

news for Greekparents

Spring 2005 A newsletter for parents of fraternity and sorority members Office of Residence Life, Greek Affairs

director's message

We are pleased to be sending you this spring 2005 Greek Parents newsletter. In this newsletter there are a host of stories that you should find interesting about Greek life at BGSU. Keeping parents informed about BGSU Greeks is a vital part of our overall Greek program and one that we enjoy doing. I know when I was an undergraduate Greek member my parents wanted to know a great deal about the fraternity I joined and about Greek life in general. I know my parents would have enjoyed seeing a newsletter such as this one that sheds some light on student involvement in the Greek community.

In this issue we discuss our two Greek honor societies and how students are or can become involved. One article addresses some changes this year in the way your student will sign up for Greek housing for next fall. We also highlight what we are doing to promote scholarship. Included in each newsletter is our Greek Report, which shows you how well your student's fraternity or sorority fared academically during the previous semester. Having a conversation with your student about this report will help reinforce how well they are fulfilling the founding principles of scholarship, service, leadership and brotherhood/sisterhood.

This semester we have instituted a Hazing Hotline for the Greek community. This 24-hour hotline at 419-409-0731 will allow anyone to call Greek Affairs to report allegations of hazing. At no time will anyone be required to give his or her name, but we do require that the caller gives us sufficient detail of the behavior so that we can follow up with the fraternity or sorority. Allowing anonymous calls gives us more information about potential or real hazing situations, which in turn allows us to intervene quicker, increasing our chances that we will be more effective at correcting the chapter's behavior. Such hotlines have worked at other schools to help prevent hazing incidents. BGSU has been very fortunate to have had few hazing incidents over the past few years. With this hotline we hope to continue this trend.

We hope your student has found a fraternity or sorority they are comfortable with; one that supports their educational pursuits, and one where they are making life-long friends. Please let us know at anytime how we can help our groups achieve these goals.

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

Greek honoraries have presence on campus

By Hilary Erlenbach, Order of Omega president; Andrea Obrochta, graduate assistant for scholarship and assessment, Greek Affairs; and Josh Harraman, graduate assistant for public and external relations, Greek Affairs

Gamma Sigma Alpha and Order of Omega are the two Greek honoraries on BGSU's campus. Order of Omega has been very involved on our campus and Gamma Sigma Alpha has been growing in numbers and support this past year to gain a strong presence in our Greek community. Gamma Sigma Alpha strives to uphold the high ideals of scholastic achievement, and therefore, only students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) of junior or senior status, or a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in fall or spring semester during their junior or senior year, are eligible. The one-time membership fee is \$50. Many chapters cover this fee for their members as a part of their academic incentives package for members who perform well academically.

The Order of Omega, a national Greek leadership honor society, honors the top 3 percent of fraternity and sorority members for leadership nationally. Current members select new members each semester based on achievement of a 2.87 cumulative GPA or higher, attaining a junior or senior status and significant leadership in both the Greek community and on the BGSU campus. The Order is stronger than ever now with many recognizable leaders on campus initiated into its ranks. Recently, the Order of Omega completed the selection process for the spring 2005 semester. The spring initiation will be held Friday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Gamma Sigma Alpha or Order of Omega, please visit www.GreekBGSU.com or contact Andrea Obrochta or Andrea Zwolinski, Greek graduate assistants, at 419-372-2581.



Kiandra Graham,
Veronica Malone,
Vanessa Malone,
and Tiernay

Grayson of Alpha
Kappa Alpha
Sorority Inc.

show their sorority
pride at a
recruitment event.

governing council reports

Greek Independent Board

By Janelle Oliger, GIB president '05

The Greek Independent Board is working on an academic plan. Our goals for the semester are to raise the group's GPA, do more community service on campus, and to build unity within the council and with other Greeks on campus.

This year marks the first year that GIB will be represented at the Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA). The conference will teach our developing organization the necessary skills to become a more successful organization. This conference will also benefit our council through learning more about scholarship, leadership, and unity.

The Greek Independent Board is also busy preparing for our first 2-on-2 basketball tournament and our second annual awards banquet. The basketball tournament on April 23 will benefit scholarship awards and projects for GIB. Three GIB members were recognized for outstanding contributions to the Greek community. Florinda Hernandez was honored as Greek of the Week. Jeannine Ware received the Outstanding President Award and Yvette Castro was the first Scholar of the Week.

Inter-Fraternity Council

By Andrew Crockett, IFC president '05

On behalf of the Inter-Fraternity Council, it is my privilege to thank all of the parents for their continued support and involvement in the Greek community and Bowling Green State University. There have been many exciting events that have transpired since the fall newsletter. In November, the IFC hosted the executive staff of the North-American Interfraternity Conference for one day. NIC's visit recognized BGSU for its success as a premier Greek Community in the nation.

This year IFC is making improvements in several focus areas. One major focus is with recruitment efforts. We are working to ensure a premier recruitment program this semester and planning for the summer recruitment program. IFC also has been working regularly with chapter scholarship chairs to improve the academic programs. Membership development programming has improved its new member program called "Greek Odyssey." Also, the New Members Greek Council will be implemented to benefit future leaders of the IFC.

National Pan-Hellenic Council

By Bethany Winston, NPHC president '05

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is in the midst of changes within our constitution. To finish the year, we are preparing for the annual Black Graduation Banquet. The banquet will feature minority students who will graduate from BGSU in 2005. The council is planning a major community service project that will bring eighth grade urban students from Cleveland to campus for a weekend. NPHC also did a Greek Unity step at the close of last semester during a campus Kwanzaa celebration; we look forward to doing that step of Unity elsewhere this semester. The council will be electing new officers for the 2005-06 academic year.

Panhellenic Council

By Fay Coleman,
Panhellenic Council president '05

The Panhellenic Council, which is the student-run governing board for the 14 National Panhellenic Council and one National Pan Hellenic Council sororities, grew by approximately 90 members by the end of January. This is the largest women's organization on BGSU's campus. The Greek community is thrilled to welcome these new members into the organization! To kick off the experience for new members, Greek Odyssey was held on Feb. 12. This event informed new members about scholarship, risk management, and Greek values.

The Panhellenic Council is extremely committed to scholarship and academic enhancement. "Letters at the Library" is a weekly event at the library promoting Greek academics and unity. Raffle prizes and gift certificates are given to those who attend. The council is taking part in the National Panhellenic Conference Academic Excellence Challenge, which encourages women to raise their cumulative grade point averages by .05 or higher. Our goal is to raise the all-sorority GPA above the all-women's GPA, demonstrating that our council is committed to academic excellence.



McGovern wins Outstanding Faculty Adviser award

Daniel Grodhaus, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, congratulates his faculty adviser, Dr. Warren McGovern, for winning the Outstanding Faculty Adviser award from Greek Affairs in fall 2004.

faculty award

Fraternity & Sorority Report Fall 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	President Attended Greek Retreat
1	Alpha Phi sorority	3.25	3.16	91	866	52% 47	\$2,000	\$150	YES	YES	YES
2	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	3.21	3.17	6	225	67% 4	\$430	\$75	YES		YES
3	Alpha Chi Omega sorority	3.20	3.17	83	640	96% 80	\$220	\$600	YES	YES	YES
4	Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority	3.16	3.14	70	490	40% 28	\$1,300	\$400	YES	YES	YES
5	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	3.14	2.98	17	400	100% 18	\$600	\$105	YES		
6	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	3.11	2.59	3							
7	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	3.09	2.99	12	216	100% 12	\$575	\$165	YES	YES	
8	Chi Omega sorority	3.07	3.14	81	218	64% 52	\$800	\$365	YES	YES	YES
9	Delta Zeta sorority	3.05	3.05	53	548	72% 38		\$100	YES	YES	YES
10	Delta Gamma sorority	3.04	3.07	86	600	78% 67	\$2,170	\$100	YES	YES	YES
11	Pi Beta Phi sorority	2.97	3.03	78						YES	YES
12	Phi Mu sorority	2.95	2.92	48	1,044	42% 20	\$800	\$570	YES	YES	YES
13	Alpha Xi Delta sorority	2.94	2.96	78	150	100% 78	\$355	\$900		YES	YES
Undergraduate Semester GPA = 2.89											
14	Kappa Delta sorority	2.88	2.98	32						YES	YES
15	Sigma Kappa sorority	2.88	3.04	66	825	58% 38	\$740	\$645	YES	YES	YES
Greek Semester GPA = 2.85											
16	Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity	2.82	2.93	47	500	53% 25	\$290	\$300	YES	YES	YES
17	Alpha Gamma Delta sorority	2.82	2.98	53						YES	YES
18	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	2.80	2.65	10	350		\$1,100		YES		YES
19	Gamma Phi Beta sorority	2.77	2.93	43	765	47% 20	\$728		YES	YES	YES
20	Alpha Omicron Pi sorority	2.75	2.79	48	513		\$750	\$1,086	YES	YES	YES
21	Kappa Alpha Order	2.71	2.85	47	430	79% 37	\$1,393	\$30	YES	YES	YES
21	Kappa Sigma fraternity	2.71	2.82	55						YES	YES
23	Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity	2.68	2.74	49	820	90% 44	\$4,100	\$250	YES	YES	YES
24	Delta Sigma Phi fraternity	2.66	2.56	27						YES	YES
25	Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity	2.65	2.82	57	2,487	52% 29	\$2,225			YES	YES
26	Delta Tau Delta fraternity*	2.64	2.78	39							
26	Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.	2.64	2.64	10	170	100% 10		\$100	YES		
28	Delta Chi fraternity	2.62	2.82	52						YES	YES
29	Pi Kappa Phi fraternity	2.58	2.50	28						YES	YES
30	Phi Gamma Delta fraternity (Fiji)	2.56	2.79	41						YES	YES
31	Theta Chi fraternity	2.52	2.60	25	42	36% 9			YES		
31	Phi Kappa Tau fraternity*	2.52	2.68	64						YES	YES
33	Sigma Nu fraternity	2.51	2.87	19	650	89% 17	\$500	\$400	YES	YES	YES
33	Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity	2.51	2.75	58						YES	YES
35	Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority	2.50	2.58	9	16	100% 9			YES		
36	Phi Delta Theta fraternity	2.47	2.70	29	1,500	72% 21		\$500	YES		YES
37	Beta Theta Pi fraternity	2.41	2.68	13	20						YES
38	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.35	2.60	9	100				YES		
39	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	2.06	2.29	5							
40	Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc.	1.87	2.36	5							
	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.										

Total Greek Membership—**1,648**

Full-time Undergraduates—**14,664** (8,160-female, 6,504-male)

Undergraduates who are Members **11%**

Average size for IFC groups (650/16)—**41**

Average size for NPC groups (910/14)—**65**

Average size for NPHC groups (63/8)—**8**

Average size for GIB groups (24/3)—**8**

Community service hours performed—**17,414** or **11 Hours/Member**

Dollars raised for charity—**\$27,811** or **\$17/member**

Greeks Involved in BGSU student groups—**892** or **54%**

Academic Incentives for Members—**\$10,791** or **\$6/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

*Indicates the group violated either University or Greek Council policy

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, research, conference attendance and presentation, and national leadership.

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Housing changes impact Greeks

By Kevin Thompson, graduate assistant for housing and finances, Greek Affairs

There are a few changes of note in Greek housing at Bowling Green State University. The University has moved to a deposit system for all housing on campus. As a result, each student needs to submit a deposit of \$200 to the University to hold a room for him or her for next fall semester. This payment may be made via check, cash, or credit card. Also, last semester the sign-up date for Greek housing was changed to December 10, 2004 based on feedback gathered through the Greek Housing Task Force. If your son or daughter has not submitted a full deposit to reserve a room for the fall 2005 semester, this needs to be completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Thompson, Greek graduate assistant, at tkevin@bgnet.bgsu.edu or call 419-372-2575.



Delta Zeta sorority uses the turtle, its popular mascot, as an effective way to recruit new members

just a **click** away!

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