

Greek Alumni E-Newsletter

Director's Message

Keeping You Connected

I had the pleasure recently of having lunch with two alumni members of Lambda Chi Alpha from the 1980's the other day. I was fortunate to have served as their "house dad" when I was a graduate student some 20+ years ago. As we broke bread we were able to talk not only about the old days but of the connection we all feel for BGSU, to our fraternity/sorority, and to each other. The years vanished as we talked about old times and what everyone was up to today.

It continually amazes me at how connected we still are to people we met nearly a quarter of a century ago. As you read through this newsletter we hope this allows you to stay further connected to BGSU, the Greek Community, and your chapter. We know that Greek alumni tend to be BGSU's most loyal alumni: ones who support their alma mater and return over the years and decades. We also know that our undergraduates like to have alumni return and tell them stories of their undergraduate experience at BGSU at events such as the recent Homecoming.

While things change in the Greek Community such as house locations, renovations, members, house parents, philanthropies, etc., they also remain the same in terms of students connecting to other students. This is why Greek Life is so important to students, alumni and BGSU.

Please let us know how we can continue to keep you connected.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Ron Binder '86
Director of Greek Affairs

Greek Giving to BGSU

One of our goals for the Greek Community is to increase the level of alumni support for chapters. We know that increasingly the difference between a good Greek Community and a great one is private support. To this end, we have recently established BGSU Foundation accounts for all fraternities and sororities at BGSU. These accounts will be able to receive tax deductible gifts from alumni and friends for their chapters. These funds can be used for house improvements, scholarships, leadership schools and

attending national conventions. With the costs of higher education going up annually, we want to be sure our undergraduates can afford the same opportunities that we all had as BGSU Greek undergrads.

To make a gift to your chapter, simply send your tax deductible contribution to the BGSU Foundation and earmark your fraternity or sorority. Greek Affairs will work with your chapter's undergraduate leaders and the chapter advisors to use this money to improve the chapter.

In addition, some chapters have established endowed scholarship accounts (minimum of \$25,000) that will provide scholarships for members in perpetuity. If you would like to discuss how to set up such an endowment, please contact Dr. Ron Binder '86, Director of Greek Affairs at 419-409-0731 or email at rbinder@bgsu.edu

We are delighted to provide this opportunity to help our undergraduates provide the best possible BGSU and Greek experience. Thanks for your continued support of BGSU!

Ron Binder
Director of Greek Affairs

Welcome to the 2006-07 Greek House Staff!

ΑΧΩ- Aliya Beavers
ΑΓΔ - Laurel Peffer
ΑΟΠ - Sarah Decker
ΑΦ - Kelly Rifembark
ΑΞΔ - Scott Nolfi
ΧΩ - Claire Lewis
ΔΓ - Jenni Glick
ΔΖ- Adam McCready
ΓΦΒ- Amy Towner
ΚΔ - Amanda Bowling
ΚΚΓ - Sarah Barnes
ΦΜ - Emily Smedick
ΠΒΦ - Casey Sacks
ΣΚ - Ashleigh Musyt
ΑΣΦ- Kevin Lipine
ΔΧ - Steve Lerer
ΔΤΔ - Vinny Sandy
ΚΑ Order- Roy Lowdenback
ΚΣ - Jenna Laub
ΛΧΑ - Melinda McIntire
ΦΔΘ - Rob Prince
ΦΚΤ - Martin Crichlow
ΠΚΦ - Beth Juelich

ΣΦΕ- Danny Miller
ΑΚΑ/ ΔΞΦ- Nicole Hoefle
ΣΛΓ/ ΣΛΒ Beta- Michelle Bugs
ΔΣΘ- Nicky Damania

Greek Leadership Programs

Greetings! I am excited to tell you about the wonderful leadership programs for Greek students at BGSU!

In August, we held a Fall Leadership Retreat. We invited all chapter presidents, recruitment chairs, and scholarship chairs, as well as the four council executive councils and cabinets in order to assist as many Greek leaders as possible to prepare for the upcoming year. In all, over 100 student leaders attended the retreat.

In late October, all individuals who joined a fraternity or sorority in Fall 2006 attended BGSU's new member leadership program, Greek Odyssey. Attendees learned about the Greek community at BGSU while interacting with other new Greek students. In addition, Dr. Binder, Director of Greek Affairs, presented on the importance of risk management for Greek students.

Lastly, our longest running leadership program, Emerging Leaders, was held in early November. Emerging Leaders is a weekend retreat for up-and-coming Greek leaders. This fall marks the 10th year of the Emerging Leaders program. It is our most prominent leadership program and one that many future Greek leaders attend.

We are extremely proud of our leadership programs thus far and are looking forward to exciting programming in the semesters to come!

Jenni Glick
Graduate Assistant for Leadership
Office of Residence Life/ Greek Affairs

The Greek Independent Board Report

The Greek Independent Board (GIB) has grown by leaps and bounds since fall of 2005, doubling in size with the addition of three new Greek organizations: Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., and Omega Phi Alpha. The already existing chapters, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Delta Chi Phi were open to making this fairly new council a major force within the Greek community and on campus by adding additional chapters. The council was able to complete a successful Movie Night Trivia fundraiser during Greek Week, raising several hundred dollars for a special needs camp in North Carolina.

The end of the year reception was the first formal activity that included all six of the chapters in the newly increased GIB. Each chapter gave out awards such as scholarship and new member of the year to its recipients. The night concluded with the first “GIB Lifetime Achievement Award” awarded to Janelle Oliger, of Sigma Lambda Gamma, President of the council from 2004-2006. Her devotion to her chapter and to the council was greatly. At the conclusion of the reception, the new officers were sworn in for the 2006-2007 school year with high hopes for the GIB.

The board has set its sights high for the upcoming year focusing on unity between the current six chapters within the board, as well as between the four Greek governing bodies. Participation and sponsorship of programs within Greek Life and the Bowling Green’s campus will help to educate the students about the council as a whole. Interest about membership within the council continues and The Greek Independent Board hopes continue to grow in strength and in size this upcoming year.

Lindsey A. Levinsohn
Greek Independent Board President, 2006

National Pan-Hellenic Council Report

Greetings!

As we embark on another year in Greekdom, let us take a moment and reflect on the feats that the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) has accomplished, some of which include: hosting the first-ever NPHC Week, in which member organizations collaborated with each other to host the week’s events. Each of the NPHC organizations on campus hosted educational and fun events.

The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., united for their “Let the Pink and Blue Inform You” program .The groups educated the campus about the Historically African-American Sororities and Fraternities and their governing body, The NPHC. The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., facilitated a critical discussion of the movie *Crash*. The women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., hosted the Dog chase Cat Dating Game, a trivia game on various aspects of male and female relationships. All organizations collaborated to host study tables open to the entire campus community, and concluded the week with the Ice-Breaker Party.

This year, we saw a new beginning, a recommitment to Greek Life, as well as the NPHC. My hope for the year is to continue that same spirit and ethic among our members, to establish a good rapport with the university, as well as increase the involvement and collaboration with other councils, and overall, a sense of enthusiasm and excitement for bettering NPHC, building community and morale within our own council, and ultimately, to encourage everyone to avail themselves to the need of their council!

Onward and Upward in 2006-2007!

Tierney Grayson
NPHC President

Panhellenic Council Report

The Panhellenic Council is continuing to grow as the largest women's organization on BGSU's campus. Our changes from the past Spring and the plans for the Fall hope to add to this growing organization. The officers and I would like to thank each one of you for your continued support to our organization and its chapters.

Greek Unity has been a main focus within the Panhellenic Council as well as the three other governing bodies. The Panhellenic Executive Council has established a program of "Panhellenic Sisterhoods" to help build the unity within its chapters. This program pairs up two Panhellenic Chapters for a night of sisterhood fun. These sisterhoods have ranged from ice cream socials, baking and decorating cookies, and events focused around their philanthropic cause. With the implementation of this program, the council hopes to see stronger bonds between each Panhellenic Chapter.

The Panhellenic Council was recognized with eight awards at the 2006 Mid-American Greek Council Association conference in February. The awards were based on criteria and information from the previous year. The council excelled in all eight of the categories including: Academic Achievement, Council Management, Philanthropy and Community Service, Leadership and Educational Development, Membership Recruitment, Public Relations, Risk Reduction and Management, and Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs. On top of all these achievements the council was also a finalist in the Sutherland Division. These achievements are a great step forward for the council and Bowling Green State University. The council is eager to see what the next year brings for the organization.

Kat Fish
Panhellenic President

Interfraternity Council Report

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is excited for our past successes as well as our future endeavors. First, I would like to inform parents and alumni that at the 2006 Mid-American Greek Council Association conference, IFC was awarded seven of the eight citations, as well as being nominated for The Council Excellence Award.

Over the past summer, Leo Svoboda, Director of Recruitment, worked extensively with our Go Greek Team. The team, who stayed in Offenhauer with incoming freshmen,

helped get freshmen as well as their parents informed of the options and activities that the Greek Community has to offer.

The IFC executive officers and cabinet members held a retreat where we discussed our goals and ideas, as well as looked at the structure of our organization to see if any changes could be made to better serve the IFC chapters.

This past summer also marked, what hopes to be an annual ‘Welcome Back Event’. This is opened to the campus and held on the first night after freshmen move in. It served as a great opportunity to meet freshmen as well as give everyone a place to meet and catch up about the summer.

The rest of the school year promises to be an exciting and challenging time, and IFC and the Greek community continue to look forward to greater growth.

Eric Heilmeier
Interfraternity Council President

The Greek Affairs office is proud to recognize the following chapters for receiving national awards this past summer!

ΑΧΩ

National Council Trophy, Given to the top chapter in the nation

ΑΣΦ

Grand Senior President’s Award, Given to the top chapter in the nation

ΔΣΘ

Ohio Collegiate Chapter of the Year

ΔΓ

Patricia Peterson Danielson Award, Best Programming, Best Scholarship Program, and Best House Corporation Alumnae Board

ΑΞΔ

Order of the Quill, Elizabeth G. Van Buskirk New Member Class Award, Chapter Quota Award, Xi Achievement Certificate of Merit, Academic Excellence Award, Financial Efficiency Award, and Senior Challenge Award

ΔΧ

Awarded for completing the most community service hours in its region and achieving the most points in the region for devoting energy, leadership and talent to the advancement of community and humanitarian initiatives

ΔΞΦ

Caitlin Murphy- Multicultural Awareness Award
Natasha Spriggs- Outstanding Friendship Award
Renee Daley- Higher Education Award
Cassandra Ianni- Community Service Award and Sisterhood Award

ΣΝ

Most Improved Manpower and National Alumni Advisor of the Year

ΦΔΘ

Top Fraternity GPA at BGSU, Fraternity Improvement Citation, General Headquarters' Trophy, and House Corporation Best Work Day

ΦΚΤ

Awarded for raising an outstanding amount of money for its National Philanthropy

ΔΖ

Awarded for receiving formal recruitment quota for six consecutive years

ΑΓΔ

Honor Roll