

THE ALUMNI INFORMER

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Kappa Xi Winter 2008 Pledge Class



From left to right:
•Rob Holts, Senior
Pledge Class President
•Sanita Zayshlyy, Sophomore
•Matt Hartmann, Junior
•Don Cruchon, Junior
•Drew Brown, Junior
Treasurer
•Justin Brown, Junior
Vice President
•Tiffany Harris, Junior
Secretary

“It seems like we have a very strong group this quarter. They have already started fundraising and are making strong strides toward accomplishing their requirements very early. I am excited for you guys to meet them and I’m sure they are excited to meet you as well.”

- Catlin Scott

By Evan Masters Photo By: Catlin Scott

This quarter we have seven amazing pledges that I’d like to introduce. We have Don Cruchon, Justin and Drew Brown (they’re brothers becoming Brothers!), Tiffany Harris, Matthew Hartman, Robert Holts, and Sanita Zayshlyy and yes there are supposed to be two y’s at the end of her name. They have already taken two quizzes, elected their pledge e-board, and had a successful fundraiser selling hot cocoa (with whip cream) in the foyer of Shaw-Smyser. They plan on continuing their fundraising activities through out the pledge process with the goals of having all or part of their Initiation fees covered and putting on a stellar professional dinner toward the end of the quarter. They will have Mid-Quarters this Tuesday and Initiation on March first.

We Want YOU!

By Allen Lehnhoff

Professional development is an important aspect of Alpha Kappa Psi, but I don’t have to tell you, right? Since all of you have already done the school thing and now have careers, we would love to have you come back and tell us all about it. What can we expect from our first job? What do you know now that you wished you knew back when you were graduating from Central? Does casual Friday still exist and if so can I wear sweats and Birkenstocks? This would be a great opportunity for you to come back to Central for an evening and tell us all about the real world. We would love to have you. And of course the get-together’s afterwards are always great fun as well! Of course if this is too rigid of an idea maybe we could arrange for membership to come to you. Whether you come to us or we come to you, ideas, questions, concerns are always appreciated regarding this topic. We can’t wait to hear from you. If you would like to set something up officially please contact: Allen Lehnhoff at lehnhoffal@cwu.edu or give a call to Allen at 206.852.7566.

Thoughts From A Faculty Advisor

By Jennifer Anderson

Hello Alpha Kappa Psi Alumni! My name is Jennifer Anderson and I am one of the faculty advisors to AKPsi this year. I wanted to share with you some of my thoughts around my experiences thus far.

I am a lecturer in the Management department, and was assigned to advise the fraternity starting Fall quarter. So far, it's been a wonderful experience and opportunity for me. Being new, I was not sure what an advisor was supposed to be doing, and to be honest, was not sure exactly what AKPsi was all about. Fortunately, Cat and Bob were willing to indoctrinate me, literally! Professor Kulik and I were initiated as faculty brothers pretty soon after the quarter started. I think I can safely say for both of us that the brothers in the fraternity have been very open and welcoming to us, which has helped us both feel as though we can contribute to helping the fraternity and its brothers.

I look at being an advisor as being in a position to be a resource for the fraternity members here, for whatever assistance it is that I can provide. I feel as though I'm a good match for the fraternity as it is a professional business fraternity and I have many years of experience working in the professional business world. I see how our brothers' involvement in this fraternity prepares them for the things they will encounter in the work world, regardless of whether they end up being a business mogul or not. In the short amount of time that I've been involved with the fraternity, I've seen many examples of issues relating to conflict resolution, leadership, organizing projects, fiscal management, and the management of organizational resources, among other topics. These are all things that each one of us out in the "real world" faces every day and this preparation is invaluable. Most students do not get a sense of what it really takes to accomplish something in an organization, and our brothers are learning that now, which is great.

I think it's been a positive exchange for both myself and the fraternity members so far, and I am expecting that the good interaction and relationships that we've started to build will continue as the year goes on. I certainly have a lot of faith in what I've seen from our brothers so far this year and I'm proud to be both a brother and advisor to them.

Professional Development in Action

By Joe Zeiger

Two of the Career Services staff at CWU, Vicki Sannuto and Randy Williamson, both career counseling specialists, presented a seminar to the Kappa Xi Chapter on the last Monday evening of January. The session focused on three main areas; selecting a career, interviewing, and negotiating. The two provided valuable insight into several seldom-mentioned areas of career embarkation; Williamson stressed the importance of finding a job and career that fits with the individual's personality. Ms. Sannuto described the advantages of knowing the company for which you are applying. A thorough familiarity with the company and its culture will not only impress an interviewer, but will help the applicant to adapt upon being selected. CWU and other institutes offer an array of sources that are useful as career exploration devices. A thanks goes out to Ms. Sannuto and Mr. Williamson as well as Brother Alan Lenhoff for arranging their presentation.

The presenters made reference to the following as tools for career selection and preparation:

- Practice interviews with career services
- Etiquette dinner at CWU
- <http://www.cwu.edu/~career/>
- <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
- <http://www.workforceexplorer.com/>



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