



Presidential Notes ☺

First off I would like to thank all of you who put in time and effort to make a bid for hosting Sectionals next spring. This is going to me a milestone event for our chapter, and it could only be possible because of the dedication you all have for Chi Pi. Also, I'd like to commend all of you that have gone above and beyond the call of Service this semester. I have never seen this many brothers close to 100 service hours for one semester, Kudos to all!

Lastly, I'd like to remind all of you that our Banquet is on May 5, so study ahead of time so that you are not stressed out at the banquet. We will have some good times left in the next four weeks; lets make the most of it.
~Niki

Exam Week Exam Runs

Exam week exam runs went as well as possible with the number of people that attended. The beginning of the week didn't start off well as no one was able to run the exams, but by the end of the week, we showed the learning center what we were made of by showing up in full force. Thanks for everyone's help.

Dan Berman

National Volunteer Week

I am chairing National Volunteer Week, from April 23-28th. We will be doing one service project for each aspect of service: campus, community, national and fraternity.

CAMPUS:

We are helping out with Fred Fest on Friday and Saturday April 27 and 28. Cara from Spectrum needs people from approximately 4-9PM on Friday night and 12-9PM on Saturday. If you are interested in being a security guard, call me or email me ASAP.

COMMUNITY:

Melissa is still visiting the Friendly Kitchen on Tuesdays from 5-6PM, so that will be counted as service to the community.

NATIONAL:

UGLY MAN ON CAMPUS

CONTEST! This will be held during the week and if we're lucky the winner will be announced at Fred Fest. We will be sitting in the William Center on Monday and Tuesday from 9-5PM and hopefully be sitting with the vendors outside from 12-5PM on Friday. Once again if interested in helping, please contact me ASAP. Also, if you are an RA or in any other organization, please try make this part of your programs. I would really like to make this an annual event, so we need a good number of contestants!!

FRATERNITY:

We will hopefully be selling the chocolate roses at the table with the Ugly Man contest. So if you signed up for Ugly Man, you'll be selling roses too!

Anyway, if you want to participate in any of these service projects please let me know as soon as possible! Remember, Dan's cut off for service points is Sunday, April 29th, so this is a great way to complete your service program!

~Jenn Barons

The Newest APO Collection

As a new collection, I will be collecting can/bottle return slips until at least the end of the semester. There is a girl in my building (Alumni) collecting for Haiti, so I thought we could help her. Just some facts.... in Haiti a child under the age of five dies every three seconds, 70% of the population is unemployed and 85% of Haitians can not read or write. I would prefer the receipts, but I would be willing to accept cans and bottles just bring them to Sunday meetings! For every \$1 you will get 1 service point. Just think.... now you get points for the can AND the pop tab!!! Once again, a great way to finish your service program if you're lacking points. ~Jenn

Super-Dance A Huge Success!



Super-dance is an annual event to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association, in which Fredonia has participated in as a traditional service project. This year, it was a success because we had so many Brothers there for so long - several Brothers worked behind the scenes with odd jobs, including manning phones, keeping dancers motivated... we were also in charge of the food all night Friday March 9th. We also had Brother Kristin Fitzgerald and two pledges dancing the night away! Thanks to everyone who contributed their time on March 9-10, or gave money, etc. Super Dance raised about \$7000 because of your help! Alexis Lambert



Boy's And Girl's Club

Hey APO! What's Up? I know how glad you all are to see me this semester. I just wanted to fill you in on my outside service commitment. Every Thursday I volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club. I'll do anything from helping the children with homework, working with the dance team, playing fose ball, basketball, volleyball, or pool with the kids or sometimes just sitting around talking. I'm also helping to formulate a Pen Pal Exchange Program with another Boys &

Girls Club. It's a lot of fun! At the time I've volunteered 47 hours and have another 7 scheduled. If anyone is interested in volunteering, contact Lynn at 366-1061. Have a great day! Love in LFS-
Amanda ~ Chi Class

Letters to Peru:

Hopefully you all will be brushing up on your Spanish, as another new Service project emerges. Anyone who would like to write to children in the villages of Peru, can visit the Website Alta Vista and use the translator to write letter to the children. All letters can be given to me and I will make sure they are sent out all together! lets make this one work, it would mean so much to those children to know they have a friend.~Niki



Clothes to Peru:

Remeber for those of you donating clothes to Peru, they must be USED! No new clothes can be sent, due to trade laws for the country. Please label all bags if they are for Peru, and then either bring them to the meetings Sunday night, or drop them off on my enclosed porch.
~Niki

Advising Notes

once again we are near the end of the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on another fine year of service. It always makes one confident for the future to see dedication and excellence of APO. Sometimes we have to work through the rough spots and difficulties, but we should never lose sight of the proverbial "big picture" –that of helping our fellow human beings. It is always a pleasure to be your advisor and I'm looking forward to next year! To the graduating seniors- good luck! To everyone else- see you in the fall!
~Raymond Rushboldt, advisor

Valentines Day Party

Chi Pi Brothers, The Boys and Girls Club, and also The Big brother Big Sister Program hosted a Valentines Day Party for over 50 children. The party was a huge success! There was pizza and pop, soda if you will, candy and plenty of WONDERFUL kareoke singing to go around for all. The children also took place in a coloring contest. With the help of over 15 brothers, we were able to help children have a wonderful time. I want to thank everyone for helping make this event a huge success. The children are STILL talking about the party and are hoping for another one sometime soon!

Prom Dresses

Congratulations on a job well done Chi Pi. With your generous donations we were able to provide prom dresses and accessories for almost 10 people at Brocton Central School, and we are still collecting!! :) This means so much to the people we helped! I cannot thank you enough for helping to make this project a huge success! The people at Brocton Central thank us for the extremely generous donations! Thanks again Chi-Pi!

Pop Tabs

Throughout the semester we have been collecting pop tabs to give to a place in Dunkirk that makes wheel chairs. We collected over 15,000 pop tabs! That's a lot of beverages, Chi Pi!!! You should be very proud of yourselves for such a large donation. This is the largest amount of pop tabs we have collected in one semester. Because of the dedication and hard work of the brothers of Chi Pi, more wheelchairs will be made to help those in need! Thanks. ~Kristen W.

The Teacher Education Club's '2001 Children's Festival'

was Saturday, April 7th from 9AM until noon. There were about 35 different crafts for the children to do including our paper plate masks and a book fair. Although the turn out of kids was disappointing, we still had fun.

Leadership

While Alpha Phi Omega is a fraternal organization founded in the scouting principles directed toward service, we must not forget that it also places a strong emphasis on developing ourselves as leaders. We have officers to direct our individual chapters' course, and appointed positions to facilitate the operations of the chapter. We have project chairs to make sure our work gets done. The time we spend as actives is very little compared to the time we will spend in the real world. Take every opportunity to develop your leadership skills because it is not just about being an officer in your chapter. These skills will help you with your own personal development and contribute to your future success.

Alpha Phi Omega offers many opportunities to develop leadership skills. One such program is the Leadership Development Workshop offered at the last sectionals. LDW is a workshop is offered on a regular basis throughout the year and packs a lot of information into a seven-hour session.

The major workshop on leadership development however is the Chapter Program Workshop. CPW is likened to a small-scale conference composed of many chapters from a larger area. Officers and those who aspire to be officers or wish to gain more leadership training come together to learn to work in groups with brothers from other chapters also seeking to do the same. In many large and small group activities, brothers learn many skills to bring back to their chapters to help develop a more successful program of leadership, friendship, and service.

While the Region II site has not been finalized as of yet, it will be hosted by one of the central New York chapters (Binghamton, Cortland IG, or Oneonta). The fraternity subsidizes the cost for the weekend so this year it will cost \$50. The dates and locations around the rest of the country are included below. Those who attend CPWs learn many leadership related skills as well as make friends that last a lifetime.

- o June 22-24..... Nacogdoches, TX
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- o June 29-July 1 Fayette, MO
- o July TBA Ames, IA
- o July 6-8 West Lafayette, IN
- o July 20-22.....Charlottesville, VA
- o July 27-29.....Macon, GA
- o Aug 17-19.....San Jose, CA

Yours in Leadership, Friendship, and Service
Joe "Timber" Chen
Epsilon Sigma Chapter
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FloridaSectionals

Florida Sectionals was a great time - I really enjoyed the time getting to Florida and the time there with Melissa Wetzler, Melissa Shaffer and Niki. It really gave me a great opportunity to get to know everyone a lot better, and I must say I feel like I know Melissa W. a lot better than before we left - I'm glad everyone who went was able to go. We left Thursday morning before the Sectionals, and after about 20 hours on the road, made it to Florida (Daytona Beach to be exact)... after knocking on the wrong door at the

apartment complex, we went for some breakfast at Mickey D's... and some shopping, because we all seemed to forget to pack at least one thing!! (oops)... after that, we went to the correct apartment (this is at about 9 am now), and got settled. Then, it was off to the beach, where we all enjoyed the warm ocean water and the hot sun (I think some of us enjoyed it a little too much... we got burnt or worse)... We spent some of the rest of Friday relaxing and looking around Daytona, and scoped out the boardwalk. On Saturday, we went to the conference - I attended workshops about how to plan a conference (like Sectionals) and a Service roundtable. In the afternoon, I participated in a service project for the ARNI Foundation, which is an organization dedicated to helping spay and neuter animals for low-income people, as well as provide a safe house for animals that might otherwise get put to sleep... basically an extension of an SPCA. I also participated in a Team development workshop and got to know people really well - it was a lot of fun and good practice to participate in the team building activities - I really hope to be able to give some of those ideas to the chapter. That evening was the banquet - it wasn't as glitzy as our banquets sometimes seem, but it was really nice. All of the chapters know each other really well, and they seem to get along quite well. On our way back from Florida, we met a chapter from West Virginia University - I've made contact with their President - maybe we'll be able to road trip their sometime soon...I really enjoyed my experience and think that I learned a lot about another Section. Let's try to remember that though we have our individual differences, we are all Brothers together! -Alexis Lambert

Alumni Update

Well, alumni have been contacting me seeing how things are going... many are interested in seeing the Chi Pi Courier - we need to get that into their hands somehow. I am currently beginning to organize a picnic for alumni during Homecoming weekend, as we come together with ideas I will let everyone know. Also, a survey has been sent out to all alumni that I have addresses for (about 150), so hopefully we will be able to compile information for that soon... creating an extensive alumni database like I had originally planned when given this

position. Hopefully alumni will respond so we can gain more information about our chapter in the early years. A special thank you to all the alumni that have been helping me out in recent months - you've been a great big help!
-Alexis Lambert

Sergeant of Arms update

Thank you to everyone who gave me their GPA's - I really appreciate your helping me out (and fulfilling that requirement)... I look forward to presenting the highest GPA and most improved GPA, and perfect attendance awards at the banquet - :) Next semester, let's set a record to have GPA's in by the first 2 weeks of classes - it should be much easier with everyone's records available on the internet (no excuses this time :) Have a great summer, and good luck on exams!
-Alexis Lambert

ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KIDS DAY

WAS March 15, and this year it really was incredible;) there was over 30 letters sent to kids that the brotherhood thinks is special. Most of them went to Brocton School, thanks to Kristen. This is a nationally recognized day that aims to get every single kid a letter from some one they know to let them have a tangible way of feeling special, cuz every kid is just that!!

We also made this service event a fellowship, something that I hope will catch on as we bond with each other and bring something special to someone else!!
~Autumn Fanning

A Rewarding Experience

Volunteering your time to the less fortunate is a wonderful experience. So many of us get caught up in our own lives and worlds that we tend to not reach out then we should.

That one hour a week cannot only make a difference on your life, but can impact the lives of others as well. People are in always in need of helping hands.

So try to remember others during your daily routines and if you want to feel good about yourself, then VOLUNTEER!
Melissa Wetzler

~Jon Huber

What is CHI PI doing this Summer????

Amanda J- I will be spending summertime in lovely Fredonia... I have an internship with Community Development Initiative of New York, Inc. ... I also will be working at the All the News downtown Fredonia (by M&T Bank) or in Dunkirk (corner of 4th and Park) if you want to stop by. Have a great summer everyone!!

Alexis- Work, pack up my apartment and move down the street, possibly take a summer course... looks to be fun-filled. Also begin to work on things for next year - coursework and APO stuff if possible :) Hopefully in there spend time with Dan, my best friend Toni, and my best friend Lisa (from back home).

Web-page labels:

A few of you participated in an on-line service project this semester. By visiting the Chunky soup web page, you could actually fill out a survey and have a can of food donated for your time. Thanks to those who participated, it was an interesting idea.

EXAM PACKS

With the semester coming down to an end, it is time for exam packs. Yes those wonderful exam packs will be arriving May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. I am aiming to deliver them Saturday morning. It will all depend on when they arrive, and when I receive the information of what goes where. They will be delivered to Nikki's house. A sign up sheet went around, but we still need more help. More information will be coming soon as I get it. This is our big fundraiser and it's a lot of fun we usually can pull in around \$1500. So come join us.

SENIORS GOODBYE

Stephanie

I cannot believe that my four years at Fredonia are coming to an end. It all went buy too quickly. I am so glad that I joined APO. I have had some great times and made many good friends. Amanda, thanks for bring my big. Melissa, You're a little who makes me proud and I'm so glad we're friends. As for everyone else, you have all left footprints in my heart and I'll never forget you!J After graduation I'm going on vacation to the Dominican Republic, moving into my new apartment in Buffalo and huntinuing my job hunt. Good luck to everyone in the future. I'll miss you all!

This has been a great first yeah here at Fredonia for me and I'm sure for many others. I would like to say that Chi Pi has had a great influence on not only my life but has impacted many others as well! Have a EXCELLENT summer and hope to see you all at the picnic, or just in passing!

Autumn Fanning
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