
I hope that your year has been wonderful so far. This year, our chapter decided to start a newsletter that will be sent out semesterly to keep you updated on the events that the Xi Omicron Chapter will be participating in on campus and in the Elon/Burlington community throughout the school year. This first newsletter is to update you on some of the great things the Xi Omicron chapter did this past academic year!

This year was a BIG year for Xi Omicron. We recently spent the entire past year updating, revising, and editing our chapter bylaws. These chapter bylaws had not been updated since 1993 when the Xi Omicron chapter was first chartered here at Elon University.

This year, we implemented the Sorority’s international service initiative Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) by implementing 9 Z-HOPE programs throughout the year, including Z-Pack It Up, in which our chapter raised over $1000 in donated school supplies from the Elon Greek Community.

This year was also a year of collaboration. Our chapter worked with an array of programs with the following organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Elon’s Finest Dance Troupe, Spectrum, and Students Against Sexual Assault.

This year, the chapter also began a partnership with St. Matthew’s AME Church (Burlington, NC) by mentoring and helping youth during their weekly Youth Bible Study program. We also helped the church organize and re-build both their youth step team and their youth dance and worship team.

This year was also a remarkable year in supporting philanthropic organizations. 4 members of the chapter participated in the 3rd Annual Elonthon, a 24 hour dance marathon to help raise funds to support Duke’s Children’s hospital. Xi Omicron was recognized as being 1 of the top 5 teams to raise the most money, $290. In November, our brothers of the Alpha Beta Beta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma and our chapter hosted the first Annual Blue and White Ball Semi-Formal: The Masquerade. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the March of Dimes Foundation. On April 30th, the chapter walked in the annual WalkAmerica with our sponsoring Graduate Chapter, Theta Eta Zeta (Thomasville, NC).

We would like to thank you all for the support that you have given us this year. Without your continuous support and unconditional love, would not have been able to accomplish so much and reach all of our goals!

Sincerely,

The Xi Omicron Chapter
Xi Omicron has made tremendous strides in serving the surrounding community this school year. During the fall semester we completed a total of 277.5 hours of service!! Our service activities included: Caring Kitchen, Safe Rides, mentoring at Alternative Learning Programs for elementary schools of Burlington and three Z-HOPE programs. In addition to going into the community to assist those in need, we also raised a total of $295. The money raised went to March of Dimes Foundation and Z-HOPE: Z-Pack It Up. Thus far, during the spring semester we have completed a total of 188.5 hours of service. This semester we have done service with Loaves and Fishes, St. Matthew’s A.M.E. Church, and six Z-HOPE programs. Next school year we plan to continue this tradition of serving our community and giving our time to those in need.

Sor. Ashley Marshall
Service Coordinator

Z-HOPE Events of 2004 - 2005
Z-HOPE Coordinators: Sor. Kimberly Bowman
Sor. Mary Caruso

"Is a Good Man Hard to Find?" (September 2004)
Our speaker, Desiree Wilkinson, spoke on the differences between males and females and how we can better relate to members of the opposite sex

"Z-Pack It Up!" Challenge (October 2004)
We challenged the other Greeks at Elon to donate a backpack full of school supplies for Burlington Alternative School System. Then, we delivered them and mentored the children for a morning.

Zeta Prematurity Awareness Sunday (November 2004)
We presented information about Prematurity and the March of Dimes @ First Baptist Church

"Healthy Lifestyle Game Plan" (January 2005)
ΖΦΒ spoke on nutrition and dieting. AKAs did a yoga lesson and Sigma Gamma Rhos did a relaxation techniques workshop.

"Cooking with Kids" (February 2005) - St. Matthew’s A.M.E. Church
We helped children at Bible Study make healthy snacks while teaching about nutrition

"Stepping With Knowledge" (February 2005) - Minority Visitation Weekend
We presented the history of stepping and taught steps to students for a program during Minority Visitation Weekend

"How Crowded is Your Bed?" (March 2005)
We held an educational program and did a demonstration about AIDS, STD’s and sexual histories

We presented information with Zeta Tau Alpha on early detection practices and prevention of breast cancer

Walk America 2005 (April 30, 2005)
5.5 mile walk supporting national philanthropy, the March of Dimes Foundation. We raised $250. 5 sorors from Xi Omicron participated in the walk
This year, Xi Omicron observed Finer Womanhood Week the week of February 28th through March 1st and was very successful. Monday through Thursday, we sold Finer Womanhood Grams in which Elon's Students and Faculty had the chance to purchase a gram to express their appreciation. Over 120 grams went out to the finer women of Elon University. On Wednesday we held a Z HOPE program titled “How Crowded is Your Bed?” Promotional efforts, including the title, were met with controversial attention from the University's community, however the program was still successful. It entailed discussions on STDS, and high and low risk sexual behaviors. This year’s Finer Womanhood Week was a learning experience for Xi Omicron. The knowledge gained will be applied next year for a more successful week.

“ The Epitome of Finer Womanhood”

Treasurer's Report

Budget and Finance Committee: Sor. Kimberly Bowman Sor. Mary Caruso Sor. Valencia Smith

This past year we have done a tremendous job in raising our funds. At the beginning of the semester we had little over $40 dollars. We have increased our funds to well over a thousand dollars through various activities and a large part from dues. With this surplus of funds we were able to help pay for five of our sorors to attend this year’s Eastern Regional Conference and pay the initiation fees into two Greek honor societies: Gamma Sigma Alpha (national Greek academic honor society) and Order of Omega (national leadership honor society for fraternity and sorority members) in which two of our sorors will be inducted into this Spring.

Next year, with these funds, we will be able to do even more activities and continue to support each other in our achievements and honors.

Sor. Valencia Smith
Treasurer

Newsletter Contributions

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Service Report
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Z HOPE Report
Sor. Mary Caruso

Finer Womanhood Report
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Treasurer Report
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Xi Omicron
Zeta Phi Beta Dues
2005-2006

National Dues:
$65/member (Due: Oct 15th)

Eastern Region Dues:
$7/ member (Due: Oct 15th)

North Carolina State Dues:
$2/ member (Due: Oct 15th)

Xi Omicron Dues:
$60/semester + $15/Winter Term

National Pan-Hellenic Council Dues:
$10/ semester
Congratulations! The chapter would like to say farewell to one of our graduating seniors, Kristina Foster (Fall ’04) as she embarks on her journey into the field of Public Relations!