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"Ed"itorial

Time flies when you're having fun. This past semester and year for that matter has been full of exciting new things. Sectionals at Oswego was a great experience for those who attended. At the Section Service Project and Fellowship, Fredonia scared quite a few participants in their Haunted Forest and "Fellowship with the Friars" at Bonaventure was an enlightening experience.

We now officially have a registered website for Section 89. The website can now be found at <http://www.apo89.org>. We're working on a complete revamp of the site and one of our own staff is busy working on

establishing a server for us. Even our newsletter is getting a revamp if you can recall what the old one looked like from the Spring...

On a more personal note, did you know that we now have two married couples on staff? In case you didn't, congratulations to Howie and Blondie & Hector and Julie. In other news, I just recently left academic life at RIT for a job in the "real" world and now am involved in the design and manufacture of construction equipment. Even our Region director has made some changes and decided to move into the Region and chose Section 89. Yes, that's right, Craig Muckle as of a couple of weeks ago has relocated to Syracuse.

Section Chair:
Ed Varel

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DATES:

89 SLED – SUNY BROCKPORT
91/92 SECTIONALS AT DREXEL
90 SECTIONALS AT PENN STATE
94/96 SECTIONALS AT WPI
88/89 SECTIONALS AT RPI
89 SUMMER PICNIC
LEGISLATION DUE
88/89 SECTIONALS AT ALBANY
NATIONALS AT PHILLY

FEB 19TH 2000
MAR. 4TH
MAR. 24TH – 26TH
MAR. 31ST – APR. 2ND
APR. 14TH – 16TH
SUMMER 2000
SEPT. 1ST
OCT. 27TH – 29TH
DEC. 27TH – 30TH



CELEBRATE YOUTH ON

ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KID DAY



If you could make a lasting, positive impact on a child with just 10 or 15 minutes of your time, would you?

On Thursday, March 16, 2000, all adults will have the chance to make a difference in the life of a child. It's simple! All you need is a pen, some paper and a little bit of heartfelt honesty. It's all part of Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, an annual call to action by Camp Fire Boys and Girls, which encourages adults to write letters of love, appreciation and encouragement to their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and even to children they don't know.

We know children are special, but do they? Do we tell them enough? On the third Thursday of March each year Camp Fire asks adults to celebrate Absolutely Incredible Kid Day by sitting down and writing a letter telling a special kid in their lives how important he or she is.

On March 16, 2000, corporations and individuals will join together to support Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. Southwest Airlines and Yahoo! Inc. are 1999 absolutely incredible sponsors. Many celebrities and other notable people are writing letters and endorsing the day - check it out!

10 Letter Writing Tips

- 1) Set aside some time in a place where you can be undisturbed for 10 to 20 minutes.
- 2) Form a mental picture of the child and the things that you enjoy or appreciate about the child.
- 3) Getting started can be the toughest part. Try "Do you know what I like about you? I like it when you ..."
- 4) Be specific and be descriptive. Use humor. Don't lecture.
- 5) Don't worry about the length. A note can be cherished as much as an epistle.
- 6) Feel free to make changes as you go. Don't over edit.
- 7) You can mail it, put it in a lunch box, on a bed stand or read it to a child.
- 8) Don't get nervous about acknowledgment. It's all right to ask, "Did you get my letter to you?" Don't push it with "Did you like it?"
- 9) Find time to write another letter. Make it a habit.
- 10) Write a letter now!

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Absolutely Incredible Kid Day hot line at 1-888-2 KID DAY or e-mail us mail us at kidday@yahoo.com

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THE QUEST FOR SERVICE 88/89 SECTIONALS

Epsilon Zeta invites you to join us in the 'Quest for Service'. How do I join? That's the easy part: be there April 14-16, 2000 when we host the Section 88 and 89 Sectional Conference. It will be a weekend jam packed with Service and Fun for everyone. The Banquet for the conference will be held at the Sunset Banquet House located in North Troy, only 5 miles from RPI's campus. Choices for dinner will include Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Bread and Herb Stuffing, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, Pasta Primavera with Fresh Vegetables. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from the banquet and the conference. The keynote speaker will be Past National President Wilfred Krenek.

Following dinner there will be dancing, with music provided by DJ Scott Palone

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Officers:

Some chapters change officers at the beginning or end of every semester! If this is your chapter, please let the section chair, and your section staff rep know immanently! Also let us know if any other officers or advisor positions have been changed or filled.

SERVICE + SERVICE + SERVICE = APO at its best

Hello and welcome to the year 2000!

I hope all enjoyed their breaks and are now ready to do a bunch of service for the fraternity! As of yet, I have not heard who has submitted their National Service Week Reports (the National Office has yet to fill me in) but if you have Congrats! on a job well done! For many campuses the spring is the time to increase membership and do hours and hours of service.

All chapters should be filling out their Regional Top 11, Blood Battle and Web Watcher Forms. If your chapter's copy was filed in the circular file, please drop me an email for new forms. I would like to submit some of the projects from the Top 11 to the National Service Committee to be published in the T&T. The top web pages will also be submitted, so check the chapter's web page; make sure it is up to date and then send the form in to me. I have already checked many of the web pages and found them to be out of date or lacking in information. The addresses that were used were those supplied by the chapters to the Section Chair. If the web site has a new address, please let me know as well as the Section Chair.

Remember that your Section Chair has agreed to pay for the registration of 2 brothers, not of the same chapter, to the CPW this summer. In order to be eligible, you must fill out and submit your personal service form. The forms are due the first

Tribute to a Blood Donor

No Badge of service do they wear,
They live as heroes unaware,
They roll up their sleeves to give
Their blood to help another live.
They give without return or fee,
In a simple answer to a plea.
That flush of heath again may glow
On cheeks of one they'll never know.
Their blood a newborn babe may save,
From yawning brink of early grave,
That child so weak and small today,
A hero's role may later play.
Or one, a prey to accident,
By their life's blood new strength is lent.
Their blood may help a surgeon's knife
To bridge the gap from death to life.
Though none of these will know their names,
Nor see them carved on a wall of fame,
But we who toil that all may live,
A healthy, humble " Thank you" give.

of July 2000. The CPW is a great learning experience for all that attend and this is a great way to go without it costing too much!

If you should ever have any questions or would like to comment on how I as Region II Service and Communication Chair can help your chapter, please feel free to contact me. My email is heberlej@frontiernet.net, home phone is 315-986-7603 and work is 716-394-3420.

Good luck to all this spring!

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For more information and online registration look us up at <http://apo.union.rpi.edu/sectionals/index.html>

Conference Chair - Gregg Talewsky (talewg@rpi.edu)
Banquet Chair - Beth McCooey (mccoob@rpi.edu)

See you in Troy

SLeD...

What is Sled you say?! Sled is an 89 original, nothing quite like it in all of the U.S. Sled is Section Leadership Day. It is an opportunity to participate in officer round tables, to bounce ideas off your counter parts in other chapters. Take time to learn new skills or to refresh old ones.

Best of all it is free, and breakfast is provided... all you have to do is come and participate. It will start at 10am with a break for lunch, bring your own \$\$ and visit one of Brockport's fine fast food establishment. If you can let the section chair know about how many people will be attending it will help in the planing look for more info on the 89 listserv.

A New Interest Group in Section 89

Congratulations to the SUNY Cortland Group for getting their paperwork signed and for becoming the newest interest group in Section 89! I ask that as you plan your service projects you would consider inviting Cortland to attend. In order for them to understand what it is to be a brother of APO, they will need to experience it first hand!

If you should need to contact Cortland you can email their president Ronnie Genee at rmgenee@aol.com. As all new groups do, they will be working on their by-laws, doing service projects and establishing a membership. If you have any friends that are at Cortland, please let them know that APO is on campus and to go join. Currently there are about 10 members in the interest group, but they are hoping to double that number this semester. They are very excited about becoming a part of our section and we welcome them.

The Next edition!!

The next newsletter is set to go out in the middle of March... We would like a short 1 or 2 paragraph about your chapter written by you!! Hey staff this goes for you too what have you been up to?? Submissions and ideas due to the section chair by March 1st!!

Twenty Attributes of a Leader

1. A LEADER IS ALWAYS FULL OF PRAISE.
2. A LEADER LEARNS TO USE THE PHRASES "THANK YOU" AND "PLEASE" ON HIS WAY TO THE TOP.
3. A LEADER IS ALWAYS GROWING.
4. A LEADER IS POSSESSED WITH HIS DREAMS.
5. A LEADER LAUNCHES FORTH BEFORE SUCCESS IS CERTAIN.
6. A LEADER IS NOT AFRAID OF CONFRONTATION.
7. A LEADER TALKS ABOUT HIS OWN MISTAKES BEFORE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S.
8. A LEADER IS A PERSON OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.
9. A LEADER HAS A GOOD NAME.
10. A LEADER MAKES OTHERS BETTER.
11. A LEADER IS QUICK TO PRAISE AND ENCOURAGE THE SMALLEST AMOUNT OF IMPROVEMENT.
12. A LEADER IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OTHERS.
13. A LEADER LOOKS FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.
14. A LEADER TAKES OTHERS UP WITH HIM.
15. A LEADER RESPONDS TO HIS OWN FAILURES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THEM BEFORE OTHERS HAVE TO DISCOVER AND REVEAL THEM.
16. A LEADER NEVER ALLOWS MURMURING—FROM HIMSELF OR OTHERS.
17. A LEADER IS SPECIFIC IN WHAT HE EXPECTS.
18. A LEADER HOLDS ACCOUNTABLE THOSE WHO WORK WITH HIM.
19. A LEADER DOES WHAT IS RIGHT RATHER THAN WHAT IS POPULAR.
20. A LEADER IS A SERVANT.

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