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## We Appreciate You: A Thank You to the Outgoing PHC & IFC Boards

This semester has brought me something new and exciting as it was my first semester working with Panhellenic Council but my last semester working with the outgoing executive board. A big thank you for all of their hard work over the year. As for my semester with them, it has been great! There is never a dull moment with them and they were so welcoming to me as I transitioned into advising the council. The ladies have done so many wonderful things this semester, such as a fun welcome weekend, a highly successful recruitment, an impressive sorority week and a Greek library night to bring a close to the semester. Each of the ladies brought something creative and special to the table and they were a pleasure to work with. They reminded me of the reasons I joined Greek Life during my undergraduate experience and it was amazing to see each of them grow throughout the semester. I hope that they know how much they have helped me grow as a professional as I hope to have impacted them. It really was a privileged to be a part of their journey through college. Thank you again to the entire executive board. I hope where ever you are you will remember your time with Panhellenic Council!

• Jessica Mueller, PHC Graduate Advisor

Working with Interfraternity Council this past semester was definitely different from my past experiences with Greek Life. The men I worked with challenged me and provided a great learning experience as a graduate advisor. Although we had a rough semester at times and struggled with motivation, the IFC executive board really worked hard to achieve two of their three main goals that were set at the beginning of the semester. They succeeded in revising and updating their Constitution and By-Laws and also passed a new By-Law to raise member dues in order for the council to operate on a bigger budget. Plans and goals for the upcoming semester seek to expand on these previous goals and help strengthen the council as a whole. The council also implemented a New Member Orientation for all new members of the IFC community. This program received great feedback and will continue in the future. I want to thank the executive board of IFC for their continued commitment to the council and all of the hard work they put in over the past year. Your dedication has inspired the new, incoming executive board to make big goals and have great aspirations. Thank you again and I hope your experience with IFC was a positive and beneficial one.

• Alexandra Cameron, IFC Graduate Advisor



## Upcoming Events



- Jan. 18 – Risk Management Roundtable @ 6 – 8 pm, Sandburg Theatre
- Jan. 19 – Greek 101 @ 5 pm, Lincoln Room
- Jan. 19 – All Greek Fair @ 6 – 8 pm, Heritage Room
- Jan. 26 – President's Roundtable @ 5pm, Lincoln Room
- Jan. 31 – Feb. 4 – IFC Recruitment Week
- Feb. 2 – Advisor Roundtable @ 5 pm, Lincoln Room

## Greek Life: A House Director's Experience

By Amanda Carls, ΔZ House Director

During the summer of my freshman year at the University of Northern Iowa, I had the pleasure of living with a Delta Zeta from Bowling Green State University. Never being Greek myself, we often talked about her involvement in Delta Zeta. As I got to know her, I began to see that she lived the values of Delta Zeta in her everyday life, emanating academic

excellence, an appreciation for diversity, leadership development and service to others. This year, taking on the role of the Delta Zeta House Director, I've seen how these women also reflect those same core values. One of the most rewarding aspects of my involvement with Delta Zeta has been watching the women bond through activities, such as recruitment, Homecoming, philanthropic events and Sisterhood nights. I've seen how the women of the sorority are individually unique, together complete. I couldn't be more proud of who these women are and the impact they'll continue to have on the world around them.



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## Delta Sigma Phi Holds Blood Drive

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Delta Sigma Phi hosted a very successful blood drive with the American Red Cross. The chapter had approximately 40 donors come out and support the American Red Cross by donating blood. Delta Sigma Phi would like to thank everyone who came

out to donate and also thank all of those who helped make the event



successful by working during the drive. We look forward to hosting another event in the near future with the American Red Cross.



## Using the Student Organization Center (SOC)

By: Ian Van Anden

The goal of the Student Organization Center (SOC) in the end is to serve the interests and needs of Western Illinois University's (WIU) student organizations. Within the SOC there are 17 student organizations with offices, three of those are from the Greek Community, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC) and the United Greek Council (UGC). While the SOC strives to provide resources for these organizations and those they represent, there are also ways for those three organizations to use the SOC to their own benefit.

First, let us consider the resources available to members of the Greek Life community. The SOC provides office space, a phone line, computers and leadership resources to not only Greeks in the SOC but the other organizations as well. There is a graduate student in the SOC (that's me!) available to help organizations with any number of issues or problems that they may be facing. This includes but is not limited to: understanding University policy, team building, transitioning of leadership and conflict management.

The SOC also offers more pragmatic resources to Greek Life, as in space to meet and recruit students. In the past the different councils have used the SOC for recruitment events, interest meetings, committee meetings, as well as other various types of gatherings. The SOC Conference room can be scheduled for executive board meetings.

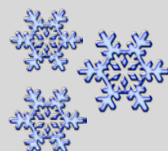
Enough about resources provided to the organizations and leaders in the SOC, what can they do? Well, the SOC gives students a unique opportunity to be civically engaged and exposed to a diverse body of students. It is a space to meet and work with other student organizations that represent different populations of students. There is no office or space on campus that houses more diverse populations than the SOC. This may be the most important aspect of SOC, that it gives students an opportunity to work with someone or some organization that is different for them.

The SOC also provides a venue where Greek Life can be a role model to the campus community. By participating civically and being active

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participants in the SOC and student organization community, Greek Life students can show the importance and value of being engaged with your campus community. The Greek Life community often discusses wanting to set the standard and example of what a student leader is and should be. The Student Organization Center provides the space and resources for students to do just that.

For more information about the Student Organization Center please contact Ian Van Anden at IC-Vananden@wiu.edu or call 309-298-3299 to see how you can get involved with the SOC.



## Points of Pride & Chapter Updates

### Chi Omega

- We are very proud of Amanda Lovan for being elected to a PHC Top 6 position as Recruitment Coordinator and of Bethany Fisher for being the new Scholarship Chair for PHC Extended Executive Board!
- We are sad to say goodbye to 3 outgoing seniors. They will be missed a lot.
- Next semester, we are looking forward to initiating our fall '10 Baby Hooties as soon as we get back and for celebrating Gamma Kappa's Anniversary on WIU's campus January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Sigma Sigma Sigma

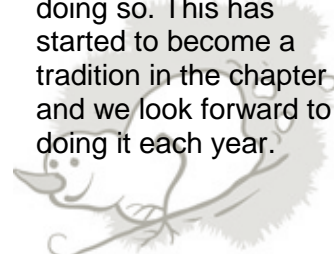
- We currently in the process of planning our Semi-Formal that will be held January 22nd.
- The committee for our annual Mr. Greek philanthropy event is beginning to be formed. The event consists of a male beauty pageant of fraternity men and will occur in April!
- We hope everyone has a great Finals week! Good Luck!
- Happy Holiday and have a wonderful break!

## Sigma Chi Helps Wesley Village

By: Brian Sneath, ΣΧ

Sigma Chi has found a creative and beneficial way to give back to the community of Macomb by helping out with a project for Wesley Village. Wesley Village is a retirement community for the elderly located in Macomb. Each year, Wesley Village puts on a fundraiser called "Lights of Love." This fundraiser gives local businesses and organizations a chance to donate \$100 per lit Christmas tree. The money from all the donations goes toward the benevolent care fund, which helps individuals who cannot afford health care at Wesley Village. Over the past few years,

Sigma Chi has been volunteering to help support this beneficial cause. Each year, including this one, the brothers of Sigma Chi show support by setting up over 200 lit Christmas trees which line the driveway of Wesley Village and look amazing lit up at night. By participating in this event, Sigma Chi is not only giving back to the community of Macomb and gaining community service experience, but also has a great time doing so. This has started to become a tradition in the chapter and we look forward to doing it each year.



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## Greeks of the Month

### Justin Roth – Delta Tau Delta



Justin Roth is a junior, meteorology major here at Western. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta and was recently appointed to the Undergraduate Council of his chapter. This is the first time in over 30 years a member of the Zeta Lambda Chapter has received this appointment. Justin has joined 12 other undergraduate students to represent over 157,000 members of Delta Tau Delta at the Arch Chapter Meetings. At Western, Justin is the Vice President of Communication where he does much of the public relations for Delta Tau Delta and oversees committees. He recently just finished Co-Chairing Big Wheels, and still remains public relations chair for IFC. Many members of Zeta Lambda chapter see Justin as an example and a responsible person to go to for advice or help.

\*\*Winners of "Greek of the Month" will receive a gift from their respective council to show their appreciation for all of their hard work and contributions to the Greek Life Community.

### Lizzie Gajewski – Chi Omega

Lizzie has made a significant contribution to the Greek community not only within Chi Omega, but within the Panhellenic community. As PHC President, Lizzie has stepped up and served on several committees. Even after her term has ended, she continues to extend her help with new projects, including the possible implementation of GAMAA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) next semester. She helped the Recruitment Coordinator and Recruitment Counselor Coordinator to make PHC formal recruitment a great success this year and increase the number of Greek women on campus. Lizzie also steps up and lends a helping hand within Chi Omega when needed, even when she was kept extremely busy as PHC President. She makes sure her opinions are heard and the chapter is successful. The ladies of Chi Omega are extremely proud of the great and influential member of the Greek Community Lizzie has become.



## Council Updates

### Panhellenic Council (PHC)

By Kammiroen Stirbis, Panhellenic Council President

I am so excited to be the new Panhellenic President for 2011! As an executive board, we are off to a great start as we have already set goals as a whole and hope to set individual goals as well after our retreat. At our first executive board meeting, we went over the past executive board's goals with them and decided on things that we hope to stop, start and change. We hope to continue our strong bonds with IFC and UGC, as well as branch out to other non-Greek organizations. Also, this past semester, we have improved our ties with administration and faculty and hope to make them even stronger in the upcoming semester. I think we will be a strong and creative executive board this year. Remember that we are here for you to use us as a resource and we are all more than willing to help each of your chapters whenever you need it!

AFLV is coming up in February and I cannot wait to go again! It is an amazing conference with Greeks from all over the country and our top six positions are so excited to attend! I am sure that as a council, we will come back with a lot of new, fresh ideas to improve our council, as well as the Greek community as a whole here at Western.

I know that it has been a long semester and I am sure that you are just as ready for a break as I am. Remember to finish strong, good luck on finals and I hope everyone comes back relaxed and refreshed. I cannot wait for a new semester and a new start! Spring recruitment and Greek Week will be here before we know it and we will be off to yet another, fabulous semester. I hope you are excited!



### Interfraternity Council (IFC)

By Trey Dhabalt, Interfraternity Council President

Hello all, I first want to say good luck to everyone with finals and let's finish out this semester strong. The new IFC Executive Board met for the first and last time of the semester. We filled the extended board chairman positions as well as set the recruitment date for next semester which will be January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 4<sup>th</sup>. Also our first full Council meeting of the spring semester will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Sandburg Lounge. As the new incoming President, I am currently looking into bringing an honors society to campus which will only be available to Greek men, similar to the Rho Lambda honor society that is for Greek women. I, along with the other members of the Executive board, am very excited to come back next semester and get ready to work. We are here to serve you, so if you have any concerns, ideas, or questions do not hesitate to contact myself or the other members. Best wishes with the end of the semester and Happy Holidays.

### United Greek Council (UGC)

By David Campos, United Greek Council President

"A work in progress" - This phrase has been a part of putting UGC where it needs to be. This semester we had bumps in the road, but with communication and an understanding of each other we are making the necessary adjustments to start off and finish strong for the upcoming spring semester. The council wishes everyone the best for on their finals and a Happy Holidays.