Play for Parkinson’s a Success

The New Member Greek Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the first ever Play for Parkinson’s event held on May 9 at Fairmount Park.

The kickball tournament was inspired by Mrs. Deborah Bardo and a desire to increase awareness of, and support for, Parkinson’s Disease research. The New Member Greek Council worked diligently throughout the year, navigating the challenges of working as a team, holding a leadership position, contract negotiations, marketing for an event and collecting donations.

Their hard work paid off with the participation of eight teams with Sigma Phi Epsilon being the overall winner.

A Summary of the Spring 2014 Grade Report

Greeks hit the books during the Spring 2014 semester and the results are evident on the Spring 2014 All Greek Grade Report. While there may still be some changes to based on an individual grade change, the report depicts some great academic notes for the entire community.

693 students were coded and enrolled as members of the Greek community this Spring. The women worked hard to obtain an All Sorority Average of 3.192 with seven of the nine sororities ranking above the All University Female Average of a 3.058.

The All Fraternity Average was a 2.999. Three Fraternities have a cumulative GPA over a 3.0 and five of the ten Fraternities ranked above the All University Male Average of a 2.825.

The IFC community earned a 3.051 cumulative GPA, the MGC community earned a 2.900 cumulative GPA and the Panhellenic community earned a 3.198 GPA.

54 Greeks, 7.7% of the community, obtained a 4.0 GPA while being enrolled in 722 credit hours which is an average of 13.37 credit hours per person. As a whole, Greeks earned a GPA for 8,313 credit hours. 15 chapters had a chapter member enrollment of over 12 credit hours per member, with three chapters having an average credit hour enrollment of over 13 credit hours per member.

To see the full All Greek Grade Report, visit the Greek Grade Reports section on the Greek Life page at www.wichita.edu/involvement.
Council Updates >>>

Interfraternity Council

The men of IFC wrapped up the semester by passing revisions to the constitution and by-laws. All officers have goals to complete this summer and are looking forward to a retreat in August to build momentum for the semester.

The Expansion Committee will continue to be hard at work throughout the summer to make a decision on the Fraternity to come to WSU and work with David Stollman and his consulting project.

The IFC Recruitment Team has mailed out hundreds of letters to parents of incoming freshman and are excited for the June 1st signing date to welcome new men to the organizations.

Multicultural Greek Council

Holding retreats and meetings all summer, the MGC executive board is going to be ready for action when we come back in the Fall. Our new president, Joseph Shepard, is working diligently on public relations, Greek unity, and growth for the council with a goal of bringing more organizations to the council this Fall. Watch out for some exciting news regarding a Meet the Greek event for all Councils to participate in and get ready for the 2nd Annual Yard Show on August 27. MGC will be strong and vibrant this Fall!

Chapter Briefs >>>

Kappa Kappa Gamma

The Eta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Wichita State University was named New Student Organization of the Year at the recent Shocker Leadership Awards. The chapter was nominated by the Chapter Consultant based on their involvement on campus and in the community, the organization of philanthropy events, their recognition of the need to be educated on Kappa policies and campus policies, and the ability of the chapter and its members to recognize and strive to live the purposes and values of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma hosted Casino night with Sigma Phi Epsilon for Envision, our local philanthropy. Children and adults enjoyed slots, poker and various other casino games for prizes and goodies. The evening was full of fun, and we had such a good time sponsoring a great cause.

Gamma Phi Beta

The women of Gamma Phi Beta have been on the move this past month. Since our crescent classic, philanthropy run, initiation, formal, and senior celebration, the time has flown by for these ladies.

During the month of May, Gamma Phi Beta’s focus has been on their Crescent Classic. This year’s theme was, Pasta Palooza, a pasta dinner held on May 1st to support Girls On The Run, their national philanthropy. The doors to the Gamma Phi Beta house were open all day, welcoming everyone who took the time to stop by. They had a great turn out and were pleased with all the meal tickets sold. The majority of the proceeds went to fund an after school program that empowers self confidence and respect in 3rd through 8th grade girls. A few Gamma Phi Beta women volunteer their time every week as coaches in the after school program. Deby Nouanlasy said, “Being a coach has been such a great experience. I have been able to see the girls develop more confidence in themselves and work together as a team. To be a part of their growth and witness them cross the finish line has meant a lot to me.” The Girls On The Run 5k was May 10th near the boathouse in downtown Wichita. Hundreds of girls and their running buddies were at the start of the line, anxiously awaiting the moment they had all been working so hard for. Some coaches ran with their girls and others waited at the finish line to hand them their medals. Many Gamma Phis marked the course and cheered the runners as they ran by. Other women worked booths with fun-filled activities. Tess Donohue said, “The run was a success and the joy and pride in the girls faces as they crossed the finish line was inspirational.” The women of Gamma Phi Beta are so happy to support the Girls On The Run program.

Panhellenic Council

Formal Recruitment will be here before we know it! With an already record number of women registering to participate, our chapters are going to be busy prepping and polishing this summer to welcome our fantastic new members to the Greek community.

If you know of someone who is interested in joining a Panhellenic Sorority, encourage them to contact our Panhellenic Recruitment Coordinator Susan Lickteig at wsu.sorority.recruitment@gmail.com or to visit our website: www.wichita.edu/panhellenicrecruitment
Enjoy the Summer

Summer is just as crucial to retention of members as the rest of the year. Check out some of these easy events to keep brotherhood and sisterhood a priority over the summer.

It’s summer time! Often times this means chapter members scatter and someone could go week or months without seeing a Fraternity brother or Sorority sister. When a chapter does get together, it is for a recruitment event or recruitment practice and brotherhood/sisterhood are not the primary focus. This summer, consider assigning a team of members, made up of individuals from different classes, to be in charge of planning some fun activities focusing solely on cultivating camaraderie and increasing summer retention.

1. **Starlite Drive-In.** Located at 3900 S. Hydraulic, Starlite Drive-In Theater offers 3 movies back-to-back and often runs special pricing for car loads and groups.

2. **Rock River Rapids.** Open from 12:30-7:00 pm, this Derby, KS park offers a fun day of keeping cool in the water and group discounts.

3. **Service Project.** Summer is the perfect time to schedule a fun, come and go service project and many organizations need the extra help since volunteers decrease during the summer months. Check out the Kansas Food Bank, American Red Cross or United Way for some great options.

4. **Safari.** Schedule a day trip at the Sedgwick County Zoo or Tanganyika Wildlife Park. Both offer up close experiences with a variety of animals and great locations for a picnic!

5. **Lake Afton Public Observatory.** Check out the 16-inch telescope where members can view Saturn, the Moon, star clusters and many distant galaxies.

6. **Road Trip.** There are many treasurers in small towns around Wichita. Grab a group of sisters or brothers and take a road trip to a city none of you have ever been to. You could also make a trip to visit a brother or sister who moved home for the summer and see what their town has to offer. There are some great websites with lists of Kansas Tourist Attractions:
   - [www.roadsideamerica.com](http://www.roadsideamerica.com)
   - [www.travelks.com](http://www.travelks.com)
   - [www.kansasroadtrips.com](http://www.kansasroadtrips.com)
   - [www.myscenicdrives.com](http://www.myscenicdrives.com)

7. **Be an Artist.** There are a few places in Wichita which offer a painting class for groups. Book a party specifically to paint a Fraternity/Sorority symbol or a Shocker themed event.

8. **Date Dash.** Put your members on the spot and turn any of these activities into a date dash, where members learn about the event hours before it begins and have a short amount of time to grab a date and dash on over, or a mixer with another Fraternity/Sorority or just Greeks in general.

ask the experts >>>

Q: Why are some sororities called a fraternity?

A: Some organizations were founded before the word sorority existed.

At WSU, four women’s organizations official names include “Fraternity, Inc.” The word “sorority” did not exist until 1882 and Gamma Phi Beta was the first organization to utilize the term. The word fraternity comes from the Latin word “frater” meaning brother, however the word fraternity was used in the 1800s to describe not just groups of men, but also groups of women.

Greeks Speak Series

Fraternity and Sorority Life is excited to bring a new speaker series to the Greek community utilizing Greek Alumni who are also WSU employees.

**September 29: Event Planning for Philanthropies** by Stacie Williamson, Director of Special Events, WSU Foundation. Learn to enhance your organization’s Philanthropy events to increase funds raised and provide a meaningful experience for your guests. Chapter Philanthropy chairs or event planners are encouraged to attend this presentation.

**October 27: Engaging with Alumni** by Erin Stieben, Director of Marketing and Communications, Woodman Alumni Center. The Alumni Association is responsible for providing a variety of opportunities for engagement with WSU Alumni. Learn their strategies for communication and tips they have found for successful interaction with Alumni Association members and non-members. Alumni relations chairs are encouraged to attend this presentation.

**November 24: Brotherhood and Sisterhood** by Kaye Monk-Morgan, Project Director, Ed-Upward Bound Math & Science. Brotherhood and Sisterhood are part of the core of a strong, functioning chapter. Learn how to enhance the relationships within your chapter by strengthening the brotherhood and sisterhood between members. Those who plan retreats, programming events and membership education are encouraged to attend this presentation.

**Save the Date for these Spring Semester presentations:**

February 23: Successful Recruitment Strategies by Aaron Hamilton, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

March 30: Scholarship Development by Kim Sandlin, Assistant Director of Student Success, Transition and Orientation Programs.

April 27: Building a Team by Martha Lewis, Director of TRIO Disability Support Services.
Finding An Agent That’s Right For You

MGC Retreat: June 9, 3:30—4:30 pm. Members of the MGC exec board will be reviewing bylaws and discussing the calendar for the Fall semester.

Rho Gamma Meetings: June 4 and June 19. If you are a Rho Gamma and need more information on these important meetings, please contact Assistant Recruitment Coordinator Lydia Korte at lydia.kortewpa@gmail.com

Reminder: Gina Stewart will be heading out on maternity leave sometime in June and will not return for 12 weeks! During that time period, Nancy Loosle, Director, will be advising IFC and MGC and Lyston Skerritt, Coordinator of Student Organizations and Civic Engagement, will be advising Panhellenic. Both can be reached at 316.978.3022 or email them at: nancy.loosle@wichita.edu and lyston.skerritt@wichita.edu

Reminder: Don’t forget to submit dates now for the Fall Greek calendar to help avoid conflicts. Communication is key to helping avoid over-programming! Submit dates to: nancy.loosle@wichita.edu

Reminder: Don’t forget to register to help welcome the next generation of Shockers to WSU. http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=housing&p=/OnLineForms/movein_volunteers/

Congratulations Graduates!