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## Report of the President

*Nathan A. Neal - E '83*

Since our last Newsletter, a lot has happened. We held a fantastic event at the Capitol Hill Tortilla Coast Restaurant on November 8, 2001. Alumni were eager to become members of the Capital City Alumni Association. Many thanks must be given to Brother Grant Olan, E'01 for hosting the membership at his establishment. Thanks Grant – YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND IT HERE. [Bob lets collect some dues, which are \$25.00 per year.]

At November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, alumni Brothers promised to assist the undergraduate Chapters at American and George Mason Universities at their upcoming Initiations. Additionally, thanks should be given to our brother organization THE EPSILON HOUSING TRUST, INC.<sup>1</sup> for agreeing to help Capital City Alumni with the sponsoring

of a November 30, 2001, event for Grand Consul Douglas R. Carlson. Special thanks should be given to EHT President Frank Araby and EHT Treasurer John Forst.

On November 30, 2001, the Capital City Alumni Association along with other local Sigma Chi Alumni Chapters sponsored a reception at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. All had good times and the Grand Consul Douglas R. Carlson



and the Executive Secretary Mark V. Anderson were in attendance. Mark reported that Sigma Chi was awarded and recognized by NATIONAL INTRAFRATERNITY COUNCIL for its Risk Management programming for the publication of Sigma Chi's Risk Watch CD. This Risk Watch CD discusses many Risk issues that undergraduates face on college campuses. The CD sets an example for the Greek world to follow in educating undergraduates on the many issues associated with Risk Management. Also, Past Grand Consul Robert "Bob" E. Joseph and Headquarters staff member John B. Gest, Jr. were in attendance at the reception. All of these visiting Brothers were in our nation's capital as a result of the National Intra Fraternity Council Meeting. (Come back and see us soon, Brothers)

## Social Sigs

*Heath Hutchison - KP '00*

I, and the rest of the Capital City Alumni Association (CCAA) Executive Committee, have been very pleased with the participation on the part of Alumni and undergraduate brothers. Ultimately our success depends on spreading the word, actively searching for new members, and undergraduate participation. Let the good times roll!

Please note that meeting

times have been set through the end of the semester. Our meetings will now take place on the second Wednesday or Thursday of the month. Please mark your calendars.

### CCAA important dates

Thurs. Feb 13 - Meeting - Place to be determined  
Sat. Feb 23 - Workshop for Undergrads and Alumni  
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## Report Of The President (cont'd)

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ers, we liked having you here.)

Additionally, on December 1, 2001, members of the Capital City Alumni Association were in attendance at Kappa Rho's Ceremonies of Initiation. The undergraduates preformed flawlessly during the Ceremony in which this author was given the privilege of being a participant. Thanks Kappa Rho, I had fun. Other members of the Capital City Alumni who assisted Kappa Rho during the Initiation exercises include Adam Harrington, Clay Wilkinson, Steve Nessor, Chris Bale, Heath Hutchison, and Bob Grabowski (I hope I didn't forget anyone). To everyone and, anyone that I may have missed who helped the undergraduate Brothers, Thanks. *Mission Accomplished!!* At our meeting on November 8, 2001, we pledged in the short term to help the undergraduates with their Initiation process. Let's get ready for February 16, 2002, when we can help George Mason (Iota Xi) with their Ceremony. Details of which are included in this newsletter.

Additionally, on November 18, 2001, a hearing was held at the University of Maryland regarding the actions of Grand Praetor Harvey A. Silverman. An official report from the Chairman of that hearing sub-committee, Past Grand Consul Keith B. Sorensen has been issued. Feel free to contact Tim Wargo or me for more information. On a side note, I have learned that the General Fraternity has suspended the charter of the University of Maryland Chapter (Gamma Chi) for 45 days. (I do not have the details as to why the General Fraternity undertook this action and as soon as I learn more information, I will report it to the brotherhood.)

For February 2002, undergraduates and alumni have inquired as to whether the Capital City



Alumni Association can participate in and co-host a Leadership Development Workshop, which addresses issues associated with earning a Peterson Award and how recent alumni can help undergraduate Chapters. A sporting event is planned and referees will be needed. Plans are in the making.

Next, we must remember that Recruitment is 365 days a year. There are a lot of Brothers in the Washington DC area who want to become a part of an Alumni Chapter; let's make Capital City Alumni Association the premier Alumni Chapter in the area. We were able to pick up a lot of names, address and vitals of SIG's at the November 30, 2001, reception. And follow up with these Brothers at the following Social Event which was held at the ESPN ZONE on Monday, December 10, 2001, @ 7:30 p.m.

The ESPN ZONE located at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> & "E" Street, NW; was a blast. While we enjoyed the fine dining, many Brothers also had fun in the

ZONE's game rooms. A slap shot game was the big attraction by many, especially the undergraduates and alumni from Iota Xi. Brother Heath Hutchison, our social chair, must be given KUDOS for thinking of this great idea. He and I had a lot of fun "rowing the boat" which, by the way, crashed many, many times before we got the hang of the game. Let's go back to this place.

For the New Year (2002), we found a new location to hold our meetings in the Capitol City, Georgetown. At Chadwicks of Georgetown, the Brothers took part in the fine dining and outstanding beverages at this famous Georgetown institution. This event was memorable for the number of SIG's who attended, more than thirty (30) SIG's. Recruitment has become better and better and we will reach our goal of 100 members soon. **I FEEL IT IN MY HEART.** By the way, also in attendance was our Social Chair's sweetheart Jenica Leonard; she brought an added flavor to a night out on the town. We had a strong delegation of alumni from Epsilon, Kappa Rho and Iota Xi and, several brothers from Alpha Rho, Alpha Nu, and Beta Theta were in attendance. Wow!

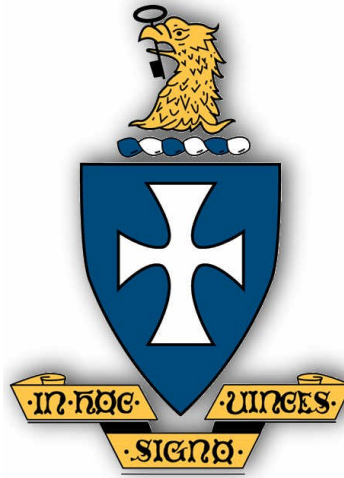
We appreciate the services of Clay Wilkinson KP '01 who acted as our first editor of the Capital City Newsletter; however, because of a new position, he indicated that he would not be able to devote quality time to the newsletter and thus, he stepped down. We are grateful that his pledge Brother, Michael Lally, KP '01 immediately stepped up to assume the responsibilities of Editor. Thanks Mike!! We need you. And finally, look forward to our events in the spring: "Paint Ball", "Ropes Course", "Broomball", "Leadership De-

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Find It Here."

velopment” and much more. Let’s see, where will the next meeting be: “American Legion”, “Adams Morgan”, “Downtown DC”, “U Street Corridor” or ?

In Hoc,  
Nasty Nathan A. Neal

<sup>1</sup>The Epsilon Housing Trust, Inc. (EHT) is the permanent house corporation for the Epsilon Chapter at the George Washington University. The General Fraternity suspended the Epsilon Chapter in January 2000. The alumni of the Chapter are planning to restore Epsilon at George Washington University in the near future as soon as it is eligible under the Fraternity governing laws.



## Social Sigs (cont'd)

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Wed. March 13 - Meeting - Place to be determined

Thurs., April 11 - Meeting - Place to be determined

Wed. May 15 - Meeting - Place to be determined.

Kappa Rho Rush dates:

Monday, Jan 28, 4:30-6:30, Strike Bethesda;  
Thursday, Feb 7, 7-9, Dr. Dremo's, 2001 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington.

Wed. Feb 13, 7-9 at the University Club at American University's Mary Graydon Center

Iota Xi Rush Dates:

Monday, Jan 28, 8-10, Hooters in Fairfax;  
Tuesday, Jan 29, 9-11, bowling at Bowl America in Burke;

Wednesday, Jan 30, pizza and a movie at the Beach house;  
Friday, Feb 1, 9-10, Espn Zone in DC;  
Saturday, Feb 2, Wine and cheese social at the Fairfax Train Station.

The next few months are going to be somewhat busy as we are trying to incorporate a weekend activity in conjunction with Kappa Rho (American University) and Iota Xi (George Mason University) as well as plan a Peterson Preparation Workshop and hold our regular meetings. We all have to be aware of Rush Dates coming up for both chapters, and of course, please try to be available for Iota Xi initiation. Locations and costs of some of these events are still in the works.  
-Heath Hutchison

## Show Us Your SIGnificance - Give Us A Title Idea!

The Newsletter of the Sigma Chi Capital City Alumni Association needs a title! Make your mark amongst this young and exciting group of Sigs by submitting your idea for the title of our newsletter. All submissions can be sent to the editor, Michael Lally at: [mlally@apexmail.com](mailto:mlally@apexmail.com). The

winning title will be announced in our next newsletter and credit will be given to the alumnus who offered it. If you do not have access to email, your title suggestion can be mailed to:

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## Upcoming Events

- **Jan 28** - *KP Rush Event* - Strike Bethesda, 4:30-6:30
- **Feb 4** - *Iota Xi Rush Event* - Hooters, Fairfax, VA 8-10PM
- **Feb 5** - *Iota Xi Rush Event* - Bowl America in Burke, VA 9-11PM
- **Feb 6** - *Iota Xi Pizza & Movie* - the Beach house
- **Feb 7** - *KP Open Rush* - 7-9PM Dr. Dremo's, Arlington, VA
- **Feb 8** - *Iota Xi Rush Event* - Espn Zone in DC, 9-11PM
- **Feb 9** - *Iota Xi Wine and cheese social* - the Fairfax Train Station Museum
- **Feb 13** - *KP Closed Rush* - 7-9PM, University Club, Mary Graydon Center, American University;
- **Feb 13** - *Meeting* - Place to be determined
- **Feb 23** - *Workshop for Undergrads and Alumni* - Place to be determined
- **Feb 28** - *EHT Meeting* - 7pm, GW University Club
- **March 13** - *Meeting* - Place to be determined
- **April 11** - *Meeting* - Place to be determined
- **May 15** - *Meeting* - Place to be determined
- **June 28 - 30** - *Grand Council* - Miami University Oxford, Ohio
- **August 1 - 4** - *Balfour Leadership Training Workshop* - Murray State University

Help Support the  
Local Undergrad  
Chapters — Don't  
Miss Your  
Opportunity to  
Make These Events  
Great!



# Local Undergraduate Chapter Reports



## Kappa Rho - American University *George Schaubhut - Consul*

[www.geocities.com/EXPsig](http://www.geocities.com/EXPsig)

The Kappa Rho Chapter of Sigma Chi at American University had a very good first semester to the 2001/2002 school year.

On December 1, 2001, the Kappa Rho Chapter initiated 6 men into our order. Nick Blampey, Brian Evans, Dave Strousberg, Jeff Rothenberg, Steve Centrella, and C.J. Perego will play an integral role in the future of our chapter. Already Brother Perego has been elected as the Scholarship Chairman and Brother Rothenberg was elected as the Chapter Editor.

Adam Natale, our Recruitment Chairman last semester, was re-elected to the position, and has put us in position to recruit a large, quality pledge class. Our rush dates and events for this semester are:

Monday, January 28, 2002 at Strike Bethesda (formerly known as Bowl

America), 5353 Westbard Ave. in Bethesda) 4:30 - 6:30

Thursday, February 7, 2002 at Dr. Dremo's Taphouse (Billiard hall with a jungle-esque theme) 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington. 7:00 - 9:00

### Closed Rush

Wednesday, February 13, 2002 in the University Club at American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington DC (located in the Mary Graydon Center). 7:00 - 9:00

All alumni and undergraduates are invited to attend any of these events. The more Sigma Chis our recruits see, the more they will be able to see how special Sigma Chi is to each and every one of us.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter for their sponsorship of our closed rush

event.

The Kappa Rho Chapter has many exciting events on its plate this semester. The 3rd Annual Derby Days, under the direction of Brother Mitch Herkis is scheduled for the week of April 7 through April 13th. We have a brotherhood retreat scheduled for March 23 and 24, under the direction of our Pro-Consul, Brother Dan MacAvoy. Our Social Chairman, Marshall Thompson, has been hard at work planning events which are sure to excite our own brothers and to ensure that sororities and other groups on campus make it a point to plan their Sigma Chi events for semesters to come well in advance.

The Kappa Rho Chapter looks forward to seeing alumni and undergraduate Sigma Chis at all its events.

For directions or information, call George Schaubhut at 202-276-1776.



## Iota Xi—George Mason University *Mark Rawlings*

[www.sigma-chi.org](http://www.sigma-chi.org)

At George Mason University, The Iota Xi chapter is gearing up for what looks to be an excellent semester. With initiation right around the corner, we are reminded of how important recruitment is to any organization. Keeping that in mind, we also have an exciting, event-filled recruitment period planned for the first week in February. At the moment, the rush calendar has the following events planned:

Monday, February 4 is a night of wings and good times at Hooters located at 10334 Lee Hwy in Fairfax, VA from 8:00 to 10:00 PM

Tuesday, February 5 is bowling at Bowl America at 5615 Gaines St. in Burke, VA from 9:00 to 11:00 PM

Wednesday, February 6 we'll have pizza and a movie at the Beach house.

Thursday, February 7 will be night of billiards at Bridges Billiards & Grill, 10560 Main Street, Fairfax, VA

Friday, February 8 is a night of fun at ESPN Zone, located at 555 12th St. NW in Washington, DC from 9:00 till 11:00

Saturday, February 9 is Wine and cheese social at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. This is a small museum off of Rt. 123 near George Mason's campus. The address is 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, VA

As always, a strong alumni showing only aides in our ability to recruit quality gentlemen for our fraternity. We appreciate any alumni support that is offered.

For more information on any of these events, call Mark Rawlings at 703-470-1233.





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*In Hoc Signo Vinces*

## Epsilon Housing Trust Report

*John Forst - E '84*

As many of you know, Epsilon Chapter's Charter was suspended by the Executive Committee of Sigma Chi in 2000. The Epsilon Housing Trust (EHT) owns the real estate that the Epsilon Chapter occupied since the early 1950's. In order to preserve a Sigma Chi presence on the campus of The George Washington University, the Directors and Officers of the EHT determined that keeping its premier location on the GW campus would be appropriate. Thus, EHT entered into a three year lease with the alumni of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity (LCA) for the benefit of their undergraduate brothers. Currently, the LCA undergraduates and alumni appear to be fulfilling the terms of their lease and, to date, have been good tenants. When the

time is right, the Epsilon alumni will seek to re-charter a Sigma Chi Chapter at GW. This effort will require the assistance of many DC area alumni - we hope that you will consider contributing your time and talent to this important undertaking. The next EHT meeting is 2/28/02 at 7pm in the University Club at George Washington University, on the corner of 20th and F Street in NW, Washington. Space is limited. For more information, or if you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Frank Araby, President - frank.araby@telelogic.com or John Forst, Treasurer - john.forst@dechert.com.

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## Join The Capital City Alumni Association!

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***Thanks and Welcome!!!!***

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