

KINGS DOMINION DAY

BY MARLEY OGDEN – UPSILON CLASS

AFTER A WHOLE SUMMER AWAY FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE SPENT AT MY SUMMER JOB, I WAS FEELING A LITTLE STIR CRAZY. NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT AFTER A WHOLE SEMESTER OF BROTHERHOOD TRAINING AND IMMERSION, I HAD BEGUN TO FORGET WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO HAVE BROTHERS AROUND ALL THE TIME. LUCKILY, KINGS DOMINION DAY WAS COMING UP, AND I WAS COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS. EVERYONE MET AT THE FRONT GATE AND THE EXCITEMENT IN EVERYONE'S EYES WAS EVIDENT. WITH NO TRUE GAME PLAN FOR THE DAY EXCEPT TO RIDE EVERY RIDE WE CAME TO, WE SET OFF INTO THE PARK.

THE INTIMIDATOR 305 WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE PART OF THE DAY. AS THE GARGANTUAN SIZE OF THE RIDE BECAME MORE AND MORE APPARENT WITH EVERY STEP WE TOOK, THE BROTHERS APPROACHED THE RIDE FEELING A MIX OF EXCITEMENT AND TERROR. I LOOKED OVER TO SEE JOHN HOLDING ABBY'S HAND AND KNEW THAT EVERYONE HAD TO HAVE BEEN FEELING THE SAME EMOTIONS THAT I WAS. AS MUCH AS I HATE TO DO IT, I HAVE TO MAKE THE TOTALLY CHEESY ROLLER COASTER METAPHOR.

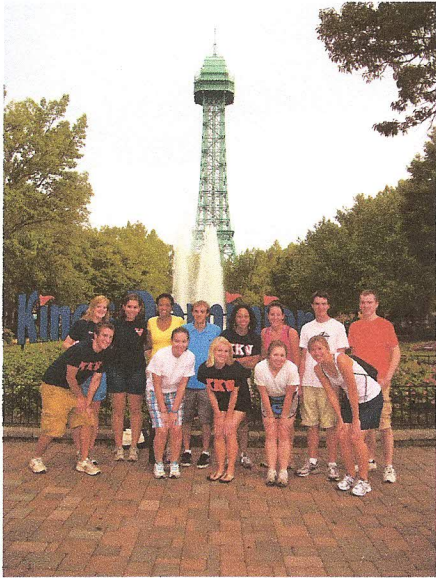
THE APPREHENSION AND EXCITEMENT REMINDED ME ALL TOO MUCH OF MY MC PROCESS. THE FEELINGS BUILDING AND BUILDING UNTIL WE REACHED THE TOP, (3RD DEGREE), AND THEN THE FEELINGS OF RELIEF, AND ENJOYMENT WHEN WE SHOT DOWN THE HILL.



I HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE THE REST OF THE RIDE, THAT IS BROTHERHOOD, BUT AS I COME UP TO THE SECOND HILL AND GLIMPSE THE RIDE IN A NEW LIGHT, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL TOTALLY STOKED WITH WHAT IS TO COME. WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER, WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS AGAIN, WITH THE PROMISE OF BAND IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. ■

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FACT:
THE INTIMIDATOR 305
STANDS AT 305 FEET
TALL AND REACHES
SPEEDS OF OVER 90
MPH.

PICNIC ON THE MALL

BY BRIANA COLLINS — UPSILON CLASS



"EVEN SEVERAL YEARS AFTER WE'RE ACTIVE BROTHERS, BROTHERHOOD CONTINUES ON."
-BRIANA COLLINS

IN JUNE EVERYONE VENTURED TO DC FOR THE PICNIC ON THE MALL. WITH SEVENTEEN BROTHERS ATTENDING WE WERE THE LARGEST CHAPTER IN ATTENDANCE BY FAR. THE FACT THAT WE WERE THE LARGEST DID NOT DETER US FROM MINGLING WITH OTHER BROTHERS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS. WHILE SOME CHOSE TO CHOW DOWN ON FOOD, OTHERS CHOSE TO PLAY A LARGE GAME OF ULTIMATE FRISBEE! ALTHOUGH WE WERE SURROUNDED BY BROTHERS, WE WITNESSED BROTHERHOOD IN ITS TRUEST FASHION WHEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICNIC WE FOUND OUT THAT ED SAVOY WAS LOST SOMEWHERE IN DC TRYING TO FIND THE PICNIC. OUR CHAPTER, WITH THE HELP OF AN ALUMNA OF THE ETA OMICRON CHAPTER, ASSEMBLED A TEAM TO GO FIND AND BRING ED BACK TO THE PICNIC. IT JUST SHOWED THAT EVEN SEVERAL YEARS AFTER WE'RE ACTIVE BROTHERS, BROTHERHOOD CONTINUES ON.

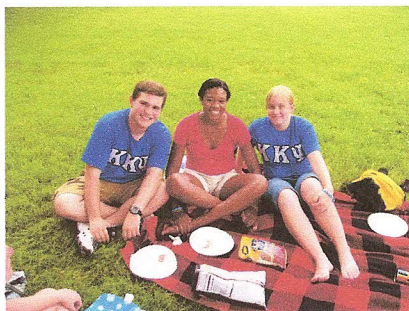


AS THE PICNIC WAS DYING DOWN, OUR CHAPTER DECIDED TO GO SIGHTSEEING. WE STARTED OFF BY WALKING TO THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT. WE THEN MADE OUR WAY DOWN THE REFLECTING POOL TO THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. AFTER AWING AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL WE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS. ONE GROUP WENT TO

WALK AROUND THE MUSEUMS WHILE THE OTHER GROUP FELT AMBITIOUS AND WALKED TO THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL. WHEN WE FINALLY REACHED THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL WE WERE EXHAUSTED BUT THAT DID NOT STOP US FROM GETTING PICTURES!

AFTER WALKING TO THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL WE DECIDED THAT WE STILL HAD A LITTLE AMBITION LEFT IN US, SO WE TOOK THE METRO TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. WHILE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WE SAW THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD, PAID OUR RESPECTS TO EACH KENNEDY THAT IS BURIED THERE, AS WELL AS SEEING THE MEMORIALS OF THE *CHALLENGER*, *COLUMBIA*, AND *USS MAINE*. A COUPLE BROTHERS ALSO PAID THEIR RESPECTS TO PEOPLE WHOM THEY KNEW THAT WERE BURIED THERE.

TO FINISH OFF THE DAY, BROTHERS WENT TO DINNER BEFORE HEADING HOME! OVERALL IT WAS A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE TO SEE CURRENT BROTHERS AND ALUMNI COMING TO DC JUST TO SPEND A FEW HOURS TOGETHER. I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS CONTINUES TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT! ■



MY SUMMER OF OL-ING

BY CHRISTINA MATTALIANO – TAU CLASS

ON JUNE 8TH, I CAME BACK TO C-VILLE, MOVED INTO HEREFORD, AND STARTED ONE OF THE BEST SUMMERS OF MY LIFE. THIS SUMMER I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE UNIVERSITY AS 1 OF 32 ORIENTATION LEADERS. AFTER TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING; LEARNING EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT MR. JEFFERSON'S UNIVERSITY, PREPARING FOR ALL THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, AND OF COURSE, GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER; THE OLS AND I FOUND OURSELVES PREPARED TO TACKLE 10 ORIENTATION SESSIONS.

SESSION A, CAME AT THE END OF JUNE, WITH ITS NUMBER OF CHALLENGES: FIRST SESSION NERVES, A CRAZY STORM THAT RIPPED THROUGH C-VILLE, POWER OUTAGE, DOWN SIS...AFTER THAT SESSION WE WERE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN AFTER THE INTRODUCTIONS, ICEBREAKERS, NEWCOMB MEALS, COURSE ADVISING, HONOR TALKS, PANELS, DORM TOURS, LONG HOURS IN WILSON HALL, AND SOME AWESOME ADVENTURES IN C-VILLE, ORIENTATION WAS ALL OVER. I FOUND MYSELF WITH 31 NEW FRIENDS AT THE OL BANQUET RECEIVING SUPERLATIVES...SESSIONS A-K HAD FLOWN BY.

READING THIS, YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING HOW ANY OF THIS RELATES TO OUR CHAPTER. ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF BEING AN OL WAS MEETING PEOPLE, EVERY SESSION IT WAS A NEW GROUP OF STUDENTS. MY FAVORITE STUDENTS TO MEET WERE INCOMING CMB MEMBERS! IF THERE WAS A BAND KID IN ANOTHER ORIENTATION LEADER'S GROUP THEY WOULD ALWAYS INTRODUCED THEM TO ME. I ALWAYS ENJOYED MEETING THEM AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD. THIS INCOMING CLASS, AS ALWAYS,



IS THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST, BUT THEY ARE ALSO SUPER EXCITED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CMB. WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY POINT: MEETING THESE INCOMING CMB MEMBERS HAS HELPED REMIND ME OF WHY I ENJOY THIS ORGANIZATION AND HAVE SUCH A PASSION FOR IT. TALKING TO THEM AND SEEING THEIR EXCITEMENT HAS RE-KINDLED MY EXCITEMENT FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. I THINK WHAT I HAVE TAKEN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE IS THAT AS A CHAPTER WE MUST FEED OFF THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND USE THAT ENERGY TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BAND. EVEN IF WE ARE ON LEADERSHIP OR NOT, WE MUST PUT FORTH THE EFFORT TO MAKE THE CMB THE BEST IT HAS EVER BEEN. AS BROTHERS WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS MAKING THE BAND MORE ORGANIZED AND LEND A HELPING HAND WHENEVER IT IS NEEDED. THAT WAY THESE INCOMING FIRST YEARS CAN HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE WE HAD OUR FIRST YEAR, CAN ENJOY THEIR SEASON, AND FIND A FAMILY HERE AT UVA. WAHOOWA! ■

CURRENT BROTHER UPDATE

BY MATTHEW GILLWALD — SIGMA CLASS

I AM TRAVELING THE WORLD AGAIN, BX, SPENDING MY SUMMER IN FLORENCE! NOT TO DELIBERATELY DECEIVE ANYONE, THOUGH I'M SURE THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAPPEN, BUT I'VE BEEN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ALL SUMMER INTERNING WITH TICONA, A SPECIALTY PLASTICS COMPANY. IN SHORT, THEY MAKE AND SELL PLASTIC, LIKE THE RED SEAT BELT BUTTON IN YOUR CAR. HOPEFULLY THAT CLEARS

THINGS UP. IN THE GREAT OHIO-INDIANA-KENTUCKY TRISTATE AREA, I'VE GOT TO DO SOME COOL TRAVELING, TO FAR-OFF PLACES LIKE LOUISVILLE AND CHICAGO! THE OTHER INTERNS AND I SHARE TWO APARTMENTS JUST 5 MINUTES FROM WORK AND WE ROTATE WHO MAKES DINNER, WHICH IS AS AWESOME AS IT SOUNDS. SO FOR NOW IT'S BYE TO FLORENCE (YA'LL) AND ALL ITS SPLENDOR. UNTIL NEXT TIME AND AEA. ■

What we've learned this summer:

*"Camping is always better with marshmallows."
- Mike Ngai*

*"One may not always understand a task that they are given. However by logically thinking through the problem and speaking with the proper people, everything eventually becomes clear."
- Sean Laffey*

*"Queen Latifah drives a Rolls Royce Convertible."
- Abby Heider*

*"More than I ever wanted to know about sea urchins while studying in San Salvador, Bahamas."
- Hillary McClintic*

*"Don't leave sweet tea in your car on a hot day."
- Ian Edwards*

*"Johnny Rockets really isn't that good."
- Emily Wrona*

*"When I get a real job, I don't want a long commute."
- Kara Graber*

ALUMNI UPDATE

BY MASON FISHER — SIGMA CLASS

MY FIRST POST-GRADUATION JOB THIS SUMMER IS WORKING FOR ONE OF THE PROFESSORS IN THE ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT AT UVA, PROF. VERBISER (SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THE DISCOVERY OF THE ENORMOUS INFRARED RING AROUND SATURN- SHE WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO FOUND IT). I'M CURRENTLY ANALYZING ONE OF SATURN'S MOONS, IAPETUS, DURING TRUE OPPOSITION (AN EVENT THAT OCCURS ABOUT ONCE EVERY 29 YEARS, WHEN SATURN IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD - IN OTHER WORDS, FROM THE VIEW POINT OF SATURN, EARTH IS ECLIPSING THE SUN). IAPETUS IS AN ODD LITTLE WALNUT-SHAPED MOON (HALF OF IT IS COVERED IN WHAT APPEARS TO DARK COLORED DUST). BY STUDYING THE IMAGES TAKEN

DURING WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY THE MOST IDEAL OBSERVING UNTIL 2034, WE HOPE TO FIGURE OUT MORE ABOUT ITS SURFACE DYNAMICS.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THIS IS TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT OUR FINDINGS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE DIVISION OF PLANETARY SCIENCE OF THE AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY IN OCTOBER. EARLIER THIS WEEK I SUBMITTED MY PROPOSAL ABSTRACT, AND WHILE I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE IT WILL BE ACCEPTED, I DO KNOW THAT I'M LISTED AS THE PRIMARY AUTHOR- WHICH IS A VERY, VERY BIG DEAL FOR SOMEONE WITH JUST AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. WISH ME LUCK! ■

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