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Celebrating 70 Years of Brotherhood and Excellence!

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Alpha Iota celebrated its platinum anniversary in 2007, and what a year it was! Seventy years of brotherhood, professionalism, and service to our community have made Alpha Iota one of the strongest chapters in the country. Founded on May 29th, 1937, Alpha Iota is proud to be the oldest pharmacy fraternity, and the only co-educational fraternity at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. The chapter is currently comprised of 55 brothers who through their dedication and hard work achieved 9th place in the coveted Thurston Cup Competition at the 66th Grand Council in West Palm Beach, Florida. Alpha Iota also received 3rd place for our professional and service projects, which is one of the most exciting accomplishments in our chapter's history. Since Grand Council, Alpha Iota has been working hard to further our accomplishments as a fraternity and to build a stronger sense of brotherhood within our chapter. This year has truly been a platinum year for Alpha Iota!

This year saw a continuance of the outstanding professional and service projects that you have come to expect from Alpha Iota. One of the most exciting new projects was the creation of a radio show on WUOG 90.5 FM. Airing Wednesdays at 4:30pm, Radio Rx is a 30 minute talk show addressing a different health topic each week. Radio Rx won "Best New Talk Show" and "Best Overall Talk Show" at WUOG for Spring 2008 and we are excited to continue to build the show into a huge success. Other professional projects included our window display discussing "behind the counter drugs," Pre-Pharmacy Society workshops, an MTM session at Iris Place, and Dawgtoberfest, the College of Pharmacy's annual health fair.

Our service projects have been some of our most successful events this year. Our fourth annual 5K Fun Run/Walk for St. Jude's Children's Hospital raised \$1000 dollars and our Relay for Life team raised over \$4000 dollars for cancer research. In addition to raising money, AI helped out at the AIDS Athens food bank, played bingo with seniors at the Morningside assisted-living home, collected Toys-for-Tots, and goods for the Battered Women's Shelter of Athens.

In addition to advancing the profession of pharmacy, Phi Delta Chi makes time for social gatherings as well. Everyone knows that the party doesn't start until Alpha Iota gets there! In November we celebrated the founding of our fraternity with dinner at Johnny Carino's in Athens with our families and alumni. We also held our twelfth annual MeatFest held at Mike, Reah, and Tracy's house which was a carnivore's dream. Some of our other social events included: Georgia Football tailgating, where you can always find AI in front of the pharmacy school, a Halloween costume party, a Cinco de Mayo party, movie and poker nights, and road trips to national events and other chapters' events such as the annual ski trip in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Our annual Spring Formal Banquet saw record attendance with almost 80 brothers, alumni, faculty, friends and family celebrating the year in beautiful downtown Athens at the Classic Center. Although the individual scholastic performance of our Brothers comes before all, it is very nice to enjoy each other's company away from our studies and build the bonds of brotherhood together.

In November we initiated seventeen wonderful new brothers and the contributions they have already made to Alpha Iota have been unbelievable. We are so proud of our new brothers and they have already become great ambassadors of Phi Delta Chi to our community and to the profession of pharmacy.

The motto of our fraternity is, *Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget*, meaning "Each needs the help of the other." None of our accomplishments as a group could have been made possible without each of us remaining loyal to this motto. Our chapter would like to thank all of our faculty brothers, advisors, and especially all of our alumni who have given us so much support over the past year. Without you, we would not be the successful organization that we are today. Alpha Iota is planning big things for the future and we hope that your continued support will drive us to new heights in the future!

Robert B. Brady
Worthy Chief Counselor

Alpha Iota's Platinum Anniversary



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Letter From the Editor

Well, it's finally done, and I am such a Happy Gizmo! I hope that everyone enjoys *The Crucible* as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Although I may have been a sad or angry Gizmo at times, all in all, I have had a great time working on this publication. Most of all, being editor has shown me how important AAAE can really be. I have been amazed at how willing so many brothers have been to help me when I've asked for it. I would like to thank the committee members for their work, and I also want to thank all of the other brothers who pitched in when I really needed the help. It's incredible to go through *The Crucible* and see what all Alpha Iota has accomplished this year. I am so proud of our chapter! Let's keep up the good work!

Alter hum all teary us ox silly oh he get!
—Beth "Gizmo" Stark



Officer Reports—WCC & WVC

Worthy Chief Counselor

Outgoing

Reah Rogers

I can't believe how fast my tenure as WCC of the Alpha Iota Chapter flew by! It seems like just last month I was sworn in as WCC, but by now I've already handed over my duties to our new WCC, Robert Brady. In 2007, our Chapter initiated 17 fantastic new Brothers, raised nearly \$1000 for St. Jude's and \$4000 for Relay for Life, started the Radio Rx programs and educated the community on a variety of topics from smoking cessation to sexual health. I can't believe all that we've accomplished, and I am excited to see what Alpha Iota will do in the future. One of the highlights for me was attending Grand Council in West Palm Beach as our delegate and receiving the 3rd Place award for our professional and service projects. I can't express how proud I am of Alpha Iota, and I can never thank my brothers enough for their hard work and enthusiasm during the last year. You have made Phi Delta Chi one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. I know that wherever I go I will be a Brother for Life and I will cherish the memories I've made with all of you in Phi Delta Chi.



Incoming

Robert Brady

EYE LOAF I'D HELL TACK HI! I couldn't figure it out at first, but it all makes sense now. I remember walking into the doors of the pharmacy school for the first time and seeing Alex, Colin, and Lexie standing next to the PDC display and thinking, I'm not interested in a fraternity. I gave PDC a shot and now I am the WCC for 2008—I guess you could say a lot has changed. I have made some of the best friends in the world and made memories that will last forever. In all of my experiences, there is one thing that I am certain of, and that is that Alpha Iota is the best damn chapter of Phi Delta Chi! We have the best brothers anyone could ever hope for and everyone has been amazing this semester. I am so excited about all of our great work from this past semester and I am excited to make new brothers this fall! We are a big family and nothing we do could be done without the help of everyone. Remember that we are all Brothers for Life! For our current brothers, I hope that I can continue to serve you as your WCC to the best of my abilities and I look forward to what's in store for our chapter in the Fall!



Worthy Vice Counselor

Outgoing

Alex Ward

I have thoroughly enjoyed my position as WVC this past year. I believe my role as this officer allowed me to be a more accessible person for the various parts of the fraternity than I was before. Reah did an amazing job as WCC and it was an honor to work alongside her as she led us through the year. I know that our chapter is in very good hands with Robert and Becca as the new WCC and WVC, respectively. I've truly enjoyed my experience with PDC as an officer and look forward to watching and taking part in exciting things to come in the future!



Incoming

Rebecca Hutchinson

This year I am so excited to have the pleasure of serving as the WVC for all of my brothers! I have been eager to develop the role of my new office and support Robert in all of his duties. After a few kinks were worked out, the brotherhood committee and point system is underway. Each week I look forward to collecting the points that represent all of the hard work and involvement each brother puts into our chapter. I have also continued weekly study sessions before each chapter meeting. Since attendance is sporadic, I assume everyone is just naturally operating at genius level with our outstanding group GPA! All joking aside, I am certain that this upcoming fall semester holds many exciting projects and events. I anticipate the upcoming school year to be our best yet.

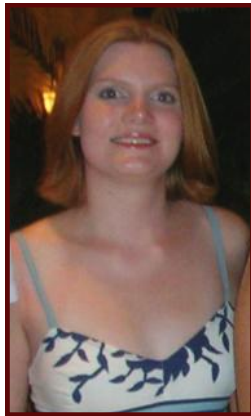


Worthy Keeper of Records & Seals

Outgoing

Tracy Nell Dabbs

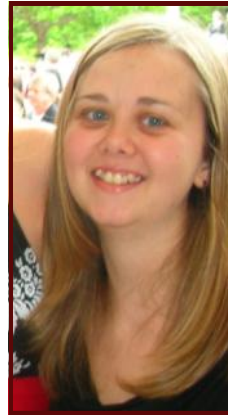
I have to say that I have enjoyed being the Worthy Keeper of Records and Seal for the Alpha Iota Chapter this past year. Though retreat mom is not part of the title, I was happy to serve the role along with the position. It makes me sad to leave this position, but I have handed over the role to someone of true importance to me, and I know she will be great at her job. Being Worthy Keeper of Records and seals has taught me many lessons. One is that the WKRS has to take the role seriously during meetings to keep accurate records. Also, if you did not know how to keep up with materials, you will soon learn. You are the to-go person on a voted item, and your records will be used to determine the past, present, and future of the Alpha Iota chapter. And lastly, remember that the Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals will put his/her best effort towards the good of the fraternity, as I hopefully did this past year in the eyes of others. I know that Beth will do the same.



Incoming

Beth Stark

I knew from the start that I wanted to be Worth Keeper of Records and Seals, not only because it is the longest and coolest-sounding title, but because I knew that I would really enjoy the job. I was sooooo excited to be elected! It has definitely tested both my ability to pay attention throughout an entire meeting and my typing speed! I have really enjoyed getting the minutes together after the meetings and adding my two cents here and there, and I hope everyone has taken pleasure in my additions as well. I didn't realize just how important this job is until I began receiving feedback from 4th years and others who could not be at meetings. They do read my minutes, they really do! Although it has made the meetings longer, which makes my job a little harder, I've been so proud to report on all that our chapter has been working on this past semester. I'm sure that I'll have my work cut out for me next semester as well. I'm also excited to be the new retreat mom, even though I can't cook (I know that I will have many skilled chefs willing to help me)!



Worthy Correspondent

Outgoing

Jane Chang

Wow, last year flew by so fast for me! I am so honored and proud that the Chapter placed 9th for the Thurston Cup at Grand Council. This was a difficult position for me, time management wise and also with a lot of new things to iron out. Hopefully things will be better for Eddie! If there is anything that I can stress about my position, it is this - AAAE. Without the hard work of the WC and help from Brothers, the national office wouldn't know how awesome of a Chapter we are.



Incoming

Eddie Yabut

When I joined Phi Delta Chi, I knew I wanted to take an active role in the fraternity. Learning about the Achievement Award Program and Thurston Cup, I wanted to do whatever possible to make Alpha Iota the best chapter in the nation. The office of Worthy Correspondent gives me the opportunity to show off the numerous professional and service projects of our awesome chapter. After serving as WC for one semester, working with my fellow Brothers, other WCs, and the national office, I can't wait to see how AI places in the national rankings. The support and help I've received from my Brothers so far has amazed me, and I hope to continue serving the fraternity, both as WC in the fall and in future offices.



Officer Reports—WKF, WAL & WP

Worthy Keeper of Finance

Outgoing

Kelsey Do

Wow, what a year! I've got to say that my job this year has given me a whole new perspective on the responsibilities of a treasurer – it's definitely not a cakewalk. It wasn't all work and no fun though. One of my favorite projects was the Dr. Cobb T-Shirts. The design process was a welcome challenge and then it was uber-cool to see my creation on my classmates' backs, with Nubbin' giving me the "Doin' a fine job!" thumbs up. Looking forward, I believe the new fundraising committee will yield phenomenal capital thanks to a highly qualified individual leading the pack. The best of luck to you Jennifer!



Incoming

Jennifer Boykin

I wanted to be an officer because it is the best way to get involved in any organization. I chose Worthy Keeper of Finance because it seemed like the best position suited to my skills. I am thrilled that I was given this opportunity to help the Chapter. I'm looking forward to working hard in the Fall and am really excited about some of our upcoming projects. I know with our fundraising committee we will be successful at anything we attempt!



Worthy Alumni Liaison

Merinda Mason



Since I'm continuing my service as the WAL for another year, I'll keep my "outgoing" officer letter short and sweet. In other words, YA AIN'T GETTIN' RID OF ME JUST YET! ;) First of all, last year was amazing for me, as a Brother and as an officer. I learned so much and accomplished so much. I witnessed our chapter grow closer and stronger, and got to be a part of that. Being the Worthy Alumni Liaison truly gives you a different perspective on things. Not only are you responsible for keeping everybody connected, but you also have to be the middleman between a vast horde of Brothers and Alumni from all over the country! This year I was able to plan numerous events and keep the emails flowing and the telephones ringing without feeling too overwhelmed. I was also presented with multiple opportunities to get our faculty Brothers and Alumni more involved, which was enough in itself! They say you get more back than you put in; I put in a bit this year, and you can only imagine how blessed I have felt! I believe I served our chapter well, and I look forward to doing it again! Round 2...

Outgoing

Robert Ko

Finally, I don't have to bring my camera anymore (even though I forgot it half the time anyway)! It has been quite an interesting experience being your prelate, and I am sure the scrapbook will surely make this experience seem much more memorable. I would like to congratulate the new prelate and I wish her the best of luck. Now that I am done, it seems like I no longer have an excuse not to be in pictures anymore. I guess its time for me to go ninja.

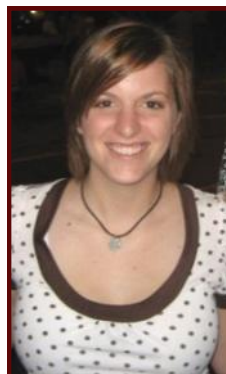


Worthy Prelate

Incoming

Erin O'Rourke

As the new Worthy Prelate, I am really excited to take over the scrapbook, bulletin board, and website. One of my first projects was to create an Easyshare photo account online where brothers can upload pictures from any event. This makes it much easier to download and print photos for the scrapbook, bulletin board, and numerous reports that we do each semester. I am excited about the website, even though I do not have experience with website design. I will do my best to learn all that I can. We have already added a calendar and uploaded last year's Crucible to the website! I love taking pictures and I will enjoy going to as many events as possible to take pictures of all of the great things we do!



Worthy Master At Arms

Outgoing

Mike Strohsnitter

What a year! This has been without a doubt one of the most difficult and one of the most rewarding years I've ever had. I was so excited to be elected the WMA, but at the same time I was so scared that I was going to mess things up. I'd wanted a position like this since I was in undergrad, and so upon getting elected, I hit the ground running. With the help of the absolute best Rush Committee I could ever have dreamed of, we started planning rush and the pledge process to follow, not completely re-vamping the process, but definitely tweaking it a bit (special thanks goes to Becca and the RC for keeping me grounded). Aside from a little scheduling controversy, Rush went off flawlessly and was a huge success (once again, largely due to the efforts of the RC). At the end of it all, we came away with 17 of the coolest pledges ever. I was nervous at the start, not knowing many of them as well as I thought I should have, but throughout the process I was able to get to know each one of them as an individual and got to see the many unique aspects that each brought to the fraternity.



Incoming

Bob Luschen

I am thrilled to be the Worthy Master-At-Arms for 2008, and it is my goal for Alpha Iota to grow and strive to continue the success we have had over the past few years. The goal for the fall 2008 pledge class is to attract and initiate excellence, both in professionalism and in brotherhood. Brothers Mike and Becca did a fantastic job last year in this respect, and I will seek them continually for guidance. I really look forward to working with Brother Jessica. She has some great ideas and has a lot of passion for the task that is before us of maintaining our high level of fraternal and professional success. The job I have is a serious one, and I look forward to enlisting the help of all my Alpha Iota brothers when it comes time to get it done (keep your phones on, people)! From pre-rush meetings with the rush committee to rush itself, the pledge process, and initiation, I have nothing but hope and excitement for the months to come.



Worthy Inner Guard

Outgoing

Rebecca Hutchinson

This past year I had the amazing experience of serving as Worthy Inner Guard with Mike as our WMA, and I think we complemented each other well throughout the rush process. He is fun to work with, and made my job as "right hand man" one that I enjoyed doing. I think that the rush events we orchestrated were fun and got the job done. We pledged an amazing group of new brothers and I know that they will make me proud in the future! I was pleased to find that our brothers are also fiscally responsible, as I had virtually no debts to collect. All in all, I consider my time as WIG a success. It was a very beneficial and fun time for me personally. I hope that the fraternity gained as much from my time in office as I did from it.



Incoming

Jessica Noice

I am so excited to serve Alpha Iota as this year's WIG. I have really been wanting to be as involved with the fraternity as possible and this is a great way to start. As a new brother, I think I will be able to identify with the incoming pledges, and I can't wait to teach them about PDC and brotherhood. I hope Bob L. and I will be able to instill in them a sense of pride in both the fraternity and our chapter. I've been so proud of the work my pledge class has done, and I know our initiates next year will be amazing as well. So far this semester, I've been trying to learn more about the ritual and history of PDC. I'm also very excited about rush in the Fall. I can't wait to start meeting our future brothers!



The Phi Dex Effect

What a Rush!

~Rebecca Hutchinson, WIG

First, let me go ahead and say that I had a fantastic time during the Fall '07 rush. As the WIG, I was able to be very involved with the whole process, and it went extremely well. This is due in no small part to our fantastic brothers, orchestrated under the direction of our WMA, Mike. You only have to talk to our current 1st year class to see the evidence of a truly successful rush. Each event we held brought about 50 people out, and I feel certain every brother enjoyed meeting the prospective pledges. This was the first time I personally had ever tried to recruit new members, and it was exciting and scary at the same time. I was worried that we would not be able to show these new students how awesome and unique our organization is. I should not have doubted for a second. I feel like we represented the Alpha Iota chapter accurately as a motivated, professional, and fun organization. As a result we got more fun, motivated and professional members! I love each and every new brother of our organization and am already eagerly looking ahead to what next year will bring.

And the Winner Is...

~Tracy Dabbs and Bob Bridgman



The first rush event was Trivia Night at Buffalo's. We had a great turn-out with several prospective pledges, along with alumni and faculty. Manav and Tracy "hosted" the event by reading out questions and keeping score, while the other brothers spent time mingling at different tables. New friendships were made while the battle to win trivia raged. Dr. Herist and Dr. Bartlett both came to trivia and joined the fun as well. This first rush event was a great exposure of Phi Delta Chi not only as a professional organization, but a social organization as well. Collegiate and faculty brothers interacted with those present while eating copious amounts of chicken to maintain mental acuity (or to fuel fingers while phoning a friend on a cell phone).

An Ultimate Cookout

~Bob Luschen

Alpha Iota hosted a second rush event at Memorial Park in Athens. We grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, brothers provided side items and desserts, and a bunch of first- and second-years came out to stuff their faces and socialize with the brothers of Alpha Iota. Trey and Mike handled the grilling duties along with Becca's boyfriend Chris.

More than 25 prospective pledges came, and we were happy to have a couple of our alumni and a faculty brother, Dr. Henry Cobb, attend the event as well. Brothers got the chance to mingle with plenty of new faces over some delicious food. After dinner, an ultimate Frisbee game was started with a mix of prospective and current brothers on each team. This brother is proud to say that his team dominated the competition, before *and* after the teams were re-picked at the half! Despite a minor injury or two, everyone had a great time.

All in all, the evening was relaxing and very informative for the prospectives, who gained some great information on the fraternity, and the brothers, who got to know the personalities of the prospectives a bit better. The cookout was a huge success!



Bowling For Brothers

~Ashley Hannings and Diana Houg



The third rush event for Fall 2007 was a bowling night at KingPins. Two lanes were reserved and good food was provided. Although we had already been to two rush events, this one was our favorite! We were divided into two teams, composed of both brothers and prospective pledges, giving us an opportunity to really interact with the brothers. Working as a team and having the brothers cheer us on made us feel as though we were already one of them! Our experience was so great that we didn't want it to end. We had such a good time and felt so welcomed that it moved us to make our final decision to join Phi Delta Chi. We are now brothers of Phi Delta Chi and hope to make next year's pledges feel as welcomed as we did!

How Bout Them Pledges?!

A Man Must First Instruct Himself...

~Mike Strohsnitter, WMA

We had an amazing pledge class this year! Even though it was HUGE (17 pledges!), everyone did their part and came through with flying colors. I asked the pledges to do one-on-one interviews as much as possible this year versus the typical whole group interview, and I am so proud of them for getting it all done along with their projects (which you'll hear more about later). We were able to set up a number of social events to hang out and get to know them (Gameshow at Wild Wing ROCKS!) as well as other opportunities for fun outside of schoolwork and projects. They had a lot of help from some awesome Big Brothers, whether it was help with pledge tasks/questions or just a morale boost during the week. Everyone did a great job on their weekly tests with very minimal AAAE time (another change this year). I think that throughout the process, they learned a lot about PDC and brotherhood while building strong bonds as a group.

Let's Get it Sorted

~Melinda Kezer

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is one of the largest food banks in the state providing food for over 65,000 people each year. The 2007 pledge class picked this organization as its service project this year. On November 9th the pledge class spent three hours at the food bank helping to organize food, toiletries, and other household items for everyday use. This task helped us realize the importance of service to our community and introduced us to the types of service projects that Alpha Iota is accustomed to doing. Not only were we able to serve our community, but we also built bonds of brotherhood as we spent time together as a pledge class. Service to our community is one of the most important aspects of our fraternity and this project helped us to better understand our motto: "Each Needs the Help of the Other"!



Thriller Night

~Edward Yabut

On the night of October 30, 2007, the brothers and pledges of Phi Delta Chi celebrated the scariest of all holidays: Halloween. The annual Halloween party was hosted by the pledge class as their social project and took place at the home of Brothers Reah, Tracy, and Mike. There were many brothers and pledges in attendance, and some of the costumes included Mario (but no Luigi), a cow (more cowbell!), a very creative 5 o'clock shadow, the Hogwarts Four, a d*** in a box, and those tasty Fanta girls (I know I wanna Fanta). The highlight of the night, however, was a special performance by Erin, Navid, and Edward to the classic Michael Jackson song "Thriller." All three did an amazing job (if I do say so myself), monster-clawing and shimmying to entertain all those in attendance. Spooky decorations, music, snacks, and refreshments flowed late into the night as the brothers and pledges (and Kodi) enjoyed the Halloween festivities.

Pledges on the Air

~Ashley Hannings

The Alpha Iota Pledge Class of 2007 planned and executed Radio RX's third show, which discussed AIDS/HIV awareness. We began planning in late October for an air date of 7 November. The now active brothers, working closely with Professional Chair Brother Robert Brady, planned a general topical outline for the show, including an introduction, an interview, and a conclusion for a total show length of about thirty minutes.

The show was a success, despite on-air jitters. The guests provided useful and insightful information, and the radio station staffers were very helpful. Overall, the show went smoothly and was well-received. Along with the first two shows (over HPV and STI's, respectively), this show promises to be a valuable ongoing project for the Alpha Iota Chapter.



My Favorite Pledge Task...

Pledge tasks are designed to teach pledges more about the brothers and the chapter, or to help them bond with the brothers and each other. This is definitely one of my favorite parts of pledging, both as a pledge and as a brother. I enjoyed the tasks given to me, and really wanted to give good tasks in return when I became a brother. This year, pledges did an excellent job of completing their tasks, and many times went above and beyond tasks given to them. To the 2007 Pledges—Great job, guys! You made us proud, and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! ~Beth Stark



My favorite task was one of the most time-consuming. Who knew what would happen when you admit to always having a camera and taking pictures? This year, Erin and I were assigned the task of taking a picture of every pledge with a different bulldog around town. I must confess: I was not thrilled with this task. We had a large pledge class. However, this quickly became my favorite task. It involved riding across town with people I had just met, crossing the busy streets at Five Points (which was more like being a part of the Frogger game), and discovering that some bulldogs had changed locations. Now I have the ability to spot an Athens bulldog from miles away. But best of all, I was able to get to know a lot of my fellow pledges.

~Melinda Kezer



My favorite task during rush really wasn't a pledge task, per se. My Big and I sabotaged a fellow brother's car one evening along with another Big/Little duo. It was really exciting and a good time to bond with our new brothers. Disclaimer: No permanent harm was done to the car of the recipient of our prank!!

~Evie Cowan



My favorite pledge task was embroidering the baby blanket for Ava. I got to create something lasting and discovered a new hobby.

~Jennifer Boykin



My favorite task was to find out who had gone to Grand Council the previous year and to find out about their experiences. I spoke with Tracy and Merinda about their experiences and it was really awesome as a pledge to see how dedicated the brothers are and how involved everyone is in the fraternity. Although it wasn't a funny prank or a hilarious anecdote like many other tasks, it further grounded my interest and desire to be part of this organization. ~Michelle Li



My favorite task was taking the rock climbing wall class with Becca. I enjoyed spending time with her, as well as my pledge brother Jennifer Boykin, and getting to know them outside of a large group setting. ~Jennifer Riner



It was really a dead heat, and here's why: Eddie, Erin, and I had to dance to Thriller (the classic Michael Jackson hit), which was really fun. I'm surprised I was able to keep it together! I also had to ask all the brothers and pledges what instruments they played, which I really enjoyed because I got to know everybody on a musical level, if you will. ~Navid Amlani



My favorite task was having to perform the "Thriller" dance at the Halloween party. Not only did I learn an awesome dance, but I got a kick-butt nickname out of it too.

~Eddie Yabut



My favorite task was having to perform Thriller for the Halloween party. Not only did it decide my costume for me, it was a lot of fun. I don't remember all of it, but I remember enough to make anytime I watch anything with the Thriller dance make me laugh and remember my time as a PDC pledge.

~Erin O'Rourke



My Favorite Pledge Task...



My favorite task was planning the night out at Wild Wings. It was our first chance to hang out with a lot of the brothers at one time. ~Jessica Noice

My favorite was cooking dinner for Lora. It was a fun night and I really got to know a lot about my Big Brother. It was a great bonding experience. ~Kimesh Bhana

My favorite pledge task was coming up with Indian Names for my pledge brothers. This task gave me a chance to be creative and get to know my brothers. ~Tony Casedonte

My favorite task was organizing a Pledge/Brother dinner at RuSan's. We had almost 30 people show up! This dinner provided a great way for pledges and brothers to get to know each other. We were even able to get many of our brother interviews done. ~Abby Hobbs

I was given the task of signing up for a facebook account, friending all of the brothers and other pledges, and sending out random movie quotes. I must admit, prior to receiving this task I had no desire to join facebook. I felt like it might be a waste of time and I didn't need it. Now that I'm on it, I'm glad that I joined. Facebook is a great way to keep track of birthdays, organize events, and stay in touch with old friends! ~Ashley Hannings

My favorite task was sharing a recipe and baking with my Big Brother, Megan! I loved hanging out with her and getting to know her. I learned two things: 1) We have a lot in common and I love her! 2) She is definitely a better baker than me! ~Diana Houng



I believe the ambiguous task of, "Show me why you're hot," was my favorite to complete. Although many reasons exist as to why this one was my favorite, I believe the top two are: 1) I am immortalized in a Speedo, and 2) I was able to get naked in front of Beth's boyfriend before she was.

~Bob Bridgman

The task I liked the best was to choose 3 places that I liked to go camping around the state of Georgia and give a brief explanation why. I really liked this one because camping is something I've done a lot of throughout my life and it caused me to think about all my experiences and choose my top 3 to give the brother a better idea of who I was. ~Joe Andrews

My favorite task was to sing the UGA fight song during informal initiation. I had been holding onto my past with Georgia Tech, and I hadn't really felt like a Bulldog ever since I started school at UGA. I downloaded the song (surprisingly, it was the instrumental version). I found the lyrics somewhere else and tried to put the song together. It was terrible. While I was practicing, my sister and brother, who are both from Georgia, overheard me and came to my rescue. We chanted the song together as I felt more and more like a traitor to Tech. I practiced more, but I was missing something. Then it was time. I had to perform before all my brothers and alongside Bob and Brady. I got lost sometimes and didn't sing it very well, but I felt so at ease. My brothers gave me the spirit and support that I needed. On that night and from then on, I felt like a Georgia Bulldog and I was proud to be one.

~Michelle Mach



What Brotherhood Means to Me

Brotherhood: Beyond the Dictionary and Stereotypes

~Jennifer Boykin

At the beginning of the pledge period, I remember being told to start thinking about the following question: “What does brotherhood mean to you?” But at that point, I didn’t really have an answer. In truth, the only thing that came to mind was, “I have to write something?” Throughout high school and my two undergraduate years in college, I was vehemently opposed to the idea of fraternities and sororities. I wasn’t a social outcast, but my friends and I weren’t the “pretty people” either. We didn’t see a need to drop to the Greeks’ level of under-age drinking and inappropriate behavior which was what I thought Greek life was all about. Obviously, this is a stereotype (though not untrue for many social fraternities). I never associated fraternities with anything deeper or more meaningful than a keg party.

So why did I look into Phi Delta Chi? I remembered some of the brothers coming to a meeting of the pre-pharmacy society at our school. They did a presentation on “what not to do at your interview” and hung around and talked to a lot of us afterward. They were friendly and helpful (especially considering they had big tests to study for later in the week) and chatted for hours. I didn’t remember them as a fraternity then, just an organization of really awesome people. So after I got accepted and started school in the fall, I recognized them. I was going to join an organization anyway, and it’s always easier if you know some of the people involved. So, I decided to rush. My previous concepts and stereotypes of fraternities were about to get a drastic overhaul.

Fast forward to now, at the end of the pledge period with initiation right around the bend. I have now interviewed the brothers of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi. I have watched them, observed their relationships with one another, discussed their views on life and pharmacy, and learned the rich history of this organization. I now ask myself that question again. After consulting the dictionary, I have its version of what brotherhood means: the condition or quality of being a brother or brothers; the quality of being brotherly; a fraternal or trade organization; and/or all those engaged in a particular trade or profession or sharing a common interest or quality. Those definitions may describe a brotherhood, but *Brotherhood* is a bond between a group of people that spans distance, chapters, and regions. It’s a relationship between people that may not be as close as blood, but definitely is as close as the soul.

The Brothers of our chapter have a bond that I’ve never seen between people that aren’t family or grew up together. It took me years in middle and high school to develop such close and loyal friendships as the Brothers manage to do in a few weeks. They are bound by common experiences, goals, and values; they are also bound by love, compassion, and simple affection. They finish each others’ sentences and laugh at stories before the narrator is even part way through. This is an actual dialogue from a story someone was trying to tell us:

Narrator: So this one time we...

Interrupter #1: You mean the time where...

Interrupter #2: And he did...

Every brother in ear shot: *Uproar of Laughter*

Pledges: Wait, what happened?

Suffice to say, we missed out on a lot of inside jokes, but we were also busy creating our own. The adventures of pledging create a unique experience for everyone involved and leave lasting memories. Having now almost completed the pledge process, I see that it is more than just fulfilling requirements and service projects and learning about the history of the fraternity. We had a lot of fun at the Food Bank and learned to work together as a team to achieve goals. Our campus radio show on HIV/AIDS taught us to delegate responsibility and rely on one another to do a good job. The Halloween party we hosted was just a blast. Throughout the past semester, we have learned to work together, to depend on another, and to have fun as a group. Pledging develops bonds and trust between our future brothers that will last throughout our lives. Brotherhood is an emotional bond among a group of people that is forever.



Cabin Fever!

What!?! No Wal-Mart?!?!?

~Beth Stark & Mike Strohsnitter



This year's fall retreat was at Vogel State Park in Blairsville, an unusually "dry" area of Georgia. Retreat mom Tracy came early with Beth and Mike to set up the cabins and do some grocery shopping, which proved difficult as the grocery store was IMPOSSIBLE to find! Brothers arrived over the next couple of hours and began claiming beds, catching up, and helping with dinner. We ate a wonderful spaghetti dinner, opened the formal meeting for the weekend, and then started the fun times that we had all been looking forward to! Some of us decided to explore the park's beach and Max and Kelsey enjoyed a short dip in the lake (although Kelsey needed a little "encouraging"). We returned to our cabins and talked and played games before retiring for the night. Brothers had much to talk about, from summer trips with family and friends to great times had at Grand Council just a couple of weeks earlier. Many brothers were excited to share with the chapter what they had learned/experienced at this year's Grand Council in West Palm Beach.

The next morning, Tracy prepared a delicious breakfast concoction, as well as the usual retreat breakfast favorite—pancakes. This also marked the arrival of two of our favorite FMG folks, Alumni brothers Brooke and Bugs! After breakfast, we met to elect committee chairs and discuss the very important topic of Fall Rush and Pledging. WMA Mike and WIG Becca ran the show for the rush workshop, during which brothers were given advice and instruction for the upcoming events. The group broke for lunch and free time, during which brothers gathered at a scenic waterfall for a group photo, and then dispersed to swim at the beach, hang out in the cabins, or take a stroll along the lakeside. After free time, committees met and decided on events, dates, and budgets for the upcoming semester. We reconvened to discuss committees' decisions and budgets, discuss chapter by-laws, and enjoy a "fashion show" by brother Colin.

After the meeting, we grilled burgers and hot dogs, and then gathered around for the tradition of Pass the Gavel, one of my favorite parts of retreat, where we can say what's on our minds or in our hearts, and a good time for pranksters to come clean! When we finished a few rounds, we were definitely ready for the games and laughter to begin! As usual, we played an array of games, including Cranium, poker, Circle of Death, and Mad Gab. My personal favorite was Mad Gab, which was a lot of fun until Rob hurt bar oak tea time are. The combination of festivities and "dryness" of the area left many brothers feeling parched. Future brother Bob Bridgman came to the rescue later that night to quench many brothers' thirst. After a night of fun, everyone headed off to bed for some shut-eye. We woke the next morning to another excellent breakfast and returned to Athens, energized and ready to start the new year!

Pass the Gnome

~Jessica Noice

This year's winter retreat was held during the first weekend in January at Hart Park, where we rented three cabins overlooking Lake Hartwell. After a long drive to the park, we were all excited about getting to sample Tracy Dabbs' famous chili. After finishing a delicious dinner we opened our formal meeting and then spent the rest of the night socializing. It was nice to see everyone after the long winter break, especially outside of school. The next morning we continued the formal meeting. We nominated, voted on, and initiated new officers and committee chairs. After finishing the official business we were free to enjoy the park. Those of us who were willing to brave the cold weather played a little football or walked around the nearly dry lake. Others stayed indoors and began what would later become a board game marathon. Later in the day we split up into committees to discuss the upcoming semester. We planned social, professional, and service events as well as budgets for each committee. After closing the formal meeting we had a huge cookout. We also had the pleasure of throwing a mini birthday party for Ashley, which included two cakes and a tiara. After dinner we played "Pass the Gavel," an Alpha Iota bonding tradition. This gave the brothers an opportunity to share their feelings about anything that was bothering them or reveal little-known facts about themselves. We can feel free to say whatever we want to because nothing that is said during "Pass the Gavel" is to be repeated. It also provides a great opportunity for the brothers to get to know each other. Since the gavel did not actually make it to retreat, we actually played "Pass the Gnome" with our new friend Petey C. instead. The rest of the night included hours upon hours of Apples to Apples, card games, and a poker tournament. The next morning was a little rough on most of us, but we were able to pull it together for another one of Tracy's amazing breakfasts. We spent all morning cleaning the cabins and trying to leave them presentable. All in all it was a great weekend. We grew closer as brothers and shared a lot of great memories (and germs).



Great Times at the 66th Grand Council



Grand Council—West Palm Style!

~Tracy Nell Dabbs, Merinda Mason, Colin Kennedy

The 66th Grand Council was held in West Palm Beach, Florida from July 31st to August 5th. The weather was awesome and so were the brothers we met from all around the country. Not only did we socialize with fellow collegiate brothers, but we met alumni from many chapters as well, including our own!

The brothers in attendance were able to learn from meetings held for various events or just hang out, and whether at the pool, on the beach, or in a bar we were always around some of the most fun and interesting people. Booths were set up for each chapter to showcase their particular charities, parties, professional events and even make a buck or two. We sold shirts, shot glasses, and auctioned off a wooden crest created by Mike “JIGSAW” Strohsnitter and Reah “SHOOTER” Rogers. Events included such topics as finance, alumni, rush, correspondence, collegiate, and executive. The brothers discussed issues with our chapter, and were able to absorb knowledge from their attendance in order to improve the quality of Phi Delta Chi at Alpha Iota. Reah addressed the national brother hood as the Vice Counselor in the largest meeting, and in one special meeting we were able to witness one of our finest brothers, Lexie “SEXIEPLEXIE” Turner become the new Southeast Regional Correspondent.

It was nice to see that Phi Dex had organized specials at certain locations in West Palm Beach where members could mingle with fellow brothers, the locals, and significant others related to the fraternity for a discounted price. The cruise was especially nice. Many new friendships were made and new contacts were established with other chapters. Our buddy chapter Beta Omega took first place in the Thurston Cup, and we managed to take a respectable 9th even though we know that WE are clearly the best. We placed third in professional and service, which is a great honor, and our alumni chapter took second for alumni chapters. Our brother Colin “TYRANT” Kennedy was the first brother to receive the Phi Delta Chi tattoo in this 66th Grand Council, for which he gives a special thanks to the alumni who continue to offer to pay for any Alpha Iota brother’s ink.

All in all, each brother in some way, ranging from gaining new insight into the fraternity or meeting a brother at the pool, benefited from this Grand Council. This year’s meeting was enjoyable in many meanings, and we all have memories from the event which we will never forget...

After attending Grand Council, I have a whole new appreciation of what it means to be a brother of Phi Delta Chi. I didn't realize before just how much the organization does as a whole, and as separate chapters, and that so many brothers really do believe in “brothers for life.” Many of us who went to Grand Council came back wanting to do more as a chapter, not only to become more involved in the community through professional and service projects, but also to do more with our awesome alumni. I had so much fun and I can't wait to do it again! ~Beth Stark

Grand Council gave me the opportunity to meet brothers, share ideas and see what Chapters are doing all over the country! Every minute in West Palm Beach was packed with events from catching up with old friends at the Casino Cruise to deciding policy in the committee meetings. It was exciting to see how the organization was run on the national level and to have a part in directing where the Fraternity will be heading in the next few years. Grand Council reinforced my love, enthusiasm and commitment to Phi Delta Chi! ~Reah Rogers



Brothers enjoyed themselves fully at the pool and at the awards ceremony, where Alpha Iota earned an amazing 3rd place for professional and service!

On The Road Again

Fire & Fuel & NYPD—Oh my!

~Jennifer Boykin and Robert Brady

This year, the Southeast Regional Conference was held in Charlotte, North Carolina and was hosted by the Beta Omega chapter. Alpha Iota had a large delegation attend with thirteen collegiate brothers and three alumni brothers. We had a blast hanging out with brothers from all over the Southeast and made memories that will last a lifetime.

We began our trip with a 3 ½ hour car ride to Charlotte. Once we arrived and settled in we had a few drinks with brothers from Chi before heading to the group dinner at Fuel Pizza. The next morning we began ‘business day’. Each brother chose a committee meeting and workshop to attend. The committees discussed a variety of topics from alumni pins to expulsion procedures. Following our committee meetings the brothers went to fraternal workshops designed to strengthen different aspects of the fraternity such as the achievement award program, faculty and alumni relations, and ritual links. After our meetings, we ate a box lunch and prepared for our meeting with the Regional Officers where we received great marks!

Saturday evening we attended the semi-formal banquet dinner. True to form, we owned the dance floor after dinner. When the music stopped we carried the party to downtown Charlotte where we continued on late into the night.

Sunday morning we woke up bright and early and attended the formal meeting, where we deliberated on the recommendations of the committees. Unfortunately, the meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm and we had to evacuate the

building. Once we found out we were not actually on fire, we wrapped up the formal meeting. We made a lot of new friends from other chapters and brought back many new ideas! Hopefully, more brothers can attend Regionals next time because we had a great time and learned what true brotherhood is all about!



GatlinBRRg

~Jennifer Ann Boykin

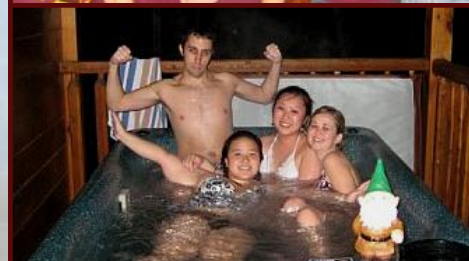
Over the Martin Luther King Jr weekend around 200 brothers from around the country converged on the small tourist town of Gatlinburg, TN. Alpha Iota represented with 10 brothers. Mike was the only one of us that had been before and he had cautioned that it could be warm, as it had been in the past. It was not; it was at times painfully cold and snowed (briefly and without sticking) Saturday morning. Most of us had the good sense to stay inside.

The roughly four hour trip was uneventful until you reached the mountains. The road then becomes a twisty, snow-lined mess (on the way back you can add salty, as well). This was the most snow the majority of us had seen in a long while and time was taken for pictures with pre-made snowmen on the way back.

The hot spots of activity in our wonderful resort of Gatlinburg Falls were the main Omega, Chi, and Alpha Upsilon cabins and just about any hot tub anywhere (as long as you didn't get out or sit too high above the water where the cold air could freeze the vapor to your hair). All cabins came equipped with cool toys like a hot tub, air hockey, arcade games, and just about anything you could want to entertain yourself with.

Omega hosted a spaghetti dinner, which was awesome, and they had a small theater where a lot of people watched football. That night, we had a good time getting to know brothers from other chapters and spending some quality time with each other taking fun “emotion pictures” and playing in the hot tub. Another night, Chi cooked chili. We played board games at the Chi cabin and had a blast. Sunday we did the touristy thing. A handful of us went shopping in Gatlinburg and a few went with some Alley Oops to find a Go Kart place in Pigeon Forge.

All in all, we had an absolutely fantastic time and I strongly encourage more brothers to attend next year. I know I'll be going back!



Brothers For Life

Happy Holidays!

~Vidya Nair



On Dec 1st 2007, the AI chapter gathered at faculty brother Dr. Micheal Bartlett's house to celebrate an early Christmas party. In attendance were alumni and existing brothers, including newly inducted brothers. Dr. Bartlett and his family played gracious hosts by preparing us a mouth watering selection of turkey and ham. These festive meat preparations were served with a scrumptious array of food that brothers brought as potluck. The party buzzed with enthusiasm and excitement from the partygoers discussing everything from Christmas holiday plans to heated political debates! The night drew to an appropriate conclusion with the serving of delicious desserts such as warm apple pie, peach cobbler, chess squares and a very festive velvet cake. More laughter, jokes and exciting plans were shared over hot chocolate before the brothers finally departed the party feeling content and merry!

For All That You Do...

~Merinda Mason

Our annual Faculty Appreciation Week was held from December 3rd-7th. The week consisted of Brothers signing up for their favorite faculty Brother, and each group of three visiting their faculty Brother and surprising them with presents and heartfelt gratitude. Each group was responsible for buying their faculty Brother a ten to fifteen dollar gift. Being the Worthy Alumni Liaison, I also provided them with an "Honor Roll" certificate and a ceramic, holiday-themed "goody bag" full of bubble gum, suckers, and of course, some fake coal to take to the faculty Brothers! (Thanks again for the help Lora!) Although their presents weren't very expensive and their certificates were kind of corny, our faculty Brothers were extremely grateful for the gifts and some even teared up a little! I know I was personally amazed to see that overwhelmed look on their faces and to hear what some of them had to say. In particular, Dr. Wade actually told me that he rarely receives thanks from the students and how grateful he was to have such a splendid group of collegiate Brothers. Yay us!!! Just making one person feel special was enough, much less doing the same for the 11 other faculty Brothers! The whole week went over well and I do feel this to be an exceptionally important tradition to continue in the future. You never know when one of us will need the help of a faculty Brother, and it doesn't hurt for them to feel appreciated!



Keeping the Tradition Alive

~Dr. Keith Herist



As has happened for many years, the annual Phi Delta Chi Faculty Appreciation Breakfast was held on Monday, February 25th in the Wellness Clinic at the College of Pharmacy. Hosted by the brothers, all faculty and the front office staff were invited...including those who were drawn in by the aroma of the hashbrown casserole, which was extra special in that it required Erin to get up early to prepare it from scratch. Navid brought the obligatory bagels and cream cheese from Zim's Bakery, while fruit, muffins, and yogurt rounded out the menu. Of special note were the newly marketed "Grapples," new grape-flavored apples discovered by Alex and deeply loved by Dr. Norton!

Attendance was strong, with over 20 brothers attending, several faculty brothers, and most of the staff from the front office enjoying the food and conversation. Even though the hour was early, topics of conversation were varied...ranging from the early hour of the morning to the various trials and tribulations of coursework being encountered by the brothers. Pharmacokinetics was the top item, given the unique challenges faced by several brothers as they were the "inaugural class" – encountering this course in the 2nd year as opposed to the usual 3rd year. Coffee and fruit juice sustained everyone until the call of classes brought the sharing to a close. Thank you for another great event!

Brothers For Life



Hey, It's Allgood!

~Jessica Noice

On February 23 we invited several alumni to watch our number one ranked gymnastics team take on Kentucky. Alumni brothers Tony Chaffee, Holly Harp, and Roseann Johnston traveled to Athens for the meet. Unfortunately, a local radio station had purchased all the remaining tickets. Luckily, PDC brothers don't need organized activity to have a good time. We moved our party downtown and wasted no time picking the brains of our visitors. We discussed current fraternity business such as regional meetings and Grand Council locations. We also got advice on pharmacy school, careers, and how to improve our chapter. Then we got to the good stuff: stories about past initiations with multiple goats, and who Tony was found in bed with during a certain study session! There were many great stories – one of which left our minds on spin cycle!

After story time we moved a few blocks down for dinner at Casa Mia, a tapas bar. The dishes included ribeye, sweet cream cheese with red peppers, ceviche, and shrimp. Our alumni showed their great generosity and picked up the tab for the whole group; an awesome reminder of why we want to be pharmacists! After picking up one more late-arriving alumni, Jennifer Chang, we moved once again to another downtown location. Here we subjected many of the locals to several rounds of PDC songs. Even though we were sorry we didn't get to see our Gym Dogs compete, with a little ingenuity we were able to have a great day with our brothers, old and new.

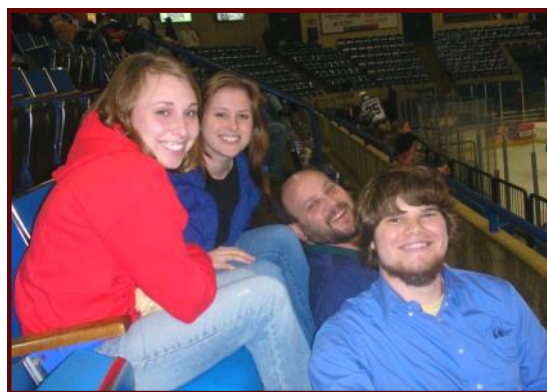
4 out of 5 Dentists Recommend Playing Hockey

~Ashley Hannings

In late February, several brothers took a road trip to Augusta to visit a few of our alumni. We watched an intense hockey match between the Augusta Lynx and the Texas Wildcatters. I personally had never been to a hockey game before and was very excited.

The Lynx did not disappoint, even though they lost. I think the most fun part of the game was listening to the passionate fans. It was a small crowd, but a loud one. Many fans kept yelling at some guy named "Sweeny." "Sweeny, who's that?" I asked myself as I thumbed through my program. After a few minutes, I figured out that "Sweeny" was actually the referee. Who would have guessed that the referee would be more popular than the players?

After the game, we all went to Mellow Mushroom and shared pizza and conversation before having to make the late-night journey back to Athens. It was another great bonding experience with our alumni, and it was well worth the trip!



Our Distinguished Alumnus—Robert C. Bowles, Jr.

Alpha Iota is proud to have chosen Brother Robert C. Bowles, Jr. as our 2008 Distinguished Alumnus. Brother Bowles has owned Big C Pharmacy in Thomaston, GA for the last 36 years. But, he does not just "own" a pharmacy. As a certified diabetic educator, pharmacist immunizer, medication therapy manager, Jobst stocking fitter and a therapeutic shoe fitter, he is able to serve his community while at the same time providing home infusion, long term care pharmacy services, retail pharmacy services, and medication therapy management. Robert also serves as a preceptor for student pharmacists from the three colleges of pharmacies in Georgia.

Not only does Brother Bowles serve his community, but he is also involved in state and national pharmacy organizations such as GPhA, GSHP, APhA, PCCA, and the NCPA. He has served on the GPhA Academy of Independent Pharmacy Board of Directors, has been Chairman of the Investment committee, and is the president-elect of GPhA.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Robert is a leader in his personal life as well. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Thomaston. In 1988, he conducted a medical mission to Honduras and will be serving on another medical mission to Panama in November 2008. He is married to Judy Shaver Bowles and has 3 children: Kelli, Ashley, and Alex. In addition, he has a 14 year-old grandson and a 7 month-old granddaughter.

Robert C. Bowles, Jr. is an excellent example of the leadership qualities that typify a Phi Delta Chi. It is an honor to call him a Brother, and we are proud to call him an Alpha Iota.

Congratulations Class of 2008!

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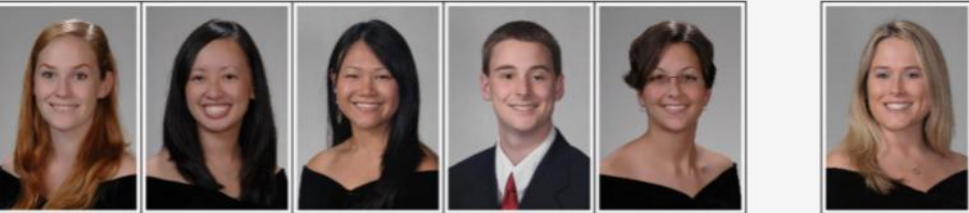
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What Has Three Letters and Knows How to Have Fun?

Easy Like Saturday Morning

~Colin Kennedy

The brothers of Phi Delta Chi were able to enjoy another glorious season tailgating for the big machine in red and black, the mighty Georgia Bulldogs. The PDC tailgate was once again a thriving scene of joviality and school spirit. Passing fans of opposing teams were taunted and barked at while fellow Georgia fans were barked with. The tailgate became a center for more seasoned brethren, current brothers, and new blood to create new bonds and revive the old. Cans were stabbed, meat was consumed and merriment was made, all for the cause of supporting our great team. There is no doubt that the biggest tailgating event last year was when the Dogs took on the Auburn Tigers. Brothers and alumni from all over came up to get down. We were also privileged to have 2 Chi brothers attend with us—too bad for them they had to see their team get tossed in the garbage like a spelling book in an Alabama trailer park. For the homecoming game, the entire national office showed up to hold an alumni chapter meeting, and they allowed current brothers to sit in on the meeting. This year we even had a setup for the Georgia men's basketball game when they took on Kentucky. They wound up losing the game but later went on to defeat the wildcats in a rematch and get a chance to win the SEC Championship. All in all it was a good year for tailgating. Yes there really is nothing like Georgia athletics and there is no fraternity like Phi Delta Chi. Here's to doing it all over again next year!



Founders' Day Dinner

~Melinda Kezer

November 2nd is a day that Phi Delta Chi brothers will always hold close to their heart. On that day in 1883, Phi Delta Chi was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Charles Edward Bond, Franklin Herbert Frazee, Llewellyn Hall Gardner, Calvin Pomeroy Godfrey, Adolph Gustave Hoffman, Arthur Gilliam Hopper, Charles F. Hueber, George Pawling Lemon, Arthur Sidney Rogers, Azor Thurston, and Albert Tenney Waggoner founded this fraternity to unite pharmacy students.

On November 2, 2007 Alpha Iota brothers, family members, and friends gathered at Johnny Carino's to commemorate this significant day. While dining on scrumptious Italian foods, Worthy Chief Counselor Reah Rogers gave a speech reminding everyone of the special occasion. Members of the fall pledge class were also there to celebrate the 124 years of Phi Delta Chi. The fraternal spirit was abundant as the brothers remembered the Founding Fathers and all of their hard work.



It's Not Whether you Win or Lose...

~Mike Strohsnitter

This year PDC fielded an indoor soccer team appropriately and oh so originally named... "PDC"!!! The team was made up mostly of people that had never played before or those who hadn't played in a while. Needless to say we were all just a little out of shape. We had a few practices to work on some passing and general strategy, and then it was game time!!! We quickly learned that our lofty goals of winning a game should be replaced with more attainable goals... like not getting "mercy ruled." That isn't to say we didn't have our high points; our all star center mid, Kimesh, scored 3 goals for the team throughout the season. We also managed to get "not last place" as well as a spot in the tournament! Team "PDC" would like to thank our faithful supporters "The Soccer Moms" and Eddie (Soccer Dad) who cheered for us and brought us juice boxes and orange slices!

Dinner and Dancing



Meatfest—A Carnivorous Explosion of Ungodly Amounts of Meat!

~Merinda Mason

What more can I say?! Meatfest was, once again, a super fantastic BLAST! It was held at Reah, Mike, and Tracy's house starting around 11am on Saturday, October 13th, and lasting until the wee hours of the next morning. The day kicked off with some Colin versus Basile Texas Hold 'Em and Strozzy greeting us wearing nothing but a loin-cloth, and it wrapped up with break dancing and Wii fun. The food was delicious! We had just about everything there you could possibly have craved: grilled sausage, burgers, steaks and ribs, home-made desserts, and Wisconsin spliffs just to name a few goodies. For those of you wondering what in the world a Wisconsin spliff is, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!!! Tony (the chef) defined it as "a fine, locally crafted, porcine hot dog hand wrapped in smoky maple bacon surrounded with artisan cheddar cheese and enclosed in hand fed Kobe ground beef, grilled and topped with gourmet chili and fried eggs from free range chickens." Another delight of the day was getting to hang out with a few of our alumni brothers, some family and friends, and the pledges. The pledges were very diligent, getting a tremendous amount of interviews and tasks completed. The whole day was filled with brotherly bonding and the turn-out was great. I'm soooo ready for the next one!



A Formal Transition: A Brother's Journey from Active to Alumnus

~Beverly Walker-Clements

It had been several months since I had last been in Athens, and almost a year from the last Phi Delta Chi event I'd attended. I was looking forward to seeing my little brother, my pledge mates, and everyone else I've so desperately missed during this time. During the drive up, I was eager, anxious and could barely contain myself. Upon arriving I was not disappointed—the active brothers turned out in full force and our current alumni were a strong presence as well. We had a record number of alumni attend, including all officers of the alpha iota alumni chapter and the distinguished alumnus of this year. It was inspiring to see our alumni brothers come back and continue to cultivate their relationship with the newer members.

This year's banquet was held at the Classic Center. It was a gorgeous setting with nearby parking, and they were able to deliciously cater the event on site. The award presentation began after our scrumptious dinner and cheesecake dessert. Awards included Academic Achievement, Pledge of the Year, Brother of the Year, Faculty of the Year, and Alumnus of the Year. Up next in the program, all fourth year brothers were invited to the stage where we went through our graduation ceremony to alumni brothers. We were presented with certificates showing our new status, red carnations, a candle to keep burning the light of wisdom, and old gold and dregs of wine tassels to wear at our school graduation ceremony. Then the dancing began! Brothers Eddie, Navid, and Erin led us through the steps of Thriller, Brady laid a brick house, and most brothers did their dance to the Cupid Shuffle. The D.J. even played some slow songs to get the non-dancers on their feet.

Other special things happened that night. The chapter was introduced to Lexie's ceramic yard squirrel Teddy who will chronicle her experiences in New York. I met my little brother's little brother—my grand little, if you will. I also met the future of Phi Delta Chi, the first year brothers, and I have to say, the future of Alpha Iota is looking very bright!

This year's banquet was amazing. It was easily the best in my four years of membership. The food was good, the company excellent, and the atmosphere enchanting. The combined result is an amazing evening that I will never forget. I will carry these memories with me as I transition into my new role as an alumni brother.

Finding Cures, Helping Children

The Running of the Bros

~Rebecca Hutchinson

The annual St. Jude's 5k Run/walk was a success again this year. We had a good turnout of participants and raised approximately \$1000 with donations and race participation. Businesses in the community generously donated food for the post-run festivities, as well as gift certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the men and women. The brothers enjoyed participating in this event, even if 7 am did come a little early for some people. In addition, everyone got to spend quality time with the new pledges in organizing the set up. We had teams setting up water stations, manning the food table, running registration, and marking the race course as we all worked together to make this race fun and stress-free for everyone. I had a great time running and getting cheered on by all the brothers and onlookers. The weather was perfect, a warm and sunny fall day. I ate some fantastic baked goods that Panera donated for us and relaxed after the race. My mom and dad both came up to run, so it was really fun for me to introduce my friends and have my family participate with my brothers. What made it even better was knowing that we were contributing to a great cause!



Prescription for Hope

~Megan Baggett

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has been the National Philanthropy of Phi Delta Chi since 1995. Since that time, collegiate and alumni chapters all over the country have successfully raised money and awareness for the hospital. In 2007, Phi Delta Chi strengthened its commitment by pledging to raise \$200,000 for the hospital over a four year period. In recognition of the fraternity's dedication, St. Jude's is planning to name one of their outpatient pharmacies in honor of Phi Delta Chi.

To accomplish this goal, chapters were asked to participate in a letter writing campaign called *The Prescription for Hope*. The brothers of Alpha Iota recognized the importance of this endeavor and collected over 400 addresses of family members and friends to send letters to. Members of the service committee met and personally signed, addressed, and stuffed all of the letters to send out before the Thanksgiving holiday.

We hope that the efforts of our chapter and our fraternity as a whole will continue to make a positive impact on the patients of St. Jude's and their families.

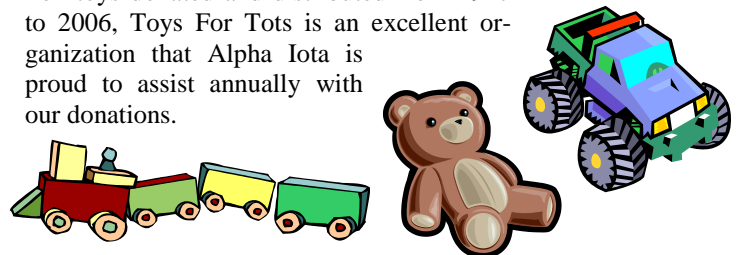
Toys for Tots

~Bob Luschen

The final service project for Alpha Iota in the fall of 2007 was an item drive for Toys for Tots. This service, nationally sponsored by the United States Marine Corps, accumulates toys at various donation sites in cities nationwide and distributes them to children in need. Many families that would otherwise be unable to provide presents for their children are ensured a cheerful holiday, and we were more than happy to help.

Collection bins were set up in the lobby of the UGA College of Pharmacy for 2 ½ weeks near the end of the semester. Donations were received from faculty, staff, and students. The chapter requested that the presents donated have educational, non-violent themes, and to donate whatever was possible, no matter how large or small. Over 50 items were collected and delivered to a local donation site.

Other organizations in the College also recognized the good work and service opportunity that Toys For Tots offers and organized drives to contribute to the cause. With over 370 million toys donated and distributed from 1947 to 2006, Toys For Tots is an excellent organization that Alpha Iota is proud to assist annually with our donations.



Rx For A Cure

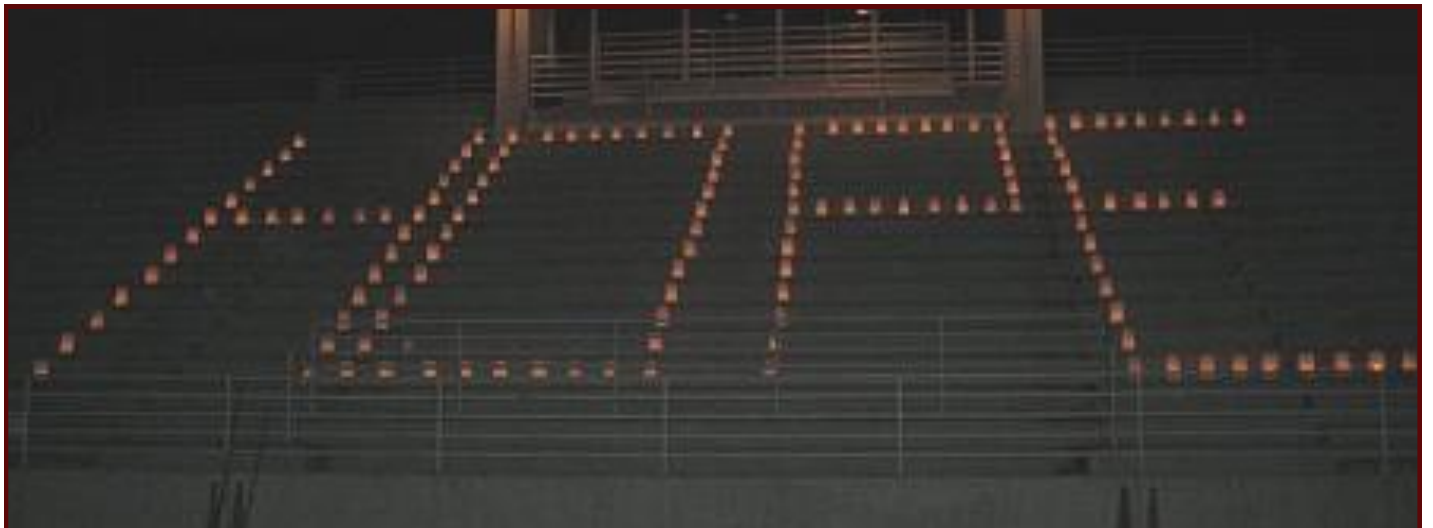


Rock Out to Block Out Cancer!

~Abby Hobbs

As a way to make our biggest Spring service project even bigger and better this year, the Brothers of Alpha Iota decided to join a school-wide Relay for Life team, *Rx for a Cure*. By working together with LKS and KY, along with anyone else who wanted to join the team, the UGA College of Pharmacy promoted a united front against cancer. Our Service Chair, Abby, even served as one of the team's co-captains and helped coordinate all activities and fundraisers. We started fundraising at the beginning of the semester, and continued up until Relay. Each week we had special days set aside where we sold Papa John's pizza, or Panera baked goods. We also designed *Rx for a Cure* t-shirts and sold them to members of the team and other students of the College of Pharmacy. Another popular fundraiser was selling cards and candy during the week of Valentine's. We had brothers chip in at KY's annual *Boxers and Blazers* event and we even had some brave brothers put themselves up for bid in a University-wide date auction to benefit Relay. Families and friends of our 80 team members showed an outpouring of support by donating hundreds of dollars online. While we easily surpassed our initial goal of \$2000 dollars, we decided to keep the fundraising going for this great cause and see how much more money we could raise!

On April 25th, over 100 teams gathered at the UGA Specs Track to "Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back!" for the UGA Relay for Life. Brothers participated in the team's on-site bake sale by bringing a variety of goodies including homemade cookies, Oreo balls (yum!), cupcakes, cake, and brownies that tempted the palates of all those walking past. After a few laps around the track, we realized that we definitely had the yummiest bake sale at Relay; a large portion of our food was gone before we knew it! Some Brothers raised even more money for our team by working in the Relay Concession Stand selling drinks, hamburgers, and hotdogs. After that we were free to enjoy all the fun that Relay had to offer! We danced to an awesome 80's rock cover band *Velvet Runway*, watched a step show put on by one of the fraternities, and participated in lessons afterwards. We had several brothers participate in the *Crank dat Soulja Boy* competition and many others watched and laughed. We watched brother Evie beat up on boys in Sumo wrestling, and we got to see brothers Bob Luschen and Jennifer Boykin give themselves whiplash on the *Bungee Race*! Throughout the entire event Brothers reflected on their own reasons for participating in Relay and supported those whose reasons were still fresh, or hit a little bit closer to home. After all donations were counted, the *Rx for a Cure* team raised over \$4000! On Saturday morning, the Relay Executive Committee announced a grand total of over \$200,000 raised! AI Brothers will definitely be back next year at Relay for Life 2009!



Helping Others

Freezing for Funds

~Robert Ko

The sun was barely out and the cold air only made it worse. It was beyond my comprehension why I was even up and about at UGA's golf course so early in the morning. I then remembered that I and some fellow Alpha Iota brothers had graciously volunteered to help out with the pharmacy school's annual scholarship fundraising event, and to get in a little chapter fundraising on the side by selling some shirts and koozies to alumni.

Ever so slowly people started to show up. Some of them were students and teachers whom I recognized from school and others I had never seen before. By the time everyone had arrived there were around seventy people. Despite the incredibly cold weather, all seemed enthusiastic for a round of golf. I thought to myself that this crazy group could've picked a much better day to play. I then realized that they weren't just there to play a mere game of golf, but they were there because they all shared a common interest in the field of pharmacy. The alumni, teachers, and students were there to help raise money and support students in the field I belonged to. Despite the cold, it made me happy to know that these people cared about what we did. Maybe in the future I, too will be able to contribute to the school of pharmacy over a game of golf.



It's A Dirty Job...

~Abby Hobbs

After all of the fun that was had during the pledge class service project in Fall 2007, we decided to schedule two more dates of service at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. On both January 25th and February 29th, Alpha Iota Brothers ventured out to the Food Bank for a couple of hours and were met with mountains of boxes filled with everything from actual food, hair products and medications, to Christmas decorations, pet food, and toiletries. While jamming to the radio, Brothers worked together diligently to sort and repack items. When sorting, we used our own discretion to determine what items were worth saving. Many times you could hear one Brother ask another, "Hey, would you eat this?" Sorted boxes were then stacked up for community organizations to retrieve later. During each trip, Brothers prepared over 100 sorted boxes! While the work might be a little messy and dirty, we all realized that working at the Food Bank is a great way to serve the community.

Bingo!

~Eddie Yabut

To celebrate Valentine's Day this year, Alpha Iota spent some time playing Bingo with senior citizens as a service project and to share some Valentine's love. On Monday, February 11, after our chapter meeting, ten Brothers went to Morningside Assisted Living here in Athens. When we arrived, the seniors were already waiting to start playing Bingo! As we set up the game, brothers dispersed around the room and began striking up conversations with the ten elderly people already gathered (those of us who didn't know how to play also got some quick lessons). During the game, Brothers Ashley Hannings and Robert Brady, the emcees for the event, called out numbers and presented some lovely prizes to the winners, including stationary, flower bouquets, and picture frames. The seniors enjoyed our company and playing Bingo, despite Brady's corny jokes! One lady even asked if we were going to talk all night or play some Bingo. The brothers had a great time playing and talking with the retirees and hearing their stories. In fact we all liked it so much that we returned to Morningside in April for another fun night of Bingo.



Reaching Out to the Community

Alpha Iota Hits the Airwaves

~Robert Brady

This year, Brothers Navid Amlani and Robert Brady organized one of the most innovative and creative professional projects in Alpha Iota history, Radio Rx. A thirty minute, weekly radio show on WUOG 90.5 FM, Radio Rx is the first of its kind in North-east Georgia. Each week, AI brothers as well as students from different organizations across campus interview health care professionals on various health topics relevant to college students. Topics have included: HIV/AIDS, diet and exercise, influenza, diabetes, meningitis, and many others. Each show consists of a current events introduction, an interview of a professor or expert, and then weekly announcements. Initially, Radio Rx was broadcast every other week, but due to its popularity and novelty it was made into a weekly show. In its first year of creation, Radio Rx won 'Best New Talk Show' for the 2007-2008 semester as well as 'Best Overall Talk Show' for Spring 2008. We are extremely excited about our new endeavor and hope to improve it over the coming years! You can listen to Radio Rx weekly each fall and spring semester on WUOG 90.5 FM or on the internet at www.wuog.org!



What's Behind The Counter?

~Navid Amlani

This year our chapter's window display endeavored to educate the public on Behind the Counter (BTC) Drugs. While most people are aware of over the counter drugs, very few know that the FDA is currently discussing the formation of this new drug class. Though not formally in place, the class already has two drugs that many people are familiar with: pseudoephedrine and Plan B. The brothers of Alpha Iota set forth with the goal of educating the population of Athens and the University of Georgia about this new class and what it will mean for patients in terms of access, medication monitoring, and pharmacist intervention.

In order to reach our goal, the brothers of Alpha Iota spent several weeks researching the topic, including the class in general, the drugs that have already been placed in this category, and drugs that will likely be moved behind the counter in the near future; and then constructing a display board, complete with pamphlets to hand out to people, that summarizes the class and the drugs. We displayed the board at several local area pharmacies, including Kroger, Wal-Mart, Rite-Aid, Hodgson's, and the Village Drug Shop, as well as the Tate Student Center and Athens Area Public Health. In doing so, we reached out to close to five hundred people. This was a great opportunity to interact with and meet people in the community. I found it particularly rewarding to empower individuals with information about their health care choices. Not only did we educate about this new class of drugs, we were also able to encourage people to talk to their pharmacist about these and all other drugs. And as always, it was great to spend some time with my brothers.



Dawgtoberfest: Let's Talk About Sex!

~Robert Brady

Let's talk about SEX baby! That's Alpha Iota's theme at Dawgtoberfest, the UGA College of Pharmacy's annual health fair. It has been a tradition that Alpha Iota presents a sexual health display at Dawgtoberfest. As usual, the university health center was a wonderful resource as they provided us with endless amounts of pamphlets, condoms, and personal lubricant. We had a full spread of tasty lubes from every food group along with free condoms and sexual health information to pass out to the attendees. The flavored lubes were so appetizing we even had one visitor empty an entire package of lube into his mouth (oops)! The main topics at our display this year were safe sex, STI education, Plan B, and the new Rapid Test for HIV screening. Brothers from Alpha Iota were able to counsel patients on a wide variety of questions that were posed. Alex 'I can make anything out of a condom' Ward demonstrated his skills at making a dental dam from a condom. All in all, it was a beautiful day and a popular event as over 500 people were estimated to have attended.



Spreading the Word

The White Coats are Coming!

~Robert Brady

Alpha Iota continued its tradition of movin' and shakin' with the leaders of the state of Georgia during the annual Pharmacy Legislative Day, formerly known as MIP Day (Mission in Pharmacy). This year, 17 brothers made the trek to the capitol in downtown Atlanta to talk with legislators about important pharmacy issues. The day began bright and early on February 20th at 7:45am in the Sloppy Floyd building. There we had a deliciously fatty breakfast in honor of Mr. Sloppy. The breakfast really jumpstarted our minds for some hard core lobbying. Brother Erin O'Rourke was in charge of the UGA College of Pharmacy delegation which had over 150 students in attendance! Following breakfast we were educated about the pharmacy issues pertinent to the state of Georgia and the stance of the Georgia Pharmacist's Association. We then made the walk over to the capitol where we entered the gallery and viewed the extremely efficient machine that is the Georgia State House of Representatives! (Sarcasm) The issues that we were fighting for this year included: PBM transparency, Epilepsy and Immuno-suppression brand necessary compliance, as well as a bill that would force insurance companies to pay for a week's supply of medications that required prior authorization so that patients could start taking their medications immediately. After taking a picture with Sonny Purdue, the governor of Georgia, we attended a meet and greet with students from Mercer and South University. Alpha Iota had a great time in Atlanta and will always be involved in the legislative process to fight for the profession of pharmacy!



Let us Respect the Aged...

~Navid Amlani

Our *Reflections on Brotherhood* tell us to respect the aged. As such, the brothers of Alpha Iota felt it appropriate to reach out to the residents of Iris Place Retirement Village and help them with any medication related issues they may have. Alex set up a day to visit with the residents at Iris Place. He, along with several other brothers offered a presentation, entitled "Safe and Effective Medication Use in Older Adults," to the residents. The presentation covered the effective use of medications to treat disease states commonly found in older adults (e.g. hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases, hypercholesterolemia, and diabetes) and emphasized prevention of adverse drug events due to drug interactions or misuse of drugs.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session for interested residents, conducted under the supervision of faculty member Daniel Forrister, Pharm. D. Using appropriate resources, such as Lexi-Comp, the brothers talked with the residents about any problems they were experiencing with their medications, as well as any other questions they had about their medications.

Pharmacists are widely recognized as the experts on drug therapy. Reaching out to the residents of Iris Place not only allowed us to reaffirm this expertise, but also stay true to our *Reflections on Brotherhood*.



...And Instruct the Young

~Robert Brady

On December 6th, 2007 ten brothers of Alpha Iota met with the Pre-Pharmacy Society to discuss our experiences at the University of Georgia - College of Pharmacy. In the past, we went over the importance of the interview and went through a crash course of the do's and don'ts of the interview process. This year, we decided to take a different approach, at the request of the pre-pharmacy students. Brothers from both the first and second years explained the differences between each year as well as the difference between undergrad and pharmacy school. We discussed what they could expect their class schedules to be like as well as explained the rigors of pharmacy school compared to what they were currently used to. We gave the students advise on working while in school and talked some about organizations to get involved in. At the end, we allowed time for any questions that the students had about pharmacy school. The round table discussion lasted about an hour and then we had pizza and soft drinks. The best part of the night was talking one on one with the students. Overall, this was a great first professional event for our newly initiated first year students and will continue to be one of our favorite events every fall semester.

Leaders In Pharmacy

Phi Lambda Sigma

Shelley Bates
Lexie Turner
Beth Stark

Krystal Flowers
Reah Rogers
Mike Strohsnitter

Cindy Illy
Navid Amlani

Colin Kennedy
Robert Brady

Trisha Patel
Merinda Mason

Leadership

Shelley Bates

Class of 2008 Vice President

Michelle Schlueter

AAIP Student Board Member

Lexie Turner

PDC Southeastern Regional Correspondent,
Youth Advisor for Christian Youth Organization

Tom Clement

AMCP President

Kelsey Do

AMCP Membership Coordinator

Scott McDowell

AMCP Vice President

Navid Amlani

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Robert Brady

PLS President, DSAC member

Rebecca Hutchinson

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Bob Bridgman

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Erin O'Rourke

APhA-ASP SPIN

Rho Chi

Shana Jackson

Tracy Dabbs

Brian Ferslew

Dean's List

Shelley Bates

Beverly Clements

Krystal Flowers

Dana Forand

Nadia Hassan

Cindy Illy

Shana Jackson

Jessica Jessup

Colin Kennedy

Trisha Patel

Michelle Schlueter

Nimisha Simon

Jamie Sparks

Lexie Turner

Brian Ferslew

Alex Ward

Navid Amlani

Megan Baggett

Elizabeth Chung

Merinda Mason

Vidya Nair

Manav Patel

Beth Stark

Burt Wrenn

Lora Yim

Jennifer Boykin

Evie Cowan

Ashley Hannings

Abby Hobbs

Melinda Kezer

Jessica Noice

Jennifer Riner

Eddie Yabut

Scholarship Recipients

Tom Clement

Brian Ferslew

Scott McDowell

Reah Rogers

Navid Amlani

Elizabeth Chung

Robert Ko

Merinda Mason

Vidya Nair

Lora Yim

Burt Wrenn

Jennifer Boykin

Abby Hobbs

Michelle Mach

Jennifer Riner

Eddie Yabut

Awards

Shelley Bates

Roche Pharmacy Communications Award

Cindy Illy

**ASHP 2007 National Clinical Skills
Competition Winner**

Michelle Schlueter

McKesson Award

Lexie Turner

TEVA Pharmaceuticals Outstanding Student

Tom Clement

UGA College of Pharmacy Lead Dawg

Abby Hobbs

UGA College of Pharmacy Lead Dawg

Chapter Awards

Robert Brady

Brother of the Year

Navid Amlani

Pledge of the Year

Dr. Keith Herist

Faculty of the Year

Robert C. Bowles Jr.

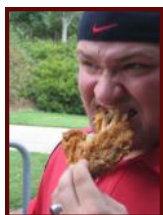
Distinguished Alumnus

Moving On...4th Years' Legacies and Future Plans



I can't believe how time has flown by! It seems just like yesterday I was entering pharmacy school, scared yet excited at not knowing what the next four years would hold. Joining this fraternity has been a rewarding experience. Phi Delta Chi has introduced me to some amazing friends; friends that I will keep for a lifetime.

To all the brothers graduating...make sure to cherish all the good times and memories we have made over the years. Always hold PDC and our friendships close to heart. To the upcoming fourth years...you are almost finished! This year goes by really fast (be sure to make time for yourself as well during this year)! I wish you luck on all your rotations. To all brothers of PDC...make sure to keep the tradition going. Remember, there's a time to be serious, but also a time to have fun (and DANCE!!:)). To my little bro, Tracy...I wish you luck in everything you do! You are an awesome person, and I know you will make it far! To all my girls....I love you all. If not for you, I wouldn't have made it through the last 4 years. So I say thank you!! AAAE! After graduation, I am planning on moving to Hilton Head for a few years and work for Publix. So if anyone wants to visit...come on!!:) ~Shelley Bates



I will be looking for a job in long-term care. ~Colin Kennedy



To my little brother, Merinda, I leave the will to dance. Let her pop, lock, shimmy and shake with the best of them. Merinda, dance to your own beat, hear your own drum, follow your heart, and don't forget to have fun. To all the chapter, I leave the mystery (Mr. E). The other groups won't be able to figure out the camaraderie you all have, and it will be confusing to them. Let them wonder and be amazed. Blow them away. You guys make me proud. I'll be working for CVS in Tifton after graduation. ~Beverly Clements



All my PDC brothers: First, I love all of you! I'm going to truly miss you and it was definitely awesome that I was able to spend time to get to know everyone. As of now, I still don't have any idea what I'm going to do, but I'll take whatever crosses my path through life. I wish the best for everyone in the future! ~Tameka Lue



I will be moving to San Diego and doing a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at the University of California—San Diego. ~Michelle Schleuter

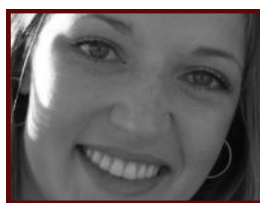


Enjoy Spring, flip-flops, Friday afternoons, the feeling of freedom after you finish a test. Remember that your peers had lives before they came to pharmacy school. Build friendships based on your interests outside of pharmacy school, these are friendships you will have for life. Never stop learning! Don't shy away from new procedures, new equipment, etc. Attend conferences. Ask questions. If you can, work in different facilities just to see how it's done in other places. Good luck in your future endeavors!

I haven't signed with anyone yet. My ideal position is to utilize my business experience to acquire a consulting position in which I will oversee drug therapies for several long term care facilities. ~Shana Jackson



I'm off to Peoria, Illinois (Party on Wayne!) to work for CVS! ~Nimisha Simon



I came to the College of Pharmacy alone, immature, and with a big empty hole in my heart. The loneliness was immediately cured when I decided to pledge Phi Delta Chi. I have the best friends in the entire world thanks to the Brotherhood I found in PDC. The fraternity also introduced me to someone who I want to spend the rest of my life with. I can't say much about an empty heart any more. Finally I'd like to thank all of my Brothers for helping me develop into a well rounded woman and giving me the opportunity to lead our chapter and region. I know I will have a successful life and career because of the experiences I shared with all of you. I am a Brother for life, because my life wouldn't be much without Phi Delta Chi.

After graduation I will be moving to Albany, New York where I took a job working with CVS and will be starting a new chapter in my life with Joshua. I am also currently in the process of getting a part-time job at Albany Medical Center Pharmacy. I will be running for a Grand Officer Position at the next Grand Council and will hopefully be able to represent the Nation Alpha Iota style! ~Lexie Turner

Moving On...4th Years' Legacies and Future Plans



After graduation, I will be working for Walgreens in Monroe. ~Dana Forand



I, Krystal Flowers, wish NOT to leave behind my procrastination legacy; may the cycle end here! :D To my lil bro, Megan Baggett, I wish you the best in your last couple of years left in pharmacy school. I know you'll do a "fine job"! And to the rest of my bros, remember, AAAE!!!! I will be moving to Nashville, TN and working for Walgreens. Everyone is invited to come visit and party hard in NashVegas! ~Krystal Flowers

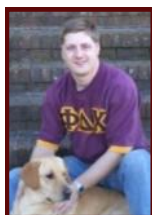


I will be completing a Managed Care residency at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta and then looking for a job! ~Nadia Hassan



Hey y'all! Phi Delta Chi will always hold a special place in my heart. I would not have survived pharmacy school without my brothers. I am so thankful that I found a family away from home. To all of the brothers: Work hard, but make sure you make time for some fun. Go to the football game the night before finals start on Monday. Go hear your favorite band the night before a drug card test. You will regret missing out on these things. You will not regret being less than perfect on a test. Breathe, be happy, and laugh. To Merinda: It is with a heavy heart that I have to pass on the job of getting the booty shaking started at events. It's a tough job, but I've seen you move, and I know I leave this job in worthy hands. Shake it!

I am proud to be a Georgia Bulldawg, a PharmD, and a BROTHER of PHI DELTA CHI. I will be working at Publix in Brunswick, Georgia. Stop in and say hello! I will also be visiting the beach frequently, and I plan to make it to some football games. ~Jessica Jessup



I'll be working for CVS after graduation. ~Hank Josey



I wish I had followed my own advice: take some time out for yourself. Treasure your time with friends because your fourth year flies by too quickly. You may think I'm reiterating what everyone else says in their legacies but just wait until you begin to write yours. I wish everyone the best of luck in their life endeavors. After graduation I will be moving to Columbus, GA to start my PGY1 program at Columbus Regional Hospital. ~Cindy Illy



When I entered pharmacy school, my mind was set on one goal --getting the best grades I could so that I would come out excelling in academics. I didn't have any intention of joining many organizations and if I did, I wasn't interested in being a very active member. I especially did not want to join any of the fraternities and sororities that were a part of our school. I had progressed through undergrad with an understanding that "fraternities" and "sororities" were really just a popularity contest. I had no idea that "professional fraternities" existed until a few of my closest friends in my class pledged PDC in their first year of pharmacy school and described to me how much PDC already changed their lives. After I was able to learn how the morals, principles, and professional activities that defined PDC were representative of the morals I upheld, I knew that pharmacy school wasn't just about being at the top of your class with the highest GPA.

I pledged my second year of pharmacy school, which may have been one of the roughest experiences I had during my 4 years. In the end I could definitely say that it was worth it. I always wanted the opportunity to lead a team, organize events, and be a part of a group that I knew would help me grow as a person in a positive way and help me develop my skills outside of academics. During my last 3 years of pharmacy school, I was able to accomplish all of those things, and I met some of the most amazing individuals I will ever meet in my life. The most rewarding part of becoming a brother of Phi Delta Chi was being able to learn at least one thing from each brother that I interacted with. I will take everything I have gained from PDC with me for the rest of my life. Thank you to all of you who have touched me in so many ways!

Starting on July 1st I will be at University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham, AL for my residency. The first year is a pharmacy practice residency and then I hope to get into their Critical Care specialty residency the following year, but I'm not 100% sure if that is what I want to go into. I'm just steering in that direction right now! => ~Trisha Patel



I will be doing a residency at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah. ~Jamie Sparks

Moving In...Our Newest Additions

Meet the New Brothers

~Mike Strohsnitter

As WMA I had the opportunity to really get to know the 17 new additions to the Alpha Iota family. Each new brother is an amazing addition to the fraternity and unique in their own way. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting them, I'd like to introduce you now...

Navid: I could never understand why Navid wasn't already a brother (he may as well have been since 2nd semester of 1st year). He was always around, hanging out, and as a pledge got to kick start some of the ideas he'd already been working on. He's proven to be an invaluable resource when it comes to professional projects.

Kimesh: Another second year that I would have loved to have had in my pledge class. Kimesh is just a genuinely fun and nice guy to be around, and will always help out when asked. Also may win the prize for most useful/artistic paddle.

Joe: Joe is our resident "old guy" that's still a 22 year old at heart. The things that come out of his mouth will have you rolling on the floor for about an hour. On the flip side of that, he also has an opinion that everyone respects and is an amazing guide. His other talent is coercing small children into his van with candy (ask Tony).

Jennifer B: Boykin's been excited about PDC since the first time I met her (at a presentation we did for the pre-pharm society). She's been fired up from the get-go and you can always count on her to be there and help wherever she's needed.

Bob: If I may say... BEST LITTLE E-V-E-R! Bob and I were close friends before he even joined PDC, and our friendship has grown stronger since he's been in. One of the most outgoing people you will ever meet in your entire life, everyone knows his name. We also got to take part in a pledge task that's likely lead to the most brotherly "bonding" to date (ask Beth to see the pictures).

Tony: Wild and crazy. Always quick with a joke, he had us all laughing in Gatlinburg and retreat (one of the longest jokes ever). The guy can also cook up a storm.

Evie: One of the most unique pledges we had. She's already gotten to do some really cool stuff in her life and has some fun interests and hobbies (ask her to teach you to salsa!).

Ashley: One of the sweetest and most innocent pledges in her class. I felt horrible that her first time coming to our house, she came in to find the dog chewing on some offensive material. She's really come into her own and, through the ritual, has learned some valuable lessons about trusting her brothers. ;-)

Abby: I knew Abby before she started pharmacy school and wanted her to be in PDC from the start. A very fun person to hang out with as well as work with, her dedication to service has made her one of the most proactive Service Chairs we've had.

Diana: Another sweetheart. My favorite memory of Diana was talking about how military pharmacists got to wear many different hats in their job, and her expression telling me exactly what she was thinking... "why would they wear a bunch of hats and what kind of hats are they?"

Melinda: A truly nice and very laid back girl. Melinda did anything we asked of her with a smile on her face. She and Erin came through in one of the most challenging pledge tasks I handed out. You can always count on her to get the job done.

Michelle Li: Michelle surprised me. She was everywhere! Every social event we had, every time we went out she was there. I was really impressed with how quickly she became comfortable with and got along with the brothers, especially the older brothers.

Michelle M: Sweet girl with one of the cutest voices ever. Michelle did a great job as pledge class treasurer and has since come up with some great fundraising ideas from her experiences with other organizations.

Jessica: Very laid back and fun to be around. She's always up for something. Jess, above many of the other pledges got to experience firsthand how a fraternity can be a true brotherhood and has come away as a much stronger individual. By the way Jess... "Champ"

Erin: Cool freakin' chick! This girl has no problems hanging out with a bunch of loud crass guys and can dish it out as well as take it, which is a good thing because her big is a Marine.

Jennifer R: Quiet, but always there to help. She along with Abby, Diana, and Melinda were my "Hogwarts Four", our resident *Harry Potter* fanatics. You'd never guess that this girl could beat the crap out of you!

Eddie: Eddie's got a great, outgoing personality. The kid can also tear it up dancin' to some "Thriller" (ask him, Navid, and Erin for a rendition). You've also gotta respect anyone that nominates THEMSELF for WC.



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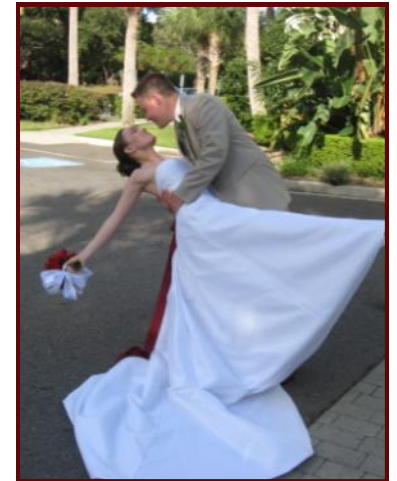
Engagements

Dana Forand and Brandon Crawford—July 26, 2007
Hank Josey and Jaime Claire Thompson—October 2007
Lindsay Hild and Jacob Burton—November 3, 2007
Cindy Illy and James Holcombe—December 22, 2007
Rebecca Hutchinson and Chris Stone—December 2007
Lora Yim and Sam Brown—January 2008
Bob Luschen and Casey Webb—March 14, 2008



Weddings

Erica Margrave and Ches Merritt—September 29, 2007
Cindy Illy and James Holcombe—June 14, 2008
Dana Forand and Brandon Crawford—July 26, 2008
Lindsay Hild and Jacob Burton—October 10, 2008
Shana Jackson and Mike Dolan—October 25, 2008



Births

Tom and Beth Clement—Colin Michael Clement
October 18, 2007
Burt and Amanda Wrenn—Ava Kate Wrenn
January 24, 2008



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