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Letter from the President....

Dear
Sisters,

Tis the season of giving! Let us each remember what SAI has given to our lives. Especially the new and lasting friendships! I want to thank you for your service to our fraternity—the giving of your time and efforts.

In November, we had a formal meeting with our Province Officer, Deb Volker, in attendance. To conclude our meeting, we had a lovely musicale. This month, December, our chapter participated in the "Angel Tree" project



through the Salvation Army in Winchester. We met at the Winchester Mall and chose a 14 year old girl to shop for. From our chapter, she will receive a portable CD player with headphones, a make-up kit, a gift certificate from Suncoast and a leather purse. The chapter donated \$50.00 towards the project and several members gave a personal donation. It is a great feeling to know that our chapter made one girls Christmas wishes come true.

Next month, we will have a program on Music Education presented by MENC and the SAI Audio/Visual Project. It is fitting because our

chapter has decided to sponsor a grant each year of \$100.00 to a project sponsored by local music educators. This year we will be contributing to the costs of bringing a guest conductor in to work with the students of Jefferson County, West Virginia at the Middle School Choral Festival. Our chapter is doing great things!

I hope you enjoy the holidays and stay safe as we travel and spend time with family and friends. As always, please feel free to contact me for any reason!

*Love in SAI,
Tracey*

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From the Editor's Desk...



Dear Sisters,

Happy New Year to all of you! First off, my apologies for sending out this issue so late, as I finished with graduate school, the hectic time of the holidays seemed to catch up with me! I think one of my new years resolutions will be to get back on track!

As our fraternity has undergone some new and exciting changes on the National level, our own

small chapter seems to be thriving with the many projects and efforts we've participated in in the last few months. Catch up with a few of them in this issue of our newsletter.

Several of our members have reached some of their own personal goals and accomplishments. Read inside to learn what some of our members have been up to outside of the fraternity.

The year is only half over though, and we have many new and exciting programs and events coming up this winter and spring! Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

Remember I welcome any suggestions and contributions to this newsletter. Feel free to contact me with anything that you would like to see in an upcoming issue.

Always, Patty

Prepare for Pampered Chef in Feb!

Love to cook, enjoy good food? Then you'll want to make sure you attend our February fundraiser, a Pampered Chef party!

The event is hosted by member Michele de la Rosa at the home of member Larissa Elliott on February 19th, 2005

Below are directions to Larissa's home:

• From I-81 in West Vir-

ginia, take exit 20 (901, Spring Mills Road).

* If traveling South on I-81, turn left (East) off of the exit.

* If traveling North on I-81, turn right (East) off of the exit.

• Travel 1/4 mile to the stop sign and turn right onto Rt. 11 S.

• Travel 1/4 mile and

turn left onto Brown Rd.

• Travel 1/4 mile and turn left onto Leighton Drive.

• House is the second on the right, #38 (cream colored with maroon shutters and door). Please park in the driveway, in the parking lot across the street, or in the street.

**Sigma Alpha Iota
National Headquarters'
New Home**

**One Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805**



Congrats go out to....

- Michele Bevier on the new baby girl on the way in May 2005.
- Ruann George for entering the computer world! Her e-mail is ZRNGeorge@aol.com.
- Patty Eitemiller for completing her Master's degree in Education with a specialization in Early Childhood Special Education from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. She also received her teaching licensure from the Commonwealth in ECSE.



Angela Brown Presents Graduate Recital

Finishes the Master's of Music in Vocal Pedagogy...

Earlier this year, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for completion of the master of music in vocal pedagogy, Angela D. Brown presented her graduate voice recital. Brown, a colotatura soprano, performed in Goodson Recital Hall on the Shenandoah University campus to a crowd of family, friends, faculty and students. Her warm, resonant, pure, flexible tones would lead one to believe that she was a vocal performance major as an undergraduate. It was equally difficult to believe that Angela's graduate recital was only the second recital she had ever presented.

She faced some challenges leading up to and even during the recital, but she handled them all like a professional. Having to scramble two weeks before the recital to find a guitar player, the less-than-preferred rehearsal time with the guitar player didn't show in the least.

The blend of the guitar with Brown's voice on the 16th century French pieces was exquisite.

The next set, however, Scarlatti's *7 Arie with Tromba Sola* (*7 Arias with Solo Trumpet*), tested Brown's nerves and poise. In this case, the trumpet somehow got off and was not able to get back on. Brown's skilled and experiences accompanist, Hsin-Yi Chen, never faltered, but continued on, taking over the trumpet's part until the trumpet found it's place again and the three performers were back together. All the while, Brown made it look like nothing unexpected happened, but remained calm and followed Chen's cues.

Following a brief intermission, Angela masterfully presented the Mozart Concert (*Mia speranza adorata!...Ah! Non sai qual pena*, K. 416). She then sang 20th century Korngold's *Songs of a Clown*, Op. 29. Closing with an abridged version of Johann Strauss' *Frühlingstimmen*, Brown re-

members this piece as her favorite– the with which she had the most fun– maybe because it was the last piece and she was just able to let everything go!

In May, Brown completed her Master of Music in vocal pedagogy, graduating with a 4.0! Also in the spring she received first place in the SAI Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter Scholarship competition in the graduate category. Later this summer, Angela returned to her music theater roots, performing the lead role of Amy in FA Productions' *Girlfriends* at the Women's Memorial Theater at Arlington National Cemetery.

Brown is currently working on her doctorate in vocal pedagogy at The Catholic University of America. If her accomplishments and credits to date are even the slightest indication, we can expect wonderful success from our SAI sister in the years to come.

Submitted by Jennifer Sharp-Smith, Winchester Alumnae member.



Winchester Alumnae member, Angela Brown (center) smiles after the completion of her Graduate Recital.



Winchester Alumnae members, Jennifer Sharp-Smith and Angela Brown on graduation day at Shenandoah University in May 2004.

Newsletter Submission Due Dates

Issue 3: January/February 2005 By January 10
 Issue 4: March/April 2005 By March 10
 Issue 5: May/June 2005 By May 10

Service Project Coming Soon!

Like last year, members of the Winchester Alumnae will be collecting donations of instruments, sheet music, music books and accessories through March 31st! Donations will benefit students in local schools.



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We have a new Website!!!!

www.geocities.com/saiwincalum

Next Event!!!

Join us for our next
meeting and a
presentation on
Music Education on
January 15, 2004 @
11am at
Shenandoah
University!

Winchester Alumnae Calendar 2004-2005

Date & Time	Meeting Type	Program
December 2004, TBA	Service Project	Gift Wrap for Red Cross
January 15, 2005, 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Music Education Program
February 19, 2005, 11am	Fundraiser, Casual	Pampered Chef
March 19, 2004, 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Dessert Party with College Chapters "Relaxed" Musicale
April (TBA), 2004, TBA	Province Day	Province Day
May 21, 2005, 11am	Formal Mtg.	Affiliation & Musicale
June 18, 2005, TBA	Social, Casual	Evening Picnic and Performance

*** Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA***