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"To possess wisdom, knowledge must be diligently sought and applied"

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Recruitment Chairs You're Invited Too

For the first time since it's existence recruitment chairs are invited to attend this year's Mid-Year Leadership Conference, free of cost! The 6th Annual Mid-Year Leadership Conference will be held February 2-4, 2007 in the Hilton St. Louis Airport at 10330 Natural Bridge Rd., in St. Louis, Missouri, 63134. Guests arriving by air transportation are encouraged to utilize the Hilton shuttle service from the St. Louis airport to the hotel. **Register online by January 19, 2007.**

Registered conference participants need to arrive Friday afternoon in time for the opening reception which starts at 5:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time). Meetings will be held Friday night and Saturday and checkout will be Sunday morning.

The Mid-Year Leadership Conference is designed specifically for recently elected chapter sages, third counselors, and recruitment chairs. This is the reason we hold the conference at the beginning of February after new officers have taken their positions. We will also have special programming for our chapter directors, province archons, and alumni club delegates. (These sessions will help them develop leadership in their chapters.) The Grand Council and Educational Foundation boards will also be present for the conference which is designed to be interactive, informational and motivational. The objective is to make this conference a positive and enjoyable experience for all that attend.

The hotel and registration fees for the sages, third counselors, recruitment chairs, chapter directors, and province archons, are covered by Sigma Pi. This includes the cost of the hotel room, opening reception, Saturday breakfast, and lunch. (Saturday Dinner Is On Your Own) Chapter officers and alumni volunteers will have to be on file with the Executive Office as holding these positions at their chapters and in the provinces to receive complimentary lodging. Substitutes are allowed, but must be discussed beforehand by contacting Jonathan Frost at (800) 332-1897 or via email at jfrost@sigmapi.org

Any member of Sigma Pi Fraternity may attend; but if you are not a sage, third counselor, recruitment chair, chapter director, or province archon, you must pay a registration fee of \$100 and you must cover your own lodging expenses. Your \$100 registration fee will cover opening reception, Saturday breakfast, and lunch, and shuttle transportation to downtown Saturday night.

Sigma Pi Fraternity must have advance registration and ALL participants must register via www.sigmapi.org. There will be NO on-site registration at the event. Unregistered people show-

ing up will not be allowed to participate in the events. Please understand we must have exact headcounts for the hotel for meeting rooms, meals, and ground transportation. For questions, please contact Jonathan Frost at (800) 332-1897 or via email at jfrost@sigmapi.org

We want to remind everyone once again that sages, third counselors, recruitment chairs, chapter directors, and province archons, are NOT required to send payment.

This Years Mid-Year Highlights Include

- Phired Up Productions
- Separate Agenda For Alumni Volunteers
- Shuttle Transportation Downtown Saturday Night
- 1st Time For Recruitment Chairs



Hilton St. Louis Airport

Cancellations

A \$50.00 (US) fee will be charged to process any registration package cancellation after January 19th, 2007. Registering for the event and failing to attend will result in a \$125 fine being assessed to the Chapter. Send cancellations and transfer requests to Jonathan Frost at jfrost@sigmapi.org or by calling him at (800) 332-1897.

What Are You Doing After College?



A majority of seniors are, at this point in their final year on the hill, looking forward to the smooth descent to graduation. The height of your concern is with upcoming exams, final papers, the Senior Ball, or maybe just plans for this weekend. During every other school vacation you have returned home to questions of school, work, friends and travel plans. However this vacation seniors will be greeted with an intimidating and thought provoking question by family and friends. "What are you doing after graduation?" For those of you who have started to think about such a far away time (5 months from now for the majority of seniors) you are probably finding that the task of searching for a job can be both overwhelming and very exciting. There is a great opportunity waiting for you here at The Executive Office. Call now and apply for the best job in North America, right out of college. Positions are available in Chapter Services, Expansion, and Colony Development. As a staff member in any department you will enhance your resume while making international contacts with the present and future leaders of North America. Consultants develop not only our undergraduate members, but also themselves through the experiences of travel, time management, critical thinking, and networking. Call (800) 332-1897, and talk to Assistant Executive Director Jonathan Frost today and get a jump on your future, by developing excellence today!

New Director of Communications Announced



Adam Dibble is succeeding Brian Alley as Director of Communications. He attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan where he was a founding father of the Theta-Theta Chapter. As an undergraduate he served his chapter as academic, intramural, and ACE chairs. Dibble later progressed to the executive board where he held positions of first counselor, fourth counselor, second counselor and sage, and is now serving as the Theta-

Theta Alumni Club president. As an undergraduate Dibble was active in his community and was involved with many professional student organizations. Dibble graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a minor in communication. He joined the Executive Office staff in July 2006 as an expansion consultant. As Director of Communications he is your contact and resource for all things pertaining to any area of communication, including but not limited to press releases, publications, and trademark usage. You can reach him at (800) 332-1897 or by email at adibble@sigmapsi.org.

ALERT

DO NOT ACCEPT STATIONERY ORDERS FROM COLOR CREST & NATIONAL FRATERNITY SUPPLY

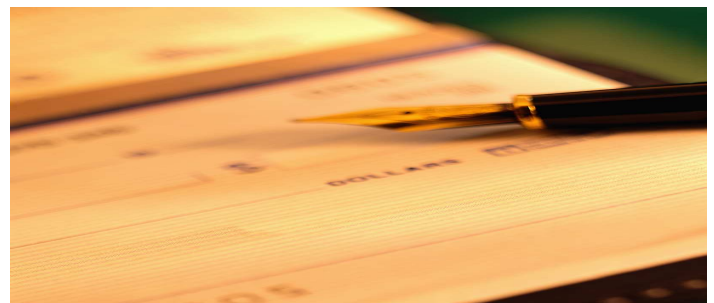
Affinity Marketing Consultants, Inc. reports that chapters are being manipulated and misled into renewing purchase orders for what seems like obscene amounts of stationery. Sales reps are telling chapters that theirs is a reorder and that the chapter always orders this amount of stationery. Unsuspecting officers often agree thinking they are doing the right thing and then they get stuck with a bill that exceeds \$5,000! **DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR CHAPTER.** Tell everyone in the chapter not to sign any order without checking to see if the company is licensed.

Affinity Marketing Consultants, Inc. has issued both of these companies *cease and desist* orders, yet the companies continue to illegally sell Greek stationery. AMC is working with intellectual property attorneys to consider all legal options.

In the meantime, the BEST way you can protect your chapter is to only buy products from licensed vendors. All licensed vendors sign a legal contract with inter/national Greek organizations and your chapter is much better protected. You can access a complete list of licensed vendors, day or night, at www.GreekLicensing.com.

If this has happened to your chapter please report it immediately at vendors@greeklicensing.com.

Report provided by Dan Shaver, President, Affinity Marketing Consultants, Inc.



Frost's Notes from Nashville

Notes from Assistant Executive Director Jonathan Frost



Gentlemen,

I hope your semester has been going well and you are getting geared up for finals or for those of you on the quarter system getting ready for mid-terms. We look forward to seeing your chapter GPA's make a big increase this year across the country thanks to your scholarship programs and other efforts to improve your academic standings. It has been a great year for Sigma Pi Fraternity with Brother Mike Beebe being elected Governor of Arkansas and Brother Tony Romo becoming the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys. Even though our organization has had some great happenings this semester we need not rest on our laurels but rather look at how we can improve even more: "Progress, man's distinctive mark alone...."

For many of you reading this you have recently been elected into of-

fice for your chapter. We ask that you go on-line to <http://www.sigmapi.org/cornerstone/manuals.cfm> and download the Constitution and By-Laws, FIPG manual, your officer manual and any other manuals that can help you become the best officer for your chapter.

For those of you holding positions that require monthly reports go to <http://www.sigmapi.org/onlineExec/onlineServices/index.cfm> and take a look at the reports you and your officers fill out so that you can see what we look for. At the same time download a copy of the Gold Standard as it is a roadmap to being a successful chapter. The other item to take care of is to get with your outgoing officers, alumni volunteers and the Executive Office to see if your chapter is current on all obligations to the Executive Office.

It is also that time of the year for the initiations of your new member classes and we look forward to getting our new brothers their materials they receive upon us receiving their forms and fees. Be sure to collect initiation forms/fees BEFORE the ceremony. You can go to <http://www.sigmapi.org/registration/home.cfm> and register your new members on-line. We have made steps to help ease this process as you have re-

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quested so be sure to go and get your self acclimated with it. If you need assistance contact us.

A few final items to get started on are:

- 1) Accessing your sigmapi.org email account. This is provided to Sages and Third Counselors. You will be sent an email with your user name and password after your proclamation of new officers is submitted.
- 2) Get your ACE Chairman to get with the university now to get your project started and registered with us at [HTTP://WWW.SIGMAPI.ORG/ACE/INDEX.CFM](http://www.sigmapi.org/ACE/INDEX.CFM).
- 3) Start making plans now for your Sage, Third Counselor and Recruitment Chair to attend the Mid-Year Leadership Conference.

I wish you all the best on your midterms and finals and look forward to meeting your new officers in St. Louis this February.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Mid-Year Leadership Conference

February 2-4, 2007

St. Louis, MO

Quick Notes and Reminders For Your Chapter's EC

Sage and Third Counselors Utilize Sigmapi.org E-Mail Accounts

- * Important updates from The Executive Office are sent frequently
- * Provides direct line of communication, and easy access

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT US

SAGE

- *Pledge and Initiate forms and fees must be reported promptly and properly to avoid the possibility of the chapters suspension.
- *The Sage's Report is due at the Executive Office by the 10th of every month.

SECOND CONSELOR

- *The Second Counselor's Report is due at the Executive Office by the 10th of every month.
- *You should have goals for all your chair positions.
- *Holding chair meetings prior to chapter meetings are essential for smooth communication.

THIRD COUNSELOR

- *Chapter Liability Insurance was due to the Executive Office by November 1st. Contact Director of Finance, Greg Ritchie at the Executive Office immediately if your chapter still owes.
- *The Third Counselor's Report is due at the Executive Office by the 10th of every month.

FOURTH COUNSELOR

- *Graduating Seniors report for the fall semester was due to the Executive Office by December 1st, and is due to receive efficiency points.
- *Proclamation of New Officers is due to the Executive Office immediately following the installation of new officers.
- *Chapter Minutes are due to the Executive Office by the 10th of every month.

FIRST COUNSELOR

- *If you have not sent your fall semester alumni newsletter, do it soon. Your alumni want to hear from you! Keep them informed, and involved in your chapter.
- *Send a copy of your newsletter to the Executive Office, this helps with determining the Louis Foley Award at convocation.

HERALD

- *Emerald reports and photos are due December 10th for the spring edition.
- *Chapter history should be updated with graduating members.

