Alabama Pi Omicron

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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Goals for 2007-2008

Our goals for the chapter this year were to increase initiation size, increase member participation through various service projects, and to recognize outstanding students for their contribution to the mechanical engineering department.

Activities

During the 2007-2008 school year, our members volunteered on two different occasions for the local Habitat for Humanity ReStore building. Our efforts contributed to the organization and maintenance of their facility. We had over 10 members serve more than 30 hours of service for Habitat.

Our organization voted on several awards including outstanding junior, senior, and graduate student, as well as the Herbert Kuenzel Award, an award for any individual who has provided great service to the department of mechanical engineering. We also organized the annual Purple Shaft competition. The goal is to raise money by students donating money to the teacher that may have slighted them during the year. Each year the most "unpopular" teacher is the recipient of the purple shaft.

The Alabama Pi Omicron chapter hosted guest speakers from Southern Nuclear and Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). Mr. David Lisenby from Southern Nuclear spoke on the growth of the nuclear power industry and how they will be involved. Mr. James Richard and Mr. David Eddleman spoke on some recruiting within MSFC and presented their involvement with a roller detent mechanism issue, which gave a great example of the troubleshooting process the engineers there undertake.

We had 3 members tour the Farley Nuclear power plant located in Columbia, AL, near Dothan. We toured the grounds and the steam generation plant.

We held a fall initiation during December, and 10 new members were inducted. We also have a spring induction ceremony planned for May where we expect to add 10 to 15 members to our chapter. Following the spring ceremony, we will hold a banquet for fall and spring initiates.

Graduates

Austin Kirsch – Eaton Aerospace, Jackson, MS
Brian Lozes – University of Alabama, graduate school
Byron Randall – Rock-Tenn Company, Demopolis, AL
Anderson Renaud – Southern Nuclear, Columbia, AL
Michael Sealy – University of Alabama, graduate school
James Sims, III – Chevron Oronite, Belle Chasse, LA

Matthew Breshears	Plans unknown
Joseph Chappell	Plans unknown
Tyler Gay	Plans unknown
Kevin Graben	Plans unknown
John Lindley	Plans unknown
Sarah Reichwein	Plans unknown

Awards & Recognition

Ross Morgan – Outstanding Junior
Michael Sealy – Outsanding Senior
Tsu-Hsing Chen – Oustanding Graduate Student
Dr. Joey Parker – Herbert Kuenzel Award

Names of New Members

Fall 2007 Pledges

Zach Bryant	Jared D Elmore
Alan Hewitt	Justin Hill
John Lindley	Brian Lozes
Byron Randall	Josh Shaddix
Zach Smith	Gregory Thomas

Spring 2008 Pledges

Katie Davis	Mark Glenn
Dan Mitchell	Logan Oldham
David Rahm	Adam Roget
Courtney Taylor	

Transfer of Responsibilities

In order to sustain the integrity and reputation that the Pi Omicron chapter has strived to establish, several important steps were taken to transfer duties from the previous class of officers to the current class. A meeting consisting of all previous officers with the new officers was held to discuss chapter structure, responsibilities, and goals. Additionally, separate meetings between each newly elected officer and the previous incumbent were held to transfer position materials, knowledge, and responsibilities. Important chapter records and contact information are kept on file for any required circumstances. An officer's meeting was then held to discuss best practices, establish semester and yearlong goals, and

arrange meeting times. With successful integration into the Pi Omicron chapter, each officer is now preparing to turn over their experience and knowledge to the next Pi Omicron class.

Plans for 2008-2009

In the next year, the Pi Omicron chapter plans to continue to increase involvement in departmental activities and to encourage community service.

Chapter Officers

President	Anderson Renaud
Vice President	Kevin Graben
Treasurer	Michael Sealy
Corr. Secretary	Joseph Chappell
Recording Secretary	Ross Morgan

Chapter Advisor

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