



A Slice of Pi

Spring 2008

Pi Chapter Announces \$1.3 Million Campaign

FOR CHAPTER HOUSE ADDITION COMMITMENTS TOTAL \$766,200

It is with pride and enthusiasm that we announce the *Building on Pi's Tradition* capital campaign, which will fund major renovations, including a new third floor addition, on our chapter house at UNL. Gamma Phi Beta has played a special part in all of our lives, and the relationships, experiences and memories we developed at our Lincoln chapter house are the inspiration for this important capital improvement project.

Our undergraduate chapter is stronger than ever and remains a campus leader in scholarship, leadership and philanthropy. However, the older section of our house is more than 80 years old, and we now have one of the smaller houses on campus. We need to expand the living quarters through a third floor extension of the 45-year-old "new addition." The infrastructure of the entire house needs updated and, most importantly, we need to install an integrated, state-of-the-art fire-safety sprinkler system.



Chapter to prepare for the campaign through activities including strategic planning and publications.

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of May 29, 2008

\$1.3 Million Goal

1,321 Mailable Alumnae

94 Contributors

\$766,200 Total Contributions

We recognize that Pi Chapter could not have had its history of campus prominence without the loyal support of its alumnae. We, as co-chairwomen, and the campaign board members have made personal commitments to this vital project. Thanks to its fiscal responsibility over the years, the Pi Chapter Corporation Board is able to invest \$500,000. Along with the early commitments from some generous alumnae, we have secured

\$766,200 in total pledges and contributions to help reach our \$1.3 million campaign goal.

While this is a great beginning, we have a long way to go. To help us in this significant undertaking, the Corporation Board has engaged the services of Pennington & Company, an outstanding firm that specializes in fundraising and consulting for Greek organizations. Pennington has been assisting Pi

In the coming months you will receive additional information detailing the project and ways in which you can help. We hope you will join our growing list of loyal supporters who wish to ensure the lasting impact of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority experience on the lives of women at the University of Nebraska. Alumnae who came before us provided the opportunity to join Pi Chapter, to live in the chapter house, and to develop the enduring friendships we enjoy. Now is the time to join other Gamma Phi alumnae to provide the same unique sisterhood experience to future generations of Pi Chapter women.

In PIKE,

June Wagoner Edwards '67
Campaign Co-Chairwoman

Babs Hansen Weinberg '67
Campaign Co-Chairwoman

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Pi Chapter Experience Provided Alumna Framework to Further Her Career

WHY I GAVE—DR. JANE KUGLER '72

Dr. Jane Kugler '72 loved living in the chapter house because it was a wonderful, supportive community of women and was convenient to live on campus. She says, "I am supporting the campaign because it is a great way to donate not only to the Gamma Phi Beta chapter but also to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln."

Jane pledged Gamma Phi Beta because of the key leadership roles the chapter members held on campus and their commitment to strong academics. She knew these were women she wanted to emulate. Being part of Pi Chapter as an undergraduate gave Jane the framework to further her career.

Hanging out with new pledges, having wonderful roommates, and making lifelong friends are some of Jane's favorite undergraduate memories. Jane served the chapter as recording secretary and was active on campus as president of the programming council and a member of Mortar Board.

Jane's advice to undergraduates is to study hard and take advantage of every opportunity offered on



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campus—attend speaker sessions and theater productions, athletic events and philanthropies. She also encourages undergraduates to get involved with career counselors early in their first year.

Jane offers these words on the importance of leadership. "Listening and job performance are important leadership requirements because you lead by example. As you climb your career ladder, pick good role models and emulate their good characteristics. Take your time and get involved. It is okay to aim for the moon."

After earning a bachelor of science degree in microbiology, Jane received her medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and completed her residency in pediatrics and anesthesiology. She is a pediatric anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jane grew up in Eustis, Nebraska, and now lives in Omaha with her husband, Douglas Vonderfecht. They have three sons: Paul, Thomas, and William. In her free time, she enjoys reading and gardening.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW INITIATES

Caroline Anderson '07
Lincoln, Neb.
Nutrition and Exercise Science

Kate Geyer '07
Lincoln, Neb.
History and Pre-Law

Makenzie McPherson '07
Bismark, Neb.
Pre-Dentistry

Molly Shreve '07*
Wamego, Kan.
Marketing and Pre-Law
(Mother **Melanie Rohde Shreve '80**)

Leslie Watermeier '07
Syracuse, Neb.
Advertising

Danielle Bergmeier '07
Omaha, Neb.
Actuarial Science

Kelsey Gutschow '07
Kansas City, Mo.
Nursing

Sarah Meyer '07
Newport Beach, Calif.
Mechanical Engineer

Elizabeth Stahmer '07
Omaha, Neb.

Sara Wheeler '07
Lincoln, Neb.
Elementary Education

Abby Bogatz '07
Omaha, Neb.
Psychology and Spanish

Heather Haack '07
Dix, Neb.
Undeclared

Jamie Myers '07
Stuart, Neb.
Business Administration

Briahna Stofferson '08*
Kearney, Neb.
Pre-Medicine
(Mother **Tori Hunt Stofferson '86**)

Barbara Wilson '07*
Gibbon, Neb.
Undeclared
(Sisters **Elizabeth Wilson '01** and **Lindy Wilson '04**)

Ashley Broesch '07
Omaha, Neb.
Biochemistry and Spanish

Chelsea Hartman '07
Gibbon, Neb.
Pre-Medicine

Kati Poppert '07*
Lincoln, Neb.
Biochemistry
(Mother **Jean Gittler Poppert '79**)

Elizabeth Thomas '07
Lincoln, Neb.
Nutrition Science and Pre-PA

Alli Young '07
Omaha, Neb.
Pre-Nursing

Amanda Buehner '07
Eustis, Neb.
Nutrition and Exercise Science

Christi Kubovy '07
Omaha, Neb.
Business Administration

Sarah Quandahl '07
Omaha, Neb.
Undeclared

Lacey Troyer '07
North Platte, Neb.
Pre-Medicine and Nutrition Science

Paige Zoz '07
Lincoln, Neb.
Pre-Nursing

Jamie Dick '07
Aurora, Neb.
Business Administration

Alex Law '07
Omaha, Neb.
Business and Pre-Law

Kathleen Rohrig '07*
Friend, Neb.
Graphic Design
(Sister **Kelsey Rohrig '02**)

Clair Vrbka '07
Shelby, Neb.
Biochemistry

Stephanie Ebke '07
Daykin, Neb.
Pre-Medicine

Paige Lockwood '07
Brookings, S.D.
Biology and Pre-Dentistry

Andrea Schwartz '07
Omaha, Neb.
Journalism and News Editorial

**Denotes legacy; legacy's relative in parentheses*

Thank You for Your Contributions to Building on Pi's Tradition Campaign

Many of our most memorable moments of college involve our Pi sisters. These memories and relationships are the inspiration for the capital campaign that will make it possible to renovate and expand the chapter house and to maintain our rich Pi tradition. Thank you to our enthusiastic sisters and supporters who have already stepped forward and made commitments.

Below, listed by initiation year, are the alumnae, undergraduates, and friends who have contributed to *Building on Pi's Tradition*. Each donor who contributes \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in the chapter house. If we have mistakenly omitted anyone from the contributors list, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Pi Chapter Corporation Board, P.O. Box 22770, Lincoln, NE 68542-2770. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Perfect Pi Circle

(\$100,000 and above)

415 Circle

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Kris Baack '72

Four Founders Circle

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Katherine Carstens Safiris '62

In Memory of

Anne Pickett Carstens '33

June Wagoner Edwards '67

Pearl Circle

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Norma Ganerl Hinchcliff '49

Phyllis Donaldson Choat '66

Joan Wagoner Kopf '66

Babs Hansen Weinberg '67

Jane Kugler '72

Sandra Huber Larson '74

Jody Bentler Olsson '84

Legacy Circle

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Linda Korth

Adele Greene Streitwieser '45

Emilie Brown Ellingson '71

Lori Chace Pankonin '72

Sibbel Family Gift

Susan Mickle Sibbel '75

Jenny Sibbel '01

Stacie Sibbel '04

Darcy Davenport Michalek '83

Brenda Fernau Schimenti '83

Tracy Edgerton '88

Jennifer Putensen Zatechka '91

Brown and Mode Circle

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Betty Tomsen Kempf '57

In honor of Kimberly Kempf '78,

Kathy Kempf Smith, *Gamma*

Kappa '87, and Amy Kempf

Graham, *Gamma Kappa '90*

Beth Wendt Pederson '75

Kimberly Cuda '78

Erica Larson '85

Stacie Yost Higgins '89

Crescent Moon Circle

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Joan Hanson Perry '50

In memory of

all Gamma Phis, Past and Present

Julie Marolf Pokorny '69

Elizabeth M. Hofmeister '84

Anita Bowman '04

Sisterhood Circle

(\$500 to \$999)

Phyllis Vance Larsen '75

Kelley Perkins Winter '94

Lauren Flegle '04

Kady Hopp '04

Jena McFadden '04

Shannon Meloy '04

Cora Micek '04

Megan Petratis '04

Abigail Robbins '04

Brittany Schwarze '04

Amy Vorel '04

Stephanie Walz '04

Stacia Blasé '05

Alexis Geist '05

Lindsey Hardenbergh '05

Jillian House '05

Molly Kamrath '05

Laura Lindley '05

Katherine Madsen '05

Amanda McMichael '05

Jenna Rathke '05

Kellee Smith '05

Sara Wells '05

Chelsey Colburn '06

Shane Cooper '06

Angela Finn '06

Amanda Gilmore '06

Jenna Grabouski '06

Kiley Gutschow '06

Sarah Hasse '06

Hannah Hassler '06

Lisa Hutchinson '06

Jaia Johnson '06

Sarah Kaup '06

Jennifer Klostermann '06

Jennifer Larson '06

Emily Lichter '06

Caitlyn Meyer '06

Jessica Murphy '06

Anna Jo Schreck '06

Christie Shaw-Citta '06

Michaela Wiederspan '06

Alix Williams '06

Caroline Anderson '07

Ashley Broesch '07

Jamie Dick '07

Stephanie Ebke '07

Kelsey Gutschow '07

Heather Haack '07

Alexandra Law '07

Chelsea Lewis '07

Paige Lockwood '07

Sarah Quandahl '07

Kathleen Rohrig '07

Elizabeth Stahmer '07

Lacey Troyer '07

Leslie Watermeier '07

Pink Carnation Circle

(Up to \$499)

Vicki Asprooth Roy, *Gamma Upsilon '74*

Elise Anderson '05

Sarah Fossberg '05

Heather Hudson '05

Elizabeth Sand '05

Danielle Bergmeier '07

Katherine Lessor '07

Campaign Leadership

CAMPAIGN CHAIRWOMEN

June Wagoner Edwards '67

Omaha, Neb.

Babs Hansen Weinberg '67

Omaha, Neb.

TREASURER

Jodi Bentler Olsson '84

Lincoln, Neb.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Kris Baack '72

Lincoln, Neb.

Phyllis Donaldson Choat '66

Omaha, Neb.

Kim Cuda '78

Omaha, Neb.

Sharon Witt Dunham '60

Elkhorn, Neb.

Emilie Brown Ellingson '71

Lincoln, Neb.

Joan Wagoner Kopf '66

Omaha, Neb.

Susan Mickle Sibbel '75

La Vista, Neb.

Adele Greene Streitwieser '45*

Lincoln, Neb.

Lisa Kenagy Trimble '96

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Jennifer Putensen

Zatechka '91

Omaha, Neb.

**In memoriam*



Recruitment Recommendation

Alumnae, we value your input. Please send your recruitment recommendations to:

Membership Vice President

Brittney Schuessler '05

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brittneilynn_1@hotmail.com



Left: Members of the 2007 pledge class spend time together at the New Member Retreat. Right: Gamma Phi Beta members participated in the Dance Marathon, an event benefiting the Children's Hospital in Omaha, where they danced all night long.



Pi Chapter Proud of Accomplishments

As I begin my term as Pi Chapter president, I am excited about the year to come and very proud of our accomplishments over the past few months. I'd like to share with you, our alumnae, some of these successes, as well as some of the things we're looking forward to.

Third Highest G.P.A. among Greek Chapters

Last fall, Pi Chapter achieved an all-chapter grade point average of 3.481. This is the third highest G.P.A. among Greek chapters, and well above the all-university female G.P.A. of 3.171. At the beginning of the semester, we conducted programming on scholarship and set our chapter G.P.A. goal at 3.6. Through study hours, a nautical-themed scholarship brunch and support from mentors, we are working to reach this goal.

Initiation/Senior Send-Off Banquet

On November 17, 2007, Pi Chapter welcomed 34 new sisters into our circle. The pledge class of 2007 has brought many talents to our chapter. This semester many of them hold chapter offices, and they've already contributed greatly. On February 10, the Initiation/Senior Send-Off Banquet was held at Embassy Suites where new members and outgoing seniors were honored for their activities in Gamma Phi.

Chapter Active on UNL Campus

Last fall we volunteered at the Lincoln Children's Museum, **Alexis Geist '05** won the title of Miss Omaha, and Winter Formal was held at the Apothecary. This semester we've had sisterhood activities, including ice skating at the Ice Box and making Valentines together for the other Greek chapters on campus. We had our first social, Dynamic Duos, and we're looking forward to National

Convention in Cincinnati. **Katie Madsen '05** was elected external vice president of ASUN (UNL student government). Pi Chapter has two members on UNL senior honoraries: **Katie Madsen '05**, Innocents Society and **Sarah Hasse '06**, Mortar Board. We also have two members on the UNL Cheer squad.

As you can see, Pi Chapter is succeeding in all endeavors. We hope to see you around the house. I am honored to be living and working with Perfect Pi, and I hope that you, too, are proud of the smart, hardworking women who are carrying on your legacy.



In **IIKE**,
Julianne Snyder '05
Chapter President
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1. The 2007 pledge class attends their Pledge Ceremony. 2. Pi Chapter members on the UNL Spirit Squad. 3. Members of the junior pledge class spend time together at the house.



Where Are They Now?

Alumnae Update

1940s

Dorothy Kent Dorothy '48 lives in Georgia and is celebrating her 50th anniversary of being a Gamma Phi Beta.

Paula Little Thorson '48 is an active volunteer in community and politics. She says you can retire from a professional career but it's not easy to retire from volunteering. She travels a lot and is going to Scotland. E-mail: paulalthor@aol.com



Sisters from the classes of '63 and '64 gather to celebrate 40 years of sisterhood. Those attending were (back row) Marcia Codner Ressler '63, Lynn Jiracek Smith '63, Dixie Dennman Sanger '63, Linda Muff Schreiner '63, Ann Capasius Hansen '63, Sue Ellen Thompson Wall '64, Nancy O'Donnell Butcher '64, Diane Michel Jacobs '63, Barbara Clifford Terry '63, and Suzanne McNally Means '63; (kneeling) Margaret Nutzman Brown '64, Cheryl Rudat Thomas-Miller '64, Bonnie Clifford '64, Linda Mahoney Shipley '64, and Barbara Pflasterer Churchich '64; (sitting) JoAnne Armstrong Bettenhausen '64 and Cay Leitchcheck Ecklund '64. Not pictured, Donna Eschliman Marsh '63 and Cathy Haarberg Kelcher '63.

1950s



Six pledge sisters from the pledge class of 1957 reunited at the Pi Chapter house to receive their 50-year member pins: (back row) **Judy Easter Miller '57**, **Margaret Marshall Prahl '57**, and **Betty Tomsen Kempf '57** (front row) **Jane Odell Ehrlich '57**, **Jeanette Pohlman Weatherholt '57**, and **Deanna Crone Lytle '57**.

1960s

Members of the pledge classes of '63 and '64 gathered in September in Lincoln to celebrate their 40th anniversary of sisterhood. They enjoyed sharing memories of college days and catching up. Both classes gathered at the home of **JoAnne Armstrong Bettenhausen '64** for a pizza lunch. Two former "hashers"—Bruce Cutshall and Jerry Miller, husband of **Cheryl Rudat Thomas-Miller '64**—delivered dinner. The classes prepared memory boards with pictures and activities from college days. The sisters who were unable to attend sent letters and photos recapping their lives. **Margaret Nutzman Brown '64** hosted a tailgate party prior to the game while other attendees

gathered at the chapter house for breakfast and a tour. The sisters not attending the game adjourned to the Embassy Suites to watch the game on TV. Separate class dinners were held Saturday evening—at Lazlos and the Lincoln Country Club. The reunion was such a success that another one is being planned. Each attendee promised to locate a "lost" sister prior to the next reunion. As a tribute to their years at the house, the group donated more than \$200 to the Mother Yoes Memorial Fund.

Phyllis "Garrie" Weber Gillaspie '65 retired from teaching elementary school. She and her husband, Bob, enjoy traveling. In January, they went on a 30-day cruise to Hawaii, Tahiti, and the Marqueses Island. They have been on a Panama Canal cruise and European cruise and have plans to go on a barge trip in France, canal trip in Holland and a Baltic cruise. They have two daughters; Tristan,



a principal at a middle school in Santa Monica, Calif., is married and has three children. Drew is married and lives in Denver. She is the marketing manager for Whole Foods.

When **Jackie Glascock '66** returned to Nebraska for Homecoming, it was the impetus for some members of the '66, '67, and '68 classes to gather for a reunion. After a tour of the chapter house, the group adjourned to Wilderness Ridge Golf Course for dinner to catch up and share memories. The cheer squad, which includes two Pi Chapter members, wore the retro red and white striped sweaters for Homecoming weekend. Jackie intercepted them at an alumni gathering to show them the missing piece of their uniforms—a pair of black and white saddle shoes. Jackie found a pair on eBay and wore them for game day. Jackie had a great time and is enjoying retirement in San Diego after a career with United Air Lines. E-mail: glasco833@aol.com



Nesha Neumeister Schumann '66 (back turned) visits with Sue Rasmusell Johansen '66, Jackie Glascock '66, Babs Hansen Weinberg '67, Connie Ewerth Brancheau '66, and Cynthia Farrara Bronson '66. Others attending but not pictured were Trish Sultzbaugh Kenagy '66, Diane Messineo Guthery '66, Sue Rogers Mullin '68, Joan Wagoner Kopf '66, Laurie Lefler Davis '67, and Phyllis Donaldson Choat '66.

1970s

Susan Roddy Olson '79 lives in Liberty, Mo., with her husband, Jim. Their oldest son, Nick, graduated from the University of Missouri at Rolla in May 2007 with a degree in electrical engineering. Their son, Nathan, is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and their daughter, Jessica, is a senior in high school. E-mail: jholsonmd@pol.net

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Alumnae Update

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1990s

Shelli Dorn Thelen '90 has returned to the classroom to teach kindergarten after eight years of being a stay-at-home mom. She serves as the chapter advisor at the University of Missouri in Columbia. She would love to hear from other class of 1990 alumnae. E-mail: shellithelen@hotmail.com

Sarah Kippenbrock Lyons '98 married Derek Lyons on September 22, 2007, in Nashville, Tenn. They reside in Nashville where Sarah is in her second year of medical residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. E-mail: sarahkipp@hotmail.com

Pi Leader Will Be Greatly Missed

In Memory—

Adele Greene Streitwieser '45

Adele Greene Streitwieser '45, 81, passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at her home in Lincoln, Nebraska. She received her doctorate in education from UNL and taught special education at Lefler Junior High School in Lincoln. She was active with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Chapter BR P.E.O. and the 6:30 a.m. Mermaids. Adele was an active member of Gamma Phi Beta Lincoln Alumnae Chapter and most recently served on the Campaign Leadership team.

Adele is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, **Susan '69** and Kevin Schaaf; brother and sister-in-law, Earl Jr. and Frances Greene; sister-in-law and her husband, Mary and Robert Chase; and brother-in-law, Robert Koefoot. She is also survived by her grandchildren, **Jill Schaaf Dolnicek '97**, Jana and Nathan Schaaf, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Earl George and Vera Mae Greene; husband and son, Richard W. and Douglas R. Streitwieser; sisters, Gertrude Post and Vera Koefoot; and brother-in-law, Thomas Post, all preceded her in death.

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Gamma Phi Beta alumnae and parents. If your daughter is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she will receive a copy at the chapter house. If she is no longer in school, please send us her permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Gamma Phi Beta Lincoln Alumnae Chapter

The Lincoln Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has been active this winter. In February, eight alumnae met for wine tasting at The Still then had dinner at The Parthenon. A few alumnae and collegians met at the chapter house in March on a Sunday afternoon to play bunko, an event organized by **Jenny Larson '06**, alumnae relations chairman, who is the daughter of **Sandi Huber Larson '74**. In April, we welcomed the graduating seniors into our sisterhood of alumnae at the Senior Celebration, which was held at the home of **Shelley Hanson Forney '76**. Eleven alumnae and 18 collegians participated and enjoyed a salad dinner. The alumnae also provided treats for the Pi Chapter women during finals week.

We purchased nine ritual robes for the Pi Chapter using funds given expressly for this purpose. We also gave money toward the medical expenses for Bob White, whose wife, **Susan Duling White '73**, is a Pi Chapter alumna, and \$100 to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

Recruitment begins in August and recommendation forms can be downloaded from the International Headquarters Web site. We hope to hear from as many of you as possible with potential candidates. These can be forwarded to Alumnae Recommendations Chairman **Kelley Perkins Winter '94**, 3625 McLaughlin Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516.

New Alumnae Web Site Launched!

Sisters, be sure to check out the new Gamma Phi alumnae Web site at www.unl.edu/gammaphi.

The purpose of this Web site is for pledges, actives, alumnae, parents, and the public to interact with Gamma Phi. The site also provides updates on upcoming alumnae and chapter events.

