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BUSINESS, BANKING, AND BASEBALL

Prior to co-founding the Chicago-based investment firm of Madison Dearborn Partners, John Canning spent 24 years with First Chicago Corp., most recently as executive vice president of The First National Bank of Chicago and president of First Chicago Venture Capital. He also serves currently as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and has an ownership stake in four minor league baseball teams and the Milwaukee Brewers.

By Mark Bauer

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VISIONARY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Since his inauguration in 2000 as president of Rhodes College, Dr. William Troutt has helped the school climb into the top tier of national liberal arts colleges. Previously, he served as president of Belmont University 1982 to 1999, where he was named one of the nation's most effective college presidents.

By Tad Lichtenauer

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Chapter News

Chapter news, alumni news, and reports of death

Auburn-Montgomery (Phi-Kappa)

On April 26, the undergraduate brothers assisted **Jay Love (1990)** with his campaign for a U.S. congressional seat in Alabama's second district. Love is currently serving his second term in the Alabama Legislature where he also holds the position of House Minority Whip. The Republican Primary for the 2nd Congressional District of Alabama will be held on June 3.

From April 29 to May 1, chapter brothers raised approximately \$1,500 to benefit cancer patients by holding a 48-hour Teeter-Totter-A-Thon. All donations were given to the Montgomery Cancer Wellness Center.

At the university's Leadership Banquet, Hunter Bond (2008) received the Greek President of the Year Award. In addition, Bond and Derek Butt (2010) were honored to be included in the Top 10 People Involved In Student Life. This honor included the 10 most active students from Auburn Montgomery who show the most involvement in student life and campus spirit.

Bradley (Kappa-Upsilon)

Ben Koch was voted student body vice president.

Kyle Malinowski won a seat on the Student Body Executive Board as the internal affairs chairman.

Bobby Lucia won the Presidential Award for a senior's outstanding service.

Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo (Phi-Sigma)

Championed by the chapter's House Corporation, the new chapter house under construction is targeting gold certification under the United States Green Building Council's LEED rating system. Currently the building is on track to become the first LEED-NC (LEED for New Construction) building in San Luis Obispo, California. The design, by RRM Design Group, includes a new 3-story, 8,830 square foot building with 16 bedrooms, an apartment for fraternity house parents, and a library.

Case Western Reserve (Alpha-Nu)

Ralph A. Finley (1945) died May 20, 2008. He served as a naval aviator in the South Pacific for the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, four air medals, and a personal commendation ribbon. Following World

War II, he joined The Smith & Phillips Co., rising to secretary-treasurer before retiring in 1969, after 23 years of service. In 1958, he joined Bayley Envelope, Inc. serving as secretary-treasurer from 1969 to 1979, and as president from 1979 to 1985.

Drury (Theta-Sigma)

At the third annual Greek Excellence Awards, **Rohit Handa (2009)** was named the most outstanding member of a fraternity while **Javier Detrinidad (2009)** was named most outstanding new member. The chapter was the runner-up for the Greek Life Standards of Excellence Award, the highest award given to a Greek chapter.

Kelvern B. Bayless (1968) died April 5, 2008.

East Carolina (Iota-Upsilon)

Robert E. Turner (1970) died August 30, 2007.

Evansville (Iota-Mu)

Chapter members placed third in the annual intramural bike race. **Brad Tipton** was named to the men's all-race team.

Dr. Marvin E. Hartig (1948) died October 2007. He was a 1964 Order of Merit recipient.

Florida Tech (Beta-Nu)

The chapter's 2007 North American Food Drive campaign was awarded best philanthropy hosted by an on-campus organization, receiving the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The chapter members held their annual 72-Hour Car Wash, with proceeds going towards the upcoming 2008 North American Food Drive campaign. Chapter Vice President **Daniel Pruim (2010)** organized one of the most successful car washes in recent history, raising more than \$2,000.

Houston Area Alumni Association

On April 22, the Houston Area Lambda Chi Association, with special guest **Larry Dierker (California-Santa Barbara 1967)**, hosted an event at Larry's Big Bamboo restaurant before the Houston Astros baseball game. More than 30 alumni brothers, plus undergraduate brothers from the Texas A&M University and Sam Houston State University, attended the event.

Illinois (Chi)

Arthur W. Vodak (1941) died January 5, 2008.

Illinois State (Beta-Omicron)

Chapter members celebrated Founders Day with a barbecue at the chapter house. Alumni brothers from various generations attended the celebration, which included the presentation of the Dan Swille Alumni of the Year Award to **Bill Foltz** (1977).

Indiana State (Iota-Epsilon)

Tom Peretti (1988) was selected for the eighth consecutive year to serve as a crew leader for former President Jimmy Carter during the 2008 Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project in the Gulf Coast. Peretti's first project with Carter was in South Korea in 2002, and since then he has gone on to lead builds in South Africa, Mexico, Detroit, Georgia, India, Los Angeles, and this year's build in the Katrina-ravaged area of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Kettering-A (Lambda-Epsilon (A))

Douglas Campbell (1974) is retiring from TRW as the vice president of engineering for safety products. He was one of the early developers of air bags for cars in the industry and has been a vice president for the past 21 years. On June 1, Campbell will become the president of the Automotive Occupant Restraints Council, an industry trade association representing more than 45 companies in the safety products area.

Louisiana-Lafayette (Iota-Omega)

Student Government President **Jamey Arnette** (2008) was elected by the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents as the student member of the Louisiana Board of Regents. He will represent the 197,000 college students of Louisiana for the 2008-2009 school year.

Louisville (Zeta-Sigma)

Dr. Bennie S. Dukes Jr. (1960) died February 15, 2008. He graduated from the University of Louisville with a bachelor of science degree and a degree from the dental school before going on to do post graduate work for a master's of science degree in prosthodontics.

Fredrick W. Drybrough Jr. (1955) died April 3, 2008. He was a Korean War veteran and was awarded the General Pershing Medal. He was a developer of downtown Louisville commercial properties, from small office buildings to high-rise luxury apartments.

Jonathan D. Yarden (1988) died May 8, 2008. He was a computer programmer and system administrator for Bluegrass.net, and also worked for the former Gordon Dailey Co.

Lycoming (Iota-Beta)

Stanley J. McFarland Jr. (1953) died April 6, 2008. A World War II veteran and chapter founder, he served as the executive director of the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators, helping to develop it into a strong advocacy organization. McFarland previously worked with the National Education Association where

he served as director of government relations and chief lobbyist and pushed for creation of the U.S. Education Department. Earlier in his career he taught social studies and was an administrator in Montgomery County public schools which has established a scholarship program in his honor.

Marshall (Zeta-Zeta)

Charles Stephens (1975) died November 1, 2007. He served as alumni adviser for the University of California-Davis chapter at the time of its founding.

Miami-FL (Epsilon-Omega)

At the Greek Awards Banquet, the chapter won the Most Improved Chapter Award, and **Christopher L. Hall** (Florida Southern 2004), the chapter's graduate adviser, received the Outstanding Service to the Greek Community Award.

Michigan State (Gamma-Omicron)

William W. Roberts (1943) died November 14, 2007.

Mississippi State (Epsilon-Chi)

William R. Jones Jr. (1944) died January 21, 2008.

Montevallo (Sigma-Epsilon)

Former SAC member **Brandt L. Montgomery** (2007) was recently hired to serve as Director of Religious Education at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Indian Springs, Alabama. He also has applied to be made a postulant for the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, and will be ending his 10-month internship period at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Dallas on June 30, 2008.

New York Area Alumni Association

More than 35 alumni brothers joined Grand High Alpha Dr. **Ed Leonard** (William Jewell 1979) and Executive Vice President Emeritus **George Spasyk** (Michigan 1949) for an alumni reception at Alston & Bird, LLP in New York City. For the second consecutive year, the reception was hosted by Grand High Phi **Fletcher McElreath** (Mercer 1987). Also present at the event was Oppenheimer Capital CEO **Bruce Koepfgen** (Michigan 1974).

North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Gamma-Nu)

Don Robertson (1971) has spent 16 years as vice president of student affairs at Murray State University. If he's not going to meetings, he is at fundraising events, concerts or other student activities. And if he's not there, he is probably running his usual four-mile route around campus. Still he has time to volunteer throughout the community and spend quality time with his family.

North Carolina-Charlotte (Beta-Upsilon)

Jack Stack (1983) sold his interest in a local real estate company that he helped start, and has opened his own firm Jack Stack Properties in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He has more than 17 years of experience as a realtor.

North Carolina-Greensboro (Phi-Theta)

At the 2008 Excellence Awards Banquet, the chapter earned the Excellence Fraternity of the Year Award (for the second consecutive year), the 2008 Student Organization of the Year Award, and the Order of Omega Award for Outstanding Risk Management and Administration. Faculty Adviser Curtis Tarver received the Volunteer Adviser of the Year Award, and chapter President **Will Price (2008)** received both the Student Leader of the Year and Greek Man of the Year awards.

North Carolina State (Gamma-Upsilon)

Hoyle B. Adams Jr. (1950) died May 6, 2008. A World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corps until the war ended, then remained in the Air Force Reserve, where he retired as a lieutenant colonel. After earning his law degree, Adams began his law practice in 1953 with Judge J.E. Shipman and continued to practice law until he was in his 70s, during which tenure he also served as a magistrate for Henderson County. He was also a certified mediator and continued mediating after he closed his law practice.

Northeastern State (Delta-Beta)

The chapter won the Homecoming Float Contest last fall.

At the 2008 Greek Awards, the chapter won the Outstanding Fraternity Award. In addition, three of the top five Greek Men of the Year nominees were Lambda Chi — **Todd Newcomb (2010)**, **Jacob Prill (2008)**, and **Mike Johnson (2009)**. Prill was named Greek Man of the Year. Bryant Cox was selected as the Male Outstanding Greek Freshman. Prill and **Keith Badgett (2008)** were named University Outstanding Seniors, and Prill was named Outstanding Male Senior. **Ben Ellis (2011)** was named as one of 10 top Freshmen on Campus.

Ohio State (Gamma-Tau)

The chapter held a Watermelon Bash and raised more than \$2,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

The chapter recruited four new associate members.

Pittsburg State (Lambda-Chi)

Chapter members helped with a taco eating contest in celebration of Cinco de Mayo on May 5. All proceeds benefited the Save the Children's "Survive at Five" program.

Sewanee-South (Iota-Nu)

For the third time in four years, the chapter won The Dean's Cup for being the most outstanding fraternity. In addition, chapter members achieved the highest GPA of all Greek organizations.

A new brother and graduating senior, **Jacob Moore (2008)** received Sewanee's prestigious Aiken Taylor Internship with The Sewanee Review, the oldest continuously running literary quarterly.

South Carolina (Epsilon-Psi)

Fred W. Atkinson Jr. (1950) died May 4, 2008. While at the University of South Carolina, he was captain and a member of the varsity tennis team. A World War II veteran, he later worked in management for the airline catering services industry and opened a family-owned restaurant in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1970, after returning to South Carolina, he worked for the South Carolina Department of Corrections as the director of support services until retirement. In addition, with the help of his family, he opened the Silver Fox Tennis Club in Irmo, South Carolina.

South Dakota (Alpha-Gamma)

Logan Lamphere (1999), a SAP business software consultant, has traveled to 45 countries and written a book, entitled *The Complete Hostel Guidebook*.

South Florida (Lambda-Mu)

Scott T. Hanna (2002) died February 3, 2008.

Southeast Missouri State (Delta-Phi)

Brent Lyon (1993) was named a Young Alumni Merit winner at Southeast Missouri State University's 2008 graduation commencement. He is a regional sales manager at Schaeffler Group USA.

Spring Hill (Delta-Delta)

At the Academic Honors Convocation, **Graham Sanborn (2009)** received the Kearley Chemistry Award; **Mel Gerrets (2008)** received the President's Scholar in Business Administration Award; and 13 chapter members made the Dean's Roll of Honor with a 3.6 GPA or above.

At the Student Life Awards Convocation, chapter Vice President **Corey Bronenkamp** received the Greek New Member of the Year Award; **Colby Melvin (2010)** SGA Member of the Year Award; and **Ted Tomeny (2009)** Lambda Chi Alpha Member of the Year Award. In addition, the chapter won the Outstanding Service Project Award for the North American Food Drive, and the Outstanding Campus Program Award for the SHC Career Fair — organized by **Justin Zimmerman (2010)**. **Sean Dieffenbaugher (2009)**, Tomeny, and Zimmerman were named to the Who's Who Among Students. Dieffenbaugher, Tomeny, **Jimmy Chassaing (2009)**, and Zimmerman were inducted into the Order of Omega honor society. In addition, Zimmerman was elected president. Bronenkamp, Melvin, **Evan Parrott (2010)**, Zimmerman, and Scott Becker (2008) received Spirit of Spring Hill Awards.

St. Louis Area Alumni Association

On April 22, Grand High Pi **Lynn Chipperfield (Drury 1973)** hosted more than 25 alumni and undergraduate brothers for a reception at the St. Louis Club. **Will Shaffner (Central Florida 1983)**, chairman of the St. Louis Area Alumni Association, spoke about plans for regular social events including a picnic in August.

St. Mary's (Sigma-Beta)

Dr. Charles B. Myler (1951) died June 7, 2006. A World War II veteran, he was a professor of speech and drama at St. Mary's University from 1958 until his retirement in 1991. He was chapter founder and faculty adviser.

Tennessee-Chattanooga (Zeta-Phi)

Chapter Alumni Secretary Scott Stuart (2009) was elected SGA president. He also won the Leadership Merit Award at the 2008 Greek Awards. He received the Lighthouse Award given to the active member who displays service to the Fraternity, university and community. This is a \$500 scholarship given by Dale Bradshaw (1969) and his wife, Dr. Marlene Bradshaw, every semester in memorial to their son.

Juan Moreno (2008) won a Leadership Merit Award and Outstanding IFC Senior at the 2008 Greek Awards.

Bill Staley (2008) won Outstanding IFC Member at the 2008 Greek Awards.

Evan Clark (2008) was named the Criminal Justice Undergraduate Student of the Year.

For having the highest IFC GPA, the chapter won the Fraternity Scholarship Award at the SGA Awards Banquet.

The chapter was named the 2007–2008 Intramural Sports Champions.

Nathan Wilson (2009) was inducted into the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society.

Francis Cuddihee (2010) was appointed SGA Student Body Projects chairman.

Chapter President Jason Roberts (2008) won the Michael Bradshaw Passion Award given to an active brother who displays passion for the fraternity in his actions. This is a \$500 scholarship given by Dale Bradshaw (1969) and his wife, Dr. Marlene Bradshaw, every semester in memorial to their son.

The chapter is completing a \$325,000 renovation of its 5,600-square-foot chapter house. Built in 1900, the three-story home is distinctive for its Ionic columns supporting a wide, wraparound front porch with honeycomb-tile floor and beveled-glass sidelights flanking a massive wooden front door.

Tennessee-Knoxville (Epsilon-Omicron)

Mike McGaugh (1990) was named president of the chapter's Housing Corporation. He replaces Blake Valentine (1999).
Omegas

Peter J. Lohmann (1967) died May 1, 2008. Lohmann was the director of human resources for Playtex Corp., where he was employed for 25 years.

Texas Christian (Iota-Pi)

A former chapter vice president and president, Bob Walker (1973) received the International Supplier of the Year Award at the World Education Congress for Meeting Professionals International in Montreal. The vice president of creative services of Freeman Co.'s audio visual division in Dallas, he also received the Buck Freeman Award, the highest annual award given by Freeman to someone who has served above and beyond expectations.

Texas State-San Marcos (Lambda-Phi)

David Leija died February 24, 2008.

Washington (Alpha-Psi)

On April 18, more than 140 alumni and undergraduate brothers attended the Founders Day and 90th Anniversary celebration of the chapter's chartering on June 15, 1918. The attendees represented classes from 1942 through 2010, and included guests from five other chapters. The special guest of honor was Grand High Kappa Drew Hunter (Denver 1980). Also in attendance were Grand High Gamma Dr. Greg Smith (Washington 1962), SAC representative Casey Byers, three former Grand High Zeta members, two former Fraternity staff, and four Orders of Merit. Also featured was the chapter's 2000th initiate, Jimmy Morrissey (2011).

Washington, D.C. Area Alumni Association

More than 50 alumni brothers joined Grand High Alpha Dr. Ed Leonard (William Jewell 1979) and Executive Vice President Bill Farkas (Butler 1988) for an alumni reception at the J.W. Marriott. The reception was hosted by former staff member Rand Goodman (Cincinnati 1982), the hotel's director of marketing for the hotel. Other former staff members at the reception included Paul Ainsworth (George Washington 1996), Kevin O'Neill (Syracuse 1991), and Jason LeGrand (Southeast Missouri State 1996).

Western Carolina (Beta-Zeta)

The chapter members received their charter on May 3. To commemorate the event, alumni brothers, undergraduate brothers, and guests attended a celebratory reception in the Ramsey Regional Activity Center on the campus.

Wyoming (Delta-Rho)

At the 2008 Greek Awards, the chapter received a Community Service Award and a Greek Commit to Diversity Award.

It Might Have Been Beta Kappa Nu!

A 1932 merger document outlined a proposed merger of Beta Kappa and Theta Kappa Nu fraternities.

By Mike Raymond (Miami-OH 1967)

EDWARD W. CRAGIN (COLBY 1923) was a member of Maine Alpha of Theta Kappa Nu at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He was very active in his local chapter where he served as its Scribe and as a Deputy Province Archon for his fraternity for many years. He took a particular interest in Maine Alpha and worked hard with them to forge an outstanding chapter of Theta Kappa Nu.

He was also a collector.

Recently, a collection of more than 150 documents was acquired that sheds light on the early years of the Lancers Club at Colby, the Maine Alpha chapter during the 1930s, and the affairs of Theta Kappa Nu from the late 1920s to its merger with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity in 1939. Cragin kept these documents in his possession until his death and the inevitable estate sale.

The Cragin Collection is filled with fascinating documents that add to our understanding of Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity. The collection contains an array of personal letters, short notes, chapter newsletters, official fraternity forms, a Western Union telegraph, a membership card returned with a resignation letter, and even copies of the original letter announcing the merger of Theta Kappa Nu with Lambda Chi Alpha in 1939. Many of the documents are hand signed by such luminaries as J.H. "Dad" Krenmyre (Iowa Wesleyan 1917), **Dr. Winslow S. Anderson (Rollins 1921)**, **Elles M. Derby (Polytechnic 1927)**, **Donald F. Lybarger (Gettysburg 1920)**, and **Bruce H. McIntosh (DePauw 1916)**.

There are many treasures in this collection of documents but none more so than an anonymously written three-page proposal for a possible merger of Theta Kappa Nu with Beta Kappa Fraternity. While not dated, there is internal evidence that the document was created in 1932, by someone associated with Theta Kappa Nu. This proposal was developed some seven years before the actual merger of Theta Kappa Nu with Lambda Chi Alpha.

Beta Kappa's Founding

The 10th edition (1923) of *Baird's Manual* had this to report about Beta Kappa:

"Beta Omicron Sigma Kappa fraternity was founded at Hamline University in February, 1901, by the Rev. D. Paul Rader and Edward T. Marlatt. It existed as a local unit until 1922, when, it was decided to expand into a national, and Beta chapter was installed September 29, 1922. Since its foundation the fraternity has been known locally

as Beta Kappa and as such it was incorporated in 1912. When expansion was decided upon, the shortened form of the name was officially adopted."

(Note: A previous edition of Baird's Manual erroneously claims that Beta Kappa was founded in 1898.)

Proposed Merger Document

The 1932 merger document contains a brief analysis of Beta Kappa and Theta Kappa Nu and serves as background for a discussion of the possible merger of the two fraternities.

According to this document, Beta Kappa had a reasonable rate of expansion from 1922 to 1932, until it had 37 chapters and about 3,500 members. Its chapters could be found in 23 states across the nation. Beta Kappa was especially strong in the West and weakest in the Great Plains region.

At the time, Beta Kappa had a \$35,000 endowment fund and a positive balance in its treasury. At one point it had a full-time central office staff. By 1932, Beta Kappa operated with a part-time staff in an adequately equipped and supplied office.

Beta Kappa had biennial conclaves with voting rights given to its chapters, chartered alumni associations, and grand officers. The Grand Council, composed of seven elected men, directed the fraternity between conclaves.

The **Beta Kappa Journal** was a quarterly magazine supported by compulsory life subscriptions of \$12.

In comparison, Theta Kappa Nu (founded by a union of 11 locals in 1924) had a roll of 53 chapters and a total membership close to 5,500. The fraternity had chapters in 28 states, was strong in the central part of the country, and weak in the West and in New England.

The fraternity had an endowment fund of \$80,000, solid finances, and a well-equipped central office. Theta Kappa Nu employed a full-time general secretary as well as a traveling secretary.

It too had biennial conclaves with voting rights given to chapters,



chartered alumni clubs, and grand officers. In between conclaves, a Grand Council of five elected officers conducted the business of the fraternity between conclaves .

The Theta News, their quarterly magazine, was supported by a compulsory life subscription plan of \$15.

A 'Most Happy Combination'

What follows is the concept outline for a possible merger of the two fraternities as envisioned by its unknown writer. The commentary is also that of the anonymous writer of the document.



Beta Kappa Nu - What it may look like.

Name - Beta Kappa Nu is a most happy combination.

Size - About 85 chapters, making BKN the seventh or eighth largest national in the country. Continued additions of a few chapters each year would soon place it fifth or better. All sections of the country would be covered with the possible exception of the Northwest.

Members - Around 9,500, with the following states having over 400 members in each: Alabama, California, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The total would increase at a rate of about 1,000 each year.

Jewelry - Possibly a combination. The old of both orders would still be official for old members. The question of final designation of official jeweler could wait a couple of years.

Chapter names - To be arranged in order of installation in respective orders, and to be named after institutions in which they are located, perhaps.

Duplicate chapters - Are found at Alabama Tech., Birmingham, Southern California, Florida, Illinois, and Oregon State. These to be united under the supervision of local committees composed of members from both orders.

Dead chapters - Beta Kappa's Wisconsin chapter would be replaced. Theta Kappa Nu may declare its chapters at Pittsburgh, Washington and Jefferson and Westminster inactive in June.

Magazine - Name (?). Combined circulation would be close to 10,000. A larger and better publication could put out at less cost than the present two. Perhaps five issues a year.

Finances - Would be more adequate with the result of additional efficiency of the central office, two traveling secretaries, etc. Combined incomes should run over \$25,000 annually, with this gradually increasing from growing endowment and size.

National officers - Since their organization as nationals, both Beta Kappa and Theta Kappa Nu have always had mature and adequate

Beta Kappa Symbols

The badge was shaped like a diamond. It had a black enamel surface with 24 small pearls and a white enamel disc in the center bearing a coiled serpent. Above this disc was a lamp, below it crossed swords, and on one side the Greek letter Beta and the other side of the disc the Greek letter Kappa.

The flower was the red Templar rose.

The fraternity colors were purple and gold.

It is interesting to note that BK shared the coiled serpent and crossed swords with Theta Chi Fraternity.

leadership, with the result that their finances are sound, their policies are up to date, and many of the mistakes of older organizations have been avoided. Both are today very strong in practically all respects, and there is every reason to believe that they will continue to develop and grow as they have done in the past. This being the case, BKN should be able to pick experienced leaders from the two groups who would be able to carry on even more efficiently, and rapidly place it among the top five nationals in every thing else as well as size.

Principles - Much as the same at present. Both stress morals, scholarship, finances, reasonable participation in activities. Add patriotism and loyalty from Theta Kappa Nu and the development of the social graces from Beta Kappa, and you cover both.

Membership - Is limited to students of Ayrian extraction and American Indians in both fraternities. Faculty members can be elected in both orders, and neither have honorary members. In short, membership requirements are identical.

Final Merger Decision

The Cragin Collection of documents provides some remarkable insight into a little known episode in the history of Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity and also reflects the concerns that plagued many fraternity and sorority leaders during the Great Depression.

Clearly, survival of the organization under the stress of limited resources was a key concern of these leaders. But it is also clear that just "any old merger" would not work for them. Talks and plans for a merger must have weighed heavily on the minds and spirits of those who were loyal to their respective fraternities but who also saw the need to save something of the fraternity they loved by selecting an appropriate merger partner.

Other factors, such as the number of members, number of chapters, geographical location, leadership, and compatibility of beliefs and values played as much a role in this proposal as did financial stability.

All of these factors had a role to play in the eventual merger of Theta Kappa Nu with Lambda Chi Alpha in 1939. Having this small glimpse into the thinking of this unknown proposal writer also serves as a reminder of what it must have been like for great Theta Nus like

Krenmyre, Anderson, Lybarger, and Derby to contemplate the fateful path to merger.

Fortunately, both fraternities had men who were sensitive to the feelings and needs of each group. This sense of brotherhood and mutual respect helped them to forge an incredible union that incorporated Theta Nu core values and beliefs into a new fraternal experience for future generations of Lambda Chis.

The Fate of Beta Kappa

Obviously, the merger of Beta Kappa and Theta Kappa Nu fraternities never took place. So, just what was the eventual fate of Beta Kappa Fraternity?

The 1991 edition of *Baird's Manual* lists BK in its "Fraternities that are no more" section. After presenting the standard history of the fraternity it brings the story of Beta Kappa to an end with these words:

"Beta Kappa merged with Theta Chi in 1942. The mother chapter at Hamline became Beta Kappa chapter of Theta Chi. The Georgia Tech chapter became Beta Kappa Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha in 1942."

Creation of Beta-Kappa Zeta

Beta-Kappa Zeta at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta has a history that goes back to 1927, with the formation of the Quota Club by J.M. Walker, A.C. Cline, and S.R. Perry. A short time after its formation the Quota Club petitioned the Georgia Tech Interfraternity Council for recognition as the Chi Beta Sigma local fraternity.

In November of 1928, Chi Beta Sigma requested a charter from Beta Kappa Fraternity. The charter was quickly granted and the local fraternity became Alpha Gamma chapter of Beta Kappa.

In 1942, Beta Kappa Fraternity merged with Theta Chi. Some members at the Georgia Tech chapter, however, declined membership in Theta Chi and instead formed Alpha Gamma local fraternity. After a short search for a new national home, Alpha Gamma was granted a charter by Lambda Chi Alpha. In recognition of its former status as a part of BK, the chapter was designated Beta-Kappa Zeta on October 18, 1942, a full 30 years ahead of time in the naming process — the only individual chapter to this day to be so honored.

Thus the stories of Beta Kappa Fraternity, the proposed Beta Kappa Nu Fraternity, Theta Kappa Nu, Theta Chi, and Lambda Chi Alpha all come together at Beta-Kappa Zeta at Georgia Tech.
Side Bar 1

Beta Kappa Symbols

The writer of the Beta Kappa and Theta Kappa Nu merger proposal even created the following Beta Kappa Nu roster of the 85 chapters:

(Arrangement approximate only)

- 1901 Hamline
- 1901 Monmouth
- 1922 Washington
- 1926 Illinois Wesleyan
- 1923 Nebraska Wesleyan
- 1927 Bradley Polytechnic
- 1924 Howard
- 1927 Pittsburgh
- 1924 Rollins
- 1927 Pennsylvania State
- 1924 Florida
- 1927 Denver
- 1924 Hanover
- 1927 Boston
- 1924 Iowa Wesleyan
- 1927 Virginia
- 1924 Simpson
- 1928 Georgetown
- 1924 Baker
- 1928 Pennsylvania
- 1924 Drury
- 1928 Ohio State
- 1924 North Carolina State
- 1928 Wabash
- 1924 Oklahoma City
- 1929 Colby
- 1924 Gettysburg
- 1929 Georgia Tech
- 1924 Westminster
- 1929 Mississippi A. & M.
- 1924 Birmingham-Southern
- 1929 Arizona
- 1924 Wake Forest
- 1929 Chattanooga
- 1924 Millsaps
- 1930 Michigan State
- 1924 California
- 1930 Idaho College
- 1925 Middlebury
- 1930 Presbyterian of S. C.
- 1925 Clark
- 1930 Southern California
- 1925 Brooklyn Polytechnic
- 1930 Denison
- 1925 Thiel
- 1930 Utah State
- 1925 Eureka
- 1931 Muhlenburg
- 1925 DePauw
- 1931 Cornell
- 1925 Rose Polytechnic
- 1931 Furman
- 1925 Louisiana State
- 1931 Case
- 1925 Centenary
- 1932 Wittenberg
- 1925 Louisiana Polytechnic
- 1932 Southern Methodist
- 1925 Marietta
- 1932 Utah
- 1925 Franklin
- 1925 North Carolina
- 1925 Washington & Jefferson
- 1925 Minnesota
- 1925 Michigan
- 1925 Oglethorpe
- 1925 Alfred
- 1925 Cincinnati
- 1925 Bucknell
- 1925 Tufts
- 1925 Nevada
- 1925 Illinois
- 1926 Baldwin-Wallace
- 1926 Alabama Tech
- 1926 Wofford
- 1926 Culver-Stockton
- 1926 Randolph-Macon
- 1926 Hampden-Sydney
- 1926 Arkansas
- 1926 Oregon State
- 1926 Wisconsin
- 1926 Miami
- 1926 Allegheny
- 1926 Maine

Tackling Higher Ed Costs

Innovative programs help offset student expenses, build resumes.

IN THIS MONTH'S FEATURE about Rhodes College President **Dr. William E. Troutt (Union 1970)**, we did not have the opportunity to completely report about his insights and creative ideas in regard to higher education costs.

As we reported in the article, Troutt is well known nationally for his contributions to higher education, and he has appeared before Congress and on CNN expressing his opinions and recommendations.

He was named one of the nation's most effective college presidents in a national study funded by the Exxon Foundation, and has served as chairman of the American Council on Education and the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

In addition, he is currently chairman of the American Council on Education and is a former chairman of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Student Associates Program

Unlike traditional work/study programs, one innovative program Trout has implemented at Rhodes is the nationally-recognized Rhodes Student Associates Program.

This program was established to give students meaningful work experiences on campus while defraying a portion of their college costs. In addition, there is a cost benefit for the college as the highest costs today for colleges are with salaries and benefits.

"At a college like Rhodes having small classes is really at the heart of what we do to support students," he says. "So it's difficult to think about how you might have a faculty that's smaller than you have now to save

costs and then you would be hurt on the quality side. But think about what you might be able to do on staff costs and be able to moderate costs on that side."

What makes the Student Associates Program at Rhodes unique is the ability to offer a higher salary to the students, plus the real-world applications, which then translates into true resume building experiences.

"What we've done at Rhodes is create really I think an amazing program," he says. "We will pay you very good wages...think of going through college with kind of an internal internship where you have responsibilities as a student."

For example, much of the work done on the Rhodes website is done by students. These jobs will help the students make better decisions when they graduate and move into the real world.

"Think of a resume for a liberal arts graduate who's done all these sophisticated things... taking on more responsibilities, also helped finance their education," Troutt says.

For colleges, it is much more efficient to pay students well than to have a staff person with healthcare benefits, which is one of the big drivers of costs for everybody.

Fundamental Economics

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really understand it."

Troutt has been on a personal mission through Congressional testimony to help raise this issue. He also works very hard on this issue at Rhodes.

"I've tried to both articulate the cost picture to policy makers and Congress, been on CNN in different venues to try to explain to the American public better what the challenge is....but I've also tried to set a good example here at Rhodes of what we might do innovatively to make education here affordable and available to the best students," he says.

For parents, the cost of higher education can be a complicated issue and often leads to a lot of frustration. Trout says it is important for parents to have better insight into what actually happens and where the money goes.

"The reality is most colleges put their money in the right places," he says. "It mostly goes to students one way or the other."

For the foreseeable future, all colleges are searching for new and better ways to make the financial aid system work more efficiently and effectively for American families.

"It's a topic I'm very devoted to," Trout says.

By Tad Lichtenauer (Denison 1987)

Brother Dies Saving Woman

Robert Cook awarded posthumously the Star of Courage — Australia's second-highest honor.

By Tim Reuter (Simpson 2003)

CORE VALUES FORM THE FOUNDATION

of Lambda Chi Alpha's approach to brotherhood. Our Seven Core values — Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Service and Stewardship, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage — once learned and internalized equip each Lambda Chi Alpha undergraduate brother and associate member with a clear moral compass always orienting him, no matter the environment or consequences, toward making ethical decisions.

For Lambda Chi Alpha, it is not enough simply to know how to do things the right way; more important is to do right things, for brotherhood and leadership are ultimately about action, about doing.

Core Value in Action: Personal Courage

On July 29, 2006, an Australian woman, Kimberley Dear, was to have made her first skydive in the United States. But when engine failure caused the plane to plummet to the ground minutes after take-off, **Robert Cook (Missouri S&T 2007)**, her instructor, clipped his skydive harness to hers and demanded she use his body as a human shield. He was killed on impact.

The 22-year-old Cook, a skydiving fanatic and civil engineering student at the Missouri University of Science & Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla), had clocked up 1,727 jumps and according to his father Mark, had all the certificates the United States Parachute Association had to offer.

In the 16 seconds it took for the plane to fall, Cook turned to Dear and told her to focus on his instructions. He clipped his harness to hers and told her to brace herself using his body to cushion the fall.

Whispering words of comfort into her ear, Cook was a voice of calm in the mayhem as the Twin Otter aircraft crashed just minutes after take-off from the Sullivan airstrip near St Louis, Missouri.



His actions saved her life, but cost him his own. Cook, the pilot and four other passengers were killed in the crash. Dear survived the crash but suffered spinal injuries, a broken pelvis and other injuries.

"There aren't many people who would put their life on the line for a stranger — you might do it for the people you love but would you do it for someone you just met?" Dear told reporters in 2006 about Cook's heroic efforts.

"He was an amazing person and he was going to go on to do amazing things himself but now he can't," she said. "I am 100% certain he could have taken measures to save his own life but he didn't. He saved mine."

Bravery Award

On March 17, 2008, Cook was awarded posthumously the Star of Courage — Australia's second-highest honor, which recognizes actions of bravery in peacetime.

Dear, who is still recovering from the accident, told reporters that she was thrilled that Cook was being recognized. Dear's father says Cook's parents will be happy their son's bravery is being recognized.

"Nothing can compensate for losing a child, but to know that everybody knows the kind of person that he was, certainly gives some comfort and some sense of connection to their son," he told reporters.



True Brother Program Update

In May 2008, preliminary data results of Lambda Chi Alpha's groundbreaking True Brother Initiative demonstrated that the educational program is having a positive impact on the development of young men's internal "moral compass."

Obtained through surveys of undergraduate members, the data results are currently being validated by independent third-party experts and plans for releasing the final results are scheduled for early fall 2008.

"As a leader in the Greek movement, and a champion of fraternities being accepted as a co-curricular part of a college campus, we firmly believe this new initiative shows that there is a clear benefit to values-based teaching of undergraduate men," says Lambda Chi Alpha Executive Vice President Bill Farkas (Butler 1988). "We see this revelation as the foundation of the future for not only Lambda Chi Alpha but for the entire Greek community."

With the preliminary data results, Lambda Chi Alpha now has an unprecedented opportunity to influence the social developmental process of hundreds and thousands of young men across North America.

The new Fraternity Education program includes five primary areas of social and psychological impact for undergraduate members: self awareness and self esteem, empathy, intimacy and altruism. These developmental competencies combine to influence late adolescent and young adults and are rooted in concepts of mentorship and role modeling, growth from failure, commitment, and servant leadership.

Scientifically, development of these areas is proven to: lower alcohol abuse in college males; heighten leadership skills; create higher stability of attachments; and heighten life satisfaction and success.

Business, Banking, and Baseball

John Canning is Co-founder of the Chicago-based investment firm of Madison Dearborn Partners and has an ownership stake in four minor league baseball teams and the Milwaukee Brewers.

By Mark Bauer (Cal State-Fullerton 1979)

JOHN A. CANNING JR. SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN of Chicago-based Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC, one of the most experienced and successful private equity investment firms in the United States.



Prior to co-founding MDP, he spent 24 years with First Chicago Corp., most recently as executive vice president of The First National Bank of Chicago and president of First Chicago Venture Capital.

Canning (Denison 1965) has more than 25 years of experience in private equity investing and currently serves on the boards of directors of The Economic Club of Chicago, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, TransUnion Corp., and Children's Inner City Educational Fund; on the boards of trustees of the Big Shoulders Fund, The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, and Northwestern University.

He is also a commissioner of the Irish Pension Reserve Fund, a trustee and chairman of The Chicago Community Trust, and a director and chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

MDP Chairman

In 1992, First Chicago Venture Capital split out and formed Madison Dearborn Partners. They raised private investment funds and are now on their sixth fund. With about \$14 billion under management, MDP is the largest private equity firm between the East Coast and West Coast.

MDP's objective is to invest in companies in partnership with outstanding management teams to achieve significant long-term appreciation in equity value. MDP generally seeks to invest \$100 million to \$600 million of equity capital in a single transaction.

Serving as MDP chairman today, Canning previously served as president and CEO. Four years ago he promoted two other partners to be co-presidents and then in October 2007, he promoted them again to be co-CEOs.

In order to stay on top of his investments and the regulatory and political arenas, Canning spends at least two hours in the morning reading, including four newspapers: Financial Times, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The Chicago Tribune.

At MDP, Canning has built a culture in high ideals, which includes loyalty and treating employees at all levels with respect.

"Mutual respect and mutual trust," he says about his company motto. "Partnerships are very fragile organizational structures. If you don't have people you can trust and that trust you, and that you can respect and they respect you, it will crack."

Importance of Mentors

After majoring in economics and graduating from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, Canning earned his law degree from Duke University.

While finishing his degree at Duke, he was recruited to work for First National Bank of Chicago as a lawyer. After several successful years, he was offered the job of president of First Chicago Venture Capital.

Thanks to his close mentor, Dick Thomas — who was head of the bank's holding company — Canning was chosen to run private equity after another mentor, Stan Golder, left to found his own private-equity firm.

Canning almost declined Thomas' offer. "I came within a gnats' eyelash of saying no to the job. It would have changed my whole life. I'd still be a lawyer."

"Dick taught me that it was more important to do what was right rather than what was legal," Canning says. "And the two aren't necessarily the same. He is a person of unbelievably good judgment and integrity even in the toughest times, which First Chicago did go through. He always put treating other people with respect and acting honorably above personal gain."

Pro Baseball Owner

Canning is currently part owner of the Milwaukee Brewers and four minor league professional baseball teams.

"My involvement with four minor league teams -- that's good business," he says. "They make a lot of money. They're well run. The same guy runs all four of them, so that's good business. It's like

owning a theater and not paying for the movies because major league teams pay for the players.”

His investment in the Milwaukee Brewers also has taken a turn for the better.

“The Brewers are actually making money and have probably increased in value. So my investment at one point -- it was probably worth nothing in my view, but now it’s probably worth twice what I put into it.”

According to Canning, all ships are rising in baseball. “The commissioner has done a great job. Baseball’s on a roll. We have a new stadium in Milwaukee. We have very good officers and management.

“The commissioner has set the foundation for a real period of growth. He’s the best commissioner we’ve ever had.”

His experience with baseball ownership has been different than he thought it would be, as he thought he would mainly enjoy getting to know the players.

“Then I really started to enjoy the business side of it,” Canning says. “It’s an entertainment business and it’s built around something you can enjoy.

“It’s a great business to be in because you can go have your meetings and you’re in a golf shirt and you go to the game. And you can enjoy yourself. I’m very bullish on baseball.”

Canning is so bullish on baseball that he is leading an investment group to be a potential buyer of the Chicago Cubs. He says to stay tuned as more of the proposal details are worked out between the current owners and Major League Baseball.

Philanthropy

While his wife’s biggest philanthropic interest and efforts are put towards abused women and children, Canning’s focus is on inner city education.

As a part of those efforts, he serves on the board of the Big Shoulders Fund, which was founded in 1986 by a group of civic leaders to assist schools that support disadvantaged students in Chicago. Funds are used for scholarships, special education programs, instructional equipment and operating grants to 93 Catholic schools serving more than 25,000 students.

On April 10, the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian Award was presented to Canning and his wife Rita for providing scholarships to more than 100 students in 15 Big Shoulders Fund elementary and secondary schools.

“I think philanthropy has to be somewhat selfish or you won’t do it,” Canning says. “You’ve got to get something out of it. In my case, it has been meeting the families and then the kids who have succeeded. Most of them do succeed.”

These successes reinforce the time and effort Canning dedicates to this cause.

“The gratitude that the families express to you outweighs what you have really done as far as the sacrifice on your own part,” he says.

Denison & Lambda Chi

Canning thoroughly enjoyed his time as an undergraduate brother in Lambda Chi Alpha at Denison.

“We had a great house, a real good house when I was there,” he says. “It was a great experience for me. We always had a top, if not the top, intramural fraternity.”



While at Denison, Canning served as both the chapter vice president and rush chairman. He also was a member of student government, and served as a head resident in the dorm his senior year.

“The fraternity life was a very holistic life” Canning says. “When you think about it, everything revolved around it. You had your social, athletic, and academic. All of them were what comprised your school experience. And then you had your own self-governance and you had responsibilities.”

He remembers the many lessons learned from running the house, managing a budget, discipline issues, and just learning to live independently without any adult supervision.

“I think what I referred to before -- mutual respect and mutual trust — probably has a lot of applications throughout your life, and certainly in a fraternity. It’s absolutely essential.”

He remembers many good mentors in the Fraternity house, especially when he was a freshman and a long way from home on Long Island, New York.

As a result of the positive experience the brothers showed him as a freshman, he in turn did what he could as a dorm resident or rush chairman to help the new freshmen get adjusted.

“I was lucky enough to be in that position a lot during my time,” he says. “I always enjoyed it. I think you always remember how tough it was being a freshman.”

Visionary College President

Since 2000, president of Rhodes College, Dr. William Troutt, has helped the school climb into the top tier of national liberal arts colleges.

By Tad Lichtenauer (Denison 1987)

ON APRIL 14, 2000, Dr. William E. Troutt (Union 1970) was formally inaugurated as the 19th president of Rhodes College's, a perennial top-tier liberal arts college located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Over the next four years, he led the college community in the creation of the widely endorsed Rhodes Vision, which charts the institutional course for the foreseeable future.

Troutt's tenure as Rhodes' president has already been remarkably successful. The college has:

- climbed to the top tier of national liberal arts colleges
- achieved higher retention and enrollment rates
- increased diversity on the campus
- developed a student research partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- secured the largest gift in Rhodes history — \$42 million to build the Paul Barret Jr. Library.

"When I arrived, Rhodes was obviously a very strong institution," Troutt says. "And we're even stronger today.... We have been able to recenter the campus around arguably the best new library on any college campus — the Barret Library.

In addition, the school is focused on a number of other improvements, including a \$250 million financial campaign primarily for fellowships and scholarships.

"We've raised more cash than in the history of school and are very optimistic about that," he says. "That's allowed us to bring terrific students here. We have built some fantastic partnerships beyond the campus. For instance, if you're here in the sciences you have a chance now as a Rhodes student to spend 15 months in a very close relationship with a world class scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital."

"We've been able to connect opportunities for students beyond the classroom that are really extraordinary in a number of areas that really make the Rhodes education unique."

As a result, the college's applicant pool is up now to about 4,000 students for 460 places, resulting in tremendous geographic diversity.

At Rhodes, about half the students choose to affiliate with a fraternity or sorority.

"I think we've got just a terrific relationship between the administration and the Greek organizations," Troutt says. "We work together. I'm really proud of what chapters here are doing in philanthropy in particular...what they raise every year for the St. Jude Children's Hospital through the Greek organizations is very impressive."

Rhodes prides itself on being a college where a high percentage of students are involved in community service.

"I give our fraternities and sororities a lot of credit for helping sustain that and encourage that," he says. "Obviously, I'm proud of what they do on the leadership front. We have a great relationship here."

Troutt believes Greek life is important at Rhodes.

"It's a wonderful situation at Rhodes where if students want to affiliate it's a normative thing to do and if they don't want to affiliate that's normative also," he says.

Belmont Legacy

Prior to becoming president of Rhodes, Troutt served as president of Belmont University from 1982 to 1999, where he was named one of the nation's most effective college presidents in a study funded by the Exxon Foundation.

Belmont is a private, coeducational, liberal arts university located in Nashville, Tennessee. It is the largest Christian university in Tennessee and the second largest private university in the state.

Becoming president of Belmont was a dream come true for Troutt, and it occurred when he was just 32 years old. This made him the youngest college president in the United States.

During his tenure at Belmont, Troutt was named one of the nation's most effective college presidents in a national study funded by the Exxon Foundation.

"I think first of all it's humbling because it came from an assessment that was driven by peers," he says. "So you are always grateful when other people, other college presidents, think you are doing something useful."

“I expect it was a combination of being able to change the trajectory of Belmont in a dramatic way,” he says about the recognition. “When we came, the average ACT score was 15, and when I left it was 25. And we were able to really strengthen the college remarkably in terms of its finances. We were able to build a number of buildings. We were able to renovate pretty much the campus and do some things that changed the way Nashville, in particular, looked at Belmont.”

He also supported the decision to move up to Division I athletics during his time there, which some people saw as a bold move for a smaller institution.

“I think we were able to take a college that was small, very local-oriented, tightly affiliated with the Baptist church, and it became certainly a school with a national reach and a place with some very distinctive programs in music, in music business in particular, graduate programs in business and the health related professions that really shaped its identity, made it a much stronger institution than it had been.”

In honor of his 17-year service to Belmont, the university recently named a new theater in honor of Troutt and his wife, Carol.

Higher Ed Financial Advocate

Well known nationally for his contributions to higher education, Troutt chaired the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education in the late 1990s.

This commission was an 11-member panel charged with addressing public concerns about rising college prices and making recommendations for keeping American higher education affordable.

The commission’s findings and recommendations, which received bipartisan Congressional support and the endorsement of the higher education community, served as a guide for the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1998.

“No. 1, I think the contribution we made in our study has helped change how people at least think about the challenge,” Troutt says.

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“On the other side, I’ve tried to lead the way on how we can manage our costs and align our aid in ways that help with this difficult challenge that American families have,” he says. “I think colleges also

have to be consistently attentive to being creative in thinking about how we manage costs and add value.”

Union and Lambda Chi

In high school, Troutt did so well in physics his high school physics teacher wanted him to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

“But I was a very much involved as a young person in my local church, and my pastor really gave me a compelling argument that I should be a minister,” he says. “So I put aside physics and engineering and elected to go to a local Baptist college.”

But as things often go, especially when others tell you what you ought to be doing, you discover what your own talents are.

“Along the way, I decided that I definitely did not want to be a minister but became enamored with the college experience, and obviously my Lambda Chi experience was part of that,” Troutt says. “And I really set my sights as a college senior that I wanted to be a college president.”

When Troutt decided to join Lambda Chi at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, the chapter was in a rebuilding process, and by the time he graduated they had completely revitalized the chapter.

“It was just the attraction of an opportunity to be part of something that was making a difference,” he says about joining the Fraternity.

At Lambda Chi, he found many lifelong friends and brothers, and he learned many life lessons from his experiences. He also had the opportunity to develop his leadership and communication skills by serving as the chapter’s scholarship chairman.

“In communication, you don’t just say something once, you say it at least a dozen times.”

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