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Greeks make the grade: Sorority women who achieved a 4.0 grade point average during the spring 2010 semester.

Front (L to R): Kate Meyer; Katie Stein

Middle (L to R): Cassandra Smith, Jennifer Sarff, Chanel Greenleaf, April Fuegan, Julia Wiederholt

Back (L to R): Becky Krase, Jessica Stalsberg, Caitlyn James, Kate Vanderwall, Laura Gramke

Upcoming Events

AGS 4 BAGS – Oct. 23rd 10:30 am, AΓΣ House
 ΘΞ Costume Contest – Oct. 24th 6 pm, Grand Ballroom
 PHC Executive Board Apps Due – Nov. 2nd 3 pm, OSA
 President's Roundtable – Nov. 3rd 5 pm, Lincoln Room
 ΣΧ Spaghetti Dinner – Nov. 4th 5 – 8 pm, ΣΧ House
 IFC Executive Board Apps Due – Nov. 4th
 Volleyball Greek Night – Nov. 8th 7 – 9 pm, Western Hall
 PHC Elections (Top Six) – Nov. 11th 8 – 10 pm, Chicago Room
 PHC Elections (Top Six) – Nov. 12th 5 – 7 pm, Chicago Room
 Order of Ω Initiation – Nov. 16th 7:30 pm, Cardinal/Oak Room
 PHC Elections (Extended Exec) – Nov. 17th 6 – 9 pm, Chicago Room
 PHC Elections (Extended Exec) – Nov. 18th 7 – 10 pm, Chicago Room
 IFC Elections – Nov. 18th 5 pm, Sandburg Lounge

Introducing "The Greek Gazette"!

By Allison Bianchini

Thank you for your interest in the new Greek Newsletter, "The Greek Gazette". The purpose of the Greek Gazette is to promote a positive outlook on Greek life to other Greek organizations, faculty, campus and the local community as a whole. The councils and individual chapters are given the opportunity to submit any type of information or article that they would like published, such as chapter updates, awards and recognition received, or articles about

past events or upcoming programs.

It is also our intent to inform those outside the Greek Community of what Greek students are doing in terms of community service, recruitment, philanthropic initiatives, as well as any upcoming events. It is our hope that "The Greek Gazette" will highlight what the Greek Community does on a regular basis to those who may be unaware of these projects and actions, while uniting our Greek Community.

Letter from the Director...

To the Greek Community –

As the middle of the school year approaches, I hope that you have enjoyed the past few months, whether it is your first or final year in the WIU Greek community. It has certainly already been an eventful semester, and I am sure that there are still a few surprises to come. I hope you have been able to take advantage of the events and resources from our office and the Greek Councils that we have offered throughout this year. Know that we always love visitors at the Office of Student Activities (University Union, 1st Floor)! Be sure to stop by if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or if you want to just say 'Hi'. Please remember to be safe in the upcoming weeks, and enjoy the last bit of somewhat warm weather before winter comes. As student leaders on and off campus, please remember to respect each other and be good WIU Greek citizens.

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Nicholas Katz
 Assistant Director of Student Activities
 Greek Life

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PHC Recruitment a Success

By Kammiroen Stirbis & Lizzie Gajewski

Recruitment is an exciting time of year for the six sororities at Western Illinois University. It is a great opportunity for girls to meet new people, get involved, and gain experiences that will last a lifetime. Formal recruitment gives these eager women a chance to meet girls from every chapter, find a place where they fit best and which house feels like home. This past fall, over 200 women engaged in the opportunity to see what it really means to L<3VE GREEK. The potential new members were so excited from the beginning and our swaaaagg only made it better! We had cups, pens, posters, Facebook groups, sandwich boards, shirts, lanyards, buttons, and most importantly, our 19 amazing Rho Gammas. The Rho Gammas were very passionate and dedicated to the group of girls they guided through the four day recruitment process, beginning with orientation and ending bid night! Orientation was something new to recruitment this year and we think that it has really benefited the girls and has given them a better understanding of the process.

The recruitment team has put in many countless hours into this past recruitment process, but without the help of the six chapters and their fabulous recruitment liaisons, things wouldn't have turned out so perfect (I mean hey, it barely even rained)! Last semester, PHC passed the 2010-2011 recruitment rules. These rules were a set of guidelines to be

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followed by each chapter to ensure a safe and successful recruitment. This year, everyone's hard work really paid off. Five out of six houses reached quota, which set total to be 81 for this year, and PHC has welcomed 134 girls into our L<3VE GREEK community! We hope that recruitment will continue to be just as successful as this past fall and that Greek life continues to grow!

Our Greek Community

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Alpha Gamma Rho (ΑΓΡ)
Alpha Gamma Sigma (ΑΓΣ)
Delta Sigma Phi (ΔΣΦ)
Delta Tau Delta (ΔΤΔ)
Delta Upsilon (ΔΥ)
Pi Kappa Alpha (ΠΚΑ)
Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣΑΕ)
Sigma Chi (ΣΧ)
Sigma Pi (ΣΠ)
Sigma Tau Gamma (ΣΤΓ)
Tau Kappa Epsilon (ΤΚΕ)
Theta Xi (ΘΞ)

Panhellenic Council (PHC)

Alpha Sigma Tau (ΑΣΤ)
Chi Omega (ΧΩ)
Delta Zeta (ΔΖ)
Phi Sigma Sigma (ΦΣΣ)
Sigma Kappa (ΣΚ)
Sigma Sigma Sigma (ΣΣΣ)

United Greek Council (UGC)

Alpha Kappa Alpha (ΑΚΑ)
Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ)
Beta Phi Pi (ΒΦΠ)
Kappa Alpha Psi (ΚΑΨ)
Iota Phi Theta (ΙΦΘ)
Lambda Theta Alpha (ΛΘΑ)
Lambda Theta Nu (ΛΘΝ)
Lambda Theta Phi (ΛΘΦ)
Omega Psi Phi (ΩΨΦ)
Phi Beta Sigma (ΦΒΣ)
Phi Rho Eta (ΦΡΗ)
Sigma Lambda Beta (ΣΛΒ)
Zeta Phi Beta (ΖΦΒ)



Recruitment Counselors pose before revealing their Greek letters to the new members and sorority community on Bid Night, the ending event of Formal Recruitment.

Front (L to R): Caitlin Carlson, Alyssa Fazio, Sam Underwood Middle (L to R): Caitlin Christmas, Sarah Gallagher, Kammiroen Stirbis, Maddie Owak, Stacey Howe, Kate McNamee, Dana Reardon Back (L to R): Katie Stein, Ashley Vegter, Alannah Minarcik, Sam Martens, Laura Goshgarian, Abbie Meads, Whitney Kropp, Lauren Schnell, Lizzie Gajewski, Kaitlin Haugen, Lisa Irish (Not Pictured: Kate Meyer)

New Social Event Policy Effective

By Jessica Mueller

It's no surprise that with partying, risk can play a huge factor. That is why the 2009-2010 Greek Life staff and community spent many months revising the Social Function Policy. As the 2009 year progressed for new Asst. Director Nick Katz, it became very clear to him and the graduate staff that the current policy wasn't meeting the needs of the Western Illinois University Greek community. In order to change this, the first steps included creating a committee to update the policy. The committee was open and comprised of several Chapter Presidents, Council Risk Managers, Chapter Advisors, WIU's Asst. Vice President for Administrative Services, who has experience with campus risk management and insurances, and the Greek Life staff. These committee meetings were held weekly starting September 2009 until April 2010, when the policy was sent out to Presidents and Advisors for feedback and questions. There were several concerns that were brought back to the committee but for the most part the policy was undisputed.

The 2010 summer comprised of the policy getting approval by the WIU Student Services administration and Fall 2010 marked the first

semester the new 17 page policy was used. A social function policy educational was held the first Thursday of classes which required chapter Presidents, Risk Managers, and Social chairs to attend.

Some bigger changes to the policy were: an Statement of Student Welfare and Responsibility, a 10 day in advance requirement for submitting events, changes to the food and drink requirements at events, clearer definition of what a Third-Party Vendor means for off-chapter premises, more descriptive sober monitor requirements, a new non-alcohol form, and a tiered GPA and infraction system that will give the Greek community more accountability and responsibility for their chapters.

Since the educational, most paperwork coming in for the new year has been rather complete. The transition has been going really well and most chapters have been willing to work with the new policy. The ten day in advance requirement has really given us the fluidity to make sure the chapters are following all the rules and that they are properly insured to have a great time. Find WIU's social function policy online as well as the alcohol and non-alcohol forms.

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Greeks of the Month

Bob Schartz – Tau Kappa Epsilon



Bob Schartz is a prime example of what Tau Kappa Epsilon has to offer the Western Illinois University Community. Joining in fall '09, he assumed a vacant officer position to round out his freshman year. He followed this by being elected to Chaplain for the current school year as a sophomore. Bob serves as one of our

Interfraternity Council delegates, is treasurer of the Investigator's club here on campus, and is also a member of several honor societies as well as Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Lastly, he works in the Undergraduate Admissions office as a tour guide. With a 3.9 grade point average, he is certainly one of the Greek communities best and brightest. We expect more great things from him in the future and so can the rest of the WIU community.

**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.

Danielle (Dani) Lee – Chi Omega

With a major of pre-medicine, Dani can almost always be found studying or in class. Dani is well-rounded, a hard worker and a leader. Last year, she was on the Resident Assistant Council Executive Board as the Resident Assistant Area Communication Coordinator and led a delegation to a conference in which they brought back the two most prestigious awards: the Most Spirited School and the School of the Year. She also presented on "The Tunnel of Oppression", which was awarded one of the top five programs of the year. Dani served as a Resident Assistant for 5 semesters.



In addition, she is a member of the Tri Beta Biology Honors Fraternity, the Student Orientation Staff and the National Residence Hall Honorary. She is the University Union Board representative for the Student Organization Center and recently served as the Homecoming chair and had the responsibility of planning and implementing a week of amazing Homecoming events.

Points of Pride & Chapter Updates

Alpha Gamma Sigma

- We had a successful rush and currently have 5 new members.
- We all greatly enjoyed Homecoming this year with the Phi Sigs and AGR's.
- Saturday, October 23rd will be a very eventful day for us. Starting at 11 am, we will be having our 4th annual AGS 4 BAGS fall philanthropy which consists of a bags tournament and a testicle eating contest. Cost per bags team is \$25 and cost per eater is \$20. There are numerous prizes and bags sets for the winners. All proceeds go to testicular cancer research.
- The evening of the 23rd we will also be having our fall barn dance which will be at the Elks Lodge in Macomb from 9-12 and the band Staggard will be playing.

Chi Omega

- We have been actively participating in events around campus such as the annual Mud Volleyball tournament, Homecoming week events and sorority recruitment.
- We held our second annual Dodgeball Tournament, where all of the proceeds went towards the Make a Wish Foundation.
- We had two teams compete in the Big Pink Volleyball Tournament.
- Our chapter plans on contributing to WIU's annual Stuff the Bus campaign to gather canned food to donate to those in need

Delta Tau Delta

- Our chapter won "Most Improved Chapter Award" in the Northern Division Conference.
- We are very proud to say that we have 10 men of Delt principle joining our chapter this semester.
- "Big Wheels" was a great success with \$700.00 being donated to the YMCA Child Care Center of Macomb. The Men of Delta Tau Delta appreciate all the support from the fraternity and sororities who participated.

- In the near future, we have Halloween Insurance where most of the money raised will go to Lincoln Elementary School here in Macomb

Phi Sigma Sigma

- We are very excited to initiate 22 amazing new members soon!
- We are having our fall party this weekend at Ikes on the Riverfront and everyone is really looking forward to it.
- We recently hired a chef named Anna who has been cooking us delicious meals; we are all looking forward to trying her other recipes.
- We placed in DZ Jello Wars and had an amazing time. We're looking forward to the other philanthropies coming up and sorority week!

Sigma Chi

- In support of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Sigma Chi attended the 10th annual big pink volleyball tournament, and proudly took home first place.
- We also organized an American Red Cross Blood Drive, which took place on October 1st. The blood drive turned out to be a success and we thank all who participated, it would not have been possible without your support.
- This year we will be having our first Sigma Chi Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will take place on November 4th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at our house, 611 W. Adams. We encourage anyone to come.
- Our philanthropy event, Derby Days, will not take place in the fall as it usually has in the past; instead, we will be having it this spring.

Sigma Sigma Sigma

- We had a very successful recruitment and added 26 amazing girls to our house.
- We had a great turn out for our local philanthropy event, Paint the Town Pink Breast Cancer walk/run.
- We are very proud that our house worked so hard to get first place in Homecoming for the second year in a row with the help of $\Theta\Xi$ & $\Delta\Sigma\Phi$.
- Numerous members helped with the "Cook for the Cause Benefit for Breast Cancer" at the Forum. We were excited to help our Chapter Advisor, Amy Spelman, with this event.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

- This fall, we have seen our strongest recruitment in several semesters
- We are very proud of achieving the highest GPA of all IFC and PHC organizations.
- We experienced a great alumni presence in town for this past Homecoming, some returning for their 30th and 40th reunions.
- We have plans currently underway to secure ourselves a permanent residence and can't wait to have something we can finally call our own.

Theta Xi

- We have extended rush to the entire semester, and have picked up many unexpected prospective new members.
- Homecoming was a great success, as we helped $\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma$ and $\Delta\Sigma\Phi$ to a first place finish.
- We will be hosting our annual Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 24th in the Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$5 for contestants and general public. Doors open at 5:30, with the contest kicking off at 6. Come dressed to impress and help us support Multiple Sclerosis and Pancreatic Cancer!

Council Updates

United Greek Council (UGC)

By David Campos, United Greek Council President

My name is David Campos and I'm the United Greek Council (UGC) President. UGC serves as an umbrella organization for the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Both sub-councils have been working hard this semester. UGC has been working hard as well by laying down a foundation for the future of the council.

NPHC is lead by Jesse Andrews (UGC Vice President for NPHC), who is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. They have done two community service events: WIU Welcome Round-up and Family Fun at Lincoln Elementary. They also have had a successful social event, The Traffic Light Party, held in the Heritage Room on October 1st.

MGC is lead by Allen Hood (UGC Vice President for MGC), a member of Phi Rho Eta. They are planning their mini-week to be held November 15-17. Some of the things planned are an educational, social, and a community service chapter.

UGC is planning the UGC Showcase which will be held on November 30, 2010 at 6pm in the Grand Ballroom. This program will showcase the different traditions and values of the diverse chapters within the United Greek Council. It will be open to the whole Western community and admission is FREE. We will be hosting a canned food drive in conjunction with the showcase to donate to a local food pantry for the holiday season, so you can start collecting now!



IFC Executive Board at the All Greek Fair
Front (L to R): Martin Vega (Treasurer), Andy Bulfer (President), Ryan Ford (Risk Management)
Back (L to R): Alexandra Cameron (Advisor), Dan Beamish (Vice President), Adam Schmidt (Secretary), Steve Nolte (Recruitment)

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

By Andy Bulfer, Interfraternity Council President

Hello everybody, I hope everyone is doing great in classes. It seems like this semester just started last week! Interfraternity council had a great recruitment this year. I believe the houses got a lot of great men. All the fraternities have been hard at work getting all their philanthropies up and going. IFC is going through some changes itself. We are currently updating our constitution and just passed a new budget. Elections will be right around the corner and we will be transitioning to our new officers. We are planning a dodge ball tournament and plan on lending a hand with the many community service programs going on, such as Stuff the Bus. IFC really enjoyed participating in homecoming events and congrats to the winners! I cannot believe we are already starting to plan Greek week. Hope everyone does great on midterms.

Panhellenic Council (PHC)

By Lizzie Gajewski, Panhellenic Council President

Hello All! I am so excited to be writing this little blurb about Panhellenic Council in our brand spankin' new Greek newsletter! This has already been a crazy semester for Panhellenic and the Greek community. We are currently still recovering and tying loose ends from our incredible Fall Formal Recruitment. Speaking of recruitment, I want to congratulate every chapter on a job well done. Ladies, your chapters should be incredibly proud of themselves because all six houses brought their "A-Games" that week, and I truly feel that we got the cream of the crop in our Panhellenic new members this semester! Also, a special thank you and job well done to Kammiroen Stirbis, Panhellenic Recruitment Coordinator, Ashley Vegter, Recruitment Counselor Coordinator and our awesome Greek Life Advisors, Nick Katz, Jessica Mueller, Alex Cameron, and Vladimir Charles for the countless hours spent making recruitment a huge success. To get off of the recruitment train for a little bit, currently Panhellenic is up to some great things...we are starting to review our current By-laws and Constitution and we will be making necessary changes in the next few weeks.

We have also started a few recognition awards starting soon, one being a weekly "Chapter of the Week" award that will be presented at each Panhellenic Council meeting. The second award is an attendance incentive of \$100 that will go to the Chapter that has the most attendance at Council meetings (Come to PHC, we would love to see you!). This award will be an annual award. Wrapping things up, interviews for Panhellenic Top Six and Extended Executive Board are rapidly approaching, which in my opinion is the most exciting, yet sad, part of the year. I have had such an amazing experience being on Panhellenic and I would hope that any Greek woman would want to experience how truly unique being on PHC is. I guess what I am really trying to say is APPLY FOR POSITIONS LADIES!! You truly will not regret it; I would not trade this part in my life for anything! I also want to continue to extend the help of the current executive board to all of the chapters. Please use us to your convenience as we would be more than happy to help with anything! Please contact me with questions or concerns!

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