

news for Greekparents

Fall 2004 A newsletter for parents of fraternity and sorority members Office of Residence Life, Greek Affairs

director's message

Fall is a wonderful time on a college campus. New students are arriving, returning students are catching up with each other and staff members are excited about seeing their students again. Hopes, dreams and ambitions are in the air. Throw in a college football game and the setting is picture perfect.

In the Greek world, this excitement is compounded by chapters getting organized to recruit new members—their lifeline. Chapters spend hours preparing to articulate what their chapter is about and putting their best foot forward. For the groups with houses, all their work on their houses over the summer comes to fruition as they show off where they live and call home.

For our staff, this is an exciting time as we welcome back our graduate students who have spent the summer at other colleges gaining experience and our new graduate students who will call BGSU home for the next two years. All of us at BGSU look forward to trying out new things, meeting new people and being a part of an exciting, vibrant environment.

Fall represents our hopes and dreams of what college can be for our students. As we work towards improving our Greek community we strive to never forget that for most of our students, this is the most exciting part of their young lives thus far. As our fraternities and sororities begin to recruit new members we look for those young people who exhibit our founding principles of scholarship, leadership, service and brotherhood/sisterhood. Our hope is that through Greek membership, we are able to enhance the already great BGSU experience.

Overall, we are very pleased with the type of experience our chapters provide our members, both new and returning. Since we are always striving for improvement, we welcome your suggestions to make your student's experience the best it can be. Thank you for your support of our efforts at BGSU in the Greek community!

Dr. Ron Binder '86
associate director of Residence Life
director of Greek Affairs

Recruitment takes new approach during Move-in Madness

By David Ruda, director of recruitment, IFC and Ang Dudek, vice president of recruitment, Panhellenic '04

Greek Move-In Madness starts the most exciting time of the year for any Greek undergraduate student—recruitment! This year, the councils took a very different approach to what had been done for the past four years. Move-In Madness occurred over a three-day weekend, Aug. 19, 20 and 21, with Aug. 20 dedicated to a daylong Greek-wide Recruitment Seminar that educated and motivated the undergraduates.

During the two active Move-In days, approximately 700 Greek students assisted more than 4,000 students in returning to BGSU campus residences. The official Move-In Madness t-shirts provided by Greek Affairs clearly identified proud members of the Greek community. On Aug. 21, the councils sponsored a picnic attended by more than 3,000 students, family members and Greek volunteers. The Move-In Madness picnic was complete with a visit from Freddie and Frieda Falcon!

Overall, Move-In Madness was a huge success to start the year in the Greek community. With recruitment right around the corner, the councils also sponsored a Greek Carnival, Recruitment Kickoff, and various other recruitment events to invite and encourage growth within the Greek community.



Ready to assist returning students during Move-in Madness are, from left, Hillary Erlenbach, Delta Gamma, Delaware; Courtney White, Paulding, and Fay Coleman, Toledo, both Chi Omega members.

Scholarship Task Force formed

In an effort to further explore the needs surrounding scholarship in the Greek community, Greek Affairs at Bowling Green State University has formed a Scholarship Task Force. This committee consists of representatives from the BGSU faculty, students from the four Greek councils, and citizens from the Bowling Green community. Dr. Ron Binder, associate director of Residence Life/director of Greek Affairs, heads the task force, assisted by Andrea Obrochta, graduate assistant for assessment and scholarship in Greek Affairs.

The goal of this group is to develop recommendations for ways to improve and further support high levels of scholarship in the Greek community at BGSU. The group will meet throughout the fall semester. For more information about Greek Affairs or to view the 2004 Greek Report, please visit www.GreekBGSU.com.

governing council reports

National Pan-Hellenic Council

By **Bethany Winston**,
NPHC president '04

This year, the Divine Nine are motivated exclusively by our founding principle of community service. Our two biggest service projects are participation in the Alzheimer's Walk in September 2004 and the Annual Black Graduation Banquet in May featuring our book scholarships. We are also aspiring to reach more into the campus community as a Greek system built on the basic bonds of fraternalism, and the responsibilities of leadership. In addition all chapters plan to endorse quality programming to educate first year students. This year we are proud to be the largest council in the state of Ohio, with eight out of the nine organizations on this campus. We hope to add the final member in the spring of 2005. We look forward to promoting all of these plans as individual chapters and as a collective whole as the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Pan Hellenic Council

By **Kimberlee Gilchrist**,
Panhellenic president '04

The Panhellenic Council is a student-run governing board for fourteen National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities and one National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) sorority. Of major importance this semester is the Month of the Scholar, held throughout October, in which chapters participate in activities designed to improve scholarship, including Library Week, Internship and

Resume Workshops, and Mock Interviews. In addition, the Panhellenic Council will host a Greek Women's Week with events such as self-defense and yoga classes and workshops. A featured speaker, Andrea Cooper will present "Kristin's Story," a reflection about her daughter's rape which ultimately led to depression and suicide.

In November, Panhellenic will elect a new executive board. It has been a remarkable experience and an honor for me to serve my Greek community as Panhellenic president. I wish your sons and daughters the best of luck throughout their endeavors at Bowling Green State University.

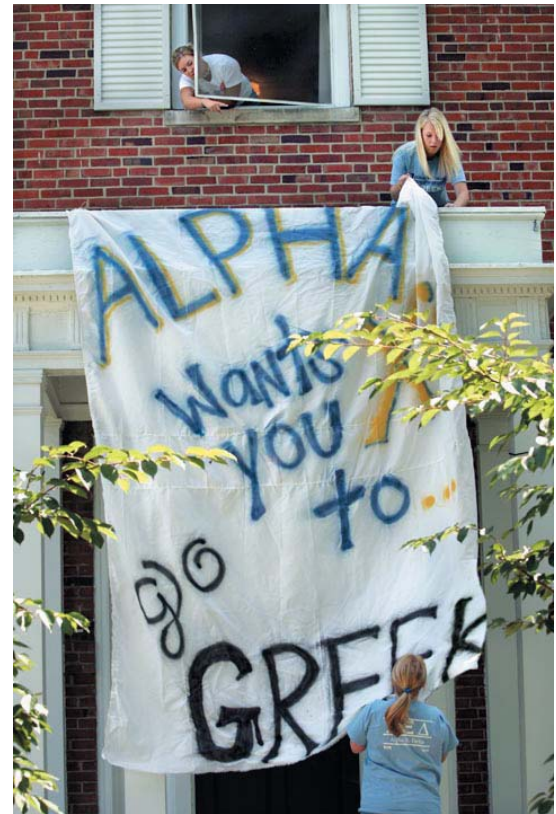
Inter-Fraternity Council

By **Ryan M. Gamble**,
IFC president '04

The Inter-Fraternity council is looking forward to another great academic year. The three main focuses of the council are scholarship, recruitment and community service.

In addition to participating in the Greek Scholarship Task Force, IFC is enhancing academic excellence through academic incentives, which will recognize the chapter with the highest fraternity GPA, the most improved chapter GPA, and the chapter with the highest new member class GPA.

Another important focus for this year is recruitment. In addition to the new summer program implemented by David Ruda, director of recruitment, IFC also has held seminars to discuss effective recruitment tools. IFC has taken a more formal approach to recruitment this year and we feel that this will benefit all fraternities.



Alpha Xi Delta members decorate their house with an enticing recruitment banner.

To promote community service, IFC is providing resources to help identify sites where community service is needed. The council is also in the middle of planning a Senior Citizens Prom. IFC is excited about all the opportunities we have to better the Greek community this year!

Greek Independent Board

By **Johanne Jensen**, GIB graduate advisor '04

The Bowling Green State University Greek Independent Board (GIB) is the governing council for three Greek chapters at Bowling Green. The chapters are Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc., Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc., and Delta Chi Phi Multicultural Service Sorority. Delta Chi Phi, the newest addition, officially joined the GIB family last spring. Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. is the largest Latino based fraternity in the nation. The local chapter, Nu Beta, was founded on Feb. 11, 1996. Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc. was founded on Dec. 12, 2000. These three groups work together as GIB to support the mission of their individual groups in conjunction with the Office of Greek Affairs.



Jared Wright, Kappa Alpha Order, Xenia, receives the Outstanding Greek Man award from Dr. Ron Binder, director of Greek Affairs. See the back page for a listing of award that BGSU Greeks have received this year.

a special honor

Mission

Office of Residence Life-- Greek Affairs Mission

Building the premier fraternity and sorority community in North America utilizing continuous improvement that provides:

- > a quality undergraduate residential experience for the housed fraternities and sororities
- > a complete quality undergraduate fraternity and sorority experience that builds community among all Greeks and that emphasizes our founding principles of scholarship, service, leadership and brotherhood/sisterhood
- > a commitment to furthering the Greek advising profession through a quality graduate preparatory experience, reserach, conference attendance and presentation, and national leadership.

Vice president for Student Affairs receives national Greek honor

Dr. Edward Whipple, vice president for Student Affairs, was recognized this past summer for his continuous contributions to the Greek community by the Fraternity Executives Association. The Order of Fraternity Excellence Award is presented to a college or university administrator "who has obtained a level of professional accomplishment, relating to the college fraternity, which is of such excellence as to merit single recognition by the association."

Whipple is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, which he has continued to support through alumni involvement over the years as scholarship commissioner, a member of the General Council and international president of the fraternity. He also serves as the National President for Order of Omega, the Greek leadership and scholarship honorary.

Whipple has been vice president for Student Affairs at BGSU and an adjunct associate professor of higher education and student affairs since 1994. His continuous support for members of our Greek community is appreciated at BGSU and nationwide.



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Congratulations to our Spring 2004 Award Winners

Recipients of major Greek awards from 2004 include:

Athletic Achievement

Interfraternity Council All Sports Award

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sponsored by the Interfraternity Council

Greek Independent Board Greek Excellence Award

Florinda Hernandez - Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Marina King - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding Greek Man

Jared Wright, Kappa Alpha Order

Outstanding Greek Woman

Melanie Menz, Kappa Delta

Greek Unity Award

Chi Omega

Outstanding NPHC Chapter

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Chapter Excellence Awards

Overall Chapter Excellence

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Gamma
Pi Beta Phi
Alpha Phi

For a complete list of Greek awards and recipients, please visit www.GreekBGSU.com.

Fraternity & Sorority Report Spring 2004



No.	Chapter Rank by Semester GPA	Chapter Semester GPA	Chapter Cum. GPA	Number of Members	Number of Service Hours	% of Members Involved at BGSU	Money Raised for Charity	Chapter Provides Academic Incentives	Chapter Has a Faculty Advisor	Members Attended Greek Odyssey
1	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	3.17	3.13	9	100	100%	\$250	\$900	YES	
1	Alpha Phi sorority*	3.17	3.17	90	776	85%	\$802	\$1,250	YES	81%
3	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	3.06	2.96	21	56	100%	\$1,000	\$75	YES	
4	Delta Zeta sorority	3.05	3.11	54	1,930		\$3,390	\$350	YES	83%
5	Alpha Chi Omega sorority	3.04	3.1	86	611	70%	\$9,079	\$1,000	YES	71%
5	Delta Gamma sorority	3.04	3.07	89	395	75%	\$5,800	\$160		100%
5	Pi Beta Phi sorority	3.04	3.03	65	345	85%	\$1,500	\$330	YES	90%
8	Phi Mu sorority	3.01	2.91	58	487	25%	\$5,168	\$900		
9	Chi Omega sorority	3.0	3.08	74	456	78%	\$345	\$400	YES	88%
10	Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority	2.99	3.05	79						63%
11	Sigma Kappa sorority	2.97	3.02	67	1,432	52%		\$100	YES	100%
11	Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.	2.97	2.69	15					YES	40%
13	Alpha Xi Delta sorority	2.94	3.0	74	465	85%	\$4,627	\$1,000	YES	100%
Undergraduate Semester GPA = 2.91										
14	Gamma Phi Beta sorority	2.91	2.98	60	809	49%	\$4,100	\$100	YES	83%
15	Alpha Gamma Delta sorority	2.86	2.98	58	920	76%	\$711	\$400	YES	42%
16	Delta Chi fraternity	2.84	2.94	40	804	53%	\$890	\$300	YES	75%
Greek Semester GPA = 2.84										
17	Beta Theta Pi fraternity	2.83	2.98	11	210		\$2,000			
18	Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity	2.82	2.94	37	1,816	80%	\$2,836	\$800	YES	83%
19	Kappa Alpha Order	2.79	2.83	63	1,563	93%	\$2,000	\$850	YES	100%
20	Kappa Sigma fraternity	2.79	2.87	40	150	40%	\$535		YES	100%
21	Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity	2.78	2.8	35	914	47%			YES	
22	Alpha Omicron Pi sorority	2.77	2.84	41	921	79%	\$7,500	\$1,310	YES	88%
23	Kappa Delta sorority	2.76	2.84	45		100%	\$3,728	\$430	YES	100%
24	Delta Tau Delta fraternity	2.73	2.72	45	540	60%		\$500		
25	Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity	2.7	2.81	50	350	85%	\$800	\$500	YES	36%
25	Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity*	2.7	2.76	65	482	88%	\$5,000	\$300	YES	100%
27	Sigma Chi fraternity	2.69	2.74	30	450	10%	\$18,000			33%
28	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	2.66	2.94	14	165	88%	\$394		YES	100%
29	Phi Gamma Delta fraternity (Fiji)	2.59	2.71	58	250	24%	\$1,000	\$200	YES	94%
30	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.52	2.59	12	150	100%	\$500		YES	
31	Phi Kappa Tau fraternity	2.48	2.66	61	236	54%	\$1,000	4750	YES	44%
31	Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc.	2.48	2.59	5	60	100%		\$100	YES	
33	Sigma Nu fraternity	2.46	2.74	14		80%	\$200	\$300	YES	75%
34	Phi Delta Theta fraternity	2.38	2.6	23	500	10%	\$600	\$500	YES	
35	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	2.36	2.54	3					YES	
36	Theta Chi fraternity	2.3	2.39	15		50%				
37	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.	2.25	2.03	2	100	75%		\$150	YES	
38	Delta Sigma Phi fraternity	2.23	2.55	31	124	87%	\$264	\$500	YES	50%
39	Pi Kappa Phi fraternity	2.14	2.23	20	30	25%	\$1,900			100%
40	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	2.11	2.44	7	100	75%	\$531		YES	
41	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	1.99	2.44	14	800	25%	\$3,000	\$500	YES	
42	Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority	New	New	6		67%				

Total Greek Membership-**1,680**

Full-time Undergraduates-**14,131**
(8,018-female, 6,113-male)

Undergraduates who are Members **12%** (680/14,131)

Average size for IFC groups
(638/17)-**38**

Average size for NPC groups
(940/14)-**67**

Average size for NPHC groups
(82/8)-**10**

Average size for GIB groups
(20/2)-**10**

Community service hours
Performed-**14,282** or **6 hours**
per member

Dollars raised for charity-
\$77,177 or **\$46 per member**

Greeks Involved in BGSU
student groups-66%
(1,105/1,680)

Academic Incentives for
Members-**\$14,975** or
\$9 per member

Data based on information
supplied to Greek Affairs. Blanks
indicate the group did not submit
the data.

Greek Affairs Core Values

- Scholarship
- Service
- Leadership
- Brotherhood/Sisterhood