

Two (Count 'em), TWO New OPA Colonies

by Ginger McGarity

Hot on the heels of Gamma Chapter's reactivation, Omega Phi Alpha welcomed *two* new colonies to its family: one at Teikyo Post University in Waterbury, Connecticut, and the second at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Using the leadership skills developed within their home chapters, two OPA alumnae forged the initial contacts that resulted in our two newest colonies. Nirma Perez, a Beta alum who transferred to Teikyo Post, founded the TPU colony after conversations with members of the Connecticut Alumnae Chapter and National Expansions Director Ginger McGarity. Epsilon sister Lisa Rockholt consulted directly with Ginger at last summer's convention, then laid the groundwork for colonization after transferring to UTC last fall.

Nirma's efforts began with casual conversations with her classmates at TPU about the great sorority she left behind at the University of Bridgeport. Her descriptions intrigued them, and Nirma soon sought advice from fellow Beta alumnae about colonization. They referred Nirma to Ginger, who described the requirements for colonization.

Ginger followed up by sending a colonization guidebook, a petition for colonization and some promotional materials. Five months went by while Nirma prepared for the colony with Teikyo Post's administration.

Finally, on February 13, 1993, Ginger officially accepted Nirma's petition for colonization, and the TPU Colony was born. The petition lists 10 young women at TPU as members of the new group and cites as their reason for requesting affiliation: "Our group is involved in various services as

individuals. We feel that a unity can strengthen us and help us provide a broader range of services. Affiliation with Omega Phi Alpha will provide us with positive role models along with a universal common bond. We feel our loyalty to service can only be enhanced by the merger of our organizations."

TPU Colony's early development was unique in that the sorority was not involved in the recruitment stage. Nirma simply followed the written advice in the colonization guidebook, and added that information to what she already knew about OPA from her experiences as a Beta sister. She had no direct contact with Ginger until she returned the petition in February.

In contrast, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) Colony utilized as many of the sorority's "people resources" as

possible. Lisa worked closely with Ginger to lay the early foundation with the school's administration. The national sorority provided the flyers used for the informational meetings, and active sisters from Mu and Nu attended the first informational meeting for moral support. Lisa was also in close touch with sisters at Epsilon, including Expansions Liaison Kristin Brenner. Ginger and National Executive Secretary Leann Williams helped Lisa conduct a door-to-door campaign. Leann attended several of the interest group's meetings.

While their petition was speeding through the mail to Ginger, UTC even participated in the southern regional retreat in Dalton on February 27.

Ginger received the UTC Colony's petition on March 4. The 14 members

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OPA Set to Celebrate Cardinal Principles: July 29–August 1

by Jan Titsworth

Get out your calendar and a red pen! OPhiA sisters from all over the United States will be gathering July 29–August 1 in Bowling Green, OH, to celebrate our cardinal principles. Alpha Chapter has been hard at work planning a convention worth talking about! National President Jan Titsworth met recently with Convention Coordinators Melissa Welker and Kerry Spiezio to firm up the four-day agenda.

Convention '93 will officially kick-off on Thursday, July 29. Those who have limited vacation time are certainly welcome to arrive on Friday and are especially encouraged to attend

Saturday's alumnae events, business meetings and banquet. The delegate's fee for the entire time is \$140 (including breakfast) or \$125 (bring your own breakfast). If you are interested in just spending the weekend at the convention, a reduced-rate package is available.

This year's program focuses on how OPA's cardinal principles of friendship, leadership and service relate to everyday life. Actives and alumnae are also sure to benefit from the workshops. Topics to be covered are self-defense, working with difficult people and preventing burnout.

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Northern Regional Retreat Attended by Alpha, Gamma and Kappa Chapters

by Jan Titsworth

Prout Hall on the BGSU campus was home to 50 OPA sisters and pledges on March 6 as the first northern regional retreat was directed by National President Jan Titsworth, National Treasurer Karen Knoppow and National Membership Director Deb Kendig.

While enjoying pizza (and more pizza...and more pizza), the women exchanged their favorite cardinal principle and their most embarrassing moment as ice-breaker activities. After that, it was down to work as the group split into three round-robin teams. The red team explored service project ideas, the green team explored fund-raising ideas, and the blue team brainstormed on sisterhood ideas. Everyone was able to share their suggestions due to the small size of the groups.

The Omega, Phi and Alpha teams were neck and neck throughout most

of the OPA Jeopardy game. Hostess Deb "Alex Trebec" Kendig stumped the group a few times, but the majority of the questions were answered with ease. Congratulations to the champion Phi team, which came from behind with a negative score to win the game with more than 4,000 points.

A leadership discussion about the roles of team leaders and team members provided everyone with "food for thought" and suggestions for improving their chapter meetings and projects.

The cardinal principle of service was incorporated into the day with a video presentation of "Final Choices," the story of a college-aged man who is convicted of manslaughter after drinking and driving. Each retreat participant went home with a "goodie cup" of promotional materials to remind them of the importance of being or appointing a designated driver whenever alcohol is present.

Also during the course of the

afternoon, Jan challenged the Omega, Phi and Alpha teams to cross "Lake Erie" using playing cards as islands. The team-building activity reinforced the idea that OPA sisters are interdependent: for the sorority to succeed as a whole, each individual must give her time and talents.

A special highlight of the day was the opportunity for Karen Knoppow to meet the Gamma pledge class president who wears Karen's pledge pin with pride, Susan Malecki. Karen provided the chapter with her pledge pin at its induction ceremony in January. Each pledge class president will wear the pin from now on.

As the rose was passed and the day came to a close, sisters reaffirmed again and again what an uplifting day they had. The retreat sparked enthusiasm and pride in the actives and pledges, and many sisters vowed to share the same sort of experience again when they promised, "I'll see you at Convention."

Convention '93 is around the corner

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Convention is also a time for committees and councils to meet. The President's Council will be exploring the superwoman syndrome while the Service Council will attempt to create new and exciting project ideas. The Nominating Committee will review the slate of candidates for this year's election and present each candidate to the delegation during the candidate's forum.

Each delegate should also come prepared to speak for her chapter at the business meetings. All chapters in good standing may cast two votes on every issue, including newly inducted Gamma Chapter. The colonies at Teikyo Post and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga are encouraged to observe the proceedings so that they may cast informed votes once inducted. The issues discussed during business will include constitutional revisions, the site of Convention '94, the 1993-94 budget and the election of new national officers.

We're focusing on the cardinal principle of friendship in a major way

this year with an afternoon spent at the famous Toledo Zoo. By adding this sisterhood activity in the midst of convention, Alpha Chapter and the NEB hope that plenty of lifetime friendships will emerge from Convention '93.

The highlight of the convention will be Saturday evening's activities. Beginning at 7, the convention banquet will get underway. Along with

dinner, the banquet will include award presentations, new officer installation and the announcement of the president's project for 1993-94.

Convention '93 is sure to leave a lasting impression on the hearts of actives and alumnae alike. Make plans now to join Alpha Chapter and the National Executive Board in celebrating today's friends, tomorrow's leaders and a lifetime of service.

If you need more information on how to attend Convention '93, please fill out and send this coupon to Convention Coordinator Melissa Welker, 641 Third St. #6, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Her number is (419) 352-3627.

Name _____

Chapter _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone () _____

First Annual Southern Regional Retreat Day

by Leann Williams

"The cars kept coming and coming!"

That is the first thing I will always think of when I remember the first southern regional retreat day. It was held at my house in Dalton, GA, on February 27, 1993. There were five chapters invited—Epsilon, Mu, Nu, Xi and Omicron, as well as the new colony at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). I was sure that when the chapters told me they were bringing 12 sisters, that really meant fewer would actually get up early on a Saturday morning and drive two, three or four hours to a boring retreat. Boy, did they fool me.

Not only did each chapter bring as many as they said, some brought MORE! The cars were parked as far as the eye could see. By 10 a.m., my house was packed with 35 OPA sisters from five chapters, seven colonists from UTC, National President Jan Titsworth and me. We were also honored to have in our midst two Susan Terzian Award winners, National Alumnae Administrator Pamela McEwen and former National President Sheila Bush.

My house was packed. I was somewhat skeptical before we began, as I had the potential to either help 45 OPA sisters have a fun, rewarding, thought-provoking day filled with new ideas and new friends, or they could hate me for ruining their Saturday.

We started with that selfless bundle of energy, aka Sheila, breaking the ice for us and giving us some all-day activities that would help us get to know one another. For example, we wrote "warm fuzzies" and stuck them to everyone's back, so they could look at them later to know how special they are. We also made nametags that included our names and a positive adjective in front of our names that started with the same letter as our name. I was "Laughing Leann."

Then, we moved on to service brainstorming. I led a session called "Trump with a Heart," where you brainstorm what you would change for the better in the world if you had all the money, power, manpower, time and resources you needed (as in you are Donald Trump). Then, you take each of these wondrous things you brainstormed about and decide what

your chapter can do on the local level to achieve these goals. The session went very well and a lot of new, good ideas for projects were generated, ideas that show an understanding for the problems our world is facing. Then we engaged in an OPA ritual called lunch.

After we ate, Pamela led us in a rousing game of OPA Jeopardy. By the way, Team 1: the handbook is a thick, blue and white thing that is available to anyone to read. You might want to study before next time! But good try!

After we had been well-fed and engaged in a mentally taxing game, we moved on to a very serious discussion of choosing a designated driver when alcohol has been used. With formals and spring break coming up, this is an important issue that needs to be addressed any time alcohol is available. Jan showed a video from State Farm Insurance on drunk driving and making difficult choices. She also passed out materials for the chapters to take back and share with everyone.

Jan continued her exceptional workshop-leading abilities to a discussion of officers and elections. We made a chart on why we should run for office and why we should not run for office. Also, we determined what the actives expect of the officers and what the officers expect of the

actives. It was a very enlightening workshop that opened the eyes of both the actives and the officers in the room.

Pamela led a wonderful workshop on fund raising. She gave the chapters some definite planning strategies and some good guidelines to use to weigh whether a project is worth doing.

Then, we had a convention workshop. Key convention words were drawn out of a jar and read aloud. Then, we discussed what the word applied to and what it had to do with convention. My favorite instance was when the word "zoo" was picked. Sheila jokingly replied, "That's what Convention always is!"

Later, special certificates were given out to each chapter and to the colony for coming. I gave special gifts to Jan, Pamela and Sheila for all their help, support and encouragement. And, Sheila presented a special yellow rose and blue daisy floral arrangement to Mu Chapter to symbolize their rebirth as a chapter and their growth in OPA. The whole thing was just too special for words.

When everyone departed for home, I felt good that we had been able to reach so many sisters of OPA. I felt the spirit of OPA lift me up and fill my heart. This was a wonderful experience for all involved and well worth repeating. See you next year. Same time, different place!



Lori Reisch, Jennifer Sneyd, Stacie Robertson, Cassie Walker, Kelly-Ann Kissman and Amy Tyson taking a break during one of the events at the Nu Chapter pledge retreat.

Wanted: Chapter to Host Convention 1994

by Jan Titsworth

Even though Convention '93 is more than three months away, now is the time to start thinking about Convention '94. Is your chapter up to the task of hosting next year's event?

The decision to make a bid for the convention is one in which every active sister should participate. Is the chapter as a whole excited about sharing their campus with the entire national organization for four days? Would the chapter be willing to work extra hard after the 1993-94 academic year closes? Is the chapter committed to doing extra fund-raising projects and corresponding with the NEB, alumnae and other chapters more than ever before? If anyone is interested, these topics should be

discussed at a chapter meeting during April, giving each sister time to share her thoughts honestly. As is the case with any project or sisterhood activity, the entire chapter should then vote on whether to prepare a convention bid.

If the chapter is enthusiastic about hosting the convention, the delegates to Convention '93 should come prepared to outline the chapter's plans for the next convention. During the business meeting, they will be asked to make a short presentation about the campus, the cost of the delegate's fee, the "free time" activities available, the arrangements for housing and meals, and a possible convention service project. Once all the bids have been made, the discussion will be tabled until the next day to allow the entire convention delegation time to think

about the proposals and decide which one is best. During this time, it is acceptable for the bidding chapters' delegates to campaign for their campus.

The burden of preparing the convention bids should NOT fall on the shoulders of the chapter's delegates to Convention '93. Instead, a bid committee should be established to collect the information suggested here. Since Convention '94 is more than a year away, the costs don't have to be 100 percent accurate, but they should be closely estimated. After collecting the appropriate information, the bid committee should help the delegates prepare a memorable presentation. In the past, skits, videos and fuschia copy paper have been used to make an impression.

Convention is one of the most memorable experiences OPA sisters participate in each year. It gives sisters of an active chapter the opportunity to get a better understanding of what national is all about. If your chapter has what it takes, now is the time to begin discussing and planning.

Potential Colony Cites Interest at Western Kentucky University

by Ginger McGarity

On February 25, an informational meeting was hosted at Western Kentucky University, the site of a possible third Omega Phi Alpha colony. The meeting was conducted entirely by Leanne Kenyon, a close friend of Epsilon sister Christie Delozier.

When Epsilon Expansions Liaison Kristin Brenner contacted National Expansions Director Ginger McGarity earlier in the year, Kristin offered Epsilon's service in OPA's expansions efforts. Ginger had long been interested in "bridging" the geographical distance between the Ohio chapters and the Tennessee chapters, and had researched four Kentucky universities that she felt were strong candidates for OPA chapters. She asked Kristin if anyone at Epsilon knew a student enrolled at one of the four schools who might be interested in serving as a "contact person" in a colonization effort.

Kristin asked around at the next chapter meeting, and Christie immediately thought of her old high school friend, Leanne Kenyon.

Christie contacted Leanne and explained the situation, and Leanne enthusiastically agreed to give it a try. From that point on, Leanne worked closely with Ginger to plan the February informational meeting.

When the room was reserved and flyers had been posted all over campus (by a tireless Leanne!), several Epsilon sisters made plans to make the two-hour trip to Western Kentucky University to lead the meeting. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans. When an unexpected snowstorm blocked the roads in northern Tennessee and southern Kentucky, Leanne had to lead the informational meeting herself!

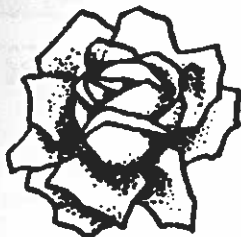
She came through with flying colors: 10 students expressed interest in Omega Phi Alpha by attending that first meeting. Since then, several more have joined the group, and Leanne has taken the first steps toward petitioning the national organization for colonization. WKU looks very promising as the site of our next colony! Stay tuned to the summer *Chevron* for an update on their situation, as it develops.

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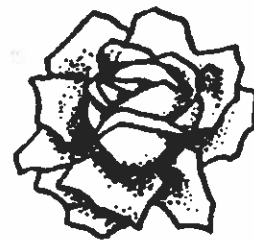
request affiliation because: "...we are seeking an organized effort to become involved through service with the university community and the community-at-large. We believe that through the dedication of our individual talents, creativity and time, we can cooperate to accomplish more than we as individuals could by acting alone. We also look forward to new experiences and the development of new friendships while helping others. We feel that Omega Phi Alpha will best provide us with the opportunities to reach these goals."

Do you see a theme emerging here? Both of these colonies stressed the synergy of working together to increase their accomplishments over and above what they could as individuals.

They are working on colonization quizzes and service projects and would appreciate the advice of other active sisters, especially on service projects. To reach them, see the back of this *Chevron*.



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An Open Letter to Alumnae

As summer gets closer and we start planning our vacations, let me make a suggestion. The beautiful scenery, fine accommodations, delicious food and fun, fun, fun. Where can you get all that for one low price? OPA national convention in Bowling Green, OH—July 29–August 1. Make your reservation now! One of the most enjoyable aspects of last year's convention was the large number of alumnae who attended.

Alumnae are invited to attend the entire convention, but if you can only attend part of it, be sure to be there Saturday afternoon, July 31. The alumnae workshop is scheduled from 4–6 p.m. with the convention banquet at 7 p.m. If you only attend a portion of the convention, you only pay for those activities you attend. Be sure to contact Alpha Chapter early to make your reservations.

On another note, I would like to recognize the Gamma alums who were present for the re-induction of Gamma Chapter. I know that all Gamma alums are very excited to have their chapter active again.

Let me hear from those of you who are serving in your communities.

Yours in Service,

Pamela McEwen
Alumnae Administrator

From the Heart

I live in a major city very close to two active chapters of OPA. After 15 years at my job, I had a unique experience. A recent graduate and OPA sister applied for a job where I work. Annie (not her real name) made it through the test and the initial interviews all on her own with no help from me. When the selection was made for second interviews, I was able to highly recommend her for this final interview.

Because of the large number of qualified applicants, we checked the finalists' job references. But Annie had only held one position since graduation and felt it would jeopardize that position if we contacted her employer. So it all came down to the recommendation I was able to give her as an OPA sister. Although I did not know Annie well, I was able to assure the rest of the panel that as a member and officer of OPA, Annie had learned leadership skills as well as obtained experience in dealing with people and coordinating projects. It made a difference—she got the job!

The moral to this story: don't forget your OPA experience when filling out your resumé. It could get you the job.

—Anonymous

Alumnae Delegates-at-Large Needed for Convention 1993

Applications are now being accepted for two alumnae delegates-at-large to attend Convention 1993 in Bowling Green, OH. Convention is July 29–August 2! The delegate's fee of \$140 must be paid by the delegate. National will pay half of the travel expenses. You should plan to participate in all the business meetings. Send your written application including name, address, telephone, active chapter and year of graduation, to Pamela McEwen (see address on the back of the *Chevron*).

Alumnae Service Project

by Pamela McEwen

The alumnae service project for this period focuses your attention on a worthwhile organization that we often forget about. This group helps college students develop in the areas of service, leadership and friendship. Sound familiar? Well, it should. Omega Phi Alpha is a worthwhile organization that deserves (and needs) your support. Your active chapter could use your help in the following areas:

- Run for national office—aside from the four alumnae board member positions, which are one-year terms, you could also run for the National Executive Board. Active chapters often relate better to the national organization when one of their own is on the NEB or alumnae board. It does them proud and gives actives something to look forward to. This year the offices of president, executive secretary, publications editor and expansions director will be open. To run for any of these positions, fill out a petition for national office. These are available from Leann Williams, see address and phone on the back of the *Chevron*.
- Experience—write to your local chapter to let them know what you are doing and what sorts of service opportunities you have in your community.
- Ideas—let your local chapter take advantage of your knowledge and ideas.
- Financial support—your local chapter can always use your donations for the service projects they have as well as for their own projects, such as sending delegates to convention.
- Attend a meeting.

There is an address on the back of the *Chevron* for each active chapter. If your chapter has gone inactive, adopt a chapter!

Alumnae Hatline

Congratulations to **Sally Craddock** (Delta). She completed her teaching degree and is teaching first graders in Houston. She and new roommate Daisy still think we should change our mascot to the St. Bernard.

Stacey Griffin Garmon (Mu) was married to husband Jeff in August and is living in the Nashville area. Stacey, who served in Operation Desert Storm, is currently working at Third National Bank and working to complete her master's degree.

Forrest Lifsey Weske (Mu) and husband Cris and daughter Amber have moved back south after several years of living in the north. They are now living in Arlington, TX.

Alumnae Lists Now Available

Lifetime membership lists can be obtained from the alumnae administrator. The alumnae database can be sorted by name, chapter, address and occupation. If you want the names and addresses of all alumnae who live in Toledo, OH, or if you want a list of everyone in the nursing field, or just want the current address of your little sister, all you need to do is send a written request to Pamela McEwen at the address on the back of the *Chevron*. If you need mailing labels rather than a list, they are available at a nominal fee.

Alumnae Change of Status or Address

Please add/change (circle one) my name and/or address in the alumnae database:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parents' Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Occupation _____

Phone (home/work) _____

Please mail to Pamela McEwen, address on back of this newsletter.

Attention Teachers

This year the national president's project is education. We would like to honor our alumnae who are serving our future (or have served) by teaching. Please complete this form and mail to: Thea Moritz, 125 Snow Apple Lane, Milford, CT 06460.

Name _____

Grade/Subject/Level _____ Number of Years _____

A complete list of everyone who responds will be published in the summer *Yellow Rose*. Deadline is June 1.

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

—Abigail Adams in letter to John Quincy Adams, May 8, 1780

Notice: Lost Sister

Has anyone seen or heard from **Laura Meadows**? Your sisters would sure love to hear from you. Please contact the alumnae administrator.

Noel T'Geppert Gregory (Gamma) was a member of the EMU Chapter when it was still called Alpha! She made the trip to Bridgeport, CT, to induct Beta Chapter. She is currently living in Walled Lake, MI.

Karen Sawyers (Epsilon) recently completed her master's degree. She is currently teaching in Springfield, TN, and coaching at least five volleyball/basketball teams.

Ginger McGarity (Delta/Nu) has gone back to school—again. If she starts a new chapter at the University of Texas at Austin, she will be our only three-chapter alum!

Kelly Kroll (Kappa) is working as an ophthalmic assistant in Roseville, MI, and has recently gotten engaged. Congratulations!

Jan Becker Titsworth (Delta) is on the verge of another promotion. Looks like marriage has not slowed down her climb up the corporate ladder.

Shirley Shurling (Nu) is home from the Peace Corps in Africa. Her address is 1821 Fernwood Road, Atlanta, GA 30318. Telephone (404) 351-2578.

Leo Buscaglia:

The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our encouragement, who will need our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt.

—Born for Love (Slack)

Reprinted from *Reader's Digest*

Epsilon Sponsors Game-a-thon

The sisters at Epsilon Chapter held a Game-a-thon on February 20 to raise money for MDA. It was held at the Baptist Student Union on the TTU campus. The sisters went to area businesses to get donations and sponsors. Among the sisters who participated, almost \$500 was raised! All of us were very happy to participate or help out in order to raise money.

Since only sisters attended, it was almost like a sisterhood retreat as well. We played games like Scattergories, Scrabble, Guesstures and many others. We received free pizzas and sodas from area businesses. Game-a-thon was a fun and very worthwhile service project.

We will be holding other events for MDA to replace the dance-a-thon.

Ask Sister Manners

Dear Sister Manners,

I did everything I was supposed to do: mailed invitations to our alumnae, bought refreshments and decorated our chapter room for an alumnae tea. But not a single alumna showed up. I'm ready to GIVE UP!

Signed,

Chapter Alumnae Secretary

Dear Alumnae Secretary,

That certainly must have been disappointing! But read on. . .

Dear Sister Manners,

Maybe you can help me with a problem. I recently received an invitation to an alumnae tea from my old college sorority. But it went to my old address—and by the time it reached me it was only two days before the tea. I suppose I should have responded, but I was really busy and forgot. What should I do if this happens again?

Signed,

Dina Dinosaur

Dear Dina,

Tsk! Tsk! You should always respond to a written invitation. To avoid situations like this I recommend the following:

For Alumnae Secretary:

- Be sure you have an up-to-date mailing list. Be sure to notify alums of upcoming events at least a month before the scheduled date and be sure to include a phone number for responses.
- If you are just starting an alumnae program, don't spend a lot of money on a special event. Let them know what activities (service or fellowship) you have planned and invite them to attend. Later you can plan special alumnae events.
- Try a regularly-scheduled annual event: a picnic the first Sunday in June, a social at homecoming or graduation. More alums can attend if they can plan in advance.

For Dina Dinosaur:

- Make sure you keep your chapter (and national) informed when you change your address or name.
- Respond when your chapter invites you to an event. If you cannot attend, offer your support and encouragement.

If we all practice good manners, alumnae events can be fun for everyone!

Signed,

Sister Manners



OPA Bulletin Board

★ Photo Contest ★

Is your photo good enough for OPA national publicity brochures and flyers? If you think so, submit your work to National Publications Editor Ann DeMatteo. Black and white photographs are preferred, however, sharp, color prints with contrast may also be accepted. If you win, a great prize will be in the mail to you. Photos will be judged for their quality and content in each of the following categories:

- sisters in service
- fellowship
- sorority symbols.

Send in photos as often as you like before the May 1 deadline.

Alumnae Info Update: Attention Alumnae Secretaries

A list of your chapter's alumnae with addresses is available from the national alumnae administrator (see back of *Chevron* for address and phone). In addition, mailing labels are also available for \$1 per sheet (33 names); make check payable to Omega Phi Alpha. Now it's easy to contact your alums.

Start to Make Rose Shop Items for Convention

Don't forget this great opportunity to raise funds for your chapter! In addition to the great things offered through national, you can sell OPA-related items at the Rose Shop too. Contact T.J. Roland, address and phone on the back of the *Chevron*, for details.

Summer Chevron Deadline is June 1

Please send your contributions on time, so that everyone can receive the newsletter before convention starts. Send typewritten articles, DOS ascii files or Mac files on 3.5" disk, along with hard copy, to Ann DeMatteo, publications editor.

Chapter Reports

Gamma

Eastern Michigan University

First things first. . . thanks to all who made our induction such a special event!

Since then, we've been busy getting things together and getting the hang of it. We have many fund raisers and service functions planned. Fund raising includes a Morley Easter candy sale and a bowl-a-thon, where 30 percent of the money raised will go to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Our vice president of service, Kelly Myers, has coordinated blood drives, a donation drive, homework sessions at a local children's home, and has found us another nursing home to work with.

We took a pledge class of 12 women this winter. They show a lot of enthusiasm and have great ideas. Their service coordinator, Sabrina Arquette, has been working closely with our vice president of service, and they have come up with a project to serve the nations of the world. We are filling gift boxes for the Red Cross to be sent overseas. These boxes are filled with health aids, recreational items or educational items. The women use their own money to fill the boxes, but it is very inexpensive.

On March 13, our social chair, Shelly Clemens, along with the pledge class social coordinator, Kristy Eilers, planned a blue and gold party. Everyone wore blue and gold. This was to honor the pledges and also to celebrate everything that's happened to our chapter in the past year.

Our pledge class includes: Susan Malecki, president; Sabrina Arquette, service coordinator; Sheryl Smith, treasurer; Heather Averill, secretary; Kristy Eilers, social coordinator; Sandra Starks, vice president; Dana Stephenson, historian; Colleen Kolla, pledge trainer; Leslie Strunk, Kelley Martin, Stephanie Winter and Kristy Misiewicz.

Epsilon

Tennessee Technological University

Spring semester has been an exciting one for all of the sisters. During spring rush we took in seven pledges who have been working to get the required signatures and service hours. We look forward to their activation on April 26.

We had many worthwhile service projects this semester. We sponsored the Red Cross bloodmobile, sold Girl Scout cookies for a handicapped troop, worked with the Girl Scouts on badge day, had a baby shower for the Pregnancy Crisis Center, held a Game-a-thon and sold shamrocks for MDA. Many other fund-raising events are planned in support of MDA.

Believe it or not, we had time to more than work this semester. We have an outing every week so the sisters can get together and talk or just generally have fun.

We're also looking forward to our OPA formal which is scheduled for May 1 in Gatlinburg. We can't wait!

Kappa

Capital University

Kappa is now more than half way through spring semester! Fellow seniors, May 9 is getting closer!

We helped with the recycling efforts at Capital by sorting paper for three hours on a Saturday morning. Sorting paper will be a monthly service project.

On January 30, we held our second annual Hairy Groundhog Party. (This is our version of Hairy Buffalo Party.)

We held our rush parties on March 2 and 9. On March 14, Kappa proudly pinned 19 pledges, our largest group ever! New member education, aka pledging, is from March 14 to April 3.

On March 6, several sisters attended the regional retreat at Bowling Green. On March 7, we participated in the swim for diabetes. The second weekend in March we were ushers for the spring play at Capital, which benefitted AIDS. On March 28, we walked in the Super Cities Walk for multiple sclerosis.

We will be having our formal in early April. We missed getting together with Alpha and Gamma in February. What happened?

Mu

Middle Tennessee State University

We are having a great spring semester at Mu. Our rush was small, but we've got four of the best pledges ever. They are Traci Woody, Felicia Dye, Melissa Tomlin and Tonya Vandagriff.

We again participated in the military mail call—this time for Valentine's Day. We have also had a food drive for the local food bank as well as a dog food drive for the humane society. Mu also held a donation drive and information table for the Easter Seals Foundation in our University Center.

Our pledge class also had an AIDS awareness ribbon sale and information table this semester.



Gamma members and pledges Brina Arquette, Anju Shah, Julie Suwalkowski and Dana Stephenson with "Major Magic"

Now for some fun—we made good use of our fellowship committee and had a Valentine's Day party complete with boot-scootin' lessons!

We are really looking forward to next semester with our new active members to help us kick it off right.

(P.S. Thanks to Jan Titsworth, Sheila Bush, Pam McEwen and, especially, Leann Williams, for the regional retreat! Those of us who went had such a great time that everybody else is fired up enough to try to get the whole chapter there next time! Thanks again, Leann!)

See ya at Convention '93!

Nu

Georgia Institute of Technology

This quarter we were very busy, as usual. We held rush and did not have enough pledges for this quarter, so we decided to hold off on a pledge class. Next quarter, watch out! We are working on some very good ideas for rush. One of them involves making a "face book" of all the sisters along with their interests and facts about them. In this way, the pledges can become more familiar with the sisters.

On Valentine's Day, sisters delivered cards we made to the residents of the Georgia Regional Hospital. We also did some work for the Red Cross blood drive. Some of our sisters not only donated their time, but their blood.

One funny thing that we did for our fund raiser this quarter was a professor shaft contest. Here at Georgia Tech, we call the professors we don't like or think are not fair a "shaft." Thus, we had cans with the professors' names who we thought were shafts. Students donated money to the professor they considered the biggest shaft. The professor with the most money in his can won the contest. This is probably one contest that they did not want to win.

For our last meeting this quarter, we had a scavenger hunt to look for items such as canned goods that we could donate to local shelters.

Our Yellow Rose formal was on March 6 at the Marriott. It was a lot of fun. Each sister brought a teddy bear to donate to the Atlanta Children's Shelter. So we are having fun and also serving our sorority in one night.

We had an election for the next year's officers. Congratulations to the following: Kristi Yarlot, president; Laureen Hobbs, vice president; Grayson Davis, corresponding secretary; Amy Tyson, recording secretary; Karen Vaughan, treasurer; Liz Bright, sisterhood; Tracy Morris, pledgetrainer and Pamela Parnacott, historian.

Xi

University of Northern Alabama

This spring semester seems to have flown by. We have six new pledges. They are: Leah Favors, Kelly Ford, Tanya Hoover,

Becky Jean, Donna Munger and Brittany Scott. We are very happy they decided to join us.

In addition to participating in Spring Fling activities and having the annual bachelor/bachelorette auction, some suggested service projects are providing nursing home residents with personal products, an Easter project for children and helping the Florence Wal-mart with their Diaper Derby.

1993's Yellow Rose Affair is planned for Friday, April 16, and we hope to be joined by our alumnae and members of Omicron Chapter.

Omicron Auburn University

Omicron Chapter started the New Year with a blast! We had a rush workshop the week before our winter rush. Rush was a great success, because we have 11 new pledges. They have been very involved in service projects like UPC canned food drive, SGA blood drive and setting up recycling bins around campus. The chapter continues to do service with Pet Pals, Godparent, Conversational English Teacher's Night Out, Toys for Tots, Camp ASSCA, party for the Girls Ranch, Amnesty Letters and Road Cleanup. We have started dealing with literacy as one of our education projects.

National Membership Week, February 8-12, was a fun-packed week of sisterhood bonding. Each pledge class sponsored a different night and activity. Some had a fellowship at Baskin-Robbins because the Outback Cafe was closed. The McGarity class decided to go to Niffer's Charity Night for dinner and social hour. Last, but not least, the Williams class presented "Dessert from Study," when pledges let the sisters make their own ice cream sundaes as a study break during mid-terms.

On February 26 and 27, Tasha Pyle, Crystal McClurkin, Lisa White and Dawn Tout traveled to Dalton, GA, for some cardinal principle tips. The sisters talked the night away and got up in just enough time to get a shower and eat an awesome breakfast cooked by Leann Williams' husband (thanks!). Everyone started arriving and getting ready to give out the early morning "warm fuzzies." The workshop was very informative about different service projects, ways to develop more sisterhood, leadership skills, fund-raising ideas to look into, and a video about the affects of drinking and driving. Each session was presented by the NEB (Jan Titsworth, Leann, Pamela McEwen and Sheila Bush, former national president). Everyone present learned a lot from those spunky, wise women. The sisters are looking forward to the second annual southern cardinal principles workshop. It was a great way to share fellowship with the chapters from that area.

Look out Alpha. . . Omicron is ready for Convention 1993.



Alpha Chapter at a recent formal meeting

Congratulations to Our New Sisters

Congratulations to our newly activated sisters! We welcome you into our sisterhood and wish you the best. The following sisters were recognized by national as of January 14, 1993. If you were activated during fall 1992 (or between Fall 1991 and Spring 1992 from Nu Chapter) and your name does not appear on this list, please check with your chapter pledge educator or call the national membership director. We hope that you have many fulfilling years of friendship, leadership and service ahead.

Alpha

Christine Antonelli
Julie Augur
Bonnie Brosnan
Jody Crowe
Dawn Horen
Sherri Johnson
Karie Kendall
Jeannette Manning
Sharon Mantor
Tracy McHugh
Cindy Mong
Dawn Orjansen
Jill Polak
Monica Raizada
Cathy Roberts
Tana Richards
Brenda Scalzitti
Landa Scalzitti
Mindy Scheffler
Cyndie Schmalfuss
Jennifer Schneider
Angela Sielski
Donna Smeal
Jennifer Speth
Becky Tippit
Dora Tracy
Sarah White

Delta

Tracy Dugai
Christina Eaton
Kristie Grubbs
Janua Joyce
Amy Koenning
Melissa Ann Moore
Michelle Navarrette
Amy Lee Reynolds
Kris Siegert
Stephanie Urias

Epsilon

Aletha Bailey
Linda Bataskov
Julie Bean
Rebecca Cyr
Christie Delozier
Tammie Elmore
Kelly Gayner
Paige Gazaway
Gina Gilburth
Bonita Haston
Ginny Johnson
Kimberley McBee
Deborah McKinney
Tammy Ozment
Heidi Patterson
Caryn Rowland
Kristy Smith
Laura Smith
Tracey Smith
Jennifer Sprik

Mu

Amy Adkins
Tasha Athar
Yvonne Fisher
Michelle Guthrie
Tammye Harrill
Melanie Jackson
Elaine Puckett
Amy Sydnies
Danette Titus
Jocelyn Veile

Nu

Liz Bright
Leslie Clifton
Grayson Davis
Mary Emani
Sheila Emani

Pam Evans

Heather Fausti
Robin Harrison
Laureen Hobbs
Krissi Johnson
Kim Kilpatrick
Kelly Ann Kissman
Jessica Lee
Colleen Lozen
Tricia Moersen
Meredith Moon
Stacie Robertson
Jennifer Sneyd
Lennye Starr
Amy Tyson
Angela Upchurch
Tina Wallace
Kristen Wroldsen
Monica Yam
Kristi Yarlott
Janie Yun
Stephanie Dawson
Elizabeth Brumby
Deborah Spina
Martina D. Stover
Pamela Tucker
Karen Vaughn
Tracy Morris
Brooke Anthony
Christina Bennett

Xi

Theresa Baumgart
Jill Hammond
Jean Marie Hahn
Nicole Johnson
Ann Lusk

Freebies

Jennifer (Nu Chapter)—Thanks for putting up with me—you were a great big sister.—*The Yank*

Margaret—Thank you for all your help with my social life. What would I do without you? I'm still waiting to learn how to make matzo pancakes. That will be a lot of fun!—*Love in OPhiA, Tonya*

Kris (Nu Chapter)—My little sister hopes this quarter is as much fun as the rest have been.—*Jeni*

Jan Titsworth—Thanks for all your help! We really needed it! We'll be in touch soon!—*Anonymous*

Xi Sisters—Thanks for a great '92! This year will be the best ever. I'm sure going to miss you all when graduation comes around.—*OPhiA, Linda*

Corina—Midyear was fun. Thanks for all the support and late night chats!—*Your perpetual OPA roomie*

Laura B (Xi)—You make me proud. I knew you could make it.—*OPhiA Love, Susan*

Nu Chapter—Yeah! Tricia got her car back. It's a miracle!—*Janie*

Gamma—Keep up the good work!!!—*Love, Deb K.*

Shonda (Omicron)—I'm so glad you're back! You've been missed.—*Diana*

Crystal—Are there any good blackmail pictures?—*T.J.*

Kim (Xi)—How about another night in Huntsville? This time we'll leave U-know-who behind and make it a girls' night out!—*Love ya sis, Nicole*

Kirstin and Erin—Thanks for all the great times in OPA! I love you both!—*Kerry*

Speedy (Xi)—Hey sis! How's everything going out there in El Paso? Sure miss not having you around here. Just think, me, Chris, Helen and Craig will be out there in about a month. Be ready to party.—*Love ya lots, Hairbabe*

Nu Chapter—To the "retiring" officers of Nu Chapter. Great job this year! We appreciate you!—*Robin*

Sondra (Xi)—Hey li'l sis! Hope you're enjoying being out in the real world. Come visit if you're ever in town.—*Love your big sis, Linda*

Sue—I hope you're enjoying your semester. You're doing an incredible job.—*Love your big, Kelly*

Deb McKinley—You are a great friend. Good luck in your classes.—*OPA Love and Mine, Cindy B.*

Tamara (Xi)—Hey, li'l sis. It was great hearing from you. Hope you can make it to the Yellow Rose Affair, so I can meet this guy Chris. That's cool that we both are dating guys named Chris. Come visit soon.—*Love, Linda*

Nu Chapter—It's great to be back. I missed you guys!—*Kerry*

Christi (Xi)—Hey big sis. Thanks for always being there for me. I'm glad we finally got to get together and catch up on old times. Let's keep in touch more often.—*Love, Linda*

Yu—You cannot eat Drew!—*Mandy*

Xi Chapter's '93 Pledge Class—Congrats on becoming a pledge of OPA. We sure can't wait until you become active sisters. Good luck with your pledge period. If you need any help, let us know.—*OPhiA Love & Mine, Xi Sisters*

Nu Chapter—Congratulations to the new initiates. Welcome to OPA.—*Janie*

Kelly—Thanks for doing such a great job with the pledges!—*Love, Julie*

"Toons"—... congratulations and welcome to the Omega Phi Alpha family! Now we have a recruiter for some "long hairs"—watch out!!—*Love, "SWAHILI"*

Leigh Ann (Xi)—So have you found a place to go horseback riding yet? I don't know about that, but I know I would rather ride the usual!! Miss ya a lot. Take care and see you soon.—*Love, Linda*

Angela (Nu Chapter)—You're a great friend! Good luck!—*Jenn*

Kristi (Nu Chapter)—I heard about you at Mardi Gras. Those beads looked mighty nice.

Susan (Xi)—Thanks for always being there for me. I can't wait 'til next year when we get an apartment together. Well, we've been through a lot together, but the good times have just begun. Good luck with David!—*Love, Linda*

Leslie (Nu Chapter)—It's great to be back! Thanks for all your support. I love you!—*Your li'l sis, Kristen*

Julie—You're the best! Thanks for all of your effort. You make Gamma what it is. AWESOME.—*Love, Kelly*

Nu Chapter—To all my new sisters. I'm looking forward to the good times yet to come!—*Pamela P.*

Mamie (Xi)—Congrats on your wedding! Hey, how about another 2 a.m. trip to Food World for ice cream? Well, we will have to wait until the wind chill is two below again. Come visit anytime.—*Love, Linda*

Cathy Roberts—I'm glad we became friends. Good luck in your classes and everything else you do.—*OPA Love and Mine, Cindy B.*

Tex and Tumbleweed—Next time I'm not cleaning the decorated hall or bathroom.—*Gus*

Nikki (Xi)—Moo!! You've been a great sister and a cool person to party with. There will be a lot in store for all of us next year. How about another party at your place??—*Love, Linda*

Nu Chapter—It's great to be back. I missed you guys!—*Kerry*

Helen C.—Hey buddy, when are you coming to visit? Sure miss not having you around during the meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Yellow Rose Affair in April. Take care.—*Love, Linda*

Delta Sisters—Hope this semester is going great for you. If you ever need anything, let us know.—*OPhiA Love, Xi Sisters*

To all the Chapters—We at Xi just want to say "hi."

Big Deb—... you're my one and only. . . big sis! I'm so glad we're friends—now put a HUGE smile on your face, 'cause you have me for a 'li'l!!!—*I love ya! . . . "JILLSTER"*

Kirstin—Way to go with the Peace Corps! I'll be so proud to have one of my sisters serving others halfway around the world.—*Love and mushy kisses, Erin*

NEB—Thanks for all of your support with Convention.—*Kerry*

Li'l Deb and Grand Li'l Angle—We have the best OPA family! Let's have more ice cream dates together.—*Love, Kerry*

Beef—You're the best! Convention '93 will be the greatest ever.—*Chicken*

Robin Schlerling—You are welcome for all the rides to Cincinnati! Thanks for being a great friend. Good luck in your classes.—*OPA Love and Mine, Cindy B.*

Nu Chapter—Hey, Tracy, Heather and Jennifer just wanted to say "hi."—*Love ya, Angela*

Tammy Bridges—You are doing a great job! Keep up the great work, and good luck in your classes.—*OPA Love and Mine, Cindy B.*

Melissa—I need to get back to my roots. Gimme some G-N-R LIVE!—*Teege*

Krents—Is your sky still Fuschia Pink? Let me know.—*Smeege*

Deb K.—How did you know my brain was full?—*T.J.*

Omicron—Thanks for bearing with me. You all are the greatest!—*Diana*

To the Eds—Hairbabe is a safely-guarded secret. We could tell ya but then we would have to kill ya! Sorry.—*Xi*

Omicron Pledges—I love you. You're all awesome! I can't wait 'til you are my real little sisters! Keep up the hard work—you're almost there!—*OPA love, Lynn*

To the UTC Colony—It was great meeting y'all at Leann's. Good luck on everything. We will be thinking about ya!—*OPhiA Love, Susan (Xi)*

Linda (Xi)—So it's Kansas next year. Don't forget your red shoes.—*OPhiA love, Susan*

Jamie & Annette—I hope your love lives are better than mine. The future father of my children still hasn't figured out that I'm the love of his life. Oh, well. . . .—*GMCG*

Nikki, Helen, Leah, Sabrina & Mamie (Xi)—I'm sorry if I got you lost. At least you had a good laugh. I love y'all.—*Susan*

Omicron—y'all are awesome! Please try and come to our formal. We love y'all.—*OPhiA Love, Xi*

Kelly (Xi)—You are a great little sis! I am so glad you pledged OPA.—*OPhiA Love, Susan*

Margaret—Well, we've made it through most of this semester, and you'll have a degree!—*OPA Love and mine, Debbie*

Hairbabe (Xi)—I'm on a mission of the heart! Have any directions? Thanks for always being there!!—*OPhiA Love, Boner*

Crystal (Omicron)—Good luck with everything! Don't forget me! Don't party too much with Linda and Shonda this spring.—*Love, Jen*

Linda (Xi)—We will find you at formal. Count on it!!!—*OPhiA Love, Susan and Sabrina*

Kappa Sisters—We are getting outta here!—*Love always, "BSFP-OS" "Urban Farmer"*

Gus and Tumbleweed—Let's get together sometime and have some hairy tatonka.—*Tex*

Shonda (Omicron)—Happy 21st Birthday (belated)! I'll miss my old roomie (sometimes), but I love my new one! Here's to great spring quarter and lots of OPA fun!—*Tina G.*

Sue—It's 11 o'clock. Do you know where your loft is?—*Lobo*

Mandy—We think we're gonna. . . hurl.—*The Singing Reindeer*

K—Can I watch the New Hampshire video? Thanks for being such a great friend!—*Love, Sledgehammer*

Dana—I am sooo glad you're my little. I hope you have as much fun with the sorority as I do.—*Alison*

Brina—You're a great little! If you need anything—that's what I'm here for!!!!—*Love, Julie*

Kathy (Omicron)—I'm so happy to have you for my little sis! Keep up the good work pledging!—*Diana (Omicron)*

Brittany (Xi)—Congrats on your bid. Good luck during pledgship, and I'm glad you joined OPA!!—*Love your big sis Nicole*

Nu Chapter—Thanks OPA Nu Chapter for four great years. I love you all!—*Chiquita*

Nu Chapter—I can't wait to see who everyone finally decides to bring to formal. Nu sisters, you all are the best!—*With love, Kristi*

Donna (Xi)—Good luck during pledgship! Ready for a formal and a long night?—*Love ya, Nicole*

The Ketchup Kaper Kontines—I actually found myself looking for bubbles at Friendly's!!! Oh No!—*Deb K.*

Nu Chapter—Hyunjin, thanks for listening to all my yak about you-know-who. I really appreciate it. Next quarter, it's just you and me.—*Janie*

Ginger (NEB)—Hey, groovy woman! Just wanted to say "hi" and put that bra in the air!—*Love, Dina*

Karen (Nu Chapter)—I never thanked you for being such a great big sis. Thanks.—*Love, Cheryl*

Crystal (Omicron)—Hey fellow OPA sis! Sorry I couldn't make it to the party. But we definitely have to plan another one soon. Hope you and the Omicron sisters can attend our formal this year. Looking forward to partying with you again. Take care!—*Love, Linda (Xi)*

Omicron—Thanks for bearing with me. you all are the greatest!—*Diana*

Jen (Nu Chapter)—As my other li'l sister, we are going to have to have a "get together."—*Jeni*

KR (Nu Chapter)—Good luck. Hopefully you've completed the necessary rec's for activation. Good luck.—*Jeni*

Scoping Queen (Xi)—Sure do miss makin' those rounds 'til the sun comes up. Party on!—*Shname*

To Shaun (not Sheila)—Thank you for your daybed, your Cheerios, your herbal tea and your sense of humor!—*Jan T.*

Tasha (Omicron)—You and John are going to be so happy together! Love ya!—*Gretchen*

Angela (Nu Chapter)—You are the world's best big sister. Happy late birthday.—*Tracy*

Felicia (Mu)—Congratulations on your pledgeship. I hope you will enjoy OPA, and I'm glad you're my little sister.—*Love, Big Sis Elaine (Mu)*

Lisa W. (Omicron)—Keep partying, chickee!! Shake that rump! I am so glad things are getting straight in both of our lives. Let's go watch HOCKEY!—*Crystal*

Liz (Nu Chapter)—You are sooo cool.—*Laureen*

Mamie (Xi)—Congrats on your engagement! Good luck!—*Love your little sis, Nicole*

Kristen (Epsilon)—Sorry I haven't written ya back in so long. Did you get my letter? Write soon!—*Love, Margaret (Mu)*

Leslie (Nu Chapter)—Watch out for spring break! Will it live up to last year?—*Your friend always, TM*

Lynn—Excellent job motivating the pledges! Keep going!—*Tasha*

Kristi, Janie (Nu Chapter)—Good luck in your studies this quarter. Looking forward to being y'all's roommates next year.—*Tricia*

Omicron Pledges—I'm so glad to have all your wonderful commitments and dedication. You're a wonderful asset!—*Lisa*

Nu Chapter—It's been great being y'all's pledgetrainer this year. Looking forward to next year in service.—*Tricia*

To KK and the princess—Your hospitality overwhelms me! Thanks for the warm fuzzies in the cold state of Michigan!—*JBT*

Gamma—Gosh, it seems like just yesterday when we were in your shoes. Congratulations!—*Omicron*

Benita (Nu Chapter)—Thanks for dinner! Let's do the Beer Mug again soon.—*Kerri*

Kelly (Omicron)—I'm going to miss you but just remember Kudzu!—*Lisa W.*

Nirma—LONG LIVE BETA'S ACORN!!!

Omicron Pledges—Here's to a "Cleaner Dozen." You guys are super! Keep up the good work!—*Tasha, one of the "Dirty Dozen"*

Janie (Nu Chapter)—Let's get together soon—hope your quarter is going swell.—*Amy Leigh*

Dina (Omicron)—Thanks for being my bestest buddy. I will miss you lots. I am crying big moose tears.—*Love, Kelly (Omicron)*

Leslie—Thanks for doing such a great job with formal. You're the best!—*Love, Kimberly*

Amy (Nu Chapter)—I hope you get the SGA rep. I'm sure you will so I am going to go ahead and congratulate you now.—*Jamie*

Leann W.—You are an angel. Thank you for all you've already done to make me look good, and thanks in advance for what you've volunteered to do this Spring with UTC.—*Ginger*

Nu Chapter—I love all of y'all. You are all great, and I can't wait for next year.—*Kristi*

Laureen (Nu Chapter)—New VP. All right!! Good luck!!—*Liz*

Tonya—Thanks for your note. I will write soon. C U at Cardinal Principles Workshop!—*Laureen*

Everyone who came to a retreat day—Remember, today is just the beginning. . . YOU make it happen!—*Jan*

Delta—A big "hi" to our sister chapter! How's it going?—*Love, Xi*

Speedy—Hi! How's it going out in Texas? Are you keeping Doug in line?—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*

Omicron—Hi from Xi! Are you about ready for formal? I look forward to partying with you then!—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*

Alison—Hey, crusher, want some? Thanks for being you.—*Love, Kelly Jane*

Tasha (Omicron)—Make sure everything looks "real ???ing good!!" You're doing an awesome job, Prez!—*Lisa W.*

Faith (Mu)—Thanks for a long hard year as president! Thanks for all the hard work and dedication. We love you.—*Love, Mu*

Momma McG.—Although we don't want to share you with anyone, we are very proud of the work you did with Gamma and are doing with the two new colonies! We love you!—*Omicron*

Helen Copeland—Hey! Come visit us lowly students who have not yet achieved graduate status! Tell Heather and Chris "hi." Good luck in your job search!—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*

Tonya (Mu)—Hey, how about Eddie Haskell!! I'll see ya at the next home game! Go Blue Raiders! Go Dodgers!—*Love and strike-outs, Margaret (Mu)*

Patto—I hope everything works out for you with decisions, career, etc. I'm gonna miss you if you move! We've had a lot of fun together!—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*

Beat rice—Hey! I'm gonna miss you when you head off to Athens State!—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*
Another colony, perhaps?—*Eds.*

Melissa (Alpha)—You are still groovy even though I haven't written—sorry!—*Groovy-love, Dina (Omicron)*

Kelly (Omicron)—I'll miss moo when you graduate . . . but you won't be rid of me!—*Love, Dina*

Leann (NEB)—Thanks for the Christmas present, big sis!—*Love, Dina (Omicron)*

Omicron Chapter—I will really miss y'all!—*Love, Kelly (Omicron)*

Mona—I'll miss you! You UPC momma!—*Love, Kelly*

Xi Chapter—Hi, guys! Would love to hear from yal Keep in touch!—*Alum Amy (Smallwood) LeMaster*

Amy B. (Omicron)—You're the greatest little sister! Remember I'm always here if you need me. Smile, God loves you and so do I!—*Love, Your big sis, Lynn*

Mona Lisa—I thank God that we don't fight, because I can't handle any more! You're an awesome roommate. Thanks for putting up with me. You're doing terrific with UPC!—*Lynn*

Melissa and Kerry—I'm so proud of you! Convention is right on target!—*Love, Jan*

Crystal (Omicron)—Lush, keep those friends—they're worth it.—*Lisa W.*

Helen D. (Xi)—Ready for spring break with the two guys? I believe we will be in for one long but fun trip. At least we will get to party with Leigh Ann again. Just think, it is only a month away.—*Love, Linda*

Deb K.—Keep up the good work.

Leigh Ann S. (Xi)—Hello out there! "The stars at night are big and bright. . ."—*Miss ya, love ya! Amy S. (now L.)*

To Everyone at Southern Regional Retreat—Thanks to all the other chapters for making the day a success for everyone who made the drive. If you didn't get to go, you really missed something! Hope to see everybody at Convention '93.—*Love, Mu*

Shonda—I miss my GREAT Big Sis! See you in PC!—*Lisa W.*

Susan (Omicron)—I am so glad we've become friends in OPhiA. You're an awesome pledge sister!—*Kathie Brown*

Kelly—Omicron will surely miss you!!

Leann—Your pledge class is awesome! Come meet them!—*Omicron*

Lisa W.—Wonderful job with the service! Keep it up!—*Tasha*

Leanne K.—You are also an angel (it must be in the name) and we haven't even met face to face yet!! I'm looking forward to it.—*Ginger*

Gretchen—What can I say? It's a real hoot! Thanks, man, for everything!—*Tasha*

Groovy 1—You are doing an excellent job!—*Groovy 3*

Attention All OPAs—Omicron sisters Tina Griffin and Tina Vibbert are engaged! More later!

Who will be the heir to the throne? XLXORC, LORN, QOEC, XLORC or XLUEC?

Crystal & Lisa W. (Omicron)—Keep on smilin' and partying!!—*Gretchen*

Jenny (Omicron)—You're my AWESOME and cool little sis! Thanks for everything, and I had fun at formal in the cabin.—*Crystal*

Epsilon Alums—Just a short note to let you know I'm engaged to be married. Couldn't do it without letting my sisters in on it. I really miss you all!—*Love, Jeri Bontrager*

To Sheila (not Shaun)—Thank you for sharing with me on the way to Chattanooga, for keeping me awake at 2 a.m. and for all your love. . . —*"J" Jan*

Delta—Are you faking????—*A concerned alum*

Jen (Nu Chapter)—It's nice sharing gossip.—*Laureen*

YIPPEE!!! I'm back in Texas, the land of tight Wranglers and cowboy boots!!!

Xi Spring Pledge Class—We are so glad to have you join us!—*OPA love and mine, Debbie*

Lisa—Thanks for your perseverance at UTC! I can't wait to do y'all's retreat!—*GMcG*

Traci (Mu)—You're the best li'l sis anyone could ask for! We love you!—*Amy and Missy (Mu)*

We love Sheila Bush!!!—*Mu Chapter*

Amy Stanford (Delta)—How are ya, Convention roomie? Let's get together and go Elkin' some time!—*Tasha (Omicron)*

Okay, Rhonda H., Andrea, Lynne, Kelly, Debbie T., Kristie R., Tracy H., Laurie C. Linda B., Bev A.—All you old people, where are you?? Let's keep in touch through Xi!—*Amy S.*

Xi—Well, if you won't reveal Hairbabe's identity, then at least tell us who Speedy is. We'll die if we don't know.—*Eds.*

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