Marching To The Beat Of Moose Loving Recognition
Welcome to the NEACURH NRHH Report! We have been preparing since Nationals for all of you and we hope that you are excited as we are. So sit back and enjoy the performance!

Moose Luv,
Brett Gray, AD NRHH

Band Members

UMASS Amherst  Iona College  Northeastern University
RPI  Marist College  SUNY New Paltz
Ithaca College  SUNY Oneonta  Syracuse University
Fairfield University  SUNY Geneseo  Cornell University
St. John Fisher College  Bridgewater State College  SUNY Buffalo
Elmira College  SUNY Stony Brook  Salem State College  RIT
NEACURH’s Regional Conference, “A Knight at King Arthur’s Court,” was held on November 8-10, 2002 at SUNY Geneseo. The NRHH Business meeting was a huge success for several reasons. I worked with the RCC Publications, Stacey Ornitz, to bring the RHA Presidents into the NRHH Business meeting to discuss NRHH and RHA relations and other various topics that the members thought of such as:

- Differences between the two organizations and how they are separate
- Projects that NRHH and RHA can work on together
- Organizations working together vs. separately
- Increasing awareness of organizations…and many more.

We had over 16 NRHH representatives in attendance at the meeting which was a number that I had not seen or heard of in quite a while. We did chapter updates and had schools tell about what they had done during the semester and what there plans were for the remainder of the year. We got through many issues and everyone had a great time!

Here are a few of the things that NEACURH NRHH Chapters have been up to...

- Alzheimer’s Walk—Raised over $9,000
- Creating new recognition ideas
- Toys for tots
- Banquet for leaders on campus
- Working on quality OTMs
- Visiting Hall Councils and telling them about NRHH
- “Stick With It,” similar to spirit stick
- Mandatory committees
- Working on selection process and adding interviews
- Monthly trips as a chapter—ice cream, cider mill, caverns
- Talking to clubs and organizations reminding them of OTMs and other awards
- Point system for OTMs
- Blue Ribbon campaign
NEACURH NRHH Mini No-Frills conference, “M.A.R.T.Y. G.R.A.S.,” will take place on February 28—March 2, 2003 at Ithaca College. This conference will be very busy for NRHH because we will be voting on NRHH awards and there will also be individuals bidding for my position. We will be voting on:

- NEACURH NRHH Outstanding Member of the Year
- NEACURH NRHH Building Block Chapter of the Year
- NEACURH NRHH Chapter of the Year
- This year the RBD will be allowing NRHH to vote on another award, yet to be determined, but it will probably be DSA!

“I had never occurred to me before that music and thinking are so much alike. In fact you could say music is another way of thinking, or maybe thinking is another kind of music.”
~ Ursula K. Le Guin

New Band Members

In order to keep the moose loving recognition going I have started to work with a few schools that are interested in starting NRHH chapters at their institutions.

- Roger Williams University
- New York University
- St. John’s University

I have also been working with some of our struggling schools in the region to make sure that they get back on track and into the recognition mode again!
Since taking office at Nationals last year I had to jump into the position very quickly and set goals for myself and the region. In order to start my goal of open communication with schools I started to work on the NRHH Resource Binder that was created for NEACURH and to make it more organized and easier for schools to get information. I also wanted to add some things to it that would help benefit them, especially in the area of community service programming. I completed the updated Resource Binders and brought them with me to the Regional Conference. I ended up running out of binders because so many of the NCC’s wanted them as well. I believe that they have turned out to be a huge success and a very useful tool.

In January, I will be starting a “Monthly Recognition Challenge” that will be posted on my website for the region. This will be similar to a case study but the issue will be recognition based and for NRHH chapters. It will give chapters the opportunity to develop new and improved recognition ideas that they may be able to implement on their campuses. There will also be one winner a month in the region and they will receive a small gift in recognition of their work.

After the Mini No-Frills conference I will be putting together a “Buddy System” for those NRHH reps that will be attending the National Conference. New members attending the conference will be paired with returning members to help them get acquainted with what to expect at the conference, especially with the NRHH boardroom.

By creating an exclusive website for NEACURH NRHH it has allowed me to post a lot of information that the chapters and NCC’s can access whenever they need to. I post all regional and nationally winning OTMs on the website. For the winning regional OTMs I have placed the actual OTM online so schools can download them and read them if they choose. This is also another great tool in regards to programming because it allows other schools to get ideas for programming on their campuses by
Looking at the social, educational and community service OTMs. I have also added links to all the chapter websites in the region so schools can see what other chapters are doing.

Overall, I came into the position with a lot of high expectations for NEACURH NRHH and I am very pleased with what I have seen so far. We have a lot of great schools with us and even more on the way.

“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent.”
~ Victor Hugo

A Musical Medley

Summer 2002
★ Started working on a new Regional NRHH website.
★ In contact with the National Office.
★ Talked with schools about re-affiliation.
★ Started recruiting individuals for OTM Judging Committee.
★ Started reviewing the NRHH Resource Binder to see what needs updating.
★ Judged May OTMs and sent winners to the National Office
August 2002
★ Continued work with the website.
★ Attended Summit at SUNY Geneseo.
★ Received a lot of transitional material from the previous AD NRHH and started to look through it.
★ Judged July OTMs and sent winners to the National Office.
★ Contact with the National Office.

September 2002
★ Posted new Regional NRHH website.
★ Received updated affiliation list from National Office.
★ Lot’s of communication with schools about re-affiliation and other general questions.
★ Completed Judging Committee
★ Judged August OTMs and sent winners to National Office
★ RAD Chat
★ Submitted an article to the 1% Press and the National Office
★ Preparation for Subs.

October 2002
★ Redesigned website because of a few problems.
★ Attended NE Subs at Clark University.
★ Judged September OTMs and sent winners to the National Office.
★ Continued communication with schools
★ Redesigned NRHH Resource Binder.
★ Contact with the National Office
★ Lot’s of preparation for Regional Conference.
November 2002

- Attended NEACURH Regional Conference at SUNY Geneseo; 17 people in attendance, 13 schools represented.
- Continued communication with schools.
- In contact with several schools about bidding and answering questions.
- Starting to work with a few schools on starting an NRHH chapter.

The Soloist's Performances

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Total # of OTM Submissions: 206
National OTMs: 8 Winners
Things have been very busy for me since I took the AD of NRHH position at Nationals and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The Regional conference NRHH boardroom went amazingly well! I am very satisfied with the results and am really looking forward to the rest of the year. My OTM judging committee is amazing and has been putting a lot of time and effort into critically examining the OTMs. I have started to recognize the Nominators of OTMs by giving them a certificate as well. I believe that it’s just as important, if not more, to recognize those individuals that have taken the time to recognize others who have gone above and beyond. I hope that the remainder of my term will be as much fun and have as much success, if not more!

Thank you for coming to our performance! I hope you had a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing you again. And as always...

KEEP RECOGNIZING!!