Annual Report

This issue is dedicated to providing an overview of the previous year for each Council and Fraternity & Sorority Life.

IFC Expansion Update

The Interfraternity Council will be welcoming FarmHouse International Fraternity to campus this fall.

FarmHouse’s expansion will be assisted by consultants from Recruitment Boot Camp in conjunction with IFC’s agreement with CAMPUSPEAK to assist in community growth and recruitment efforts through January 2016 at no charge to IFC. This unprecedented partnership moves IFC in the direction of long-term sustainable growth in a year of projected enrollment increase of more than 800 additional freshman students.

IFC opened the expansion application on May 12 and the submission deadline was May 23. The Expansion Committee was comprised of a former chapter president, current chapter president, IFC President, the Director of Student Involvement, and a fraternity advisor. The committee reviewed the applications and conducted Skype interviews with the applicants. The expansion application may be found at wichita.edu/greeklife under the Interfraternity Council section.

Selection was based on a number of criteria, but the three that were most important were the support plans from the fraternity headquarters, risk management policies and procedures and the level of commitment from local alumni.

IFC garnered interest from top fraternities, each abundantly qualified. It was decided unanimously in the end that Farmhouse would be the best fit for the IFC community at this time.

The committee selected FarmHouse because it believed it possesses the entire package for a successful expansion at Wichita State. First, the International Fraternity’s history and culture of risk management and alcohol free housing was very attractive. This historical reputation was seen as advantageous for the IFC community, which would provide a good fit for the direction of fraternity life at the university. Second, the level of international and local support was exceptional. Close proximity to the headquarters in Kansas City and two very successful chapters at Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University provide a conducive geographical region for expansion. Third, the uniqueness of FarmHouse will bring a new opportunity for attracting men who might not have previously considered Greek life. As the first non-Greek letter fraternity in the IFC community, the committee believed FarmHouse could offer an alternative experience to men who would historically reject the idea of joining a Greek letter organization. In addition to a comprehensive application with detailed responses, the Executive Director showed extensive knowledge of the university’s current condition and future ambitions.

Choosing the next fraternity to come to campus is only the beginning of the expansion process. Executive Director of FarmHouse, Chad Harris, will meet via conference call with representatives from the IFC community to discuss the next steps toward colonization.

For more information about IFC Expansion please contact Brandon Baltzell or Matt Conklin wsuifcpresident@gmail.com
The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is preparing itself for change in the community and working toward a model of operation that most benefits its member chapters. In the interest of aligning itself with the ideals of the represented fraternities, the council voted unanimously to include the following mission statement in the constitution:

“It shall be the mission of the Interfraternity Council to govern, promote, and represent with the utmost integrity, its member fraternities, while promoting and facilitating the development of fraternity men in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and camaraderie.”

This was the most substantial change made to the constitution and bylaws last spring and gives the council a more clear purpose. In-line with the new mission statement, the council has worked hard to make some major improvements and will continue doing so in the Fall.

At the beginning of the spring semester an agreement was made with David Stollman of CAMPUSPEAK in which the IFC will benefit from two years of Stollman’s consulting services and in return offers CAMPUSPEAK the privilege of partnering with our next incoming fraternity to make their expansion a success. Stollman has already spent two days on campus this year, holding a keynote on his Recruitment Boot Camp fundamentals and meeting with chapters about the logistics of recruitment. He also met with IFC officers to brainstorm some things that can be done to improve IFC’s presence on campus and in the community.

IFC has revamped its expansion application process which can be found at wichita.edu/greeklife under the IFC section. The most recent expansion application process was open at the end of the spring semester and concluded with the decision to bring FarmHouse Fraternity to campus. The expansion committee is working out the next steps with the fraternity to prepare them for their visits to campus in the fall.

Greek Gala was a huge success in the spring, bringing more than 120 Greeks to the Scottish Rite Temple for the All-Greek Ball. Much of the cost was covered by the Scottish Rite Masons and the proceeds were divided between the seven IFC fraternities to benefit their respective philanthropic efforts.

The annual neighborhood clean-up brought more than 100 Greeks and non-Greeks together to help the community with chores around the house and roadside beautification. Thank you to everyone that attended.

After long discussions with chapter representatives, it is clear that there is a need to re-evaluate what the council does to help chapters with recruitment. A recruitment team has been formed and is used to boost interest in fraternity life at orientation sessions and similar events. Moreover, chapter presidents will be getting together with council officers to spend some time thinking about innovative new recruitment strategies in the coming weeks.

Brandon Baltzell
President, Interfraternity Council
The Multicultural Greek Council at Wichita State University is proud of the success we have achieved this past year. Although we may be a small council, we continue to be a loud council by impacting our community through service and advocacy. This past year has been a year of revamping and rejuvenation for us. We have welcomed in the newest sorority to MGC, Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc., who have already hit the ground running. These women have already taken on many leadership positions and responsibilities within MGC. In addition to this, they spearheaded two days of volunteering at the Kansas Food Bank which many of the organizations participated in. We helped package and assemble several boxes of food as part of the Backpacks for Kids program.

Along with volunteering at the Food Bank, eleven members of MGC also teamed up to speak to nearly 115 elementary students about Greek life, the importance of education, and achieving their goals. The opportunity to speak with these youth was impacting and fun as well.

In the Fall semester, MGC hosted our first ever MGC Visit Day for members of the auxiliary organizations we volunteer with. Youth ages 5-16 visited WSU for the day, participating in a mock class, a campus scavenger hunt, a presentation by the Office of Admissions, and team building exercises. Participants also enjoyed lunch with a mini Yard Show.

Numerically, we have seen an increase in our organizations membership. We congratulated Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc., and Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc. as we welcomed in the newest members of their organizations. Overall, the council grew from 37 members in the Spring 2013 semester to 53 members in the Spring 2014 semester. For this we are eternally grateful and plan to keep the growth coming with each organization seeking to have intake during the Fall 2014 semester.

In its fifth year, MGC is proud of the production our annual Midwest Step Show: Shock the Yard has become. We are thankful to all of the students and community members who supported our event and helped us sell out the Orpheum Theater. Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. and Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc. both participated and we had two amazing Panhellenic Council organizations compete, Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta. There were a total of 14 teams competing, the most teams ever in the history of Shock the Yard.

One of the primary areas of focus for MGC was Greek unity. MGC members could be found at events such as Delta Upsilon’s Teeter-a-Thon and NachoFest, Alpha Phi’s Alpha Phiesta, Gamma Phi Beta’s Pasta Paloza and many more. Our sororities joined Panhellenic at their Taste Around the World mixer. Women also participated in Kallistei, the wellness retreat for sorority women, making up 1/4 of the retreat attendees. The women created a bond with other women within different organizations as a result and left with a new perspective of each other and sororities. Lastly, members of our council took part in the “Play for Parkinson’s” kick ball tournament. Members from Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc. played with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. played with Alpha Phi Sorority in our efforts to increase the Greek unity.

The year ended with the Shocker Leadership Awards in which Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. took home the Most Outstanding Community Service Program Award. I, myself, was excited to take home the Rising Leader Award. MGC’s former president, Cree Enna, was awarded the Outstanding Student Leader Award. Our students within the council continue to lead by example.

In preparing for next year, we are thrilled to have a hard working, full council of executive board members. We have even been able to add a position, Public Relations Chair, to our board to help brand and market our organizations and council.

This is just a brief highlight of all we have achieved as a council, but the best is yet to come for MGC. As always MGC is making an impact.

Humbly,

Joseph W. Shepard
President, Multicultural Greek Council
The 2014 spring semester has been one of the most progressive semesters the Panhellenic Council has had to date. As most of the Greek community knows, our council has taken great strides in rebranding ourselves and creating a more elite culture within the council itself. The Panhellenic Council (PC) is formerly known as the Women’s Panhellenic Association. The unanimous decision to change our name was based on the significance of the word association; a group of individuals organized for a joint purpose. The PC is not an association, we are a council; an elected group of individuals chosen to act as a governing body. We also removed the word ‘women’ to reduce redundancy since the term Panhellenic generally refers to women’s only Greeks fraternities and sororities. This name change is the first step towards making our council more elite.

The PC is made up of very qualified and dedicated women in our community. The PC women are extremely skilled in their areas and put hours of work during the school year and summer time. The Panhellenic Executive team comprised of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Recruitment chair have taken great strides to educate the council as well as the entire community on the history and the basic principles, procedures and behavioral expectations that bind each of our Panhellenic sororities. Her reasons for this are to create a greater understanding of what we stand for and to create a greater sense of unity.

The PC has also been working towards increasing our efficiency and professionalism. Another change the PC has implemented is a business casual dress for all meetings. Our full council meetings focus on business and forward thinking. We are looking towards the future and for the first time in years our Treasurer, Whitney Wilson, has created an actual, very detailed, budget! One goal for the future is to utilize our budget more creatively and then to create an endowment fund, which the PC will use to reward monetary scholarships to our Panhellenic women at the annual scholarship dinner.

An event that the PC excelled in this year was Bra’s for a Cause, which raises awareness and funds for breast cancer. Autumn Nance, Service Chair, helped coordinate the event that raised $500 more than last year by selling t-shirts and hosting a bra decorating competition on campus.

Autumn has also been working with Emry on the most exciting additions the PC has enacted: adopting Habitat for Humanity as the first-ever Panhellenic philanthropy!! In the fall, the women of the Panhellenic Community will be working alongside other women’s organizations and women-owned companies in the Wichita area to build houses from the ground up in the Wichita State neighborhood!

This spring our PC had a great time volunteering as a team at the IFC neighborhood clean up, attending the annual Alumnae Panhellenic Tea and participating in was the first ever women’s wellness retreat Kallistei. We also had a fair representation of women at the Summer Leadership Institute where they learned to be ethical leaders! We also sent 4 women to the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values conference in Indianapolis earlier this year.

The Panhellenic council would like to commend our newest chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, on having a very successful first year on WSU campus. KKG hosted their first philanthropy event, had very high attendance at all Greek events and have acclimated wonderfully to our community. We are elated they have joined us and excited to see all of the great work they will do in the future.

With our eyes always focused on what’s next, we are elated to announce that we have two times as many women registered for formal recruitment compared to previous years. The Executive Recruitment Committee (ERC) has set a goal of 200 women to successfully go through recruitment in September. Susan Lickteig, Recruitment Coordinator, and Alyssa Johnson, Public Relations, are specifically working towards this goal through increased marketing efforts and increased contact with registered women. The ERC is also working hard to fundraise for the recruitment season since it will be the biggest one yet! Our recruitment counselors have been going through rigorous training all summer with Lydia Korte, Recruitment Coordinator Assistant, to make sure this is the most successful recruitment to date! Our Council has big goals and a great work ethic to achieve them. Stay tuned to see what else our women will accomplish in the coming semester!

Emry Woelk
President, Panhellenic Council
WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
IFC partnered with SAC to host Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, the International Men’s March to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence for the fourth year in a row. Over 100 men participated.

PANHELLENIC FORMAL RECRUITMENT
132 women were matched during the Formal Recruitment process. Quota was 32 with four chapters obtaining quota. Total was reviewed and voted to adjust to 85. Kappa Kappa Gamma participated in the open rounds of formal recruitment for the first time at WSU and held their colonization recruitment September 16-27, 2013.

NEW MEMBER ACADEMY
New Member Academy was held for the fifth consecutive year. Presentation topics educated attendees on the different organizations and the importance of Greek unity and image. After the New Member Academy, attendees were encouraged to attend the Greeks Gettin’ Twisted social on Omega Court.

BRAS FOR A CAUSE
PC revamped this event to host it for their second year at WSU. The women set-up a table and encouraged those passing by to stop and sign a ribbon or decorate a bra for someone impacted by breast cancer. T-shirts were sold in advance and donations were accepted at the table for a donation to a breast cancer research foundation.

ORDER OF OMEGA INITIATION
Order of Omega is an honorary society for members of a Greek organization with 60 completed credit hours and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. There were 11 members initiated in the Spring of 2014.

GREEK RETREAT
The 2014 Greek Retreat was held in November of 2013 with 26 students attending, representing all three councils and 13 Greek organizations. Goals of the retreat were to: (1) Unify the Greek community, (2) Provide leadership development for attendees and (3) Educate attendees on event planning and event promotion. Attendees enjoyed the addition of service projects, which help launch the WSU Greeks Give program.

KALLISTEI
The first ever women’s wellness retreat was held February 28- March 2, 2014. Attendees learned about developing their holistic self while reducing stress in their everyday lives. The retreat provided an opportunity for women to bond across chapters and councils as well as with University administrators who served as facilitators.

MEET THE GREEKS
Meet the Greeks was held during Student Involvement’s SpringFest in the Heskett Center. The goals of the event was to help promote Greek Unity and provide a recruitment opportunity for chapters.

ALL GREEK GALA
IFC hosted their first All Greek Gala on March 29, 2014. 125 attendees enjoyed an evening at the Scottish Rite Center with dancing, food and tours of the facility.

SHOCK THE YARD: MIDWEST STEP SHOW
The 5th Annual Shock the Yard was the largest and most successful step show to date for MGC. Held at the Orpheum Theater on April 26, 14 teams competed to a sold out audience.

IFC ALL GREEK NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP
The 5th Annual All Greek Neighborhood Clean-Up was held on May 3, 2014. Over 70 students participated.

NEW MEMBER GREEK COUNCIL
A first year program for the Greek community, each chapter was invited to send two new members to participate. The council’s purpose was to provide unity and programming experience while developing leadership skills. The council planned a philanthropy event, Play for Parkinson’s on May 9, 2014 which was a fundraiser for Parkinson’s research in honor of Mrs. Deborah Bardo.
**upcoming events**

Upcoming Events for August 2014. To have an event listed or submit information for an article, please complete the form located at wichita.edu/omegagazette by the 15th of the month of publication.

**August 15:** Convocation Banners due by 5:00 pm to Student Involvement, RSC 216. Banners can be purchased in Student Involvement for $40.

**August 16:** Rho Gamma Retreat. Please contact Assistant Recruitment Coordinator Lydia Korte at lydia.kortewpa@gmail.com for more information.

**August 16:** Back to School Bash! 6:00-9:00pm South Koch Lawn. Come out for the kick-off event of the year. There will be games, music, food and fun!

**August 20:** Kiss Um Bye, 11:00 am—1:00 pm, RSC Main Entrance. Learn about campus departments at this fun event with inflatable games, live music, food, and prizes. Sponsored by Student Activities Council.

**August 21:** Interfraternity Council Informational Meeting, 6:30pm, Shocker Hall Multipurpose Room. IFC will be hosting a Information Session for men interested in learning more about Fraternity Life.

**August 23:** Semester Presidents and Advisors Training, 9:15 am—3:00 pm, RSC 265. All chapter presidents and advisors are invited to attend the semester training. RSVP to getinvolved@wichita.edu.

**August 25-31:** Chi Sigma Tau Rush Week

**August 26:** Convocation, 11:00 am, Koch Arena. Remember to wear your chapter letters and enter the banner decorating competition!

**August 26:** Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, 6:00 pm, RSC Patio. Support IFC during their 5th Annual Walk a Mile event to take a stand against domestic violence, gender violence and sexual assault. Take part in the one mile walk around campus or set-up a cheering station along the path. Free dinner is provided to all participants until supplies run out.

**August 27:** Involvement Fair. Please see more information on side panel.

**August 27:** Yard Show, 12:00 pm, RSC North Patio. Join the members of the Multicultural Greek Council as they host their 3rd Annual Yard Show during the Involvement Fair.

**August 27:** Alpha Phi Alpha Informational

**August 28:** Meet the Greeks. Please see more information on side panel.

**August 29:** Social Host Training. Find more information at www.wichita.edu/involvement.

**August 30:** Beta Theta Pi Beta Bash

**August 30:** Alpha Phi Alpha Back to School Gospel Explosion

**Full Council Meetings**
- Interfraternity Council: August 26, 5:00 pm, RSC 256
- Multicultural Greek Council: August 25, 3:30 pm, RSC 256
- Panhellenic Council: August 29, 3:30 pm, RSC 265

**Panhellenic Recruitment**

Panhellenic will be hosting Information Sessions for women interested in learning more about Panhellenic Sorority Life and Formal Recruitment. Parents and friends are also welcome to attend!

- August 17: 8:00 pm, Shocker Hall
- August 20: 5:00 pm, Shocker Hall
- August 26: 6:00 pm, RSC 265
- August 28: 4:00 pm, RSC 265

For more information contact Susan Lickteig, Panhellenic Council Recruitment Coordinator, at wsu.sorority.recruitment@gmail.com.

**Involvement Fair**

August 27
11:00 am—1:00 pm
RSC North Patio

Fraternities and Sororities are encouraged to register now for the annual Involvement Fair.

There are a limited number of tables available so be sure to register early. Registration will close on Friday, August 22.

Registration can be found at: www.wichita.edu/involvement

**Meet the Greeks**

August 28, 5:00pm,
South Koch Lawn

All Greeks are encouraged to join in this general recruitment event. Please encourage any new students or those we are interested in going Greek to attend. There will be a powder puff tournament, field games and food.