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Return of Lambda Chi Alpha

August 2008 marked the return of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity to Ball State's campus after a four year hiatus. The re-colonization efforts were led by headquarters staff members and assisted by Lambda Chi alumni and newly appointed and trained advisors. More than twenty men joined the colony during the fall semester. In addition, they participated in many philanthropic events and held several socials with sororities. The goal is to be re-installed as the Iota Alpha chapter next fall. To achieve this, the colony must have recruited enough members to be at or above the campus fraternity membership average and fulfilled all other colony goals. For more information about the return of Lambda Chi, contact colony advisor John Schmitz at schmitz3r@aol.com.



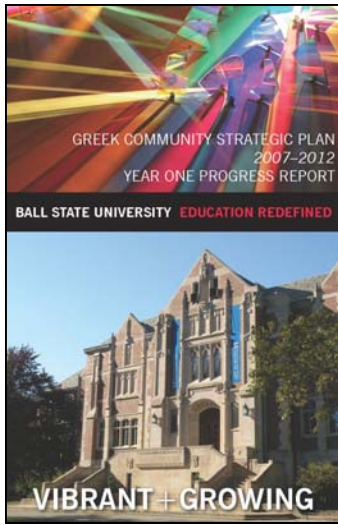
The men of the Lambda Chi Alpha colony pose after a meeting

Sorority Village Update

Ball State continues to move forward with the Greek Village project. The Sorority Village Planning Team includes representatives of the sorority community, Office of Student Life staff and university architects. The team is charged with creating a preliminary design and developing a financial model for a potential sorority village. This model would provide more specific information on the layout and costs associated with a sorority house and would enable the national organizations and local chapters to decide if they want to build sorority houses at Ball State.

The team has met several times and provided university architects with a list of amenities that needed to be included in the sorority houses. The architect used this to create several floor plan samples for the team in order to get feedback on the layout, styles and configurations. The team will continue meeting this spring and summer in hopes to solidify a plan to distribute to chapters and alumnae for discussion.

Visit www.bsu.edu/greeklife/village for more information on this project. We will continue to provide updates in future editions of this newsletter.



Greek Strategic Plan Progress Report

Office of Student Life publishes review of first-year accomplishments

Last semester, the Office of Student Life published a progress report outlining the accomplishments during the first year of implementation of the 2007-2012 Greek Strategic Plan. The report focuses on the successes in the areas of academic achievement, alumni involvement, community excellence, housing, and leadership development. The stories and information contained in the year one progress report are just a sampling of the strides the Greek community has made since the unveiling of the plan. The efforts of many students, advisors and alumni who served on implementation teams were responsible for making the goals a reality. A copy of the progress report is available at www.bsu.edu/greeklife/stratplan. To request a hard copy, please contact Cara Luyster at cwluyster@bsu.edu or 765-285-2621.

Ball State Greeks Prepare to Adopt FIPG Risk Management Policy

Another area of change outlined in the Greek Strategic Plan was a thorough review of the current risk and crisis management policies and education programs. Risk management policies that are practical, easy to understand, complement national organizations' policies and focus on safely managing Greek social functions with alcohol were identified as a priority. After researching other campus policies and national policies, it was determined that the Fraternal Information & Programming Group (FIPG) policy was the most comprehensive one available and mirrored almost all national organization's policies. The new policy was created by students, alumni and university staff. University legal counsel recently completed a thorough review of the document and the councils will vote on it this month. In addition, a task force has been formed to create a comprehensive education program to ensure all members know how to apply the policies, how to respond in a crisis situation and how to be socially responsible.

A copy of the proposed risk management policy can be found at www.bsu.edu/greeklife.

Greeks Give Back

Six Students Travel to Kentucky to Restore National Park

As part of the Greek Alternative Spring Break program, members of Ball State's Greek community traveled to Kentucky to do community service. Six students and two advisors traveled to the Land Between The Lakes national park in southern Kentucky to help restore the park after it was hit by a 100-year ice storm. The students removed brush from the roads, planted new trees, and created new trails. While there, the students also had the opportunity to learn about the environment and the animals that are indigenous to the region. This was the second year that the Greek Alternative Spring Break program was offered.

Upcoming Events

ΣΓΡ Week of Events

March 23 – 29, 2009

ΚΔ Shamrock 'n Bowl

March 28, 2009

1pm at Clancy's Bowling Alley

ΣΝ Spaghetti Dinner

March 28, 2009

5pm at the Sigma Nu chapter house

Greek Week

March 30 – April 5, 2009

McKinley Mile and Field Day Events

April 4, 2009

1 – 5pm

Grand Chapter

April 5, 2009

5pm at Emens Auditorium

ΠΒΦ Arrow Games

April 6 – 9, 2009

ΓΦΩ Week of Events

April 6 – 12, 2009

ΑΦΑ Week of Events

April 13 – 19, 2009

ΑΧΩ/ΣΦΕ PowerPuff

April 18, 2009

1pm at West Field

ΝΡΗC Week of Events

April 20 – 26, 2009

For more events, view the online calendar at:

www.bsu.edu/greeklife/

Chapter Highlights

Alpha Chi Omega

The ladies of Alpha Chi Omega and the gentlemen of Delta Tau Delta held the 36th Annual Watermelon Bust on October 11, 2008. Alpha Chi Omega donated \$7,900 to A Better Way Shelter for Women. Additionally, Alpha Chi held Mom's Day on November 2, 2008. They raised around \$2,500 with the auction that was held. The money they raised went to the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation and was used toward scholarships. Alpha Chi Omega also continues to grow. Their new member class was initiated at Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana in November. They are proud of our 20 new sisters.

Alpha Gamma Delta

The women of Alpha Gamma Delta have been keeping very busy! They are very excited about using their sorority house for the second year, and we have been utilizing it for many sisterhood and other events. They are very proud of all the women who have stepped up and taken leadership positions within the chapter, and believe that their chapter is becoming stronger because of these leaders. Many of their sisters have been able to participate in the philanthropies of other Greek organizations, and they have been having a blast! They are also working hard on communicating with their Alpha Gam alumnae to keep them updated on current chapter events and plan an exciting event soon!

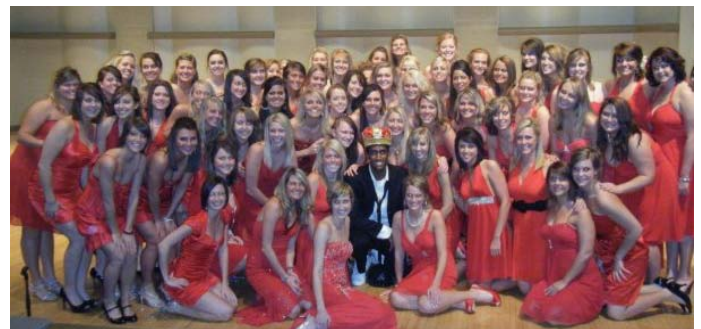
Alpha Omicron Pi

The women of Alpha Omicron Pi have spent the fall semester welcoming our amazing Fall of '08 pledge class into our chapter! They had a blast during recruitment and the Fall semester included tons of fun as their chapter had their Fall Sisterhood Retreat, their "What's a Party without the 'P'?" social, participated in lots of events for Homecoming and Watermelon Bust, and initiated their new women in November. They have been busy planning their second annual Dodgeball Panda-monium event that will be held in the spring, and have been participating in several events with their alumnae. They have been working hard and are having a great time!

The chapter highlights include all of the chapters who submitted updates prior to the publishing date of this newsletter.

Alpha Phi

This year's 10th Annual Mr. Phi- Nominal event for the Alpha Phi Foundation and Cardiac Care was a huge success. With acts ranging from dancing to singing and to yo-yoing, the all male-talent show was a big hit. The ladies of Alpha Phi also had a very successful recruitment this year recruiting some amazing new women that will bring the chapter great success.



Chi Omega

The women of Chi Omega are proud to announce their success in raising \$6,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation! On October 5th 2008, they held their very first Yippie Chi O philanthropic event, raising over \$4,000. This has allowed them to grant the wish of a terminally ill child in Delaware County. Chi Omega also held a parents luncheon and auction this semester, raising \$1,400 for the Little Red Door of Muncie. The chapter was very excited to initiate 18 new members in January and would like to congratulate Abby Foltz and Jenny Nino on graduation this past semester. They are currently looking for an advisor to join the Phi Epsilon Chapter. Contact Lauren Meadows if you are interested at lmeadows@bsu.edu.



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Delta Zeta

The women of Delta Zeta had an outstanding fall semester! They had a wonderful formal recruitment and initiated 24 amazing ladies into their chapter. Their fall philanthropy, Mel's Walk, had its largest turn-out in years with 193 participants! On Sunday October 29, 2008 Delta Zeta held a 5K walk/run around campus in memory of one of their sisters who passed away from a burn accident several years ago. They are pleased to say that \$2,819.35 was donated to the burn unit at Riley Children's Hospital. They participated in other sorority and fraternity philanthropies as well and had a great time doing so.

Lambda Chi Alpha

The gentleman of Lambda Chi Alpha began their first fall semester back by winning the Watermelon Bust in the Fall of 2008. They participated in the North American Food Drive, and planned various events with numerous sororities on campus. The men of Lambda Chi Alpha are currently working toward their goal of 40 fully initiated members and hope to reach official chapter status in the Fall of 2009. They have plans of bringing back a Ball State and Lambda Chi Alpha tradition, Bike-A-Thon, in the future and will continue to strive toward their goal of becoming an active fraternity in the community and on the Ball State campus.



Phi Gamma Delta

During the Fall of 2008, the Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta had numerous successes, most notably its largest pledge class in its 10 year chapter history; a pledge class of thirty young men. Furthermore, FIJI competed extremely well in intramural sports, claiming the Greek Intramural Flag Football Championship and placing second



in the Greek Soccer Championship. Phi Gamma Delta completed over 800 hours of community service in the Fall 2008 semester, the most hours the chapter has ever completed in a Fall or Spring semester. The Beta Sigma Chapter also had success on an individual level. Two brothers were elected to the Interfraternity Council Executive Board and one brother was appointed to Phi Gamma Delta's International Fraternity Board of Directors as an undergraduate representative. The Beta Sigma Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is undergoing a significant amount of change, but is poised to continue excelling and succeeding at all levels.

Phi Mu

The Rho Gamma chapter of Phi Mu was honored to receive the Rose and White Award at National Convention in June for being the most improved collegiate chapter over the biennium. They had a great Fall semester, winning Watermelon Bust and having a successful recruitment. They currently have openings in their advisory board and are looking for alumnae in the Muncie or Indianapolis area to fill those positions. Please contact Jennie Johnson at jmjohnson4@bsu.edu for more information.



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Chapter Highlights

Phi Sigma Kappa

This fall the Epsilon Tau Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has had an incredibly productive year. They successfully purchased property at 904 W. Riverside, and have made it their new home. This process has been a very exciting experience for the active chapter, and has brought forth a sense of true fraternity as Phi Sig's old and young have combined forces to create a home that can be enjoyed for many generations to come. They held their official Grand Opening at Homecoming this year and had a spectacular alumni turnout, around 70 brothers, to welcome the new property.

Pi Beta Phi

The women of Pi Beta Phi have had a terrific year. They changed their usual Arrowgames philanthropy in the spring to Pi Fest in the fall and had tremendous success. They were able to raise over \$3,000 with \$615.75 going to the Muncie community. Their women continue to serve both the Ball State campus and the Muncie community through the participation in many organizations as well as countless hours of community service. Their women have also been working very diligently on their studies, as a result they were able to raise the chapter GPA considerably and move above the all Greek average, PHC average, and the Ball State average. Their women continue to work hard and they hope to have yet another successful semester.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

This year the gentlemen of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have had a great fall semester! Throughout the semester we raised money for Riley's with the help of Kappa Alpha Theta in our annual Grill Off, had a successful fall rush, and placed first in the Greek division and overall for homecoming! They ask their alumni and friends to periodically check out the SAE Indiana Zeta Chapter website at www.bsusae.org for updates and pictures. Please send them your contact information to their President, Jimmy Faroh at jlfaroh@bsu.edu to receive information about alumni events in the spring!

Sigma Chi

The Epsilon Omega chapter of Sigma Chi has embraced the new leadership of Consul Bryan Gross (2010) and Chapter Advisor Ryan Knoblauch (1998) by celebrating a 2.9 GPA over the Fall Semester, the second-highest GPA

among IFC fraternities. The chapter also initiated 10 new brothers, including three legacies, upon returning to campus. Among the events that chapter members are looking forward to in the new semester are Winter Formal, Derby Days, and Greek Week. Alumni should direct attention to each new issue of the Cardinal Sig for updates specific to Epsilon Omega. Godspeed.

Sigma Kappa

Sigma Kappa raised over \$1,000 for Alzheimer's Disease Research at our 3rd annual philanthropy event Ace's High. They also raised almost \$200 for Alzheimer's Disease Research through their lollipop sales. They also helped the men of the Theta Chi Fraternity host and raise money for Riley's Children Hospital through their philanthropy event WaterDaze. For the first time in their chapter's history they reached campus total through fall formal and informal recruitment. They welcomed 19 new initiates this Fall and initiated 5 more after the semester break. Sigma Kappa just recently held elections and welcomes all the new officers for a great new year!

Sigma Nu

The Knights of the Theta Nu Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity are pleased to have experienced very successful Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 recruitment semesters. The 17 new members to their fraternity continue to impress by contributing to their constant pursuit of excellence. The men of Sigma Nu are also looking forward to two spring philanthropies in 2009, The Miss Greek Pageant and their annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Theta Chi

This past fall Theta Chi has had several highlights. Over the summer at Convention in Indianapolis, Delta Kappa was one of 9 chapters out of 131 chapters to win the most prestigious undergraduate chapter award, the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award! This is the first time that Delta Kappa has won the award in its 23 year existence. Also, the chapter won the Success in Recruitment Award. In the fall, the chapter has completed more than 600 community service hours, raised \$2,500 through its annual philanthropy, WaterDaze, and has recently had two members elected onto the Interfraternity Council Executive Board for 2009. Those members are Brandon Steinbrook, IFC President, and Demar Amacker, IFC VP of Programming. Delta Kappa's future continues to look bright!

Greek Standards Outlined

Ball State Fraternity and Sorority Community Develops New Accreditation Program

The Greek Strategic Plan calls for the creation of a set of consistent standards and a program to evaluate, reward and institute procedures to hold all chapters accountable. The new Ball State Greek Accreditation and Awards program was created by Greek students and staff with feedback received from advisors, chapter presidents and national organizations. This new program, which will replace the Greek Excellence Document beginning this spring, outlines the basic expectations of fraternities and sororities recognized by Ball State University. In addition, this program will assist chapters in monitoring and improving their own activity and performance. The accreditation and awards program is strongly tied to the Greek community's values statements created by the 2008 fraternity and sorority presidents and Greek councils' executive board members.

Accreditation criteria serve as the foundation for all healthy Greek organizations and if implemented well, can enhance the Greek undergraduate experience. Chapters will be placed in one of four categories for accreditation: Five Star Chapter (considered a Chapter

of Excellence), Four Star Chapter (an above average chapter), Three Star Chapter (an accredited chapter) and Non-Accredited Chapter. Financial incentives and public recognition will be given to chapters going above and beyond the basic accreditation standards. Those chapters who are non-accredited will be designated as such in publication materials and their chapter website link will be removed from the main Greek Life website. A support program will also be provided to these chapters in an effort to assist them with becoming an accredited chapter.

The accreditation program clearly outlines the university's expectations of fraternities and sororities at Ball State and rewards high performing chapters. The intention is to increase the standard of excellence for fraternities and sororities. Chapters are also able to receive numerous individual and chapter awards through the new program. The most prestigious award, Chapter of the Year, will be given to the outstanding IFC, Panhellenic and NPHC chapter.

A copy of the accreditation and awards program can be found at www.bsu.edu/greeklife.

New Tradition for Seniors and Alumni

The Office of Student Life hopes to start a new Greek tradition this year! The Senior Recognition and Greek Alumni reception will be held on April 5th in the Student Center Cardinal Hall room. The reception will begin at 4:30pm with a formal presentation to follow at 5:00pm. During the presentation, graduating seniors will be recognized for their contributions

to the Ball State Greek community, the recipient of the Duane Deal Outstanding Advisor award will be honored and an update on the Greek Strategic Plan provided. All Greek alumni are invited to attend this inaugural event. You can RSVP by calling the Office of Student Life at 765-285-2621 or emailing Cara Luyster at cwluyster@bsu.edu.

BSU Greek Community Values

Personal Growth

We realize our strengths and limitations by maximizing our potential as lifelong learners; adversity provides for opportunities for growth and reflection.

Relationships

We foster bonds of mutual respect and understanding. We recognize we are all members of a greater community and strive to assist those in need.

Individuality

The Greek experience is personalized by respecting the uniqueness of each person and each chapter. Success is achieved through the accumulation of the diverse talents and experiences we all contribute to the community.

Dedication

We continually pledge to uphold the responsibilities that come with membership in our fraternity and sorority community.

Ethical Behavior

We strive to align our actions with our values; we are cognizant of the effects of our actions and inactions as responsible citizens of the fraternity and sorority community.

Fall Successes of BSU Greeks

All-University Average – 2.918

All-Greek Average – 2.986

All-Female Average – 3.022

All-Sorority Average – 3.096

All-Male Average – 2.789

All-Fraternity Average – 2.829

Fall Service Hours = 4,735

Spring and Fall 2008 Total = 9,157

Dollars raised for charity = \$43,500.88

Spring and Fall 2008 Total = \$72,608.38