

THE CRUCIBLE

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Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget

Letter From the WCC

Another Great Year of Brotherhood

Despite turning 71 this year, the Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi continued excelling as one of the best chapters in the nation. 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 currently consists of 49 Brothers who through their hard work and dedication to the fraternity earned 10th place in the annual Thurston Cup Competition at last summer's 12th Leader Development Seminar in Austin, Texas. The Chapter was also awarded 3rd place for our window display on behind-the-counter drugs, 4th place for our publication, *The Crucible*, and 3rd place for our professional and service projects. These awards brought great pride to Alpha Iota, and we hope to remain at the top of the rankings for national awards. Since LDS, the Chapter has continued to work towards reaching our goals, furthering our accomplishments, and creating a strong fraternal bond between Brothers.

Alpha Iota retained our 3rd place ranking for our professional and service projects by participating in innovative and creative projects with strong Brother involvement. We continued our weekly radio show, Radio RX, on WUOG 90.5 FM. Airing every Wednesday during the school year, the 30-minute program addresses various health topics and how they relate to University students and Athens residents. Brothers were surprised and proud to hear that L. Michael Posey, R.Ph., AI alumnus and editorial director of APhA publications such as JAPhA, Pharmacy Today, and APhA DrugInfoLine listens to the show every week. Besides planning and hosting Radio RX every week, other professional projects included our window display urging patients to take an active role in their healthcare, providing a Q&A board at a Pre-Pharmacy Society meeting, participating in the College of Pharmacy's annual Dawgtoberfest health fair, and attending GPhA's Very Important Pharmacist Day at the state capitol in Atlanta.

Our service projects have also been extremely successful this year. Our 5th annual 5K Fun Run/Walk for St. Jude's Children's Hospital was a huge success with over 120 runners and walkers and raising over \$1800! In addition to the annual 5K, AI also participated in the Letter Writing Campaign in the spring to raise even more money for St. Jude. Many Brothers also helped the College of Pharmacy's Relay for Life team, Rx for a Cure, meet and exceed its goal of raising \$2000 for the American Cancer Society. AI Brothers also served the community by playing Bingo with residents at Morningside Assisted Living Home, volunteering at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, and preparing and serving dinner at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. One of our most ambitious new service projects was Project Cinderella, which collected donated prom dresses for girls at a local high school. Despite being a new project, AI Brothers, along with some help from the girls of LKS, donated 80 dresses to Cedar Shoals High School.

To help relieve stress from classes and build our fraternal bonds, our Chapter also enjoyed many social activities throughout the year. Brothers celebrated Founder's Day in November at Olive Garden in Athens, as well as at the Regional Founder's Day dinner at Gordon Biersch in Atlanta. Thanks to help from some Kappa Psi Brothers, the 11th annual Meatfest at Bob's house was successful, as were our other usual events such as the Halloween party, football tailgates, and the Gatlinburg ski trip. This year's spring formal at the beautiful Botanical Gardens had over 80 Brothers and guests in attendance. A new tradition started at this year's Formal Banquet was awarding superlatives to Brothers voted on by the Chapter.

As we all know, continual growth is necessary for our Chapter's success. In the fall of 2008, Alpha Iota initiated 14 new Brothers. AI is always excited to gain new Brothers, however, we also wish success to our 8 new alumni Brothers and our 14 Brothers going on rotations, not to mention the new 3rd years going to Augusta for the 2+2 program. Despite all of these changes, Alpha Iota continues to embody our motto: *Alterum Alterius Auxilio Eget* meaning "Each Needs the Help of the Other." Without the continual help and support of our Brothers -- collegiate, alumni, and faculty alike-- our Chapter could never reach the successes we have in the past year. And while this school year has ended, the Brothers of Alpha Iota look forward to accomplishing even more in the future and continuing to stand out as one of the best and strongest Chapters in the nation.

Edward E. Yabut #918
Worthy Chief Counselor



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Letter From the Editor

Putting together The Crucible this year has been a great experience and has made me so proud of all of Alpha Iota's accomplishments. I would like to thank all the Brothers who worked so hard to help me pull it all together, especially Evie Cowan, Beth Stark and Ryan Mercer who kept me sane most of the time! Most importantly, I would like to thank all the Alumni Brothers who gave both financial aid and advice to our Chapter throughout the year. They gave us the ability to continue doing all that we do. I hope you all enjoy this year's publication! AAAE

Jessica Noice #915



Worthy Chief Counselor

Outgoing

Robert Brady

The words to describe my time as your WCC are hard to even think about. It was one of the hardest things I have ever done and one of the most rewarding. We saw Brothers come in with one of the best first year classes we have ever had, and we also lost a few Brothers along the way. We continued our great tradition of being one of the best damn PDC chapters in the country and definitely the best pharmacy organization at UGA. We have solidified our innovative professional and service projects so they will endure for many years to come. We have built the bonds of brotherhood that will last for a lifetime. It has been a great journey for me, and I am grateful for everyone who has helped me over the past year as WCC. Never forget who we are and never let anyone take it away from you. If there are any words that I can say to express my feelings as your outgoing WCC they are: Thank You!

Peace Up! A-Town, Down Bitches!



Incoming

Edward Yabut

Serving as Worthy Chief Counselor for the past few months has been an exciting, stressful, and extremely rewarding experience. Although I haven't even completed a full semester as WCC, I've already learned a lot about how to effectively (and sometimes ineffectively) run a Chapter. While I have huge shoes to fill after Brady, I hope to settle well into my office and live up to the expectations and trust my fellow Brothers have placed in me. I look forward to following in the footsteps of the WCCs before me; and with the foundations they all have laid I will strive to make any possible improvements to the Chapter and make Alpha Iota number one in the country.



Worthy Vice Counselor

Outgoing

Rebecca Hutchinson-Stone

I have had so many wonderful memories from this last year with our chapter! Being able to serve as WVC helped me grow my leadership skills and have a hand in most of the fraternity's projects. I am still not an expert on Robert's Rules of Order, but I did learn a lot about being a good leader. Robert was a great lead to follow. I am so glad that I was able to serve my chapter as WVC because it helped me learn more about the ins and outs of our chapter. It has been a fabulous year, and I love all my Brothers.



Incoming

Jessica Noice

I am so honored to be able to serve as Alpha Iota's WVC this year. I have never been so proud to be a part of an organization. Our chapter does so much good in both the community and the field of pharmacy, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I am also so impressed with each of my Brothers and am very excited to see what amazing things they will do this year and in years to come. Phi Delta Chi has helped me grow as both a leader and a Brother, and I hope that through this position I will be able to give back in some way.



Worthy Keeper of Records & Seals

Outgoing

Beth Stark

I was right, as usual. I thought I would enjoy serving Alpha Iota as Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals, and I was 100% correct. From minutes with added puns or lolcats, to birthday announcements and thank you cards, to retreat mom duties, I had a blast throughout the year. It is incredibly gratifying (and time-consuming) to be the one making records of issues we've overcome, decisions we've made, events we've planned, and projects we've completed. I was also able to keep the 4th years, Augusta Bros, faculty and alumni informed by giving as thorough minutes as I could. Being WKRS has given me a great sense of accomplishment, and I am so glad that I've been able to serve my chapter in this position. I was sad to give it up, but Ashley has been doing a great job, and I know that she will continue to be a great WKRS!



Incoming

Ashley Hannings

Being part of Phi Delta Chi has done a lot for my confidence and has helped shape me as a person. I wanted a chance to give back, and I thought becoming an officer was a great opportunity. I was ecstatic when I was elected to be WKRS. I realized, even then, that being WKRS was not as simple as it appeared. Although it can be time consuming, I enjoy organizing the minutes, and I've received a lot of positive feedback. So far I love my job and look forward to a year of hard work, good times, and brotherhood.



Worthy Keeper of Finance

Jennifer Boykin

I am honored to be keeping our chapter in the black for another year! This past term I have learned a lot about budgeting and record keeping and hope to build a solid base for my successors. I am also pleased to announce that so far everyone has been under-budget for the past two semesters. (Way to go us!) I have been satisfied with our fundraising efforts so far and hope to increase our scope of activities in the coming year.



Outgoing

Edward Yabut

When I started out as the WC, I really had no idea what I was doing. I knew it was an important position, and that I really wanted to get involved in the chapter. But from filling out that first monthly report to spending literally days working on the Professional and Service Reports, I've learned so much about PDC and myself. Regarding PDC, I've learned that Alpha Iota is by far one of the best chapters in the nation, no matter our national rank. I also learned how to delegate work and motivate Brothers to get involved. My only hope is that over the past year I've helped AI rise in our Thurston ranking and that I've laid a good foundation for future WC's.

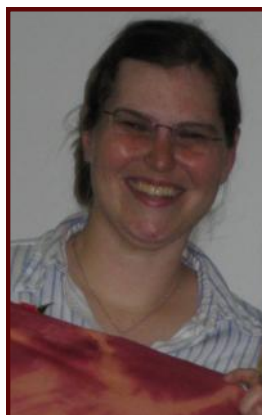


Worthy Correspondent

Incoming

Lucy Webb

I am very excited about becoming WC. I look forward to having the very easy task of bragging about Alpha Iota on a monthly basis.



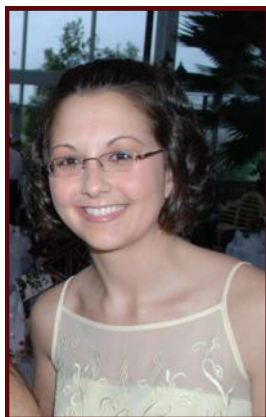
Worthy Alumni Liaison

Outgoing

Merinda Mason

Since this was my second and last year as the WAL, I am truly sad to be writing this “outgoing” officer letter. The past two years have been amazing for me as a Brother and as an officer. I learned so much and accomplished so much, it is really hard to explain in words. I am very proud of our chapter and all of its achievements these past two years, and I am extremely glad that I could be a part of that. I not only witnessed our chapter grow closer and stronger, but I had a front seat. Being the WAL truly gives you a different perspective on things. Not only are you responsible for keeping all the Alpha Iota’s connected, but you also have to be the middleman between Brothers and Alumni from all over the country. I am pleased with the new ideas I brought to this office, and I am glad they went over as well as I had planned. One thing I learned is that although email is convenient for us students, you really have to use all modes of communication (phone, mail, text messaging, etc.) to keep in touch with the Alumni Brothers. They are even busier than we are! After realizing the tools needed to combat the distance and busyness, I was able to plan a few events and keep the emails flowing and the telephones ringing without feeling too overwhelmed. Furthermore, I was presented with multiple opportunities to make our faculty Brothers and Alumni seem more like friends, which was enough in itself! You really do seem to get more back in return from our organization than you put in, so you can only imagine how blessed I have felt the past two years. I believe I served our chapter well, and I am extremely confident that Ambili will be a superb WAL this year!

P.S. I plan to stay deeply involved with Phi Delta Chi while on rotations and after graduation, so be on the look out...



Incoming

Ambili Prasad

I am really excited about the opportunity to serve as Worthy Alumni Liaison this year. Our alumni are great resources who have a lot of experience with Phi Delta Chi and the profession of pharmacy. I hope to maintain a strong connection with the alumni by keeping them abreast of what is going on with our chapter and inviting them to our events. I have yet to meet a lot of them but hopefully that will change by the end of the year!



Worthy Prelate

Outgoing

Erin O'Rourke

Well, I think I can sufficiently say that I am pictured out. I don't think I had gone through camera batteries and memory cards like that – EVER! I want to thank everyone for helping me out at events I couldn't make it to and for adding all their pictures to the Kodak Easy Share account. That account is a life saver and makes getting all the pictures as low stress as possible, unless you have Jeff to spill coffee over all 320 prints you just got! I am excited to finish up the scrapbook and take it to Grand Council, and for the Brothers who are going to help me make it one awesome scrapbook to summarize the great year we had.



Incoming

Ryan Markham

I chose to run for Prelate because I wanted to help preserve the best account of our brotherhood. This record helps us communicate our activities to non-members, as well as keep alumni and other chapters informed of our current status. For current Brothers, we will keep these pictures to refresh our memory years down the road of the community to which we contributed and the fraternal bonds that we made.



Officer Reports—WMA & WIG

Worthy Master At Arms

Outgoing

Bob Luschen

I am honored and privileged to have been the Worthy Master-At-Arms for 2008. Working with Brady and Becca in Exec was a great experience, and the year would not have been nearly as successful without Jess, the best "bad cop" there is! She kept tabs on me and on the pledge process to help keep things running smoothly, and I couldn't have done it without her help. I will always remember the Fall '08 class as my kids, even though most of them are older than me. Oh well. They have already become such solid Brothers and have stepped into leadership roles with great confidence and ability. Suffice it to say that I'm not worried about the future of this chapter or the Brothers who will lead it in the near future! I wish Shuang the absolute best, and I'm sure that he'll have a ball with next fall's class. Also, to Julie: the whip can be cracked on Shuang, too! I know you're more than up to your task. This old Czar is glad he had the chance to serve Alpha Iota in such a way that will sustain the excellence of the chapter for quite some time. I'm eternally grateful for this chapter and this fraternity, and I wish all of the '09 exec the most success!



Incoming

Shuang Ouyang

I have never been part of a fraternity before, and I have to admit I was slightly hesitant at the process of rush when we first started. Very quickly though, all of my concerns were dispelled or addressed by my Worthy Master-at-Arms, Bob Luschen and Worthy Inner Guard, Jessica Noice. With their help and encouragement, my rush experience was eventful, fruitful, and very enjoyable. With this on my mind, I entered myself in the WMA election for 2009-2010 so that I may be able to share with future pledges the same wonderful experiences I had, and I hope to draw the same amazing pledges to PDC that Jess and Bob did.



Worthy Inner Guard

Outgoing

Jessica Noice

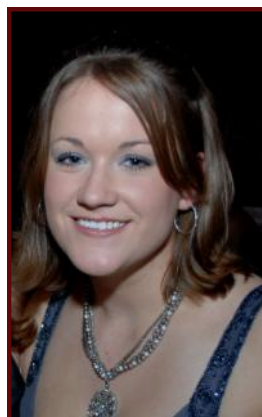
I had so much fun serving as WIG this year. It was a great experience to see rush and pledging from the other side! I loved working with Bob. He has an amazing way of pulling everything off without ever letting anyone see him sweat! I was really impressed with what a great job he did, and I'm glad I was able to help him out. I am also so proud of our pledges! Sometimes it seemed like things just weren't going their way, but they all pulled together and got through some really tough circumstances. They are all going to be such great additions to Alpha Iota, and I can't wait to see the contributions I know they will make. Best of luck to Shuang and Julie next year! I know you guys are going to do an incredible job!



Incoming

Julianna Murphy

I can't wait to get to know the upcoming first year class and find prospective PDC pledges. After I finished pledging, I knew that I wanted to be really involved with next year's pledges and help them through the process. I'm excited to work closely with Shuang to plan the rush events and help guide the pledges toward brotherhood.



The Phi Dex Effect

Brains Come Together at Buffalo's!

Diana Houg



Our first rush event was a trivia night held at Buffalo's Southwest Café. Bob and Jessica hosted the event, and they definitely put our brains to the test! The Brothers and prospective pledges formed teams and came up with witty team names. Some teams even had faculty members. Bob and Jessica challenged us with question after question for 3 rounds. By the end of the night, the Brothers and prospective pledges were no longer strangers. We worked together thinking of right answers...and wrong ones! Together we stuffed our faces and fueled our brains with wings, chips, and salsa! The Brothers and pledges walked away with full bellies and new friends. The winning team also took home fun pharmacy prizes!

Indoor Recess

Jayme Bristow & Ashley Hannings

This year's second rush event was a cookout planned for Memorial Park, but Hurricane Ike decided to rain on our parade, and we were forced to change locations. Brother Bob Luschen and his wonderful roommates generously volunteered to hold the event at their house instead. In all, over 50 people crowded into the house (standing room only!) for some "brotherly" bonding. The evening started with some grilling out and socializing in the driveway. Brothers contributed side items and desserts (so many desserts!) After dinner, hours of poker and board games began. Some of the guys, and Michelle, were really into playing poker on the awesome handmade Georgia poker table. Apparently, no one noticed Michelle's pledge name: Shark! Thank goodness we were only playing for chips. The rest of the crew invaded the living room to play games like Cranium, Mad Gab, and Outburst. This provided some of the loudest moments of the night (The Florida Keys!) We finally had to wrap up the party when we realized it was well past 11 p.m. on a school night. Everyone had a great time despite the change in venue. Overall, it was a fun night that allowed Brothers and prospective pledges to get to know each other better!



Is That a Wetsuit?

Michelle Li



The Alpha Iotas of Phi Delta Chi gathered for a third rush event on a clear cool night at KingPins Bowling, an intimate venue tucked away in the west end of Athens. Although it was the night before a big test for the first years, many still came out and had a great time! Brothers along with prospective pledges mingled in the private room, and many showed off their impressive bowling skills on the two private lanes reserved for the chapter. As everyone enjoyed the delicious snacks and sodas, conversations flowed freely amongst the brothers and pledges, exchanging the many hilarious moments of each other's lives. It was a relaxing and comfortable two hours, something found so rarely in pharmacy school. Some came dressed to impress; such as one of our recently inducted new Brothers Shuang Ouyang, who strutted in his spandex suit as he hit one strike after another on the lane. His humor and lightheartedness perhaps took away some of the stress of the first years who were planning on hitting the books later on that night! Overall, it was a very successful event; we all got to meet a lot of prospective pledges and got to know them in a more intimate setting. But most importantly, it was the most fun we've all had in a long time!

How Bout Them Pledges?!



Can Georgia Tech!

Ambili Prasad

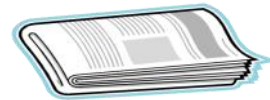


Service to our community is one of the most important aspects of our fraternity. As we racked our brains for the ideal pledge class service project, opportunity came knocking at our door in the form of the Beat Tech Food Drive. The University of Georgia along with the Food Bank of North East Georgia challenged Georgia Tech and the Atlanta Community Food Bank to its first annual 'Food Fight.' Basically, this was a competition between UGA and Georgia Tech to raise the most food in the months leading up to the much-awaited football game. The pledge class of 2008 picked this as our service project. We started out with a modest collection in the first few weeks, but we really pulled through during the last week surpassing our goal of 150lbs of food and contributed a whopping 242lbs of food to the North East Georgia Food Bank on behalf of Phi Delta Chi and the College of Pharmacy. Pledges contributed their time and their efforts through advertising, collecting food, and hauling 240lbs of food to the Food Bank. This project taught us not only how important it is to help those less fortunate than ourselves but also how easy it becomes to help others when we help each other. Even though we lost the game last year, we came together as pledges and Brothers and made a difference where it really matters!

What's Red and Black All Over?

Annie Kenealy

As our professional project, our pledge group decided to do an article in the Red&Black, the UGA daily newspaper. I worked with an editor at the newspaper and came up with the topic binge drinking. Working with professionals at a newspaper office was exciting, I had never written for print before and was excited about publishing my first newspaper article. I worked with Dr. Norton, an addiction specialist and professor. I also had the privilege of interviewing a representative of the Amethyst Initiative, a national organization working to curb binge drinking. I thoroughly enjoyed the interviewing experience. Putting these experiences into print was a challenge, but I was thrilled with it. Knowing I was able to publish my writing was a great feeling, and I'm glad the Phi Delta Chi Brotherhood challenged me to try this.



BOO! It's the Recession Ghost!

Laura Briscoe

Phi Delta Chi's annual Halloween Party was hosted by the pledges of Alpha Iota at Brother Evie Cowan's house. Evie willingly gave up control of her home for a day so we could rearrange and decorate her house in the spirit of Halloween. Jayme, Shuang, Annie O., Julianna, and Laura spent the afternoon bonding over how streamers and sticky spiders should go, while Jennifer Fries, Rejena, Ambili, Ryan, Lucy and Hilary were working on refreshments and other supplies. Nearly all of the Brothers and pledges along with some of our fellow classmates came out for the spooky evening full of fun and costumes. Some of the more memorable costumes included Pikachu, Quail Man and Patty Mayonnaise, "I'm thinking Arby's," Wonderwoman, "Gang Green," and Cleopatra. The night was filled with dancing inside and others who braved the cold outside surrounding the fire pit and setting marshmallows on fire. Shuang stole the night away with his impressive light show he performed with glow sticks. Not many people could make glow sticks look cool again, but Shuang succeeded by astounding us with his mad skills. Overall, I would say the night was a success, and while the planning and organizing of the party was stressful at times, the pledges became better Brothers because of it. We found out the true meaning of AAAE, and what it takes to throw an amazing Halloween Party. There were definitely memories made with Brothers and pledges that night, and the party was also the source of some stories that very well may follow some people forever within Alpha Iota.



A Word From the Pledges...

I have been so proud of the pledge class of 2008. They continuously amazed us all with their hard work, motivation and creativity (especially when it came to the "This is why Eddie's Hot" task!) I asked each new Brother to share their favorite experience from the pledging process. Many detailed their favorite task or project. Others enjoyed the social aspect of getting to know fellow pledges and Brothers. Even though pledging can be a very difficult time, each of them seemed to take something very valuable from the experience. I speak for the whole chapter when I say that we are very proud of each of them. Doing a fine job, guys!

~ Jessica



The best part of pledging was getting to know the Brothers and fellow pledges. I liked the progressive dinner. It was a chance to get to know some of the Brothers on a bit more personal basis. I also liked how the pledges had to work together on many assignments. I think that helped bring the Brothers-to-be closer and feel more like a family.

Rejena Azad



I enjoyed the pledging process for the most part. The pledge tasks that I was given were actually really fun. My favorite task was playing Wii with Mike, Shuang, and Boykin. I learned that I'm horrible at Mario Party and not so bad at Wii tennis. The worst part about the pledging process was the mad rush to finish the interviews with the Brothers. This was totally my fault since I love to put things off until the last minute. But I do feel that the interviews helped me learn a little more about my Brothers.

Hilary Boretz



I really enjoyed interviewing the Brothers and having dinners to get to know them. Phi Delta Chi is a very diverse group of people but we also share several common values such as service and advancing the field of Pharmacy. It is something special to be close with so many different people on a personal, social, and professional level.

Laura Briscoe



I really enjoyed my time as a pledge! It was a great time where I learned what it truly means to become a Brother of Phi Delta Chi! Thanks to all the Brothers that made it so special, especially our WMA Brother Bob!!

Jayne Bristow



The pledge process was a great opportunity to get to know the other pledges. It really helped us develop a strong sense of brotherhood. We are a very tight unit, and they are my best friends. I also enjoyed getting to know the other Brothers through interviews and pledge events. They are a great group, and I am happy that I chose PDC.

Vanessa L. Clark



The best part of the pledge process was becoming acquainted with individuals completely different than myself and bonding with them outside of class. The experience has allowed me to grow on both a personal and professional level, and I am thankful for my new Brothers!

Jennifer C. Fries



The best part of pledging was making the paddle for my Big Brother. I had such a great time getting to know my Big. Taking all that I learned about her and transferring it to a wooden block forced me to use some latent creativity I didn't know I possessed. Taking it around to the Brothers for signatures and explaining my design was a lot of fun. I'm excited to help a potential Brother next year get through the pledging process.

Annie Kenealy



A Word From the Pledges...



My favorite of the pledging process was getting to know my Big Bro Jessica. She is a fabulous cook, and I love going to her place for dinner. Her stuffed peppers were the best meal I'd had in a long time!

Ryan Markham

My favorite part of the pledging process was planning the Halloween party (our social project). After all the stressing out and getting frustrated with each other, we came together and hosted a great party. I think it took us having to overcome our differences and learn to work as a team to begin the process of becoming Brothers.

Julianna Murphy

I think my favorite part of the pledge process was getting to know the fellow pledges, especially the ones that I didn't hang out with much. For example, I didn't hang out with Laura and Julianna until the Halloween party, and they turned out to be a lot more fun than they looked (which was slightly uptight). I suppose you should never judge a book by its cover!

Shuang Ouyang

My pledging process, like all other pledges, was overwhelming. The number of tasks that were given to us seemed never-ending, but I think most of us got the majority, if not all of them, done. The tasks I received were very different from each other from learning how to dance, to baking, to organizing a dinner at a restaurant. One of my favorite tasks was putting together a cookbook containing recipes from all of the pledges. Since our pledge class is so diverse, the cookbook turned out that way also. It helped me realize that even though each one of us is so different, we do not let those differences keep us apart and use them to bring us closer together.

Annie Oyanontaruk

Initially, I was a little apprehensive about the pledging process as I did not know what to expect. All of the tasks I did as a pledge last semester were a lot of fun, and they helped me get to know my fellow pledges and Brothers a little better. I even talked to a couple of alumni and 4th year Brothers as part of tasks, which was great. Some of the tasks seemed a little absurd at first, but they are the ones that turned out to be the most fun and provided great bonding experiences with my pledge class and Brothers. I got to meet and get to know an amazingly talented and diverse group of people that I probably would not have had I not pledged. I also enjoyed meeting some of the professors through the faculty interviews. On the whole, it was a positive experience for me, and I enjoyed it.

Ambili Prasad

During pledging, I was able to develop a close-knit group of friends that I don't think I could have made if it wasn't for PDC bringing us together. When my father passed away in October, the pledges and Brothers were so supportive when I came back to Athens. The pledges bought me flowers and cards when I got back, and Vanessa even stood up for me to some girl that made a negative comment about me being gone for so long. It was nice knowing so many people had my back!

Carmen Ward

I really enjoyed getting to know my fellow pledges and the Brothers.

Lucy Webb



Chapter Retreats

The Amazing Inflatable Carebear Race

Bob Luschen & Navid Amlani



The Alpha Iota chapter of Phi Delta Chi loves its traditions, and not many chapter traditions are as fun or as meaningful as our summer and winter planning retreats. This past August we spent 3 days at Elijah Clark State Park on the eastern border of Georgia to spend some time together as a chapter without the stressors of the new semester and to make plans for that new semester as well. Lots was accomplished, and while everyone had a great time, no one had more fun than our WCC Robert Brady, WKRS Beth Stark, and Brother Mike Strohsnitter as they put on the most involved Brotherhood activity Alpha Iota has experienced in some time. Brothers were divided into three teams and were given clues that lead them around the state park in search of the letters Phi, Delta, and Chi. The work put into this event by Brothers Robert, Beth and Mike was evident in the intricate puzzles, word ciphers and hilarious tasks set forth for each team, culminating with the drinking song as the final task. It was a close competition, and everyone had a blast. Committee chairs for certain committees were also

elected on retreat for the fall semester. New chairs included Brother Navid Amlani as Professional Committee chair, Brother Melinda Kezer as Service Committee chair, WIG Jessica Noice as Publication Committee chair, Brother Michelle Li as Social Committee chair, and Brothers Ashley Hannings, Evie Cowan, WMA Bob Luschen and WKRS Beth Stark joining our WCC and WVC as members of the Judicial Committee. Chairs met with committees and developed event plans for the fall semester. Also, our WMA led a discussion about the goals of rush and the pledge period, as well as the goals for the future of the chapter and of the fraternity as they relate to the recruitment of new brothers. After a weekend full of business, board games, and great fellowship with Brothers (not to mention watching Michael Phelps rack up the gold!), the Alpha Iota chapter was ready to hit the ground running in the fall and to keep up the great work from the previous semester. Rush events, pledge period, St. Jude's 5K, and Radio RX, here we come!

Never Have I Ever...

Beth Stark

We had another fabulous winter retreat in January, this time at Tugaloo State Park at Lake Hartwell. Those of us who arrived Friday afternoon to set up were awed by the beautiful sight of several deer running around in what is now a dry portion of the lake. As Brothers trickled in over the next few hours, Robert Brady got to cooking. We had an assortment of foods to meet everyone's needs, including Brady's awesome chili. We opened the formal meeting and then got down to the business of Brotherhood. We chatted about our winter break adventures and about our plans for the next semester, and we played a variety of games, some of us staying up until the wee hours of the morning. Saturday morning started off with the eagerly anticipated officer elections. We had a lot of fine candidates this year, with some of the closest counts to date! We split into committees to discuss plans and dates for the upcoming semester and then reported back to the chapter. After lunch, Brady led another fun Brotherhood activity that he'd brought from LDS. We all learned about teamwork and Brotherhood through a great magazine massacre and flag making fun. Brothers then unglued their fingers and went outside for retreat photos and then free time, during which we played games, napped, went hiking or just chatted a bit. Everyone reconvened in the main cabin to chow down on some grilled goods, and then we installed the new officers. Once business was done, we got back to the



Brotherhood, starting it off with my favorite part of retreat, Pass the Gavel. This was an emotional time for most of us third years, who may not be able to make another retreat. Some good advice was given, some tears were shed, and some bad lap dances were performed. By the end of Pass the Gavel, there weren't many dry eyes in the cabin, which meant it was definitely time for some more fun and games. We dispersed to find our favorite games and played and played for the rest of the night. Never have I ever heard the phrase "never have I ever" as much as I did that night. I was sad to see Sunday come because it meant that retreat was over, and the start of classes was right around the corner. Retreat has meant so much to me because it is a great time to get away from school and really bond with and get to know my Brothers better. I hope that I will be able to return for more retreats in the future. It's always a great time!



Gatlinburg and LDS

Alpha Iotas on the Road

Bob Luschen

The Winter Retreat at Gatlinburg, TN is a time-honored tradition of brotherhood for many chapters across the nation. I had no idea what that would mean as I attended my first national Phi Dex event. Simply put, this ain't no fancy dinner party folks, and the fraternal spirit was out in full force! While there was a bit of extra driving involved to engage in the festivities with other chapters, I had a great time meeting and hanging out with Brothers from across the country. Everyone found a way to unwind away from the hustle of school, whether with some tenacious air hockey with the guys from

Alpha Upsilon chapter at Ohio Northern

or a few refreshing (and potentially clumsy) laps around the ice rink at Ober Gatlinburg. Brothers got some serious shopping done in downtown Gatlinburg and at the huge outlet mall in Pigeon Forge. We then took some R&R at our enormous cabin where we made a great impression on the locals when a realtor brought some prospective buyers to our cabin at the crack of dawn. We rushed around cleaning up dishes and dirty clothes so they could view the cabin. For our trouble, we were rewarded with a restaurant gift card, which we were happy to share with our Brothers from Alpha Upsilon. We spent most of the weekend socializing and relaxing with Brothers from several chapters. Some of us showed off our Rock Band skills while others played pool or hung out in the hot tubs. Everyone made a few new friends and enjoyed a mountain-top retreat in a wonderful location.



Cruisin' on the Dillos

Merinda Mason

The 12th Leadership Development Seminar was held in Austin, Texas from August 6th until the 10th this year. LDS is an opportunity for Brothers to further develop as Phi Delta Chi Brothers and also as leaders in pharmacy. We are the only professional pharmacy fraternity to offer a week dedicated to development and strengthening of the leadership skills of our Brothers. Robert Brady (WCC), Michelle Li (Social Chair), and myself (WAL) headed down there for a few days of fun, fresh air, and personal growth. We learned many essential skills while only down there for five days. We heard a lot of guest speakers, and we spent a lot of time in our respective "LDS chapters" getting advice from other Chapters and discussing important leadership material. All three of us brought back manuals that have lots of excellent ideas in them, and I took mine with me to Retreat so the other Brothers could look at them. We also developed "leadership" skills by stealing other "LDS chapters" flags and charters. This was hard work and took a lot of planning and manpower. Now to the fun stuff... Austin, Texas!!! What more do I need to say! It was beautiful down there. The University of Texas campus was gorgeous. We stayed in the Embassy Suites hotel, which was very clean and fancy. I must say that hanging out with Brothers from other chapters had to be the best part of LDS! And OMG...Can't forget about Esther's Follies, the comedy place we went to and laughed so hard (Hey Whitney!) Michelle had a great time exploring Austin one day on their trolley system, better known as the "dillos." I personally spent a lot more time in Downtown Austin than Brady and Michelle (imagine that) and was amazed at how many bars and clubs there were in just a few blocks. Brady and Michelle really liked the cheap drinks. Even though we had a few bad moments (being stalked, backing into a car, almost getting left at the airport in San Antonio), all in all it was a BLAST! One night the three of us went to dinner at an authentic Japanese restaurant, and I personally had an experience I will not forget anytime soon. Just to give you an idea of what happened at the restaurant, I ordered a dish called "Kobe Beef Hot Rock" not realizing that the waiter was going to bring me raw meat and an actual "hot rock" for me to cook it on myself. Too funny! It was so awesome hearing roughly 100 Brothers sing the drinking song at a bar the last night we were there! And we even met an Alumni Brother in the airport on the way home! This wasn't the reason we almost got left behind, but it was part of it. I still blush when I picture us running through the airport just like in the Home Alone movie...At the awards banquet, we were very pleased to find out we placed 10th in the Thurston Cup, 3rd in Professional/Service, 4th in Publication, and we got 100% in the Achievement Award! We did feel a little embarrassed when Song's regalia became twisted, and Michelle starting laughing, making Brady and me laugh as well as like three more rows of people. ;) It was so satisfying to hear "Alpha Iota" called a million times (YAY!) and to see how some chapters were jealous. Don't hate!!! So if you haven't gotten the picture yet, LDS was a great experience. We made a lot of new friends and brought home a lot of new ideas. All Brothers should try to attend at least one national event, just to get a taste of the atmosphere. You really don't understand "Brotherhood" completely until you see it in action at the national level. And in the words of Brady and the other Brothers on the LDS video, "I AM PHI DELTA CHI!"

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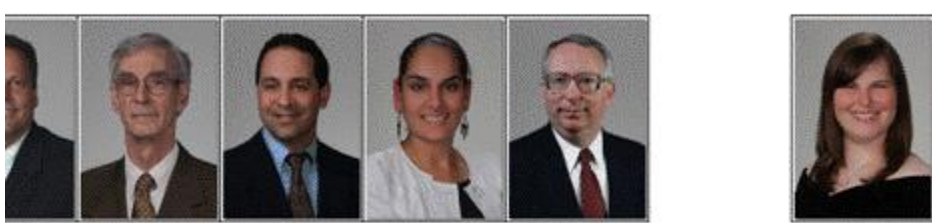
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Summer at St. Jude

Evie Cowan

This past summer, I was fortunate to receive an internship at our national charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This position was part of their Pediatric Oncology Education Program headed by Dr. Suzanne Gronemeyer. I was selected to work in the Pharmaceutical Services Department under the guidance of Dr. William Greene, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer of St. Jude. During my 10-week internship, I was responsible for researching a question proposed by a clinical pharmacist in the department and presenting my findings to the group of interns that were working in all the various departments in the hospital. I also had the opportunity to attend Grand Rounds, lunchtime sessions with a doctor in each specialty at St. Jude, and shadowing appointments with the clinical pharmacists that currently work in the hospital. I was able to experience more than Graceland, the Memphis Zoo, and delicious barbecue while I was in Memphis. I received invaluable exposure to the importance of clinical pharmacists as part of a healthcare team, and a very advanced one at that. I was able to meet doctors, scientists, and pharmacists who are experts and leaders in pediatric oncology, and I will always be thankful for this opportunity. I was so blessed to be able to volunteer weekly with the inpatients and play games or make crafts with them. Each family who is receiving treatment at St. Jude is so thankful to everyone who has a part of the hospital, this includes PDC. I was able to see the amazing lives that Phi Delta Chi is touching by our support and contributions to this organization. The outpatient pharmacy is vital to making drug therapy available to these kids, as many of them spend most of their time in homes and not admitted to the hospital. I was so proud to say that my fraternity is supporting this hospital that changes lives every day and helps accomplish the mission set forth by Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude: "No child should die in the dawn of life."



There's Such a Thing as 6 AM?

Rebecca Hutchinson-Stone

The St Jude 5k was a huge success this year on all fronts! We raised approximately \$2000 for our national charity, and we doubled our participant number from 63 to over 120 participants this year! My personal pledge task to the incoming class this year was to participate in the 5k and bring a friend with you. They were wonderful; everyone came out and was even more enthusiastic than I had hoped for such an early start time! The weather was pretty chilly, but between setting up and then racing we all kept pretty warm. This race is one of my favorite events that PDC hosts because it is so amazing to see what we can do when we organize and set a goal. Next year I hope that we can double our race participant number again! We are going to have that hospital built for St. Jude in no time!



Helping Others

Bingo!

Abby Hobbs

During the fall semester, Alpha Iota Brothers continued their relationship with Morningside Assisted Living Home by hosting two Bingo Nights. Many Brothers would consider Bingo Night as one of their favorite service projects, evident by the fact that we have hosted five events at Morningside during the past year! Prior to each event, Brothers go shopping for interesting prizes for the winners. In October, winners got to choose from such fun items as a Dracula door hanger, a Halloween wreath, and many other fall-inspired prizes. After everyone arrived, Brothers dispersed themselves among the many residents in attendance, some of whom have attended all of our Bingo nights! While some Brothers played Bingo with the residents, others helped call out the numbers and hand out prizes. A few of our newly initiated Brothers from the 2008 Pledge Class jumped into action the day after formal initiation by attending our second Bingo event in November. At the end of the November Bingo night, Morningside residents invited Brothers to come back and visit anytime. Our Brothers will have no problem volunteering for more festivities with the Morningside residents.



Food Bank

Edward Yabut

The Brothers of Alpha Iota continued serving the Athens community by volunteering throughout the fall 2008 semester at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. Our relationship with the Food Bank, which started last fall, continued with a day of service on October 9, 2008. When we arrived at the Food Bank, the director, Mr. Jim, told us about their new Pantry Service, which provides food boxes to local families in need. The Brothers quickly formed an assembly line to efficiently pack as many food boxes as possible. While Ashley and Diana assembled the boxes (and serenaded us with songs from The Sound of Music), the Jennifers (Boykin, Riner, and Fries) packed the boxes with cans of fruits and vegetables, bags of beans, and jars of peanut butter. Melinda, Jessica, and Abby replenished supplies for the assembly line, while Eddie flexed his huge muscles by stacking the finished boxes on wooden pallets. In only two hours, the Brothers packed 213 boxes that helped needy families the Athens area.



Homeless Shelter

Ashley Hannings

In late October, a group of Brothers planned, cooked, and served a spaghetti dinner at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. We arrived in a large, dim kitchen (some of the lights were broken). We brought the ingredients and used the shelter's cooking equipment to prepare the meal. It appeared that those pots and pans had been used several times. For me, the bright spot of the evening was meeting "Spiderman." A little boy came into the kitchen looking for his mother. We did not know who or where she was, so I asked if I could help. As it turns out, he just needed a grown-up to tie his Halloween costume for him. It broke my heart to see the unfortunate families come and go. Most of the residents were children. I can't imagine growing up in a place like that, living in a building with people I didn't know, and having strangers come and cook my dinner every night. I just hope that we were able to brighten their evening.



New Service Projects

Prom and Prince Charming

Melinda Kezer

Prom calls for the perfect dress and Prince Charming. While at the 2008 PDC Southeastern Regional Conference in Charlotte, Beta Kappa shared about their development of Project Cinderella. They collected prom dresses and donated them to girls at a local high school. I remember joining every girl in the room with a loud collective, "Aww." Abby and I looked at other Alpha Iota girls and knew we were interested in starting our own Project Cinderella. We couldn't help girls find their Prince Charming, but we could help girls find their perfect dress. Nervous about not collecting enough dresses on our own, we teamed up with LKS to plan for Project Cinderella. Megan Baggett was my side-kick and irreplaceable committee member from day one. We met with LKS girls and decided to donate dresses to girls in financial need at Cedar Shoals High School. Girls throughout the pharmacy school were excited to donate dresses. This was great but meant that we needed somewhere to store them. My apartment was chosen for storage of dresses donated by PDC and friends. If we ever thought that PDC would not be able to collect enough dresses simply because we were co-ed, we were completely wrong. PDC brothers collected over 70 dresses! Megan's room-mate alone donated over 15 dresses! The 70 dresses barely fit on the dress racks at my apartment and required 4 cars to transport them to Cedar Shoals. On March 18, we met LKS members at the high school. Though we didn't change a pumpkin into a stagecoach, we did transform a counselor's office into a dressing room. We helped several girls pick out prom dresses and witnessed their glowing faces when they found their perfect dress. Project Cinderella collected over 80 dresses for local girls. There were bumps in the road since it was a new project for the pharmacy school as well as Cedar Shoals. However, we never dreamt it would be so successful. As long as we have annual formals and pharmacy galas, I hope Project Cinderella will be an annual service project. That dress you may never think about could be the dress that completes a girl's prom experience whether or not she has Prince Charming!



Networking

Evie Cowan

One mission of the International Pharmaceutical Student's Federation (IPSF) is to further the outreach of pharmacists into developing countries and to do our part in bettering the health of those in need. As the IPSF Chairperson for 2009 for our chapter of ASP, I wanted to bring global issues to the forefront and motivate our students to think about better healthcare beyond our borders. One devastating health and economic need in the rural areas of Africa is malaria. Millions of people are faced with extensive anti-malarial therapy due to drug resistance and ineffective distribution of these medications in poor national health systems. Yet, the most heartbreaking aspect of this global health problem is that it can be nearly eliminated by the use of insecticide-treated bed nets. Nothing But Nets is a national organization supported by the NBA, Sports Illustrated, the UN Foundation, and the United Methodist Church and has helped to deliver more than 2 million bed nets to suffering families in Africa. My committee decided to host two events to raise awareness and to encourage faculty, staff, and students to donate \$10 to buy a mosquito bed net. Our events were scheduled in March and in keeping with the athletic spirit we were all feeling, our first fundraiser was a basketball tournament "Beat the Buzzer" between graduate programs on the UGA campus (Law, Pharmacy, Vet, and Business). We organized the brackets and held the tournament at a local high school gymnasium. It was an exciting event, and the UGA Law School took the tournament and the trophy. My PDC brothers were instrumental in helping me plan and run this event. Brother Vidya on registration, and Brothers Annie O., Julianna, and Laura sold concessions. Brothers Jessica and Jayme kept score as well as some of the rowdy basketball players in line. This event was a roaring success because of their help and commitment to brotherhood. Our second event was a community-wide benefit concert that was held at a popular venue in downtown Athens. We recruited 4 bands from the Athens-Atlanta area to come be a part of our fundraising night; one band even featured a 2nd year PharmD candidate rocking the bass guitar. It was a huge success and in total, the UGA College of Pharmacy raised more than \$700 for the Nothing But Nets organization!!

If you would like to join or donate to our Netraiser Team, just log on to www.nothingbutnets.net and join or donate to the "UGA College of Pharmacy" team. Together we can cover a continent.



Professional Projects

Dawgtoberfest: Just Wear It!

Robert Brady

Can you name a word that rhymes with 'Dex' (as in phiDEX) and is one of the most important health issues facing college students??? If you said MEXico or tyrannosaurus REX, you'd be completely wrong! It's SEX! Alpha Iota continued its long standing tradition of sexual health education with our display at Dawgtoberfest. This annual health fair was the largest in its short history with over 500 students, faculty, and staff estimated to be in attendance. Every year we try to make our display bigger and better, and this year we were helped out tremendously by the UGA health center. Along with the traditional brochures, pamphlets, condoms, and lube that we hand out to attendees we were also given over 300 safe sex t-shirts and bumper stickers with the slogan "Just Wear It!" These items turned out to be some of the most popular freebies at the event and helped spread our message of safe sex! Several brothers also spent time manning other booths with topics like dental hygiene, women's health, mental health, heart burn and health and wellness.



Radio Rx

Navid Amlani

Alpha Iota's award-winning weekly broadcast, Radio Rx, continues to keep Athens' residents and students of UGA informed with general information about relevant health topics. In an effort to streamline the show, we did things a little differently this year. We organized the shows under broad topical headings, including Back to School, Sexual Health, Issues Facing College Freshman, and Infectious Disease. In one of my favorite shows, we were happy to welcome back Linda Phillips, the director of Nuçi's Space, to talk about depression. In addition to providing useful information about the potential complications of the disease, Ms. Phillips also provides ongoing support to those suffering from depression through her center, which is geared primarily toward local musicians. Her warmth and compassion radiates even over the air waves. I'm proud to be a part of Ms. Phillips ongoing mission to help those dealing with depression. We're very excited about the direction the show is going. Along with members of the community, many members of the faculty at the College of Pharmacy, including several PDC faculty, have served as guest experts on the show. In the future, we hope to involve the rest of the College of Pharmacy to a greater extent. We have had other organizations host a few shows, and we will continue to encourage their involvement. As the outgoing Professional Chair, I'd like to say how proud of and grateful I am towards every Brother who volunteered to host a show this semester, especially those who went on for the first time ever. I understand how unnerving it can be to go on air, as well as how busy we all are with Pharmacy School. Although Radio Rx involves a lot of work, it is very important to our chapter. This show is a great opportunity for our fraternity and for the College of Pharmacy to help the community and show how pharmacists can make a difference.



Reaching Out

Pharm-Assist

Annie Kenealy

The Alpha Iota Brothers were very excited about the window display project this year. Our goal was to educate the Athens community about using their pharmacist's expertise to avoid medication errors. The Brothers came up with an insightful title, "Pharm-Assist: Are Your Meds A.O.K.?" The letters "A.O.K." coincided with the three main points of the project: **A**sk for counseling, use **O**ne pharmacy, and **K**now your medicine. While presenting the board, Brothers passed out wallet cards for patients



to list drug details and medical history. Presentations were the most exciting part of this project. I was thrilled with the energy that the entire Chapter put into getting our message to the public. We were able to present our project at seven pharmacies in the Athens area and one pharmacy in the Augusta area. I had the privilege of being a part of the first presentation and was amazed by the public interest. One patient spoke with me at length about how much trouble she has keeping each of her three physicians updated on the medicines that the others prescribe. I was able to explain to her the benefits of keeping a medical record in her wallet and told her to ask her pharmacists to help her keep it current. I've been excited to hear stories like this from many of the other Brothers over the last few weeks. This year's window display project not only went a long way to help educate the public about their pharmacist's expertise, but also provided the Brothers with great patient communication experience.

VIP Day

Bob Luschen

This year's Very Important Pharmacists Day (formerly Pharmacy Legislative Day) activities at the Capitol Building in Atlanta, GA were focused on a couple of pressing issues facing pharmacy in the state of Georgia, and Brothers of the Alpha Iota chapter were present to take part in the day. A number of Brothers assisted in the lobbying effort along with several Phi Dex faculty Brothers, including Brothers Henry Cobb and Sukhmani Sarao. Also, Brothers from the Alpha Rho chapter at Mercer University were present to provide support. The main issues at hand that were up for a vote during this session included: the establishment of a standing protocol to allow pharmacists the ability to deliver the flu vaccine without an individual prescription for each dose, the licensure and regulation of PBMs that are active in the state of Georgia, and the prohibition of generic substitution for anti-seizure medications. The Georgia Pharmacists Association (GphA) has worked very hard throughout the course of the session to educate the members of the General Assembly as to the positive and negative aspects of each bill. The GphA lobby scored a victory by getting the flu vaccine protocol passed into law, and this decision will impact the everyday practices of pharmacists statewide. The Alpha Iota Brothers are glad to participate in the legislative process in our state.



Meat and Football

Team Sports are Rough

Mike Strohsnitter

This year the Brothers of Alpha Iota fielded an Intramural indoor soccer team named after our world famous toast “Phidex Once...” We were able to completely fill our roster with 13 Brothers and 2 friends of Brothers. Once again the majority of our team had never played soccer or hadn’t played in nearly a decade! We held a practice to discuss the rules, offensive and defensive strategies, and to practice the basics. Even with just one practice many players’ basic skills including dribbling, passing, and moving to an open location were vastly improved. We began our season with a tough loss; however, we all had fun in what was the first game for many of our players. Although we lost, everyone played extremely well considering experience levels. Our spirits were lifted by juice, fruit, and crackers brought by our encouraging and dedicated soccer moms! We suffered defeat in the rest of our games as well, but the continuous improvement of all players made the games more and more fun. The games were not without incident though, and many injuries were suffered by the brave and bold Brothers of PDC. Injuries included: ruptured eardrums, muscle spasms, kicks to the gut, multiple balls to the face, and even an ankle sprain. We were able to overcome our injuries and played an amazing final game against the number one team in the whole league! Although we lost we gave them a serious run for their money. It was one of the most fun games of soccer I ever played. I want to thank all the Brothers that played and to all our soccer moms for an amazing season. I would also like to thank Justin Holland and Elizabeth Poirier for sharing a great season with us.

Tailgating

Mike Strohsnitter

2008 marked another great year of tailgating and football for the Brothers of Alpha Iota. We started the season off right with a big tailgate for the first game against in-state opponents Georgia Southern. Special guests included several prospective pledges, the cougar Dr. Mash (Tammy), and multiple alumni including the ever popular Lexie Turner who taught our prospective pledges how to shotgun... sodas. They definitely still have to perfect their technique. Attendance was great at the rest of the tailgates as well with several Brothers arriving as early as 6am to start the festivities. This year’s alumni tailgate was for the Homecoming game against Vanderbilt. The VIP list included alumni Brothers such as Max Witt, Tony Chafee, Holly Harp, Colin Kennedy, Roseann Palmer, and many more. Max, Colin, Kristin Porter and Michael Basile went on to sponsor the tailgate for the Georgia Tech game and brought along some awesome deer meat thanks to Basile’s superior hunting skills. All-in-all this was a great year of tailgating filled with burgers, “sodas”, barking, Brotherhood, and of course... college football!



Meatfest

Jessica Noice

Meatfest was a very interesting experience this year. Brother Bob Luschen was kind enough to let us use his house even though he would be out of town for the game. We had decided to try and use this event to bond a little with the guys of KY, so Brother Michelle Li spent weeks planning to be sure things would go off without a hitch. I showed up a little early to help her set up the appetizers. The two of us then decided it was time to heat up the grills! We quickly realized that this may have been a man’s job as we couldn’t figure out how to hook the propane tank to the grill. I found the connection piece just as a caravan full of hungry KY’s pulled up. Luckily they took pity on us and helped us get the cooking started. Soon Brothers of both fraternities were happily chowing down and enjoying some Bag-O. Aside from a rocky start, the day turned out to be a lot of fun. It was nice to open up a Phi Dex tradition to more of our fellow students. I hope we’ll continue to make it a bigger event each and every year.



Song and Dance

Wait.. That's what it Really Says?

Melinda Kezer



What is the best social event? Karaoke at Shokitini. Shokitini Lounge offers a downtown location, affordable food, private room, disco lights, microphones, a tambourine, music ranging from oldies to rap, random Japanese videos (that never correlate with the song), and 30 of your closest Brothers for two hours singing on and off key together. Did I mention you can get a coupon where the second hour is free? Large binders contain the numerous song choices with half of them in Japanese. Brady entertained us all by singing his version of a Japanese song. Other favorite memories include Bob L. and Mike singing (or screaming) a random rock tune, Michelle Li impressing everyone with her beautiful voice (though she still doesn't believe it), and Valentine's Karaoke where Brothers serenaded other Brothers. No karaoke night is complete without a Brother interrupting their song with the infamous words, "Wait, that's what it really says?" Needless to say, karaoke was a new event this past year but a favorite. It served as an official social event twice as well as the location for birthday parties and celebrations! A night of karaoke involves Brotherhood as well as getting to know your Brothers even more. You learn who knows every word to the Hanson, 'N Sync, and Backstreet Boys tunes. You realize how many vulgar words are in those unedited songs, and which Brothers only knew the edited version. You discover who enjoys dancing or acting out songs. You find out who will never sing in public. Most importantly, every karaoke night consists of Ko singing "Milkshake."

Formal

Diana Houng



The Brothers of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Chi gathered for a night of great food and fun on March 28th, 2009 for the annual formal banquet. Over 80 brothers, guests, alumni and faculty arrived at the Georgia State Botanical Gardens and entered the conservatory. Beautiful flowers and forestry decorated the room from the floor to the soaring high ceiling. The night began with a short word from the Worthy Chief Counselor, Edward Yabut. He set the mood for the night, reminding us about our brotherhood and how we should take this night to celebrate its importance. Dinner soon followed and Brothers stuffed their bellies with an Italian feast. Once dinner ended the award ceremony began. Brother Beth Stark won the Brother of the Year Award. Brother Annie Kenealy won the Pledge of the Year Award and Dr. Sukhmani Sarao won the Faculty of the Year Award. The presentation of the Alumni of the Year Award and the Graduation ceremony followed. The ceremonies ended with fun superlatives. We were able to retell funny stories and praise our fellow brothers while giving them awards such as "Best Big Brother-Little Brother Pair," "Best Paddle," and "Most likely to be on Food Network if Pharmacy Fail." The winners of the superlatives received custom ribbon sashes and custom made Phi Delta Chi photo center pieces. As the ceremonies ended, the music began to play and brothers made their way onto the dance floor. Brothers danced the night away.

And the Winners are...

Best Big -Little Pair: Michelle Li & Laura Briscoe

Best Paddle: Vanessa Clark

Best Laugh: Evie Cowan

Most Accident Prone: Jayme Bristow

Most Likely to be on Food Network: Megan Baggett

Best Cranium Player: Robert Brady

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation: Shuang Ouyang

Most Likely to Stay Awake in Class: Diana Houng

Most Likely to Get a Patient's Number: Robert Ko

Most Likely to Punch a Patient: Tony Casedonte



Brotherhood

Faculty Appreciation

Merinda Mason

Our annual Faculty Appreciation Week was held from November 17th through the 21st. The week consisted of Brothers signing up for their favorite faculty Brother, and each group visiting their faculty Brother and surprising them with presents and heartfelt gratitude. Each group of Brothers was responsible for buying their faculty Brother a fifteen dollar gift and delivering it to them sometime during the week. Being my last term as the Worthy Alumni Liaison, I personally gave them each a Christmas card signed by all the Brothers and pledges. I also made each faculty Brother a "goodie bag" full of candy, a pen, a pencil, a highlighter, paperclips, a notepad, erasers, and other office items. Although their present from me wasn't very extravagant, our faculty Brothers were extremely grateful for the thought and also for the gifts the other Brothers provided them! I know I was personally amazed to see that overwhelmed look on their faces and to hear what some of them had to say. After delivering the cards and bags, Dr. Brooks surprised me by showing me the surrounding parts of campus from a new viewpoint. When we first went out on the roof I thought I might be in trouble, but the view really was amazing. And unless you have the "hook-up" with someone on the fourth floor, you won't get to see what I saw. It is truly incredible what a little thank-you can give you access to! ;) Just making one faculty Brother feel special was enough, much less doing the same for the other 12. 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, or a tour of the roof, and it doesn't hurt for them to feel appreciated and not just used! ;)



Christmas Party

Erin O'Rourke

I think all students and faculty love Christmas time. Good food, great company and a month long break from each other! We had the wonderful opportunity to get together at Dr. Herist's house and celebrate the end of the semester and the holiday season. Dr. Herist was awesome enough to provide ham and turkey while Brothers brought a huge array of side dishes and desserts. We had a lot of fun stuffing ourselves with all the good food and enjoying each others company. I think we all got a great chance to get to know each other as well as Dr. Herist, Dr. Cobb, and Dr. Perri and his family a lot better. We all got to hang out without the stress of school and with the joy of the holidays - and I can say for sure that Dr. Herist has the best Christmas decorations EVER! I loved the food and the company and it was the perfect way to end a stressful semester and start a relaxing holiday break.



Founder's Day

Jessica Noice

This year the Brothers and pledges of Alpha Iota celebrated the founding of Phi Delta Chi with dinner at Olive Garden. It was a great chance for the pledges to learn more about the fraternity's history and about brotherhood. We continued the celebration that weekend at the Regional Founder's Day event in Atlanta, Georgia. Several of us made the trip to Gordon Biersch for dinner, drinks and brotherly bonding. Once again, it was important for us to have our pledges meet Brothers from other chapters and to see how important our history is to us. It was a great night and definitely worth the trip!



4th Years' Future Plans



Brian Ferslew

I am going to UNC Chapel Hill for a PhD program in Pharmaceutical Sciences. I won the graduation award for Academic Excellence and the Merck Academic Achievement Award. Also, I will be going to Stockholm, Sweden from May 13-17th to present a paper I wrote with Dr. Shepherd on Homicidal poisonings.



Trey McNeil

I will be working at the Rite Aid in Perry, Georgia.



Reah Rogers



Tracy Dabbs

I will be working at the Wal-Mart in Commerce, Georgia



Kelsey Do

I will be starting a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency in geriatrics at the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System in Tucson, Arizona. The academia component of that residency at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy will hopefully open doors for opportunities in the future to be involved in teaching pharmacy students, in addition to clinical pharmacist duties in practice setting. I also plan to become board certified in pharmacotherapy upon completion of the residency, and have serious consideration for going on to law school in 2011 to obtain a JD degree.

I will be heading to Palo Alto, CA as a PGY1 Resident at Stanford Hospital and Clinics.



Alex Ward



Scott McDowell



Tom Clement

*Congratulations to all our 4th year Brothers!
Thank you so much for all your hard work and advice.
We wish you the best of luck and remind you
that you always have a home here at Alpha Iota!
Brothers for Life*



Announcements

Weddings

Rebecca Hutchinson and Chris Stone

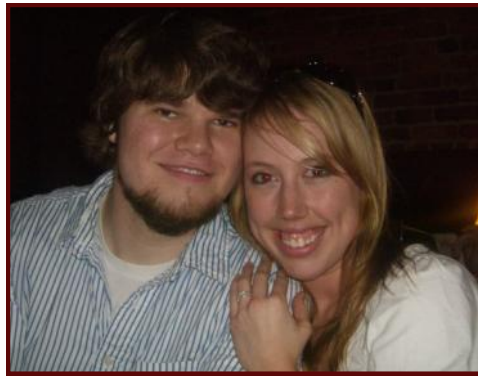
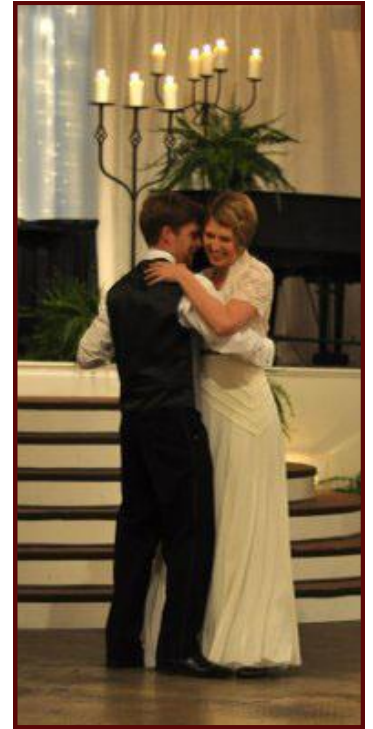
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Lora Yim and Sam Brown

May 9, 2009

Bob Luschen and Casey Webb

May 30, 2009



New Jobs

I graduated from my PGY1 residency program at St. Joseph's/Candler in Savannah on June 30th, 2008. I was then hired by St. Joseph's/Candler as a clinical pharmacy specialist.

- Erica Merritt

I was promoted to Pharmacist in Charge in November at CVS Pharmacy 9685 in Los Angeles, CA.

- Caroline Spangler

I recently switched from Target to Kroger pharmacy, and I also bought my first home this past February in Fayetteville, GA.

-Max Witt

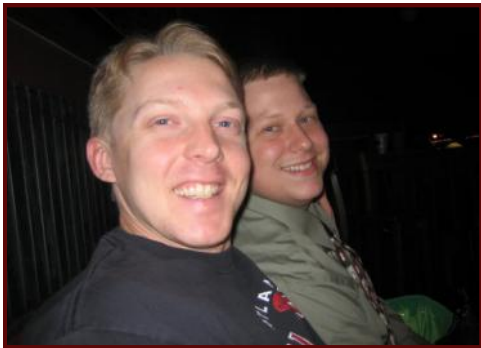


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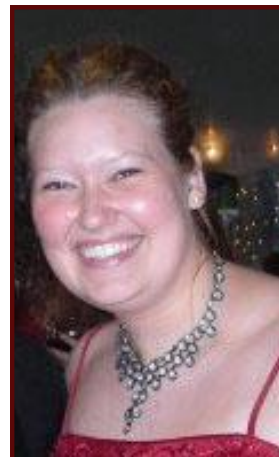
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Noice
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