Kappa Kappa Gamma coming to WSU!

The Women’s Panhellenic Association (WPA) is pleased to announce the addition of Kappa Kappa Gamma to the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) community at WSU. Kappa Kappa Gamma accepted the offer to start at chapter at WSU in April of 2013 and has already started working on their recruitment and marketing strategies.

Chelsea Dyer, Chapter Consultant for Kappa Kappa Gamma, states, “The WSU Panhellenic has already been warm and welcoming. We are thrilled to be a part of this vibrant community.”

Kappa will be participating in the open rounds of Sorority Recruitment from the Phi Delta Theta house and will hold their colonizing recruitment September 16th—29th. To learn more visit wichita.edu/involvement.

Omega Gazette Up and Running

The newsletter for Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Omega Gazette, is back in business!

After a four year hiatus, the Omega Gazette is getting dusted off and put back into circulation. The Omega Gazette started during the Fall 2008 semester when eager students wanted a publication for Fraternity and Sorority Life. Unfortunately, after their graduation, no one was interested in taking on the project of writing for, editing and publishing the monthly newsletter and it closed up shop.

Due to recent requests for an increase in communication, Student Involvement has decided to utilize the newsletter as a means of communication for collegians, alumni/a, advisors and community members. The Omega Gazette will contain council updates, chapter or member highlights, tips and tricks as well as other useful information needing to be communicated to various parties in the Greek community. The Omega Gazette will be published electronically at the end of each month in order to review activities from that month and share reminders of events in the upcoming month.

Those interested in contributing to the Omega Gazette should email story ideas or upcoming events to Gina Stewart, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, at gina.stewart@wichita.edu. To be considered for inclusion in the next issue, submissions must be received by the 15th of each month. Submissions received after the 15th will be considered for the next months issue. Collegians wishing to assist with layout, reporting or editing should also contact Gina to get involved.

We hope you enjoy this reemergence of the newsletter for the Greek community. As always, we look forward to your feedback and ideas for making the Fraternity and Sorority community at WSU the best it can be!

New Greek Life Design

Be on the look out this Fall for the new Greek Life design (pictured above) to cover campus! Thanks to Allison Gettings, WPA Public Relations Chair, for her work in creating this fantastic design for Greek Life promotional pieces!
Program Spotlight: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

The Interfraternity Council is excited to partner with Student Activities Council (SAC) for the fourth Year to bring Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to WSU.

During the Spring 2010 semester, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) was looking for a program to sponsor during Welcomefest, the first two weeks of classes during the Fall semester. They wanted something different which would be eye-catching and also represent the values of the Fraternal community. They came across Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® and knew it would be the perfect event to generate some PR for the Fraternities while providing an opportunity to stand up for something important.

With its trademark red high heel, the event has spread to over “tens of thousands of men” participating in the “world-wide” movement to end rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

At the event, participants arrive and exchange flip flops and tennis shoes for a pair of high heels. Heels range from a pair of sensible, black shoes to a strappy number with sequins to a striking red pump with a three inch heel. Participants may also bring their own heels as only 100 pairs are available for exchange.

At the opening of the event each year, a story has been shared from a survivor of domestic violence. A Call to Action is also conducted, asking men to commit to taking a stand against domestic violence.

Led by a Walk Marshal, participants boldly cross the starting line and begin their one mile walk across campus. Student organizations can be found along the walk path at a “cheering station” with posters encouraging the participants. Also along the walk path are red cutouts of women and children listing informational statistics about domestic violence.

The walk concludes with a BBQ donated by Mel Hambelton Ford and grilled by the Wichita Wagonmasters. The partnership with the Wagonmasters began in 2012 and will continue in 2013 with their service as well as providing the official Walk Marshal for the event.

The Cowboy Boot Shop is also a supporter of the event, repairing any damaged high heels for free each year. Participants are asked to not run in the shoes and wear them properly in order to decrease the possibility of damaging the shoes.

This year IFC & SAC hope to bring in their largest number of walkers yet. If you are interested in getting involved as a participant or an organizer, contact IFC Greek Relations chair Caleb Davis at cleeb96@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® organization and even get tips for walking in high heels, visit them at www.walkamileinhershoes.com

Do More. Be More. Go Greek!
Easy PR Tips for the Fall Semester

Has your chapter started their Public Relations plan for the Fall semester? Don’t forget these easy steps to make sure your chapter is visible and well marketed to all of the new WSU Students.

⇒ Submit a graphics order for marketing materials. Each organization gets two requests per semester for an entire package of marketing materials. Use the other request to create materials for a Philanthropy event later in the semester.

⇒ Reserve a space for a poster on the construction fence through Student Involvement. Posters are up for two weeks and can be made for only $15!

⇒ Reserve a display case in the RSC through Student Involvement. There are two display cases on the first floor of the RSC available to organizations for a one week period. Use them to advertise your organization or a Philanthropy event.

⇒ Stock offices (ie: advising offices) on campus with brochures

⇒ Work at the button factory! Student Involvement allows each organization 100 free buttons a semester.

⇒ Start working on the design of your table for the Involvement Fair now. Enlarge pictures, make a scrapbook and put a fresh coat of paint on your letters to draw attention to your table.

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⇒ Need help completing a task? Just ask! Anyone in Student Involvement can point you in the right direction.

Multicultural Greek Council Moving Forward

Many changes are coming to re-energize the Multicultural Greek Community at WSU

The executive board for the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has already been hard at work preparing for the upcoming semester. The constitution and bylaws are being reviewed, marketing strategies are being considered and programs are being planned.

All chapters will be required to participate in the first ever Yard Show, August 28th, at 12:00 pm during the Student Involvement Organization Fair in the Hubbard Hall lawn.

Organizations must have a stroll or step prepared and be able to perform for no more than five minutes.

Organizations must have their routine approved by Gina Stewart and Lyston Skerritt prior to the event.

On October 11th, MGC will host the Multicultural Greek Visit Day to offer their auxiliary organizations and those they mentor the opportunity to check out WSU. From campus scavenger hunts to mock classes, the attendees are sure to have a blast.

To keep up with MGC and their plans for the Fall, check out #TurnUpWSU and follow them @wsu_mgc.

IFC Recruitment

Recruitment for the members of the Interfraternity Council is a 365-days-a-year process with June 1st being the signing date for men coming from high school. Already the IFC organizations have signed 73 men. At this time last year, IFC had signed 54 men.

While Lambda Chi Alpha continues to make strides towards achieving their charter, Pi Kappa Phi will begin the colonization process in October.

Panhellenic Recruitment

Panhellenic Formal Recruitment registration opened on May 1st. 45 women have already completed the application process and are anxiously awaiting the start of recruitment! At this time last year, 32 women had signed up to participate.

With 105 women matched through Formal Recruitment last year, Panhellenic hopes to see an increase in numbers this year.

If you know of anyone interested in participating in Formal Recruitment have them visit www.wichita.edu/panhellenicrecruitment
Upcoming Events: August

- **IFC, WPA and MGC meetings**
  Executive meetings for each of the councils will begin the week prior to classes
  - IFC: Tuesday, August 13, 5:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 226
  - MGC: Monday, August 12, 3:30 pm, Room TBA
  - WPA: Friday, August 16, 3:30 pm, RSC 007
  Full council meetings will start the first week of classes
  - IFC: Tuesday, August 20, 5:00 pm, RSC 266
  - MGC: Monday, August 19, 3:30 pm, Room TBA
  - WPA: Friday, August 23, 3:30 pm, RSC 007

- **Round Tables**
  - **Intramural Chair Round Table:** Meet the new Intramural Director and hear about changes to the schedule and to the point system. Monday, August 19, 6:00 pm, Heskett Room 208
  - **Social Chair Round Table:** Compare calendars, share ideas and plan mixers with chapters from all three councils. Monday, August 26, 6:00 pm, RSC TBA

- **Convocation**
  Tuesday, August 27, 11:00 am
  Organizations will again be asked to compete in the banner competition. Rules and information can be found at wichita.edu/involvement

- **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®**
  Tuesday, August 27, check-in starts at 6:00 pm, walk starts at 7:00 pm.
  See Page 2 for more information

- **Student Involvement Fair**
  Wednesday, August 28, 11:00 am—1:00 pm.
  Organizations should register for a table now at wichita.edu/involvementfair. Promotional items provided by Greek Life will be distributed to each organization at check-in

- **MGC Yard Show**
  See insert on page 3 for more information

- **WPA Informational Sessions**
  Encourage women interested in joining WPA to attend one of these informational sessions:
  - Sunday, August 18, 8:00 pm, Fairmount Towers
  - Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 231
  - Tuesday, August 27, 4:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 221
  - Thursday, August 29, 7:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 231

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**Move-In Day Volunteers**

Housing and Residence Life is seeking volunteers from 8:30 am—6:00 pm on Saturday, August 17 to help move students into Fairmount, Wheatshocker and Brennan. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt while supplies last and may advertise your organization on your shirt however you may not hand out anything during move-in. Greek Life will have a table in the commons are a you may place a brochure on. To register for move-in day visit wichita.edu/housing

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**Social Host Trainings**

Social Host Trainings will be offered August 29 and September 23. Remember, a ratio of 1 social host for 10 guests is required for events with alcohol. Training is valid for one calendar year from the date training was received. For full details and to register visit www.wichita.edu/RSO_Programs

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