Bi-section service a success

Seven chapters help “Keep Indy Beautiful”

Everyone who participated in the state wide service project poses on the hill for a group picture. All the brothers worked very hard to finish planting over 100 trees.

According to our section chair, this is the first successful section wide project done in 21 years and both section chair commended both our chapter as well as Purdue’s chapter. I hope that in semesters to come, this will become a tradition that both our sections can enjoy.

Ethnic eating smells like fun

By: Janelle Page
VP Membership

As a new weekly event, we have been socializing over dinner at one of Bloomington’s many ethnic restaurants.

Our first visit was pretty tame, as we visited a Mexican restaurant and enjoyed salsa, enchiladas, and tacos.

Our next trip got a little more out of the ordinary when we visited Dats, a Cajun-creole restaurant. Bravely, many dove into heaping plates of Chili Cheese Etouffee and Gumbo Jambalaya.

Our most recent trip was for pizza at the renowned Mother Bear’s. Breadsticks, soda and pizza covered the tables as people cleaned the trays and their plates!

Up for our next endeavor? We’ll be visiting the Casa Blanca Café to enjoy Middle Eastern, Greek and Italian!
Letter from the President

Hi Mu, I’m Jenny Rohde, the Mu chapter fearless president! As a chapter, we have gotten off to an interesting start but we have definitely gotten to a solid ground. As a chapter, we started out without pledge trainers and graciously Alex Luboff and Katie Sicking stepped up to fill the position. They have been doing an excellent job with our new pledge class. We are also, as an exec board, planning our first ever fall retreat and are planning it for the second weekend in November.

We have truly pulled together as an exec board this semester. We have been there to support each other and motivate chapter to overcome all obstacles. I am so proud of the entire board for all of the work they have put in thus far. I was blessed with an amazing exec board that makes my job so much easier. Shoot us an email so we can hear from y’all!

Have an amazing day!

LFS, Jenny Rohde
jmrohde@indiana.edu

Meet the Pledge Trainers

Katie Sicking
Major: English
Hometown: Kokomo, IN
Year in School: Junior
Semesters in APO: 3
Goal for the Fall 2007 Pledge Class:
think this pledge class has potential to do great things. They have interesting ideas for a project, and my goal for them would be to think outside the box and try and come up with something truly original.

Alex Luboff
Major: Political Science and Philosophy
Hometown: Wheaton, IL
Year in School: Sophomore
Semesters in APO: 3
Goal for the Fall 2007 Pledge Class:
To prepare them not just for success as an active, but also to help them develop those skills that they can use as campus and community leaders in the future.

Pledge Class

Welcome to all the Fall 2007 Pledges. Here’s what a few of them had to say! About their goals and experiences so far:

“"As president of the pledge class, I hope we can execute a successful pledge project that will positively impact the Bloomington community. I also hope the members of the class complete the pledge process feeling as though they have made life-long friends with the other pledges.”

Elizabeth Ellman
Pledge Class President

“"I am looking forward to building friendships w/in APO.”

Robert Missant

Service Update

By: Jonathan Robison
VP Service

This semester is off to a busy and exciting start. Each week we volunteer for the Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project at Boxcar Books. This project is an effort that strives to encourage self-education among prisoners all over the United States by providing free reading material upon request. We also volunteer each week at The Rise which is a children’s program at the Middle Way House. Lastly, we volunteer twice a month at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank repacking food from local Bloomington restaurants.

Over the weekends we have traveled to Indianapolis for an APO section-wide tree planting, visited the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, helped out at the Bloomington Multicultural Festival and Bloomington Historic Home Tour, cleaned up our adopted highway, and visited a local animal shelter. We also have plans to help out at the Habitat for Humanity Rupe-A-Thon and Restore, Teachers Warehouse, and Dance Marathon. We also plan to host a Halloween party at a local Bloomington nursing home.

Lastly, we have decided to retire our annual Bowl-A-Thon project which has supported Wonderlab in the past. It will be replaced with what will be our new big fall service project. It is going to be a battle of the bands at Rhino’s on December 1st. The final details are still in the works but our co-chairs Ben Mlot and Kelsey Ewald plan on finalizing everything very soon. It will feature several local acts with guest judges from the IU and Bloomington Community. The grand prize is still being decided but could possibly include the chance for a headlining spot at Rhino’s. Our expectations are high and we will still donate all of our profits to Wonderlab.

Fall 2007

Brothers stand under their Adopt-a-Highway sign after our highway cleanup project. We filled over 8 black garbage bags with trash!
Fundraising: Chapter T-shirts, Discount Cards, & Parking

Fundraising for the semester has been going well so far. Members have had opportunities such as football parking and selling discount cards. In November everyone will be able to do parking for basketball games. The fundraising chairs are also looking at passing out breadsticks at Fazolis and a dine-and-donate at Jimmy Johns. The VP of Finance and the fundraising chairs also made up these chapter t-shirts to help raise money. If you are interested in ordering a chapter t-shirt please fill out the form below and mail it back to us! Please only send checks made out to Alpha Phi Omega, NO cash please. Send us your order form by Sunday, November 18th.

Send me my Chapter T-shirt right away!!

I have enclosed a check made out to Alpha Phi Omega in order to receive my chapter t-shirt and show my support as an Alumni!

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Shirts are only $10 each PLUS $3 S&H per shirt!

*Please write in MEMO section of your check “Chapter T-shirt”

Fall Service Project: Battle of the Bands

The committee working on the fall service project Battle of the Bands will be taking donations to help pay for the venue or any other costs that won’t be covered by the grant given by Indiana University Student Association. They would also like to give alumni the chance to purchase the Battle of the Bands t-shirt. The BOTB t-shirts will cost $10 + $3 S&H. If you are interested, please send checks by November 6th. Donations towards the event are also welcome! The event will take place on December 1st at Rhino’s and all proceeds will benefit Wonderlab in Bloomington.

Kelsey Ewald and Ben Mlot are the head chairs for the event. If you want to give feedback, suggestions, or have questions the chairs can be contacted at:

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