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Letter from the President...

Hello Ladies,

December is already here– unbelievable! First of all and most importantly, I'd like to welcome the newest member of our chapter– Larissa Elliott. She was affiliated at the November meeting. Larissa is a great addition to our chapter. I know she is very dedicated to SAI and supportive of her sisters. Although she was just affiliated, Larissa is already hard at work for Winchester Alumnae organizing a service project for People-to-People. Also, at our

November meeting, our province officer, Deb Volker, was in attendance. We had a productive meeting and a beautiful musicale.

Our December project, gift wrapping for Red Cross is always fun and interesting. You get to meet all kinds of people! January will be a casual business meeting with an informative musical program– so make sure to get it on your calendars! January 17th, 2004 at Shenandoah.

Keep warm and enjoy the holidays! Think about SAI and the gifts



Chapter President, Tracey Wygal performs during the chapter musicale at the November meeting.

it brings to you and has brought to you throughout the years.

Love in SAI,
Tracey

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Letter from the Editor...



Winter is here with the first storm of the year in early December.

Dear Sisters,

First off, I apologize for my lateness in publishing this newsletter, as the end of my school semester drew near, I found myself much busier than anticipated.

As I sit here writing this, we've been hit with our first SNOW storm of the year with a second one heading this way! Yikes, it's only early December! It's also very

possible Mother Nature will impact our yearly gift wrap tomorrow in Hagerstown, MD! Hopefully this isn't a sign of what's to come in the next few months! I'm hoping it won't be a repeat of last winter!

In this issue you'll find a recap on our November formal meeting, our monthly member spotlight on founding member, Karen Keating, and an

update on what the college chapters are doing.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, I hope that each of you is able to find time to relax and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Take care and see you in January!

Happy New Year!

In SAI,

Patty

November Recap...

If you missed the November meeting, never fear, your recap is here. Check out what you missed below.

November's meeting meant it was time to affiliate our newest member, Larissa Elliott. The 2003 Iota A Province Ruby Sword of Honor recipient, chapter members were are very happy to have Elliott join our membership.

A few visitors also joined us for the day. Iota A Province Officer, Deb Volker was present for her official visit with the chapter. Honi Bergman, president of the Gamma Gamma chapter of SAI and fellow GG member Lesley Sherer also were in attendance.

Following the formal

affiliation ceremony, a short business meeting was held. Noteworthy topics included a reminder about our upcoming Annual Service Project, Gift wrapping for Red Cross at the Valley Mall in Hagerstown, MD on December 6.

Larissa provided an update on the People to People service project, mentioning that she has made contact with the director. We anticipate waiting to find out what countries are requesting items before gathering items to collect for this project.

Linda Yonteff has completed and submitted our chapter quilt square for the National SAI quilts. She passed around a copy of the design for those in

attendance to see. She also proposed having t-shirts made with this design.

"Proposed changes of the National Bylaws were voted on by members in attendance."

Members in attendance also voted on changes to the National by-laws, including a proposed change in title from National Treasurer to NVP of Finance.

A reminder that Iota A Province Day will be April 17, 2004 hosted by Gamma Gamma was also announced!



Members pose for a picture after performing for the chapter musicale. From left: Linda Yonteff, Larissa Elliott, and Tracey Wygal.

Member Spotlight: Karen Keating

This month's spotlight is on another one of our chapter's founding members: Karen Keating. Read on to learn about her involvement in our fraternity.

An organ performance major, Karen Keating was initiated as a member of Gamma Iota chapter at Madison College (now James Madison University) in 1974. "The students that belonged to SAI seemed to be the most talented, academically strong, and most organized students in the music department. I simply wanted to be a part of that group of excellence," Keating sites as her reasons for joining SAI.

In reflecting upon the role SAI played during her college years, Keating remembers that almost everything she did (aside from performances) was a result of a project of SAI. "We were a very strong chapter and did a lot of service projects.

In the nearly 30 years since she was a college member of SAI, Keating states, "I'm always

touched by the instant camaraderie of SAI's." She believes there is truly a special bond among the musicians in the fraternity.

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-Karen Keating

Presently, Keating serves as an advisor to Gamma Gamma Chapter of SAI at Shenandoah University where she is an assistant professor. At SU, she wears a variety of hats; conducting two of the major ensembles and the spring musical, in addition to teaching conducting and coaching vocal students.

Moreover, Keating also serves as the advisor to the new student chapter of ACDA and the newly formed service group on SU's campus called Music Lovers Community. She also holds membership to

ACDA, Chorus America, the Conductors Guild, MENC, and AGO.

Her commitments professional and social commitments also extend beyond SU. Keating also serves as the director Music Ministries at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in nearby Berryville, VA. She is also involved in pageant work in Winchester, notably, the Miss Apple Blossom every May.

Keating's busy professional life doesn't leave much time for hobbies, though she enjoys reading and cooking when she can. She also enjoys handwork crafts such as knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching, "though I have had time in years."

In terms of her family life, Keating has two children (Phillip and Viviane). And like most of our members, she has cats— three of them along with one indoor fish and twenty outdoor fish!



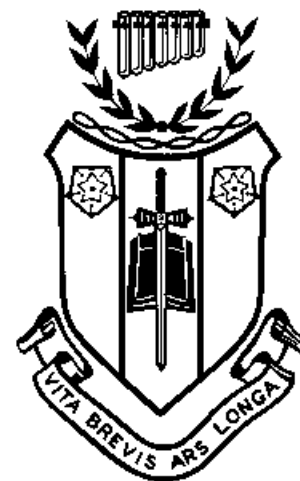
Keating is a professor at Shenandoah University and serves as an advisor to Gamma Gamma Chapter.

Congratulations!!!

To member Linda Barnhart who was recently awarded National Board Certification!!!

Linda is only one of three Music teachers in the state of Maryland to achieve this honor!

Way to go Linda!



Around and About in the College SAI World....

Editor's note: In order to continue to promote relationships between our two local and one adopted college chapters and our alumnae membership, I've included a new column in this issue focusing on the wonderful projects and events our college chapters are doing. As a monthly feature, it'll give us a chance to support these chapters in whatever way we can, whether attending a sister's recital or supporting a fundraising or service event. Read below to see the exciting things Gamma Gamma, Eta Tau, and Epsilon Pi have planned!

Gamma Gamma

Submitted by: Erin Hocking, Alumnae Liaison

This has been an active month for Gamma Gamma. Chapter president, Honi Bergman, had a flute recital on November 1st. Alum liaison, Erin Hocking performed her first of two accompanying recitals on November 15th. Her next recital will be in the spring, stay tuned for details.

The sisters also put together an American Music Recital on November 15th in which many of the girls performed. We also continue to have our famous bake sales every month!

"We have five Members-In-Training this semester! They did a wonderful job performing for the chapter!"

-Erin Hocking, Gamma Gamma

We have five Members-In-Training this semester! All of the MIT's passed their exams. They

all did a wonderful job performing for the chapter. Initiation is set for Saturday, December 6th with set-up at 6am, meditation at 7am and a ceremony at 730am. Congrats to the new members of Gamma Gamma Chapter!

Epsilon Pi

Submitted by: Kim Thiesfeld, Editor

Greetings from Missouri! The sisters of Epsilon Pi have had a busy semester already! Two rush functions have been held. The first was at a nearby lake where we had lunch and got to know the 12 perspective members who attended. Next we had "Sundae night with SAI" - an evening of ice cream sundaes on a Sunday evening. We had a sisterhood evening of singing and we're planning a video scavenger hunt sisterhood for later this month.

Fundraisers have been very successful. We waited on cars at the local SONIC and we sold lemonade on the quad. Our big fundraising project this semester was a pasta dinner in mid November! It was a big success!

Later in November, we're hosting a musicale of women composers. Many SAI members and other Truman students will perform. Outreach projects will include a trip to a local nursing home and providing background music for a local charity dinner. Our big upcoming project is the Pi B Province day which will be hosted by our chapter in late April.

We are so excited to have an alumni chapter! Please keep in touch! We look forward to meeting you all soon!



Above: Members of Epsilon Pi accepting the Katherine Becker National Collegiate Chapter Award at the Dinner of Honors at the Centennial Convention. From Left: Christy Dicks (past president), Katie Ramsey (current president) and Colleen Farquhar.

The Seasons First Storm Cancels Annual Gift Wrap!!!

As we all now know, mother nature didn't exactly cooperate in allowing the Winchester Alumnae to participate in their annual service project of wrapping gifts for the Hagerstown, MD chapter of the Red Cross. In lieu of the cancelled project, a social holiday dinner will be planned for members to gather and enjoy our sisterhood sometime later this month. Please watch the Yahoo group for further details. At this dinner, a monetary donation will be collected to send to the Hagerstown Red Cross Chapter. Also, old winter coats will be collected to donate to the Goodwill! So go through your closets!

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Next Meeting!!!

Join us for our next
meeting on January
17, 2004 @11 am in
which we will enjoy
a program on Music
in the White House
and a Fraternity
Sing!

Winchester Alumnae Calendar 2003-2004

Meeting Date & Time	Meeting Type	Program
December 2003; TBA	Social Dinner	Sisterhood activity in lieu of Gift Wrap Location TBA (<i>check the yahoo group!</i>)
January 17, 2004; 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Music in the White House Fraternity Sing
February 21, 2004; 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Desert Party with Gamma Gamma and Eta Tau; Musicale
March 20, 2004; 11am	Fundraiser	Weekenders
April 17 2004; TBA	Province Day	Iota A Province Day/Affiliation (?)

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