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Photo by Leslie Cashen

Professor Michael Beschloss

Chicago, Illinois was the site of the 2007 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, held August 30 - September 2, 2007, with over 6,900 attendees from all over the world in attendance for an outstanding program of scholarly panels, meetings and other professional activity in the discipline of Political Science. As has become custom at the conference, Pi Sigma Alpha was once again well-represented at APSA '07. On Thursday, August 30, members of the Society's National Executive Council held its annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency hotel. Later that evening, the organization sponsored the annual Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, which this year featured notable presidential historian/author Michael Beschloss.

At the Executive Council meeting, members were treated to good news about the health and welfare of Pi Sigma Alpha; finances are very sound, membership levels are robust and the number of new chapters is now 670, representing every state in the American Union and the Territory of

Guam. Members also learned that once again this year, Pi Sigma Alpha distinguished itself among member-organizations of the Association of College Honor Societies (the Society is one of the largest in ACHS, as well) by being one of the most affordable in dues and fees, yet returning one of the highest percentages of its budget to members through its many programs. Other issues discussed at the Executive Council meeting included the future publication format of the *Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter*, the Society's web presence at www.pisigmaalpha.org, the amount of dues/fees individual chapters charge in combination with the mandatory thirty dollars national dues and the editorial transition of the *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics* from its initial home at Purdue University to Union College (see other features in this issue for details).

Attendance for Thursday evening's Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, featuring Beschloss as the speaker, was considerable. The audience was excited by the opportunity to hear him, make comments, ask questions and then attend a book signing immediately after the lecture. Published in May of this year by Simon & Schuster, Beschloss' "*Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How*

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Executive Council Business Meeting & Luncheon at APSA 2007.

They Changed America 1789-1989 chronicles the crucial moments during the terms of nine American Presidents who eventually overcame their critics and the political pressures of contemporary events to change the future of the nation. Beschloss further discusses in the book the inner turmoil these leaders experienced in the White House as they made decisions in both the national interest and their own career interests. Beschloss is the author of a number of non-fiction bestselling book titles. He is the NBC News Presidential Historian, and is also a regular guest on the PBS series *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. Beschloss has held appointments in History at the Harvard Russian Research Center, the Smithsonian Institution, and St. Anthony's College, Oxford.

**CHAPTER ACTIVITY
GRANT DEADLINES
ARE COMING!**

See pp. 4-5 for details!

PI SIGMA ALPHA, THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY, PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF ITS AWARDS FOR 2007

CHAPTER ADVISOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

Honoring Chapter Advisors who have served with distinction for an exceptionally long time.

GENE GARFIELD, Zeta Phi Chapter, Murray State University, 33 years
WILLIAM GARRIOTT, Xi Zeta Chapter, Centre College of Kentucky, 23 years
WAYNE SELCHER, Theta Sigma Chapter, Elizabethtown College, 29 years
JAMES S. TODD, Delta Iota Chapter, University of Arizona, 21 years
JAMES WUNSCH, Theta Alpha Chapter, Creighton University, 33 years

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JAIME ELIZABETH SETTLE, Beta Xi Chapter, University of Richmond

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WASHINGTON INTERNSHIPS

HOLLIE R. BLAKE, Mu Pi Chapter, Winthrop University
ERICA L. SMITH, Iota Eta Chapter, Arkansas State University (TWC joint award)
JONATHAN I. P. YASEEM, Theta Pi Chapter, Northern Arizona University

BEST UNDERGRADUATE CLASS PAPER

First Place: "Public Support for Environmental Protection: Financial Sacrifices vs. Active Support," by Sarah Arpin, Creighton University, Theta Alpha Chapter
Runner-up: "Beyond the Shouting Match: Bilingual Education in Massachusetts and American National Identity," by Michael Swigert, Tufts University, Rho Omicron Chapter
Runner-up: "State Independence, Leadership Stability, and the Severity of Ethnic Conflict," by Petra Hendrickson, Indiana State University, Kappa Kappa Chapter

BEST UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS

First Place: "From Contention to Cooperation: Influences on Party Strategy in Northern Ireland from 1992-2007," by K. Casey Dunning, Emory University, Alpha Epsilon Chapter
First Place: "To Lie or Not to Lie, It Depends on the Question: Understanding Vote Over-reporting in Surveys," by Diana Watral, Georgetown University, Delta Eta Chapter
Runner-up: "Unnoticed, Underfinanced, and Underreported Humanitarian Crises: The Gap in Foreign Aid Decision Making," by Jeneca A. Parker, Furman University, Upsilon Beta Chapter

BEST CHAPTER AWARDS

Schools with under 6,000 students total enrollment

Theta Alpha Chapter, Creighton University. James Wunsch, Advisor
 Chi Epsilon Chapter, Mercyhurst College. Michael Federici, Advisor
 Pi Iota Chapter, Ohio Northern University. Robert Alexander, Advisor
 Omicron Alpha Chapter, St. Olaf College. Katherine Tegtmeyer-Pak, Advisor
 Zeta Upsilon Chapter, Union College. Zoe Oxley, Advisor

Schools with 6,000-15,000 students total enrollment

Iota Mu Chapter, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Art English, Advisor
 Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Emory University. Judd Owen, Advisor
 Upsilon Omicron Chapter, Fort Hays State University. Michael Tweed, Advisor
 Alpha Phi Chapter, Idaho State University. David Adler, Advisor
 Zeta Phi Chapter, Murray State University. Martin Battle, Advisor

Schools with over 15,000 students total enrollment

Epsilon Chapter, University of California at Los Angeles. Kathleen Bawn, Advisor
 Eta Eta Chapter, New Mexico State University. Greg Butler, Advisor
 Delta Omega Chapter, Purdue University. Rosalee Clawson, Advisor.
 Zeta Pi Chapter, University of South Florida. Susan MacManus, Advisor.
 Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, University of Texas at El Paso. Gaspare Genna, Advisor

PI SIGMA ALPHA

2007 CHAPTER ACTIVITY GRANT COMPETITION

Chapters are invited to submit proposals for the **26th Annual Chapter Activity Grant Competition**. Proposals should be mailed to the National Office no earlier than October 1, and no later than **October 31, 2007**. Proposals should be in one of two general categories:

Academic: For example, essay contests, debates, journals, speakers, colloquia, panel discussions, student conferences, and initiation activities and recognition.

Pi Sigma Alpha is participating in the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) three-year project on the issue of ethics in any of its countless manifestations and in any arena – political, economic, social, cultural, etc. Projects on ethics might include essay contests, panel discussions, or outside speakers that focus on the ethical component of human endeavors.

Service: Non-academic projects that benefit local schools, community groups, the department or the broader university community.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please read carefully. Proposals which do not follow these guidelines may be eliminated from consideration.

1. **Each chapter may submit only one proposal on its own. NEW as of 2006:** Chapters may propose two separate activities but they must be designated as primary and secondary activities. Detailed budgets for each activity must be presented separately. The grants committee will consider proposals for all primary activities first. If there is money left over in the grants budget after these activities have been funded, the committee will look at chapters' secondary proposals and fund them as possible. **PLEASE DO NOT PROPOSE TWO ACTIVITIES UNLESS YOU ARE SURE YOUR CHAPTER IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING THEM OUT WITHIN THE ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Chapters may also submit joint proposals for cooperative activities with other chapters. Cooperative proposals are given favorable consideration by the Awards Committee, **especially those which include plans to bring together students from several chapters in a regional or statewide conference or forum.**

2. **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNTS**

Total proposal: \$2,000 total per chapter proposal, *not per activity* (most proposals are funded below this amount)

Honoraria: \$150 per speaker

Banquet meals: \$12.50 per person for dinner; \$7.50 per person for lunch (*NOTE: The Committee routinely checks the number of chapter initiates when determining the total number of meals to be funded. Please estimate your number of event attendees accordingly.*)

Student paper awards: \$100 first prize; \$75 second prize; \$50 third prize

3. **ITEMS WHICH WILL NOT BE FUNDED:** Rental of campus meeting rooms, campus publicity, honoraria or any other payments to your own faculty or to Pi Sigma Alpha officers or Council members, excessive travel costs for outside speakers, excessive decorations such as flowers, or the purchase of Pi Sigma Alpha merchandise. Students should seek university support for their projects in the form of meeting space, expect local faculty to participate without payment, and make use of campus publications to advertise their projects. The selection committee will give favorable consideration to proposals which show plans to seek additional or matching funding from other sources. **Pi Sigma Alpha cannot fund activities which benefit or promote any one political candidate or party over other competing candidates or parties.**
4. Continuing projects, except for initiation events, will normally not be supported for more than two years running.
5. The proposal **must be submitted on the Chapter Advisor's official school letterhead, and must be approved with the Chapter Advisor's signature.** The proposal may be **mailed or faxed** to the National Office and must be postmarked no earlier than October 1 and no later than October 31, 2007. **E-mailed proposals will not be accepted.** The proposal must include a detailed description of the proposed project and a budget. The Committee will consider the quality of the proposal and the specificity of the budget, in addition to the merit of the proposed activity.
6. Chapters which have initiated no new members during the past academic year, or have failed to submit a detailed report on the expenditure of an earlier grant, are not eligible to receive grants.
7. **IMPORTANT:**
Pi Sigma Alpha auditors require that a written report on the project, including an accounting of expenditures, be submitted to the National Office, on official school letterhead, no later than June 15, 2008. Failure to submit the grant report will make a chapter ineligible for future grants. A checklist and format for this report will be provided with each grant.
8. The Committee on Chapter Activity Grants will meet in early November. Announcement of the awards will be made by December 1.

Any questions? Contact the national office.

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CHAPTER NEWS — FALL 2007

Professor Joe Howard, the new faculty advisor for **Alpha Delta Theta** chapter at the University of Central Arkansas, reports that the chapter has been busy in the early Fall—holding organizational meetings at which officers were elected for the year and plans were made for chapter activities. Additionally, the chapter sponsored a Department of Political Science tailgate social in mid-September, and members have organized a “Careers In Public Service Day” by gathering information from various law schools and graduate schools in Political Science, Public Administration and International Studies. Interested parties can learn more about the event by going to <http://www.uca.edu/divisions/academic/politicalscience/publicservice.htm>. Alpha Delta Theta chapter also plans to host more football tailgate socials, a voter registration drive and various speakers throughout the coming academic year.

Professor Fred Slocum, chapter advisor of **Upsilon Alpha** chapter at Minnesota State University, Mankato, reports that their biggest chapter news of late is a trip to Chicago in Spring, 2007 semester—“Our chapter was awarded a \$2,000 Chapter Activity Grant to support students attending the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, April 12-15, 2007. I was on sabbatical spring semester, so I traveled to Chicago from Iowa City, IA (where I was spending my sabbatical). MSU students Melissa

Andersen, Mary O’Connor, Justin Newman, Takehito Kamata, Dave Gindorff, and Andrew Ansel flew from Minneapolis to Chicago, and we met up on April 12, at the welcome reception, at various panels and social events, and for many meals. Students gained the experience of a major academic conference in political science, and the travel experience of spending several days in one of the world’s great cities.”

Chi Psi Chapter Advisor Dr. Henry B. Sirgo is serving as 2007-2008 Fulbright Senior Scholar at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. He is currently teaching a course entitled *The U.S. Presidency and the Executive Process*. During his absence from McNeese State University (LA), Dr. Albert C. Ringelstein is looking after chapter responsibilities. The first president of the chapter, Dr. Dominic Beggan of Lamar University, participated in a Fulbright-Hayes grant in the Middle East during the summer of 2007.

Eta Lambda chapter at Clemson University put together an exciting “professor vs. professor” debate for the Clemson community on September 17, 2007. In honor of Constitution Day, the chapter presented a debate between Drs. William Lasser and Adam Warber on conservative vs. liberal perspectives on the resignation and overall job performance of former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.



Above: Chapter photo of newly-inducted members of **Alpha Alpha Psi** chapter, Fayetteville State University (NC). The chapter was chartered in 2003, and is one of *nine* North Carolina colleges or universities to receive a new Pi Sigma Alpha charter since 2000—giving the Tarheel State the opportunity to share with Pennsylvania and California the award for *most new chapters* started since that time (for now)!

LOOKING AHEAD: PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATION CEREMONIES

From time to time, the Newsletter reprints this guide to Pi Sigma Alpha chapter initiation ceremonies— often by popular demand from advisors across the country. The guide was originally published in 2002, and was originally intended to provide chapters with ideas about how to approach their ceremonies if they were in need of the help. The optional “Ritual of Initiation,” below, has additionally become (in either present or modified form) a staple of many chapters’ initiation ceremonies. The *Newsletter* is happy to provide this feature once again in this issue so that chapters new and old can take the time to consider how best to make their own initiation ceremonies personal, solemn and meaningful for its members. Comments, suggestions and news about how your own chapter marks the occasion are welcome; please let us know what you do to make it a special day!

A formal initiation ritual lends a measure of gravity to an induction ceremony. It reminds inductees of their connection to the national organization of Pi Sigma Alpha and to the other chapters of the honor society, and to political science scholars who have gone before them and who will follow. It helps make the occasion a memorable event of their academic lives. Such a ritual should reflect the meaning of the honor the students are receiving, and inspire them to continue to pursue academic excellence. The Pi Sigma Alpha initiation ritual offered here may be modified, expanded, or embellished to conform to the needs of a local chapter or the particular occasion. If the induction event includes a speaker from outside the university, he or she may be included as an honorary member of the chapter; there may be remarks from other persons, as well. Other ideas to make it a special moment in the lives of initiates are to give graduation medallions and/or other Pi Sigma Alpha merchandise with the certificates, display the chapter banner and/or other meaningful regalia, etc. Ultimately, it is important only that each chapter have a dignified and appropriate ceremony for the induction of members.

PI SIGMA ALPHA RITUAL OF INITIATION

Members of Pi Sigma Alpha, candidates for initiation, and friends: We are here today for the purpose of initiating new members into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Pi Sigma Alpha was founded in 1920 at the University of Texas in Austin to encourage and recognize superior achievement in the study of government and politics at the undergraduate and graduate level. With chapters numbering well over 500 at the beginning of the millennium, and with over 6,000 students joining its ranks each year, it is still the only recognized college honor society in the discipline and is now one of the largest constituent members of the Association of College Honor Societies.

The study of politics and government is one of the noblest of academic pursuits because a deep and true understanding of the principles by which we govern ourselves contributes directly to the quality of our lives and the well-being of future generations. You have demonstrated, both by your interest in and commitment to this discipline and by your high scholastic achievement, that you have the potential to excel as citizens and scholars and so deserve the honor of membership in Pi Sigma Alpha. With this special honor come the special obligations of leaders to exemplify and safeguard the academic aims of this college (or university), the honesty and integrity of its scholars, and the ideals of your Alma Mater.

You have earned membership in this illustrious society by attaining the highest standards of scholarship not only in the discipline of political science but in your overall academic work as well, in accordance with the rigorous criteria set forth in the national constitution of Pi Sigma Alpha, the by-laws of _____chapter, and the strict requirements of the Association of College Honor Societies.

WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION INTO PI SIGMA ALPHA PLEASE STAND.

Your eligibility for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha has been vouched for by (name of Chapter Advisor) and so you are duly invited to lifetime membership in both the national organization of Pi Sigma Alpha and this (name of chapter) chapter. By accepting this honor you signify your acceptance of and commitment to the ideals of high scholarship, integrity, and citizenship embodied in the goals of this institution and of Pi Sigma Alpha. Please come forward as I call your name.

(Each initiate steps forward and receives his/her Membership Certificate from the Chapter Advisor, Department Chair, Chapter President, or other designated official, with appropriate words of congratulation.)

NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE: THE TRANSITION TO ONLINE RESOURCE

At this year's Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council meeting, members of the Council considered a question with which the Society—in close contact with faculty advisors nationwide—had been grappling for several years: should the Pi Sigma Alpha *Newsletter* go from being a print-only publication to both print-and-electronic, or perhaps to electronic only on the World Wide Web? After carefully discussing the pros and cons of the matter and receiving information from advisors and student members, the Council voted to launch an “experimental” web presence for the *Newsletter* with an eye toward eventually making it an electronic-only publication. Editor John C. Kuzenski was charged with the task of developing the new format and, working with the National Office, providing it in machine-retrievable form on the Society's national website at www.pisigmaalpha.org.

The *Newsletter*, under this transition plan, will continue to appear in print format and copies will be mailed to each chapter as usual through at least the Spring 2008 issue. Its online web presence should be up and running in beta-test format in the late Fall of 2007; if all goes well, the plan calls for the Spring '08 issue to be the primary “transitional” issue that will appear simultaneously in both print and electronic format. After heavy publicity to chapters regarding the availability of the online newsletter at that time, print publication of the “paper newsletter”

would then cease and the new volume for Academic Year 2008-09 would be the first in all-electronic form. According to Kuzenski, “the trick is going to be to provide the ‘new’ *Newsletter* in a visually pleasing and user-friendly environment that speaks well and professionally of Pi Sigma Alpha, and we want to make sure that everything works toward that goal before discontinuing the print version. This is definitely the 21st Century trend, however, and in the long run, I think the entire Council believes it is strongly in the interests of the Society and all its members. The web-based *Newsletter* should be more universally available to all members, 24 hours a day, with a click of a mouse—and there are substantial long-term cost and environmental benefits to be realized as well.”

Faculty advisors and student members who have suggestions, questions or comments about the transition of the *Newsletter* to its new format are asked to contact the National Office; Kuzenski will be working closely with Executive Director Jim Lingle and National Administrator Nancy McManus to develop the beta version in the next few months, which will first be tested with Council members and then provided to the general membership for feedback.

Electronic back issues of the *Newsletter* are available under the “Publications” tab of the Pi Sigma Alpha website.

UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF POLITICS MOVES TO UNION COLLEGE

Zeta Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at Union College (Schenectady, NY) is the new editorial home of the *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics* effective Fall, 2007 semester, under the guidance of a new student member staff being assembled by the chapter's faculty advisor, Professor Zoe M. Oxley. According to Oxley, under “the guidance of Purdue University's Delta Omega chapter, the *Journal* was established and built a reputation for publishing outstanding research by undergraduate students. We hope to continue that strong tradition here at Union College.” Professor Rosalee Clawson of Purdue, the *Journal's* inaugural faculty advisor, was formally thanked and the dedication of her and her chapter members' labors zealously praised at this year's Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council meeting at the 2007 American

Political Science Association conference. The Council was unanimous in their enthusiasm for the future of this outstanding resource under the auspices of Zeta Upsilon chapter. Members of the Council discussed their experiences with the *Journal*, as well, which included disseminating copies to their own chapters' members for review; one Council member also noted that he incorporates selections from the *Journal* into certain classes as examples of good student writing from across the country, as well as to discuss issues or hypotheses raised in its articles.

While the deadline for Fall, 2007 submissions for the *Journal* was technically in September, Oxley noted that manuscripts for future issues are accepted on a rolling basis

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SPRING 2007 INITIATION: ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

On Friday, April 27, 2007, Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha convened in the lounge of Caldwell Hall on the campus of North Carolina State University to mark a proud day in the lives of 41 undergraduate students, many of whom were also nearing commencement exercises in early May—the day they were formally initiated into Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society, and individually recognized and honored with the awarding of their personalized lifelong membership certificates.

The ceremony began with the Political Science Department Chair, Professor Andrew Taylor, welcoming the audience and making brief remarks. Professor Taylor then recounted the distinguished history of the Pi Sigma Alpha organization and noted Zeta Epsilon's founding in 1972, making this the 35th year of service to the NCSU community. After calling the names of the initiates to come forward for the presentation of their certificate, Professor Taylor then introduced the guest speaker for the event, Tom Fetzer. Mr. Fetzer is the former mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina (1994-1999), having served three successive two-year terms during a period of remarkable expansion and growth in the city that saw Raleigh named to numerous "Best Cities" lists in various publications. He is now the principal partner in Fetzer-Stephens, a Raleigh-based political and media consultancy.

Fetzer spoke to the audience, which included the initiates and some members of their families, a number of departmental faculty and several others, about the commitment and training it takes to succeed in political life in the contemporary age. Of particular note, Fetzer commented, is the amount of public cynicism about politics and public service that has permeated American society in the post-Watergate era. He urged the students in the audience to be part of a movement that would set a new example and usher in a new era of vigorous two-party competition to keep political leaders responsive to their constituencies, and to help rebuild a sense of trust and honesty about government. Fetzer made additional remarks about the 2008 presidential election, as well as the pre-primary election scene in North Carolina statewide races. A reception with light refreshments followed.

Congratulations to the 41 new members of Pi Sigma Alpha and Zeta Epsilon Chapter for building a distinguished undergraduate academic record sufficient for initiation into the Society, and further congratulations to chapter advisor Shannon Carey and the faculty of the Department of Political Science for an outstanding and memorable initiation ceremony! This is but one of many similar ceremonies held across the country by sister chapters of Pi Sigma Alpha in the late Spring term—but each one is unique in its own important way, special to the members, and vital to the continued solemnity of tradition and dedication to excellence that makes the Society a continuing force for academic excellence within the discipline of Political Science.

(photo credit: John C. Kuzenski)



Department Chair Andrew Taylor Welcomes Initiates and Guests



Professor Taylor Awards PSA Membership Certificates



Former Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzer Speaking at the Ceremony



Audience Members, Including Initiates, Faculty, Staff, Parents and Some Other Departmental Majors, Listen to Fetzer's Remarks

GOT DUES?

One of the items discussed at the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council meeting at this year’s American Political Science Association conference, as reported earlier in this issue of the *Newsletter*, was a survey conducted by the National Office regarding setting and collection of membership dues by chapters. The results of that survey indicate that most chapters do indeed add a small “chapter assessment” to the required \$30 national initiation fee; of the chapters that do so, most chapters assess an extra \$5-10 for their own separate activities, such as initiation celebrations, Society pins or other mementos, refreshments for meetings, special activities, etc.

The National Office of Pi Sigma Alpha supports and encourages this activity as a way for chapters to have their own small, independent source of revenue—particularly if it is a one-time collection that coincides or is combined with the collection of national initiation dues. Article I, section 7 of the Pi Sigma Alpha Constitution provides for this type of activity, stipulating that “[e]ach member shall pay such initiation fees and annual dues as may be prescribed by the local chapter.” While the structure of the Society is therefore very chapter-centered (by design) and open to various local practices, it is still useful for chapters to consider striking a careful balance between the reasonable financial needs of the organization and maintaining a dues/fee structure that is not socially or economically discriminatory or harsh — even campus academic organizations can produce “sticker shock” when trying to attract the best and brightest students to their ranks!

Chapter faculty advisors and student officers are also reminded that, for all of the quotes about money

(good, bad and otherwise) one ever may have heard in one’s life, it is true that there is nothing quite like it at being the root cause of controversy. If your chapter collects additional dues or fees, remember that the advisor and chapter officers who have full or partial control over those funds become *fiduciaries* of the membership of the chapter who contributed them, and it is a “best business practice” for the faculty advisor (at least) to ensure that rigorous, transparent and fair accounting and disbursement standards are enforced. A good idea in this vein is to ensure that your chapter’s money-handling practices involve multiple officials, such as receivables and disbursements accounted for or counted by both a faculty advisor and the chapter treasurer, president, department chair, etc. Annual chapter audits by a disinterested third party (even if it’s another professor who has no formal accounting background, unless your chapter’s finances are unusually complex!) can help protect both the chapter and its members if even the *suggestion* of lost or misappropriated funds becomes an issue. Keep names and write receipts for everything spent and received, too!

It sounds like a lot of extra work, but many chapters have routines like this that actually have become quite easy for their advisors to maintain with just a few minutes’ effort a couple of times every semester. In any case, a small, reasonable chapter assessment along with national dues can go a long way in helping your chapter find an extra dollar here or there for special events, programs or other activities that uphold the mission of Pi Sigma Alpha in your community. Remember (*corny joke alert*): the chapter that pays together stays together, because extra dues allow its members to play together!

NEW CHAPTERS IN 2007

<i>Alpha Delta Chi</i>	University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
<i>Alpha Delta Psi</i>	University of Redlands, CA
<i>Alpha Delta Omega</i>	Simpson College, Indianola, IA
<i>Alpha Epsilon Alpha</i>	Mississippi College, Clinton, MS
<i>Alpha Epsilon Beta</i>	Doane College, Crete, NE
<i>Alpha Epsilon Gamma</i>	Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, IA
<i>Alpha Epsilon Delta</i>	Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
<i>Alpha Epsilon Epsilon</i>	Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, TN

PI SIGMA ALPHA, THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY, PROUDLY SUPPORTS THESE CAMPUS-WIDE STUDENT JOURNALS PUBLISHED BY ITS CHAPTERS

In addition to the *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*, a national, refereed journal currently published at Union College, Pi Sigma Alpha has supported, in whole or in part, the publication by its chapters of the following student journals.

Missouri Valley Journal of Political Science
Theta Alpha Chapter, Creighton University

Open Water: an Undergraduate Journal in the Social Sciences
Sigma Omicron Chapter, St. Mary's College of Maryland
www.smcm.edu/academics.hss.posc.openwater

The Orator: a forum for Discourse and Research
Nu Chapter, The University of Washington

Political Realm
Xi Xi Chapter, SUNY Geneseo

Politics from the Hill
Pi Iota Chapter, Ohio Northern University

Res Publica
Omicron Lambda Chapter, Illinois Wesleyan University

Sigma: Journal of Political Science and International Studies
Beta Mu Chapter,
Brigham Young University

Sound Politicks
Beta Tau Chapter, The University of Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Journal of Politics
Pi Chapter, The University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Undergraduate Political Science Journal
Chi Chi Chapter, Austin College

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throughout the year. Interested student authors— as well as faculty advisors who have their attention called to outstanding undergraduate writing that would be suitable for the publication— are invited to participate by submitting their materials at any time. Oxley added that the *Journal's* goal is “to publish manuscripts of the highest quality in all areas of political science. In general, papers selected for publica-

tion have been well-written with a well-developed thesis, compelling argument, and original analysis. We typically publish papers of 15-35 pages in length.” More particulars on the submission process, including style guidelines and answers to additional questions, may be obtained by emailing the *Journal* at psajournal@union.edu.

THE PI SIGMA ALPHA DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER VIDEOTAPE SERIES

The Pi Sigma Alpha Distinguished Speaker Series consists of videotapes of lectures delivered at Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association by eminent members of the political science profession and others. The Series was instituted in 1996 by President David B. Magleby (Brigham Young University) as a way to provide chapters of the honor society with an opportunity to hear from some of the most prominent thinkers in the discipline of political science and to experience the flavor of the APSA convention which draws an attendance of over 5,000 each year.

Chapters are encouraged to use the videotapes as focal points for chapter meetings and to organize larger events around screenings of the tapes. The series is intended for academic use only. The tapes may not be duplicated, modified, transcribed, resold or used for any commercial purpose. Each tape is approximately one hour long.

AS OF 2004, THE SERIES INCLUDES FIVE VIDEOTAPES:

“The Politics of Equality and Inequality: Facts and Causes in a Normative Perspective,” delivered in 1996 by Robert A. Dahl of Yale University.

“What I Wish Political Scientists Would Teach about the Congress,” delivered in 2000 by Lee H. Hamilton, U. S. House of Representatives (D-IN), 1964-1998, Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University.

“Supermajority Rule in the U. S. Senate,” the APSA 2002 James Madison Lecture by David R. Mayhew, Yale University.

“Democracy and American Foreign Policy,” the APSA 2003 Ralph Bunche Centennial Lecture by Fareed Zakaria, Newsweek International.

“Reconstructing Brown’s Faded Legacy: A New Paradigm for Race, Class and Equality,” delivered in 2004 by Lani Guinier, Harvard Law School.

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