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Big Brother/Big Sister Program

This semester has been very active with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. I want to thank all of you who have become active in the group, just imagine back before you had your volunteer sister or brother.....and now think about what a difference you are making for them! Also, the haloween party was an added treat that many of the matches were able to attend. Keep up with your volunteers over the holidays, and start the New Year off with a special treat!

Clothing Drive

The clothing drive went well this semester, with two full loads in my truck taken to the Garment gallery in Dunkirk. They are always looking for volunteers to actually come in and help sort the donations, so that is something to look foreword to next semester.

When you go home for the winter break, bring back those clothes in the back of your closet you haven't worn in over a year and give them to someone who will!

ALPHA DELTA PLEDGE CLASS SAYS:

I most commonly go by the alias Shelley Contento, and I am utterly thrilled to be pledging Alpha Phi Omega in the Alpha Delta class at SUNY Fredonia. I have been involved in service my entire life, which would accompany my love of people! I would have to say that I am a hyper-active, easily-humored, over-achieving, thoroughly fascinated, slightly eccentric, lover of life. On the normal side, I love the outdoors, performing arts, volleyball, hockey,people, and basically anything I can try.

New Positions

President- Jenn B.
Membership VP – Mel M.
Service VP – Allyson Hadley
Secretary – Lisa H.
Treasury – Dan and Jason
Pledge Trainer- Autumn F.

Congrats to all the new exec members and whomever gets an appointed position. Awesome job to all☺

Food Drive

This semester food donations were a little slow, and I'm hoping that we can have a canned food drive to increase our intake next semester. Till then, if there are sales on canned goods throw a couple extra in your shopping cart and pitch in!

~Niki

Christmas for the Children

Christmas is a special time of year. Children deserve to have the joy of finding a present waiting for them Christmas morning. Thanks to Megan K., Shelley, Melissa M. and myself, there will be three children experiencing that joy. Three children, ages 11, 5, and 1 will be receiving a Barbie Fashion Designer Doll, a Cabbage Patch Kids School time Cheerleader, and a Singing, Bouncing, Bath time Baby. Thank you to Megan K and Shelley for going shopping with myself, and to Melissa M. for her donation. Hopefully we can continue bringing Christmas to the Children.

~Amanda

"ALPHA DELTA BECOMES SPLIT-A-GUT-R-US"

Friday October 12, was a night to remember! It was a planned but unexpected night full of memories that will bring us joy AND haunt us. Friday night was complete with bonding, sharing, enlightening revelations, and unforgettable humiliation. To be specific, this was the pledge sleepover for the Alpha Delta class. What began as a get together of people who weren't entirely familiar with each other, soon transformed into tight-knit group who might know one another a little too well. By the end of the night we abandoned the apprehension and anxiety of our unfamiliarity only to be replaced by our friendship and readiness to take on the world (or at least we would like to think so). What more could be desired for a group that is geared toward service and love for humanity? The night started off with various games and chit-chat all inspired by our super, wonderful, amazing pledge mamma, Amanda Jankowski! Our pledge "step-momma", Autumn Fanning shall not escape the responsibility either. Who would have expected that an innocent childhood game of charades could be so revealing? Yes, this is where each of the pledges with a few exceptions, acquired his or her nicknames(also referred to as the identification that you-wish-would-be-kept-unknown-and-forgotten). Besides taking center stage and looking like a fool, the best moment from that game would have to go to Meghan Roberts for her impression of Amanda! As the night progressed I was even more convinced that you cannot judge a person upon first impressions. Among other things I learned that when Meghan speaks it would be wise

to listen, because she always has something fascinating to say when she does talk(it usually begins with, "This one time...at band camp..."). I also discovered that when challenged, Amanda will go to undesired extremes to pay you back.All I can say is beware of water bottles. I now believe that Matt Hicks isn't as innocent as we think, Jason Huschle suffers physical wounds on his body from harmless games, Autumn has a lot to say (when she is sleeping), Kim Goetz is nocturnal, Tiffany Kilbride does some really good impressions, and Chris Ault says "and" more than he probably should. Maybe the question would be better expressed, "What didn't happen that night?" Alexis Lambert and Dan Berman graced us with their presence and must have been scared off at some point to leave so soon. We give props to Nikki LaMonte for graciously hosting our event, but after all that has been said, was it any wonder she remained hidden the majority of the time? I will admit that on a whim I created a new, alternative, "animated", version of the toast song that you might one day come across. Finally, the night concluded with a never ending game of uno. It was the most bizarre game of uno ever played. Due to some conspicuous cheating, the game lasted over an hour and a half and the discard/pull pile was completely depleted. The game could not end. By this point most of us were dropping off. The last person fell asleep around 6:30 in the morning. It would be very tempting for me to list the vast occurrences from the sleepover, however it would require a novel to accompany such a modest article. Therefore, if the stories have not yet spread to your years you just might be able to pick our brains! P.s. Word to the wise, if you play spoons make sure Amanda isn't around: she's viscous!

-By Uncle Shatner, I mean Shelley Contento

BOCES

Throughout this semester I've been putting in 11hrs a week at boces. Some of those hours were required and some were just because I love the kids so much. I got to play games with the kids, go on field trips, eat lunch and breakfast with them, talk to them, read them books, race cars with them and a lot of times, just be a kid all over again. It was a lot of fun! I want to urge any of you that are interested in working with children to volunteer here. What makes these children special is not only the challenges they face in day-to-day life, but the personality of each one is unique and friendly. If you are interested in volunteering there contact BOCES at 672-4371. Ask for the Special Education Building.

~ Amanda

Fall Awards banquet

On November 30th our fall awards banquet was held at the White Inn. The evening started with a welcome by Niki, followed by a delicious dinner. After dinner, Niki, Dan, Tricia, Amanda and Megan K gave awards. The awards were Perfect Attendance for many of the brothers, fellowship awards for Dan, and Alexis, Outstanding New member for Allyson, Membership awards for Jenn and Mel Shaffer. Also there were service awards given for Alexis, Mel M., Autumn, Amanda, and Jenn. The outstanding

pledge was given to Kim, Shelly and Tiffany. A special award was given to Jenn from Niki. Trish acknowledged the Sectionals committee and everyone received a special gift. Everyone also received a superlative. I would like to Thank Trish for doing what my brother means to me, the superlative committee, Allyson for being my assistant, and Autumn for helping with the program and decorating. I would also like to thank the fellowship chairs for doing a great job this semester. Congrats to everyone who got an award and keep up the good work!!

~Mel. M

Campbell's Soup Labels

This service project went extremely well, with a grand total of 640 labels being donated to Trish's school. These labels will help to fund in the purchasing of school supplies, teaching aids and even possibly a computer. Keep collecting labels because this is a never ending service project that is easy and very beneficial.

Trip to Boces

by Shelley Contento

Walking in to a small classroom in Boces we had no idea what to expect of our service project. Three Nibs; Tiffany, Jason, and I brought fingerpaints with us in order to work with children who have Autism. Only one of us having experience working with Autistic children, it was sure to be a learning experience for us as well as the kids. From the second we walked in the door, things were different. Some of the kids were sick and one of the girls who was there, was about to be sent home for illness as well. The result: One wonderful little girl. The teachers and aides told us right away that her attention span fails to accede twenty minutes with one project. We set up the area, and encouraged the child to be as messy as possible. Apparently this was the one time she hesitated to do so. We helped her dip her own fingers in the paints as we did, and gradually her excitement escalated. We came up with some artistic ideas and eventually she was holding our hands and painting our entire hands while pressing them onto the paper. Her face lit up each time we returned to the project after she insisted on washing her hands repeatedly. This young girl also was responding to us, using words, and making eye contact, all qualities somewhat uncommon to children with Autism. What could have ended up coming to a halt at twenty minutes, turned into over an hour! The Nibs and our little helper had a wonderful time and left the room with an enthusiastic invitation to return. What do we have to look forward to? Working on this project with Boces again in the future as well as Weelock School. Our goal: more classrooms and more brothers!

Sectionals 2002

Next semester Chi Pi is hosting the Alpha Phi Omega spring sectionals conference here in Fredonia. There are usually about 200 people that come, and so far the plans are exciting. From workshops dealing with sexual awareness to skin cancer to a pledge round table, there is sure to be something useful to learn. The fellowship on Friday is the pool party in the new natatorium on campus. There is also the banquet planned out by Melissa M that resembles a cruise. It is sure to be an event on campus that will not be easily forgotten, as we go cruisin' 'round Fredonia"

Top's Receipts

This semester I am collecting Top's receipts to donate to the school that Tricia teaches at. Tops donate a portion of the total to schools and they are able to buy needed equipment. Thanks to all who helped out!

WOW!!!!

I would like to say this semester has really produced a lot of great things. Tons of variety of service to tons of fellowships to a very large pledge class, to all the work put in for sectionals coming next semester, all this is to show what a great chapter Chi Pi really is. So many people went above and beyond what was required to achieve the highest level possible. With finals already upon us I would like to say good luck and don't stress too much, enjoy your break and holiday, whether it be Hanukah or boxing Day, Quanza or Christmas, remember the reason for this break from school. I am so glad to be apart of this group. So way to go brothers and keep up the good work.

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