiel

Five members of Pi Sigma Alpha were selected to receive Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarships for this academic year: **Gladys A. Ganiel**, Providence College; **Aaron Z. Hale**, Texas A & M University; **Jennifer L. Hildreth**, University of Notre Dame; **Neil G. Ruiz**, University of California, Berkeley; and **Daniel A. Weiss**, University of Pittsburgh.

Each Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Scholarship is worth \$1500. The scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and service to the Pi Sigma Alpha chapter, the university or college, and the community. The scholarships are only for graduating Pi Sigma Alpha members who will be enrolling in graduate school in political science in the fall semester. A complete description of the scholarship program, including application information, is sent to each chapter in the Spring and may also be found on the Pi Sigma Alpha website.

Serving on this year's Penniman Scholarship selection committee were the following professors, all drawn from the Pi Sigma Alpha National Executive Council: Christopher Bosso of Northeastern University (Chair), Charles Knerr of the University of Texas, and William Furlong of Utah State University.



Jennifer L. Hildreth



Aaron Z. Hale



Neil G. Ruiz



Daniel Weiss

