

Chi Pi Courier

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NEW APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Fellowship Chair:**
Pam Konko & Nick Koziol
- Service Assistant:** Jon Huber
- Membership Assistant:**
Davy Culver
- Web Page:**
Katrina Peters & Tricia Boyer
- Alumni Relations:** Jackie Bowen
- Advisor Relations:** Cara Rosati
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Matt Dougherty
- Pledge Assistant:** Sean Wright
- Purchasing Chair:** Kelly English
- Fundraising Chair:**
Alexis Lambert, Everien Fadgen & Amy Carothers
- Rush Chairs:**
Jen Kelly & Kristen Wockasen
- Parliamentarian:** Diana Ruiz
- Ritualist:** Erin Sceiford
- Editor:** Nicole LaMonte

Distinguished Service
Keys

President's Note

The end of the semester is finally here. We can't help but have mixed emotions. Soon our graduating seniors will be moving on to start their lives in the "real world." The rest of us will work summer jobs, internships and classes. Does the madness ever stop?

On a brighter note, we had a productive semester. We did a number of service projects, which benefited charities, our campus, and those less fortunate. Though it is one of the requirements of the brotherhood, I would like to thank everyone for their time and effort.

Our annual banquet came together well. There were more than one hundred people in attendance. It ran a bit long, but the food was tasty and we were in good company.

We even made it to Sectionals this semester! The representatives that attended came back with lots of stories and innovative ideas to share with the rest of us.

Thank you to the Brotherhood in general. You guys sure keep me on my toes and my daily schedule full. Didn't I tell you e-mail was a wonderful thing? I have learned a lot and hope to serve you even more efficiently in the fall.

The six graduating seniors... where should I start... aren't you gone yet?! Just kidding. What am I ever going to do without you guys? Who will I go to with all my questions? These select few are the group that has been here through it all. Most of them have watched as the chapter doubled in size and were a major cause for such an event. We will sincerely miss you. Each of

Good-bye Class of 1999!!!

We will be saying goodbye to six of our brothers this May: Betsy Anderson, Margaret Baxter, Andrea Ellis, Beth Karnyski, Katrina Peters and Mike Raimondi. They will be missed greatly - and we hope to see them as Alumni.

Hey there brothers... .

I just wanted to thank everyone for the best college career anyone could ask for. We have been like a family for each other through thick and thin. I hope to see all of you A LOT for the rest of my life!!! Awww, how sweet - ANYWAYS!! To the juniors who will be in this difficult spot in a year - HAVE FUN!!! Don't waste a day not having fun - you'll regret not spending time with your friends in the end. Well, I'm not really much for goodbyes - so here goes. I will miss you guys - my kids and my little, Jen, especially. To my kids, Nicolette, Ericka, Tracy, Sean, Mike R., Julie P., Chris, Missy, Andi Jane, Judd, Amy C., Debbie, Bonnie, Mark, Mitchell, Jackie, Beth, Melissa FitzGerald, Kelly, My-Celli, Betsy, Everien, Jon, Ann, Amanda, Pam, Nick, Alexis, Nicole, Julie M., Matt N., Amy P., Diana & Erin - I wish you the best of luck in the future - in APO and otherwise - you have continuously made your pledge mom proud. Jen - you were the best little in the world - good luck to you too!!! The Psi Class - you are so much fun!!! And Michelle, Tracy & Beth... ..I can't even get into it right now as to how much you guys have meant to me. Good luck to all of you - I'LL MISS YOU!!!!

The Distinguished Service Key represents the highest distinction and greatest honor that a Brother can receive from Alpha Phi Omega. It is not an award that is given out every year, but only when the local chapter feels strongly enough about a Brother who has exemplified the three cardinal principles that we stand for; Leadership, Friendship, and Service. It is similar to receiving the Most Valuable Player Award in hockey. We here at Fredonia are familiar with that award thanks to Dominik Hasek. He is consistently the most valuable player day in and day out for the Sabres on the ice. The Distinguished Service Key award is along the same guidelines. The recipient(s) has shown outstanding effort and total dedication to the Chi Pi chapter. This year was a very special time indeed, because not one, not two, but actually four, yes 4 brothers were honored with the Distinguished Service Key at our banquet on Saturday April 17, 1999. Accepting the awards at Shorewood Country Club were Katrina Peters, Andrea Ellis, and Bonnie Dieter. Margaret Baxter was unable to be at the banquet so she received hers at our weekly meeting. Katrina, Andrea, and Margaret are all graduating seniors and have given their time and efforts to APO for all four of their years here.

Bonnie Dieter is the only non-four year starter of the group, receiving this honor as a junior but she has meant so much to our fraternity since she joined with the Phi class that the Awards committee thought she deserved early recognition. Bonnie accumulated 97.5 service points at the time when this article was written. She has participated in two other service projects that will not be completed and tallied

you has impacted my life in different ways and for this I will always be thankful. Keep in touch as you venture wherever life's twists and turns take you.

The Psi class gets special recognition from me. They have proved themselves to uphold our cardinal principles and exceed our expectations. Even after fulfilling their required service hours and fellowship events to be initiated, they still continue to participate as the semester ends. Some of them have accomplished more than the older Brothers. It is this enthusiasm that will make them great leaders of tomorrow and keep the Chi Pi Chapter going. I hope they continue to accomplish as much if not more in the future. I consider them welcome additions to our group and thank them for all they have done.

At the end of the summer as tradition would have it, we will be holding our annual CPPC (Chapter Program Planning Conference). We will be holding it at a time and location TBA. It should help us to get geared for the fall semester. Let's just hope it doesn't rain.

The executive board is looking forward to an equally productive fall semester and we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a service project for Section 89. Look for more in our first Courier this fall.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Come back ready to get down to business in the fall. Take care, be good and have fun. :)

In L, F &S,

Melissa FitzGerald

Service Projects

Literacy Volunteers:

Alpha Phi Omega helped out with a new service project this year. Eleven brothers and pledge's helped the Literacy Volunteers

Katrina

Hello! I am graduating in a few weeks, which doesn't seem possible. I first pledged in this fraternity not knowing if I wanted to do it. As you can see I decided to stick with it even through some of the rough times. I have had a lot of good times in this fraternity. I enjoyed going to fellowship events and visiting everyone. There was many times it was a time to relax in my crazy schedule. I have made friends through this group even a few best friends. The only advice I leave with you is to enjoy being part of this group. Some of your best friends will come from the members of the group, along with good times. It goes by fast, so enjoy every moment. I will miss Alpha Phi Omega and the members in it.

Margaret

The seniors have been very helpful to the new brothers that have come into Alpha Phi Omega. They have showed us what Alpha Phi Omega is, and what it is for. These people have been there to show us the way. They have been there when we needed advice or there to lend a shoulder to cry upon. These people were there to help us through pledging, such as giving us answers to questions or there to help us through the Greek alphabet. Without them, who knows what pledging would be. We will miss you. Thank you seniors. You will always be part of the brotherhood.

-Chi Pi

until the end of the semester and that will easily bring her over 100 service hours for this Spring 1999 semester. That's unheard of in Chi Pi history and is exactly why she could not be overlooked as a recipient. Bonnie has chaired numerous service projects including; health kits for the poor, Campbell's Soup labels for education, Children's books for daycare kids, her penny jar for Camp Badger which has raised over \$150, besides taking part in 10 other service projects too! She is also a member of our current exec board, serving as VP of Membership.

Katrina Peters faithfully served as pledge trainer for four consecutive semesters from spring 1997 to fall 1998. She successfully led 46 pledges from the Tau, Upsilon, Phi, and Chi classes through our rigorous pledge period during that time. Besides serving as pledge mom, which is an executive board position, she held Sean's hand during his reign as President through thick and thin. Katrina has always fulfilled her fellowship and service requirements and was a great help with Buffalo News Kids Day for the past two years. She has also taken over as the Web page wizard- www.fredonia.edu/sa/apo updating it and has donated her computer so unselfishly for APO's purposes whether it is to print out banquet programs, bids for Rush and especially every single copy of the Chi Pi Courier for over a year. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and motherly qualities will be missed dearly.

Andrea Ellis was focal in improving and increasing various fellowship events while she was VP of Membership for two consecutive years as well as

move books from a warehouse in Dunkirk. Then we brought the books to the Williams Center and unloaded them for the next day. The entire project took about two hours in all. Literacy Volunteers were very impressed with all of our help. They said they had never had a move go so smoothly in such a small amount of time. Everyone who volunteered received a certificate of achievement for their efforts. Also, each brother/pledge who helped out were given the opportunity to pick the books they wanted the following day at the book sale. This was the type of payment they use to show their appreciation for the hard work the volunteers did. The project went over very well and we are looking forward to help out again next spring.

-Nicolette Nichols

Ice Cream Social:

On Saturday April 24, Alpha Phi Omega helped to greet incoming freshmen at Open House. Nine brothers and NIBs all with smiling faces and ice cream mustaches helped to make this day possible. It almost seemed like the parents were more interested in the groups than their children. As the day drew to a close there were quite a few dragging kids and parents. A special feature was made especially for this event. Katrina Peters, APO Webmaster, and Judd Pellow, VP of Service put together a pamphlet about our organization. This pamphlet included up-to-date pictures and current events that we have been participating in. The idea for this added bonus can also be used in the fall for recruiting at Activities Night. Everything seemed to go over very well, even when they ran out of ice cream. The office of Admissions thanked us for our participation in the event and hoped we had fun.

-Nicolette Nichols

Outstanding Service Awards

The yearly service awards were also given

CLASS OF 1999!!

Betsy Anderson -
Education

Margaret Baxter -
Education (Math)

Andrea Ellis - Education
(History)

Beth Karnyski - Business
Administration
(Marketing)

Katrina Peters -
Psychology & Criminal
Justice

Mike Raimondi - Art
(Sculpture)

Note from Judd Pellow;

Vice President of Service:

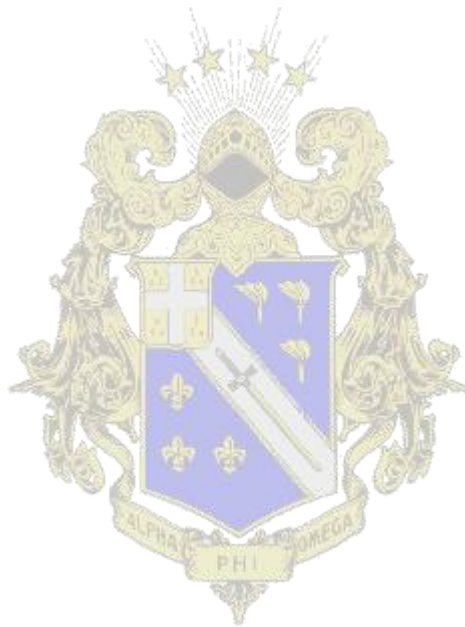
Thank you to all the brothers of Chi Pi who unselfishly gave up so much of their time to complete our standard of 18 service hours or more during the Spring '99 semester. I'd like to report as of today, April 29, the chapter as a whole has completed nearly 800 service hours to the campus, college, and community. This is more than I ever expected and I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you on your accomplishment. We worked together as a team and succeeded with our service program.

Another announcement I have is the

improved fellowship this semester as a co-fellowship chair. She has been our key contact person working with Advisor Liza Smith for the last two years coordinating the Disabled Student Service exam running service project. Andrea has chaired several other projects including; the talent show judging at Forestville High School, which she worked with our other advisor Pam Fabritius on. Her most renown service project has to be the last two clothing drives which has yielded over 7 car loads of clothes. Yes, we are talking over 50 bags/boxes of clothes that have been donated to Rural Ministries of Dunkirk. Andrea has shown extreme dedication to our fraternity with her polished leadership skills and persuasive demeanor over her four year undergraduate career. Her energy and devotion to APO will be missed.

Margaret Baxter has held several important positions while involved with APO. She was President, Treasurer, and Rush chair more than once. Baxter achieved special recognition for her participation in Children's festival. She has also chaired different Walk America projects for the last three years. Walk America has grown in size and support during that time and benefits the March of Dimes. Margaret has shown her pride in APO by wearing her letters non-stop since she received them. Her dedication will be missed.

out at the banquet. Bonnie Dieter and Debbie Vandermark both took home (to the same apartment in Brigham) an Outstanding Service Award, how coincidental! Bonnie had 97.5 hrs(read above) and Debbie had 56.5 hrs of service(with 11 different projects) this semester. I guess they've rubbed service all over each other living together as roommates, huh? Also Alexis Lambert won the first annual *Above and Beyond Award*. She devoted over 24 hrs of her time to chair and dance non-stop in SuperDance, which benefits M.D.A. She is also chairing this year's Children's Fest and has taken part in 8 different service projects. Congratulations to all three on their dedication to enriching our service program.



completion of our very own Chi Pi rush brochure which includes pictures of our current brothers at this year's banquet and at other fellowship events. Katrina Peters and myself spearheaded the organization and completion of the brochure which updates the outdated national brochures that we always pass out at Activities Night.

I'm hoping as the former Rush chair of the Titanic pledge class that during our fall Rush we recruit 30-35 enthusiastic newcomers to our group to help our Chi Pi chapter grow into the best in Section 89 Speaking of which, Bonnie Dieter and I brought back a very special gift to our chapter from this spring's Sectionals in Oneonta.

We have announced that we will be hosting the fall 1999 section service project. It is tentatively slated to be the Haunted Forest, which benefited the Ronald McDonald House this past year. Any alumni or recent graduate interested in participating, please contact me next September.

