Mu Sends Pages to Prisoners

Members pack books at MLK pack-a-thon

This Martin Luther King, Jr. Day may have been a day off for IU students, but it was a day on for our APO brothers. Members participated in projects all over Bloomington on January 21st, hoping to make an impact on the community. One project in particular drew quite a large crowd, the Pages to Prisoners Pack-a-Thon. “The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project is an all volunteer effort that strives to encourage self-education among prisoners in the United States. By providing free reading materials upon request, they hope to aid in the rehabilitation process and stimulate critical thinking behind bars.”

From 11am to 3pm brothers helped fulfill prisoner’s requests by finding appropriate books, writing each person a letter, and packaging them up to be shipped out. Pages was running 6 months behind until now, so members were filling the requests of letters that were sent in July! In their time at Boxcar Books, the host to the Pages to Prisoners Project, members ate pizza and listened to speakers talk about rehabilitation. By the end of afternoon hundreds of packages filled the tables, ready to be sent out. Members left knowing that their efforts had a direct effect on many prisoner’s lives and that they would be back next week to do it all over again!

Mu visits Pages to Prisoners weekly, and it is one of our most popular service projects.

By: Erica Honeywell
President

Rush Brings 58 Potential Pledges

By: Jessica Greeff
Rush was a big success! Alex and Kelsey did an amazing job with the rush meetings. They had a PowerPoint presentation and did a great job with the flyers.

With the help of chapter we had 58 potential pledges come out to the rush meetings. We also had a rush social that 28 of the 58 potential pledges attended.

After three Induction Ceremonies 49 Pledges officially joined the Spring 2008 pledge class. Jenny Rohde and Jon Robison will be their pledge trainers. To stay up to date on their progress keep checking the Web site www.indiana.edu/~apo.

This seems to be a good sign that we will have a great pledge class.

New Mu website up and running

By: Melanie Woodworth
Things might look a little different on the Mu website this semester because the website has been redesigned. Andrew Schwenker the webmaster this spring worked through out the Winter Break choosing logos, fonts, a new color scheme.

At the end of the three long weeks and many changes and adjustments, Schwenker presented the site to the exec board. After a few more changes and minor adjustments he uploaded the new site. Take a second to look around and check it out! Let us know what you think! Comments and critiques are always welcome!!

www.indiana.edu/~apo
This past weekend Rose-Hulman’s Fall 2007 pledge class visited Bloomington and IU for their retreat. Members of Mu went to lunch with Tau Lambda at Mother Bears Pizza, and then everyone went ice skating. Our section chair Mad Dog also joined us for the fun. Ice skating was a blast, as many of us where going for the first time. With arms hooked beginners and vets cautiously wandered out onto the cold ice. Children zipped past as the brothers of APO hung behind on the walls trying to adjust to the ice.

Mad Dog served as the event photographer shouting and snapping pictures from the sidelines. This event served as a great opportunity to meet APO members from a different chapter in a relaxed setting. The social was loads of fun. Hopefully this is just the first of many to come.

Get to Know Your Spring Executive Board

Erica Honeywell
Year: Junior
Pledged Fall 2005
Major: Finance
Hometown: Houston, TX
Favorite APO Memory: Painting the bridge for Rubber Duck ‘07. We had to wait until 11pm, it was freezing, and paint ended up all over everything! We had tons of fun though!!

Melanie Woodworth
Year: Junior
Pledged Fall 2005
Major: Secondary Education: Journalism
Hometown: Schererville, IN
Favorite APO Memory: I would have to agree with Erica! Painting the bridge for Rubber Duck was the BEST! We painted right over the ROTC Rifles fresh paint.

Christen Gallagher
Year: Sophomore
Pledged Spring 2007
Major: International Studies, LAMP student, German minor
Hometown: Glen Ellyn, IL
Favorite APO Memory: Going star gazing at Fall retreat. We all laid out on the grass even though it was freezing and looked at the stars.

Sean Gertsch
Year: Senior
Pledged Spring 2007
Major: Biology & Pre Med
Hometown: Crown Point, IN
Favorite APO Memory: Getting a phone call at the library from my roommate that a bunch of girls (APO Exec) were at the door looking for me. They were delivering my acceptance for initiation but I was not home.

Jessica Greeff
Year: Junior
Pledged: Spring 06
Major: Marketing/Operations Management
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
Favorite APO Memory: is at Fall Retreat 07! We had so much fun and really bonded as a group!!

Alumni:
Have a favorite APO Memory like the exec members do? Send it to us and we’ll put it in the next muse so that all the Alumni can reminisce!!

apo@indiana.edu
Subject: Alumni Memory
Meet the Pledge Trainers

Jenny Rohde
Hometown: Richardson, TX
Major: Human development/family studies
Minor: Sociology and Religious Studies and an American Humanics Certificate
Pledged Spring 2005

Embarrassing Moment in APO: The first semester that I was VP of Service and I had to walk around campus dressed as a clown because chapter met their service goal!

Jonathan Robison
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
Major: Communications and Culture
Minor: Psychology, Business
Pledged in Fall 2006

Embarrassing Moment in APO: I got sprayed/peed on by a lion at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center.

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!

Make the Muse your own!
Have anything you’d like to hear about?
Have a funny story from when you were in Mu?
Make the Muse YOUR Alumni newsletter... send us your ideas, suggestions, thoughts and comments!
E-mail apo@indiana.edu

Help us make more Mu memories...
Do you have fond memories of your time in MU?
Are you interested in helping us fund service projects this semester and chapter socials?
Your tax-deductible donation helps us put on events like CPPC, Banquet and Rubber Duck where members make memories and friends they will have long after graduation.
If you would like to donate please send a check made out to Alpha Phi Omega to:
900 East 7th Street
Indiana Memorial Union
Room #471
Bloomington, IN 47405

Print, and cut out this form. Return it with a check to:
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*Please write in MEMO section of check Chapter Shirt
18th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta is Underway

A PO’s 18th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta could possibly be one of the best in Mu’s history because of chapter’s early commitment and support from the community. This year the proceeds will to Make-A-Wish Foundation for the first time.

The event is scheduled for April 20th in Dunn Meadow, from 12-4 p.m. As expected we have already been very active in our planning. We have been happy to find several incredibly enthusiastic businesses interested in helping with our project. The tradition that is Rubber Duck will only grow with this kind of enthusiasm and anticipation. Superceding the excitement about the event itself is the prospect of helping a specific Bloomington child.

We will sponsor 4-year-old Alexis, who has mitochondrial disease, preventing her from developing at a normal rate. We will be raising money to help send her to Disney World.

We felt like we wanted to focus on community and make this our biggest event of the year. To accentuate that focus we have invited several community leaders and organizations to play an active role in the event itself. We invite you come back to have some fun!

Sponsor a Duck for a Buck

If you are interested in buying Rubber Duck tickets for the 18th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta fill out the form below and mail it to the listed address with a check! We’ll gladly mail your prize when your duckie wins!!!

18th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta

April 20, 2008
Dunn Meadow, 12-4 pm
Buy a duck for a buck.
Questions? Contact rubberduckapo@gmail.com

Winners need not be present.

Bonus:
Two Free Soft Drinks with any carryout order from Pizza Express
Expires 5/1/08

Meet the Rubber Duck Chairs

Alex Luboff
Hometown: Wheaton, IL
Major: Political Science
Pledged Fall 2006

Karen Krogman
Hometown: Peoria, IL
Major: Public Management
Pledged in Fall 2005

We are hoping to raise over $2000 for Rubber Duck this semester. All of the proceeds will go towards the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year, we are helping to sponsor a young girl from the Bloomington area with mitochondrial disease. This is the first year that we will be donating to Make-A-Wish. YAY!

You can donate any money for the event. If you have any company contacts for donations, please email rubberduckapo@gmail.com