

FLiPit!

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End of the year banquet April 2008

Here's to a great year...

Hugging, shouting, eating, screaming, crying, laughing, leading, serving, helping, willing, giving, learning - well, I would say we did cover it all this year in FLP. We started out on a mission, a mission to cultivate leadership and self-development. Not only did the individuals on Kiewit 9 grow and learn as individuals, but past members of FLP, mentors, and execs also told me they had their share of learning too. I know as an exec, I could not have asked for a better way to spend my sophomore year. So here's one more FLiP it! to you FLP 2007 - 2008. You are the the drops that have created ripples. You have all proven that you can make a change and a difference in the world, just as we said we were set out to do in the beginning of the year. Continue to make these changes as you grow and become stronger leaders. Thank you for a great year!

-Your 2007-2008 Public Relations Exec, Megan Geyer



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MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR



HIGHLIGHTS

MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR

1. Jessica Pittman
2. Marc Rizzo

MENTORS OF THE YEAR

- Aimée Willems & Colin Laffey
- Melissa Murphy & Nick Quinn



LT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

- Fashion for a Passion: led by Corrie, Lauren, Marc, & Andrea

FLOOR EVENTS

- Holiday Party
- ES Breakfast
- Root Beer Pong

SERVICE SITES

1. Campfire, USA
2. The Hope Center
3. Mason Apartments
4. Precious Memories
5. Siena Francis House
6. Omaha Boys & Girls Club

OUTSIDE EVENTS

- pool party
- valentine card making
- snowflake making
- movie nights
- bake-off: cookies & pizza

ES Appreciation Breakfast:



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CHRIS LOWNEY

with Leadership comes many challenges...

Q&A: What has been the most challenging aspect of your job?

o G.Y: Stevey (her adopted son with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome), however, the problems I had with him made me able to deal with other children, I just had to learn on this kid,

o T.S: I didn't go to director development school, to figure out the science to everything. So, I was a poor director when I started. I knew what I wanted to do, but didn't know the technique to do it (got help from people associated with Boys Town). My experience has made me much more comfortable. I recently had to go up in front of Omaha Committee Board and present on the Day Shelter, that opened on 15th and Webster, caddy corner from Union Pacific daycare. Many parents were up in arms about the possibility, and I had to see past that. I had to present the positives and explain that in reality the homeless are just people. There are all these misconceptions about who homeless shelter people are. Needless to say, we had to close the Day Shelter on March 31st, when so many wouldn't have known we were even there, had they not been told. We spent \$40,000 to renovate the building for the day shelter and worked hard with the city to creating the vision to make it happen. New Struggle: figuring out a location without displeasing too many people.

SEMINAR

Name: Tim Sully

Occupation: Resident/Development

Director at Siena Francis House

Responsibility as a leader:

shelters around 365 people every day and provides about 300,000 meals a year

Name: Grandma Verna

Occupation: Started non-profit

daycare, Precious Memories

Responsibility as a leader:

takes care of children and provides them with a positive, safe environment

LASTING IMPRESSION...

Words from our seminar speakers

- "There's some things I can fix and some things I can't fix. I had to learn that there is a point where I've done everything I can do, and I have to let go and let God do the work. I can't fix them all. But, if I can tell you anything, it is to never ever give up on a kid. You're going to be a big influence to all kids no matter what job you do."
- "There will be a corner like mine wherever you go that will need help like mine. Just know that you can make a difference. If you can make the time, you can make a life better for these kids, we've done a lot of good on them already."
- "They see you filled and they're filled with hope, thinking maybe I can do something with my life."
- "You don't know what a kind word can do."
- Grandma Verna
- "I'm grateful for everything I gained as a student at Creighton to understand my role in the bigger world."
- "You don't know what a smile and a hello might do to change one person's life."
- Tim Sully

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WARREN
BUFFETT

*Seminar Question and
Answer Session with the*

The Warren Buffett Experience

By Will Murphy

In one of the year's most anticipated events, twenty FLP members went to a question-and-answer session with one of the world's richest and most successful men, Warren Buffett. The students who attended were chosen to go based on their attendance record for FLP events throughout the year; the ones who with the best records were chosen to attend. The event took place on January 11th, 2008 in the Cloud Room, the top floor in the Kiewit Plaza, Buffett's office.

There were only four groups of students at this event; a group of UCLA business students, a group of Creighton business students, a group of students from Brazil, and the FLP group. Buffett took twenty minutes to talk about life and leadership before opening the floor to questions about his business, life, the upcoming election, and basically anything that anybody wanted to ask. He responded to each question with a great deal of detail, even though almost all of the questions were about his success in the business world, questions he's probably answered a million times. Surprisingly, no one asked him about his philanthropic efforts with the Gates foundation.

After the three hour question-and-answer session, Buffett was kind enough to take everyone out for lunch; we had a choice of one of six lunches, and at the end we were all treated to Buffett's favorite, a root beer float. After lunch was over, Buffett graciously and patiently took pictures with everyone who wanted one with him. Some were creative with poses, such as whispering in his ear or pretending Buffett was handing them money. Before we left, FLP had a group picture taken with Buffett to cap off a very memorable event that will surely make a lasting impression.

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SEMINAR PHOTOS



FLP members eating lunch with Warren Buffett



Group Shot with Warren Buffett after Question and Answer and lunch



Dinner Seminar in the Student Center with Michael Yanney



Student Coordinator with Mentors at a Tuesday night Seminar

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FLP RETREAT

REMEMBER WHEN...

The End of a Perfect Day By Kelly Stading

Just picture someone walking into a room with a police baton and a frying pan and mentioning the word "bat" to a room full of girls. You can imagine the panic that would ensue. Girls leap from the floor and scream as they run towards the nearest shelter, while the boys get revved up at the idea of a chase. Yes, this was the harmonious swirl of chaos that can only be found at three in the morning at the end of a perfect day.

This is just a taste of the excitement found at the Freshman Leadership's annual retreat. They started off the evening with a trivia game for the mentor group leaders to see how well they had gotten to know their freshmen. It was a close race but it ended up being Collin and Aimée's group who took the gold and they received a gift certificate to their choice of food restaurant a few weeks later to celebrate. After the steaming dish of lasagna for supper the group headed outside for some good old recreation in the dark. Between glow in the dark Frisbee and a bone crunching game of football there was plenty to keep you entertained. If you didn't like the physical activities it was a wonderful night for stargazing and the occasional ghost story.

After all the pent up energy was spent the group went inside for the candle light talk. Meant as a way to express joys and concerns to the entire group, it turned into a very emotional night. Many people really opened up and let us have a look at the deeper side of their emotions. It was a wonderful experience that really opened some doors for possibilities. It was followed by the one-on-one chat, where people were randomly paired and were sent out to go for at least a half an hour walk to open up and get to know someone you might not have been close to beforehand. This continued on late into the night only to be followed by the Smilies, small notes you could write to people and put in a sack with their name on it for them to read at another time.

As the night wound down it seemed like a wonderful day in the country was going to come to the perfect end, and in a way it kind of did. We had an unexpected visitor come knocking at the door. Furry, black and fanged in the night, our small bat friend created that last bit of excitement to end the day on a bang. A special thanks to Garret for providing the bat stick that brought so much comfort in that this time of fear.

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FLP SERVICE PHOTOS

In addition to the weekly service sites FLP members attended, members did service to benefit the community. Several of the projects took place on Saturdays.



*Floor Saturday Service Day:
Blanket and Card making for the Children's Hospital*



*Clean Water Awareness:
Pollution Demonstration at Mid-America Center*



*Fashion for a Passion
Volunteers pose on stage at InPlay for Fashion show*



*Relay for Life:
Long Term Project lead by Jessica Pittman*

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Did you really know your RAs?

Your very own FLP social committee execs and ninth floor Kiewit Hall RAs Chris Brand and Anne Grass share some facts about themselves. The two mentioned that their favorite part about FLP included doing the Ropes Course, hanging out in the NZ, going on the FLP retreat two times, and attending the end of the year banquet. Chris hopes to pursue a career in Medical Sales or Health Care Marketing. Anne will be spending next two years teaching Sophomore English and Spanish as a Magis Volunteer at Redcloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.



WORDS OF WISDOM

- Don't forget Man LOVE!
- Continue to develop leadership
- Don't forget Anne and Chris

CHRIS & ANNE

Name: Anne Grass

Birthday:

September 29

Family Members:

Older sister and two younger brothers

Superhero: Captain

Planet

Favorite Color:

yellow

Favorite

Vacation Spot:

Dominican Republic

Favorite movie:

Sound of Music

Favorite Cartoon

Character: Batman

Free time

activity: Reading

Favorite viewing

sport: Soccer and

Tennis

Favorite board

game: Catch Phrase

Favorite Song:

"Anything" by Neil

Diamond or John

Denver

Guilty Pleasure:

Eating Chocolate

Embarrassing

Song: has no shame

Favorite FLP

Moment: Getting

Grassed, FLP

Christmas Party

Name: Chris Brand

Birthday:

September 17

Family Members:

two younger brothers

Superhero: Brady

Kain

Favorite Color:

purple

Favorite

Vacation Spot:

London, England

Favorite Cartoon

Character: Yogi Bear

Favorite movie:

Saw I or Hairspray

Free time

activity: rap or

basketball

Favorite viewing

sport: Softball

Favorite board

game: Smoked

Favorite Song:

"It's Raining Men" by

Billy Joel or "For the

Longest Time"

Guilty Pleasure:

Playing basketball

Embarrassing

Song: Legally Blond

the Musical

Favorite FLP

Moment: Asking Anne

to Homecoming