

BGSU Greek House Staff Alumni E-Newsletter

Director's Message

We are delighted to once again send an e-newsletter to our 300+ BGSU Greek House Staff alumni!

This newsletter was started last year as a way to keep our Greek House Staff alumni connected to BGSU, to the new GHS and to each other.

In this newsletter are the latest updates from the Greek Community as well as an updated listing of our Greek House Staff for 2006-2007.

While some things change from year to year (such as renovations, staff and undergraduate activity), many things remain the same (such as the quality of the Greek experience at BGSU and the contribution that GHS make to their houses and chapters).

One new feature this year is that we have established a BGSU Foundation Account for professional development for the Greek House Staff. Your tax deductible gift to BGSU can now be directed to this fund so that we can provide an even more richer experience for our staff (see the article below for details).

We hope you enjoy reading about the many changes at BGSU and our new Greek House Staff. I would highly encourage you to "drop a note" to the new GHS that are now in "your house." I know they would enjoy that.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Ron Binder '86
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Greek Giving to BGSU

One of our goals for the Greek House Staff is to provide opportunities for staff development to enrich the graduate career at BGSU, and to offer a competitive edge when recruiting new staff members. Staff development takes the form of speakers, books, seminars, travel to conferences, etc. In order to assist our Greek graduate students we have established a Greek Foundation Account that will allow alumni and friends of BGSU to make tax deductible gifts in support of staff development in Greek Affairs. To make such a gift, simply send the BGSU Foundation your tax deductible contribution and earmark it to Greek Affairs - Staff Development. We will then make these funds available to our graduate students to support their development. If you have any

questions about this fund, please call Ron Binder at 419-409-0731 or email at rbinder@bgsu.edu Thanks for your support of BGSU!

Check out the Spring 2006 Greek Report

Each semester Greek Affairs publishes a Greek Report that captures many of the activities that the undergraduate fraternity and sorority members engage in for the previous semester. This report is widely circulated to parents, faculty/staff, advisors, national headquarters, etc. It is a good gauge for how well our groups adhere to our founding values. To access this report on our web site go to:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/page15839.html>

New for this most recent report is a record involvement of Greeks (75%) and the Greek GPA is once again above the non-Greek GPA with fraternity men are also above undergraduate males.

We hope you enjoy reading about the latest stats on our Greeks!

Welcome to the 2006-07 Greek House Staff!

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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 Offenbauer 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

Greek Affairs proudly recognizes 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