Chapter President Snyder Attends Phi Kappa Phi Convention

The 2001 Phi Kappa Phi Triennial Convention took place during early August in Indianapolis, Indiana. With the theme "Focus on the Future", the meeting provided a forum to both conduct the business of the national organization and allow delegates, some from as far away as the Philippines, to meet one another and exchange ideas. In addition, delegates also had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with regional and national officers as well as staff members who work at the national headquarters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The delegate from East Carolina University was chapter president, Scott Snyder.

Major items of business at the convention included the election of national officers for the 2001-2004 triennium, consideration of proposed bylaws changes, and adoption of the 2001-2004 triennial budget. In addition, chapter officers and past and current members of the Board of Directors were able to participate in a variety of training workshops.

Phi Kappa Phi’s national organization is subdivided into five regions, each with a regional vice president. The Southeastern Region was represented by 54 individuals from 34 chapters.

Each morning began with regional breakout sessions, one of which allowed the delegates of the Southeastern Region to talk about matters of common interest and concern. These breakout sessions also provided a forum for the presentation of chapter awards in the following categories: outstanding newsletter, outstanding website, and outstanding interdisciplinary program. Vice President for the Southeastern Region, Dr. A. Wayne Lacy, presented the regional awards, all three of which went to East Carolina University (although there was a tie with Auburn University in the web site category).

The ECU chapter newsletter, coordinated by chapter public relations officer Lorraine Robinson (English Department), has created quite an impression on other chapters, many of whom have requested copies. The website is currently down and is being redone with the capable help of chapter member Joyce Newman, who also happens to be the Instructional Technology Consultant for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The interdisciplinary program award was largely an outgrowth of the ECU chapter’s Wall of Honor project. The Wall of Honor, located in the west hallway of Bate Building recognizes all of the discipline-specific honors programs on campus. It will be the subject of a feature article in our next newsletter.

Receipt of all three regional awards at the national convention speaks well of the energy and enthusiasm of ECU’s chapter leadership over the past several years. The current leadership is dedicated to maintaining the high standards set by previous officers and members of the executive committee.
Dr. Thomas L. Feldbush was named Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at ECU in 1995. Immediately prior to this appointment, he served as associate dean for research at Northwestern University. His professional experience also includes faculty and administrative positions at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Harry S. Truman VA Hospital, the University of Iowa, and Rutgers University. His BS degree was earned at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and his MS and PhD degrees from Ohio State University. This Canton, Ohio native is the first person to serve in this ECU vice chancellorship, which was created in 1994.

Since his arrival, Dr. Feldbush has distinguished himself as an integral part of Phi Kappa Phi. He was responsible for initiating this newsletter, providing the chapter with its first publication. Also due to his efforts, there has been an increase in faculty membership to East Carolina’s chapter, and more support and guidance to the organization’s student members. Dr. Feldbush also initiated the Phi Kappa Phi debate series, which is beginning to grow, as well as initiating Phi Kappa Phi’s partnership with the university honors program. One of the greatest services he has performed has been to increase chapter exposure on campus, which is leading to greater membership as well as better service to the ECU student community.

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Sociology Department Recognized

Under the leadership of Dr. Richard Caston, East Carolina University’s Sociology Department Endowment provided funds to pay the initiation fees for Fall 2001 Sociology initiates into the ECU chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Stem Cell Events Stimulate Wide Interest

The East Carolina University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has sponsored events dealing with the topic of human embryonic stem cell research. This research is controversial because human cell culture techniques have progressed to the point where scientists can isolate and grow stem cells. Stem cells have the potential to differentiate and develop into many different types of tissues. This raises the hope of being able to regenerate various types of tissues, and perhaps eventually being able to grow new organs such as hearts and kidneys for human patients needing transplants. Current scientific consensus is that human embryos are the best source of these stem cells, which raises ethical and moral concerns because the embryo is destroyed in the process of acquiring these cells.

In September, PKP co-sponsored with the Department of Medical Humanities and the Division of Research and Graduate Studies a lecture by Leroy Walters on “Ethical Issues in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” A second event was a debate on the same topic moderated by Allan Hoffman, Greenville, NC news anchor with WNCT-TV. Debaters were Dr. David B. Resnik and Dr. Anton-Lewis Usala.

Resnik is an Associate Professor of Medical Humanities at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and Associate Director of the Bioethics Center at University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina. He has published over 50 articles on various topics in philosophy and bioethics and is the author of The Ethics of Science: an Introduction, and a co-author of Human Germ-line Gene Therapy: Scientific, Moral, and Political Issues. He is the Associate Editor of the journal Accountability in Research, and is also a part-time student at Concord University School of Law, where he is pursuing a J.D. with a specialization in health law.

Usala is Clinical Professor and section Head of Pediatric Endocrinology, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and is the founder and part-time CEO/GSO of Usala Consulting, Inc. and Encell, Inc. Dr. Usala has published 10 refereed journal articles, holds 11 patents, and has twice testified concerning stem cell research at the request of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee for Labor, Health, and Human Services. He is an appointed member on the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Alliance for Competitive Technologies.

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