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Fifteen Students inducted into National History Honors Society

By Michael McMahon

On Tuesday, April 17, 15 history majors were inducted into the Kappa Omega Chapter, Holy Cross’ chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Phi Alpha Theta is the national honor society in history. Faculty along with family and friends of the inductees were in attendance at the ceremony, which took place in the Browsing Room of the Diman Library.

This year seniors Jessica S. Hoffman, Lauren P. Kelleher, Gina Lapier, Julianna M. Maia, Brian J. McCarthy, Mary Pat O’Reilly, Brent H. Otto, Susan L. Schumann, and Scott D. Zwerben were inducted alongside juniors Thomas M. Cadigan, Elizabeth K. Egan, Jeffrey H. Knapp, Patricia M. O’Rourke, Stephanie L. Skyincer, and Stephen K. Withings. In addition to the induction of new members, elections were held for the honor society’s 2001-2002 academic year. Thomas M. Cadigan was elected president, Jeffrey H. Knapp was selected for vice-president and Stephanie L. Skynicer accepted the position of secretary.

Phi Alpha Theta was founded on March 17, 1921 at the University of Arkansas. There are 850 chapters throughout the United States. Since Phi Alpha Theta’s inception, the number of initiatives has reached well over 200,000. It is a professional society that promotes the study of history, ethical encouragement of research, good teaching, and the exchange of learning ideas among historians. Phi Alpha Theta publishes an internationally circulated quarterly magazine called the Historian, which reviews books and contains articles of a historical nature. A newsletter is also sent out to members of the society throughout the year.

There are opportunities for continued study and money as a member of the honor society. Six prizes are awarded yearly for the best history papers from society members. Additionally, scholarships are offered for graduate study. Awards are also given to the best chapter in the United States and for the publication of distinguished books in the discipline.

The Holy Cross chapter was founded on March 13, 1966. Three of the original charter members are still at Holy Cross: Professors John B. Anderson, James T. Flynn, and James F. Powers.

Phi Alpha Theta’s guidelines for admission into the honor society are more stringent than those of other chapters around the country. For one to be inducted into the honor society, an overall GPA of 3.2 and a history GPA of 3.5 must be earned, and inductees must have completed six Holy Cross history courses. Juniors and seniors are eligible to be invited to join the society.

Vincent A. Lopamudra, S.J., faculty advisor of the Kappa Omega chapter, expressed optimism for the future of the society: “the chapter has been inactive for a while. However, outgoing president Dennis White did an excellent job in keeping the chapter as active as possible with such limited members.” Next year, the group hopes to become more active by holding more meetings and taking part in more activities.

From the SGA

co-chairs: Wake up!

By Kev Ryan

We don’t know what to say really...
A few years to the biggest battles of our lives.
It all comes down to now, and then either we kneel as a school, or we are going to crumble inch by inch, day by day until we are finished. We are in trouble right now, believe me, and we can stay here and get the crap kicked out of us, or we can fight our way back into the light. We can climb out of it, one inch at a time. Now we can’t do it for you, we’re too old. We look around and see these young faces and we think, we have made every wrong choice a man can make. We pissed away all our money, believe it or not. We chased after anyone who has ever loved us, and lately, we can’t even stand the faces we see in the mirror. You know when you get to this stage in life, things get taken from you - that part of life. But you only learn that when you start losing stuff.

You find out that life is this game of inches, and so is Holy Cross, because in either game, life or HC, the margin of error is so small - one half a step too late or too early, and you don’t quite make it; one half second too slow or too fast and, you don’t quite catch it. These inches we need are everywhere around us: they are in every break of the game, every minute, every second. At this school, we fight for that inch. At this school, we teared ourselves and everyone else around us to pieces for that inch. We close with our finger nails for that inch because we know when we add up all those inches, they are going to make the F’N difference between passing and failing, between winning and losing, between living and dying. In any fight, it’s the one who is willing to die who is gonna win that fight. And we know that if we’re gonna have any life anymore it is because we are still willing to fight and die for that inch. Because that’s what living is - the six inches in front of your face.
Now we can’t make you do it. You are gonna have to look at the person next to you, look in his/her eyes. We think that you are gonna see someone who will go that inch with you; you are gonna see someone who will sacrifice himself/herself for this community because that person knows when it comes down to it, you will do the same. Either we kneel now as a team, or we will die as individuals. That’s a community. That’s all it is. Now what are you gonna do?

We know they’re out there. We can feel them now. We know that they are afraid. They’re afraid of us; they’re afraid of change.

We don’t know the future. We didn’t come here to tell you how this is going to end - we came here to tell you how this is going to begin.

We are going to finish our term where we tried to show you what they don’t want you to see.

We tried to show you a world without them, a world without rules and controls, without borders and boundaries, a world where anything is possible.

Where we go from there is a choice that we leave to you.

Public Safety Blotter

Monday, April 16

Hogan Campus Center - Equipment was stolen from room 124.

Mulledy - Beer was found on the sidewalk. The owner could not be located.

Student Lot 64 - A student reported being nearly hit by a vehicle containing three male occupants.

Wednesday, April 18

Hogan Campus Center - Admissions department reported finding a suspicious substance in the office.

Hogan Campus Center - Vandalism to the Post Office.

By Kev Ryan

SGA CO-CHAIRS

Wake up!

Monday, April 20

Clark - A caller reported an incapacitated unregistered guest on the second floor stairwell.

Saturday, April 21

Healy - Officers spoke with a student regarding damage to the grass on the south side of the building caused by his grill.

Sunday, April 22

Kimball Hall - Liquor was confiscated from two underage students near Kimball.

Alumni - Toilet paper and beer cans littered the east side of Alumni.