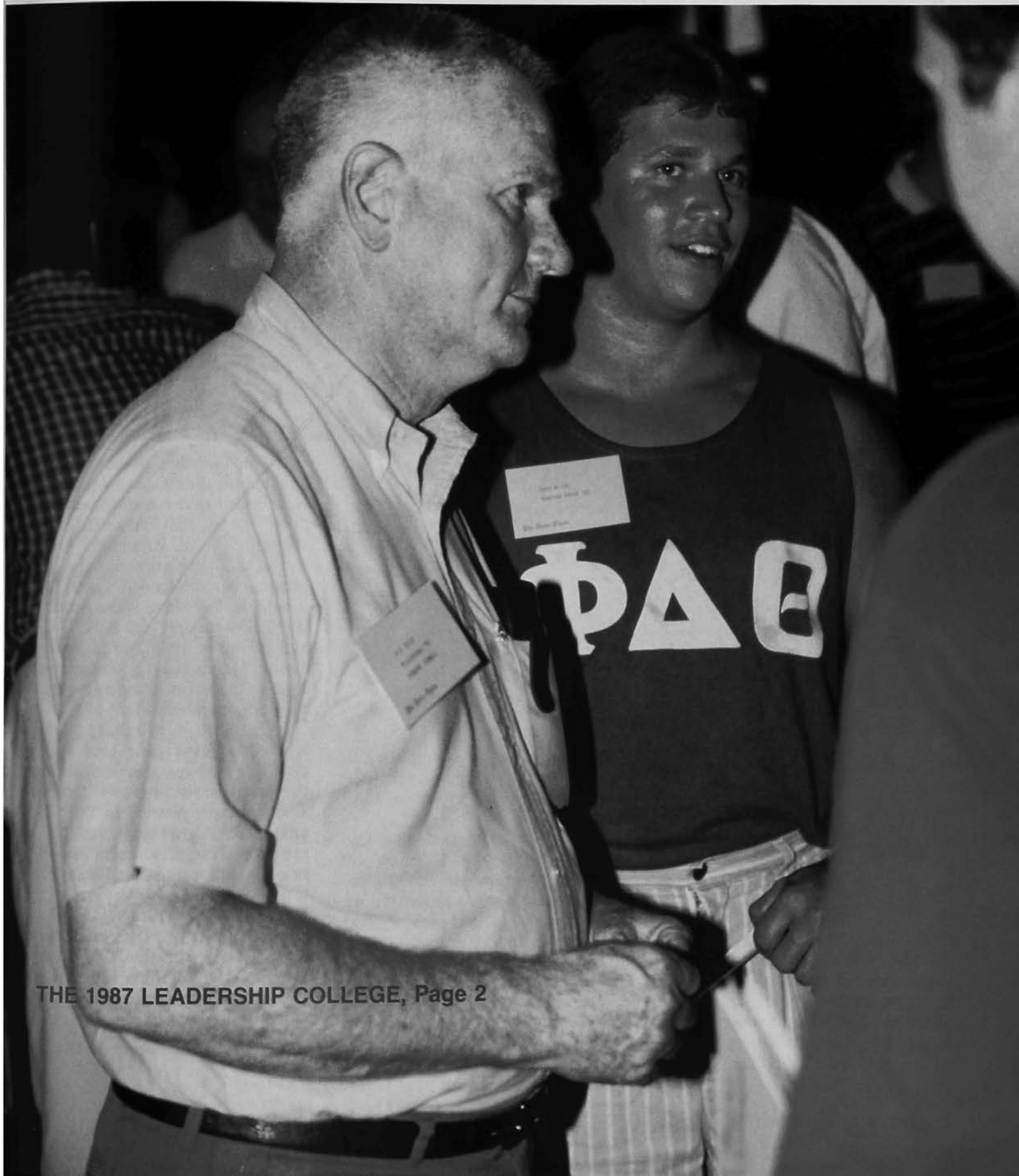


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The 1987 Leadership College in Oxford, Ohio brought together members from all across the United States and Canada to learn more about fraternity, leadership skills, and the great traditions on which Phi Delta Theta was founded.

The response to the Leadership College was overwhelming.

The college format has replaced

the former Chapter Officers' and Advisers' Conference programs that were held throughout the academic year on weekends at a variety of campus locations. There were 440 individuals involved with the leadership seminars and sessions on the campus of Miami University on August 5-9.

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several alumni visitors.

Opening Session

The Leadership College officially began with an opening session in Hall Auditorium. Several officials welcomed the Phis, including Miami University President Dr. Paul Pearson, Oxford Mayor David P. Roberts, and General Council President C. T. "Tal" Bray (South Florida '65). Mayor Roberts also read a proclamation declaring August 2-8, 1987 as Phi Delta Theta Week in Oxford. Following the singing of the *Star-Spangled Banner* and *O! Canada*, the College faculty and staff were introduced. When the session had concluded, the undergraduates adjourned to the first of five chapter meetings that had been scheduled throughout the College.

The chapter meeting concept involved the assignment of representatives into chapters of 25 men with a College faculty member serving as an adviser. The chapters selected



officers, established an agenda, and performed ritual at each meeting.

The meetings provided an excellent forum to discuss the various issues raised in the seminars and general sessions of the College. Areas such as leadership skills, alumni relations, pledge education, scholarship programming, risk management, alcohol responsibilities, etc. were discussed in the chapter meetings. Several undergraduates commented that this concept was "the best part of the program because it allowed the members a chance to openly discuss concerns and identify solutions."

Throughout the College, a Chapter Advisers Program was held under the direction of Brother C. T. "Tal" Bray. In addition, several special interest groups met, including the initiation team, wardens committee, and chorus.

Thursday Morning

The morning began with the "Fun Run" that was coordinated and held every morning by Executive Vice President Robert J. Miller (New Mexico '50). The activities continued with all undergraduates gathered in Hall Auditorium for a presentation on Miami University by John D. Millett (DePauw '33).

A walking tour of the university included the representatives touring the Founders' Room in Elliott Hall where the Founders signed the Bond in 1848. The tour concluded with a visit to General Headquarters and the David D. Banta Memorial Library.

The afternoon began with the first of four sessions where 11 different seminars were presented by the College faculty. The faculty was well prepared for its one and one-

IN THE PHOTOS: (opposite page) A group of delegates stop in front of the Phi Delt Gates presented to Miami in 1973. (top) Dave Westol presents his well-known "Hazing on Trial". (middle) Delegates visit the David D. Banta Library. (bottom) Delegates listen to one of the many presentations at a general session.

half hour seminar topic. A variety of presentation techniques was used by the faculty to create diversity and maintain interest.

The topics were Presidents Workshop, Career Planning, Alcohol Responsibilities, Fund Raising, Formal Rush, Alumni Relations, Using Chapter Advisers Effectively, Retreat Planning, Legal Issues, Leadership Skills, and Treasurers Workshop.

Later during the day, the representatives reconvened in Hall Auditorium for presentations on legal liabilities by Robert E. Manley, and Dave Westol of Theta Chi Fraternity presented his inspiring and thought-provoking scenario of Hazing on Trial. The presentation by Manley focused on legal liability, specifically as it relates to fraternity chapters. Information was also presented on the responsibilities of individuals in chapters to minimize risk. Westol's presentation on hazing was description of a fraternity chapter which engaged in hazing activities that resulted in a death of a young man which ultimately led to the ramifications of hazing in a courtroom. The presentation generated a great deal of worthwhile discussion in the chapter meetings throughout the College.

Seminars

The program continued on Friday morning with another round of 11 different seminars conducted by the College faculty. The topics for the second round were Presidents Workshop, Chapter Ritual, Chapter Publications, Chapter and University Relations, Informal Rush, Kitchen Management, House Corporations, Alumni Relations, Skills, Pledge Programming, and Treasurers Workshop.

Following the seminars, the undergraduates met for another general session and a presentation on the spiritual meaning of Phi Delta Theta by General Council Reporter Father David Turner (Minnesota '70). A slide show was presented by Brother Turner that provided insight into the spiritual aspect of our Fraternity and the

meaning it has for us as members of Phi Delta Theta. After another chapter meeting, the undergraduates again participated in a third round of 11 different seminars. The topics were Presidents Workshop, Hazing Issues, Public Relations, Menu Planning, Social Event Planning, Dealing with Conflict, Community Service, Sexual Harassment, Leadership Skills, Communication Skills, and Scholarship Programming.

The evening events included an initiation ceremony performed under the direction of Brother Robert J. Miller. Representatives from several chapters participated in the ceremony that included both a model opening and closing of a chapter meeting in accordance with the ritual ceremonies.

Chapter Awards

The evening concluded with the presentation of various awards. General Council Member-at-Large Frank H. Abernathy, Jr. (Richmond '60) introduced several award presenters during the evening. Cary Buxton (Butler '73), president of Rho North Province, presented the Bininger Religious Life Award to the Utah chapter. Runners-up chapters were Tennessee, Pittsburgh, and Indiana University - Pennsylvania. Charles E. Wicks (Willamette '47), past president of the General Council, presented Scholarship Awards to chapters that finished first on their campus in grades and to those chapters winning the Sound Learning Award.

Scholarship Awards went to chapters at Arkansas, GMI-EMI, Miami University, Texas Tech, and Utah. Sound Learning Awards went to chapters at California - Irvine, California - San Diego, the University of the Pacific, Georgia College, Ball State, Southern Indiana, Emporia State, Eastern Kentucky, Southwestern Louisiana, Mankato State, Southwest Missouri State, Kearney State, Stephen F. Austin, and Wyoming. Carl Stages (LSU '81), president of Theta Pro-

vince, presented the Publication Awards. The Rush Publication Award was presented to the Oklahoma State chapter, and the William Allen White Outstanding Alumni Newsletter Award was presented to the chapter at Iowa State. Fred Dunn (Indiana '65), president of Kappa South Province, presented the Community Service Awards. The Stan Brown Trophy winner was the MIT chapter; the Lubbock Trophy winner was the Arkansas chapter; and the Paul C. Beam Trophy winner was the chapter at Kansas. Community Service Citations were presented to chapters at Auburn, California - Santa Barbara, California - San Diego, Florida, Jacksonville, Tampa, Chicago, DePauw, Centre, GMI-EMI, Northwood Institute, Westminster, Kearney State, Miami University, Cincinnati, Ashland College, Oklahoma, Gettysburg, SMU, Texas Tech, and Lamar.

Arby Dickert (Clemson '78), president of Delta South Province, presented the St. Louis Trophy to the Ohio Alpha chapter at Miami University. Honorable mention chapters were Iowa State and Utah. Robert P. Roberts, Jr. (Ball State '74), president of Kappa North Province, presented General Headquarters Trophies to the chapters at California - Berkeley, Florida, Iowa Wesleyan, Western Maryland, Westminster, Miami University, Cincinnati, Southwestern, and Texas Tech.

Stanley W. Gilson (Cal State - Northridge '70), president of Omicron West Province, presented Improvement Citations to the chapters at California - Davis, Idaho, Southwest Missouri, Rochester Institute of Technology, Oregon Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Widener, Stephen F. Austin, Richmond, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Ripon.

Erin J. Haynes (Oregon State '72), president of Pi South Province, presented Silver Star Awards to the chapters at Tampa, Iowa State, Wichita State, MIT, Washington University, and Washington.



Robert F. Fitzpatrick (Maryland '58), president of Gamma South Province, presented Gold Star Awards to the chapters at California Berkeley, California - Irvine, Florida, South Florida, Jacksonville, Georgia College, Chicago, Kansas, Emporia State, Eastern Kentucky, Western Maryland, GMI-EMI, Mankato State, Mississippi, Westminster, Kearney State, North Dakota, Miami University, Cincinnati, Ashland, Penn State, Southwestern, and Texas Tech.

Abernathy presented the Outstanding Chapter Adviser of the Year Award to Ralph Thompson of Eastern Kentucky and runners-up awards to Roger Heineken - Emporia State, Booth Malone - Auburn, and John Score - Southwestern.

Saturday Morning

The fourth and final round of seminars was presented on Saturday morning. The topics were Presidents Workshop, Working with employees, Risk Management, IFC/Panhellenic Relations, Membership Education, Program Planning, Chapter Standards, Substance

Abuse Education, Scholarship Programming, Fraternity Awards, and Pledge Programming.

Following the sessions, the undergraduates met in Hall Auditorium for a business meeting under the direction of Bray. Bray outlined the Fraternity's Strategic Plan for the current biennium, as well as for the next five years. A report was also given by Palmer Fund Trustee Philip M. Young (Allegheny '48) on the activities of the Foundation and procedures to secure loans for house corporations. Once the meeting adjourned the undergraduates enjoyed an afternoon of relaxation and recreation before the Leadership College Banquet.

College Banquet

The keynote speaker for the banquet was Dennis Yablonsky (Cincinnati '75) who spoke about his fraternity experiences in relation to his success in business as CEO and President of Cincom Systems. He offered several suggestions on personal leadership skills and an overview of his philosophy of leadership. He also challenged the undergraduates to take back one or two

very specific ideas from the College and apply them in their respective chapters.

The awards presented at the banquet included the Educational Foundation Scholarships; the Kansas City Trophy to the Western Maryland chapter, with Emporia State, Ashland, and Southwestern chapters named as honorable mention; the Founders Trophy to the chapter at Eastern Kentucky with the GMI-EMI and North Dakota chapters named as honorable mention; and the Harvard Trophy to the chapter at Mississippi with the Florida, Miami University, and Texas Tech chapters named as honorable mention.

A slide show was presented by Chris Shrader (Miami '82) and David Haggard (Cincinnati '90) that highlighted the activities of the College. Finally, Brother Bray closed the banquet and College with a challenge to the undergraduates that they "transmit the Fraternity to those who may follow after, not only, not less, but greater than it was transmitted to them."



The Leadership College Dean, Dr. Edward Whipple (Hanover '74) made possible the Leadership College experience as it was he who suggested this concept to the General Council one year earlier. Brother Whipple is already working on a program for another leadership College during the summer of 1989. For those who participated in the 1987 Leadership College, it was a great learning experience, one that will be remembered throughout a person's lifetime. ■



IN THE PHOTOS: (upper left) Frank Abernathy presents the Kansas City Trophy to Maryland Beta representatives. (middle left) David Turner presents the Founders Trophy to Kentucky Theta representative. (lower left) Tal Bray presents the Harvard Trophy to the Mississippi Alpha representative. (lower right) Leadership College Dean Ed Whipple receives Phi Delt mortarboard during the Leadership College Banquet from Sparky Reardon.

