The Office of Greek Life at the University of North Texas is committed to establishing and maintaining an effective relationship with our alumni by providing services to meet their interest, as well as, involving them in the promotion and support of our office. In this newsletter, you will find information to keep you updated, connected, and informed.

Greek President’s Retreat

Greek President’s Retreat is an opportunity for all organization presidents, including council presidents, to come together for a weekend of learning and fun. During the second weekend of January, presidents headed to Camp Copass, located just outside of Denton. During the weekend, the presidents participated in team-building activities and leadership development exercises. These opportunities allowed for the presidents to share their experiences and concerns within their organizations as well as within the Greek community.

Being able to share these experiences allowed for the presidents to trade ideas on how to improve their own organization. The weekend also provided the opportunity for organizations to gain an understanding that they are very similar and are more successful when they work towards shared goals and values. The presidents utilized case studies to further their risk management skills and were able to share more about themselves through the explanation of three items that are of value to them. The majority of the students came to Greek President’s Retreat knowing very few of their colleagues, but left with new friends, memories, and ideas.

Greek Week 2012

Greek Week 2012, “Greek Out the Holidays,” served to bring together fraternities and sororities in the name of unity. Member groups of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council were teamed up to represent different holidays.

This year, the Greek community donated $16,986 to university scholarships through the annual Greek Week fundraiser! Giving back always is a priority and this year, the community added two service events (a blood drive and spaghetti dinner) to raise funds for Common Ground, a non-profit organization located in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans that provides services to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Greek Week teams participated in a CANstruction competition in which teams created structures out of canned goods. Greek teams donated 6,212 food items which contributed to the increase in amount of food donated.

Greek Week also included a scholarship breakfast for faculty and staff, the Eagle Escapades performances, and a Greek Games field day.
Greek Awards Ceremony 2012

The 2012 Greek Awards is a celebration of group and individual accomplishments during the 2011 spring and fall semesters. Hosted by the Beta Xi chapter of Order of Omega, all chapters compete for best academic achievement, programming, and involvement, and other awards. Awards are also presented to those who support the Greek community.

Greek Week 2012 concluded with the annual Greek Awards Ceremony. Below is a list of some of this year’s winners:

**Standard of Fraternal Excellence**
- Sarah Ables of Zeta Tau Alpha (Panhellenic)

**2011 Chapters of the Year**
- Sigma Chi (IFC)
- Delta Gamma (Panhellenic)
- Delta Sigma Theta (NPHC)
- Omega Delta Phi (MGC)

**Greek Men and Women of Delta Sigma Theta**
- Arinze Okwuosah of Alpha Tau Omega (IFC)
- Katie Scaggs of Chi Omega (Panhellenic)
- Mercedes Fulbright of Delta Sigma Theta (NPHC)
- Shaun Chapa of Lambda Theta Phi (MGC)
- Ciara Tristan of Sigma Lambda Gamma (MGC)

**All-Sorority Academic Excellence**
- Chi Omega (Panhellenic)

**All-Fraternity Academic Excellence**
- Sigma Lambda Beta (MGC)

**Outstanding Greek Alumni**
- Brint Ryan Pi Kappa Alpha (IFC)

Congratulations to all chapter and individual award winners!
The full list of awards can be found on the Greek Life website.

Interfraternity Council Recruitment

On February 11, a cold Saturday morning, IFC held its spring bid day. This year, 57 men joined one of the 14 fraternities on campus. Fraternities flew their flags, supporters cheered on their friends, and chapters chanted excitedly. Each new member crossed the stage, eagerly announced their new fraternity and jumped down to join their new brothers.

Multicultural Greek Council’s Showcase

The second Thursday of each semester, the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) hosts a showcase in order to kick off the recruitment process. Showcase is the largest event of the semester for the organizations within the council. The event serves as an opportunity for all 10 organizations to show UNT students what MGC Greek life is all about. Organizations present videos, slide shows, and poems, as well as their skills in stepping, saluting and strolling. The performances demonstrate academic achievement, community service, and cultural success.

MGC is one of the most diverse councils and Showcase is a great taste of what each separate organization has to offer for those interested in a multicultural sorority or fraternity. After showcase, each organization separately hosts an informational session where students can learn more about specific organizations that are of interest to them. This year’s showcase brought in more than 150 students, including supporters from all of the other councils in the Greek community.
National Pan-Hellenic Council Presents: Miseducation of the Black Greek Program

All we do is step and stroll. What are black Greek organizations? Who can join? Are they still relevant? How and why have they changed? All these questions and more were answered at The Miseducation of the Black Greek Xperience program put on by the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC).

On February 23, Attorney Rasheed Cromwell, a member of Omega Psi Phi presented an interactive, innovative, fun, engaging and educational program that dispelled these stereotypes. The session also offered practical short- and long-term solutions for both non-members and Divine Nine members to positively change the expectation and culture related to these organizations. Cromwell advised the organizations in attendance to refocus on the legacy that has ensured their preservation and recommit to it. He said that black Greek-letter organizations must be leaders in their communities and a new focus is needed. NPHC had a packed room not only filled with Divine Nine members but college students interested in Greek life. The Miseducation of the Black Greek Xperience program inspired and reached the audience. Change is coming!

Panhellenic Executive Council Attends Leadership Conference

In February, the six women who make up the Panhellenic Executive Council attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) Conference in St. Louis. Officers gained valuable leadership development and position-specific information for the governing council. The women found it helpful to gain information about current events and issues that impact the fraternity/sorority community on campus and look forward to implementing new ideas and strategies at UNT. Panhellenic President Emily Edwards, Senior Strategic Communications major said, “Attending AFLV was a great opportunity to sharpen our leadership abilities while learning how to strengthen our Panhellenic Community. Each officer learned something new to bring to the table that will benefit the council for years to come.”

The Panhellenic officers have begun a new committee structure within the Governing Council will revise the council governing documents this year, and have ma it a priority to make meetings more interactive and educational. They are also working diligently to begin preparations for formal fall recruitment which will take place August 31-September 5. Recruitment questions can be addressed to Kate Morales, Panhellenic VP of Recruitment at ntrecruitment@gmail.com.
We Want To Hear From You!

The Office of Greek Life is seeking to better serve our Greek alumni. Please visit the Greek Life website at greeklife.unt.edu/alumni and click on the Alumni Survey link to participate in a five-minute survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable to the future programs and services designed for our alumni. Thank you in advance for your time and we look forward to hearing from you!