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Alpha Chi Mourns Loss

Searcy, Ark.—With sad hearts and grateful memories we pay tribute to Dr. Michael Flachmann, who died Wednesday, August 8, 2013. Dr. Flachmann was a great friend to Alpha Chi, and he will be remembered for his generous heart, collegial spirit, and love of learning.

Michael Flachmann sponsored the California Iota chapter at California State University, Bakersfield, from its founding in 1995. He brought students to the next national convention, in Philadelphia in 1997, and the Bakersfield chapter regularly attended thereafter; this chapter received Star Chapter designation fourteen times from 1998-2013. Flachmann was active in both regional and national leadership, serving as both Vice President and President of Region VII and ten years on the National Council as a member at large.

Dr. Flachmann, a professor of English, director of the university Honors Program, author and long-time dramaturge of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, will be remembered by his colleagues for his hospitality and generosity. He often hosted campus and regional Alpha Chi events in his home, students for years to come will be eligible for the Flachmann prize in Shakespeare at the annual convention, and he was often the first to donate to any new endeavor the society proposed. The Shakespeare he admired, taught, and directed said it best: "...for his bounty/there was no winter in 't, an autumn 'twas/that grew the more by reaping" Antony and Cleopatra 5.2.79-81

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