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day, Philadelphia was voted on as site of the 75th Anniversary, 2000 National Convention. At our region meeting, Warren Weidman, after many years, decided not to run for another term to be succeeded by Craig Muckle who was elected as new Region II Director. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers and the Philly 2000 bid team. With a new director and an anticipated National Convention for Region II, we should look positively into the next millennium.



Who are these brothers?

You might recognize a few of these faces. If you've been active in your chapter and section events since last spring, you've probably met most of these brothers. We are your current Section 89 Staff with the exception of the past section chair in the picture at the end of this article. **Try to list these staffer's names and where the picture was taken place (hint: 1 was a national event). In the next Section 89 News I'll post your answers as captions to these pictures.** Section 89 is always looking for new faces to join an energetic team of brothers to help support the chapters and programs around our section. If you are graduating and are interested in an opportunity on staff or are moving outside Western NY and would like to know how to contact staff in that area's section drop a line to Ed Varel at evarel@frontiernet.net.



Section 89 News

1998 Minneapolis National Convention

Among the 1,771 brothers from 227 chapters in attendance, Section 89 was represented by brothers from 5 chapters. Voting delegates included Joanna and Charlotte from Phi, Frances and Holly from Epsilon Nu, Frances and Buddha from Epsilon Sigma, Max and Rob from Iota Omega, and Kelley and Dean from Alpha Beta Beta. All of our delegates did a wonderful job!

Extra thanks to Joanna and Frances from Phi and Epsilon Nu for sitting on committees that lasted late into the night. Also, special thanks to our section staffers including Harry, Blondie and Howie who pitched in to support our voting delegates. This convention was definitely full of new decisions and change. As you know National Conventions are meant as a forum for workshops,



Warren congratulates Craig at Awards Banquet

meeting brothers from around the country, and discussing and voting on issues which mold the face of the National Fraternity. Among these issues included a vote for the site of the next National Convention and elections held for positions on the National Board. This year's "Ducks on Parade" venue'd our new president, Jack McKenzie and vice president, John Wetherington. Later the next

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Section Chair "Ed"itorial

The weather in Section 89, including much of Western and Central New York State, has been pretty good considering the early micro-bursts and high winds which hit early in September when classes started and the tons of snow which followed just as brothers were returning this Spring. This Fall all brothers could do at Phi, on the campus of Syracuse University, is deal with fallen trees and projects to help those stricken by the high winds that touched down in the area. Kudos to these brothers, despite adverse situations, they were able to participate and be recognized for their exemplary efforts in Combating Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault during National Service week. Along with the snow that came at the beginning of the spring semester an avalanche of newly inducted pledges have popped up all across the section. The

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Calendar of Events

SECTION FELLOWSHIP

SECTIONAL OLYMPICS
SUNY OSWEGO
MARCH 20TH

SPRING 88/89 JOINT SECTIONALS

SUNY ONEONTA
APRIL 9 - 11

SECTION SERVICE PROJECT

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT
ALFRED UNIVERSITY
APRIL 24TH

REGION II CPW

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NY
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

SECTION RESOURCE WEEKEND (SRW)

CAMP MO-KAN
INDEPENDENCE, MO
AUGUST 13 - 15

Upcoming Section 89 Events and Announcements

Section Service Project at Alfred

Hi, my name is Evera Lovelace. Allow me a moment to talk to you about the Section 89 Service Project. This semester it will be hosted by the Epsilon Gamma chapter in Alfred, NY. We are having a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Allegany County Shelter for Battered Women.

It's on April 24th from 2-7, plus a formal dance afterwards. There is talk that it will be a Masquerade Ball. But since plans are not fine-tuned about that yet, please keep a look-out for new information. We hope that all of you will consider going.

If numbers are high, there are other potential projects, such as reading to kids at a local library or making bird houses out of milk cartons for the Montessori School on Campus.

One final thing about April 23-24. That's the time when Alfred celebrates Hot Dog Day. There will be a parade, booths, prizes, hot dogs and not-dogs. Alpha Phi Omega also holds a "Pie" Throwing Booth so you can have a chance to throw some Whipped Cream "Pies" at one of us EG's!

We hope to see you there!

88/89 Spring Sectionals at Oneonta

Sectionals are coming on the weekend of April 9th through the 11th!!! I hope many brothers are planning on attending. Xi Rho at Oneonta has been working feverishly with Cindy and her staff in Section 88 to put the conference together. Among the many workshops being offered, the region LD chair, Kris Meher has coordinated a Leadership Development Workshop. This is a nationally offered, one day workshop that helps build leadership skills in the chapter and for life. It's definitely a rewarding experience for all members. I would like for every chapter to send at least one person, if not two or more depending on workshop space.

In addition to the workshops, there will be split and joint section meetings scheduled. Remember every chapter should have two delegates in attendance. Bids will be taken for next year's Fall Section Service and Fellowship projects, there will be updates and details on Fall Sectionals from Epsilon Nu at SUNY Oswego, and bids will be taken from chapters of Section 88 for the Spring Sectional Conference.

Sectional Olympics

The Section Fellowship has been set for March 20, 1999 on the campus of lovely SUNY Oswego. We plan on starting around 11am and concluding around 4pm.

The brothers of Epsilon Nu are planning a Sectional Olympics with a plethora of fun activities to participate in. Events will range from basketball to softball, volleyball to swimming and many more. The chapter will supply all the sports equipment needed for the day. Just make sure to come to sweat and have fun. If you plan on cooling off in the pool sports, don't forget a bathing suit!

For more information or you plan on attending, please contact Frances Samuel at 315-341-7462 or samuel@oswego.edu.

Hope to see you there!

Another Interest Group Forming

I am excited to say that we have a few people interested in starting a chapter at **Hobart , William and Smith Colleges**. If you should know anyone who attends these schools and think they may be interested- please tell them to be on the lookout for posters about informational meetings. We wish them luck as they begin the process of beginning a new chapter!

-Blondie

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largest so far has been over 50 pledges inducted at Gamma on the campus of Cornell University. What does a chapter do when there are more pledges than active brothers? We'll have to see how Phi manages their larger than expected pledge class.

Events around the section have slowly been increasing in attendance at about the same rate your newly elected section chair is learning about each of the chapters around the section. Hope to see many newly initiated and inducted members at our section events!!!

Service in Region II

Hi, This is Blondie. I just wanted to let everyone know that I have taken on a new role for the Region. After much consideration, I agreed to be the Region II Service Chair. I am hoping that in this position I will be able to work with chapters, develop new service project ideas, encourage youth grants and other national awards be applied for chapters, and work with our Region II Leadership Chair, Kris Meyer in combining Leadership and Service. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is heberlej@frontiernet.net or you can call me at work (716) 394-3420 or at home (716) 217-8824. I look forward to working with all of you!!

Scouting Relations - How do I become a Merit Badge Counselor?

How many of you brothers out there have a special skill? How many of you have a few free hours a month? Does anyone want to wager a guess as to how many boy scout merit badges are earned in a year? Well in 1996 there were 2,009,296 and 93,007,844 since 1911. There are over 125 merit badges to choose from and plenty of scouts needing them. The following is taken from the National Council homepage; <http://www.bsa.scouting.org/nav/volunteers.html>.

A vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools. Instruction is offered in everything from animal science and public speaking to swimming and communications, providing a young man with invaluable career, physical, and interpersonal skills.

Counselors are described as people who are knowledgeable of the various merit badge subjects are selected, approved, and trained by council and district advancement committees. For example, a dentist might be asked to serve as a counselor for the Dentistry merit badge. A counselor must not only possess the necessary technical knowledge but have a solid understanding of the needs, interests, and abilities of Scouts. A counselor must also be a registered adult with the BSA.

For more details contact your local boy scout council office.

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