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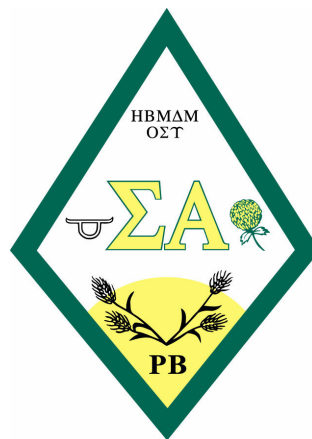
I hope that this edition of the Emerald & Maize Exchange finds you all doing well and gearing up for an enjoyable summer. I know that I will be kept busy with hay, daycare field trips, home repairs, and of course work. Summer is always a busy time for everyone it seems. My hope is for each of you to get a chance to sit back, relax and enjoy the season at least a few times over the next couple of months.

Over the course of the past couple of months, I have been fortunate enough to spend some quality time with our Chi Chapter sisters. The ladies of the Chi Chapter held a bonfire at our farm for their sisterhood week in late March. We had such a great time! It was nice to be able to forge new relationships with our collegiate counterparts and to have the opportunity to meet their Membership Candidates, who were activated in the days that followed. After spending the evening with my newfound friends (and sisters), I felt a renewed sense of excitement about

my role in Sigma Alpha. What a wonderful group of women! I was so sad to see them go at the end of the evening.

I did not have to wait long to see their smiling faces again, as I was asked to participate on a panel discussion at the Eastern Regional Conference, hosted by the Chi Chapter on April 2-4, 2004. Again, it was wonderful to have the opportunity to interact with these fine young women again. The Chi ladies quelled any of the concerns I may have had in recent years regarding the condition of our beloved Chi Chapter. They are a very open, honest, close-knit group who obviously have "got it together". I truly hope that we can convince them all to go alumni!

Can you believe that the Chi Chapter is ten years old? January 15, 2004 marked ten wonderful years for the Chi Chapter. Plans are in motion for a Sigma Alpha tenyear reunion tailgate on September 25, 2004, in Morgantown. WVU will be hosting James Madison



University. Kerri Linton is making arrangements and will have more information for us all very soon. It would be really great to get as many Sisters as possible to attend. What a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships, laugh over the good times, and catch up!

Our next business meeting will be in Morgantown on November 20, 2004. Details on location and time will be in the next newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all there as well! Again, have a great summer! Play safe and stay cool!

Sisters...  
Monica Maxwell

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### Special points of interest:

- Alumni headed to Morgantown for Football in September!
- Much happening with Actives!
- Regional Conference hosted by Chi Chapter in April
- Next meeting planned for November 20 in Morgantown

## CHI CHAPTER ALUMNI REUNION! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS...

In an effort to bring alumni sisters of the Chi Chapter together for a little fun and friendship... Kerri Linton has been busy working to lay the groundwork for a gathering in September 2004.

On September 25th, Alumni of the Chi Chapter will gather in Morgantown. For a meeting? No! For a fundraising event? No! FOR FUN!!!!

Although the time of the WVU vs. James Madison football game has not yet been announced, we will gather at the AGR Harding Avenue lot to tailgate and then enjoy the game. Some of you have already made your reservations with Kerri, but for those of you who have not yet responded—don't forget to RSVP!

Tickets to the game will be purchased in a group order so that we may all enjoy the time together! Tickets will be ordered as soon as they are available—those who respond to Kerri will be informed on the cost and due date as soon as that information is known.



**September 25, 2004**

Please RSVP to Kerri... [klinton@citynet.net](mailto:klinton@citynet.net)

Just keep in mind that we have not had the opportunity in quite some time to get together and just enjoy one another. We promise—no meeting and no business to handle! We just wanted to take the opportunity to get the gang together and enjoy time together.

For those of you with little ones at home, you may want to keep in mind that this event is one that will be more appropriate for adults. It will allow some of us to leave the title of parent behind, and take time to celebrate the title of Sister and Alumni.

If you are in need of childcare during the game, just make other Sisters aware and certainly there may be active sisters in the area that are willing to assist...

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!

Many Sisters of the Chi Chapter are graduating this Spring or Summer from West Virginia University. We, the Alumni, wish them success and much happiness as they begin this new chapter of their lives...

### Animal & Veterinary Sciences...

- Nina Brand, Natalie Sanders, and Carrie Weisenbach

### Bio Chemistry

- Rachel Weichman

### Horticulture

- Brooke Hart

### Agriculture Education & Journalism

- Lisa Neehouse

### Agriculture Business (August)

- Suzanne Burns

*"Count your age  
by friends, not years  
And your life by smiles, not tears..."*

## ALUMNI MEETING HELD APRIL 3 DURING REGIONAL CONFERENCE...

Alumni of the Chi Chapter met on Saturday, April 3 in Morgantown in conjunction with the Northeast Regional Conference. Items of discussion included the following:

- 2004 National Convention will be held October 14-16 in Buffalo, New York.
- Chi Chapter activities: Calendar Party, Sisterhood Week, Formal, chapter awards, actives requesting alumni status, senior awards party.
- Emphasis will be put on including more information on the website that members can reference, rather than incurring expense through mailings.

- Concern with National Board view of term "Collegiate" member. It does not currently recognize graduate students as being eligible for active chapter membership. Alumni Chapter will be submitting an amendment for consideration by the National Board.



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Morgantown.**

- Future fundraising efforts were discussed, but nothing was decided.

As part of the Regional Conference, several Alumni sisters were included in the program. Lisa McCutcheon led a session on Saturday afternoon, and Monica Maxwell and Anne Walker led a panel discussion on Sunday morning. A great time was had by all! Congratulations to the Chi Chapter on hosting a tremendous conference. The ladies in attendance had a great time and enjoyed themselves a great deal!!!

## THE ACTIVE'S PERSPECTIVE...

Greetings Alumni Sisters,

I just wanted to take this opportunity and let you all know what the active chapter was up to during the Spring 2004 semester! It was definitely a busy semester for the active girls, but we all agree that it was just what we needed. As most of you probably know the Chi Chapter hosted the Northeastern Regional Conference and it went off without a hitch! We had a great time meeting the girls from Delaware Valley and Penn State and made a lot of other great contacts. I'd really like to thank all the alumni sisters who dedicated their time and resources to helping us with the conference. You are all the best!

I'm sure many of you remember the annual Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction which we host with Alpha Gamma Rho each spring. Well this year the two groups decided to use the money made each year to sponsor a college scholarship. The winner will be chosen by the Davis College Scholarship Committee and will be awarded to an undergraduate student who holds their major within the Davis College. The individual is not allowed

to be an active member of either AGR or Sigma Alpha. We feel that this will allow us to help fellow students more directly and promote both groups more throughout the college.

We also decided this year to bring back a Sisterhood Week, and it was awesome! For one week we were busy every night with different activities and events. On Monday we all wore our Sigma Alpha shirts, which is different because every other week Tuesday is our official letter day. On Tuesday we were pleased to have two guest speakers to talk with us after our meeting on topics such as Heart Disease in Women, and Keeping a Positive Attitude. On Wednesday we cleaned our street by Towers and then played games up at the Ag School. Thursday we had another cookout at the farm with AGR so that we could celebrate both groups' newly activated members. Friday was by far the best though because our wonderful alumni sister, Monica Maxwell allowed us to invade her house and have a bonfire! We all sat around roasting marshmallows and hot dogs while

telling stories, laughing, and sharing spirit stick moments!

Speaking of Monica Maxwell I'd like to congratulate her on receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award for 2004. The actives really appreciate everything she did for us this semester including hosting our bonfire, speaking at the Regional Conference and being a wonderful sister! Congratulations Monica!

I'd also like to let you all know who will be joining the Alumni chapter soon. The 2004 graduates include Brooke Hart, Natalie (Sanders) Grose, Carrie Wiesenbach, Lisa Neehouse, Rachel Wiechman, Nina Brandt, and Suzanne Burns. Congratulations graduates!

Well that's it from the active chapter! Please contact us with any good event ideas or to share any previous Sigma Alpha Sister stories! Enjoy your summer and take care.

In Sisterhood,  
Shannon A. McCutcheon

Chi President

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL BYLAWS:

### ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP AND INITIATION Current Reading of By-Law

**Section 1. Qualification:** Only those students who are enrolled in a qualified program as hereinafter described, or who have a sincere interest in agriculture, who maintain a cumulative grade point hour ratio of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale, 4.25 on a 6.0 scale or its equivalent, who are a member of at least one other organization, and who agree to comply with the Laws of this sorority shall be eligible for election as a Collegiate Member.

### Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1.

**Qualification:** *Only those collegiate students who are enrolled in a qualified program, as hereinafter defined according to Article VIII, section 6, or those individuals who have a sincere interest in agriculture; who maintain a cumulative grade point hour ratio of*

*2.25 on a 4.0 scale, 4.25 on a 6.0 scale or its equivalent; who maintain membership in at least one other organization; and who agrees to comply with the Laws of this sorority shall be eligible for election as a Collegiate Member.*

### ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP AND INITIATION

**Section 6. Definition of Collegiate Members:** Collegiate Members shall be duly initiated students enrolled in a qualified program, or students who have a sincere interest in agriculture, where the chapter is located. Any member in good standing who transfers to any school with a chapter of this sorority, may affiliate with such chapter.

### Proposed Amendment to Section 6.

**Definition of Collegiate Members:** *Collegiate Members shall be duly*

*initiated students enrolled in a qualified program, or students who have a sincere interest in agriculture where the chapter is located. Under these terms, collegiate members may be graduate or undergraduate students whose membership classification is to be determined at the discretion of each individual Collegiate Chapter. Any member in good standing, who transfers to any school with a chapter of this sorority, may affiliate with such chapter.*

**NOTE:** This amendment has been submitted to the National Board. They will vote upon this amendment in order to decide if it is taken before the National Chapter Congress in October. More updates to come...

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## WHAT'S NEW AND HAPPENING???

- Our sympathies to April and Steve on the loss of their longtime pet Earnhardt. Dog is really is man's (and woman's) best friend.
- Mary Groves welcomed a baby girl, Ellen Grace Groves, on Sunday, February 22, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs and measured 20 inches in length.
- The active chapter made approximately \$450 from their Calendar Party in late February. Thank you to Alumni Sisters who were able to contribute!
- Shannon Boswell is headed to Summers County. Shannon will begin teaching Agriculture this fall at Summers County High School.
- Congratulations to Carrie Weisenbach who is headed to Physical Therapy School.
- Congratulations to Angie Pepe who is headed to Pharmacy School.
- Congratulations to Actives Lisa, Suzanne, and Nina who are headed on to graduate school after graduation.
- Congratulations to Natalie Sanders who was married on May 21!
- Sara Peacock-Clark is on the road again. She and her husband are headed to Manassas, Virginia. ([sara\\_peacockclark@yahoo.com](mailto:sara_peacockclark@yahoo.com))
- Dr. Deborah Boone received Honorary Member recognition from the Chi Chapter.
- Rita Dudley was awarded the Emerald & Maize Award from the Chi Chapter.
- Jennifer Cannella's Habana Cuba Restaurant (Silicon Valley, California) has been nominated for the "Best of CitySearch". Yeah Jenn!!!



If only we all lived closer...

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