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From The Director

Hi Everyone!

Fall classes are upon us, and I don't know about you, but I'm not ready! We've had such a busy summer, and it goes faster each year. This fall we have three classes on campus: freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The pre-juniors and seniors are on co-op. We have two special events coming up also: our freshman welcome event on October 2, and the high school student/counselor breakfast on October 29. We still need current students to work both events, so if you can help out, please let me know.

We're wrapping up our fund-raising campaign. Announcements of this year's Named Scholars will be made soon. We've increased the number of scholarships available substantially this year, and we've obtained increased funding for our leadership and professionalism initiatives from P&G and

Cintas, respectively. More information on the P&G and Cintas programs will be forthcoming soon. We are truly fortunate to have the support of so many generous individuals and companies who have stepped up to improve our program. Thank you to all of our supporters for their vote of confidence in our great students.

As you'll see inside, there were ten Honors-PLUS students nominated for homecoming court. Contrary to popular opinion, this is not merely a popularity or beauty contest. Students must be nominated by a campus organization, are subject to grade screens, student voting, screening on extra-curricular involvement, and eventually a personal interview. Congratulations to all of our students who were nominated! Since Lindner Honors-PLUS comprises 125 students out of 20,000 undergrads, I think 10 of the 63

nominations is pretty phenomenal.

NOTE TO ALL ALUMNI

You should have received an invitation in the mail, and by email, to our Freshman Welcome Event on October 2. This year, we've invited all of our alumni to our pre-dinner and the UAB football game, in lieu of inviting freshman parents and high school counselors, since there are other events for them. We are hoping that this will be an annual event for all alumni of our program, and hope to see you all there this year! President Zimpher will be coming to give her welcome to the incoming class, so this would be a great opportunity to meet her if you haven't had the chance. Let me know if you need more information. The RSVP deadline is this Friday, September 24.

Go Bearcats!!!

Jeri Ricketts

Welcome Class of 2009

September 22, 2004, will see 25 new Lindner Honors-PLUS students on campus. We are so excited to add this newest class to our current group of outstanding Lindner Honors-PLUS students. Joining us in 2004 will be:

Dustin Alvey
 Jason Ballas
 Zachary Chaney
 Kelly Collins
 Douglas Cushman
 Kyle Dragan
 Austin Flint
 Patrick Fluegeman
 Kiana Herron
 Carolyn Hoffman
 Alex Huang
 Kirby Huelsebusch
 Jay R. Johnston
 Kathryn Johnston
 Megan McElroy
 Joshua Nohle
 Kevin Perkins
 Alex Petre
 Stephen Porter
 James Radley
 Stephen Repella
 Ryan Rosensweig
 Anne Seitz
 Allison Stallo
 Devon Steelman

Upper classmen, please take time to seek out our newest students and welcome them to the program. Remember your freshman year, and what you have learned since then. There is a lot you can do to help ease the transition into University life, by sharing the information you have gained over the past year or more.

For our new incoming class, remember that the Lindner Honors-PLUS staff is here to help ease your transition into college life. If there is anything we can do, just stop by and visit us in suite 102 on the first floor. If there is no one seated at the front desk to direct, just come directly back to our offices.

When you come into the suite, go straight back and turn left. Judy Magazine's office will be on your right, #102D (the first office with a door), Donna Fisher's office is directly across from Judy's office on your left, and Jeri Rickett's office is right next to Donna's office, #102H.

Since Jeri Ricketts teaches, as well as directs the Lindner Honors-PLUS program, her office hours change a lot. It's easiest to email her at jeri.ricketts@uc.edu or call her at 556-7046 and set up an appointment to see her. She is always open to students who just drop by if she is in the office.

Donna Fisher's office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:00am until 6:00pm. She is off on Tuesdays, but checks her voice mail from home once in the morning and once in the afternoon, as well as her email. If you have a problem that can't wait until Wednesday, don't hesitate to leave a message and she will get back to you ASAP. You can reach her at donna.fisher@uc.edu or 556-7099.

Judy Magazine is here Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. You can reach her at judy.magazine@uc.edu or 556-7187.

Scott Gregory's office is in the Undergraduate Programs Office on the first floor, suite 105. You can reach him at scott.gregory@uc.edu or 556-7037.

Scott asked me to give you a couple of reminders at this point: If you have questions about housing, call the housing office direct at 556-6461. For problems with your Cincinnatus Scholarships, call Amy Fontaine at 556-6993. For problems with Lindner Honors-PLUS Scholarships, contact Scott at 556-7037.

If you have any problems with your

class schedules, call Donna Fisher and see if she can help before you stand in long lines at the One Stop Office. She can't fix everything, but she usually knows someone who can! If you don't know where to go or who to ask about anything, stop and see Donna. She is willing and eager to help in any way she can, and she can direct you to the right person to see. (PLUS, she always has candy on her desk to encourage you to stop and see her!) Once again, her direct line is 556-7099.

Please don't hesitate to stop in when you have any problems or if you just need to talk. We really mean it when we say we have an open door policy. We're here to help in any way that we can. We want your college experience to be the best that it can be.

Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi is America's foremost business fraternity, with over 200,000 members. Please check out our fall recruiting schedule!

September 27th, 6:00 pm in room 218.
Meet the Chapter

September 28th, 4:00 pm in room 221.
Meet the Chapter

September 30th, 7:00 pm in room 112.
Chapter Meeting with:

John Augustine, Chief Investment Strategist

Jeff Ziegler, Vice President & Director of Managed Accounts; from 5/3 speaking on investing your money.

October 6th, 5:30 pm. Cook out in Burnet Woods with field games.

October 11th, 7:30 pm in room 218.
Interviews

October 12th, 7:30 pm in

Any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Sharts, Senior Vice President, at sannes01@yahoo.com.

Useful Information for Freshman on Campus

by: Donna Fisher

Erin Fish in the graduate office pulled the following information together for her students. Since she was kind enough to share it with me, I wanted to share it with you. I think the incoming freshman class may find this really useful, but I won't be surprised if our upper classmen find it useful as well.

BANKS

Cinci Federal Credit Union
Auburn & William Howard Taft
821-9988

Fifth Third Bank - 30 E. Corry
861-5100

Provident Bank - 31 Wm Howard Taft
281-1662

US Bank - 425 Ludlow - 475-6060

BOOKSTORES

DuBois Bookstore: 321 Calhoun St.
281-4120

Student Bookstore: 335 Calhoun St.
221-7771

UC Bookstore: On-campus, TUC
556-1700

GROCERIES

Clifton Nat. Foods: 169 W. McMillan
961-6111

Krogers: University Plaza @ Corry & Vine – 281-4500

MOVIES

Esquire Theatre: 320 Ludlow 281-8750

Blockbuster Video: University Plaza @ Corry & Vine – 861-9216

PHARMACIES

CVS: 101 Wm Howard Taft
569-4300 (Open 24 hrs.)

Walgreens: University Plaza at Corry & Jefferson – 751-1147 (Open 24 hrs.)

POST OFFICE

Burnet Woods Station: 3408 Ormond (off Ludlow) 861-1367

Corryville Station: 2917 Vine St. – 751-4384

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(for campus libraries, see www.libraries.uc.edu)

Clifton Branch: 351 Ludlow 369-4447

Corryville Branch: 2802 Vine 369-6034

CLIFTON AREA RESTAURANTS

On Campus:

MarketPointe at Siddall

Steger Student Life Center: *Subway & Starbucks*

TUC: *Freshens Smoothies, Gold Star, Mick & Mack's, Pizza Hut, Tortilla Fresca, & Wendys & Subway*

Off-Campus:

Asian Food

China Kitchen – 221-5333

Happy Wok – 221-8999

Red Pepper – 559-9229

King Wok – 723-1999

Thai Express – 651-9000

Thai Café – 961-5678

Bagels/Deli/Wraps/Subs

Bruegger's Bagels – 871-2114

Jersey Mike's – 421-6453

Jimmy John's – 751-9555

Penn Station – 961-7366

Burritos

Chipotle – 281-8600

Habanero – 961-6800

Chili & Cones

Gold Star Chili – On campus, TUC

Skyline Chili – 221-2142

Buffet/Salad Bar

Kroger's (salad bar) – 281-4500

Kingsgate Marriott, Bistro – 487-3800

MarketPointe @ Siddall – On-Campus

Coffee

Baba Budan's 221-1911

Highland Coffeehouse – 861-4151

Sitwell's – 281-7487

Starbucks – (student life center-campus)

General Table Service

Frisch's – 559-0555

Inn the Wood – 221-3044

Martino's – 221-8487

German

Lindhart's – 281-3600

Mecklenburg Gardens – 221-5353

Greek/Mediterranean

Corinthian – 961-0013

Chicago Gyros – 621-3828

Floyd's – 221-2434

Mediterranean House – 784-0144

Ice Cream/Smoothies

Cold Stone Creamery – 281-2532

Freshens Smoothies – TUC On-campus

Graeters – 281-4749

United Dairy Farmers – 751-5132

Indian

Ambar – 281-7000

Amol – 961-3600

India Palace – 221-8111

Krishna – 961-2878

Mayura – 221-7125

Sitar Express – 421-1601

Mexican

Cactus Pear – 961-7400

Tortilla Fresca – TUC On-campus

Pizza/Pasta/Italian

Adriatico's – 281-4344

Biagio's Bistro – 861-4777

Dewey's Pizza – 221-0400

Domino's – 751-6262

LaRosa's – 347-1111

Papa Dino's Pizzeria – 221-4747

Papa John's – 961-7272

Pizza Hut – TUC On-campus

Pomodori's – 861-0080

Uno's – 281-8667

Vietnamese

Cilantro – 281-1732

Eclectic/Vegetarian

Clifton Natural Foods – 961-6111

Myra's Dionysus – 961-1578

UC Homecoming 2004

by: Donna Fisher



For those of you who are no more savvy than I am, Mick & Mack are the two stone lions that stand outside of McMicken College, and as you can surmise by the above logo, they have been standing there proudly for 100 years, since 1904! Now that's an amazing fact.

This years homecoming will be honoring *100 Years of Mick and Mac!*

Here are the Homecoming Day Main Events:

Saturday, October 30, 2004:

10 am: Hospitality Tent Opens on the McMicken Lawn.

- Complimentary mugs to the first 1,000 visitors.
- Free hot chocolate, coffee, and pastries.
- Giveaways and prizes from the Colleges!

12 noon: Parade (Clifton Avenue to Martin Luther King Boulevard)

1 pm:
 Bearcat Blitz – Myers Alumni Center
 Homecoming Carnival – TUC
 Free snacks, games & prizes

3 pm: UC vs Texas Christian Univ.
 Nippert Stadium

Game halftime, Coronation of the King & Queen!

At the time of this writing, there are 33 students running for Homecoming Queen, and 33 students running for Homecoming King. There are 5 Lindner Honors-PLUS students running in each category. I firmly believe they will each make the final cut, and I can't imagine choosing between them!

Lindner Honors-PLUS Queen Candidates:

Rebecca Cook



Anna Godby



Maureen Mulcahy



Molly Parrett



Jenine Shafie



Lindner Honors-PLUS King Candidates:

Kyle Bertke



Phil DiCiero



Adam Hildebrand



Ben Hines



Matt Mezinskis



For more information about UC's Homecoming and on the candidates, visit the homecoming website at: www.homecoming.uc.edu/

Voting for King & Queen will be on-line between October 11th and the 14th. Don't forget to vote for your favorite Lindner Honors-PLUS candidates, and good luck to each of them!

Stratford Heights Development

by: **Jeri Ricketts**

The Lindner Honors-PLUS house in Stratford Heights is becoming a reality. There are about 20 buildings in the complex, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2005, and we have reserved half of one of the duplexes in the development. The artist's rendering of our house is shown below; we will have the entrance on the right, facing the green space. That's Stratford Avenue that you see in the foreground. The other half of the building on the left has tentatively been reserved by the Law School. Our space includes 26 beds, including 2 beds for RA's. Most of the bedrooms are double occupancy, although there are a handful of single-occupancy rooms. Space has also been reserved in the complex for various fraternities and sororities, University Honors, dedicated language dorms, CCM, the Taft Scholars, the law school, and a few other organizations on campus.

There is no up-front or subsequent direct cost to the program. Room

rates cover all expenses and are projected to be around \$500 a month, per person, give or take, and include all utilities. Parking is available at additional cost in the two-story garage directly behind the house. Bedrooms are equipped with cable, UC network hookups, and phone jacks. Each student will have their own bed, mini-fridge, drawer space, closet space, shelf space and desk. Each house has two large living areas, a big screen TV, a fully equipped kitchen with a large adjoining eating space, study space, meeting rooms, a porch with a gas grill, and laundry facilities. Housekeeping service is provided, all buildings are alarmed, blue security phones are placed throughout the complex, and a security guard will be on site on the weekends. Wireless internet access will be available throughout the complex, including in all green spaces. Sounds nice, huh?

A multipurpose building is being constructed (right across Stratford

from our house) that will probably include workout facilities, meeting/banquet facilities, a game room, a cash and carry breakfast/lunch place, evening grill, mailboxes, and additional laundry facilities. Exact amenities are still under consideration. We've met with the developers to pick out the color scheme and upholstery fabrics, with student representation. Next we'll need to draft house rules, and decide how to assign priority to students who want to live in the house or serve as RA's. Freshmen will still be required to live in honors housing on campus, but upper-classmen will be eligible for Stratford residence. I'm planning on having HPSA work on this during the upcoming academic year, so if you would like to be involved in the process, let me know.

I'm excited that we are going to have our own space on campus! We'll keep you posted.

Jeri Ricketts



Story of the Cincinnati Betas

by: Matt Mezinskis

Four years ago, in the fall of 2000, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Cincinnati, the Beta Nu Chapter, was reorganized. The fraternity had a host of risk management and financial issues, and the local alumni knew it was time to change. The chapter had 100 men. The chapter's alumni and the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity conducted interviews of the men to see if they really upheld the values of their fraternity, and if they were willing to stay and help turn the chapter around. After a very difficult time in their chapter's history, it had been determined that seven—only seven—out of 100 undergraduates were accepted and/or willing to reorganize the chapter. The General Fraternity placed the chapter on "Suspended" status and revoked their charter, with the goal of returning the chapter to 40 or so men and reinstalling the values of Beta Theta Pi in the Cincinnati Chapter. They weren't sure how long it would take.

So the seven of them began, and for one whole year they couldn't recruit, had no social, no intramurals, and no programming. They held meetings, planned, and held more meetings. They rewrote the constitution, bylaws, and implemented a new risk management plan and pledge program. It was very tough, and the seven undergrads often wondered if they would ever see any fruits from their labor. However, with a tremendous amount of assistance from a core alumni base, and administrative support from Beta Theta Pi's headquarters in Oxford, OH, the small band of men was prepared for recruitment in the fall of 2001.

Relatively speaking, the 2001-2002 school year was a big success for the Beta Nu brothers. They tripled their membership and were first in grades in Winter Quarter. In 2002-2003 the hard work continued, and they won Student Group of the Quarter that fall, winning the intramural football championship and raising over \$2,000 for Literacy Center West in their creative Psychedelic Toilet Sale. They were first in grades in the

winter and spring and capped off the year with an intramural soccer championship. In 2003-2004 they continued success, having great socials, formals, and raising \$3,000 for Literacy Center West in the second annual Toilet Sale. Their hard work was commended by Order of Omega, winning the Chapter Excellence Award in 2003 and 2004, and they won the esteemed Francis H. Sisson Chapter Excellence Award from the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity in 2004.

Now, as the 2004-2005 school year approaches, the Beta Nu chapter has attained that lofty and distant goal established back in 2000. They were returned from "Suspended" to "Good" status, and their charter was returned to the chapter house. In other words, they were officially allowed to self-govern themselves again.

It all happened this past summer at Beta's 165th General Convention in Atlanta, on the evening of August 6, 2004. It was truly an amazing event, as 130 undergraduate delegates unanimously voted to reinstate the Beta Nu chapter back as a full chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Tom Cassidy, *Cincinnati '76* and Beta Nu trustee, was instrumental in the chapter's reorganization, and he made a special presentation at the legislation to the brothers of the chapter. He returned the charter that he had kept in his house for four years to the chapter President. An interesting, special fact about their charter is that it's signed by John Reily Knox, founder of Beta Theta Pi. It was a weekend to remember down in Atlanta, and it was truly a special event in the history of the Cincinnati chapter.

Hello, my name is Matt Mezinskis, Honors-PLUS '06, and President of the Beta Nu chapter of Beta Theta Pi. I wanted to tell this story to show the great efforts that many undergraduates have undertaken by becoming members of the Beta Theta Pi international social fraternity in the last four years. It's

Honors-PLUS program. Besides myself, the others are Adam Hildebrand (also the InterFraternity Council President), Phil DiCiero, and Sebastien Schultz—all members of the class of '06.



(Betas after winning the Francis H. Sisson Award at the General Convention, August 2004)

I am extremely privileged to call myself a Beta, and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The story I just relayed was indeed a turning point in our chapter's history, and I know I speak for the chapter when I say we are all so fortunate and proud to be a part of it. We have initiated 40 undergraduates into our ranks since the original seven restarted four years ago, and it has truly been amazing.

The event on August 6, 2004, was almost like a dream. For four years, dedicated individuals have worked hard toward the building up of a fraternity on Cincinnati's campus that once lost its way. There were over thirty Cincinnati undergraduates and alumni in Atlanta on the 165th Anniversary of Beta Theta Pi, in the presence of some 700 Betas, old and young, from across North America. On that evening, when our charter was returned to us, that dream became a reality and we all accomplished what was a very distant goal in the fall of 2000.

Keep a look out for the Betas,
Matt Mezinskis, Class of 2006

Items of Interest

Anne Marie Peet, Class of 2006, got engaged the last weekend in August, while on the beach at Dauphin Island. They are planning their wedding for September 3, 2005.

Kristen Schroeder, Class of 2007, was recently selected to be the Director of Women's Affairs for Student Government!

Aaron Schmidt, Class of 2008, will be taking office this fall as the Secretary of the UC College Republicans.

Donna Fisher, H+ Office, was asked to be Advisor to the UC College Republicans, which she accepted.

Register to Vote! As November 2nd approaches, make sure you are registered to vote in this year's pivotal election. For details and info on

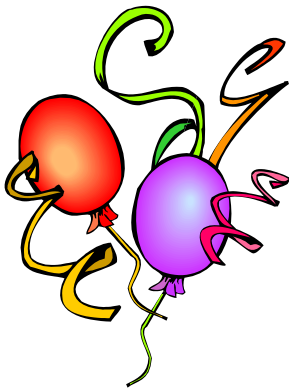
registering, or for absentee ballot information, go to <http://www.hamilton-co.org/BOE/>. Registration forms are due 30 days before the election!

UC News: Starting this fall, grades and bills will no longer be mailed. They will only be sent to you *via email* and the University will only use your **Bearcat email account**. All communications between the University and the students will now be done via this venue. This makes it more important than ever to check your emails daily. They will not accept as an excuse "*I didn't check my email*". Remember, you can forward your email to any outside email address you want to, but you **MUST** check it! (You can also go on-line and print your bills, schedules and grades at OneStop.

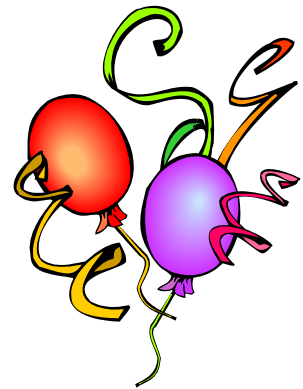
Alumni Corner

Joey Elam, Class of 2002, was recently promoted to Systems Administrator at Peoples Community Bank. According to Assistant Vice President, Andy Craig, "since Joey joined the bank as an IT Specialist, he has played a critical role in expanding their rapidly growing infrastructure. Joey's knowledge, expertise, and dedication have been very valuable to Peoples Community Bank and he has earned this well deserved promotion." Congratulations Joey!

October Birthdays



Ryan Rosensweig	Oct. 3
Kristen Schroeder	Oct. 3
Devon Steelman	Oct. 4
Teresa Brewer	Oct. 5
Brent Sterling	Oct. 7
Jessica Bauer	Oct. 12
Stanley Wells, Jr.	Oct. 12
Dustin Alvey	Oct. 15
Chris Simendinger	Oct. 18
Ryann Noble	Oct. 20
Rebecca Cook	Oct. 25
Anne Seitz	Oct. 26
Maxwell Bauer-Nilsen	Oct. 27
Adam Curley	Oct. 27
Christine Benken	Oct. 28
Jay Johnston	Oct. 28
Zach Chaney	Oct. 29



Happy Birthday Everyone!