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Summer/Homecoming Edition

From the President:



Daniel Vaccaro '12

Dear Brothers of Omicron Xi,

As the summer winds down, and I begin to think of school starting in the fall, it is with great excitement that I think about moving back to the Okie Hall. The Okie Hall has contained and been the source of incredible memories no matter which class you graduated with. The Okies still have ridiculous amounts of fun on the hall and all over campus as well.

The Okies are known for throwing outrageous parties from Okiepalooza with the infamous, potentially deadly, probably a lawsuit waiting to happen, Apple Bobbing Relay, to the Party that Put Christmas on the MAP that we the throw with Epsilon Pi. Omicron Xi is known for being able to have an absolutely ballin time, yet also honor God with the same breath. Okies always have and will continue to be leaders on campus and in our community. Our fraternity, like any group, has experienced change throughout the years. But the bond that we share is still the same: we have our fraternal bond that binds us together as brothers, and we have our eternal bond which binds us with our lord Jesus Christ.



An outrageous party called Okiepalooza

On behalf of all the actives of Omicron Xi, I would like you to return to campus on Homecoming weekend, visit our tent and reconnect with some of us. We would love to chat, hear some stories about how the Okies were when you graduated and give you some free food. In the evening we will be having a formal dinner as well, which we would love for you to attend.

For the brotherhood and what is right,

Dan Vaccaro, '12



Above: Homecoming Tent 2010.

Right: the infamous 'Crest Cake' of 2010.

Left: Dominic Versace '10 and Jake Wassenaar '13 celebrate the only way they know how...



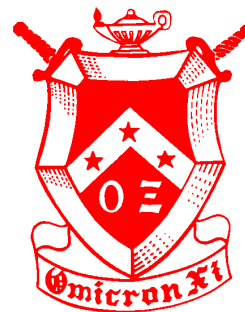
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A Note from Your Alumni Representative

Ducks:

It is with humility and gratitude that I address you as your Alumni Representative for the 2011-2012 academic year. My name is Michael Swanson. You received an email from me in May of this year. In it, I tried to capture my excitement for this upcoming year. I look for it to be very productive year in general.

That said, one thing that the active members of the Omicron Xi fraternity are striving towards is including alumni in what they are doing. The easiest way to do so is through the wonderful invention of the World Wide Web. The Okies have a website, which can be found at www.omicronxi.org. We plan to update this as frequently as possible, so please check in every few weeks to see what we are up to!

One of my personal favorite seasons of the school year (all weather jokes aside) is Homecoming. This year we are hosting a dinner for alumni at **5:00 PM on Saturday the 24th of September, in Old MAP cafeteria**. I sincerely hope to see as many alumni there as we can. I know I speak for the rest of the active fraternity when I say that meeting and visiting with alumni is one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest, joys of homecoming. See the insert at the end of the newsletter for the full set of information.



Roommates Mike Swanson '12 and Kirk Gagliardo '12



Okies at the homecoming tent 2010

In sticking with the electronic medium, the Okies took their talents to the Internet even more intensely joining the online Twitter and YouTube communities. You can search for vides filmed, starring, created by Okies at www.youtube.com/user/omicronxi1947. You can also follow our tweets on Twitter at @OXI1947. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Omicron Xi (it is a private group, so a request must be approved by an administrator.)

Finally, I would like to address some of my goals as Alumni Representative for this year. I have had two reoccurring requests thus far into my tenure: the first is for Okie gear and the second is for contact information. If you would like a t-shirt, hat, etc. please contact either myself or Jon Noack (our secretary) with what you would like, the size (if applicable), and how many you would like. We place orders for gear a few times during each se-

As for the contact information, I am currently working with Matt Muetzel (Okie, '08) and Ryan McMorrow (Okie, '11) to set up a password protected section of the website that contains contact information for all current and former Okies. It is my hope to have this up and running by the end of this first semester.

Thank you for your attention in making it thus far into my obnoxiously long letter. As I mentioned earlier, I am giddy with excitement for this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either swansonmd1@gcc.edu or (412) 983-3578. I will be happy to answer any questions you have or happy just to listen to one of my brothers.

Strength, Honor, Glory, Pride,

Michael D. Swanson, Omicron Xi '12

Notorious Cornholers Matt
McNicoll '11 and Andy Dovan
'12 at homecoming.



A Post-Modern Summer Essay by Jack Bimber



Joel Ansett '12 could use some sun...

I like summer. It is warm. It is very fun. I like to go outside. I don't think winter is as good as summer. I like having fun in the summer. I think the sun is hot. I am happy the sun is bright. The sun lets me play outside. I think everyone should like summer.

It is very likely that members of my pledge class will be visiting me in August, and I am pumped. The biggest thing that matters is that I show them some real food. I am sorry but the Pittsburgher doesn't stand up to crap here in Chicago. The meat in the Pittsburgher is tasteless! No, over here we do it right. There are two big foods, but to my surprise, most Grovers have only heard of one of them. The latter being deep dish pizza. In my opinion Giordano's is the place to go. Yes, it is expensive. Yes, for most people two slices is about as much as they can hold. The (amazingly) not well as known one is the Italian Beef Sandwich. Consider it the Italian brother of the French Dip and the Philly Steak Sandwiches. Portillo's is the consensus number one place (although many places make them well). If you are in Chicago, ask someone where the closest Portillo's is. They will be able to tell you where the three closest chains are. I am serious.

In the summer of the year twenty hundred and eleven, in the year of our Lord, I have laid upon myself the task of encountering written art of high stature in the Christian-Conservative realm. In the endeavor which was Dinesh D'souza's What's So Great About America, I utilized my ability to reason to examine the Multiculturalism movement and the setbacks in holding a worldview of its likeness. Dinesh scribed in quintessential form the truth of American modernization throughout the world, birthing freedom and opportunities to nations while competing against opposition mostly from within her own borders..

El verano es la estación que yo prefiero. ¡Estaba mi favorito porque me encanta béisbol! El Rojos de Cincinnati es mi equipo favorito. Brandon Phillips es mi hombre. Cuando yo juego béisbol, me gusta jugar basar segundo. Bateo zurdo y tiro diestro. Me encanta el Caballeros de Cleveland a tambien. Estaba muy entusiasmado y nervioso por "el Draft." Estoy feliz que las selecciones de Kyrie Irving y Tristan Thompson. Creo que ellos serán jugadores muy talentoso. El Caballeros que va a ganar un campeonato antes de LeBron "la bebé quejica" James. Estoy cansado porque el Caballeros no ha seleccionado Kenneth Faried, mi jugador favorito del NCAA. Kenneth Faried sera un jugador de estatura muy grande. Kenneth Faried entra en ¡EL MODO DE BESTIA!

Jack Bimber '14

A Sweet Southern Summer... by Jordan Markley

Four nights before I left Nashville I was riding around in a cherry red '72 Ford pickup. My buddy, a 6'8" former goalie, was smoking menthols and driving while we talked about lacrosse and G.K. Chesterton. It was that night that I realized I was ready to go back to school.

I spent my summer in Nashville writing for the Nashville Business Journal. During the day I tried to make stories that would otherwise have been tossed in the waste basket. Not surprisingly that meant long days of waiting for phone calls, writing up breaking news stories, and sifting through court documents or economic studies looking for something interesting to

My nights and weekends were consumed with coaching travel lacrosse. I'd get out of work, pile into a car and head to practice. On the occasional Friday the other coaches and I would fly or drive to a city, coach for two days, and get back in time to go to bed Sunday night.



Jordan Markley '12 channeling his inner-hipster

I was blessed to stay with a family that fed, housed, and all but adopted me, and while I loved getting to know them, writing every day, and coaching, what my summer was missing was my brothers.

There is something unique about the ability to converse with another man, arguing one moment about the merits of a defensive package and in the next, calmly discussing faith and literature. I have rarely found that kind of camaraderie outside of the Okies. When I do, it reminds me of the red and white and third floor Hopeman and encourages me to look forward to my return to campus in the fall.

Jordan Markley '12

My Summer... By Jamie Schleicher

Grove City College is about to get a brand new look. Unfortunately that look will be dusty and gray. This attractive new look comes on the heels of an announcement this past winter that the school would be undergoing major reconstruction programs to build a 16,500 square-foot Christian activities building, and a 63,000 square-foot for an additional science, mathematics and engineering building. These buildings are expected to increase campus functionality and provide up to date facilities for students. Long term these buildings will surely provide an additional aesthetic and practical dimension to the campus. In the short term, the construction will be a loud nuisance causing perpetual irritation and detracting from the natural beauty of the campus. Here's a guess at what the next 24-30 months have to offer.



Jamie Schleicher '13 reclines at his leisure.

I wake up on an average morning to the pleasant morning sounds of birds and Jackhammers. I roll out of bed and head down the glorious Hopeman stairs outside where I'm greeted by an impressive gray cloud of dirt and dust. My eyes slowly adjust to the bright orange and neon yellow colors imposing themselves on the remnants of the pristine Grove City College campus. As I navigate my way towards the scholarly confines of HAL I carefully avoid the giant pits and holes that I'm sure serve some constructive purpose. I stop for a brief second to exchange pleasantries with a construction worker who has narrowly missed ending my life with a large roller. As I continue on my journey, I look back to take in the construction project in the fullness of its majesty. Impressed by the incredible amount of dirt and well, dirt, that occupies what used to be a road that conveniently intersected the campus, I imagine that this must be what the Pyramids and the Parthenon looked like once. Awesome. After my first class of rigorous academics at an amazing value I head down to my chemistry class. As if learning the intricacies of actions and interactions didn't already give me a headache, I'm so close to the construction I also have to deal with the heavy machinery and playful banter of the construction workers who are surprised by the steady downpour of rain which faithfully blesses the campus.

After twenty minutes of trying my best to concentrate on the lecture despite the outside distractions, a construction worker nonchalantly struts through the door opens a window and inserts a plug into the nearest outlet. As the construction worker's manly strides take him back into the smog filled land of building things, my professor doesn't even blink even though the noise has doubled since the window was opened. I have given up all hope of paying attention and am now devoting my time and effort into helping a mob of angry birds retrieve their stolen eggs from a legion of evil green pigs. I console myself with the thought that these conditions will only have to be tolerated until the day I graduate. I anxiously anticipate homecoming 2015 when I can return to the peaceful campus I knew, and enjoy its beauty once again. Until then I will do my best to enjoy my new jackhammer alarm clock.

Jamie Schleicher '13

Announcements

This is a new section that we will be adding to the Red and White. In this section, we encourage alumni to share with both actives and other alumni what they are up to. If you have an announcement (such as an engagement, get-together, or other news worth sharing, please contact Mike Swanson to make sure that it is place in the upcoming edition of the Red and White.)

- It is with great joy that...
 - **Tim Palma** '10 announces his engagement to Miss **Natalie Miller**, former Omicron Xi Sweetheart!
 - **Josh Tobin** '10 announces his engagement to Miss **Audra O'Rourke**!
 - **Andrew Dymski** '11 announces his engagement to Miss **Rachel Genders**!
 - **John Delappe** '12 announces his engagement to Miss **Alyssa Sabo**!
- Please pray for...
 - the recovery of **Dominic Versace** who recently underwent gallbladder surgery.
 - John Dellape's fiancée **Alyssa Sabo** who recently received a liver transplant.



Omicron Xi Homecoming Dinner

When: Saturday, September 24th, 5:00 pm.

Where: Old MAP Dinning Room

RSVP:

Send a check made out to Omicron Xi for \$25 at the following summer address
(payment also available by credit card online) –

ATTN: Omicron Xi
Box #300
200 Campus Drive
Grove City, PA 16127

Name: _____

Address: _____

of Attendees (\$25 per person): _____

T-Shirt Size(s): _____