Greek 101

The National Honor Society, Order of Omega and The Office of Greek Life worked together to collaborate and revamp the Greek 101: New Member Education Program. The program facilitated by Order of Omega members is an educational program offered to new members every semester.

Order of Omega and The Office of Greek Life created Greek 101 as a four-hour miniature conference for new members to learn and discuss different areas related to Greek life, Academics, and Risk Management Education. The first general session is a history of Fraternity and Sorority Life in the United States and at the University of North Texas. The session then continues about history and traditions of the four governing councils and respective chapters, staff within the Office of Greek Life, and the many opportunities to get involved in leadership positions within the Greek community.

After the general session, the new members are divided up into five groups to attend 5 different sessions. The sessions included The Learning Center discussing Time Management Skills and practices; The Substance Abuse Resource Center presenting about alcohol use and alcohol poisoning on college campuses; The Center for Leadership and Service presenting a leadership development program; and a panel discussion featuring Alumni volunteers, recent alumnus, and current active members about their experience in Greek life and the expectations for the new members entering the Greek community.

Order of Omega and the Office of Greek Life are very excited to see the development of incoming members into the Greek community and moving forward with their development of men and women with high standards and values.

Greek Convocation 2011

Each fall semester, the Office of Greek Life hosts the annual Greek Convocation, in which all chapters and members come together. This year, the new Greek Programming Board, a group of student leaders, assisted with the planning and implementation of the Convocation. As a “welcome back” event, the program generally focuses on a topic that educates fraternity and sorority members on the accountability, responsibility, and expectations. This year’s nationally-renown collegiate speaker was, Dr. Mari Ann Callais. In her program, “From Ritual to Reality”, Mari Ann used music and storytelling to offer a unique keynote about values, ritual, and the responsibilities of being a lifetime fraternity or sorority member.
Chapter Updates

Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) :: This year, the men of Phi Gamma Delta have done many things including helping the Japanese Disaster Relief by raising over $1,000 for The American Red Cross, attending the Annual Ft. Worth Kidney Walk, winning the Gentlemen of The Year Award and also placing first in the 2011 Greek Week competition.

Sigma Chi Fraternity :: 2011 marks the 21st anniversary of the Iota Phi chapter of Sigma Chi.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. "Devastating" Rho Delta Chapter :: The 2010 chapter of the year raised over $300 in a car wash for Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and also participated in the Walk for Juvenile Diabetes.

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. Fund-raising Event
Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.'s alumni brothers were able to donate $5000 and purchase a bench on UNT's brand new Apogee Stadium Alumni Pavilion. This accomplishment that showcases their dedication to UNT and support of their Alma Mater on which they have continuously been involved with for over a decade. Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc., which has been established on UNT's campus since 1998, undergraduate brothers have presented five students with one thousand dollar scholarships, in conjunction with 107.5 La Mega Radio. The recipients include students attending Texas Tech University, Texas Christian University, and Dallas County Community College. These students have faced adversity and excelled academically in their studies and have been rewarded by an organization of their peers. This is a project that shows the positive and direct influence that Greek Life at UNT is having on its community.

Homecoming 2011

With a Homecoming theme of “The Incredible Scrappy”, the creativity for this year’s parade ranged from comic book super heroes to every day heroes. It was exciting to see the different theme interpretations come to life after hours of pomping and decorating. Winners of the President’s Trophy for best overall float and float presentation were Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Phi, and Delta Gamma. That same team also won the Scrappy Award which represents a combination of the Yell Like Hell Competition and float entry. Greek Eagle Spirit winners for their float were: Theta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Chi Omega. And from the Friday night Yell Like Hell competition at Bonfire, the first place winner in the Greek division was Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Pi, and Pi Beta Phi. Homecoming was topped off with the Panhellenic and IFC Presidents being named Homecoming King and Queen - Katie Scaggs (CW) and Yousef Al Khan (SC). Winners of the inaugural Homecoming Step Show were the “Bodacious” Zeta Beta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the “Devastating” Rho Delta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. They won first and third place, respectively. Congrats to all of this year’s Homecoming winners!

President’s Trophy (Best Overall Float)
ΔΓ, ΣΦΕ, ΠΚΦ

Yell Like Hell
1st place: ΠΒΦ, ΦΚΣ, ΑΕΠ
2nd place: ΑΦ, ΚΣ, ΦΙΑ
3rd place: ΑΔΠ, ΑΚΑ, ΠΚΑ, ΣΛΒ

Greek Eagle Spirit (Greek float entry)
ΧΩ, ΘΧ, ΑΤΩ
Honorable Mention: ΚΚΓ, ΔΣΦ, ΦΚΤ

Scrappy Award (50% float, 50% Yell Like Hell)
ΔΓ, ΣΦΕ, ΠΚΦ
Honorable Mention: ΧΩ, ΘΧ, ΑΤΩ

Spirit Wall
1st place: ΔΓ, ΣΦΕ, ΠΚΦ
2nd place: ΚΚΓ, ΔΣΦ, ΦΚΤ
3rd place: ΚΔ, ΣΧ, ΩΔΦ, FIJI
Student Spotlight

Sterling Brawley, a native of Ft. Worth and proud member of Zeta Tau Alpha, joined our Greek community in fall 2010 as a junior. Since becoming a member, Sterling has taken on multiple leadership roles. She currently serves as the Fundraising Chair for her chapter and saw recent success with their annual Crown Classic Golf Tournament. Although the teams were met with rain, the Zetas were able to raise over $17,000 for their philanthropy, the Susan G. Komen Foundation which raises money for breast cancer education and awareness. Sterling also serves as the teaching assistant for the Greek Emerging Leaders Course. Greek Emerging Leaders is a weekly leadership course offered to Greek students who wish to enhance their fraternity and sorority experience by maximizing their leadership skills. Sterling also serves as a Peer Advocate in the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (CSRR). Peer Advocates meet with students involved in the discipline process to explain university procedures and policies and to answer any questions a student might have prior to their meeting with a staff member from CSRR. In her role as a Peer Advocate, Sterling is responsible for planning educational programs for student organizations such as: conflict resolution, know the code, and ethical decision making. Sterling also served on the Hazing Prevention Week Committee and was instrumental in the creation of a campus-wide survey that assessed student perception and beliefs regarding hazing on college campuses. When asked about her experience as a member of the Greek community, Sterling compares her UNT experience before and after she became a member of a Greek organization. “I joined Zeta my junior year and becoming a member of the Greek community has only made my experience at UNT better. My involvement on campus, the friendships I’ve made, and my ability to focus on my studies has improved since becoming a member.” Sterling graduates in December 2012 with a degree in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology.

IFC & Panhellenic Recruitment

The Interfraternity Council’s fall 2011 recruitment was a major success. IFC showed a 4% increase in the number of men accepting bids to join 13 organizations compared to last year.

Formal recruitment for the Panhellenic Council took place in late August, with all eight chapters making quota. More than 200 women joined the Panhellenic community, helping almost all chapters achieve “total” on campus. Campus total for Panhellenic is 85 members, which also is average chapter size.
We Want To Hear From You!

The Office of Greek Life is better serving our Greek alumni. Please access the Greek Life website at greeklife.unt.edu/alumni and click on the Greek 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!