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Don't forget...

(Reminders from the Greek Life Office)

- All social event forms must be turned in to the OSA by Tuesday, November 30th by 10am as this is our last committee meeting. **All social events must be completed by Thursday, December 8th.**
- Our last president's meeting of the semester is Wednesday, December 1st from 5-6pm in the Lincoln Room.
- All forms (membership cards, community service and philanthropy, educational, housing releases) are due to the Office of Student Activities by December 10th at 4:30 pm.
- Please make sure you are updating the Greek Life Office when you are transitioning between outgoing and incoming executive boards. We need to know all officer positions and contact information.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 29 – December 3rd – ΦΣΣ Senior Week
 Dec. 1 – President's Roundtable @ 5 pm, Lincoln Room
 Dec. 2 – 5th – ΑΣΤ Senior Weekend
 Dec. 4 – ΔΤΔ Toys for Tots Community Service Event
 Dec. 7 – Phi-Singled Out @ 7 pm, Heritage Room
 Dec. 7 – All Greek Study Night, Malpass Library
 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
 Feb. 2 – Advisor Roundtable @ 5 pm, Lincoln Room

Greek Life is Online!

Check out Greek Life online for up to date announcements, events and other news related to the WIU Greek Life community.

GENERAL WEBSITE

<http://osa.wiu.edu/greeklife/>

FACEBOOK

Western Illinois University Greek Life
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Macomb-IL/Western-Illinois-University-Greek-Life/118196414898837?ref=ts&__a=9&

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New Honorary Society Initiates

Gamma Sigma Alpha

This National Academic Greek Honor Society is an organization committed to the academic success of its members and alignment with the academic missions of the host institutions. Students are eligible for membership based on grade point average and membership in a Greek fraternity or sorority.

New Initiates:

Jesse Andrews – ΚΑΨ Caitlyn James – ΦΣΣ
 Trey Dhabalt – ΣΧ Gari Matsey – ΑΚΑ



Rho Lambda

The purpose of Rho Lambda is to honor those women within the sorority community who have exhibited the highest qualities of leadership and service to their Greek community and their sorority. They are women who have furthered the ideals and principles of the Greek community throughout their years of sorority affiliation.

New Initiates:

Allison Bianchini – ΑΣΤ Breanna Kemper – ΔΖ
 Caitlin Carlson – ΔΖ Amanda Lovan – ΧΩ
 Jeanette Delgado – ΔΖ Mercedes Martinez – ΣΣΣ
 Stefani Diuric – ΔΖ Allie Otwell – ΣΣΣ
 Kendall Fitzgerald – ΔΖ Becky Serra – ΦΣΣ

Order of Omega

Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of Greek organizations. Order of Omega recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organization and within the Greek, campus, and local community.

New Initiates:

Trey Dhabalt – ΣΧ Skyelar Love – ΦΣΣ
 Alyssa Fazio – ΔΖ Mercedes Martinez – ΣΣΣ
 Stacey Howe – ΣΚ Rebecca Serra – ΦΣΣ
 Michelle Kapugi – ΣΣΣ William Steele – ΣΧ
 Caitlyn James – ΦΣΣ Mary Wilson – ΦΣΣ
 Amanda Lovan - ΧΩ


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Riding for a Good Cause

By Tim McIlouth

The sight of Big Wheels toys to little kids is a toy that brings excitement and time of endless fun. For the past 30 years Delta Tau Delta has taken this very same enjoyment and used it to provide for a good cause. In this particular philanthropy event Delta Tau Delta allows individuals both young and old the opportunity to race Big Wheel cars down Murray street for a small donation. However, the real significance of riding Big Wheels down Murray Street is not for the mere fun of it but, to raise money for the purchasing of new equipment to enrich the education of youth at the YMCA child care center. For the past 30 years Delta Tau Delta has sponsored a philanthropy event known as Big Wheels as a way to raise support, boost awareness, and financially support the local YMCA Child Care Center.

The Big Wheels Philanthropy event hosted by Delta Tau Delta took place on a typical Saturday afternoon which was filled with events such as pie a friend, pie a Delt, awesome music provided by rap artists Jimmy Meadows, and exhilarating Big Wheel races, and other various activities. As a result, of such tremendous support of local businesses and individuals, Delta Tau Delta was able to donate \$700 to the local YMCA child care center.

In short we want to extend our thanks on behalf of Delta Tau Delta and the Local YMCA child care center again we can't thank you enough from all the local businesses and the national franchises who have donated money and supplies which allowed Delta Tau Delta's Annual Big Wheels Philanthropy event to be so successful.

Councils Select New Executive Boards

As the end of the semester approaches, chapters and councils are beginning to transition between executive boards. Recently, two of our three councils have selected new executive board members who will be assuming their positions at the end of the semester or the beginning of next. We want to congratulate the recently selected executive boards for Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council, as well as thank the outgoing executive boards for a job well done. We are looking forward to the end of a great semester and the beginning of another one!

Recently Selected Executive Boards:

Panhellenic Council

President – Kammiroen Stirbis, ΦΣΣ
Vice President – Allison Bianchini, ΑΣΤ
Treasurer – Nicole Capone, ΔΖ
Secretary – Kathleen Holte, ΣΚ
Risk Management – Mercedes Martinez, ΣΣΣ
Recruitment Coordinator – Amanda Lovan, ΧΩ



Interfraternity Council

President – Trey Dhabalt, ΣΧ
Vice President – Eric Gardynski, ΔΥ
Treasurer – Adam Brockhouse, ΑΓΡ
Secretary – Taylor Payne, ΠΚΑ
Risk Management – Jimmy Walsh, ΤΚΕ
Recruitment Coordinator – Simon Ganet, ΔΣΦ

Greek Life: A House Director's Experience

By Allison Morgan, ΦΣΣ House Director

As a sophomore in college I joined Phi Sigma Sigma, thinking I would only be involved until I graduated from college. Little did I know that my role as a Phi Sigma Sigma would continue, now as the house director, once I started in the College Student Personnel graduate program at WIU. Greek Life helped me learn about Student Affairs and how I could actually advise students, such as Greeks, for my career. I then decided that I should take the opportunity to be a house director to learn more about working with undergraduate students to further my skills for my future career.

As the house director, I have been able to challenge women to carry out the rituals of Phi Sigma

Sigma. I have had the pleasure of observing the women grow and create wonderful new traditions that would make all the past sisters extremely proud. On top of working closely with the executive board, I am able to further my understanding of how to respond to emergency situations that arise within the house. I have learned a great deal on when it is appropriate to step in but also when it is important to let the women take control of things around the house and with chapter issues. Therefore, I have learned what it takes to be a successful advisor from my experience as the house director. Above all, I have truly come to believe, "Once a Phi Sigma Sigma, Always a Phi Sigma Sigma."

Greeks Win Big Pink Volleyball Tournament



The Greek Life Community at Western Illinois University recently provided 12 teams to participate in the annual Big Pink Volleyball Tournament. This event sponsored by Campus Recreation and Thompson Hall raises money for Breast Cancer Awareness. This year, Sigma Chi was triumphant in the tournament and earned the title of "Overall Champion".

Front (L to R):

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Greeks of the Month

William Steele – Sigma Chi



Sigma Chi is full of great men but there is one in particular who consistently shows great character. William Steele is a second semester junior here at Western and is very involved on campus. Currently Will is a member of Student Alumni Association, Student Orientation Staff Leader, Stuff-the-Bus executive board, and the Western Courier. Will was the 2009-2010 president of Sigma Chi and is currently the assistant new member educator. Along with this, Will has given his time to serve our country. He is a member of the US Army Reserve, Military Police, and is also a Squad leader. Due to all of this involvement, he has earned many awards over the years such as 2010 Greek Life President of the Year, 2010 Gumbart's Co-Greek of the Year, Dean's List Fall 2009 and Spring 2010, September 2010 Act of Kindness award from Student Services, US Army Leadership, US Army Commendation Metal, Sigma Chi certificate of appreciation (3x), Sigma Chi Horizons leadership retreat and Sigma Chi brother of the month (3x).

***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.*

April Feugen – Phi Sigma Sigma

April spends every day trying to make others happy and to make the world and the community a better place. She is currently the scholarship chair for ΦΣΣ and dedicates countless hours to her position. She is also extremely involved in many campus activities including Western's All Volunteer Effort (WAVE), Student Association of Nutrition Education (SANE), Food & Culture Club, Kappa Omicron Nu and serves as a Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality Ambassador. April has also achieved awards such as the Sarah Miner Scholarship, the Chef John Lawrence Scholarship, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Western's Deans list for numerous semesters, as well as being a member of Honor Societies including the Golden Key Honor Society, Rho Lambda and Order of Omega. April is someone who exemplifies the commitment and dedication to Greek Life while still being heavily involved on campus and succeeding academically.



Points of Pride & Chapter Updates

Alpha Gamma Rho

- Members participated in "Stuff The Bus" and collected canned goods for various local donation pantries.
- Alpha Gamma Rho donated \$350 to the Veterans Club for their philanthropy.
- At our chapter's Smokin' Hog philanthropy event, \$5,600 was raised for a local alumnus to offset his current cancer treatments.
- We helped set up, clean, and paint livestock gates for a National High School FFA livestock judging competition.
- Alpha Gamma Rho is getting ready to wrap up another successful semester with nominations and elections of a new set of Executive board members.

Alpha Sigma Tau

- We raised \$1500 during our Tau Challenge Philanthropy that goes to the American Cancer Society.
- We recently initiated 20 great new girls!
- Our chapter participated in Delta Zeta Jello Wars, Take Back the Night and Sorority Week.
- Our new E-board and Cabinet Board was recently elected.

Chi Omega

- Chi Omega received PHC Chapter of the Month for having the most Attendance Points at PHC. We have had 100% of our chapter attend so far this semester!
- We recently slated our new Executive Board and we are very excited to see these new ladies do great things!
- This past month we have been participating in Intramural Volleyball, Stuff the Bus and our Fall Party was a great success with a theme of "Fiesta!"

- We had Big Sis Night and all of the "Baby Hooties" are so happy with their Big Sis'. Along with that, we had an amazing Thanksgiving Dinner Sisterhood.

Delta Tau Delta

- We Initiated 9 new members.
- We recently brought in a recruitment advisor to help us update and better our Chapter on recruitment skills.
- Our chapter is in the process of creating two new community service events: Toys For Tots coming in December and a Wounded Warrior Project in the spring.
- We elected a new President and E-Board.

Kappa Alpha Psi

- We have currently installed a new program into our chapter in which we hold study tables every Wednesday in Malpass Library on the third floor from 7pm to 9pm.
- We have currently been helping out in the community; we had a few members participate in various W.A.V.E programs.
- In support of the BSA Thanksgiving project, our chapter donated two boxes of canned goods to help out those in need for this upcoming Thanksgiving.
- At the beginning of the year, the chapter participated in the Minority Student Orientation program to help incoming freshman feel welcomed and accepted at Western Illinois University.
- We are currently in the process of planning for one of our national programs which is entitled G.L.A.D which stands for Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt.

Phi Sigma Sigma

- We initiated 22 wonderful new members on October 24th!
- We had Fall Party at Ikes in Dallas City and it was a great time.

- Our chapter took 1st place in Delta Zeta Jello Wars and first in the Tau Challenge Volleyball game. We participated in at bat with the Sig Kaps, SAE pumpkin carving contest, Take back the night, Food and Culture Dinner and Sorority week.
- We are looking forward to Semi Formal and our philanthropy, Phi-singled out.
- We are very proud of Kammiroen Stirbis for being elected PHC president!

Sigma Sigma Sigma

- Congratulations to our newly elected officer board and Mercedes Martinez for being selected to Top 6 for PHC!
- We recently held our Thanksgiving potluck sisterhood.
- We are excited that are new members were initiated recently.
- Our members really enjoyed our movie sisterhood at the Rialto theaters to see the movie "Due Date".
- Our National Leadership Consultant just visited us and we were excited to receive new ideas.
- We are getting into the holiday spirit already by decorating the inside of our house with lights, stockings and snowflakes!

Zeta Phi Beta

- We held our Welcome to Zetaland Week October 31st - November 6th. The events included in our week were:
 - Monday: Raised money for the March of Dimes. We collected over \$30.
 - Wednesday: Spades and Spaghetti in Grote Pit.
 - Thursday: Date Auction.
 - Friday: Probate - We welcomed 4 new girls into our sorority: Tristen Johnson, Mariah Smith, Annie Shaw- Spellmen and Dana LaRue.
 - Saturday: We had a neophyte for our four new members in the Sandburg Lounge.

Council Updates

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

By Andy Bulfer, Interfraternity Council President

As the semester is nearing the end I would like to thank all the Greek organizations for making my presidency a success. I would like to wish good luck to everyone in the upcoming Greek week and the new year. Also want to wish good fortunes to the new e board, and hope they can achieve what they set out to do. I had a great time serving the Greek community and wish everyone a safe Christmas break.

**For inquires, questions, or contributions to "The Greek Gazette" please contact
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Did you know??

- 85% of the Fortune 500 key executives are Greek and of the nation's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by Greeks.
- All but two Presidents since 1825 have been Greek.
- Since 1910, 85% of the Supreme Court Justices have been Greek and both women elected to the U.S. Supreme Court were sorority members.

Panhellenic Council (PHC)

By Lizzie Gajewski, Panhellenic Council President

Hello All! I am excited to let you all know what is happening in the Panhellenic World! We have recently updated our Bylaws, Constitution, and Recruitment Rules, and they all passed with little trouble. We just did a lot of cleaning up the gray areas and making the documents more accessible to fit our council and our efforts to move forward. Also, we have some exciting news! We have recently chosen our new Top 6 for the upcoming year! Congratulations to: President, Kammiroen Stirbis (Phi Sigma Sigma), Vice President: Allison Bianchini (Alpha Sigma Tau), Treasurer: Nicole Capone (Delta Zeta), Secretary: Katie Holte (Sigma Kappa), Recruitment Coordinator: Amanda Lovan (Chi Omega), and Risk Management Chair: Mercedes Martinez (Sigma Sigma Sigma). We are incredibly proud of you ladies and know that you are going to do a great job! As for the "old" 2010 Panhellenic Council Executive Board I just wanted to give you all a shout out for the great, no, the amazing work you have done and I could not have asked for a better team to work with. Thank you all so much! Panhellenic E-board has truly been a life changing experience – I encourage everyone to get more involved! Hope you all have an amazing holiday break!



Order of Omega fall initiates and executive board at their recent initiation ceremony

Front (L to R): Luis Campos Jr., Alyssa Fazio, Amanda Lovan, Mary Wilson, Rebecca Serra, Kristin Olson, Stacey Howe

Back (L to R): William Steele, Trey Dhabalt, Michelle Kapugi, Mercedes Martinez, Caitlyn James, Sarah Knapp, April Fuegen, Adam Schmidt, Steven Nolte

UPDATE: Unfortunately, the UGC Showcase scheduled for Tuesday, November 30th has been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.