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Hippodrome Completes 86th Year of Tradition

Greeks celebrated another year of Hippodrome by incorporating the theme “Huxley’s Magic Kingdom” into their traditional Hippodrome performances.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Gamma Phi Beta performed the first place skit, “Happily Ever After.” Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Austin Somona took home the Best Actor award for his performance as “Donkey” from Shrek in the skit. Delta Gamma member Katelyn Stoss was awarded Best Actress for her role as “Belle” in the “Disney University” skit.

Greeks also placed in the Variety Show Act group division with Alpha Phi’s Melissa Ford and Company taking first.

Check out page 5 for pictures from this year’s performances!

Congrats to all on some fantastic performances!

Midwest Step Show

5th Annual Step Show a Complete Success

For the past year, the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has been working together to plan their annual Midwest Step Show: Shock the Yard. Held on April 26 at the Wichita Orpheum, this year’s event marked the 5th year MGC hosted the event.

14 teams competed in Shock the Yard, with 10 teams competing under Division I and 4 teams in Division II. Division I saw performances from groups based in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and K-State as well as four teams from WSU Organizations; Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta. The Division II groups consisted of youth many of the MGC organizations volunteer with throughout the year and all were from the Wichita area.

LIFE Step Team, from Colorado Springs, was the reigning champion and took home the first place prize for the second year in a row. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. alumni members from Wichita took second place and Theta Nu Sigma, a high school team from Garland, Texas took third. The JEWYLS and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Youth Auxiliary teams tied for first place in Division II.

The 5th year for Shock the Yard was well celebrated with a sold-out crowd who brought to life the historic Orpheum Theater in downtown Wichita. With a record number of attendees and teams, MGC is labeling this show a success and already looking forward to planning next year’s event.

Watch the Student Involvement Facebook page for pictures!

www.facebook.com/wsu.involvement
**Council Updates >>>**

**Interfraternity Council**

The Interfraternity Council is looking forward to their 5th Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up on Saturday, May 3. The Clean-Up started as a way to form bonds with neighbors and has turned into a Greek tradition of service and unity. All are welcome to volunteer at the event, full details are listed in the Upcoming Events section on page 7.

**Multicultural Greek Council**

We did it! Our 5th year of hosting Shock the Yard is in the books and we are so thankful for all of the support from WSU and the Wichita Community. Special acknowledgment goes to our Step Show Co-Chairs, Tiera Andrews from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Annie Bui from Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

MGC would like to recognize Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc. for recently initiating new members into their organizations.

MGC has one final full council of the semester, where we will be voting on a president for the Fall 2014 semester. We have had a great year and look forward to supporting the New Member Greek Council at Play at the Park on May 9!

**Panhellenic Council**

On April 11, 2014, Women’s Panhellenic Association unanimously voted to change their name to Panhellenic Council. This is an exciting and historical move because we have been known as WPA since the early 1900’s. The significance of the name change lies in the difference between the definition of “association” and “council.” An association is a group of people organized for a joint purpose. We are a council: an executive legislative body of people elected to enforce and interpret the bylaws and standing documents of our organization. Please assist us with this step forward by referring to us only as the Panhellenic Council!

**Chapter Briefs >>>**

**Gamma Phi Beta**

Gamma Phi Beta’s Beta Chi chapter at Wichita State University has been on the go since Spring Break. The ladies have been involved with a variety of events and activities. Pledging in six new potential members, we are excited to show them all what Gamma Phi Beta is about and stands for. We strive to promote the highest type of womanhood, as some of our sisters volunteered their time for WSU’s For the Kids service project. We also had a sister travel to Haiti over spring break to assist children in other communities, and a large group of women volunteered at Diva Dash. However, the biggest event we do this semester is Crescent Classic. This year for Crescent Classic we are having a Pasta Palooza dinner on Thursday, May 1. All the proceeds benefit our national philanthropy, Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is an after school program that emphasizes building strong girls through motivational lessons and a 5k run. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Pasta Palooza, checkout our Facebook page or email us at gpbphilanthropy1874@gmail.com

**Phi Delta Theta**

Successfully celebrating their 55th Anniversary April 25-27, the men of Phi Delta Theta were excited to welcome Bond #1, Eugene Paluzzi, to the festivities. Paluzzi started the Spaghetti Dinner, Phi Delta Theta’s annual chapter fundraiser, making it one of the longer traditions at WSU. During the celebrations, the chapter received historical documents related to the founding of Phi Delta Theta. The men were surprised to find University President Harry Corbin was a member of Phi Upsilon Sigma, the local organization which became Phi Delta Theta. Coincidentally, Corbin Hall was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a member of Phi Delta Theta, initiated by the Wisconsin chapter.

**Sigma Phi Epsilon**

$4,100 was raised by Pennies for Wishes. Thanks to all who drove by and donated!

**Do More. Be More. Go Greek!**

**Delta Delta Delta**

The women of Tri Delta held their annual Philanthropy event, Putt for a Cure, on Saturday, April 26. 30 teams participated in the mini golf fundraiser, raising $1,200 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Team Wallace had the best team score while Team Anchorman Remix took home the prize for the best costume.

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**

Snaps, held once a month, is an Open Mic Night of poetry and spoken word. The most recent Snaps was themed, “Alphas Go Blue for Autism.” Attendees were not only treated to an evening of entertainment, but were also educated on important facts about autism.
Unanimous Agreement X

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the governing body of all Panhellenic chapters. It is comprised of a delegate from each of the 26 member groups who meet yearly to discuss official matters.

The 26 member groups have unanimously ratified the ten overarching rules which each NPC sorority must abide by, these are known as the Unanimous Agreements (UA). The tenth UA has recently been reworded with great intent.

According to the NPC, “The primary purpose of UA X is to protect our single-sex status. The requirement under law for groups such as fraternities and sororities to remain single-sex organizations was a fight our organizations’ leaders lobbied for and worked hard to win in the 1970s. Title IX, the 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, banned sexual discrimination in public and private educational institutions. Because we demonstrated value and the ability to remain independent, we were able to maintain the right to confine our membership only to women and to exist as single-sex organizations. We have an ongoing responsibility to publicly demonstrate that our recruitment, education and inculcation of members into our organizations is without need or dependence on others—especially those of the opposite sex.”

Our job as the Panhellenic Council (PC) for WSU is to interpret and enforce UA X for our specific community. The portion which is most pertinent to our community is UA X Section 3 which states: “Each College Panhellenic shall denounce the participation of Panhellenic women in men’s fraternity events when or where the primary purpose is recruitment.”

The PC received numerous educational forms and announcements regarding this particular regulations, which presented us with many suggestions. The PC has done much research by communicating with NPC Area Advisors, NPC Officials and Panhellenic Presidents from other universities. The PC at WSU interprets UA X Section 3 such as:

A Panhellenic woman may not talk to an IFC recruit in a biased way towards one specific fraternity. She may not attend any event which is specifically designated a recruitment activity. This includes, but is not limited to, lunches or dinners with a recruit. Panhellenic women may attend volleyball and mixer events where recruits may be present for camaraderie and fellowship, but may not speak to a recruit in a biased manner.

PC also interpreted UA X as specifically targeting men’s fraternity events, not t-shirts. PC will not regulate t-shirts which Panhellenic women choose to wear. We do ask Fraternities to not promote the sales of “rush shirts” stating, “rush XSY Fraternity” to Panhellenic women.

Q: When did the National Panhellenic Conference form?
A: 1902

While Kappa Kappa Gamma invited all Greek-letter women’s collegiate fraternities together in 1891, NPC did not actually form until May 24, 1902 when Alpha Phi again invited the organizations to gather. All of the NPC sororities at WSU were part of the original ten organizations who founded NPC. NPC has grown to include 26 organizations. Visit: www.npcwomen.org for more fun facts and information!

Play at the Park

New Member Greek Council will be hosting their first ever philanthropy event, Play for Parkinson’s, on May 9 at 10:00 am at Fairmount Park. The event will consist of a kickball tournament throughout the day. All are welcome to come and watch the tournament or bring their picnic lunch and enjoy a day at the park while raising awareness for Parkinson’s Disease. Mrs. Bardo will also be making an appearance to show her support!

RSO Update: Sanctioned RSO Travel

Effective April 1st 2014, any RSO traveling to an activity or event that is sponsored by the recognized student organization or utilizing University funds/resources must complete a Sanctioned Travel Form. “Travel” is defined as any time a student organization leaves Wichita for organization-related business. The necessary forms can be accessed through the university website 8.13 / Student Travel. Recognized student organizations are reminded that travel should generally not be required of the organization’s members unless it is fundamental to the purpose of the organization or otherwise critical to its mission or goals. Please note students will be held to all institutional policies, state & federal laws while travelling and representing the organization and university. For example, if the RSO WSU Fun is travelling together for Spring Break a Travel Form is not needed if they are just going somewhere and the common thread is they are all in the same organization. However, if the group is going to Spring Break and attends a conference or conducts a game watch, the Travel Form would be necessary.
**Finals Week Tips and Tricks**

Panhellenic Council wants all students to do their best during Finals Week so Secretary & Scholarship Chair Rachael Manske put together a great list of “tips and tricks” to help you excel.

**Location Location Location:** Where you study matters. Quite places with less traffic are more conducive to learning and retaining the material you are studying. Changing location every once and a while also tends to help with retention.

**Change Subjects Often:** Swapping subjects keeps you focused and helps you remember. Studying one subject for an extended period of time can be tiring. Switching allows you to be refreshed when you return to a topic.

**Study Buddies:** Not only can studying with others help when you do not understand a subject but explaining to others a topic often helps you retain and can test if you truly understand the material.

**Stay Healthy:** Aim to sleep at least six to eight hours. Studies show sacrificing sleep for studying can decrease test scores. Eating healthy foods allow you to focus and can improve memory functions. Lastly, exercising can relieve stress, release endorphins to make you feel better and keep you focused.

**Take Breaks:** Taking breaks improves your focus and productivity.

**Test Yourself:** Taking practice exams or quizzing yourself on the material can allow you to know if you truly understand the material.

**Organization:** Make a schedule. Plan when you will study and rest. Do not overbook your schedule. Also, keep study materials organized. Know what the final is over and what to focus on when studying. Make a study guide.

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**Final Exam Schedule for Spring 2014**

For many courses, the time your final is scheduled for is not the time class has been held all semester. Time and time again, students show up at the wrong time and, as a result, fail their final and an entire semester worth of work. Make sure to check your syllabus for your specific final time or follow the handy reference sheet published by the Office of the Registrar. The reference sheet can be found at wichita.edu/registrar under “Schedule of Courses” “Final Exam Schedule.”

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**Student Government Association**

*Greens remain active members of Student Government Association with the 2014—2015 Elected Senate*

In a small ceremony in the Rhatigan Student Center on Friday, April 25, the announcement of the 2014-2015 SGA Senate was held. Greek students were well represented on the two tickets competing in the senate race and many were elected into a position.

Matthew Conklin, current president of Phi Delta Theta, and Brandon Baltzell, current president of the Interfraternity Council and former president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were elected into the positions of President and Vice President.

Of the 22 elected senators, 16 are members of a Greek organization:

- Michael Schultz, Beta Theta Pi
- Michaela Liebst, Gamma Phi Beta
- Nathan Lohkamp, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Nolan Badgett, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Kayla Basham, Delta Gamma
- Allison Gettings, Gamma Phi Beta
- Jade Baker, Alpha Phi
- Shelby Grosch, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Jonathan Dennill, Phi Delta Theta
- Dalton Glasscock, Phi Delta Theta
- Tram Ngo, Delta Gamma
- Mariah Smith, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Amanda Johnson, Delta Gamma
- Austin Shelby, Beta Theta Pi
- Sarah Nelson, Gamma Phi Beta
- Marcy Urban, Gamma Phi Beta

In looking toward his year as SGA president, Conklin is “very excited and looking forward to what can be accomplished in the year ahead by reaching out to all student constituencies, not just the Greek community.”

Congratulations to all elected, we are looking forward to the next year!
May 1: Gamma Phi Beta Crescent Classic: Pasta Palooza 11:00 am—1:00 pm at the Gamma Phi Beta chapter house. Create your own pasta dish with bread, dessert and a drink, all for $7. Proceeds benefit Girls on the Run. For more details, contact chapter president, Jessica Crumrine, at jessicacrumrine3@gmail.com.

May 1: Recognized Student Organization Transition Conference. RSC 266 from 3:00—6:00 pm. Attend this conference to get great tips on conducting an effective officer transition.

May 2: Junior Day. 100’s of HS Juniors will be visiting WSU, remember to wear letters and be visible!

May 3: Interfraternity Council 5th Annual All Greek Neighborhood Clean-Up. The Interfraternity Council and Student Involvement are encouraging students, staff and faculty to come and support our Spring Service Project. Lend a helping hand to the neighbors of Wichita State in the Northeast Heights & Fairmount Neighborhood Associations. These Neighborhood associations have been in existence since the 1960’s and serve many family and WSU alumni and supporters. Interested individuals or groups should sign up at www.wichita.edu/neighborhoodcleanup

May 3: Lambda Chi Alpha Watermelon Bust at 4:00 pm. Contact Michael Burr, mtburr@wichita.edu for more information.

May 6: Pi Kappa Phi Picnic with the Pi Kapp’s. See “More Information” bar for details.

May 9: Play at the Park for Parkinson’s. All are welcome to come by and watch this fun philanthropy event at Fairmount Park. Bring your lunch and enjoy the weather, music and the kickball competition as the New Member Greek Council raises money for Parkinson’s Awareness. More details about this first time philanthropy event can be found on page 3.

May 15: End of Year Greek Life Forum 6:00 pm, RSC 142. Chapter presidents and advisors are invited to attend an end of year forum with Dr. Wade Robinson. Attendees must RSVP to getinvolved@wichita.edu.

May 19: Panhellenic Recruitment meeting 6:00 pm RSC 258, monthly Formal Recruitment meeting for chapter advisors and recruitment officers.

May 24: Rho Gamma Retreat. Rho Gamma’s will receive details from Assistant Recruitment Coordinator, Lydia Korte via email.

Full Council Meetings: Multicultural Greek Council: 3:30 pm
May 5 in McKinley 108
Interfraternity Council: 5:00 pm
May 13 in RSC 265
Panhellenic Council:
There are no more full council meetings this semester.

Reminder: The All Greek Presidents Meeting on May 29 was cancelled. The next meeting will be held July 31.

More Information

Chattin’ @ the Rhatigan
Have a concern about parking? Want to learn more about planned campus expansion? Wondering how decisions get made?
Chattin’ @ the Rhatigan is a series of free, informal lunch meetings that gets WSU students and administrators together for an open-ended discussion of university-related topics. Attendees will receive a lunch ticket good for a combo meal at the RSC.

Seating for each event is limited to the first 15 students who RSVP!

Visit www.wichita.edu/chattin to register. All Greek organizations are strongly encouraged to have a presence at least once lunch.

Picnic with the Pi Kapps
May 6 & 7
Lunch: 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Dinner: 5:00—7:00 pm
Delta Gamma Chapter House
3912 E 21st St North #10
Pi Kappa Phi is hosting their first ever fundraiser at WSU, Picnic with the Pi Kapps. Enjoy a picnic themed lunch or dinner with hotdogs, chips, cookies and lemonade.

Tickets are $5 in advance or $7 at the door.
For more information visit: https://www.smore.com/u1y56 or contact chapter president Jason Puder at jlpuder@gmail.com.