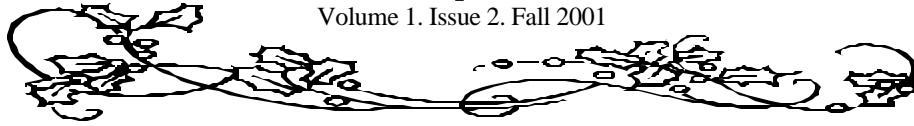




# The Far West Outpost



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## The Chapters

*(As your Student Rep, I spied on your chapters by reading through the annual chapter report forms! Here are the goods that I discovered.)*

**Azusa Pacific** finished with a bang by holding an "End of the Year Night's Dream" party at the sponsor's house. Also, their "Writer's Read" program gave budding writers a chance to share.



After initiating a grand 80 students, **Brigham Young University** organized an undergraduate symposium for one Saturday morning.

**Cal. State University, Fullerton** began this year by selling used and donated books, tapes, CDs and videos on campus. Their fundraiser united three English honor societies: Sigma Tau Delta, Acacia and the As You Like It Shakespeare honor society.

**Cal. State Polytechnic, Pomona** has an excellent image in the department and the university; it's no wonder, since they raised hundreds of dollars for an elementary school's library!



**Christian Heritage College** held an annual literary contest campus wide and published a college literary magazine.

**Concordia University** ended up with a University Grant, and later conducted the "Edward DeVere Conference" at the University. (For more info, I suppose we must contact them).

**La Sierra University** held two initiations through the year and held Love/Hate poetry readings.

**Loyola Marymount University** enjoyed holding Poetry Readings many times during the year.

To keep involvement, **UCLA** conducted a Book of the Month Club. Also, their Valentine's Day fundraiser raised **money for** inner-city schools!



Last year, **Whitworth College** initiated 28 people, and they plan on sending 2 people to the Rocky Mt. Modern Language Association meeting this year.

*Why isn't your chapter on the list? Question: Have you turned in your chapter summary report for that last year? If you did and I missed you, send me a note. If you haven't, it's not too late.*



Click over to:

[www.english.org](http://www.english.org) → Chapter Info → Annual Report Form (PDF)  
and press **PRINT** in your browser window

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### Other campus chapters did the following:

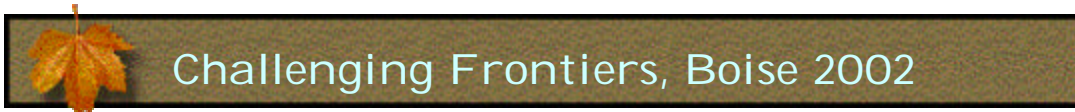
- Readings at the Public Library
- Dead Poet's Night or Live Poet's Night
- Writer's Roundup (published authors visit)
- Poe-fest (marshmallows and Poe)
- Creative Writing Contest at local Elementary
- Halloween Literary Character Costume Party
- A South Dakota group is going to England!

Do you need more ideas? Click on over to:



[www.english.org](http://www.english.org) → Chapter Info → Activities

You will find extensive lists of fundraising ideas, formal chapter ideas, and informal fun activities!



## March 14-17, 2002

## The Grove Hotel

Hopefully, all are prepared to join the International Society this March. Below are some of the great things to expect! Make sure you submit your papers by the deadline. Apply for the scholarships; you may be surprised!

### Speaker Sherman Alexie



Selected by *The New Yorker* as one of the best American fiction writers under 40, Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian who grew up on a Spokane reservation and now lives in Seattle. His poetry, short stories, screen play, and novels have resulted in an impressive and well deserved number of awards. Among his works are *The Toughest Indian in the World*, *Reservation Blues*, and *Indian Killer*. His last film was *Smoke Signals*, and he will have a new film out in the spring.

-courtesy of [www.english.org](http://www.english.org)

### (Read his books before March!)

#### Submit your paper to present

Must be postmarked by December 10<sup>th</sup>. For more info, click over to the website.

**Conventions → Annual Convention → Call for papers**

#### Explore the City of Trees

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The website includes a large amount of information of what you can do in the Boise area. Check it out at: **Conventions → Annual Convention → Explore Boise**

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## Award Deadlines

Deadlines are approaching for the following awards. Make sure you apply for them! You do have a chance!

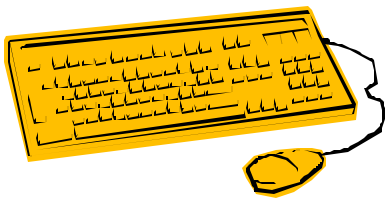
- ◆ Application Essay Award
- ◆ Delta Awards, for outstanding service to Sigma Tau Delta
- ◆ Elaine W. Hughes Outstanding Sponsor Award
- ◆ P.C. Sommerville Awards for Future Teachers
- ◆ Isabel Sparks President's Award, for outstanding Convention Presentation
- ◆ Regional Award
- ◆ Scholarly Paper Award
- ◆ Personal Website Award
- ◆ *Rectangle* Awards
- ◆ Various Chapter Awards:
  - ◆ Outstanding Chapter Award
  - ◆ Outstanding Literary Arts Journal Award
  - ◆ Chapter Web Site Award
- ◆ Chapter Grants

Click over to the website to find specific deadlines and rules.



[www.english.org](http://www.english.org) → Awards

**Reminder: The one-time student induction fee is now \$30**



### From the keyboard of the Student Representative:

On the Annual Chapter Reports, a number of people wondered what it was that Student Reps actually do. Well, as an representative of the region, I am here to be the student's voice to the Board of Directors and to the various committees to which I have been assigned. Therefore, if any of you have any concerns about Sigma Tau Delta, I am the one to convey that information to the Board, by also working through the Regent (Simone Billings). I'm also here to simply help out the chapters in the region, by directing you as needed and assisting in organizing Regional Conferences. (If anyone is planning a Regional, let us know ASAP; we are here to help!)

Hopefully, this newsletter helps answer your questions. If not, send me a note and let me know! [becky@byu.net](mailto:becky@byu.net).

Thanks for your support of Sigma Tau Delta!

--Becky

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**www.english.org**

Incredible little-known info is on the Website! Check out these things below!

■ **Chat Room**

Do you want to share ideas with other chapter officers around the entire organization? Post a question in one of the chat rooms or a discussion forum and meet the other leaders of the organization. When convention time comes, you'll already know people around the organization!

■ **Chapter Website**

Are you wanting to start your chapter website, but don't know where to begin? Check out the chapter websites from the other chapters and see what others have done.

(Chapter info → Chapter websites)

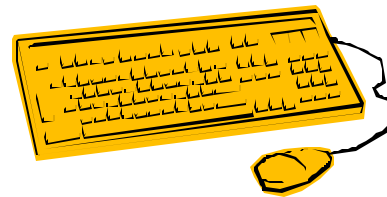
■ **Constitution**

Not quite sure what some policies are for Sigma Tau Delta? Parts of the Constitution and the Handbook are online. Read up on the rules.

■ **Links**

Many other great sites are calling your name. Spend some time looking at the other literary links from Sigma Tau Delta's page. You may find just what you were looking for, whether for your current paper, or simply for your enjoyment!

**Good luck to you all. Enjoy discovering the website!**



## From the Regent:

I join Student Representative Becky in her "Hello!" to all of you. In light of recent events, it may seem odd to seem to be conducting business as usual, but doing so may help us show our resolve not to be defeated, not to allow our spirit to be downtrodden, but to be resilient, to prevail in the face of adversity.

Here are some highlights from the **Fall Board meeting** in early September—there're bits of information pertinent to Sponsors and Students alike.

- **MEMBERSHIP HINTS** Interested in drawing **more members** into your chapter? Consider the category of Associate Member for first- or second-year students—check your handbook or <http://www.english.org/membership.html> for information on this type of membership.

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- **JUST GRADUATED** some members of your chapter who wish to continue being active members in Sigma Tau? Tell them to check how to join the **ALUMNI-AT-LARGE CHAPTER** at <http://www.english.org/alumni.html>
- **CREATING AN E-MAIL USER GROUP OR LISTSERV** of your chapter members could help you alert members when the copies of *The Rectangle* and newsletter arrive so they can know where and when to pick those up, when and where your meetings are, etc.
- **CONVENTION NEWS**  
Beginning March 2002, during each year's Regional Business meeting at the annual convention, each region will be electing a **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** although a first-year student representative can choose to run for a second term (so that the student representative might serve for two years if elected again the second year). If you'd like to run, check with Becky—she can tell you what a Student Rep does and how many others are considering running (including Becky herself!).
- Each year at the Business meeting during the annual convention we'll all be electing a **STUDENT ADVISOR** to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Encourage one of your great, involved chapter members who'll be a student for two more years (undergrad or grad, undergrad into grad school) to run for this office. Student Advisors not only represent the voice of student members in Sigma Tau matters but are voting members of the Board. Check <http://www.english.org/students.html> for more information.
- If you're planning a **REGIONAL OR MINI-REGIONAL MEETING**—or curious about how to plan one—look at Appendix Two in your handbook or check out <http://www.english.org/pdf/appendix2.pdf>. These are usually scheduled for the Fall term. If you can pin down logistics (exact dates, chapter's hosting, lodging and costs for attendees, ...) by March, the Regional Business Meeting during the Boise convention would be a great time and place to advertise that conference and to distribute copies of the call for papers. Student Advisor Hilary Cable ([lavenderlamp@earthlink.net](mailto:lavenderlamp@earthlink.net)) can probably offer some advice, too, from the experience of her chapter's sponsoring a Freeway Conference in Spring 2001 quarter.
- **ANNUAL CONVENTION**—Submit, submit, submit those papers! Boise is *IN* our region, so it should be easier for more of us to attend this year than when the site is on the East Coast, right? So attend, attend, attend—let's support our Idaho chapters! Besides, Boise has many attractions: skiing, canyons, and petroglyphs close by; the Basque Museum and Idaho Black History Museum; and more! Check it all out at [http://www.english.org/con\\_boise.html](http://www.english.org/con_boise.html).



I join Becky in sincere best wishes for a good academic year 2001-02!



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