



The Red and White

A Word from the President

Greetings from third floor Hopeman room 357. My name is Tim Krahe and I am the Omicron Xi president for the 2008-2009 academic year. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Simply put, the Omicron Xi fraternity is special, impacting every member's life in an invaluable, incomprehensible manner. In the last three years I have seen first-hand how every class and every member inevitably affects the future nature of the fraternity. With that said, I am honored to be called president and I welcome this consequential challenge. I have learned that to achieve proper leading and managing of the fraternity, many committed actives must offer their time, thought, and effort. That is why I feel fortunate to have an experi-

enced group of officers who desire to give of themselves to achieve this. In the past three years I have also seen how alumni have a strong impact in maintaining the fraternity. Whether it's giving financially to support our annual events or visiting fraternity members here on campus, alumni have continued to contribute to the well-being of the fraternity. It's always enjoyable to hear from you – contact our alumni representative Luke Whipple to learn more about what is going on with the fraternity in 2008-2009. I am excited about the upcoming year for the fraternity – from



Okies standing next to last year's homecoming float

becoming more deeply unified through Tuesday night Bible study to enjoying late nights on the hall, it's bound to grow the fraternity closer together. I encourage all of you to come join in this experience in person during Homecoming Weekend I hope to see you there!

Written by:
Tim Krahe



Fraternity officers for 2008-2009

- President—Tim Krahe
- Vice President—Michael Gallo
- Secretary—Tyler Constable
- Treasurer—Blake Fortier
- Social Chair—Evan Addams
- Sergeant-at-Arms—Andrew Dymski
- Alumni Representative—Luke Whipple

Pure Domination : A report on Greek Sing and IF Sports

It was a chilly, blustery night, but the warriors dawned in red and white walked through the rain down to Thorn field prepared for battle. As soon as Okie (and Smithville) alum AJ Dilyard set his foot on the turf the rain turned to snowfall and it fell in heaps.

The Okies would assert a dominance not soon forgotten over their dreaded rivals – Beta Sigma. This 28-0 massacre in the snow would set the tone for the IF sports year. The culmination of supremacy came during the IF Dodgeball Championship as Jon

Pombo would fend off defeat and rout 5 members of the Epsilon Pi Fraternity single-handedly! The Okies took a great step forward finished 2nd overall in the Inter-Fraternity League.

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Pure Domination *(continued from pg. 1)*

However, the dominance would not end in the field of athletics. For once again, the Omicron Xi fraternity would rise and take what was always rightfully ours – 1st place in Greek Sing. The Okies' rendition of *Joyful, Joyful* would shake the exceedingly stable grounds of Presbyterian-style worship, introducing a negro-spiritual atmosphere that would make even the whitest Student Life & Learning associates tap their foot with the

rhythm. As always the ladies fawned, flocked and fell to their knees, and the night ended with what might have been the most epic creaking of all time – Okie President Nate Jackson's creaking amidst the largest down-pour of rain ever recorded on campus. Not even lightning could prevent this momentous occasion.



Okies performing at 2008 All College Sing

Written by:

Michael Gallo



Evan Addams poses with our sweetheart Natalie Miller at the 2007 Omicron Xi & Epsilon Pi, "Party That Saved Christmas"

Homecoming Looks To Be Another Great Time

Last year was a big year for the Okies – we turned 60 years old! We celebrated by throwing a party for our alumni that included a delicious spaghetti dinner and a rousing speech by our very own Luke Whipple. Present alumni were our most recent graduates from 2007, as well as a few from the early days of Omicron Xi. Present alumni were our most recent graduates from 2007, as well as a few

from the early days of Omicron Xi. Some stylish, commemorative steins were ordered with our crest on them and were given as gifts to our alumni. There are still some available! If you are interested contact Tim at krahetr1@gcc.edu. This year's homecoming will be just as fun. In addition to our usual tent at Greek Village, we will be participating

in the homecoming parade. The parade theme is "Eras in American History". We chose to do the 1770s/Revolutionary War era for our float. As we have done the past few years, the Okies are going to work with the Sisters of Theta Alpha Pi to build a very creative and attractive float. Some things we are planning on putting on the float include a mock signing of the Declaration of Independence, and a boat to be used for the Boston Tea Party.

After Greek Village is over the Okies will be hosting a reception of sorts for our alumni. There will be food and drinks. We hope to see you there!

Written by:

Sam Dobrotka

A New Okie Tradition - *Southern Migration?*

All the signs were there: it was about two months into the second semester, the nerves of the red and white were straining, and the call for refuge in the wilderness echoed through the halls of third floor Hopeman. Spring break was upon the Okies and the only way to celebrate such a momentous occasion was to head for the hills of Shenandoah Valley in the great state of Virginia. Within the mountainous regions lay series of cabins run by the Appalachian Trail Club, which Omicron Xi are proud members. It was in these mountains that the Okies escaped the humdrum of Grove City

society and emancipated their rights to live as true men, free from the bonds of modern civility and comforts.

The trek of the Okies to the cabins of the south has become a recent tradition. The four-day weekend allows for the migration of the Ducks to the remote cabins of the valley, where upon arrival they carry on the free-wheeling spirit and pride of Omicron Xi. Activities of the trip include hiking local mountain peaks, building fires that last from morning to bed, games of Okie, and conversational debates filled with spirit.

This year was no exception. While the weather was colder than it had been in the past, arrival amongst below-freezing temperatures did not deter the fraternity. The weekend brimmed with antics, the way only members of the Red and White could perform. Nothing says Okie like locking a fellow brother in the outhouse and scaring a members with presence of a fake bear. With good times cherished by all, the tradition will continue – the Ducks will continue to flock south, leaving behind the bondage that is Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Written by:

Jon Pombo

Okie Happenings...

A few weeks ago, I had a sophomore ask me what fraternity I was in. I proudly stated “I am an Okie.” She replied with “Oh yea, you’re that group that does stuff, like the Christmas party and stuff.” I simply smiled.

In the past year, we have been humbled by God’s grace in blessing us with a multitude of successful events. Beginning with our 60th anniversary homecoming celebration last fall, we continued throughout the year to fulfill an opportunity of being a positive, creative, and hilarious influence on campus.

Smaller events, like an NBA JAM video game tournament or off-campus bon fires, had great turnouts, and Okies always enjoy being around other Okies. We made sure to focus on developing our internal relations through social events, like an end of the year spring party, designed solely for Okies as an opportunity to send off



Okies gathered in the woods during the spring break trip—2008.

our seniors by honoring them with meals prepared by the underclassmen.

Beyond the intimate events, we hosted multiple all-campus events. Okiepalooza, a hall party in the fall, brought nearly 150 people into our home for classic times of bobbing-for-apples relays and weightlifting competitions. Similarly, in the spring we had a hall “Root beer kegger”, and you can imagine how the atmosphere developed. Our Christmas party, co-hosted with Epsilon Pi fraternity, was, as we have been told, in its first year the most successful Christmas event Grove City College has had. Gingerbread house competitions and an hilarious skit made up the content of the

memorable evening.

We are thankful for the influence God has granted us, and we seek to be diligent to honor Him by continually using this gift. A fashion show in the spring was dedicated to funding a missions trip, and our Christmas party was able to raise support for another on-campus ministry. In the next year, we intend to throw similar events, all while looking for new opportunities to spread ballin’ times to the campus. Thank you for your support, and without your prayers, gifts, and interest we would not be able to rock these events.

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



Alumni, we want to hear from you!

Thanks and Invitation

We, as the current actives, would like to thank you for your continued support of Omicron Xi and your desire to see this brotherhood continue on into the future. We will again have a tent in "Greek Village" at homecoming on Saturday, October 18. We will have food and refreshments available for you and your families, and we would like to be able to meet and talk with visiting alumni. We enjoy getting to hear stories of past Okie exploits.

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.

Connecting Past to Present

I often find myself or another active stopping in the hallway and looking at the composites hanging from the walls. We joke about the thick, caterpillar-like moustache that Ron Monaco is sporting in 1985, or we wonder if Ralph Isovitsch was a Russian spy during the cold war. We pass down the stories of Luke Conti making doughnuts in front of Buhl Library or Eric Marshall's infamous GPA of 0.6. We find ourselves caught in the realization that 20, 40, or even 60 years ago there were Okies wearing these same colors, letters, and crests. They were living on this very same hall in these very same rooms. They were young men, like us, enjoying the brotherhood and friendship found in this fraternity.

We realize that there is a gap between us and the faces and names that hang upon the walls. We don't know the history and stories of all our brothers that have pledged over the course of our 61 year history, but we'll stop and look at their pictures, make guesses about their personality, consider what college life was like for them in the years before we came. We are piecing together faces with stories that we've heard from histories, homecomings, and traditions. All of this in an attempt to better understand who the Okies were in the past and what they were like (and how similar they were to us) in the days they lived on this hall.

We do this because there is a bond of

A few of our past composites still hanging in the halls of third floor Hopeman.



brotherhood that connects the present with the past, the actives with the alumni. This bond goes beyond age, experiences, or eras. It is the connection created from 60 years of young men enjoying being apart of Omicron Xi and finding something deeply meaningful in calling themselves an Okie. This fraternity means much to us who are a part of it, just as it did to those in the past, which is why we often stop and think about those who were members of Omicron Xi before us.

I hope that this newsletter has well informed you that the fraternity is still going on strong and that we are making a noticeable impact at Grove City whether in sports, academics, the stage, social events, or the local community. We want to continue on with the legacy that was handed down

since the fraternity's beginnings in 1947. This newsletter is sent because we believe that alumni our still an integral part of the fraternity today. Please keep in contact with us, ask us about what the fraternity is up to, and continue to tell us what is happening with you, our alumni.

Wishing all our brothers the best,
the actives of Omicron Xi

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Luke Whipple