

Greek House Staff Alumni E-Newsletter

Fall 2005

Director's Message

Dr. Ron Binder '86, Director of Greek Affairs

We are delighted to be sending our 500+ BGSU Greek House Staff Alumni this inaugural e-newsletter!

One goal of ours this year is to do more outreach to our alumni about the BGSU Greek Community. Regularly we send an e-newsletter to the 9,000+ BGSU Greeks for whom we have emails addresses (out of over 22,000 BGSU Greek Alumni) to keep them informed about BGSU Greeks. Since our program at BGSU is unique, in that we not only have a thriving undergraduate Greek population, but also a vibrant Greek House Staff, we wanted to broaden our communication to include our Greek House Staff alumni. As a former Greek House Staff alumnus myself (Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity my first year and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity my second year) I know I would have enjoyed receiving updates on the Greek Community and the program. Our hope is that we will send out such an e-newsletter regularly to our GHS alumni.

In this issue you will find updates on undergraduate Greeks, recruitment, the four Greek Councils at BGSU (IFC, Panhellenic, NPHC and GIB), Greek housing renovations, fire safety, a listing of the new Greek Affairs staff, and a listing of the Greek House Staff along with their emails. I would encourage you to drop a line to our Greek House Staff that are in "your house" to let them know of your experiences (hopefully all positive) for that chapter. I know our staff would enjoy receiving such a note.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not also encourage you to recommend graduate students, both master's and doctoral, to apply to the program, either as Greek Graduate Students (9 each year) or as Greek House Staff members (28 each year). We rely heavily on the reputation of the BGSU program and our alumni to recruit the best and the brightest to our staff. We know that the graduate programs, particularly the CSP master's program and the Higher Education doctoral program, are among the strongest in the country. With your help we hope to identify good candidates who can continue with the strong BGSU tradition (sounds like recruitment!).

We hope you enjoy this inaugural newsletter. Look for periodic updates throughout the year and drop us a note on what you are doing.

Greek Affairs Establishes Greek Endowment

Greek Affairs recently established a Greek Endowment with the BGSU Foundation. The interest from this endowment will provide monies to support projects in Greek Affairs including supporting Greek graduate students. All gifts to the Greek Endowment are fully tax deductible and qualify for your company matching gifts. You may also designate your annual BGSU gift to the Greek Endowment.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Binder at Greek Affairs by calling 419-372-8890, or emailing him at rbinder@bgsu.edu. Thanks for your support of Greek Affairs at BGSU!

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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New Greek Houses

BGSU understands the importance of Greek Organizations having a house to call their own. It is for this reason that new houses were leased on Brookwood Street across Wooster, to house Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc and Delta Chi Phi Multi-Cultural Sorority (new to BGSU last year). The houses are maintained and staffed by the university like other Greek houses. We are proud to include more BGSU Greeks in our housing program.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity received a new house also. For the past number of years, Kappa Sigma was housed in the Conklin units. This fall Kappa Sigma returned to old fraternity row in the fall of 2005 when the Betas unfortunately left campus. This marks a Homecoming for Kappa Sigma since they were originally in Old Fraternity Row when it opened in 1947.

Staff Recruitment

BGSU Greek Affairs is proud to announce that we are recruiting four to five Greek graduate students for 2006-2007 (there are a total of nine Greek Affairs graduate assistants at BGSU).

These positions provide students with practical experience in support of their educational endeavors, while meeting the administrative needs of Greek Affairs. Each position has specific responsibilities for one aspect of Greek Affairs along with flexibility to assist with other aspects of the Greek Community. All of the graduate assistants live in chapter houses and provide support for the chapter and the housing operation. A graduate student is expected to spend 20 hours per week with their assistantship and an additional 10 hours per week with their house.

The graduate assistantships include:

- a full tuition and fee waiver (worth \$10,000)
- \$7,500 stipend
- furnished apartment with utilities including cable television and local phone service
- full meal plan (worth \$3,500)
- computer, printer, and high speed internet service
- campus parking permit
- extensive staff development including conference attendance (registrations paid) and field trips to local colleges and universities

In order to be eligible for these positions students must be enrolled in the BGSU College Student Personnel (CSP) Master's program.

Since 1964, the BGSU College Student Personnel Program has prepared student affairs professionals and has over 1,500 graduates who work in a variety of institutions of higher education.

Applicants for the CSP program must have an earned bachelor's degree and show potential for successful completion of a graduate degree. Admission to the Program is based on the following credentials and activities:

1. Career Statement
2. Employment Experience (resume),
3. Academic Transcript(s),
4. GRE Scores
5. References
6. Interview with internship site

Applications are due January 3, 2006.

For more information on the CSP program visit:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/edhd/hesa/csp/main.html>

The BGSU Greek community consists of over 1,600 undergraduate student members representing 11% of the undergraduate population. There are 14 National Panhellenic Council (NPC) affiliated sororities, 15 North American Interfraternity Council (NIC) fraternities, 7 National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternities and sororities, a National Latino fraternity and National Latina sorority, and two Multicultural sororities in the Greek community. The individual members, chapters, and organizing councils are very values driven groups. For more information about the BGSU Greek community please visit www.greekbgsu.com.

Please encourage qualified candidates you know to apply to the BGSU CSP program and consider Greek Affairs for a graduate assistantship. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Gordy Heminger at (419) 372-2851 or gordon@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

Lindsey Levinson '04
Greek Independent Board President

This upcoming year, the Greek Independent Board has set several goals and plans of action to achieve those goals. Our most important aspiration is to make the Greek Independent Board's presence known throughout the Greek Community as well as the BGSU campus. We plan to do this through heavy attendance at campus and Greek sponsored events as well as hosting our own GIB sponsored events. This year we are determined to develop several philanthropies and fundraisers that will help to support the community and that will hopefully remain a tradition for the Greek Independent Board. It has been made a personal goal for the chapters within GIB to form stronger bonds and strengthen the lines of communication between the chapters. Each chapter will work together to raise grades and academic performance by implementing study programs and incentives. We hope to grow as a governing board, not only in size, but in activeness within the community. Through all of this, the Greek Independent Board hopes to reach their goals of becoming more well-known on campus as well as increasing the levels of communication between GIB chapters.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Andrew Crockett '05
Interfraternity Council President

The Interfraternity Council is excited for the coming school year and we have many plans for the fall semester. The executive committee and cabinet had their annual retreat in late July where several goals were outlined including strong recruitment, a high retention rate, and an increase in scholarship. Dave Chambliss, Director of Recruitment, has been working very hard this summer in promoting IFC to new students along with members of the Go Greek Team. We are also encouraging chapters to have as many recruitment events as they can in order to continue increasing numbers. Beyond recruitment, we are also putting a great focus on retention. We want to assess our programming to ensure they are the best they can be for our membership. Academics are also something we are looking at improving. We want to enhance our current programs and offer more services in order to increase our GPA. Our community is also welcoming back Alpha Tau Omega to our campus as they will be starting a new colony this semester. Our current expansion plan ends next fall so we will be forming a committee to develop a new plan for the

future. We look forward to the new school year and know our chapters will continue their success!

IFC Expansion Update

IFC has initiated an aggressive expansion program to bring more fraternities back to BGSU. Alpha Tau Omega is holding recruitment workshops during October, and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity will return fall 2006 to begin expansion efforts. As with any expansion effort, the key is finding good alumni who are willing to serve as advisors. If you wish to find out more about serving as a volunteer advisor, call us at 419.372.8890. In the near future IFC will convene a task force to determine which groups to bring back beginning fall 2007. Look for more information about IFC expansion in the future.

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. Throughout the summer, the Panhellenic Council has worked extremely hard to make fall recruitment a success! While recruitment is a main focus for the upcoming semester, Panhellenic has been working on planning out the remainder of the semester.

While the Panhellenic Council will be joining up with the other Greek councils to plan events such as New Member Greek Week, we are also working on sponsoring our own event. One of the council's main goals for the fall semester is to increase awareness on issues dealing with risk management, and therefore has decided to bring Mark Sterner, a national speaker to BGSU's campus. Sterner's program, entitled: "DUI: A Powerful Lesson," gives insight on an important message regarding a bad decision that ended the lives of his friends and furthermore changed his life forever. The council is currently working on getting co-sponsorships for this event, which will take place October 24, 2005 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Ballroom.

The Panhellenic Council was excited to start a new semester and was even more excited for Panhellenic Bid Day on September 18th when we welcomed so many new women into our Greek community!

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Patricia Perry '05 National Pan-Hellenic Council President

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, NPHC, was established on May 10, 1930, on the campus of Howard University, in Washington DC. The stated purpose of this council is “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” The council is composed of nine African American Sororities and Fraternities (also known as the Divine Nine):

1906 Cornell University Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
1908 Howard University Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
1911 Indiana University Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
1911 Howard University Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
1913 Howard University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
1914 Howard University Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
1920 Howard University Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
1922 Butler University Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
1963 Morgan State University Iota Phi Theta Fraternity

The NPHC Council on the campus of Bowling Green State University is ready for an exciting school year. Most people stereotype African American Sororities and Fraternities as organizations who party and have conflicts within. What most people do not know is that all of our organizations main focuses are scholarship, serving our community, brotherhood, and sisterhood. In promoting the values that our organizations are founded upon, we are focusing on four major goals for this school year:

1. Provide better service to the community.
2. Create unity amongst individuals within the council
3. Educate members of the BGSU community about the history and the purpose of NPHC.
4. Assist social adjustment of African American students.

THIS WILL BE A NEW EXCITING AND EDUCATING YEAR FOR THE NPHC CHAPTERS AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY!!

Recruitment

Panhellenic

During formal recruitment 200 women joined Panhellenic sororities, which was up slightly from last year. Twelve of the thirteen sororities were successful in reaching quota of 15. In terms of bid preference, 77% of women going through recruitment received their first choice and 17% received their second choice. All women who attended preference round were placed in a sorority. We expect an additional 100 women will join during Continuous Open Recruitment through the end of the fall semester. Sororities are trying to reach a chapter ceiling of 85 by holding open recruitment events. Currently, 7 of our 13 Panhellenic sororities are at ceiling.

IFC

Recruitment for IFC fraternities was up 12% compared to last year with 226 men joining the 15 fraternities thus far. New for IFC fraternities is a 2.50 GPA requirement to receive a bid. It would appear that higher standards netted more new members. IFC fraternities continue to recruit throughout the semester.

NPHC and GIB

The NPHC and GIB chapters hosted a Meet the Greeks event on September 12 in which approximately 100 potential members attended. Chapters had display tables and there was a panel presentation to give participants more information about the chapters. Additional information sessions will occur throughout the year. In general, NPHC and GIB groups require 12 hours of college credit and a 2.50 GPA. The bulk of recruiting or “intake” for these groups will be in the spring.

Conklin Housing Renovations

Kevin Thompson
Graduate Assistant for Housing and Finance

Over this past summer, our Greek housing in the Conklin quadrangle underwent a number of changes. BGSU was required to close the roof deck patios on these houses at the end of the 2004-2005 academic year due to safety and facility damage concerns. These areas had sustained a significant amount of damage over the years from frequent use and were in much need of a substantial renovation. With these patios closed, BGSU spent most of the summer months completing these needed renovations. Taking feedback gathered during a meeting with a group of representative students from these houses last semester, Greek Affairs worked closely with BGSU Facilities staff to create some new outdoor spaces for our chapters on the ground level in time for our students’ arrival this fall. In time for Greek early move-in, each chapter received a newly constructed patio including new landscaping, a flagpole, and a sitting area. We hope that these new patios will be used during these waning warm days of the fall semester for chapter events as well as individual relaxation.

Fire Safety

Kevin Thompson
Graduate Assistant for Housing and Finance

Keeping our students safe is our first concern in our Greek houses. As such, Greek Affairs makes the fire safety of our houses a top priority. To meet this goal, our live-in Greek House staff participated in an extensive fire safety training program before the start of the year. Fire safety training consisted of running fire drills in our buildings, hands on fire extinguisher training putting out actual fires, and in-depth coverage of best practices for keeping our residents safe.

In addition to this training, fire extinguishers are located in easily identified locations throughout each Greek house, fire-resistant university-owned furniture is present in all resident rooms, and an extensive fire detection system, including smoke detectors in each room in addition to those in common spaces combined with heat sensors, links our houses directly to University Police 24 hours a day, all year long.

This year, our house staff consists of 25 graduate students and 3 undergraduate students. We are proud to share that we have one of the most talented staff we have ever had and are looking forward to an exciting year working with our chapters. For information on off-campus housing fire safety and resources, please visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/fire/> or call 419-372-2171. We look forward to continuing to serve your students throughout this academic year and ensure our houses are a safe place for our community to live and learn!

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

Latest Stats on BGSU Greeks

We encourage alumni to check out the progress of the chapters by viewing the Greek Report that is posted on the Greek Affairs website. 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, the Parents Newsletter (mailed to all parents of Greeks at BGSU), 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 latest report, along with previous reports (www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/reports.html).

Greek Awards 2005

Last year, BGSU's Greek Community had a successful year in terms of awards. Please view our website (www.GreekBGSU.com) for a complete list of individual and chapter awards from last spring. Also, several chapters received International and National Awards this summer. Congratulations to the following chapters:

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority for receiving:

- National Council Trophy Finalist
- Hollis A. Philanthropy Award

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority for receiving:

- Ruby Award for top 20% of all Alpha Omicron Pi chapters
- Initiation Honor Roll
- Quota Honor Roll
- Alumnae Advisory Committee Outstanding Performance
- Housing Corporation Board Outstanding Performance
- 100% participation in senior class giving to Alpha Omicron Pi Foundation
- Beverly Hatcher named Outstanding Alpha Omicron Pi Chapter Adviser

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority for receiving:

- Order of Quill
- Financial Efficiency
- Chapter Quota
- 100% participation with Senior Challenge
- Second highest senior contribution to National Fraternity
- All A's Scholar Disc – Megan Houghtaling for 2003-2004 academic year
- 2005 Alpha Xi Delta Foundation Kathryn Faul Wallace Award for Outstanding Financial Advisor – Jill Bortel
- 2004-2005 Alumnae Appreciation Award – Jill Bortel
- 2005 Advisor Excellence Award – Jill Bortel

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity:

- Scholastic Achievement Citation
- Parent Relations Citation
- Campus Involvement Citation
- Brotherhood Development Citation
- Service Citation

Delta Chi Fraternity for receiving:

- Most Man Hours Region Six
- Most Points Region Six

Delta Zeta Sorority for receiving:

- Best Attendance
- Delta Zeta Sorority Region V Most Improved G.P.A. Award
- Delta Zeta Region V Membership Award
- Delta Zeta Pride of Region V

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority for receiving:

- Kappa Kappa Gamma Public Relations Award
- Ohio Reads Award

Lambda Chi Alpha

- North American Food Drive Award
- Chapter Involvement Award

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity for receiving:

- General Headquarters Trophy
- Improvement Citation
- House Improvement Award

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. for receiving:

- Zetas Helping Other People to Excel (Z-Hope) Award
- Outstanding Chapter Report Award
- Most Chapter Member Attendance Award

BGSU Greek Staff

The Greek Community at BGSU is supported with a large Greek Affairs staff consisting of 13 members (a Director, 2 Greek Coordinators, a Secretary, and nine Graduate Students). The large staff allows a closer working relationship with the community for a positive experience. This Year's Staff includes the following (undergraduate institution is in parenthesis):

Dr. Ron Binder '86, Director of Greek Affairs

Gordy Heminger '99, '02, Coordinator for Greek Affairs

Karri Moore, Coordinator for Greek Affairs

Meagon Shaffer, Secretary for Greek Affairs

Aliya Beavers (Miami University), Grad Advisor for GIB and Discipline

Jenni Glick (University of North Dakota), Grad Advisor for Assessment and Scholarship

Josh Harraman (The Ohio State University), Grad Advisor for IFC

Johanne Jensen (Colorado State University), Grad Advisor for Leadership

Jen Lambdin (Ashland University), Grad Advisor for Panhellenic and Risk Management

Roy Lowdenback (Georgetown College), Grad Advisor for Public Relations and
Community Service

Melinda McIntire (University of Illinois), Grad Advisor for Staff Development and
Recruitment/Retention

Andrea Obrochta (Carol College), Grad Advisor for NPHC

Kevin Thompson (Trinity College), Grad Advisor for Housing and Greek Unity