

FALL 2007 BGSU GREEK ALUMNI E-NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are once again delighted to be sending out 22,000 fraternity and sorority alumni this e-newsletter. Part of our job is to keep our alumni connected to BGSU and their chapters. Through this short newsletter we hope to give you some quick facts about the Greek Community and their accomplishments over the past six months and to give you some resources on how you can learn more about what our undergraduates are doing (which are truly amazing at times!).

Homecoming is fastly approaching and with this comes many reunions and gatherings of our alumni and undergraduates as they come back to campus to renew friendships and make new ones. We hope you will check out the Greek events and re-connect with your brothers and sisters.

As you read through this newsletter, please let me know if you have any questions about the Greek Community or your chapter.

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HOMECOMING 2007

Homecoming 2007 is this coming weekend, Sept. 28-29. On the Greek web site (www.GreekBGSU.com) is a listing of all fraternity and sorority Homecoming events.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING 2007 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, and more. It is a good gauge for how well our groups adhere to our founding values of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Brotherhood/Sisterhood. To access this report on our web site go to: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/greekaffairs/page15839.html>

We hope you enjoy reading the latest stats on BGSU Greeks!

GREEK MEMBERSHIP STATS

Greek Membership for Spring 2007

(Fall 2006 statistics are in parentheses)

Greek Independent Board = 157 (158)

NPHC = 78 (66)

Panhellenic = 909 (895)

IFC = 602 (636)

Total = 1,749 (1,720) or 12% of the undergraduate population

For information on individual chapter membership, check out the Greek Report.

GREEK GIVING TO BGSU

In order to assist our fraternities and sororities the BGSU Foundation has set up individual accounts for each Greek group at BGSU, for the purposes of receiving tax deductible gifts. Already some groups have received gift to help their chapters with scholarships, sending members to leadership schools, and helping with the house (for those groups with houses). If you wish to make a tax deductible gift to your group, please send it to the BGSU Foundation and earmark it for your fraternity or sorority. We will ensure that the monies get to your group. The group's chapter advisor, along with Greek Affairs, will ensure your gift goes to your intended purpose and is used wisely.

In addition, there is a fund established for the overall support of fraternities and sororities at BGSU. The fund is called the Greek Programming fund and can also receive tax deductible gifts in support of such projects as leadership programs. If you wish to make a gift to this fund, please send it to the BGSU Foundation and earmark it for the Greek Programming Fund.

If you normally make an undesignated gift to BGSU and wish to designate it to either your chapter's fund or the Greek fund, you may do so as well.

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!

DELTA LAMBDA PHI ADDITION MAKES G.I.B. SEVEN STRONG

Greek Independent Board

By Aysen Ulupinar
GIB President

During spring of 2007, the Greek Independent Board (GIB) added another chapter to its council making the organization seven chapters strong: Sigma Lambda Beta, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Delta Chi Phi, Delta Xi Phi, Alpha Phi Omega, Omega Phi Alpha, and Delta Lambda Phi. GIB recently had council elections and filled all positions on the board, so its members are excited to start the fall semester with new faces.

GIB serves as a resource for our seven diverse chapters, providing an opportunity for collaboration and development. The council is looking forward to a very successful fall semester, and asks you to talk to your Greek students about their accomplishments over the course of the 2006-2007 academic year.

IFC UPDATES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Inter-Fraternity Council

By Ben Forche
IFC President

Spring 2007 was an exciting semester to be Greek at Bowling Green State University. Each of our four councils continues to strive towards creating a solid Greek community on campus.

Spring semester for the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) brought many new beginnings as the council began working under its new organizational structure. These changes included the addition of a Go Greek! Team, a recruitment team that works with the BGSU Summer Orientation and Registration program for incoming freshman.

The Inter-Fraternity Council welcomed back the Ohio Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) as a fully recognized and chartered fraternity at Bowling Green State University. SAE was re-chartered on the 31st of March, 2007 under the direction of SAE President, Ryan McDermott. The Greek community is happy to see them back and we are expecting great things from this vivacious chapter.

The 2006-2007 academic year was successful for the Inter-Fraternity Council chapters. Chapters on campus continued to improve the all-Greek male GPA. Please take the time to talk with your son about their transition into fraternity life at BGSU. The Inter-Fraternity Council at BGSU looks forward to a very productive fall 2007.

2007-2008 GREEK HOUSE DIRECTORS

BGSU is fortunate to attract many masters and doctoral students who we employ as Greek House Directors for the academic year. Most of these students are studying to be staff members in Student Affairs so they are able to meld the classroom knowledge with practical experience in working with a wide range of students. Below is a list of our current house staff, many of whom will be graduating in spring 2008.

AXΩ- Cynthia Payne, Master's '09
ΠΚΑ - C.J. Mathis, Master's '09
ΑΟΠ - Sarah Decker, Master's '08
ΑΦ - Kim Martin, Doctoral '10
ΑΞΔ - Scott Nolfi, Master's '08
XΩ - Tabatha Sarco, Master's '09
ΔΓ - Lisa Scott, Master's '09
ΔΖ- Jim Hague, Master's '09
ΓΦΒ- Jayne Appley, Master's '09
ΚΔ - Emily Gamble, Master's '09
ΚΚΓ - Jeanne Sabaroff, Master's '08
ΦΜ - Emily Smedick, Master's '08
ΠΒΦ - Angela Duncan, Master's '08
ΣΚ - Jessica Melita, Master's '09
ΑΣΦ- Kevin Lipine, Master's '08
ΔΧ - Michael Dunk, Master's '09
ΔΤΔ - Scott Snowman, Master's '08
ΚΑ Order/ ΣΑΕ - Laurel Peffer, Master's '08
ΚΣ - Kacee Farrell, Doctoral '10
ΛΧΑ - Lihn Nguyen, Master's '08
ΦΔΘ - Nate Oshaben, Master's '09
ΦΚΤ - Lynn and Cathie Butterworth
FIJI - Jeff Kegolis, Doctoral '09
ΠΚΦ - Ryan Harrington, Master's '09
ΣΦΕ- Danny Miller, Master's '08

AKA/ ΦΒΣ- Nicole Hoefle, Doctoral '09
ΣΛΓ/ ΖΦΒ - Michelle Buggs, Master's '08
ΔΣΘ- Greg Chick, Master's '09

CHI OMEGA GRANTS WISH FOR LOCAL CHILD

By Lindsay Saunders
Chi Omega President

The members of BGSU's Chi Omega chapter partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and have worked hard to be able to grant a wish of their own for a local child in need. During winter of 2007, the Chi Omega members were able to grant a wish for Amber, a child with Rhett Syndrome. Through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Amber took a trip to Disney World with her family. The Bowling Green State University Chi Omega chapter held a send-off party for Amber and her family. The ladies decorated the house in a Disney theme, bought Amber and her siblings gifts for the trip, and even had a surprise appearance from Mickey Mouse.

The women of Chi Omega were able to take part in granting Amber's wish through hard work and dedication to their philanthropic event, Chi Omega Moonball. Moonball takes place one night of the fall semester and during Greek Week each Spring. Most times, the Chi Omega women are able to raise over a thousand dollars to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The chapter is working to raise money to grant another wish for a local child. Amber's story and the Make-A-Wish experience were truly touching for all Chi Omega members.

NPHC CELEBRATES PAST AND ANTICIPATES FUTURE

National Pan-Hellenic Council

By Melissa Young
NPHC Public Relations Chair

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. is an umbrella organization for nine historically Black, international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities. Each of the nine NPHC organizations evolved during a period when African-Americans were being denied essential rights and privileges provided to other college students. In 1930 NPHC was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC. Shortly after, in 1937 NPHC became an incorporated organization under the state of Illinois law. By 1996 NPHC became comprised of all nine Black Greek letter organizations, also known as the "Divine Nine".

The purpose and mission of NPHC is to enhance 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 organizations that are currently represented on Bowling Green State University's campus are Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Although only seven of the nine historically Black Greek letter organizations are present here at BGSU, NPHC continues to promote scholarship, service, brotherhood, and sisterhood.

As each organization has their own individual national programs, NPHC also has local programs and initiatives. Locally, one week of each semester, the council organizes and presents “NPHC Week”, which is comprised of programming that represents the ideals of the NPHC community. Members of the BGSU NPHC executive board will also travel to the Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA) conference in spring 2008 to present programs pertaining to the NPHC community to fellow Greeks around the country. On the BGSU campus, you may also see NPHC member organizations sponsoring late night events, community service projects, and special weeks that represent each individual organization. In addition, NPHC plans to host its first ever all-NPHC late night event in which the community will come together to provide a social outlet for Black Greeks at BGSU. NPHC looks forward to collaborating with the other Greek organizations on campus in the year ahead.

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL RE-FORMATS FORMAL RECRUITMENT

National Panhellenic Council

The Panhellenic chapters are continuing to grow as we welcomed 97 new members during spring of 2007. The council as a whole spent much of the spring researching formal recruitment processes on other campuses in hopes of making changes to the process at BGSU.

This year’s formal recruitment offered some new aspects to BGSU’s NPC chapters and potential new members. The biggest change to the process was that recruitment took place in one weekend rather than two. All first round parties also took place in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union rather than in chapter houses. By the end of recruitment weekend, BGSU’s Panhellenic chapters welcomed 99 women into sisterhood.

NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING CHAPTERS

Alpha Omicron Pi sorority:

- Alumnae Advisory Committee Performance Certificate*
- Corporation Board Performance Certificate*
- Standards of Excellence Gold Award*
- Initiation Honor Roll*

Alpha Phi sorority:

- Excellence in Scholarship in the Upper Midwest Region*
- Excellence in Executive Committee Reporting in the Upper Midwest Region*
- Most Improvement in Advisory Board Organization in the Upper Midwest Region*

-Dory Rousos ('07) recipient of the Alpha Phi Foundation Beta Omicron 60th Anniversary Scholarship

Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity:

-H. Roe Bartle Chapter Award for outstanding achievement in chapter administration and program

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity:

-Grand Senior President's Award recognizing the overall best chapter in the nation

Alpha Xi Delta sorority:

-Order of the Quill for sound management practices with communications

-Alice Bartlett Bruner Academic Achievement Award

-Chapter Total Award for achieving total (85 members)

-Chapter Quota Award for reaching quota during recruitment

-100% Participation by the Senior Class to the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation

-Xi Achievement Certificate of Merit for achieving 99% accreditation ranking based on academics, financial management, member recruitment, new member orientation, and chapter standards

-Financial Efficiency Award given for being fiscally responsible

-Philanthropic First Book Participation Award and the 2007 Academic Achievement Excellence.

Chi Omega sorority:

-Award of Excellence for being in the top 15 chapters of 173 nationwide

Delta Chi fraternity:

-D.E.L.T.A.C.H.I. Award for most man hours produced in Region 6

-D.E.L.T.A.C.H.I. Award for most points awarded for community service and philanthropic activities in Region 6

Kappa Delta sorority- Erin Small:

-Elizabeth Banta Mueller Scholarship (\$2,000) for excellence in the field of speech/communications

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority:

-Outstanding Achievement in Public Relations

-Honorable Mention for Philanthropy and Community Service

-Honorable Mention for House/Advisory Board

-Emily Beaver (Junior) was awarded the Rose McGill Scholarship for \$5,000.

-Alyssa Sommer (Senior) was awarded the Kappa Kappa Gamma Undergraduate Scholarship for \$3,000.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity:

-Brothers Feeding Others Award from the North American Food Drive for chapter excellence and a donation of 50,000 lbs. of food

Phi Delta Theta fraternity- Anthony Calarusso:

-Robert J. Miller Leadership Award (\$4,000) for excellence in leadership

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity:

-Awarded two \$2,000 scholarships for outstanding leadership and character

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity:

-Regional "Chapter of the Year"

-Regional Academic Leadership Award

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity:

-Honorable Mention- Harry S. Bunting Colony Award for the colony who demonstrated general excellence on their way to receiving a charter
