

The Phi Rho Report



The Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Rho



Welcome Deltas!

After weeks of Membership Ed and many enjoyable I-Week activities, Katie Shaw and Minna Krejci were initiated into Phi Sigma Rho on December 13, 2002. Despite the unpleasant weather, 20 sisters from the Iota chapter came to welcome the Deltas. And now for a little bit more detail about our two newest sisters.

Katie JoAnne Shaw is the most recent edition to the Yellow Family. She is Tricia Schroeder's second little, and twin to Tracy Egut. A mechanical engineering major, Katie calls Shelby, Ohio her hometown. Katie was born on July 21, 1984 and enjoys swimming and rollerblading. Now for some of her favorites: color = red, candy = snickers, flower = rose, animal =

dolphin, cookie = chocolate chip, T.V. show = Friends, and movie = Forrest Gump. Her favorite quote is, "The greatest thing in this world is doing what people say you cannot." If you would like to keep an eye out for Katie online, her AOL screen name is Shawpedo.

Minna Rosalie Krejci is the most recent edition to the Orange Family. A little to Amanda Kowalski and twin to Rachel Kuschat, Minna hails from Medina, Ohio. Minna is another mechanical engineering major who collects pencils. Her hobbies include playing the flute, piano, singing, soccer, and scuba diving. Some of her favorites include: color = maroon, candle scent = orange blossoms, candy =

Swedish fish, flower = dandelion, animal = chipmunk, cookie = chocolate chip w/



Deltas Minna and Katie sing their class song at Initiation.

Photo By Tina Gregg

macadamia, T.V. show = Scrubs, movie = Moulin Rouge, season = fall, and number = 8. Minna was born August 8, 1984 and her favorite quote is "Don't worry, be happy". If you would like to keep an eye out for Minna online, her AOL screen name is Mica809.

Tracy Egut



An Alumni Remembers

The time that really makes me smile is when we had the Gamma Initiation scavenger hunt, especially when we went into Subway. All of the people in

our town were running out and the cops stopped, thinking that there was something "fishy" going on. They just looked at us like, 'What the hell is go-

ing on here', and we asked them to take a picture of us. A brief explanation and a photo later we were on our way!

Jaymini Naik

Life as a Bridge Design Engineer



One of the many fun things June gets to do as a bridge design engineer.

"I enjoy working for the government because I get to experience all areas of civil engineering."

Well, first I'd like to say that being a Bridge Design Engineer has been my dream. And now it has come true. I am going to attempt to explain what it is that I do everyday (or eventually will do). As all of you know, I work for the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office (CCEO) in Cleveland, Ohio. Working for the government, a public entity, is different than working for a private entity such as a consulting firm.

The CCEO designs bridges and culverts for local projects. This means it is paid for by local funds (us and/or local municipality). While the federal jobs (paid for by the state) are designed by the private firms. My office deals not only with designing but with legal issues as well. I have not been at CCEO long enough to have to deal with this yet in my design

project but eventually will (next year). We also deal with the construction of the local and federal projects. Again this is something I have not experienced but will in the coming year. I have had the duty of reviewing three sets of culvert plans. Once construction begins for these culverts, I will be the engineer in charge of the construction (if problems arise out in the field, I will be the engineer they contact and I will decide what needs to be done to resolve the problem).

I enjoy working for the government because I get to experience all areas of civil engineering. I have been out in the field multiple times inspecting the structures we are responsible for. I have climbed up and down treacherous terrain, wad-

ing in unsanitary water, rowing a boat, and going in a snooper (a machine that has a bucket on the end of an arm that we stand in that is able to stretch underneath the bridge. It's like hanging in the air in a big bucket.) Bridges are not the cleanest place underneath.

Well, that is a brief synopsis of what I do. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the "Life as a Bridge Design Engineer".

June Gauss



A snooper. This truck allows you to get up under bridges.

An Active Remembers

Wow! What an honor to be the first rememberer. It doesn't seem like it has been a year already that we (the betas) have been in phi rho. My memory is going to partake in the very first phi rho experience that I had; the first informational meeting, when the alphas

introduced the potential sisters to the phi rho life in the stambaugh meeting room. I remember being so nervous, there were girls there that I had seen, or talked to once or twice (you know of the slim to no girls in engineering), but I was basically there by

myself. As soon as I started talking to everyone, though, I knew right away that this was something that I wanted to be a part of, and I haven't looked back since! Luv all you girls.

Lauren Salata

Engagements

Christopher Michael Egan proposed to Tricia Schroeder on April 5, 2002. The couple plans to be married in Columbus Grove on July 5, 2003. The bridesmaids' dresses will be ice pink.

Mark Joseph Basinger proposed to Tina Gregg on July 3, 2002 after Red, White and Boom. The two plan to be married in

Findlay on August 2, 2003. Their Wedding Web Page can be found at: http://www.theknot.com/co_pwpa.htm?coupleid=102630329174280.

Andy Fouss proposed to Erica Shadle on November 16, 2002 at 1:10 a.m. Erica and Andy plan to be married in Columbus in June

2003.

Russ Kitzberger proposed to Amanda Kowalski on November 21, 2002. The two plan to be married October 25, 2003.



Congratulations Girls!

Iota Chapter Alumni Association?

First we were a colony, next we graduated to a full-blown chapter, now we have our first year of alumni. Many of you may be wondering, 'when will we have an Iota Chapter Alumni Association (ICAA)?' Well, although many of you may be unaware; we have been working towards this goal. Starli and Erica acquired a copy of the Gamma chapter's Alumni Association bylaws that were edited to reflect our chapter. No other edits, additions or deletions have been made. I have requested a copy of other chapter bylaws as well, but have not heard back from anyone. I emailed Cheryl Jung, the National Alumni Director. After a week of not hearing from her, I emailed Kathy Lyall, the National Presi-

dent. Kathy promptly replied saying that Cheryl would have to be the one to help us, but she was a little behind because she just had a baby. As of this issue, I have still not received a reply from Cheryl. Although it's frustrating, I realize that she just had a child as well as time being devoted to Thanksgiving and Christmas preparation and celebration. I am scheduled to attend the National Council meeting in Dayton January 31 - February 2. I think there will be about 8 actives from the Iota chapter attending. I've been told that I will be able to get hands on help with information about making an Iota Chapter Alumni Association a reality at Council. Only the Alpha through Delta chapters have alumni associations as

of yet. I am not sure whether that is due to lack of interest for the other 4 chapters, or if they are working towards a recognized Alumni Association. As an Alumni Association we would have a vote at National Council meetings and we would be able to set up a way to donate to National and have the money earmarked for our own chapter once nationals get the non-profit donation account set-up. Once I know for certain the necessary steps, I will be contacting everyone to get started.

Tracy Egut



Several alumni were able to make the trip back to Ada for the Delta class initiation this December.

Letter from the Editor

Happy New Year to all of my Sisters! Well, this was it...the first edition of an Iota newsletter. I hope you all found it acceptable. If you think it was lacking, be sure to send me stuff for the next one! I just want to say thank you so much to everybody who submitted text and or photos for this edition. I couldn't have done it

without you. If you look at the Phi Sigma Rho national web site, the last objective of the sorority is listed as follows: "To maintain the bond of sisterhood with alumnae members through communication, consultation, and participation in Sorority functions." I hope this newsletter will continue

to be one venue in which to do that. I look forward to brining the April edition together. I'm aiming to have an article in future issues that will be written about activities that have gone on in the sorority in the past three months. Hope to see you soon! Best wishes to all for 2003 :)

Tracy Egut

Upcoming Birthdays

1/09 Tricia Schroeder
1/26 Elizabeth Young
2/26 Carrie Streit
3/28 Kristin Sacha
3/29 Jen Jordan

