

Section 87 Newsletter

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From the Chair

Hello Section 87!!

It's truly amazing what a few months can do! When the sections realigned, I lived in Syracuse. As I write this, I am in the midst of packing and cleaning that apartment to head towards the eastern edge of our new section to start a new teaching job.

And, of course, during those few months, Section 87 became official! Since the summer started, there has been a staff meeting, the website has gone online, and some planning for section-wide events has already taken place. The staff that we have for the section are wonderful people. Please be sure to utilize them for whatever you might need. We are all here to help you.

In these next couple weeks, I will be contacting the chapters to let them know their Section Rep and when the President's meeting shall be. We also will be hosting a Section Birthday/Welcome Back party for the Section. Stay tuned for more details.

Now for a few really important items to note:

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New Staff Introduction

"I would classify myself as a geekette..."

By J.J. Rivera Garcia-Dreisbach

Syracuse Rep

Hi everybody! My name is J.J. Rivera Garcia-Dreisbach. I'm the new chapter representative for Syracuse University / SUNY ESF (Phi Chapter).

I received my undergraduate degree in Applied Physics and Psychology from RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) in 2004. I also have a masters degree in Education from UConn (University of Connecticut). I pledged EZ (Epsilon Zeta) at RPI in 2002. I have held the offices of historian, service vice president and office manager.

I would classify myself as a geekette who likes video games: three desktops, two laptops, two GameCubes, and a Playstation 2 at home. I also like to collect books and board games.

That's a brief snapshot of me. I hope to be an asset to Phi chapter and the section staff as a whole.

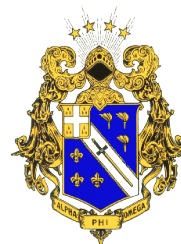
In the words of Dr. Nick... Bye everybody!

Get to know more section staff in the next edition!

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Your logo for Section 87 could go here!!!



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- Please be sure to order new induction and initiation forms. Remember the costs have changed and the old forms will not have the correct costs on them. Also order new pledge books, ritual books, and National by-laws, as all of these have been updated as well.

- AAMD's went up to \$25 per active brother listed on your charter reaffirmation form. Plus, there is a mandatory \$7 insurance fee cost per active as well.

- Section Dues are \$3 per active listed on your charter reaffirmation form.

The above 2 items mean that there is presently a \$35 cost per active brother. Please keep this in mind for your chapters members.

- We will have A TON of business to do at sectional conference, as we do not have any official section policies. Presidents were notified before the end of spring semester that we would be operating under Section 89 policies until Sectionals. Please be sure to review any proposed policies sent to your chapter. If you would like to amend or write any policies, please be sure to have them to me by October 7, so I can get them to all the chapters in time. (Policies will be sent to the Presidents by email.) PLEASE be sure to send delegates to Albany for Sectionals so we can get all of the major official stuff out of the way.

- This Fall's Conference will be 87's turn to bid for Fall '08 Conference. Keep this in mind if your chapter is interested.

- National Office has rolled out a couple of new programs. The first one to mention is the new Pledge Program of Excellence and the revamped Chapter of Excellence. There are three tiers (Blue, Gold, and Diamond) for both programs. Watch your mailboxes for more information on this from National Office. I am sure we have chapters in 87 that can achieve PPOE and COE.

- Another program is from our marketing team. Have you seen the logo with the flame? If not, check out the National Website at <http://www.apo.org>. That flame is being requested to go on all materials that promote Alpha Phi Omega, so people recognize us by our logo. There

also is a graphics and style guide being published. If you have questions on this, let me know.

Challenge Time!

I am throwing out three challenges to the members of Section 87.

1.) Life Membership Challenge: If Section 87 can get 87 Life Memberships by Spring Conference at RIT, I will be willing to do something.... That something shall be determined at the business meeting at the fall sectional conference. (Be creative, but I do have final say.)

2.) 1925 Club Challenge: If Section 87 can also get eighty-seven new 1925 members by spring conference, I will again do something (again to be determined at fall conference). (... and maybe we can start a competition with our fellow Sections!)

3.) We need a logo! Send any and all designs to me (my email is below). We will vote on a logo at Sectionals this fall. The winner will get reimbursed for the registration cost for Sectional Conference.

At this time, I also would like to mention that Phi Chapter (Syracuse/SUNY-ESF) is one of four chapters nationwide taking part in the APOLLO program for high school students. I am undoubtedly certain it will be a success! Congratulations Phi on being selected for this program.

And it would be remiss to leave out that Spreee, aka Mike Haber (our Region 2 Director), won the Regional Director's Cup at the National Volunteer Conference. It is because of all of your hard work in your chapters that helped make this possible. So thank you all!!

So, as you can see, we are already off to a great start in Section 87.

Keep it up!

As always, if you need anything, contact me via email at chair@apo87.org or send an AIM message to ruach3210.

Yours, always, in Leadership, Friendship, and Service,

Peri
Section 87 Chair

New website launched; Features to come!

By Aaron Knight

Section 87 Webmaster

Section 87's website has now officially been launched. Over the next few weeks, there're a few things you can expect to see start happening:

- A news portal – where you can find out the latest from your section staff, as well as news from each of our five active chapters.
- A complete section calendar, which you can also subscribe to from other iCal-compatible calendar systems like iGoogle's calendar.
- eFiling – yes, electronic filing of section forms and other paperwork, saving a stamp and giving you instant confirmation that we've received everything from your chapter.
- A section forum for discussing everything Alpha Phi Omega.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SECTION 87/88/89 FALL CONFERENCE

ALPHA DELTA ETA; SUNY ALBANY

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2007

Come celebrate Leadership, Friendship, and Service in '80's style!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

BECKY@APO87.ORG

NOVEMBER 4, 2007

Send me your articles, pictures, cartoons, games... anything!

REGION I&II CONFERENCE

ALLENTOWN, PA

DECEMBER 28-30, 2007

Leadership, Friendship, and Service with Regions I&II.

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Shout Out to Phi!

By Kristin Vesecera

Section 87 Extension Coordinator

Congratulations to Phi brothers Richard Cole, Melissa Baran, Sarah Diguilio and Jane Mulcahy for their participation and dedication to volunteering in Latin America. Through international community service these brothers took great initiative in Nicaragua and Costa Rica and stood as catalysts to help sustain the growth of these developing countries. With the guidance of the organization, Sustainable Horizon, these brothers supported a community's appropriate technology initiatives, taught English to local children, cleaned up recreational parks, repaired old buildings and stretched beyond their limits to make a difference.

NEWSLETTER REQUEST!!!!

ARTICLES

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOUR CHAPTER ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. SEND ALL CHAPTER RAMBLINGS TO BECKY@APO87.ORG.

PICTURES

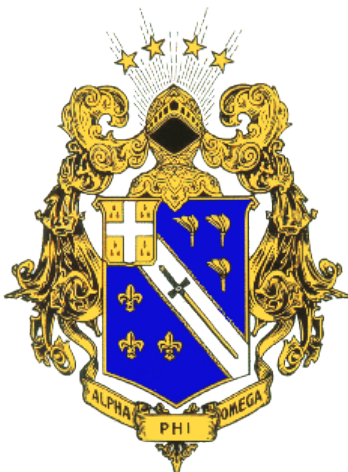
PICTURES? WE LOVE PICTURES! SEND ALL PICTURES TO BECKY@APO87.ORG AND WE WILL TRY TO PUBLISH THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER.

IMPORTANT!!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT SECTION 87 NEWSLETTER IS **NOVEMBER 4, 2007**. THIS IS SECTIONALS WEEKEND. I WILL BE AT SECTIONALS, SO YOU CAN HAND IN ARTICLES, PICTURES, ETC. IN PERSON IF YOU WANT.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Become A Life Member!!!

Life Memberships are held and invested by the Endowment Trust. Life Membership gifts provide a way for both students and alumni to contribute to the Endowment Trust. Students may purchase Life Memberships for only \$50; alumni Life Memberships are \$100. A lifetime subscription to the Torch and Trefoil is included as a benefit of Life Membership. To become a Life Member, fill out the application form online at:

https://www.apo.org/show/Supporting_APO/Life_Membership/Application

Join the 1925 Club!!!

It is a recognition program for students who support Alpha Phi Omega's Annual Fund through a financial gift. It is a way for active brothers to further support the Fraternity's mission and vision, beyond their day-to-day contributions to their chapter, school, and in their community. For more information and to sign up for the 1925 Club, go to http://apo.org/show/Supporting_APO/1925_CLUB

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