



# EPSILON SIGMA PHI

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*A message from Duane Stevenson  
President, Alpha Omicron Chapter. . .*



**D**ear Colleagues.... This past year has been a learning experience of getting to know how Epsilon Sigma Phi operates. I'm still learning and still have more to learn about the organization and it is hard to believe that my term as President has almost come to an end.

The Chapter and I have faced many challenges over the past year. First of all my biggest challenge has been to balance work with Penn State part time while I fulfill my military obligation to the Army National Guard full time. My Company was mobilized in March and have deployed to Kosovo, and the news I hear is not good. I was the lucky one; I'm holding the unit together with another Sergeant until the Company returns to Kutztown, PA. We only hear about the casualties from abroad, but not the disabled and dismembered veterans being returned to our homeland, unless they are friends or loved ones.

Now let's get back to ESP, I heard comments from several ESP members and nonmembers on what does ESP have to offer as benefits. I proceed to tell about the many awards, committee involvement, Networking Opportunities, National Conference and Leadership opportunities and.... Some people want all they can get from an organization without being involved or unwilling to make a commitment of time back to the ESP Organization. Part of the pleasure of joining an organization is to become committed and help move the organization forward through the many changes we encounter over time. The enjoyment of belonging should also play a part with encouraging our fellow workers in becoming ESP members. How many people today want something, but are not willing to pay the price?

I'd like to highlight some of the changes that have taken place over the past year with Epsilon Sigma Phi. The Alpha Omicron Chapter has been involved with celebrating the National 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Epsilon Sigma Phi. The Chapter participated in the June Pennsylvania Galaxy Meeting by hosting the Ice Cream Social after the Extension Organizations Fund—Raising Auction. The goal with being involved at this meeting was to give ESP increased visibility. Members brought Auction items and purchased auction items to raise money for the National ESP Endowment, which almost \$200.00 was raised at this event. Plans are being made to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the upcoming ESP Annual Meeting scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and hope you will join us at the celebration.

The National Extension Galaxy held at Salt Lake City, Utah was excellent and if you did not attend it was a loss for you. First of all, the Alpha Omicron Chapter is honored that Nancy Crago from Pennsylvania was elected to the office of the National ESP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I congratulate her on accepting this challenge and the Chapter needs to

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**◆ COMNG EVENTS ◆**

**Annual Meeting**  
November 11, 2003  
ESP Alpha Omicron Chapter  
Days Inn, Linden Room  
State College, PA

**National ESP Conference Dates:**  
September 14-19, 2004  
Quad Cities, Moline, Illinois

November 8-13, 2005  
Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado

**National Meeting Dates:**  
JCEP Regional Workshop  
January 29-31, 2004  
Baltimore, Maryland

Public Issues Leadership Development  
Conference (PILD)  
May 2-5, 2004  
Washington, D.C.

*A Message... continued*

help her over the term of holding this National Office which leads to National ESP President in 2006. Take time and congratulate Nancy.

The Alpha Omicron Chapter has the following members that have been appointed to serve on National ESP Committees in 2004:

Mary Alice Gettings	Global Relations Committee
Nancy Wallace	Member Services Committee
Nancy Crago	Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee
Michelle Rodgers	Professional Development Committee
Duane Stevenson	Resource Development & Management Committee

Our ESP Chapter has been supporting the ESP National Endowment Fund Campaign over the past year. Yes, I, along with other members, have made my contribution. Pennsylvania has been slow in getting started in this Campaign, but I strongly encourage you to donate to the Endowment Fund if you have not done so.

Our Chapter now has a website thanks to the efforts of Peg and Bill Shuffstall. Guy Temple has accepted the challenge to gather Extension memories/stories and has organized a committee to work towards this goal.

I have just touched on a few highlights and am honored that I had the opportunity to serve as your president over the past year.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the officers, committee chairs, and membership who have helped the Alpha Omicron Chapter and myself over the past year.

***“Ask yourself if what you’re doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow.”***

(Taken from Life’s Little Instruction Book)

***“Protect your enthusiasm from the negativity of others.”***

(Taken from Life’s Little Instruction Book)

## **Renew Your ESP Membership for 2004!**

by **Beth Raney**

Now is the time to renew your membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi! Your dues are due in October for the 2004 membership year. Write a \$50 check payable to “Epsilon Sigma Phi” and mail it to Beth Raney, ESP Membership Chair, at 405 Ag Admin Bldg, University Park PA 16802.

Encourage your co-workers or colleagues to join ESP! You may make a copy of your Membership Application/Renewal Form for them to use, or refer them to someone from the Membership committee (Trudy Dougherty, Duane Duncan, Nancy Wiker, Christy Bartley, Beth Raney, chair) so we may contact them. A stronger, larger membership allows our chapter of our extension professional organization to thrive!

The Alpha Omicron chapter of ESP is happy to welcome a “new” member in our chapter... Daney Jackson!



**Daney Jackson** has transferred his membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi from Ohio State. Dr. Jackson is our new associate director of Penn State Cooperative Extension. His 17 year career with Cooperative Extension began in 1985 with Mississippi State University. Prior to joining Penn State, Daney was the associate professor and personnel leader for Ohio State University Extension.

Dr. Jackson received dual bachelor’s degrees in forestry and banking & finance as well as a master’s degree in extension education from Mississippi State University in 1984 and 1990, respectively. He earned his doctorate in agricultural education from The Ohio State University in 1994.

Daney and his wife, Kim, have three daughters: Carrie, 22, a student at Ohio State; Ashley, 16, in high school; and Morgan, 9.

He is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and the National Extension 4-H Agents Association.

Join with me to welcome Daney Jackson to Alpha Omicron Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi!



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**November 11, 2003**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

**Days Inn, State College**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!**

## **National Scholarship Award Opportunities**

*By Nancy Grotevant, Chair, Scholarships and Loans Committee*

The following are scholarships available at the national level. All are due to Pennsylvania Chair, Nancy Grotevant, by February 1, 2004, unless otherwise noted.

***National ESP Administrative Leadership Scholarship Program*** – This scholarship is to be used to defray the cost of attending the National Conference. Current ESP members are eligible. This must be their first ESP National Conference. Four scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded annually to outstanding administrators / leaders based on accomplishments. Participants must agree to attend the entire national conference.

***National ESP Professional Development Mini-Grant*** – ESP will provide up to 4 grants of up to \$1,000 each to stimulate the professional development of Extension faculty in those states. The project should provide model professional development events or materials that could be replicated or adapted by other ESP chapters. The projects are to be completed one year from date funding is announced. The project coordinator must be an ESP member and a grant may be requested at anytime.

***National ESP Professionalism Scholarship*** – ESP will, through the Foundation, provide \$2,000 annually to fund scholarships not to exceed \$500 per member to encourage, stimulate, and support professional development through participation in courses, seminars, or workshops. Preferences will be given on a regional basis; however, discretion will be used depending on the number and quality of applications.

***National ESP Public Issues / Leadership Development Conference Scholarship*** – ESP has established this scholarship for eligible members to attend the Public Issues / Leadership Development National Conference in order to become informed about public issues and legislative matters affecting Extension programs and personal needs. Current members who have not previously attended the Public Issues / Leadership Development Conference are eligible. Recipients must agree to attend the entire conference, including specific ESP events. Four regional scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded annually.

***National ESP Retire / Life Member Registration Reduction Program*** – This scholarship is to be used to defray the cost of attending the National Conference. Current ESP members who have been retired from Extension at least two years are eligible. The value of the registration reduction will be announced in the *ESP Connection* Spring issue and in ESP National Conference Registration packet. Recipient must agree to attend the entire national conference.

For more information on any of these opportunities go to <http://espnational.org/handbook/> and click on Section E Member Services

**Don't forget to send in your**

- ✓ Annual meeting registration form - due October 31, 2003
- ✓ Membership Application/Renewal 2004 form