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"Ed"itorial

It's that time of the year again when everyone gets back from Spring break and it's time to reflect and look forward to the end of the semester. For seniors, this is their last semester so they strive to make the most of it. Juniors need to figure out how to keep afloat for one more year. Sophomores and Freshmen back from break would rather have stayed on break, since graduation is still way off in the future.

I too have been reflecting on the past two years as Section 89 Chair. I have had much support from brothers in all of our chapters as well as a thriving and tireless staff. Only in Alpha Phi Omega can you find brothers so unselfish to give of their time, money and energy to help support the ideals our fraternity holds dear. It is something very hard to explain in words. As section chair, I have had the opportunity to fully experience many of the wonderful aspects of

APO and the brothers that make up our organization.

As in life, it is time for me to move on and allow another to experience the same I have. With that said, I do not plan on running for another term as section chair. Section 89 and the staff that serve it are the strongest I have seen in many years. I plan on continuing to work on staff with the section, but in a lesser capacity. It is time for another to step up to accept the challenge and forge the road others have traveled. See you at sectionals in Albany!!!



CHECK OUT THESE FACES!!!
 In keeping with section newsletter trivia try to name at least three of the past section chairs that have been active staff within the last ten years.

Section Chair:
Ed Varel

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DATES:

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

MAR. 24TH – 26TH
 APR. 1ST
 MAR. 31ST–APR. 2ND
 APR. 4TH – 6TH
 SUMMER 2000
 SEPT. 1ST
 OCT. 27TH – 30TH
 DEC. 27TH –30TH

Chi Pi at SUNY Fredonia has 7 wonderful pledges for the Spring 2000 semester.

We've got a lot going on. Brothers are helping the March of Dimes with the Walk America kick off in the area. We are participating in the campus wide event called Superdance to raise money for MDA. We've coordinated a Big Brother/ Big Sister Program with the local Boys & Girls Club. We're participating in the Buffalo News Kids Day event. We're fundraising for the Walk of Life campaign to benefit the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Also, serving at the soup kitchen, collecting soup labels, Box Tops form Education, canned food goods, clothing, and children's books. And we're giving tours around campus for the open houses. We also raised money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Hello, **Epsilon Gamma** here from **Alfred!!!** We are very excited to announce that we have two Pledges this semester. Sarah McCrary and Jackie Brown. They are both Freshman and are excited to become a part of Alpha Phi Omega. We plan on doing Adopt-A-Highway and SPCA projects this year. We will keep you posted.

In **Buffalo at Epsilon Sigma** this semester we are

Chapter Ramblings

currently bringing 17 pledges through our program, as well as welcoming a transfer from Clarkson's chapter into our active roster. This nearly doubles our chapter size which brings with it a wealth of new energy, enthusiasm, and ideas.

Among our major projects this semester which have met with much success is our annual bone marrow registry drive, adding over 100 people to the database. We continue to show our dedication to service by working well into the morning at an AIDS awareness function held at Buffalo State

College called Cause for Celebration by helping clean up until 3:30AM. Three days later our service started at 5:30 in the morning with Kids Day, an annual event held by the Buffalo News where our brothers dart through streets selling papers highlighting special young individuals in the community and raising funds for worthwhile causes.

We're currently in our spring break as this is being written so not much is going on, but a bunch of good stuff is still

planned. Our yearly projects still coming up are the annual Daffodil Festival for the American Cancer Society, attendance at the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped, the March of Dimes Walk America, and of course, our blood drive so we can compete in Blood Battle with the rest of the region.

In fellowship news, we're planning a trip up to Toronto as well as planning our semiformal. If anyone from other chapters would like to party down the E-Funky-E, you can contact us for information. We hope to see many of you at sectionals in Troy, where we have a chance at winning man-mile with a high attendance.

Hello! At the moment we have many interesting projects going on at **Epsilon Nu in Oswego**. Beyond our weekly bingo project at the senior citizen's home, this spring we will helping out with Special Olympics on April 9th and the Longran Park clean up.

The chapter is also celebrating its 10th anniversary. We will be celebrating on April 1st with a banquet and a rededication/rechartering ceremony as part of the celebration. We do have some exciting and enthusiastic pledges here at EN.

THE NEW 89 WEB

After many, many years section 89's web page has been redefined, remodeled and reorganized. None of the original web page has been lost, just some of the ancient newsletters have made it up yet.

Hopefully the new format makes the web page a more useful tool for staff and students alike. It will help put APO and our section to the forefront of the cyber-community. Take a few minutes to look through the layout, the chapter

roster is in a new format (check to make sure I did not goof up), the resource section has been revamped... and added to. Have something you would like to appear there let me know... How well do you know your staff? The staff section is completely new.

There will be more to come, as soon as am told what the actives need! Please let me know what you think... the good bad and the ugly.

Howie (hbarnes@frontiernet.net)

Ps: check out the Alpha, the Phi and the omega on each page, they are actually links!

Student Creed

Today, this new day, I am a successful student. Overnight my mind and body have produced thousands of new cells to give me the greatest advantages possible. I am born anew, revitalized, and full of energy.

I am rare and valuable; unique in all the universe. I am nature's greatest miracle in action. I have unlimited potential. I believe in my abilities, attitudes, and goals. I am worthy of greatness because I am the most important person in my world.

Today I push myself to new limits. I use my skills and knowledge every day. I begin the day with a success and end it with a success. My goals are being reached every day and I seek them eagerly.

I act positively and happily, fully accepting others and myself. I live to the fullest by experiencing life without limits. I embrace life. I approach each class, each book, and each assignment with enthusiasm, happiness and joy. I thirst for knowledge. I look forward to reading and believing this creed each and every day.

I am a positive and successful student. I know each step I must take to continue to be that way. I am clear on my goals and see myself reaching them. I now realize my infinite potential, thus, my burden lightens. I smile and laugh. I have become the greatest student in the world.

While bunkering down against impending death a' la' hurricane Floyd, I decided to start cleaning for my move in 15 days. While I had wonderful intentions (pack whole house), I only actually threw away two bag of trash, and resorted to watching HBO. I did however find the following. A Psi Omega brother wrote it a few years back. I am not sure how I ended up with it, but I decided to share it with all of you.

What is a Brother?

A brother is a helping hand when a load becomes too heavy.

A brother is a friend when it seems like no others care.

A brother is a shoulder to cry on when the world throws you a bad card.

A brother is there to do things for you when all the rest of the world runs away.

A brother is someone who will love you and stand by you when everyone is throwing stones and mocking you.

A brother is someone to admire, and someone who gives selflessly to those around him even those that he does not know.

A brother is proud and confident and never boasts himself by humiliating others.

A brother is a gift sent from God, and one that should be cherished with all we have, body and soul.

In L,F,&S,

David Burtman

Alumni (soon enough): Psi Omega

Service 2000 It's one of the Cardinal Principles of Alpha Phi Omega and it is our way to reach out and touch those on our campuses and in our community. APO has recently joined with a larger organization called YSA. The purpose of this was so we could do farther-reaching service projects, affecting people all across the nation. What is it that your Chapter can do to support this?

There is a number of events coming up that you can do in a small scale or by joining with other Chapters in the Region to create a huge project! I would love to see this Region do a project of great magnitude this year- and I am willing to take any ideas you may have.. The National Board has designated some special days during our 75th anniversary year to celebrate the services we do. Since our theme for National Service Week is Nurturing the Leaders of the 21st Century, it was felt that creating additional service opportunities to assist youth would be an excellent way for Chapters and alumni to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The dates that the National Board has picked out are: **March 16--** This is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day.

The weekend of **April 14-15**, which is National Youth Service Day. This weekend is also the end of National Volunteer Week and it could be a great opportunity for Chapters to work with campus or local volunteer organizations to promote volunteerism in their community.

The National Board will also designate one day during National Service Week in November as a special demonstration day. This date will be announced later this year. I encourage all of you to find some way to get involved for at least one of these projects! -Blondie

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 here 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 our 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

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

Conference Chair - Gregg Talewsky
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See you in Troy

SLeD...

**Rescheduled for April 1st
No Foolin'**

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

This semester's theme was "Back to Basics". Despite tough competition from Conclave, chapter banquets and other events, brothers from two chapters attended. Topics of discussion included how to plan an effective service project/program, how to write legislation for nationals, and how to run an effective pledge program. T-shirt give aways, a video of what to expect at Philly 2000, and a fun match of APO Jeopardy and rounded out the day.

This and other section events can be found on www.apo89.org Calendar

Last Call: The last edition of the newsletter for this school year is waiting to go out May 1st... We are looking for more chapter news. Look for info on CPW and picnic 2000. Send articles and info to hbarnes@frontiernet.net