

## Director's Message

I am delighted to once again be sending this newsletter to the parents of our 1,800 fraternity and sorority members at BGSU. Parents are an important group in Greek Affairs and at BGSU, and we strive to keep our parents informed. We know that parents want and need good information about the BGSU Greek Community and hope we are able to provide this on a timely basis. In this issue you will find updates from our four student-lead governing councils, an update on recruitment, and the Fall 2003 Greek Report. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

This past fall a Recruitment Task Force was created to examine how we recruit at BGSU and to identify strategies to take us from our current 12% undergraduate Greek to 15% (the national average for state-assisted schools like BGSU is 15%). One strategy is to involve parents more in this process. A suggestion was made to have a parent present at the two BGSU Preview Days and the President's Day (events where prospective BGSU students and parents come to campus to see if BGSU is right for them). We are happy to report that for the second Preview Day (held in November), and for the just-completed President's Day, we were able to have a parent at our display booth. This helped tremendously to have a parent of an undergraduate Greek on hand to answer questions about Greek Life at BGSU from prospective parents. We hope to continue this for next year as well.

This summer during OREG (summer orientation for new undergraduates) we are trying to put together a Greek Parents Program, possibly at night in one of our houses, where we would bring parents in for coffee and dessert to talk to prospective Greek parents. We are still working out the details, so stay tuned on this project. We may be calling to ask for your help.

Finally, academics have become more of a priority for the BGSU Greek Community. The most recent Greek Report (see copy in

## There are Many Choices to be Greek at BGSU: Recruitment Update

This Spring the BGSU Greek Community tried something different in how we recruit. During the second week of school we held a late-night Greek Recruitment Kick-Off in the Union. Two full-page advertisements appeared in the BG News as well as a post-card was sent to all 7,000 on-campus students (mostly freshman and sophomores). All 41 of our Greek groups were present with many of their members. Light refreshments were served and many potential new members were in attendance. After this kick-off, the Panhellenic Council held two nights of "Open Houses" where potential new members toured the Panhellenic sororities that were taking in new members this Spiring. Panhellenic sororities have a ceiling of 85 members. Those groups below this number can recruit new members until they reach 85. Nearly all of our groups held some sort of recruitment events during this week. As of this publication, about 85 women joined a Panhellenic sorority.

IFC held recruitment events in two traditional freshman residence halls (Mac Donald and Harshman). Each chapter set up

this newsletter) shows that the Greek GPA has slipped further below the Undergraduate GPA, causing us much distress. We have challenged our governing councils and chapters to make this more of a priority. We have seen some positive movement in our councils by enforcing their minimum GPA (a 2.40 cumulative GPA) to give a bid (invitation to join), for individuals to play on their intramural team (a 2.40 cumulative GPA is required) and for chapters to maintain each semester (a 2.50 cumulative GPA is required).

The councils have also responded by allocating 10% of their budgets to reward chapters for good scholarship. Individual chapters have responded by offering more incentives from their dues to members who do well academically (on our web site is a

table outside the dining hall and handed out literature during the peak times. The following week (the 3rd week of classes) IFC held its traditional "Open Houses" where potential new members visited those chapters they wanted to find out more about. The IFC began enforcing their 2.40 GPA policy where chapters cannot give out bids (invitations to join) unless the student has a 2.40 cumulative GPA or higher. As of this publication about 80 men joined IFC fraternities.

NPHC and GIB chapters typically conduct their "Intake" during Spring since students need to have 15 hours of college credit and a 2.50 cumulative GPA in order to join. Each chapter conducts this intake process separately but most begin with an interest session that they advertise on the campus. The chapter then interviews these prospective members. Several of these groups are conducting recruitment currently and we expect around 30 new members.

While how we recruit will vary between the four councils, the end result is that we hope to attract students who believe in our four principles of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Brotherhood/Sisterhood.

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list of what each chapter provides its members). Greek Affairs will soon require chapters who are housed to maintain a 2.50 chapter GPA each semester in order to keep their house (the undergraduate GPA is 2.90). All of this is to reinforce that our students are here at BGSU first and foremost for academics. Greek groups need to complement this academic mission. We hope that we will soon reverse the current academic trend.

If at anytime you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me directly at 419-372-8890. We are proud of the overall influence Greeks have on their members and the campus. Please let us know how we can improve. Thanks!

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& Director of Greek Affairs

## Panhellenic Update

Kimberlee Gilchrist '05, President

**A**s the largest women's organizations on Bowling Green State University's campus, the Panhellenic Council has been working hard to serve the needs of its 1,000+ members. The Panhellenic Council is a student-run governing board for fifteen sororities at BGSU. As the spring semester continues, the Panhellenic Council strives to continue building upon its successes while working hard toward our future goals.

This semester we have successfully recruited approximately nearly 100 new members during the spring recruitment period. We have presented Greek Odyssey, an orientation and leadership program for new members, which focuses on issues

such as scholarship, risk management, and Greek values.

The Panhellenic Executive Board attended the Mid-American Greek Council Association, where we were recognized for programming excellence in the Academic Achievement area. This award recognizes programming that assists chapter scholarship chairs in improving chapter scholarship programs and providing relevant resources to be utilized by chapters and members. Former Panhellenic Council President, Tracy LaHote, received the Wayne S. Colvin Award. The Colvin Award recognizes one undergraduate Greek Leader in the region who is a role model to her peers, and who consistently exemplifies what it means to

live with integrity and by the values of the Greek founders.

Of great importance this semester is the National Panhellenic Conference Academic Excellence Challenge, which encourages each Panhellenic woman to exceed her cumulative grade point average by .05 or higher during the semester. It is our goal that through this program that we can emphasize our commitment to scholarship.

The Panhellenic Council is bringing in a nationally recognized speaker, Dave Westol, to speak to the Greek community in regard to risk management issues in April. Other programs that will take place this semester include Emerging Leaders, Greek Week, and Greek Spring Awards.

## National Pan-Hellenic Council

Paris Tyler '04, President

**N**ational Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) has been involved with a current community service project with the Salvation Army where each chapter has donated clothing and food. In April, we hope to be a part of the Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Toledo, Ohio. We are planning our second Annual Black Graduation Banquet, in which we host a celebration ceremony for all African American undergraduate and graduate students on receiving a degree in their chosen field. Tyrone Birdine, Vice President of Student Affairs at UT, will be our guest speaker, and two students who plan to further their education by enrolling in a graduate program for the Fall 2004 academic year will be awarded \$200 in scholarship. We also plan to play a part of the annual Greek Week in April, with organizations having events during the week. NPHC will be having elections in April with the hopes of a new executive board to make NPHC's presence stronger on campus and strengthen relations with the other councils.

## Greek Independent Board

Ryan Kreischer '04, President

**T**he Greek Independent Board (GIB) has two major events planned for the Spring semester. On Friday, April 2, GIB will hold our annual Spring Banquet and Awards, followed by dancing. This event is our celebration of the academic year and recognition for leadership within GIB and our member organizations.

The second big event is a two-on-two basketball philanthropy as part of Greek Week on Sunday, April 25th. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Lynn Mattox Scholarship Fund. Lynn was a member of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc., who passed away just prior to her graduation from BGSU.

Finally, GIB will select new officers in April and begin the transition to the 2004/2005 academic year.

## Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC)

Ryan Gamble '05, President

**I**t has been another busy semester for the Inter-Fraternity Council. We have been making great strides towards achieving our goal of enhancing the Greek Community through more recruitment preparation, expansion of the scholarship program, and increasing community service opportunities. This semester we have concentrated on increasing our recruitment enrollment. David Ruda, our Director of Recruitment, has done an excellent job with implementing new programs to show other chapters how to recruit more effectively. He held a one-day program where he brought a national consultant in to speak to all of the recruitment chairs. The consultant advised the chairs on successful and efficient ways to recruit possible new members. The council

also adopted recruitment bylaws to provide a fair and effective system of recruiting.

We have made improvements to our scholarship program. We have been tinkering with our Alpha Program, a system in which fraternities bound together to tutor individuals who need a little help with their academics. We have found it to be a successful tool for Fraternity members to improve their grades. The council also constructed academic incentives for chapters who have had scholastic success throughout the school year.

IFC has been working on internal communication with all chapters. We've done this by establishing list procs for most of the positions within the fraternities, and have implemented round tables. This stream lines com-

munication between chapters and IFC.

One of the council's primary concerns has been strengthening our community service program. Chad Heck, IFC's Community Service Chair, has been working very hard with a can food drive, which will assist the less fortunate. He is also preparing a clothing drive in the near future. The council feels that community service is a vital part of the fraternal system.

We are pleased to announce two new chapters have come back to the BGSU Greek community: Pi Kappa Alpha and Theta Chi. We look forward to assisting these chapters in reaching their full potential. Members of the the Inter-Fraternity Council are very happy with the direction they're heading and look for more success in the future.

# BGSU Fraternity & Sorority Report From Fall 2003



No.	Chapter Rank by GPA	Chapter Semester GPA	Chapter Cum GPA	Number of Members	Number Service Hours	% of Involved Service	\$ Raised Provides Incentives	Chapter	Chapter	Members	Members	President
1	Alpha Phi Sorority	3.21	3.16	86	301	87%	\$1,300	\$200	Yes		Yes	Yes
2	Alpha Chi Omega Sorority	3.15	3.13	84	374	47%		\$500	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority	3.15	3.04	80	858	50%	\$600	\$400		Yes	Yes	
4	Chi Omega Sorority	3.02	3.07	74		78%		\$400		Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Delta Gamma Sorority	2.99	3.08	86	500	85%	\$870	\$155		Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	2.97	2.89	10	177	100%		\$50	Yes			
6	Delta Zeta Sorority	2.97	3.02	72						Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Pi Beta Phi Sorority	2.96	3.01	76	780	90%	\$1,309	\$800	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Sigma Kappa Sorority	2.96	3.00	66			\$450	\$200		Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	2.92	3.13	11	90	100%	\$179					
11	Phi Mu Sorority	2.90	2.89	55		53%	\$108	\$400	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Greek Semester GPA = 2.89												
12	Alpha Xi Delta Sorority	2.87	3.00	79	300	100%	\$900	\$1,400		Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc.	2.84	2.84	6								
14	Gamma Phi Beta Sorority	2.83	2.96	55	770	71%	\$1,839	\$100		Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Sigma Chi Fraternity *	2.82	2.72	45	107	20%	\$300		Yes	Yes		Yes
15	Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority	2.82	2.90	63		90%	\$150	\$400	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	2.80	2.97	2								
All-Greek Semester GPA = 2.80												
18	Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority	2.79	2.78	43	372	88%	\$290	\$1,200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18	Delta Chi Fraternity	2.79	2.93	39	1,245	43%	\$360		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Kappa Delta Sorority	2.75	2.86	46						Yes	Yes	Yes
21	Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity	2.72	2.79	43	1,448	84%	\$4,300	\$200			Yes	Yes
22	Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity	2.68	2.91	48	562	80%	\$570	\$600	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.	2.68	2.67	17								Yes
23	Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity	2.68	2.75	37							Yes	
25	Kappa Alpha Order	2.66	2.78	64	1,026	93%	\$5,000	\$400	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity	2.61	2.68	45	1,107	42%				Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Sigma Nu Fraternity	2.60	2.75	13	75	70%		\$100	Yes			Yes
28	Kappa Sigma Fraternity	2.56	2.78	49	1,084	40%	\$3,500	\$250	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
29	Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity (Fiji)	2.52	2.73	65					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
31	Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity	2.50	2.74	66	815	77%	\$440	\$250	Yes	Yes	Yes	
30	Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity	2.42	2.52	29	401	87%	\$200		Yes			Yes
32	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	2.42	2.66	11	360	100%	\$723	\$500				
33	Beta Theta Pi Fraternity	2.40	2.62	34								Yes
34	Delta Tau Delta Fraternity	2.39	2.62	44								Yes
35	Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity	2.29	2.37	24	50		\$467	\$200	Yes		Yes	Yes
36	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.	2.24	2.67	9	288		800		Yes			Yes
37	Phi Delta Theta Fraternity	2.17	2.52	41	400	45%		\$150		Yes		Yes
38	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	2.10	2.60	3					Yes			
39	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.	2.00	2.02	2	180	75%	\$200					
40	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.	1.84	2.57	6					Yes			

Total Greek Membership = 1,726 Total Undergraduates = 14,222 (56% female, 44% male)  
 Percentage of Undergraduates Who Are Members (1,672/14,222) = 12%  
 All-Greek Semester GPA = 2.80 BGSU All-Undergraduate GPA = 2.89  
 Average size for IFC groups (685/16) = 43 Average size for Panhellenic groups (976/15) = 65  
 Average size for NPHC groups (53/8) = 7 Average size for GIB groups (24/2) = 12  
 Total number of Community Service Hours = 13,382 or 8 hours/member  
 Percentage of Greeks involved in other BGSU student groups = 58%  
 Total dollars raised for charity = \$21,817 or \$13/member  
 Data based on information supplied to Greek Affairs

## **BGSU Residence Life Greek Affairs Mission**

**B**uilding the premier Fraternity and Sorority Community in North America utilizing continuous improvement that provides the following:

1. A quality undergraduate residential experience for the housed fraternities and sororities
2. A complete quality undergraduate fraternity and sorority experience that builds community among all Greeks and that

emphasizes our founding principles of:

- Scholarship
  - Service
  - Leadership
  - Brotherhood/Sisterhood
3. A commitment to furthering the Greek Advising profession through a quality graduate preparatory experience, research, conference attendance and presentation, and national leadership.

For the latest on  
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BGSU web site at  
**[www.greekbgsu.com](http://www.greekbgsu.com)**

This Spring the Greek BGSU web site has undergone a make-over. We were fortunate to have an undergraduate Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity member redo the web site as part of his internship with Greek Affairs. We are fortunate to have such talent in the Greek Community for this project. The web site is critical to our success since we want to make information available when people need it, not just when our office is open. Our goal remains to have the most comprehensive web site in the Greek world.

### **Greek Parents Listserve**

Want to receive periodic updates on BGSU Greeks? Join our Greek Parents Listserve. We will use this listserv to send out updates, notices and reminders of our big events.

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