



“Pro Bono Professionis”



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General Convention 2001 **W** Omega Chapter Report

I. Membership – Pledging Statistics:

We started out the Omega Chapter back on May 13, 2000 with 9 brothers. During the fall semester we rushed 21, pledged 6, and 4 were initiated, bringing us to 13 actives. For the spring semester we rushed 8, pledged 4, and 3 were initiated, bringing us to 16 actives. We also have 1 Faculty Advisor. Not to mention one amazing Chapter Councilor / Alumni Advisor, John “Jay” Fitzgerald II, AKA “The Hootman” from Alpha.

II. Rush and Pledging:

The Omega Chapter has been using what we call our abusive advertising campaign which includes: emailing all undergraduate engineers, putting a flyer in all of their campus mail boxes, plastering the entire campus with flyers, going to every freshman lecture, going to all freshman dorms for more flyers... Our methods have been working effectively in getting our organization’s name out to the engineering students.

We use the pledge manual as a reference tool on fraternity information. The lessons provide a very well defined structure for a pledge training schedule. This is supplemented with information on our chapter such as history, by-laws, and information about the brothers. The average pledge period is 11 weeks. Study Tables are a mandatory part of the pledge process. In future revisions of the pledge manual we would like to see our newest chapters added.

There were no serious problems with our pledges this past year. Only the best made it, which is exactly what we are looking for. The new members gained a great deal of experience during their pledge process and have made many contributions to our growing chapter already. The Pledge Classes were able to help each other out a great deal in their academic studies.

Our chapter took advantage of the National Book Scholarship for Rush and will continue to do so.

III. Membership

Most of our active members have a great attitude toward rush, pledging, our Chapter, School, and National Fraternity. The relations that we have with the alumni that we are in contact with are great. They are very supportive and outreaching. We need a whole lot more support from our local alumni though. With no Chapter Alumni of our own, we are relying on

alumni from other chapters. We've had 1-2 local alumni at our major events so far. Hopefully with our new house we can attract a lot more to this central location. Also we are hoping that they will see this new house and realize OMEGA is here to stay. But we still need as much help as possible with our chapter from alumni.

IV. Finances

We are in the process of making up our first house bills.

We have no building fund.

We have not used promissory notes in the past but are looking into it for future use.

V. Housing

The Omega Chapter will be moving into its first house on June 1, 2001. This Chapter House will accommodate 11. We plan on painting the entire inside of the house when we move in, in addition to some minor repairs and upgrades. This first house will be a 2-year lease and we plan on buying a larger house after that.

The only serious problem with obtaining this house was the insurance that the landlord required. It was extremely difficult to find an insurance company willing to write us an individual chapter policy and it is an expensive policy. The other problem we faced was filling the house with brothers. We obtained this house after many of the brothers had already secured housing for this year.

VI. Risk Reduction

We will be having fire drills and designing an escape route once we move into the house. The Fraternity Risk Reduction Policy is taught to all new members as part of their pledge program.

New Jersey now requires that an indoor sprinkler system be installed in all fraternity houses. We have that scheduled to be installed over the summer. The house will also have a new Fire Detection System installed and already has fire escapes.

VII. Scholarship

The overall GPA for the Chapter is 2.858. The School of Engineering average is 2.838. The Chapter is slowly building up a library of study material for classes and tutoring. The Vice Chief Engineer acts as Scholastic Chairman in charge of Study Tables. Our chapter is very serious about its academic obligations.

VIII. General

The Omega Chapter was a part of many professional programs this year. We went to McGuire Airforce Base for their annual airshow last summer with some of our local alumni. We attended a School of Engineering Alumni Career Fair back in the fall. This semester while the VCU interest group was at OMEGA, our local alumni John "Jay" Fitzgerald II, AKA "The

Hootman” had a professional presentation about the automotive industry, specifically on his line of work in paint.

We had a few interchapter visits to the Psi Chapter over the year as part of Expansion Trips and visits from various national officers.

The OMEGA Chapter expects the National Office to strive to keep our fraternity on top.

We last revised our Chapter By-Laws on 4/12/2001, an email was sent to the Supreme Council with this new version.

We do not plan n having a Chapter House Computer. The House is currently equipped with DSL.

We would like to see the Supreme Council work on Spring Break Trips and other fun trips throughout the year with multiple chapters such as rafting, camping, and more road trips in general.

We would also like to see national coordinating the purchase of SPD items that could be used for rush and publicity. The cost to each chapter would be less if there were a large order coming from National on behalf of all of the chapters ordering.

Respectfully Submitted,

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