Meet the Greeks

Greeks started the Spring strong with their first Meet the Greeks.

On Wednesday, January 29, members of the Fraternity and Sorority community participated in Student Involvement’s first ever Springfest by hosting “Meet the Greeks” during the event.

Springfest, a culmination of various events held during the Fall semester, strived to welcome students back to school with free food, fun games, music and informational booths from both student organizations and campus departments. The event was held in the Heskett Center gym and had an attendance of over 300 people.

Meet the Greeks was stationed on one side of the gym and consisted of a long row of tables with information provided by all of WSU’s Fraternities and Sororities. The organizations also had an outstanding attendance and were well represented during the event.

Many students commented on the Greek Unity they enjoyed experiencing, as the tables were arranged in alphabetical order and put chapters side by side from different councils. Also in attendance were Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., both of whom are trying to reestablish themselves at WSU.

While Student Involvement hopes to make Springfest an annual tradition, Meet the Greeks will now be a campaign used for various events throughout the year when all chapters will be represented.
**Multicultural Greek Council**

The Multicultural Greek Council has had their first Full Council meeting of the semester and accomplished a lot of planning for their 2014 Midwest Step Show: Shock the Yard. Held on April 26, MGC chapters are working hard at recruiting teams, selling ads, looking for sponsors and promoting the event. The Council is very excited to bring the event back to the Wichita Orpheum to provide a highly energetic environment to attendees.

Step Show Co-Chairs: Tierra Andrews and Joseph Shepard would love to visit with any chapter who is interested in participating as a team or purchasing an ad to show support for the Council. All registration and ad paperwork can be found at www.wichita.edu/midweststepshow. Interested individuals can also directly contact Student Involvement, 316.978.3022, or Joseph Shepard at jwshepard@wichita.edu.

On February 6, MGC President Cree Enna and Shepard will travel to the National Black Greek Leadership Conference which is held in conjunction with the Central Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Attending with officers from WPA and IFC as well, the students will make the 11 hour journey with students from Kansas State University, The University of Kansas, Rockhurst University, Washburn University and William and Jewell College.

Both Enna and Shepard are looking forward to not only promoting the Step Show at the conference but also networking and developing leadership skills to better MGC.
The Interfraternity Council operating within the WSU Union Corporation has formed a new partnership with CAMPUSPEAK to provide support and consulting services to the IFC for the next 24 months in the areas of growth and expansion.

CAMPUSPEAK has committed more than 100 hours of support over the 24-month period including at least four days on campus. Additionally, CAMPUSPEAK will assist in the selection and creation of any new fraternities within the IFC. The Interfraternity Council has directed the consulting services toward the areas of greatest need, specifically: assessment, education, brand management, and growth-planning.

Current IFC President and former President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Brandon Baltzell, is optimistic about the opportunity. “I look forward to working with Stollman this year as our community works toward the goal of making Greek life a place for young men to become well-rounded leaders, philanthropists, and all-around better people.” Baltzell said.

The highlights of the two-day campus visit in the spring of 2014 include a Recruitment Boot Camp seminar for the entire IFC community, as well as meetings with the IFC executive council and targeted training sessions for individual chapters.

This agreement has been a semester in the making. Former President of IFC and current President of Phi Delta Theta, Mathew Conklin, began discussing the possibility of bringing the President and founder of CAMPUSPEAK, David Stollman, to campus in the summer of 2013. It was initially discussed that $18,000 would be the expense for a year of services, but when the idea arose to trade expansion opportunities for consulting services, it was too good to pass up.

“This is an opportunity that I believe will benefit the Wichita State community drastically.” Stollman said. “Over the next 24 months, I expect the IFC to realize great gains, solidifying growth and strengthening the fraternity community for years to come.”

Conklin’s opinion is now that of a benefitting chapter president. “I’m confident our partnership with CAMPUSPEAK will benefit the IFC chapters in terms of long-term growth and continued development of student leaders,” Conklin said. “As a chapter president, I’m excited to implement his ideas to strengthen our membership, recruit more exceptional men and contribute to the advancement of a strengthened fraternity community. This partnership is a win-win for individual chapters and IFC as a whole.”

Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Gina Stewart, is happy with the effort of the IFC. “Matt and Brandon have worked hard to make this happen.” Stewart said. “I believe this will benefit the IFC by establishing a long-term growth model and teaching the chapters how to best represent themselves.”

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Events Around Campus

Looking for Student Emcees for Hippodrome
The Student Activities Council is looking for 2 student emcees for the annual Hippodrome performances on April 9 and 10 at 7 PM. Emcees will be compensated. Auditions will be held on February 21st at 2 PM. Sign up for auditions in Student Involvement in RSC 262. For more information, go to www.wichita.edu/hippodrome or email Amber Sevart at amsevart@yahoo.com

Seeking Talent for the Annual Hippodrome Variety Show
The Student Activities Council is seeking talented students to compete in the annual Hippodrome Variety Show. Participants must sign up in Student Involvement in RSC 262. Students participating must be available either April 9th or April 10th and April 12th, if they move onto the finals. Winners receive cash prizes. For more information, email Amber Sevart at amsevart@yahoo.com or go to www.wichita.edu/hippodrome

Open Mic Night with Lauren Zuniga
The Student Activities Council is happy to present “Open Mic Night with Lauren Zuniga” on February 13 at 7:00 pm. Zuniga is a world renowned spoken word artist and teacher. This is a great opportunity for students to voice their own words and bring life to them. This is also a great opportunity to hear Lauren, herself, speak. Coffee and tea will be available to all in attendance. Find out about this event and many others at http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=activities&p=/Late_Night/Late_Night_Events/

Alternative Spring Break
Student Involvement will be taking up to 35 students to New Orleans, LA from March 16-22, 2014. We will be working with the National Relief Network on home restorations, yard work and other highly physical labor. Applications are now available online and are due by February 14. For more information or to apply go to www.wichita.edu/springbreak.

Summer Leadership Institute: May 19-23, 2014
Interested in growing as a leader? Looking to make an impact on campus? Want to meet other student leaders? The Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is a 5 day experience that allows each participant to evolve and expand upon their leadership skills and abilities. Whether you are an experienced or novice leader, SLI will help each individual to develop and reflect upon where they currently are and where they would like to be as a leader. Participants of SLI will not only grow in their leadership skills, but also with critical thinking skills, self-awareness, and team-building skills. For more information or an application go to www.wichita.edu/thisis/sli. Applications are due by 5:00pm April 11th. There are only 35 spots available, so don’t hesitate to apply. Contact Nick Messing with any questions at nicholas.messing@wichita.edu.

What is Kallistei?
Kallistei, held February 28-March 2, is open to all Sorority women. The retreat is conducted by female professionals on campus and will feature wellness sessions, small group work, meditation, yoga, a ropes course, stress release and more! The retreat is completely free for participants. To register visit www.wichita.edu/kallistei

Homecoming
The Wichita State University Alumni Association is looking forward to Homecoming Week, February 17-22, 2014. For a complete list of activities, visit: www.wichita.edu/homecoming

February 17-21: Royalty Voting takes place in the Rhatigan Student Center 10:00 am—3:00 pm

February 18: Shockers Forever Exclusive Dinner with WSU Alumni at 6:30 pm

February 19: Shocker Spirit Day. Wear your Shocker Gear during this National Wide spirit day!
Watch Party: Cheer on the Men’s Basketball Team as they play at Loyola during the watch party held in the RSC’s Shocker Sports Grill and Lanes at 6:30 pm

February 20: Shockers Got Talent at the CAC Theater at 6:45 pm. See “Additional Information” sidebar on page 5 for details

February 21: Cheer on the Women’s Basketball team vs. Illinois State at 7:00 pm at Charles Koch Arena. At 9:00 head outside for the Bonfire and Nearly Naked Run followed by the Pancake Feed in the WSU Heskett Center

February 22: Coronation Ceremony of the Homecoming King and Queen will take place during halftime of the Men’s Basketball Game vs. Drake at 7:00 pm at Charles Koch Arena
**February 3:** Panhellenic Scholarship Dinner, 7:00 pm Charles Koch Arena Multipurpose Gym

**February 6:** Greek Award Judging. All judging will occur in the Rhatigan Student Center. Please contact Student Involvement, 316.978.3022, or Alex Hendee, getinvolved.grad@wichita.edu, for specific information

**February 5 and 10:** Social Host Training. Please see sidebar for additional information

**February 6:** Kappa Kappa Gamma Girls Night in. Contact Whitney McBryde, chapter president, for additional information presidentetaupsilonkkg@gmail.com

**February 16:** New Member Academy. 5:00—8:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 231. All new members who joined after the New Member Academy in September 2013 are required to attend this educational training on Greek Life. For more information contact Alex Hendee, getinvolved.grad@wichita.edu

**February 17:** Women’s Panhellenic Association Recruitment Meeting. 5:15 pm. Recruitment chairs will be contacted by WPA Recruitment Coordinator, Susan Lickteig with more information

**February 18:** Multicultural Greek Council planning meeting. Advisors, chapter presidents and involved grad members are invited to attend. 7:00 pm in RSC 265

**February 24:** Greek Awards Program. 7:00 pm at the Hughes Metroplex. Dress is business attire. Please arrive early so program may begin at 7:00 pm.

**Full Council Meetings:**
- **Multicultural Greek Council:** 3:30 pm February 10 in RSC 240 and February 24 in RSC 266
- **Interfraternity Council:** 5:00 pm February 11 and 25 in RSC 256
- **Women’s Panhellenic Association:** February 14 and 28 in RSC 266

**New Member Greek Council Meetings:** February 11 and 25 at 6:00 pm in RSC 258

**Interfraternity Council Recruitment Meetings:** February 4 in McKinley 105 and February 18 in RSC 258. Both at 6:00 pm

**Sigma Lambda Beta Week:** February 3-7

February 3 & 5: Learn more about the largest historically Latino Fraternal Greek Lettered intercollegiate Fraternity in the United States in the RSC from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

February 4: Women’s Appreciation Day. We will be delivering red carnations to offices and sororities at WSU

February 6: Join us as we volunteer at East High School with ESL students

February 7: Come meet and get to know the chapter brother of Sigma Lambda Beta as we have fun at The Ally from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am