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Spring Semester Activities

Members of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Pi Omega Pi (POP) had a very eventful spring semester. On February 8, the chapter initiated two new members, Brittany and Phil. From March 22-26, Ashley, Jenn, and Chris attended the National Business Education Association (NBEA) and POP conferences in Anaheim, CA, where their experiences were unforgettable. They were very excited to bring home an eighth place finish from the 2004 POP national competition.

On March 30, Eastern Illinois University along with the Alpha Chi Chapter of POP hosted the Eastern Illinois Business Education Association (EIBEA) spring meeting. Pi Omega Pi members assisted in the planning process of this event. On April 12, the chapter had a guest speaker, Susan Hanfland, to speak about Education for Employment. They finished out the semester on April 17 with a cookout and bags tournament, in which Brad dominated, at Dr. Chadd’s house.

Preview of Fall Activities

The POP competition year began on January 1, 2005 and will end on December 31. During the competition year, the chapter completes local, regional, and national projects. Each of these projects is scored and ranked nationally against other chapters. Several other activities are held throughout the year, including service opportunities and fundraising efforts. All projects and activities we complete are awarded points. Help us achieve another top 10 finish!

We kicked off the fall semester by working at Textbook Rental Service. All of the money we earned by handing out textbooks went into the POP bank account. We plan to work at TRS again during fall 2005 finals week. On October 7, several members will be heading over to Charleston High School to assist with the Technology Institute.

We have already completed the regional project by hosting the EIBEA spring meeting. The local project will be wrapped up on September 20 when we conduct the CTE seminar. Our remaining major task is the national project. We will be combining various materials into a resource packet for future and new business education instructors.

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