

A View From the Road

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As I near the end of my first semester on the job, I look back at the all the Chapters I have been able to visit. The men at Robert Morris University continue to push hard to be the best on campus. They did very well with recruitment this semester initiating 19 new men to the Fraternity. During my visit I was able to attend the Risk Management presentation they had organized for the Greek community to attend, as well as got to enjoy a traditional Tuesday night Brotherhood event of going to the movies and IHOP. It is with these types of weekly events that brings this Brotherhood to a close-knit group. They do an excellent job with fundraising by working at Heinz Field for both the Pittsburgh Steeler and University of Pittsburgh home football games. They are now planning the National Crow Ball event, a basketball tournament which will be on February 18, 2012.

The University of Illinois also had a very successful semester in regards of recruitment, acquiring 20 more men. As the Brothers at Purdue are working on fixing up the house, they are also working to make name on campus again. This semester during homecoming weekend the Undergraduate and Graduate Brothers celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Chapter. After a good event with the alumni, they were ready to get back to the status they were at in the past. Since they are not a larger house on campus and with just recently getting off of probation, they are working to set up more community service and fundraising events with the other student organizations.

Both of my trips to the University of Cincinnati were great times. During my first visit, I enjoyed the weekend with the Brothers and Parents of the Colony during their Homecoming weekend. National Vice President Ken Chapel also attended. The Homecoming Parade was a great time for everyone, as parents came to enjoy an evening with their sons and watch them have a blast throughout the parade. The following day the Brothers put together a very well organized tailgate for a thrilling football game against Louisville. Not only were these men able to show their parents how great they were doing, but they also impressed the other Fraternities and Sororities on campus. This group of guys has put together a great semester with all their events and even their recruitment, bringing a huge class of 24 new members. Now what better way to congratulate these men for all that they have done? My second weekend at the University of Cincinnati was even better than the first. It was a pleasure to be back there with the members of the National Council to be a part of the Initiation of the Brothers of the new Alpha Phi Beta Chapter of the University of Cincinnati.

After celebrating a wonderful event, I was headed to La Salle University and The College of New Jersey. The men of Omega Phi at La Salle are doing a good job keeping up with all their work and keeping a strong relationship with the

University. The main goal they have set up for this up-coming semester is to acquire a large class to compensate for the ten seniors they will be losing at the end of the spring semester. The guys at Phi Gamma Chi (TCNJ) need to start looking at where they are and want to change. They have come to realize what their weaknesses are, and now it is time to motivate all of the Brothers to want the change. The goal for next semester is to become more involved on campus, getting their name out and making a presence. With this in mind they have started to plan for events to involve all students, not just the Greek community. Overall my first semester on the job was a great experience, and I am looking forward to heading back out to confront the tasks ahead and make a difference within the Fraternity.

