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## Greek Judicial Board Committee

By Eric Jaburek

Every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 pm in the Union Board Room, a group of Greek students and advisors get together to discuss the future of Greek Life at Western Illinois University. We care about the reputation Greeks have on campus and in the Macomb community and want to help maintain and improve that reputation. To do this, we want to establish a Greek Judicial Board, which will allow peer to peer accountability. Instead of the Office of Student Activities Greek Life Office taking care of all disciplinary situations, our hope is to establish a peer

judicial board that will allow Greek students to hold one another accountable. Our goal is to have our first draft out to the chapters and councils by Spring Break so everyone has an opportunity to provide feedback. If you would like to have a larger impact on the Greek community and help hold our Greek community accountable for their actions, please stop by next Tuesday! We are always looking for additional members for our committee so please come on out! If you have any other questions, please contact the Greek Life Office at [greeklife@wiu.edu](mailto:greeklife@wiu.edu).

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – IFC New Member Orientation 4 pm, Sandburg Theatre  
 Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – PHC New Member Ceremony 6 pm, Capitol Room  
 Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – President's Awards Due to the OSA  
 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – ZΦB Finer Womanhood Conference 10:30 am, Lincoln Room  
 Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – ZΦB Fashion Show 7:20 pm, Heritage Room  
 Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – ΔZ Greek Idol 7:30 pm, Café Aroma  
 Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – ΛΘA Women's Health Educational 3 pm, Algonquin Room  
 Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – ΣK Superhero Bowl-a-Thon, University Union  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Greek Week

## Greek Life Office Launches GAMMA

The Greek Life Office is excited to announce the creation of a new Greek programming board, Greeks Advocating for the Mature Management of Alcohol, otherwise known as GAMMA. GAMMA is a nationally affiliated organization, created by the BACCHUS Network and serves to address risky behaviors commonly associated with Greek students. These behaviors include but are not limited to drinking, drugs, hazing and sexual assault. The GAMMA organization will consist of current Greek students and will serve to promote awareness about these issues, but is not an abstinence group. They will not program against drinking, but rather, how to do so in a mature and safer manner. The group is currently in its planning committee process and is seeking help from current Greek students and advisors. The structure, budgeting and implementation of the actual group needs to be discussed and planned. The Greek Life staff hopes to receive input this semester and begin working in collaboration with other offices on campus, such as the Alcohol and Other Drug Resource Center. By fall 2011, the staff hopes to have GAMMA fully implemented and begin programming on its own, while still incorporating collaboration. If you are interested in learning more about GAMMA, or serving on the planning committee, please contact the Greek Life office at [greeklife@wiu.edu](mailto:greeklife@wiu.edu) or call (309) 298-3232.

## Greek Life: A Positive Experience

By Jocelyn Garrett, AZT

The opportunity of becoming more involved in school and other outside activities, the enjoyment of meeting new people and encountering long-lasting friendships, and the idea of striving to become bigger than yourself, this is Greek life here at Western Illinois University. The Greek life here

other Greek fraternities and sororities. I recently joined Alpha Sigma Tau during my sophomore year and it changed my perspective as a student on campus. I became more involved within the school and became more appreciative of the fact that

"The Greek life here on campus opens numerous doors of opportunity."

on campus opens numerous doors of opportunity. Greek life gives individuals huge involvements such as; community service and educational banquets, fundraising efforts, venues to give individuals a voice to be heard on issues regarding Western Illinois University, gives the individual leadership as well as communication skills, and it creates bonds between

the fraternities and sororities on campus may have their own way of doing things, but we all share something in common, being Greek. It has truly changed my perspective on school as well as relationships here at Western Illinois University. Greek life is nothing short of an amazing experience that has and will always greatly impact my life.

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## ZΦB Hosts Upcoming Events

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, of the Omicron Kappa Chapter, will be hosting two of our annual events in the upcoming three weeks.

Our first event will be our Finer Womanhood Conference which we hold at the beginning of every spring semester; the theme this year being, *Empowerment of Women: It Starts With You!* The Conference includes group discussions based on health, beauty, and self-appreciation. This is a great opportunity for women of all ages, colors, shapes, and sizes to come and express their thoughts, opinions, questions, comments, and concerns on women of this day and age. It is also a great way for women from this campus to branch out and meet other people. There is always room for conversation, and growth with creating new friendships and bonds. The sorority hosts this Conference in hopes to encourage women to become stronger, more independent, and more open with their burdens and incites on being a woman! This event is truly one for the semester, and promises to be an educational experience.

Our second event is the Zeta Phi Beta Fashion Show; the theme this year being, *Blu'Niverse*. Every year the ladies of this sorority put on an OUTSTANDING fashion show which displays fashion talents of local

designers, as well as student designers from right here at Western Illinois University. It also displays the modeling talents of students from both genders. The showcase this year will include fashion from throughout the decades; displaying eras such as the 60's and 70's-all the way through 2011. The highlight of the night will be the explosive "futuristic" scene in which models will design their own costumes and model them. The show will be hosted by Darryl Braxton and promises to be the hosts of all hosts! Braxton is a senior here at WIU, and also hosts his own show on youtube.com. There will also be performances by House Arrest 2 Dance Troupe, the vocal talents of Johnny Campbell, and a presentation of a fashion line, by a promising young designer by the name of Dorian Turner. Tickets will start going on sale the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> and you can purchase them from the women in the Sorority as well as models in the show. Spread the word, all throughout campus, that the Blu'Niverse Fashion Show will be the event of the semester!

The lovely ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. hope to see a great turnout at both events especially from Greeks outside of UGC. Lets come together to bring about two of the greatest events to grace the WIU campus!

## Students and Staff Attend Conference

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 students and 4 Greek Life staff members traveled to St. Louis, MO to attend the annual Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) and National

Black Greek Leadership Conference (NBGLC) annual conference.

The conference was held in downtown St. Louis and was attended by over 2300 undergraduate Greek students, making it the largest conference of its kind. Students and staff attended sessions on various hot topics concerning Greek life, heard a diverse selection of speakers and explored the city of St. Louis. Along with attending sessions and speakers, Interfraternity

Council President, Trey Dhabalt and Interfraternity Council Graduate Advisor, Alexandra Cameron had the opportunity to participate in the Order of Omega case study. This provided both

individuals with an opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge and principles to a practical situation. Other highlights of the conference were hearing David Stollman speak on

"Buy In or Get Out" regarding commitment to and stereotyping Greek Life, Gleedership: Are You a Schue or a Sue, which focused on determining which type of leader you are and a step show. An educational and fun time was had by all the participants.



The group poses as they wait in line for one of the most popular events, the step show.

Right: Participants at closing banquet. Front (L→R) Vladimir Charles, Nick Katz, Nicole Capone, Katie Holte, Amanda Lovan, Kammiroen Stirbis, Dana Reardon. Back (L→R) Allen Hood, Trey Dhabalt, Allison Bianchini, Taylor Payne, Eric Gardynski, Dan Meachum, Alex Cameron, Mercedes Martinez, Jessica Mueller



Below: Panhellenic Council: Graduate Advisor Jessica Mueller, Dana Reardon, Amanda Lovan, Katie Holte, Kammiroen Stirbis, Allison Bianchini, Nicole Capone, Mercedes Martinez



Interfraternity Council: Trey Dhabalt, Eric Gardynski, Graduate Advisor Alex Cameron, Taylor Payne, Dan Meachum



## Greeks of the Month

### Alex Goulart – Delta Tau Delta



Alex Goulart is a junior Law Enforcement and Justice Administration/ Pre-Law major and serves as the Vice President of Delta Tau Delta. Along with occupying this important role in his chapter, he is also the chair of the New Member Education Committee and the Honor Board Committee. Outside of Delta Tau Delta, Alex helped with the local Adopt a School program on a regular weekly basis last fall semester. He is involved with intramural football, basketball and softball. Alex also succeeds in academics and has been on Western Illinois University's Dean's List for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. He is a great example of a well rounded chapter member, excelling within his chapter, academics and service.

\*\*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.

### Mercedes Martinez – Sigma Sigma Sigma

Mercedes is a very active member of Greek life and the campus community. A junior, Art major, Mercedes served as her chapter President last term and is still helping the chapter even after her term has ended. She continues her service to Sigma Sigma Sigma by serving as the Efficiency Chair and a member of Honor Council. Within the Panhellenic community, Mercedes is the current Panhellenic Risk Management Chair. She is also a member of the Greek honor society, Order of Omega, and Vice President of the Greek women's honor society, Rho Lambda. On campus, Mercedes is actively involved in the National Art Education Association and Illinois Art Education Association and is the current President. Even with her busy schedule, she volunteers on a regular basis and is still receiving a very high grade point average. The women of Sigma Sigma Sigma are extremely proud of her accomplishments and we know she will continue to help until she graduates next spring.



## Points of Pride & Chapter Updates

### Alpha Sigma Tau

- After our interest parties, we have signed 7 girls so far for the spring! We had a bid day with them on Monday, February 7.
- We are also holding a goal setting educational for our chapter to set our semester goals.
- We are also planning a paddle exchange with the entire chapter!

### Chi Omega

- Recently, our president and personnel chair attended our National Leadership Conference. It was a great opportunity for our two chapter member to attend this "once in a lifetime" experience.
- Each year, we host our annual Crush Can Sales. This year, our sales went over very well, and we ended up raising over \$300 for the Make a Wish Foundation.
- Another event that we are excited about is our Makeovers for Make a Wish. For this event, we are getting makeovers from a Mary Kay consultant. A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.
- In April, we are excited to bring back our annual Easter Egg Hunt. For this event, the Easter Bunny lays eggs for the children in the community. We are excited to get this event back on our calendar.

### Delta Zeta

- Delta Zeta will be holding Greek Idol on March 8 at Café Aroma. Showtime is at 7:30 PM, with doors opening at 6:45 PM; tickets are \$2 at the door. Each team, consisting of 2 – 8 members, has a registration fee of \$25 and single performers have a fee of \$20 that is due by Monday, February 31. Café Aroma will be selling coffee, smoothies, lattes, and tea with 10% of profits benefiting our philanthropy, Painted Turtle Camp.

### Lambda Theta Alpha

- We have been collecting money to donate to our national philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. We will be collecting any monetary donations until February 28<sup>th</sup> (Contact any chapter member for details).
- We hosted a Valentine's Day sale on Monday 2/14/11, which was a true success.
- Lambda Theta Alpha is proud to celebrate 10 years of sisterhood in the Illinois Area. On Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, a formal banquet will be held in Oak Brook, Illinois.

### Phi Sigma Sigma

- We just pinned 16 amazing new members and our house is now at full capacity of 81.
- Phi Sigma Sigma is very excited to get first in grades with the +/- system in effect.

- We held our annual Crush Steal this past weekend at the Ritz.
- This weekend is our family weekend and we are very excited to see all our loved ones.
- Our members are getting excited for Greek Week and Spring Break.
- We are excited that Maddy Gerald was just elected to PHC Public Relations chair!

### Sigma Kappa

- Currently Sigma Kappa is getting ready to initiate 4 new members into the Sigma Kappa family from the winter class 2010!
- We are working on our interest parties that will consist of our Spring Class.
- The ladies of Sigma Kappa are working really hard to get ready for Greek Week as well.

### Sigma Sigma Sigma

- We are very excited for the new members we have this semester.
- We held a blood drive Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> in the University Union. Thank you to all who contributed!
- Our Crush Steal was this past Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and we all had a great time!
- We are beginning to plan our Parents Weekend in March and our Mr. Greek Philanthropy which will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Council Updates

### Interfraternity Council (IFC)

By Trey Dhabalt, IFC President

I want to first congratulate everyone on Rush this spring semester. Despite the bad weather we were forced to deal with we had a decent turn out. As most of you know by now Sigma Tau Gamma is no longer a fraternity at Western Illinois. This decision to remove them from IFC and WIU's campus was strictly a decision made by Sigma Tau Gamma National Headquarters. The University, the Office of Student Activities, as well as IFC, had no part in this process, but supported the final decision made by the Headquarters. On a much more positive note three members from IFC attended the annual AFLV conference held in Saint Louis, Missouri on February 10-13. This experience was a truly great one and we learned many new ideas that we hope to bring back to Western and implement right away. I know many chapters have events coming up so I encourage everyone to support one another's philanthropies as well as fundraising efforts. Presidents awards due date is approaching fast so be sure that your chapter gets them completed and turned in. You all work very hard year round and this is your chapter's opportunity to be recognized for that hard work. If you have any ideas that you would like IFC to implement or look further into, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the IFC members.

"Continue to always improve and to live up to the values your letters represent"



*congratulations to our Panhellenic scholars!*

*Back Row L-R: Cassandra Smith, Laura Gashgarian, Mercedes Martinez, Colleen Craney, Caitlyn James, Colleen Burke, Allie Johnston  
Front Row L-R: Julie Gault, Katie Hatto, Stacey Hauer, Sarah Goodrich, Kandace Blake, Stephanie Helda, Amber Beaulieu  
indicates 4.0 gpa*

### Panhellenic Council (PHC)

By Kammiroen Stirbis, PHC President

I hope everyone is having a productive semester so far! Panhellenic Council has so many developing new ideas and plans in the works. The weekend of February 10th, top six and our recruitment counselor coordinator attended AFLV in St. Louis.

AFLV is a Greek leadership conference with about 2300 Greeks in attendance from all over the country. It consisted of three straight days of workshops, key note speakers, awards and many opportunities to meet so many different people. After our great experience, we are in the works of trying to research speakers to come to our campus, new programs and exciting new ways to keep everyone in our community energized and excited!

PHC is proud to announce that we recently selected two new extended executive chairs: Maddy Gerald from Phi Sigma Sigma as Public Relations and Taru Kiefer from Alpha Sigma Tau as IFC/UGC Liaison. Also, this week we are finishing up interviews for the 2011 Recruitment Counselors! Something else that PHC is anxious to implement is "The Panhellenic Crown." Our Vice President, Allison and the rest of executive board has created an incentive to encourage more participation in philanthropies within our Greek community. Basically, you will be awarded a certain amount of points for hosting philanthropy, attending another chapter's philanthropy, or winning another chapter's philanthropy. The chapter with the most points will win the PHC Crown! We are hoping to get started on this in the very near future! We hope that you enjoyed the recent scholarship educational and use our speakers as resources to your chapter! Keep up the good work this semester and let us know if you need anything!



Above: Sigma Kappa chapter members before their Formal held on December 4th at the Country Club.

Right: Lambda Theta Alpha chapter members, Carmen Guzman and Sayda Ragheb, at their Valentine's Day Sale. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

