

A La Mode

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Out-Bleeding Little Brother By John Shepard

In keeping with Michigan's long-running tradition of having competitive blood drives with other Big Ten schools, UM is now taking part in the Face-Off Blood Challenge against Michigan State University. The competition kicked off with the Michigan-Michigan State hockey game on January 24th, which UM won 5-3 in a controversy-laden game. The competition has three remaining drives in Ann Arbor out of 29 total, all of which are over Michigan's spring break. The final one is on February 27th at the

East Medical Center. Any APOers still in Ann Arbor over break are encouraged to donate blood at these drives if they have not yet donated.

Since UM and MSU have not completed the same amount of drives we cannot compare who is leading. However, APO's excellent volunteers and publicity have helped Michigan meet or exceed goal at their drives. UM's aggregate goal for Face-Off is 1050 pints. Also encouraging is the excellent participation of pledges in the drive.

With the competition winding down, the question remains: is MSU better at donating blood than they are at most other things? It looks like they will need to be if they wish to prevent Michigan from going 2-0 in competitive blood drives over this school year. It has been rumored that Mark Dantonio has called APO's Face-Off chairs "short" and has a clock counting down the end of the drive. Riots are expected at the conclusion of the Michigan State drives, win or lose.

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APO Goes On Ski Trip, Rumors of Skiing Persist

Alpha Phi Omega's annual ski trip occurred the weekend of January 30th. Lots of noteworthy things happened. You probably heard about it via POWs and Jerry stories. Here's a photo.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Inner Tube Water Polo
2/15/09 8:30 pm
APO vs Practice?!

Elections
3/16/09 at chapter

Spring Break
2/20/09 - 3/1/09

Anything Else?
Who cares? SPRING
BREAK!!!!111!!

APO Q&A: Exposing Dark Personal Secrets Since 2009

Interviews by Frances Sennett

John Gietzen

- What is your favorite poster in your room/house?

The Rules for Wedding Crashing. They're kind of the rules I try to live my life by.

- What is your favorite book?

Harry Potter 1-7; I would be too good at quidditch.

- What is your most embarrassing moment?

When i played soccer in high school i always wore sliding shorts and had this tendency of putting my hands not under my sliding shorts, but between those and my shorts to warm my hands up during a stoppage of play. I wasn't touching myself in any way but the girls that came to watch the game snapped a photo of me warming my hands up and thought otherwise and when we were going to the state tournament they made a poster for me with that picture blown up on it. My mom definitely saw the banner...

- If you could be a drink, which would you be and why?

I would be a top shelf vodka in a bottom shelf bottle because anyone who judges you from your outside appearance isn't worth your time. True friends will see you for who you actually are and keep coming back for more!

- Who is your least favorite exec member?

Arjun...he's so racist. What can brown do for you...really? Love ya big guy.

- What is the most embarrassing concert you've ever been to?

O-town. I was dragged to it by my buddy, his girlfriend, and some other girl who apparently thought it was a double date kind of thing when I was in 7th grade. We actually had back stage passes because my friend's parents owned some radio station. Right when my friends went through the gate to go back stage I handed my pass off to a random girl and just walked around the carnival by myself...pretty sure I made that girl's life.



Image: Brett Perry

Gina V.

- What is your favorite poster in your room/house?

A poster of House, MD. (sexy can I?)

- What's your favorite book?

Frankenstein— Mary Shelley

- What is your goal in life?

I would love to teach.

- What is the best trip you've ever taken?

CANCUN 2005!!!.

- What is your most embarrassing moment?

That's tough to say, I can't think of anything too bad at the moment.

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- What is the most embarrassing concert you've ever been to?

Savage Garden

Think you can write something better? It's unlikely, but you should still try! If you are interested in writing for A La Mode, send submissions to Brett Perry (brettmp@umich.edu) or attend one of the Communications Committee's sick, off the hook meetings.

Yes, We See You Not Listening. Jerks.

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So You're Pledging Alpha Phi Omega This Semester, Huh?

Some Timely Advice For Our Poor, Unsuspecting Pledges

By John Shepard & Brett Perry,
Sage APO Experts

Each semester, a new group of excited, bright-eyed prospective new members tries to gain entrance to this miserable, antisocial soul-sucking clique of hateful jerkbags that passes as a community service fraternity. They inevitably become disenchanted and fail. This is you. Here are some fun tips!

Get out while you can.

No seriously, before it's too late.

When Senushi breaks out the paddle, run.

Just take my word on this one. I know she seems all nice and they claim there won't be hazing, but it's gonna happen. Ever see *Dazed and Confused*? Yeah, it's a lot like that.

Buy a t-shirt.

It's the only way to get in with the cool crowd. They're like the Northface jackets of APO. You should get one. Before they all sell out. And you're stuck without one, sad and lonely.

Write 40 POWs every meeting.

People will be jealous of your inside jokes and want to hang out with you.

Vote for stuff.

Even when Margaret says you can't. What's she going to do, hit you with her gavel? Actually, she might. Don't vote.

Leave before the toast song.

We will fight you if you try this.

Send an e-mail to

apo.social@umich.edu if you're having a party.

We'll trash your place for you!

Do some service?

Nah, it's just a front.

Come to the VP of Communications' office hours.

Legend has it, you get a free puppy.

Play on our IM sports teams.

For how attractive of a chapter we are, we don't seem to win that much.

Wait, I can't tell if this is serious or not.

Some is and some isn't. Figure it out for yourself. But buy a blasted t-shirt already.



Last Minute Spring Break Ideas That Could Be Fun I Guess

By Stephen Wald

- Kick it in Ann Arbor. It'll be like an average week, only you won't go to class...well, it'll be exactly like a normal week.

- Canada eh? Go to the casino, go to the bar, go to the club and enjoy that cold Canadian...Pepsi.

- Road trip. We all know the best stories come from a ridiculously unplanned road trip! Where to? That is where the adventure begins... Flip a coin - heads go right, tails go left. Maybe bring a GPS so you can find your way home. Or drive south until it's warm. Could take a while, but hey, at least gas isn't \$4/gallon anymore.

- Go skiing or snowboarding. Nothing like being cold on spring break! Drive out to Colorado, head up north in Michigan, wherever has snow. It could be almost as much fun as APO's ski trip!

- Camping. For the wilderness lovers out there - you know the deal. Grab your things, a tent, and some refresh-

ments. Go find a sweet camping spot (preferably not somewhere as cold as Michigan) and rough it for a few days.

- College visiting. Go catch up with your high school friends and lay on their couches all day while they have to go to class. Jump around from university to university. Just don't forget to bring the "thank you for hosting my lazy self" gift.

- Home. I suppose if you really are fresh out of ideas, have no friends (or cash), and can't or just don't want to stay in Ann Arbor, you can always head home. Mom and Dad will cook you some great homemade meals and tell you how much they love you.

- Study. You know you have work to do. Note: the Communications Committee does not endorse this option.

- See how many movies you can watch over the span of a week. You were probably going to do this anyway.

- Pick up a new hobby. Because your friends will be totally jealous when they

come back and learn you spent the entire week teaching yourself magic tricks or how to do origami.

- Feel sorry for yourself. Michigan is kind of like Mexico. You can go to Pancharo's and pretend it's Cabo.

- Play a prank on your roommates. Completely rearrange one of their rooms. Make it look like your house got broken into. Transform your house into a big fort with cushions and blankets. Actually, that last one's not a prank, it's just awesome.

Other Colleges on Spring Break

Alma College (MI)

Eastern Michigan University

John Carroll University (OH)

Marshall University

Mary Baldwin College

Mount St. Mary's University

Oakland University (MI)

Ohio Northern University

Providence College

RULES OF APO BINGO

- *When something on the board happens during the chapter meeting or you accomplish one of the tasks, X out the square.*
- *When you complete a line of four in a row, loudly yell BINGO!*
- *The first person to get a bingo wins a priceless mystery prize that they will treasure forever.*
- *No cheating, we will check your board before you get your awesome prize*
- *If you complete the entire board, loudly yell I AM THE GREATEST PERSON EVER and we might give you something.*

APO BINGO?

B	N	G	O
You have completed the sudoku	Ray looks confused	You write a POW to the Communications Committee saying how fantastic they are.	When Senushi introduces pledges, you introduce yourself to Senushi
You have volunteered at Face-off	Someone tells an overly long Jerry story	There's a Toggin plug	You take part in a standing ovation for Julie when it's her turn to talk
You throw a piece of candy to Shep	Nate nails you with candy during POWs	Brees yells over people while they're talking	You give Arjun a hug
You have bought an APO t-shirt this year	You are wearing something that says APO on it	Someone sitting by you is eating Panda Express	Margaret talks about sectionals

Valentine's Day versus Friday the 13th: Which is Worse?

By Claire Luczak

Friday the 13th

Friday the 13th is worse than Valentine's Day. Bad things happen to everyone, but on this day occurrences are much higher. You can slip and fall on the ice, go to the bar, drink a little too much Pepsi and end up in the hospital because it is Friday the 13th. Friday the 13th is basically an fmylife.com potential posting.

Valentines Day is not worse than Friday the 13th. It is a holiday filled with love. On this day people are able to express their feelings and spend quality time together. Valentines Day is a wonderful day filled with friends, family and significant others. It should be cherished and enjoyed.



Valentine's Day

Valentines Day is worse than Friday the 13th. If you are single on this day, everything is worse. You go out to dinner and only see couples feeding each other and holding hands. You have to wear the obligatory pink or red. It is probably the worst holiday ever. It is just another Hallmark holiday that only is there to increase sales. Valentines Day should not be celebrated and is a disgrace.

Friday the 13th is not worse than Valentines day. Bad things will only happen to you if you are superstitious. Friday the 13th is just one day and not a lot of bad things happen. Some people are just superstitious.

Buy. A. Shirt.