Gamma Omega Breaks Records with Fall Pledge Class

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With the sudden loss of our dear brother Jim Miller this summer, it was difficult for many of us to cope with such a tragedy. Knowing how much Jim cared about the fraternity, it was obvious the brothers needed to find a way to commemorate the work he previously put forth. Still too stunned to even choke back tears, I knew to honor my grandbig, we needed 25 pledges. If anyone knew Jim, he knew Jim’s commitment to rush. With our goal set we ran into our first obstacle, getting 25 pledges. Clearly this was not something Gamma Omega has ever come close to accomplishing. After weekly meetings of strategizing and planning, Rush Week finally came in went. Between the persistence of our rush committee and the unprecedented collective effort by our brothers, we put Gamma-Omega in a position it has never been in before. We knew we could have had up to 35 bids signed before 501, but believe it or not, we were selective in our 28 person pledge class. The Phi Class constitutes the largest pledge class in Gamma-Omega history, and exceeded every other Pitt fraternity by at least 10 members. We hope we made Jim proud of our accomplishments thus far this fall. I like to think we had some extra blessing this semester.
Every single member in the chapter has put forth the effort to put us in the position we are in today. Everyone sees the limitless amount of results and potential that comes from a 100% chapter-wide effort. It is very encouraging to see the younger members developing leadership skills that will inevitably continue to help this chapter strive in the future.

I would say that our chapter's long-range goals are very clear and attainable. We plan on continuing to rush the best men on campus, have 3 successful rush periods each academic year, exceed the all-men's average for GPA and win multiple FACE and Cathedral Awards. Signs of attaining these goals are already starting to surface and in the coming years, Gamma-Omega plans to not only decorate our walls with awards but have the elite Fraternal chapter at Pitt and in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

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Scholarship has also improved for our chapter. Our GPA has steadily been on the rise and, with a chapter GPA of 2.93, we are striving for 3.08 (Pitt's all-men's average) this semester.
Since our last update, the active members have started to structurally organize all the information we have gathered and received from our alumni. We have compiled all of this information into a joint database which was forwarded to the active, 2nd chartering, and 3rd chartering’s email distribution lists. I invite you now if you haven’t already to review this list and make sure your own information is correct and please email myself if any corrections need to be made. Also if you are moving or switching any contact information then please let me know as well so I and my committee can keep this database updated.

The next step now that we have compiled all this information is to try and reach out to those alumni members we currently don’t have information for. Using Pitt’s Online Alumni Database we are going to try and search the names we have marked LOST in our database and see if we can have any luck trying to unite more alumni to us. If there are any names you come across where there is information for then please feel free to contact me as well.

The goals we set forth with our Alumni Relations committee this fall focus primarily in securing an open line of communication with you our alumni. We are doing all this work with the databases so we can keep you all informed on what we are up to. We want to let you our alumni know that the chapter that you worked hard to build and maintain over your years at Pitt is going strong and improving with each group of guys we initiate.

We now openly invite you to submit your ideas and thoughts for how we better establish relations between us as actives and you yourselves as alumni. We have the events like the Alumni Formal in the fall, but we are wondering what you think we can start doing that are fun and would not be just limited to semi-annual events, but to more sustained contact. If you have any ideas whether it be something like an all Kappa Sig sports league, job/resume workshops, or a joint charity event, then please feel free to email myself.

Coming next Issue

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- More Alumni Updates
- More Chapter Updates