



A special thanks to those who have made donations this past year

• Thank you "Atlanta Alumni Association" for your fundraising efforts

The photo to the left accompanied the following note from Brent Albrecht in Atlanta.

"Brothers,

I just wanted to share an idea that the Atlanta Alumni Association (Beta chapter) recently came up with. Gus (Angelo Cimini '93ish) hosted an alumni charity poker event a couple weeks ago. We split the buy-in between the poker winnings and the house. Many of the guys also contributed on top of that and we raised enough to pay for almost half the windows project.

We had a great time there with lots of pledging jokes, old letter shirts (many had even been washed this decade), about a dozen brothers (not as many had been washed this decade), home brew provided by Hank and Tiny, a couple of photo albums (preventing scores of political careers) and lots of fraternal bonding (no brotherly intercourse). A couple pictures attached. The winner of the night was Travis "Fly Boy" Williams. No one seemed to be able to beat him once he broke out the big red feety pajamas (not kidding). Thank god there was no flap in the back.

So we are throwing the challenge out there and would love to see someone out there top us.

Brent"

We are all aware how difficult it can be to make it to Potsdam, therefore, smaller, localized alumni events are a great idea. Thanks to technology (and Chris Welsh's programming skills) we now have the ability to search for alumni based on location. If you would like a list of those within a certain distance, please let us know.

• A big thanks goes to those alumni who recently donated to the professional house inspection:

Bill Hurd	Art Buhr	Bob Wolcott	Chris Welsh
Donald Costello	Mike Basch	Paul Martin	Lee Hooper
Bob Hartung	Gideon Frishman	Jim Augustine	Frank Adams

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE

We realize it has been quite some time since the last newsletter and have full intentions of reversing that trend. The names of those who have donated in that time are simply too numerous to list this time around, however, every cent has been much appreciated. We will be sure to recognize all future donations through our more frequent correspondences.

-Greg Moore

Move? Know someone who has? Let us know!

With contact information for over 600 alumni entered into our database it's hard to keep track of everyone's movements. So please, let us know of any changes with your contact information or with the information of a fellow brother. Information can be sent to the web dork via our website.

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New Website, New Capabilities

Many of you may be aware of our website omicronpiomicron.com. We encourage all to visit and visit often for updates. The site affords us many opportunities that we would like to take full advantage of in the future including the ability to notify of events, communicate in the secure forum, keep up to date on the blog written by the actives and even make contributions online. Also, we have several email lists and are trying to consolidate/reorganize. If you would like to be included in an email group please send us your email address. Or if you would like to simply receive future newsletters electronically simply let us know. Information can be sent to the webdork via the link on the website.

A Word from the Active Chapter

This year has seen a number of accomplishments on behalf of the brothers. Last spring we organized a local food drive, the first official Omicron Pi Omicron Stuff-a-Truck. U-haul was kind enough to lend us a truck at no expense, and we were able to collect over 200lbs of perishable food. The food was then donated to the Potsdam's food bank. September 30th brought a flashflood to our block, being as 14 Leroy rests atop a hill, we were spared the brunt of the floodwater. Many of our neighbors however, were not as lucky. The brothers spent the night offering assistance where possible; helping to evacuate homes, provide warm shelter and lend a helping hand where needed. The following day the damage was apparent and we once again extended our assistance to any who needed. The brothers divided into work groups; some rebuilt a front set of stairs, while others helped neighbors wade through flooded basements salvaging what we could. It was a proud moment for the Omicrons, and we hoped it only strengthened the relationship we have with our neighborhood.

Thanks to our Alumni Association, the house at 14 Leroy is going through another round of much needed maintenance. A couple of the projects that have been completed are installation of the purchased new windows, repair and coding of the fire escape, repairing the circus porch (after last years pig roast circus porch collapse), and passing our fire inspection with flying colors. We have a number of projects we hope to have finished within the year; patching and painting projects, a new kitchen ceiling, finishing to install windows, remodeling and efficientizing the sunporch. As always, any help with these projects would be greatly appreciated and donations to the work can be made online at our website, or sent directly to our alumni treasurer Andrew Dion.

The active members would like to take a moment to thank the Alumni and current Alumni E-Board. We feel that there has been a tremendous amount of support coming from you guys, and it's great that we have a close relationship with one another. Mostly though, we appreciate the initiative taken towards keeping our prestigious fraternity alive. Things like attending alumni weekend, our recent dry pig roast, and Work Week have all helped. The contributions towards keeping the house standing and in good health have been incredible and there's a lot of ambition in fixing things up. Rushing has been

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becoming increasingly difficult as of late; but we are tackling that and other problems head on.

At the 2011 summer reunion, several active members met with returning alumni and developed a plan of action to reinvigorate the house. Part of that plan was a "mindtranet" event to be hosted and sponsored by Mike Basch, class of '62. For the event three active members and three alumni met to "develop a plan to recruit 15 new members this academic year." Prior to the meetings a survey was sent to 117 alumni asking for their wishes and ideas and many great suggestions were received. At the end of two two-hour sessions three themes had been developed. First, develop and implement an aggressive marketing plan. Second, build an active/alumni team to Unite and Reignite the legacy of OΠO. Third, improve the balance between academic and fraternity life.

The beginning of the semester has consisted of heavy rushing of the incoming freshman class, and we feel confident that by the end of the upcoming spring semester we will have welcomed a large number of new brothers into our fraternity.

Another important point that was brought up during the mindtranet sessions was concerns with the aesthetics of our house. The outside has definitely seen better days and we are slowly making progress towards bringing it back to a more presentable state. Any help, in the form of manpower or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. We will be releasing a thorough photo tour of the house within the coming weeks to show both the areas in need of repair throughout the house and our recent progress this semester.

This past year we've bid farewell to a number of graduating seniors; Patrick Rhodes, Zachary Heintzman, Benjamin Reith, Rarihwenhawi LaFrance and Thomas Waite. We would also like to say a goodbye to our in-house Honorary, Dr. Sean Leary. What a long, strange, trip its been- Best of luck to you all, and to wherever your future takes you.

Also, thank you to Tony 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. You're a Cappella rendition of Carol of the Bells was heartwarming.

-The Active Chapter



Alumni Treasurer Andrew Dion Talks Money



Worthy Brothers,

My name is Andrew Dion and I am the new alumni treasurer taking over for Scott Walowsky. Since I took over in October 2010 there has been a lot of activity involving alumni funds and I wanted to give everyone a rundown of what their donations are going towards. First off, I will go over our recent expenditures of alumni funds:

- Rush Events - \$250
- 2nd and 3rd Floor Windows - \$2765
- 3rd Floor Fire Escape - \$1800
- Legal Fees - \$3500

One of the first things that you certainly noticed is the legal costs. Unfortunately, it is a part of the reality of today that OΠO has had to spend money defending itself. The good news is this money was spent wisely as the charges against us were essentially dropped. For additional details please feel free to contact Richard Hartz.

The money used for house improvements such as the windows and the fire escape has helped elevate the appearance and safety of the house. I would like to thank all the brothers who have donated in recent months. Thanks to their unselfishness we have received \$1,837 toward the windows and \$1,127 toward the eaves. While these generous contributions are excellent, we are still a long way away from reaching our goals for these projects. We have budgeted \$12,000 each for windows and eaves, so we are far short of reaching our goal but we are making progress. If you are looking to donate toward these projects, or just donate in general there are two ways. First, there is

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Greetings Omicron Pi Omicron Alumni!

On behalf of the Alumni E-board we hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well. As it has been a few years since a newsletter has been successfully sent out we would like to update you on the status and progress of the fraternity and alumni activities.

First of all we would like to announce and congratulate the newest members of the active chapter. We had the opportunity to meet them all this past semester and they all represented themselves as high class individuals who will be a great addition to the fraternity. The active chapter as a whole in fact, has a lot of members who have worked very hard to ensure all the responsibilities of the house are taken care of despite a semester of low membership and they should be commended.

As far as active membership goes, it had gotten low this past semester due to a very large class who recently graduated. With these newest members, however, and the recruitment efforts over the past year, we should be back to a very comfortable level again by the end of this semester. We as Alumni are working with the actives as well to develop some new ideas and strategies for rushing that should lead to more stability in the future.

As for the Alumni board, there was somewhat of a hangover effect for a few years after we celebrated the 100th anniversary, and there was not much of a formal structure or much active participation. As of Spring '10 however a group of us revamped the system, creating and filling positions that mirror the structure of the active fraternity, and we have had great participation from a lot of Alumni. As we head into our second year of the current structure we are happy to announce that we have made some great strides and have a lot of very achievable goals set moving forward.

We are still operating out of the house at 14 Leroy and the overall structure is well, although we have some important steps we need to take in the immediate future with it. Some of the things we have tackled over the last several years are replacing the roof, installing a new natural gas double boiler and auxiliary water heater with a revamped manifold-style hot water distribution setup and zoning, replacing many radiators and copper piping to them, repairing failed structural elements in the front and back porches as well as the center of the house, installing a new dish room and new bathrooms, replacement of all supply and waste plumbing

An Update from the Alumni E-Board

Richard Hartz, discusses old business, new business and current issues in the Clarkson Greek community.

pipe as well as replacing the sewer pipe from the house to the street, refinishing the first floor floors, repair of the third floor fire escape, and countless other smaller projects.

Currently we have three main projects to tackle next. One that we already have underway is a replacement of the windows. We have already purchased and installed new energy efficient windows on all of the upper floors and back areas of the house, and a plan is in place to do the larger ones in the front of the house next. Also, the eaves need to be replaced, and we are working to collect funds towards this. The most pressing issue ahead however, is the repair of the northwest column in the front of the house, which we are hoping to address within the next semester.

Of course, completing all these projects has cost a substantial amount from our budget. The eaves alone estimate to be \$10,000-\$15,000, and the rest of the large front windows will be several thousand more on top of that. As always, we rely on donations from our Alumni base to fund our efforts and so we do request that anyone who can afford to donate towards the house please do so. When donating you can allocate your donation towards a specific project if you would like, or if you give a general donation, and would like, we will keep you personally up-to-date on exactly what way your funds are put to use. Donations can be made through a paypal link at www.omicronpiomicron.com/alumni or checks can be made out to Omicron Pi Omicron Fraternity, Inc. and mailed to our treasurer Andrew Dion at 32 Baker Ave., South Glens Falls, NY 12803.

Regarding donations we also have a plan in place to try to conduct a large scale fundraiser to restore the house to a much more competitive condition with on-campus housing, as well as a more formal sustainable business model for the financial viability of the Alumni foundation. We have had several discussions with senior Alumni members who have experience with this type of professional level fundraising. Our first steps are to have a professional analysis and inspection of the house to determine its long-term viability, and if it is deemed to be a good investment for our future we will then proceed with more information. Funds for the inspection have recently been raised through many generous donations and the inspection is currently continuing as planned.



Refinished floor in the pool room



New window being installed on the third floor

As for other matters, we have been engaged in conversations about several topics through the Greek Alumni Council with Clarkson. They are beginning the construction of a Greek Row on campus. It will be located behind Cheel along the entrance road if you take the first right when you enter town. Currently they are building three houses all for fraternities that do not have their own. They have stated however, that any fraternity that owns its own house will never be forced to move there, but it will be an option. We have debated the merits of this at great length amongst ourselves, and there are certainly points to be made in favor of a potential move in the future, but at this time we have overwhelmingly decided against it at least for the time being. The consensus is that over the last 50+ years the house at 14 Leroy has become as integral to what we do as a fraternity as any of our traditions, and the care-taking of the house is the main way that we show our commitment to it. It also provides a unique and exclusive living environment and is one of our greatest rush tools. We will certainly keep an open mind however, and welcome any conversation throughout the upcoming years about this.

The other major topic with GAC is trying to revamp the Greek system in a way that eliminates underage drinking from being used as a rush tool. We would like to get the

Greek community back to a mindset that is about brotherhood or sisterhood, working and learning together to improve quality of life, rather than just being used as a vehicle for parties. As Clarkson's first and greatest fraternity I believe this mindset of exclusivity and recruiting based on the qualities of the individuals is in line with our own goals and we have volunteered to lead a collaborative session with representatives from all Clarkson Greek houses to establish a new way of doing things. We hope to get this together over the next year or so and we will certainly keep everyone posted.

I appreciate your time and attention and will try to wrap things up here. My hope is that you all can see the level of effort being put in by the various actives and alumni so that you will be impressed and proud and hopefully inspired to come up to visit for an Alumni weekend or sponsor a window, etc... Please feel free to reach out to any of us directly at any time and my best wishes to all of you and your families.

Fraternally,

Richard Hartz
Spring '01

Letter to the editor praises active members

Flooding caused by heavy rains forced neighbors from their homes. OΠO members were there to help.

A portion of the letter to the editor published in "North Country This Week":

"To the Editor:

Many residents in the Waverly-Broad Street neighborhood are grateful to the firefighters... who bailed us out of the flood on the night of Thursday, Sept. 30.

Many of our homes were flooded within a very short period of time...

...We would also like to thank the Brothers of Omicron Pi Omicron. On the night of the flood they quickly responded to a call for help to

rescue one of our families (with a newborn) from their home just prior to dangerous flooding stages.

The next evening they informed all of our neighbors about their availability to serve the community. They helped one family rebuild stairs and a window, they helped another family for three hours clean out its basement. They were polite, knowledgeable, prompt, and skilled. They are truly deserving of respect from the community for their admirable willingness to serve others in need.

Lynn Hall, on behalf of the Hall-Smith, Wheeler, and Rygel families."

A job well done by the active chapter. It's always nice to be recognized by members of the community.

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a paypal link at our website www.omicronpiomicron.com/alumni. Money donated in this manner goes directly to the checking account. The other method is to send a check directly to me at 32 Baker Ave., South Glens Falls, NY 12803. Please make checks out to Omicron Pi Omicron Fraternity, Inc.

I would also like to thank the people who have started paying past debt owed to the house. Since last October I have received over \$1,000 in back payments. However, there are still people out there who owe money and I encourage them to begin paying back the house. If you suspect you owe the house please contact me and we can get you started.

Thank you, and may this find you in good health and with full beers.

-Andrew Dion
Spring '04

CLARKSON Campus Improvements

In recent years Clarkson has set course on what it is calling its master plan. The plan can be seen at the University's website. Prior to this year the new student center was completed and now houses many student services and facilities including the office of Greek affairs.

As a part of Clarkson's master plan, there are currently plans to construct theme housing at the South end of campus along Bagdad road. Relocation to the on-campus theme housing (Greek Row) will not be slated as mandatory now or in the future. With this in mind, we are currently evaluating the economical feasibility of renovating our beautiful home and remaining at 14 Leroy for many years to come, as oppose to relocating to the on-campus housing.

