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AΩ Welcomes You!

By Jeremy Anderson, President

Greetings to everyone from the Alpha Omega chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at the University of Pittsburgh! I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying a happy and healthy new year! Last spring was busy with traveling to places, such as New York City and Hartford to support and play for our basketball teams, and Maine for our yearly Northeast District Convention.

Brothers of



This fall, the marching band has been in full swing playing for the Pitt Panthers. The band traveled to Chicago and South Bend to play for Pitt's game against Notre Dame. The year started off slow for the team, but we still had a great time supporting the team and enjoying the spirit of marching band.

The chapter itself has experienced a very eventful year. We've welcomed twenty-four new brothers this year. Alpha Omega was honored by the fact that we were chosen by the National Council to serve as the Advising Chapter to the newest Kappa Kappa Psi colony at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, which is about thirty minutes outside the city. We are all eager to help them in their quest to become brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi. We have been working hard to fundraise in anticipation of this summer's National Convention in Colorado Springs. Please read on to find out about all of the exciting activities Alpha Omega has been engaged in!

Happy Holidays and We Hope to See You Soon!

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A Semester of Service

By Laura Dum, Vice President of Service

This semester the brothers of Alpha Omega have been involved in many different service activities and we've accumulated over 700 hours of service since August! We started the year with freshman move-in, helping to move in about 20 freshmen, and provided dinner for the freshmen who arrived to Oakland early, before the start of band camp. As a rush event, we reorganized the band room to create more open space. We volunteered at the Bands of America Regionals at Norwin High School, as well as volunteering at Beaver Area High School's home band competition with the sisters of Tau Beta Sigma. In addition to these larger events, Alpha Omega continues to meet with potential freshmen at every Saturday morning Dog and Pony, help our band staff with whatever we are able, and archive our band's history. The brotherhood of Alpha Omega continues to strive for the highest in the service of music.



Brothers and Sisters helping with a joint service project at Beaver Area High School



Brothers at our 2010 Spring Retreat

The Pen Pal Project

By Aaron Ledgerwood, Secretary

This past spring, I decided to continue a pen pal idea that our previous Secretary had begun to develop with the Epsilon Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Clarion University. The Pen Pal Project involves pairing interested brothers around the nation with a "pen pal"; although, the term pen pal has changed with the times, as most pairs communicate via e-mail as opposed to snail mail. After sending out an initial e-mail to brothers throughout the country, I received a large, positive response and by the end of the pen pal pairing process, over 100 brothers nationwide were paired with a pen pal! This number includes fourteen brothers from Alpha Omega who are currently participating in the project.

The Pen Pal Project has allowed brothers to become acquainted with brothers from across the country even if they cannot attend conventions. We have been able to learn differences between our chapter and those around us, whether it be degrees processes, meeting procedures, or new brotherhood event ideas. Another round of pairing is in the works for the upcoming spring semester, and I hope it continues to be a successful endeavor. The Pen Pal Project has been an instrumental and entertaining tool of Alpha Omega's to further enhance our relations with other chapters.

Membership Report

By Ryan Hartenstein, Vice President of Membership

In the past year, the Alpha Omega chapter has been fortunate enough to initiate twenty-four new brothers to our ranks. The Gamma Xi class, fondly known as the Gamma Squiggles, completed their membership process in the April of 2010 and have become great brothers, bringing more passion, leadership, and musical skill to our brotherhood.

This semester, I had the pleasure to work with our newest brothers, the fall 2010 Gamma Omicron class, who were initiated on December 5th. Their determination to learn proves their abundant potential as brothers of this fraternity and their excellent work ethic shows the many great things we should expect from them in the future.. They have completed their journey to enlightenment, and they have grown as close as a family and show important qualities of brotherhood. The brotherhood of Alpha Omega is changing in the way it is portrayed, the projects it tackles, and its service to the marching band, but with the addition and help of our newest brothers, these changes are helping us to strive for the highest.

Meet the Gamma Xi's (Spring 2010)

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| Brent Baade | Saxophone | Kelley Green |
| Stephanie Benincase | Bass | Hunter Green |
| Michael Chott | Clarinet | White |
| Lauren Curatolo | Clarinet | Red |
| Katie Egan | Baritone | Grey |
| Amy Ehrenworth | Clarinet | Gold |
| Stephanie Errigo | Baritone | Gold |
| Phil Olsen | Bass | Black |
| Matthew Pincus | Bass | Grey |
| Aaron Roman | Baritone | Red |
| Jasmine Smith | Golden Girl | Kelley Green |
| Scott Thompson | Baritone | Red |
| Alexandra Warble | Trumpet | White |
| Griffin Butt | Drumline | Honorary |

- 2010 Doc Award Recipient

Meet the Gamma Omicron's (Fall 2010)

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Natalia Ermakov | Colorguard | Gold |
| Cam Gephart | Drumline | Gold |
| Shannon Irwin | Clarinet | Gold |
| Amanda Johanns | Colorguard | Hunter Green |
| Jasen Kerr | Trombone | Red |
| Valerie Ludwig | Colorguard | Black |
| Olivia Lynch | Golden Girl | Red |
| Pam Lyons | Trumpet | Gold |
| Paul Monroe | Trumpet | White |
| Sarah Songer | Clarinet | Maroon |



Selling Pitt Band

By Emily Coulter, Treasurer

During my years as a brother, we have been saving money to send ourselves to nationals, districts, and precincts, using the funds we raise from various projects throughout the semesters, and we have found that the most effective ways to raise money is by selling our beautiful sound. With a band of over 250 members, our dedication to the Pitt Band is rewarded greatly by the recognition we get from the Panther fans at basketball and football games, as well as the city as a whole. As a brotherhood, we have learned that this love for the Pitt Band is a great marketing tool, and most of our recent fundraisers come from this realization. We have sold Pitt Band calendars, Christmas ornaments, cookbooks, magnets, postcards, DVDs, and even postage stamps. Selling the Pitt Band name and sound has really opened up doors for our brotherhood to advance the Kappa Kappa Psi, and for that we are grateful.

Upcoming Events

Third degree.....April 16
10:00 AM Band room, Trees Hall

Alumni banquetApril 16
and 15th anniversary Noon
celebration of the University Club
chapters refounding

Symphonic band concert.....April 16
7:00 PM Bellefield Auditorium

Spring Retreat.....April 17
Time: TBA Location: TBA

Check out our website for degree changes, up-to-date news and events!

www.pittband.com/kkpsi

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Historian's Report

By Ana West, Historian

Hello Alumni! It's so exciting to be writing you as Chapter Historian this year. As a chapter, we believe in the importance of connecting with our history and traditions, and this year we have had many opportunities for just that! As the 100th year anniversary of Pitt Band is approaching, Alpha Omega has undertaken the charge of archiving all the past documents, pictures, charts, and a variety of other things that chronicle the history of Pitt Band! We've been hard at work and found some really neat things. It's been very interesting to sift through the past and check out what the band used to be like, what has changed and what is still the same. We often come across relics of past Kappa Kappa Psi members and learn a little more about ourselves! As Historian, I have been chronicling our own history of the Alpha Omega chapter through photos and records of events, but we want to hear from you! If you happen to come across some old pieces of Kappa Kappa Psi or Pitt Band history (whether it be some old pictures or a packet of drill) send it in! We love to see where our chapter and band has been and to hear from you! Don't hesitate to contact us and hope to see you at future events and degrees!

AEA,
Ana West