

Greek Alumni E-Newsletter

Spring 2006

Director's Message

We are delighted to once again share with Greek Alumni news from the BGSU Greek Community. In this issue we are very pleased to share with you the fall 2005 Greek Report, which can be found on our website (http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/reports_greeks.htm). This report is our way of gauging how well our groups and the Greek Community adhere to our founding principles of Scholarship, Service and Leadership.

Last semester we outlined our goals of increasing scholarship, recruitment and retention. We are very proud to report that through lots of hard work the Greek GPA is now above the undergraduate GPA. We are also proud to report that 91% of our new members persisted from this fall in their groups through the beginning of spring semester. This is higher than BGSU's overall retention rate and shows that our new members and chapters are making good decisions during recruitment. This also shows that students are pleased with their choices.

All of this good news is due to a variety of factors including increasing entrance requirements (new members must have a 2.50 to join), more chapter scholarship programming, increasing standards to be a recognized fraternity or sorority (currently a chapter must maintain a 2.50 GPA in order to have social privileges), and increasing academic incentives (Greeks reward themselves with over \$21,000 in incentives). All of this points to a good experience for our students in their fraternities and sororities.

In other news, we welcomed Alpha Tau Omega back to BGSU this year as an interest group, Sigma Nu received their charter this spring, and we welcome back Phi Kappa Psi this coming fall. In addition, we welcomed Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, and Omega Phi Alpha Service Fraternity to the Greek Community for a total of 42 fraternities and sororities.

We hope you enjoy these semesterly newsletters. If at anytime you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact me, even anonymously, at 419-372-8890, or on email at rbinder@bgsu.edu, or instant messaging at DrRon691 Thanks for all your support of BGSU!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Binder '86
Director of Greek Affairs

GREEK AWARDS 2006

The annual Greek Awards Ceremony was held Sunday, April 23, 2006 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union with 1,000 students, staff, and advisors present. This ceremony recognized the chapters and individuals in BGSU's Greek Community who exemplified our core values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Brotherhood/Sisterhood. A full-page ad in the BGNews was run on Thursday, April 27th to announce these award recipients to our campus.

The Office of Residence Life/Greek Affairs congratulates the following
2005 Greek Award Recipients:

NEW MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT

Outstanding NPHC New Member Award

Nicole Standback – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council

This award is given to a member with one year or less of membership in their NPHC organization who has greatly impacted their organization and the NPHC community.

Joseph M. Firment IFC New Member of the Year Award

Paul Bolin – Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Sponsored by Delta Tau Delta

This award, presented in memory of Joseph Firment, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident the summer following his pledgship, recognizes the outstanding new member of the IFC Community

Outstanding Panhellenic New Member Award

Lauren Staropoli – Delta Gamma Sorority

Sponsored by Sigma Kappa Sorority

This award recognizes an outstanding new member of the Panhellenic Community based on their activities, grade point average, and leadership.

Outstanding GIB New Member Award

Marc Gumucio – Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life - Greek Affairs

This award is given to a member with one year or less of membership in their GIB organization who has greatly impacted their organization and the GIB Community.

ACHIEVEMENT IN ACADEMICS

Academic Achievement Award

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life - Greek Affairs

Recognizes chapters achieving a GPA above the Non-Greek GPA of 2.89 during the 2005 calendar year.

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Phi Sorority

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority

Chi Omega Sorority

Delta Gamma Sorority

Delta Zeta Sorority

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority

Phi Mu Sorority

Pi Beta Phi Sorority

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE**Hollis A. Moore Community Service Award**

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs

Recognizes chapters that produce 20 hours or more of community service per member annually during the 2005 calendar year.

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority

Alpha Phi Sorority

Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Delta Chi Fraternity

Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Service Sorority

Delta Gamma Sorority

Delta Zeta Sorority

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

Sigma Kappa Sorority

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

Hollis A. Moore Philanthropy Award

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life - Greek Affairs

Recognizes chapters who raise \$100 or more per member annually for charity during the 2005 calendar year.

*Alpha Chi Omega Sorority
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

ACHIEVEMENT IN CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Campus Involvement Award

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life - Greek Affairs

Recognizes chapters with 50% of their members involved in other registered BGSU student groups during the 2005 calendar year.

*Alpha Chi Omega Sorority
Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Phi Sorority
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Alpha Xi Delta Sorority
Chi Omega Sorority
Delta Chi Fraternity
Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Service Sorority
Delta Gamma Sorority
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Delta Zeta Sorority
Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Pi Beta Phi Sorority
Sigma Kappa Sorority*

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Nu Fraternity
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ACHIEVEMENT IN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Recruitment and Retention Award

This new award recognizes chapters that recruited new members above their council average in 2005 and retained at least 75 percent of the new members that were recruited during 2005.

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority
Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Alpha Xi Delta Sorority
Chi Omega Sorority
Delta Chi Fraternity
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Pi Beta Phi Sorority
Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) Fraternity
Sigma Nu Fraternity
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

INDIVIDUAL ADVISOR ACHIEVEMENT

Diane Kemer Outstanding Chapter Advisor

Jill Bortel – Alpha Xi Delta Sorority

Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of a chapter advisor toward their chapter and the BGSU Greek Community.

Outstanding Faculty Award

Jeff Nelson – Kappa Alpha Order

Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of a faculty advisor toward their chapter and the BGSU Greek Community.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Florence Currier Award

Shelley Vandervort – Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Sponsored by the Panhellenic Council

Presented to a junior woman who is active in her sorority and campus with a 2.7 grade point average or higher by way of a \$250 scholarship.

Werner Book Scholarship

Amy Conroy – Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Sponsored by the Panhellenic Council

This scholarship, in honor of Mary Ellen Werner, who dedicated many hours to her job with Greek Affairs, is presented to a new sorority member who is active in her sorority and campus by way of a \$250 book scholarship.

Mitch Weitzman Memorial Award

Scott Pogros – Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Sponsored by Sigma Chi Fraternity

This award, presented in honor of Mitch Weitzman, a brother of Sigma Chi Fraternity, who was killed in a tragic plane crash, recognizes a senior with high scholastic achievement, leadership abilities, a congenial disposition, high morals, a commitment to honesty, and a deep sense of personal responsibility.

Steven R. Hanna & Kevin L. Ross Memorial Award

Anthony Calabrese – Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

Sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi

This award, presented to honor Steven Hanna and Kevin Ross who were killed in an automobile accident in the spring of their senior year, recognizes a senior with high scholastic standing, outstanding commitment to the fraternity, involvement in the campus community, and serves who as a leader and motivator for those around him.

Timothy F. Smith Award

Matt Humberger – Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Sponsored by Mr. Timothy Smith

This award recognizes an individual with a \$1,000 scholarship who has demonstrated a deep commitment to others, regardless of his/ her affiliation, strong scholarship, effective leadership capabilities, admirable character and dedication to the BGSU Community.

Order of Omega Outstanding Student Awards

Steve Dutton – Alpha Sigma Phi

Lauren Staropoli – Delta Gamma Sorority

Sponsored by the Order of Omega

This award is given to one sophomore/junior man and one sophomore/junior woman who have excelled beyond their peers in academic achievement, leadership qualities, and involvement in campus activities.

Outstanding IFC Chapter President***Rocco Sciarabba – Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity****Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs*

Presented to a fraternity president who demonstrates outstanding chapter leadership, motivational ability, strong character, and ideals.

Outstanding Panhellenic Chapter President***Emily Garrett – Chi Omega Sorority****Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs*

Presented to a Panhellenic sorority president who demonstrates outstanding chapter leadership, motivational ability, strong character, and ideals.

Outstanding NPHC Chapter President***Leah Shaw – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.****Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs*

Presented to a NPHC fraternity president who demonstrates outstanding chapter leadership, motivational ability, strong character, and ideals.

Outstanding GIB Chapter President***Kari Rood – Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity****Sponsored by Office of Residence Life – Greek Affairs*

Presented to a GIB fraternity/sorority president who demonstrates outstanding chapter leadership, motivational ability, strong character, and ideals.

Outstanding IFC Greek***Andy Crockett – Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity****Sponsored by the Interfraternity Council*

Presented to a man for his outstanding and continued service to the Greek community, academics, campus and community participation, and personal character.

Outstanding Panhellenic Greek***Danielle Rohe- Alpha Phi Sorority****Sponsored by the Panhellenic Council*

Presented to a woman who has excelled in her leadership and involvement in her sorority and the Greek community, academics, extracurricular activities, service and character, serving as a role model to others.

Outstanding NPHC Greek***Leah Shaw- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.****Sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council*

Presented to a woman/man who has excelled in her/his leadership and involvement in her/his sorority/fraternity and the Greek community, academics, extracurricular activities, service and character, serving as a role model to others.

Outstanding GIB Greek

Janelle Oliger- Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Sponsored by the Greek Independent Board

Presented to a woman/man who has excelled in her/his leadership and involvement in her/his sorority/fraternity and the Greek community, academics, extracurricular activities, service and character, serving as a role model to others.

Greek Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) Award***Alpha Chi Omega Sorority***

Sponsored by the Wellness Connection

Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) has established the GAMMA award to acknowledge alcohol education efforts in the Greek community. The award will be given annually to one fraternity and one sorority chapter who promotes the wellness of chapter membership and the Greek community in regards to risk management and alcohol issues.

Wellness Award***Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.******Sigma Kappa Sorority***

Sponsored by the Wellness Connection

The Wellness Award is awarded to chapters that have gone above and beyond in their programming efforts to educate the Greek community and BGSU campus on issues of wellness.

CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life - Greek Affairs

Presented to the chapters who have excelled in the nine areas: Ritual, Scholarship, Community Service/Philanthropy, Leadership, Brotherhood/Sisterhood, Chapter Standards and Membership Accountability, Finance, External Relations, Housing (if applicable)

Most Improved Chapter***Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.***

Sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council

Awarded to the fraternity or sorority which achieved the greatest increase in the percentage of points achieved in the chapter excellence scoring process from the previous year.

Outstanding NPHC Chapter***Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.***

Sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council

Presented to the NPHC chapter that has exemplified the ideals of NPHC throughout the year through continued service to the community, participation in campus, council and community programs, scholarship, and leadership.

Bronze Achievement

Awarded to chapters achieving 63/56 points (70%)

Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority

Kappa Alpha Order

Silver Achievement

Awarded to chapters achieving 72/64 points (80%)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority

Alpha Phi Sorority

Delta Zeta Sorority

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

Phi Mu Sorority

Sigma Kappa Sorority

Gold Achievement

Awarded to chapters achieving 81/72 points (90%)

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority

Chi Omega Sorority

Delta Chi Fraternity

Delta Gamma Sorority

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Overall Chapter Excellence

Awarded to the fraternity and sorority with the most points in the gold category with a chapter GPA above the all-Greek average.

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Greek Foundation Fund

Greek Affairs is proud to announce the establishment of a Greek Foundation Fund through the BGSU Foundation. Tax deductible gifts to this fund will support programs and services for fraternities and sororities at BGSU. For more information about making gifts to this fund contact Ron Binder at 419-372-8890 or rbinder@bgsu.edu.

Greek Council Updates

The BGSU Greek Community has four student run governing councils: GIB, IFC, Panhellenic, and NPHC. Below are the fall semester reports for these councils.

Greek Independent Board

The Greek Independent Board had a busy fall semester. We have undergone a few changes and have grown to four groups. Joining Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Delta Chi Phi is Alpha Phi Omega. GIB would like to welcome and congratulate Alpha Phi Omega on becoming part of GIB, with 70-plus members; they are one of the largest organizations in the Greek Community and the first co-ed service fraternity to join the Greek Independent Board. With several more groups interested in the GIB, our plans for expanding will continue into the spring semester. Also, the GIB has made a few changes with our academic plan and hope that these changes will increase our GPA and help our members strive for better grades.

We wrapped up the fall semester with a team building retreat. The retreat allowed us to set goals, make changes, and plan for the Spring Semester. We plan on doing more service activities, working in conjunction with the other councils, increasing promotion of GIB, and expanding. With the goals we have set and more members to implement events, we plan on having a very successful spring semester.

Janelle M. Olinger (GIB Vice President '05)

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

It was a good year for the Interfraternity Council in 2005. At the beginning of each year, a new Executive Board has the responsibility to build on the successes of the past year as well as learn from their predecessors. Our executive board was no different. The 2004 Executive Board took great strides to organize all of its operations. The 2005 IFC Executive Board wanted to build on those successes.

The 2005 officers improved upon a variety of aspects of the council. We solidified are recruitment marketing plan, streamlined the round-table system, continued to increase our focus on academics, and as always, we looked at how to maintain a great amount of campus involvement. With all the hard work we put into these areas, we achieved a lot of success.

Our recruitment increased 12% this past fall, because of the hard work that was made to get to know prospective new members. Round-Table programming continues to improve each year for chapter officers, in order to build community with chapter leaders with similar positions.

Our campus involvement continues to get better and better, as our Student Government Leadership includes mostly Greeks as does our involvement in other campus organizations. With improvements constantly being made, I know that the success of the Interfraternity Council will continue into the New Year.

Andrew Crockett (IFC President '05)

Panhellenic

On behalf of the officers and member chapters of the Panhellenic Council, thank you for your time and interest in the Greek community. The member's of the Panhellenic Council worked very hard this past semester to make Greek life at BGSU better than ever. Our formal recruitment period ended as a huge success with close to 300 women placed in Greek sororities. Also, towards the end of the semester, the Panhellenic Council, in an effort to raise awareness on the effects of drinking and driving, brought in Mark Sterner, a national speaker to discuss his own experience. The event brought in close to 1,100 people, not only from BGSU, but from the Bowling Green community as well.

The Panhellenic Council will also begin the spring 2006 semester with informal recruitment, where we hope to recruit more women than ever! While my term as Panhellenic President has now ended, I am confident that Greek life will continue to grow due to the efforts of the new executive board members, as well as each member of the Greek community. In closing, I would like to formally congratulate and recognize the 2006 Panhellenic Council Executive Board:

President: Kat Fish, Sigma Kappa
 Vice President of Programming: Maegan Horinek, Delta Gamma
 Vice President of New Member Development: Dayna Hillier, Delta Gamma
 Vice President of Recruitment: Kate Freedman, Gamma Phi Beta
 Chief Justice: Erin Scott, Delta Zeta
 Vice President of Scholarship: Marisa Ryan, Delta Gamma
 Method's Director: Jen Steelman, Alpha Chi Omega
 Director of Finance: Sarah Petersen, Alpha Phi

Fay Coleman (Panhellenic President '05)

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Fall 2005 was an amazing semester for the NPHC Council. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. completed the semester with the 2nd highest GPA with a semester GPA of 3.32. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. finished 5th with a semester GPA of 3.09. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. improved greatly, finishing the semester with a 3.0 GPA. The spring 2006 semester will begin with our First Annual NPHC Week, which will take place January 9 – January 14. During this week, our NPHC member organizations partnered together to provide programs such as “Pink and Blue Inform You” (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.), “A Critical Conversation on ‘Crash’” (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.), “Dog chase Cat dating game” (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.), and “Study with the Divine Nine – and the Semester with an ‘A’ at the Jerome Library.” The week ended with an NPHC icebreaker at Olscamp on January 13th, and a community service event on January 14th. Our goal for this semester is to inform the campus

community and beyond about NPHC. We look forward to being committed to our community while staying committed to our academics. Members of the NPHC Executive Board will also be presenting at the Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA) Conference in Chicago, Illinois in February.

Patricia Perry (NPHC President '05)

Scholarship

Greetings Greek Alumni! My name is Jenni Glick and I am a Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs. My responsibilities are in the areas of Assessment and Scholarship. January 2006 is an exciting time for the Greek community at BGSU. For the first time, in recent memories, the All-Greek GPA is above the All-Undergraduate GPA. This is a goal the Greek community at BGSU has been working toward for many semesters. In addition, the Fall 2005 All-Greek GPA increased from Spring 2005.

There were also many chapters with outstanding academic accomplishments for Fall 2005. Thirteen of the fraternities and sororities at BGSU increased their chapter semester GPA from the previous semester. Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity Inc. had the largest increase in chapter GPA for the fraternities, increasing their GPA by .57. The sorority with the largest increase in chapter GPA was Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority, with an increase of .34. Finally, we are excited that one of our newest additions to the Greek community in the Fall 2005, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, showed its commitment to academic success and is first among all Greek organizations at BGSU. Congratulations to all Greek chapters on their scholastic excellence and keep up the good work!

Jenni Glick

Greek Graduate Assistant for Assessment and Scholarship

Retention

My name is Melinda McIntire and I am a graduate assistant in Greek Affairs. This year Greek Affairs has introduced a new aspect to my graduate position, which focuses on retention of Greeks within their organizations. Retention has always been a value to our office, but now we are specifically looking into retention, measuring it, and looking at ways to improve it.

In the fall 2005, we began studying retention by measuring how many new members had joined Greek letter organizations and how many had stayed in the organization they had joined. We had many chapters with 100% new member retention, including Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Mu, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and Alpha Phi Omega. We have also studied retention by conducting focus groups with new members and seniors, which will

help contribute to a retention action plan for the entire Greek community. We are very excited to bring this new component to our office and our Greek community.

Melinda McIntire

Greek Graduate Assistant for Staff Development and Recruitment

Alcohol Education on BGSU's Campus

This fall BGSU was fortunate to receive a \$300,000 grant to help with alcohol education. The target population for this education are our highest risk groups: first-year students, athletes and Greeks. Studies show that these groups tend to use alcohol the most and to have more problems associated with alcohol (missed classes, injuries, DUI, etc.).

The bulk of the grant money will be used to provide for two years the on-line program called Alcohol EDU. This program can be accessed at <http://www.alcooledu.com> More than a quarter million students have taken the Alcohol Edu program, producing the world's largest database on college students and alcohol based on their responses to course surveys. The program does not need to be done at one time; it can be done over a few weeks. The program takes at least one hour to complete.

Here is a brief summary of what AlcoholEdu is about from:

www.outsidetheclassroom.com

AlcoholEdu for College is an on-line alcohol prevention program that serves as the cornerstone of a comprehensive prevention strategy. AlcoholEdu for College is the way leading institutions around the country are implementing Population-Level Prevention successfully and cost-effectively.