

The Friar Forum

Spring 2006

From the Abbot...

Dear Fellow Friar,

I hope that this letter finds all of you doing well, wherever you may be. Let me begin by extending to you an invitation to join us for the Spring Friar Weekend on April 8th and 9th, 2006. The University will also be hosting Texas Revue on that weekend. I am already in the process of trying to obtain tickets for those of you that might be interested. Please make sure to contact me if you would like to attend. This semester we will be honoring the newest recipient of the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship as well as our Spring initiates.

The deadline for the applications has passed and we will complete the selection process in the coming weeks. From looking at the applications and nominations that we have received, it seems as though we will have a very representative class of outstanding students.

When I was given the honor of serving as Abbot, I decided that I wanted to leave this organization better than the way that I found it. For that reason, it has been my hope to better communicate with the alumni. We are currently in the process of building a new website and hope to be able to unveil it during the Spring Reunion Weekend. With our Centennial quickly approaching, it is essential that we rebuild the relationships between the Alumni and the current actives. I am hopeful that a fruitful discussion will arise during the weekend. The organization is only as strong as we decide to make it. I know that we are not living up to our potential and that we can continue to build a stronger Society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the alumni that have already sent us a donation for the upcoming Reunion weekend and would encourage those of you that have not been able to, to consider doing so. A very special thanks goes to fellow Friars Joe and Cyndi Krier for organizing a group of Friar alumni to host this years reception. There is no way that this weekend would be possible without all of your support.

This semesters cocktail will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at the Thompson Conference Center at 5:30 pm. For those of you interested, Texas Revue will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall across the street. The breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Maximillian Room at the Driskill Hotel. It seems like the alumni enjoyed having it back there once again. Please RSVP through our website for the events (<http://www.friarsociety.org>) as soon as possible.

Once again, thanks to all of you who have helped thus far. As always, if there is anything that I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me (ginteriano@mail.utexas.edu).

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Abbot, Spring 2006