

# **Greek House Staff Alumni E-Newsletter**

## *Spring 2006*

### **Director's Message**

**Dr. Ron Binder '86, Director of Greek Affairs**

We are delighted to once again share with Greek House Staff Alumni news from the BGSU Greek Community. House Staff members are a vital partner in the success of our students and as such we strive to keep alumni informed, whether through newsletters each semester, our comprehensive web site, emails, calls, or new for all of us, instant messaging. Through all of this our goal is simple: to keep our alumni informed and connected to one another.

In this issue we are very pleased to share with you again our Greek Report. 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 above the undergraduate GPA. We are also proud to report our retention figures for this past fall. Ninety one percent of our new members from this fall persisted at BGSU and 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.

Since our last newsletter there have been many professional association meetings and this spring brings many more. We hope to see you at some of these conferences at our BGSU receptions to catch up and to share stories of your time at BGSU.

If at anytime you have a question or concern, or wish to tell us what you are doing please feel free to contact me, at 419-372-8890, or on email at [rbinder@bgsu.edu](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 (GIB)**

**Janelle M. Oliger '05**  
**Greek Independent Board President**

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.

### **Interfraternity Council (IFC)**

**Andrew Crockett '05**  
**Interfraternity Council President**

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.

## **Panhellenic**

### **Fay Coleman '05 Panhellenic Council President**

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 then 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

## **National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)**

**Patricia Perry '05**

**National Pan-Hellenic Council President**

Fall 2005 was an amazing semester for the NPHC Council. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. completed the semester with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest GPA with a semester GPA of 3.32. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. finished 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, and a community service event on January 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Scholarship**

Jenni Glick

Greek Graduate Assistant for Assessment and Scholarship

Greetings Greek House Staff 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!

## **Retention**

Melinda McIntire  
Greek Graduate Assistant for Staff Development and Recruitment

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.

## **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.alcholedu.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](http://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.

## 2005-2006 Greek House Staff

There are several new house staff members this year in the BGSU Greek Community. Please refer to the list below to see who is living in the different chapter houses. If you would like to contact one of the members please see the information on our website <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/contact.htm>

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## **Latest Stats on BGSU Greeks: Fall 2005 Greek Report**

The Fall 2005 Greek Report is posted on the Greek Affairs website, and we encourage alumni to check out the progress of the chapters by viewing this report. Greek Affairs compiles this report each semester with a wide range of information including: number of chapter members, GPA's, service hours, philanthropy dollars raised, percentage of involvement of Greeks at BGSU, chapter attendance at leadership schools, etc. This report is a great measuring instrument to gauge how well fraternities and sororities fulfill their founding values of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Brotherhood/Sisterhood. The Greek Report is widely publicized in the BG News, Newsletters (mailed to several groups of constituents), at recruitment functions, etc. This report is also used for the Greek Awards in the spring.

On the Greek Affairs web site is a copy of the report, along with previous reports ([www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/reports.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/reports.html)).

## **Upcoming Events**

For a complete calendar of upcoming events for the Greek community at BGSU, please visit:

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/greek\\_calendar.htm](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/greek_calendar.htm)