

The Red & White



OMICRON XI FRATERNITY

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A Word From The President

Dear Brothers of Omicron Xi,

Congratulations on sixty-two years of unbroken brotherhood. Other fraternities and campus groups have risen and fallen, but the Red and White will always fight for the brotherhood and what is right.



Okies and Pis at The 2009 Okie/Pi Christmas Party

In our 62nd year, we experience God's grace through diligence and integrity. Cultivating an on-campus presence and encouraging intra-fraternal relationships can be physically and spiritually exhausting. Our officers and leaders work hard towards our goal to honor the Lord with our brotherhood, and the efforts are echoed throughout the entire fraternity.

On behalf of the actives, we look forward to your return to campus this Homecoming. We firmly believe that Omicron Xi is not just a four year experience, but a lifelong bond. We invite you to connect with us this year,

pick up an O Ξ shirt, and enjoy great times of past and future.

For the Brotherhood and what is Right,

Evan Addams



Okies camping in Shenandoah, Virginia in Spring 2009

Athletics! Sports! Competition!

One of the most impressive aspects of the Omicron Xi Fraternity is the athletic ability found within each brother. From volleyball to golf, and friz to Okie, these men can throw down some serious talent. Stirred with passion, obsession (Bailamos), and excitement, the Okies are about to enter a new season of athletic domination on the IF field and court.

Last year was a challenging year for the Red and White. We finished 2nd in both Inter Fraternity basketball and volleyball and 3rd in dodge ball due to the outrageous skills of our new actives. Unfortunately we fell to the Epsilon Pi Fraternity in the two championship games – our vengeance will come in this life or the next. During a chilly fall evening, we

A Report on IF Sports

finished 4th in football after a grueling game against the Betas. We're going to be returning with a desire to attack and strike hard on these IF sport games.

With hopes of improvement and determination, the brothers of Omicron Xi look forward to another year of pushing themselves to fight for the prize.

Fraternity officers for 2009-2010

- President—Evan Addams
- Vice President—Blake Fortier
- Secretary—Craig Carnahan
- Treasurer—Travis Miller
- Social Chair—Dan Vaccaro
- Sergeant-at-Arms—Mark DeVivo
- Alumni Representative—Dominic Versace

Greek Sing Update



Matt McNicoll '11

“WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN TO CAMPUS THIS HOMECOMING... WE INVITE YOU TO CONNECT WITH US THIS YEAR, PICK UP AN OE SHIRT, AND ENJOY GREAT TIMES OF PAST AND FUTURE.”

The stage was set. The lights were on. A throng of anxious Okies were just waiting to burst forth onto the stage to perform “We’re All in This Together” from “High School Musical,” the smash hit Disney musical.

The previous year had been a strong one, as the Omicron Xi fraternity claimed first place with a rendition of “Ode to Joy” from the movie “Sister Act 2.” The spirited performance won over the judges and the fans.

This year would be similar, except this time it was the ladies more than the judges that were swooning. The doors swung open and

Okies swarmed the stage. There were the preps in their polo shirts with popped collars, the jocks decked out in the latest sports gear, the geeks hiding behind slicked back hair and glasses and the emo kids, gloriously decked out in black eyeshadow and tight jeans.

Led by choreographers Dorrie Brown and Jess Garver, the Okies flawlessly moved through deft motions and intricate dance moves. The audience responded with boisterous cheers as the Okies launched into the chorus. The high point of the song and dance came in the toe-tapping bridge complete with a dance breakdown from Matt Muet-

zel and Mike Gallo. As Matt and Mike returned to the group, the various stereotypical groups shed their shirts to reveal Fitwell shirts, showing that in fact, we were all in this together.

The vocals may have suffered as a result of the incredible dancing, which left the Okies in 3rd place for this past year. However, and infinitely more important, the Okies looked better than anyone else and once again had outstanding costumes and dance moves. But, most important of all, we were all in it together, and that’s what it truly means to be an Okie.

*Written by:
Carl Laamanen '11*

Along Came Vance

Pledge brought an interesting face up to the hall that we as a fraternity will not soon forget. His loving smile and confident waddle brought joy to anyone who barged into his room. I, of course, am referring to Vance, the duck that two members of the pledge class of 2009 discovered while driving by Memo-

rial Park. Named after Vance Awa, the duck quickly grew to become part of the Omicron Xi family.

Coming back from a late night Sheetz run, Joel Ansett, Dan Vaccaro, and Tim Palma drove past a mysterious white blur on the side of the road and had to investi-

gate. Standing under a street lamp alone, lost, and lonely, Vance was pitied and tenderly shoved under a jacket. He was then triumphantly brought back to spend a week in the third floor Hopeman bathroom. Times were not easy for Vance, as he quickly discovered his arch-nemesis: the mirror.

On your marks, get set, DUCK!

The springtime at Grove City brings with it many things; IM sports, waterlogged fields, new stress from new classes, and the return of the sun. After the long and dreary winter, all of the students are excited to get outside and bask in the timid sunshine under guise of ‘study breaks.’ This past

spring was no different. Frisbees and footballs crested the horizon of the upper quad accompanied with screams of excitement and sun bathers alike. But the excitement that Saturday wasn’t on the upper part of campus... That day the hype was product of the maiden voyage of a new campus competition. This year’s

new event was aptly titled the “Ducky Derby.” It was the brainchild of infamous Alpha Beta Tau sorority in efforts to raise money for the Laura Walker Project, which supports teenage mothers. The event was to consist of carnival games, food, fun, and most importantly, a downstream rubber ducky race.



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Along Came Vance (continued)

Thinking that the mirror was a new friend for him to win over with his ducky charm, Vance waddled and quacked his way right over to the new object in his room. He then stopped dead in his tracks and gave a stare that I heard rivaled that of Luke Conti just before he made doughnuts in front of Buhl Library. The attack that ensued shortly thereafter was one for the record books. Duck screams could be heard throughout the building as

Vance mercilessly attacked his foe. Once his victory was proclaimed, Vance waddled over to the shower and enjoyed a nice long soak.

After traditions, Vance was dropped off at a nearby farm where he was quickly welcomed by the resident animals. I took the time to visit Vance a month after pledge. He looked and greeted me with a loud quack as I ran by. He looked happy and

healthy just as I had hoped. With what I believe were two lovely ladies by his side, he calmly waddled away. Live the dream, Vance.

*Written by:
Ryan McMorrow '11*



On your marks, get set, DUCK! (continued)

The ducks were supplied by the Omicron Xi fraternity in conjunction with Alpha Beta Tau for a very inexpensive price of \$1. The ducks were also available for purchase at the event, but with a much more limited selection.

The day began shortly after the lunch hour in Wolf Creek with one objective: to be the fastest racer this side of the three rivers. Racers from all over the community came to show off their

hard work and training in the momentous undertaking. The race was broken up into 3 heats, with the top three ducks advancing to the final round. At the end, it came down to a close race, but a single winner emerged victorious: Frankenstein duck. Prizes were awarded to those ducks that placed and showed as well. All in all, the day was incredibly successful. With a pairing for the ages between the Okies and the ABTs, anything less the exemplary perform-

ance would have been a true upset. Looking towards the coming school year, we strive to make the Ducky Derby an annual event.

*Written by:
Mike Swanson '12*

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Blake Curle, senior, commented on this year's aspirations, “If we get a good recruiting class, we could dethrone the Pis in basketball.” Sophomore Sergeant at Arms, Mark DeVivo also predicted to see another show-down with the Pis in volleyball. While the Epsilon Pi Fraternity will be our main barrier from a championship, losing Mr. Jon Pombo this past May will show

serious concerns for a possible spotless dodge ball record.

We are all excited to participate with the other fraternities in IF sports. It is a time of fellowship and memories – forever remember Daniel Croce's last second shot in the '09 IF basketball championship, such a Pistol Pete moment. Enjoying the seasons together is one thing, but our Chaplain, Chris Daggett,

sums up our IF season with one word, “Championship.” We all hope so.

“For the Brotherhood and what is right!”

*Written by:
Tim Riley '10*



Alumni, we want to hear from you!

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Keep us updated with any news about alumni or contact us to hear more about what's happening with your lives.

Thanks for your contributions!

Thank you to our recent alumni who have committed to annual lifetime dues of \$25. We appreciate your giving. If you are interested in joining them please contact us. We also thank those who have supported us in the past, your generosity is much appreciated.



Okies Performing at Greek Sing 2009



Mike Swanson '12 and Kirk Gagliardo '12 lay down the charm for the camera



Tim Palma '10 and Sam Dobrotka '09 share an awkward moment together

Coming Home

With each passing year, another class is added to the sizeable collection of Omicron Xi Alumni. As this year's Alumni Representative, my goal is that this rapidly growing pool of men will not be regarded merely as history, but as a valuable, interconnected chain of brothers who but 1, 10, 20, 40, or even 60 years ago were wearing the same colors and letters that we are proud to represent around Grove City College's campus.

As brothers, we are separated by only one

thing: age. I encourage all of you not to let this separating factor keep us from uniting with each other to fellowship, connect and reminisce. Visit us during homecoming to meet us, see us in person and share your mind with us! We'd like to hear your stories and learn more about you than your goofy composite pictures. Even if you can't make it, check out our web site (www.omicronxi.org) and get in contact with us! We hope to see many more of our brothers there this year.

Dominic Versace '10

Homecoming 2009

- Saturday, October 3
- Omicron Xi tent will be set up in Greek village
- There will be food and lots of Okies
- Come pick up an Okie stein or t-shirt! Or you can challenge one of us to a game of corn-hole!
- Explore our collection of Omicron Xi artifacts and records
- Alumni reception to follow at approximately 5:00 pm in Crawford Social. More details will be available at the tent.