

Sigma Eta Chapter

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SPRING 2007



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dates To Remember:

- February 25, 2pm Spring Initiation, Harrison Room
- March 25, 3pm Chapter Meeting, Adams 312
- April 7, Reading is Fun Week Event
- April 19 Honor Cord Reservation deadline

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Convo 2007

For information about the 2007 Convocation see pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Counselor's Corner

It is a new year and for some of you a new semester at Troy University. I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. Now is the time to "put our noses to the grindstone and our shoulders to the wheel."

For most of members this means reading, tests, assignments, and most importantly Internship. For another group of our members it means finding a classroom in which to teach. We are very proud of those Kadelphians who have left the ranks of pre-service teacher and have joined the ranks of new teacher. At the fall commencement 18 members wore the purple and green honor cord. See the back page for a list of our recent graduates.

With the new year also came a time of reflection on the direction our chapter is going. The Sigma Eta Chapter has been called a non-traditional chapter by its leadership and by many of its members. This statement reflects that we are not like the "traditional" universities in the nature of our students, their expectations and the fact there is no on-campus housing. But have we been acting like it? Have we created a chapter that exemplifies what it means to be non-traditional? Probably not.

At the last executive committee meeting I proposed to the chapter leadership a different philosophy for our chapter. This change means a greater emphasis on connection points for members. Instead of having events or service opportunities just to have them, we are going to have strategic initiatives. We are going to target specific activities each semester. We know that you are busy and have many commitments so we are not going to burden you with lots of events. Bertha Roberts calls the philosophy, the "less is more" philosophy. This does not mean that membership in KDP is just going to be a pay a membership fee and a line on your resume'. I won't have anything to do with an organization like that! It just means that we are going to be careful not to over-schedule our members. Most of you are **not** looking for something to do with your free time. So we are not going to be the ones keeping you busy. What we are going to do is create ways for you to connect with other members, with service opportunities, and with resources that will help you in your future career.

Lastly, you will notice that this newsletter is dated Spring 2007. Instead of trying to put one out each month or bimonthly, we are going to publish one each semester. The purpose of the newsletter is to let you know what is happening in your chapter and make you aware of opportunities for service. I am grateful for your support and look forward to another year of great things for the Sigma Eta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.



2007 Calendar

Chapter T-Shirts

We still have some chapter t-shirts available for purchase.

The cost is \$15 and they can be picked up from Roxanne

January

31 Send out new initiate invitation letters

February

11 3 pm Initiation Orientation Meeting Troy University

25 2pm Chapter Meeting and Spring Initiation Troy University

March

5-9 Spring Break

25 3pm Chapter Meeting

April

7 Reading Is Fun Week Activity

19 Deadline to Reserve Honor Cord for Spring Commencement

May

14 Commencement

20 2:30 pm Chapter Meeting Troy University

June

15 Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA

July

1 Summer Semester Newsletter

August

4 6am-Noon Yard sale

24 6 pm Chapter Meeting, Dinner at a local restaurant

September

3 Initiation Invitation Letters

23 Initiation Orientation

October

14 2pm Fall Initiation Troy University

31 3pm-6pm Fall Festival

November

1-3 Biennial Convocation Louisville, KY

12 7:00 pm Holiday Shopping Seminar

30 Deadline to Reserve Honor Cords for Fall Commencement

December

1 6:30 pm Chapter Christmas Party

10 Answer a Letter to Santa Service Project

Membership Renewal

Sigma Eta Chapter

\$45

You can renew your membership online at www.kdp.org or by contacting Dr. Davis.

Tel: 334-983-6556 ext. 1365

Spring Chapter Meetings

We will have two chapter meetings this semester and all members are strongly urged to be present at both meetings. The first meeting will be February 25 at 2pm in the Harrison room and it will be our Spring semester initiation. Please come out and welcome the new members to the chapter. Connecting with current members is one of the major reasons why first year members renew their membership.

The next meeting will be in March 25, 2007. This is a critical meeting. We will be ratifying changes to the chapter by-laws. We need all members present for this meeting. This is a democratic organization and your voice does count. The meeting will begin at 3pm in Adams 312.

Members in the News

The following students graduated fall 2006:

Jennifer Compton, Chastity Copeland; Melissa Copeland; Eryn Haslip; Winnie Mathis; Roxanne Mollet; Lavara Morgan; Holly Myers; Mindy Perkins; Stephanie Postler; Michelle Revels; Tamecia Richardson; Jennifer Robbins; Krista Shelley; Victoria Snellgrove; Brittany Thorn; Christy Whitaker;

If something good has happened to you, don't keep it to yourself, share it with the chapter! Send your *Members in the News* items to davisr@troy.edu

Point System Update

With the release of the new chapter philosophy you may be wondering if the service point system that was established in the fall of 2006 will remain in effect. At this time we do not have plans to scrap the program. Our goal is to refine it and make it easier for chapter members to earn the required points per semester.

With the institution of the Opportunities for Involvement and Connection Points (see pages 6 and 7 of this news letter) programs, we believe that there will be greater opportunities each one to find a place of service and in a time that is convenient to their schedule. It is important for each member to carefully consider these options and let the chapter leadership know their opinion.

Honor Cords Spring 2007

If you are graduating this semester you must notify Dr. Davis by April 1, 2007 to reserve your honor cord. Remember you must have earned 10 points in order to qualify for the honor cord. Roxanne has a list of individual member points. If you are not sure of your total contact her directly. Her contact information is on the last page.

Membership Renewal

Were you inducted into Kappa Delta Pi in 2006? Have you renewed your membership yet? The national office sends out a renewal notice about 30 days before your renewal date.

Just because you graduated does not mean that you no longer can participate in Kappa Delta Pi. We still need you!. The same wonderful benefits are there for you just like they were when you first joined the nation's leading honor society. For a mere \$45 you can continue those benefits uninterrupted. You can go to www.kdp.org and renew your membership or send it in to the chapter and we will make sure that it gets to the national office. Make checks payable to: Kappa Delta Pi and send them to Troy University, P.O. Box 8368 Dothan, AL 36304 Attn. Dr. Rodney Davis



Registration Form

November 1-3, 2007 • Louisville Marriott Downtown • Louisville, Kentucky
Why wait? Register by May 15, 2007 with full payment to receive Early Bird Pricing!

Type or print clearly. One form per registration. Please duplicate as needed.

Membership ID # _____
 Chapter or University/College _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (w) _____ Phone (h) _____
 E-mail _____ Fax _____

1. Conference Registration

Three-Day Conference Registration

Prices listed are per person. Registration includes conference fee, two meals, one reception, and conference materials.

	Before May 15	May 16-Oct. 12	On-site Registration	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member/Retiree	\$175	\$200	\$230	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor/Professional Member	\$195	\$220	\$250	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Inactive/Nonmember	\$235	\$260	\$290	\$ _____

Registration does not include housing. You must register directly with the hotel at 800-533-0127.

2. Pre-Convo Sessions

Thursday, November 1, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- (choose one) \$40 \$ _____
- Making Peace: Handling Classroom Conflicts Successfully
Peace Education Programs
 - From Chaos to Cooperation in the Classroom
Sylvia Rockwell
 - Using SMART Boards to Enhance Your Teaching
SMART Technologies

3. Guest Meal Tickets

- Thursday Reception \$20 \$ _____
- Friday Lunch \$32 \$ _____
- Saturday Banquet \$50 \$ _____

Name for Guest's Meal Badge _____

Special dietary needs of conference registrant or guest _____

Please contact us at 800-284-3167 if you require special accommodations.

4. Membership Reactivation

Reactivate your membership now to register for Convocation at member rates.

- Reactivation Dues \$35 \$ _____

5. Payment Information

Enter total of charges from sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 Full payment of this amount is required with registration.

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

- Check Money Order
- MC Visa American Express Discover/Novus

Cardholder Name (please print) _____

Card Number _____

Security Code (last 3 digits on back of card) _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Registration Deadline: October 12, 2007

Registrations must be received at Kappa Delta Headquarters by October 12, 2007 to ensure adequate accommodations and meals. Registrations after October 12, 2007 must be done on-site at a significantly higher cost.

Use this form or register online at www.kdp.org.

Full payment must be received by May 15, 2007 to receive the Early Bird Registration rate. If you are an inactive member of Kappa Delta Pi, either reactivate your membership by paying the dues shown above or pay the nonmember rate. Cancellation Policy: KDP's cancellation policy can be found at www.kdp.org under Conferences, Biennial Convocation.

Kappa Delta Pi CONVO 2007

Formal Dinner • Connections • Complimentary

Wednesday, October 31

5:00–9:00 p.m.
Registration



Andy Hargreaves
KDP Laureate
and Author of
Sustainable Leadership



Will Richardson
Author of *Blogs, Wikis,
Podcasts, and Other
Powerful Web Tools*



Pre-Convo Clinics
Sylvia Rockwell
Author of *You Can't
Make Me: From Chaos
to Cooperation in the
Classroom*

At A Glance

	Thursday, November 1	Friday, November 2	Saturday, November 3
7:30 a.m.			
8:00 a.m.	Pre-Convo Clinics 8:00–10:30		
8:30 a.m.	• Making Peace: Handling Classroom Conflicts Successfully —Peace Education Programs	Workshop Sessions 8:30–11:15	Officer Roundtables 8:30–10:00
9:00 a.m.	• From Chaos to Cooperation in the Classroom —Sylvia Rockwell	Counselors' Workshop 9:30–11:15	Laureate Panel 10:00–11:00 Iver Goodson, Andy Hargreaves "Before, Beside, and Beyond NCLB"
9:30 a.m.	• Using SMART Boards to Enhance Your Teaching —SMART Technologies		
10:00 a.m.		Honors Luncheon 11:30–1:30 Andy Hargreaves "Sustaining Teachers, Sustaining Teaching" <i>Lunch provided!</i>	
10:30 a.m.			
11:00 a.m.			
11:30 a.m.			
12 noon	First Timers Orientation 12:00–12:45		
12:30 p.m.			
1:00 p.m.	Officer Goal Setting 12:45–2:15		
1:30 p.m.		Workshop Sessions 2:00–3:15	Poster Session 2:00–3:15
2:00 p.m.			Workshop Sessions 2:15–3:30
2:30 p.m.	Delegate Orientation 2:30–3:00		ACE Pictures Taken 3:30–4:00
3:00 p.m.	Business Meeting 3:00–5:30	General Session 3:15–5:00 Will Richardson "Teaching at the Crossroads: Professional Practices in a Web 2.0 World"	"William Chandlor Bagley" 2:00–4:00
3:30 p.m.			
4:00 p.m.			
4:30 p.m.			
5:00 p.m.			
5:30 p.m.		Regional Chapter Meetings 5:15–6:00	
6:00 p.m.			
6:30 p.m.	Opening Session Bill Staples—Educator, author, and motivational speaker • ACE Awards 6:30–8:00		Closing Banquet National Teacher of the Year 6:15–9:00 <i>Prizes provided!</i>
7:00 p.m.			
7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception 8:00–9:30 <i>Refreshments provided!</i>		
8:00 p.m.			
8:30 p.m.			
9:00 p.m.			
9:30 p.m.			





**Reading is Fun
Week
April 1-7,
2007**

Reading is Fun

Plans our underway for our second Reading is Fun event. The Wiregrass Reading Council would like to partner with us to celebrate this important week. Reading is something that we often take for granted but it is a skill that can mean success or failure in school.

This week is designed to show children that reading can be fun and something that they should do every day. Even adults who know better need to be reminded about the importance of reading. As the plans finalize you will be contacted about how you can be involved. We need people who can work the event but we also need people who will donate books. We would like to give 200 books to the Wiregrass Reading Council to be distributed to kids that do not have any books at home.

Opportunities for Involvement

Not looking for anything to do? As a matter of fact are you looking for ways to get uninvolved? Don't read any further! You won't like what you read! The chapter officers have been thinking of ways that we can involve our membership in meaningful service without adding additional burdens to people that are already overloaded with school, work, family needs, church activities and a whole host of other things.

What we've come up with is an idea that is so obvious that we are ashamed that we did not think of it before. For two years the chapter officers have been calling trying to get volunteers to help with bake sales, yard sales, and butt sales. The response was usually the same, the faithful few would take time out of their schedules and work the event. Others would apologize and offer to bake something and still others would hang up the phone.

We set up a point system like other honor societies and thought that it would motivate the membership to get involved. In some cases it did but in most cases it was still the faithful 10% of the membership doing 90% of the work.

The reality is that everyone is busy with many worthwhile activities. Then it hit us, why not take advantage of the service projects that our members are already doing? As we talked with members, we found that some were volunteering at the Red Cross or at Habitat for Humanity. These are great organizations and need volunteers. We realized that there was no need for us to reinvent the service wheel.

So we are going to experiment with a new way to serve our communities. Dr. Davis will give a half point for every hour of service you give to a community organization (Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Club, Girls Inc., Wiregrass Food Bank etc.) You must provide written documentation of your service to the Chapter President within 30 days of the service event in order for it to be counted. This can be a letter on the organization's stationary that outlines what you did and how much time you gave. Keep in mind that we will not be able to give you credit for service that you give your church or another honor society. Also, if you are paid for it or are going to use it for community hours we cannot give you credit.

We believe that this will allow you to create service opportunities that fit within your schedule. Our purpose is to find ways for you to serve the community where you live. For more information, contact Dr. Davis or Mrs. Roberts.



I Make the Difference

Often people fail to see the power of the individual. They complain “what can I do, I’m just one person!” There is a great amount of influence that one person can wield. They have the power to influence their own attitude and the attitude of others. One person can make a difference.

Later this semester all members will receive a brochure and a pin that says “I Make the Difference.” This is a chapter campaign that is designed to increase members’ awareness of the power that they possess. This organization is not a dictatorship it is a democracy; which means the individual has a say in what goes on. Far too frequently, our members remain silent and do not participate in chapter activities or express their opinion.

For example, when this biennium began in July of 2006 there was a struggle to find members willing to serve in leadership capacities. We are fortunate to have the executive committee that we have. Without them, the chapter would cease to function.

This campaign is not for the community but for the chapter itself. Its purpose is to remind each one that they make a difference in either the chapter succeeding or failing. Yes, our success hinges on the individual! Look out for this mailing.

Connection Points

One of the concerns that many members express is how can I earn points when I am interning? Others are concerned that their existing commitments just do not allow them the time to be engaged in some of the traditional ways. The executive committee has discussed some options and would like to present them to the membership for their input. Here are some creative ways that you could connect to the chapter and to other members. Please contact Dr. Davis and let him know if these would be beneficial to you. Keep in mind that these are suggestions at this point.

Membership Retention: those that agree to serve in this area would work to encourage members to renew their membership. They would make telephone calls, send out reminder cards, etc. Their efforts would be rewarded by ½ point for each member that renews as a result of their effort.

Fundraising: members in this area would work to raise money for the chapter scholarships and special projects. Five points would be awarded for each event in which they participated from beginning to end.

Chapter Communication: this involves the development of the chapter newsletter, brochures and other communication. Ten points could be earned for helping to produce the chapter newsletter.

Donations: for some members it is just not possible for them to fully engage in many activities. Paralleling Winston Churchill, they too serve who stand and give! This is very important for the success of chapter activities. We need people who will commit to giving things (candy, school supplies, books etc) as well as people who will give their time. Points will be awarded for each donation.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Q Once I graduate, can I continue my membership?
- A Yes. KDP is an honor society for pre-service teachers and practicing teachers. Many of the membership benefits will be more helpful when you have a classroom of your own.
- Q Is there an alumni membership?
- A Yes, we are currently developing the alumni membership structure. We have an alumni who will be coordinating this group. Be looking for news about it in the near future.
- Q Do I still have to earn points once I graduate to remain in good-standing with the chapter?
- A No, the point system only applies to those members who have not graduated. We will be contacting alumni to help financially and if they would like to participate with their time, they will be welcome to do so.

**Email
Address
Changed?**

Has your email address changed? Did you graduate? Keep on getting the chapter newsletter by giving us your new email address. Contact davisr@troy.edu

Connection Points cont.

Participation: This membership group will commit to working the events. They have the time and are willing donate it for the furtherance of the Society's Ideals. They will receive 3 points for each event they work and 1 point for attendance at chapter meetings. We are not giving much for chapter meeting attendance because as a member it is the least that you can do.

Courtesy: letting members know that they are important is a critical task. It is one of the main reasons that individuals renew their membership. This group will be responsible for notifying the membership about important happenings within the membership. They will be responsible for the sending of birthday cards, get well wishes, and sympathy notes as well as thinking of you emails. The chapter will furnish the cards and the postage. Each member that works on this committee will receive ½ point for each card sent out.

Membership: while membership is everyone's responsibility, this special group of Kadelphians will be responsible for contacting potential members, preparing the invitation letters, and set up for the initiation ceremony. For their efforts each member of this committee will receive 10 points.

Event leader: if you are willing to coordinate a chapter activity or an outside service project you will earn 10 points. To receive these points you must keep a complete log of your work. This would include but not be limited to meeting minutes, letters written, publicity efforts, emails etc. These events may not necessarily be chapter events. For example if you coordinate an event for the Red Cross, you could count that event for earning points in KDP.

Program Planning: this group would be responsible for the development of new programs and activities. They would receive 5 points for every new activity planned and implemented.

Chapter Leadership: if you actively serve in a chapter leadership capacity (president, vice president, secretary/historian, treasurer, or foundation representative) for an entire biennium, you will receive 10 points per semester as a reward for your service. By "actively serve" we mean that the person was involved in the planning, development, and implementation of chapter activities. We are not looking for names to fill slots on a chart.

These are some of the ways that the executive committee felt that members might be able to connect to the chapter. Some of the areas have limitations on how many can be engaged in that particular group. The Courtesy group really only needs 2 or 3 people to efficiently handle the workload. The Membership committee, on the other hand, could really use 10-15 members to carryout the preparations for the annual initiations.

Please review these areas and let one of the executive committee members know your thoughts. We would like to begin this new connection point opportunity during the fall 07 semester.

Alumni Memberships

The alumni of Kappa Delta Pi are our greatest untapped resource. They are busy about their careers, beginning a career, or retiring from one. At whatever point they find themselves, they have the potential of helping our organization. The only reason that they are not contributing is that no one asked them to do so. They have time, talents, and experience to give and we should find ways for them to include them.

Instead of creating a separate chapter for alumni, the inclination is to create an alumni membership program where there would be multiple levels with corresponding benefits. The intention is not to ask the alumni come to meetings or to work events, unless they wanted to do so, but rather their major role would be to help us fund our scholarships and special events that require extra funding.

Dr. Davis happened to be in contact with a former member of the chapter (Dr. Peppi Cooper) and asked her about working in this area and she is willing (excited about the challenge) and ready to go. She believes in our Ideals and wants to help us fulfill them. Dr. Cooper currently is a lead instructor trainer at Farley Nuclear Power Plant. She has been a secondary classroom teacher for many years and would like to reconnect with K-12 education in a supportive role.

The following table outlines what this alumni membership structure might look like.

Those of you who have graduated, let us know what you think of this new structure. We do not want to lose you. We want to find new ways for you to participate.

Alumni Membership Structure		
Membership Level	Cost	Benefit
Standard	\$ 60	KDP Record; KDP Forum, KDP Coffee Mug
Professional	\$ 100	KDP Record; KDP Forum, KDP Coffee Mug; Chapter T-Shirt
Donor	\$ 120	KDP Record; KDP Forum, KDP Coffee Mug; Chapter T-Shirt; One Book from the KDP bookstore
Patron	\$ 175	KDP Record; KDP Forum, KDP Coffee Mug; Chapter T-Shirt; One Book from the KDP bookstore; 1 Convo Registration

Vice President's Reflections

Michelle Revels

Many KDP members walked across the stage on Sunday December 17, 2006 and received their diploma. I was one of them, and very excited, it was a long road for me! However, I have had this thought in my head every since I began college, that I would graduate and shortly after magically walk into my own classroom and get a nice paycheck at the end of the month. Well, my bubble has been busted, because the only classroom I have walked into is another teacher's, and the only paycheck I have received is the one for four days of substituting in December. I know many of my fellow classmates had jobs lined up before they graduated, I am excited for them, but for most of us we are wishing we would have started school just 1 or 2 semesters earlier so that we could have graduated in the Spring. I guess we will have plenty of time to fill out applications and get our resume perfected!

I think that the hardest part of graduating is figuring out what to do next. I was lucky enough to finish internship on Friday and become a long term substitute on Monday. When I finish that, there will be three schools in which I will substitute. This summer I plan on beginning work on my master's in elementary education. Hopefully and God willing I will be fulfilling my dream and teaching this fall. It has been tough adjusting from college to full time work. I would recommend anyone who has never substituted to sign up and do it now before the year is over! It is great experience, even if you are nervous, after a day or two in a school you will feel at ease with almost any grade. I have also gained many new ideas from other teachers and have gotten my foot in the door for next year.



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If you had a birthday and we didn't list it below, it might be due to our chapter database being incomplete. Send us your vital statistics (current mailing address, email, telephone numbers and birth date and we will update our chapter records.

Happy Birthday!

Laura Morgan 1/1
 Christina Nelson 1/5
 Kelli Edwards 1/9
 Catrece McDonough 1/25
 Megan Hatcher 1/29
 Princess McSwyne 1/30
 Tanya Hill 1/31
 Angela Richard 2/1
 Ashlee Newton 2/2
 D. Davis-DeArmond 2/5

Lindsay Sherrill 2/15
 Kayla Carr 2/17
 Dr. Davis 2/18
 Mietta Hammond 2/21
 Jennifer Compton 2/26
 Amy Deese 3/1
 Nikeiva Davis 3/2
 Meghan Mathus 3/2
 Brenda King 3/4
 Holly Myers 3/6

Roxanne Mollett 3/16
 Jill Smith 3/18
 Matthew Clark 3/22
 Elizabeth Daughtry 3/22
 Christina Johnson 3/29
 Kristine Nation 3/30
 Michael Stevens 4/1
 B.K. Patterson 4/4
 Paulette Skipper 4/6
 Angela Lingo 4/23

Brittany Goolsby 4/25
 Amanda Roberson 4/29
 Emily Pritchett 4/30
 Angela Drown 5/6
 Emily Scott 5/8
 Stacy Smithart 5/9
 Lori Coley 5/13
 Stacey Graham 5/13
 Della Stokes 5/15
 Christy Whitaker 5/22
 Shannon Adams 5/26

Chapter Goals 2005-2007

Membership:

- ☺ Initiate 20 members at each of the initiations
- ☺ Re-activate 20 inactive members per year
- ☺ Initiate all COE faculty into the chapter
- ☺ Rename the Initiation Committee to Membership committee

Activities:

- ☺ Have no less than 4 meetings per year in addition to initiations
- ☺ Have a fully active chapter
- ☺ Receive an ACE (Achieving Excellence Award) at the next Convocation in 2007
- ☺ Increase campus and community awareness through regular service opportunities. (Look for more details on upcoming events)

Fundraising:

- ☺ Raise \$2,500 for the KDP Endowment Fund. (This fund provides scholarships for members and can be used for tuition or other college related expenses.)
- ☺ Create two \$500 chapter scholarships for Troy education majors-one undergraduate scholarship and one graduate scholarship.
- ☺ Raise money for member attendance at the 2007 KDP Biennial Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky.

Participation:

- ☺ 50 members to attend the Convocation
- ☺ 4 workshops presented by our members at Convocation
- ☺ 50 members attend chapter meetings regularly