



Office of Greek Life A Quarter in Review—Fall 2006

Welcome to the 1st Edition!

Greetings from the Office of Greek Life at Ohio Northern University! As the first quarter has come to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon all of the accomplishments as well as inform you of the upcoming events for future quarters.

In an effort to keep the many constituents of the Office of Greek Life up to date, we have implemented a quarterly newsletter which will contain information on the many aspects of the office. These topics may include recruitment, retention, housing, council and chapter updates, and scholarship. We welcome any feedback you may have regarding this first update as well as any suggestions for the future! Your involvement with the chapters is crucial to a successful Greek community, and we do value all that you do!

Recruitment Update

The Fall 2006 Formal Recruitment period began on September 21 with an Informational Night and “Cards and Corn-hole” for the Interfraternity Council. The Panhellenic Council held an Informational Night on September 25 titled “Get the Scoop on Sorority Life” to start off recruitment. IFC concluded with Bid Day on September 29 and the Panhellenic Bid Day was on October 8. Many new changes were implemented by the two councils in an effort to increase Greek membership at ONU including a combined recruitment effort of a new recruitment booklet. The booklet includes information on each chapter, as well as pictures of events and groups. If you would like a copy of the booklet, please contact the office! In addition to the booklet, last summer the Councils also put together a video on Greek Life at Northern. The video includes Greek students talking about their experiences and why they are involved in Greek Life. The video was also shown during all New Student Orientation sessions throughout the summer! In addition to these promotional items, the Greek community hosted Greekapalooza during New Student Orientation as a fun way for the new students to meet people, especially Greeks! The Greeks also assisted with PlayFair during the New Student Orientation as facilitators! The positive presence of the Greek community on campus resulted in successful recruitments for both Councils!

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Interfraternity Council

- Implemented a tour of all houses for interested unaffiliated men. The tours took place on September 24, prior to the “Smokers”.
- Chapter “Smokers”
 - Sept 25—Delta Sigma Phi; Sigma Pi
 - Sept 26—Theta Chi; Sigma Phi Epsilon
 - Sept 27—Phi Mu Delta; Phi Delta Chi
- Recruitment Statistics
 - 156 Men Received Bids
 - 82 Men Accepted Bids
 - 53% Acceptance Rate

Panhellenic Council

- New Release Figures were implemented through National Panhellenic Conference for the first year.
- Formal Recruitment
 - Sept 29—Open House
 - Oct 1—Philanthropy Round
 - Oct 6—Sisterhood Round
 - Oct 7—Preference Round
- Overall Statistics
 - 147 Applications Received
 - 27 Women Withdrew
 - 120 Signed Preference Cards
 - 108 Bid Matched (110 total)
 - 92% Placement Rate
 - 113 Total New Members

If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year, please contact Chad for Interfraternity Council and Jennifer for Panhellenic Council.

Retention

As often times recruitment is the main focus for chapters, it is equally important to highlight the retention rates of new members for chapters. Below is a brief summary for the Fall of 2006.

Interfraternity Council

- Overall male retention for new members for Fall 2006 is 80% (66 of 82).
- Chapter Retention
 - Delta Sigma Phi - 11/11 (100%)
 - Phi Delta Chi - 11/14 (79%)
 - Phi Mu Delta - 14/18 (78%)
 - Sigma Phi Epsilon - 8/8 (100%)
 - Sigma Pi - 14/20 (70%)
 - Theta Chi - 8/11 (73%)
- Current Chapter Totals
 - DSP—45 PDC—57 PMD—43
 - SPE—49 SP—54 TC—19
- Total Membership for All Fraternities - 267
- Campus-Wide Male Greeks to Male Undergraduates - 16%

Panhellenic Council

- Overall female retention for new members for Fall 2006 is 93% (106 of 114).
- Chapter Retention
 - Alpha Xi Delta - 19/22 (86%)
 - Delta Zeta - 31/31 (100%)
 - Kappa Alpha Theta - 29/31 (94%)
 - Zeta Tau Alpha - 27/30 (90%)
- Current Chapter Totals
 - Alpha Xi Delta - 69
 - Delta Zeta - 87
 - Kappa Alpha Theta - 81
 - Zeta Tau Alpha - 86
- Total Membership for All Sororities - 323
- Campus-Wide Female Greeks to Female Undergraduates - 20%

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Scholarship—Fall 2006

	Term	Cumulative
Delta Zeta	3.22	3.27
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.21	3.17
ALL INDEPENDENTS	3.12	3.11
Phi Delta Chi	3.12	3.10
ALL CAMPUS	3.10	3.10
Zeta Tau Alpha	3.10	3.09
ALL GREEKS	3.01	3.05
Alpha Xi Delta	2.95	3.10
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.92	2.98
Sigma Pi	2.92	2.83
Phi Mu Delta	2.71	2.83
Delta Sigma Phi	2.61	2.80
Theta Chi	2.59	2.79

Fall grades for individual members who have signed a grade release form will be distributed during the second week of winter quarter. All grades will be available for pick-up by the Chapter President or Scholarship Chair via hard copy through the Office of Greek Life.

House Inspections' Report

In an effort to ensure the safety of chapter members, the divisions of Student Affairs and Financial Affairs have come together to develop and implement a program for housing inspections. From this initiative, the Life-Safety Committee was developed. The committee members include the following individuals:

- Justin Courtney—Director of Residence Life
 - Lee Ann Hall—Manager of Business Services
 - Dustin Jordan—Physical Plant Representative
 - George Slesman—Chief of Security
 - Jennifer Lambdin—Assistant Director of Greek Life, Student Activities, and Leadership
 - Eric Martin - Associate Director of Physical Plant - Engineering Services
 - Chad Shepherd - Director of Greek Life, Student Activities, and Leadership
- Prior to the summer inspections, the committee reviewed programs for housing inspections from other institutions in order to develop the most efficient and effective form for the chapters at Northern. Currently, the inspection form covers seven different areas including the following: General Inspection, Exit Ways, Fire Detection/Alarm System, Kitchen, Electrical Equipment, Storage, and Safety and Security. A chapter must receive a passing score which is equal to 75% of the questions in order to pass a section. While the number of questions needed to pass each section differs, the percentage required to pass stays consistent.

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Summer 2006

- Chapter house inspections were conducted the week of July 24.
- From the summer inspections, the need was determined to develop two forms. The first is used for chapters who own their facilities. The second is to be used for chapters who lease their facilities.
- The inspections completed during the summer were not graded reports but were generated to help chapters determine what needed to be corrected and the overall status of their facility.
- When many of the sections of the inspection were not passed, the committee made suggestions and noted all concerns to the chapter in order for each chapter to correct the problems before future quarterly inspections.

Fall 2006

- Chapter house inspections were all conducted the week of November 6.
- For the fall inspections, an additional form was created for the chapters in the Affinity Village since part of the facility is owned and maintained by the University.
- The fall inspections were graded for all groups except Affinity Village (as these groups did not receive an initial walk-through of the facility over the summer due to the construction not being complete).
- For the Fall of 2006, 3 of 8 chapters passed the overall inspection. Many of the other chapters were short only one question or one area to pass the overall inspection.

Overall

- Each quarter, a chapter who does not pass the inspection will be given 3 weeks from the date the results are received to submit a time extension. This is only for the items which a chapter believes they cannot correct by the next quarterly inspection. The time extensions for fall quarter are due December 4, 2006. The Life-Safety Committee will review requests for extensions and notify chapters of the results by December 15, 2006.
- Pictures of the facilities were taken during both summer and fall inspections. If you would like a copy of your facility, please contact the office as we would be happy to provide them.
- One of the major areas found needing attention is documentation. Some chapters had put a strong emphasis on this component of the inspection; kudos! A suggestion is for chapters to keep a binder of dates, receipts, and all other relevant information in order to receive credit for the required areas on the inspection.
- The Office's Staff will be scheduling a meeting for all chapter representatives to discuss problems and provide feedback to one another on the overall inspection process. The purpose will be for chapter representatives to share the ideas on what has worked in their facility for the inspections.
- The inspections for Winter Quarter will be the week of February 12, 2007.

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Collaborative Council Efforts

Representatives from each of the councils participated in many activities throughout fall quarter:

- Coordinated and participated in Greekapalooza during Orientation Weekend. The event was facilitated with the help of Residence Life and took place on the tundra with many events including corn-hole, volleyball, inflatable games, and live music.
- Participated as facilitators in PlayFair during Orientation Weekend
- Financially supported the shipment of over 18 boxes of stuffed animals to Animal Beacons of Light in California so the toys can be given to less fortunate children all over the world. The Greek Community helped to ship Laurie Kretz's, ('92 ONU graduate), stuffed animals as she passed away in May of 2006. Laurie is the step-daughter of Professor Paul Nutter.
- Participated in a Christmas lighting project for the community of Ada. Volunteers worked with community members at the War Memorial Park in order to hang Christmas lights for a display for the holiday season.
- Coordinated and participated in "Fill the Fireplace" which will conclude in December. The chapters are given a family in the Ada or surrounding area and provided with their Christmas list and needs for the holiday season. Panhellenic Council is coordinating the project with participation from Interfraternity Council and Student Senate.



Stuffed Animal Project:

Pictured with Paul and Tana Nutter, front, are, from left, Daniel Kelly, Delta Sigma Phi; Mark Paquelet, Delta Sigma Phi; Jeremy Sakel, Phi Delta Chi; Eric Weireter, Phi Mu Delta; Garret Foley, Sigma Pi; Meghan Davlin, Kappa Alpha Theta; Brooks Fiesinger, Phi Mu Delta; Kimberly Blezien, Kappa Alpha Theta; Doug Hoersten, Sigma Pi; David C. Philips, Sigma Pi; and Rayland Breeding, Sigma Pi.

Chapter Corner

In future updates, the Office will be requesting a review of activities from the quarter from each chapter. This is a great opportunity for chapters to highlight all they do throughout the quarter! This information can include awards, philanthropic events, alumni events, and other relevant information!

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Interfraternity Council Update

- The Interfraternity Council traveled to Lima on Halloween to distribute candy during Safety City's Annual Trick-or-Treat.
- IFC currently is working on updating the Risk Management Policy. The goal is to have it completed during winter quarter.
- The council members also have been developing new judicial and scholarship initiatives.

Panhellenic Council Update

- PhC adopted new judicial procedures during the fall quarter. The procedures more accurately align with the policies of the National Panhellenic Conference in regards to mediation and judicial processes.
- The council's members did programming for the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (October 15-21). The council hosted "Mocktoberfest" with non-alcoholic beverages and educational information about healthy choices when consuming alcoholic beverages; each PhC chapter participated. The council worked with Delta Zeta to co-sponsor a showing of a video about the death of Sam Spady, a 19-year old student at Colorado State University who died of alcohol poisoning in 2004.
- The Executive Council has been working on proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws to present to the delegates in the beginning of winter quarter regarding the process for the selection of officers.

Looking Ahead...Winter Quarter

- December 4—Requests for time extensions from the fall quarter are due to the Office of Greek Life for Housing Inspections.
- December 8—Interfraternity & Panhellenic Executive Councils to participate in Kappa Phi's Annual Sing-a-Thon from 6-6:30pm.
- December 12—Christmas with the Bakers—The 'wrap-up' event for "Fill the Fireplace" will be a chance for all the groups (sororities, fraternities, and Student Senate) to come together while enjoying cookies and hot chocolate in celebration of the holiday season. The event will be held in the Affinity Commons Building from 7-9pm.
- February 12-16—Winter Quarter Housing Inspections
- February 22-26—Executive Officers from IFC and PhC Councils to attend the Mid-American Greek Council Association Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois.
- Stay tuned for details on a planned All-Greek Advisors Meeting during Winter Quarter!

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Meet The Office Staff

Chad Shepherd—Director of Greek Life, Student Activities, and Leadership.

Chad is a 2001 graduate of Heidelberg College where he received a Bachelor of Science and where he became a member of Excelsior Men's Society. In 2003, he received a Master of Science in Education from the University of Akron. During his graduate work, Chad worked at Ashland University within Residence Life and Greek Affairs. Upon graduation, he worked at the University of Toledo in Greek Affairs. Chad joined the ONU community in the summer of 2005 and serves as the advisor for the Interfraternity Council as well as a member of the Life Safety Committee for the Greek Housing inspections.

Jennifer Lambdin—Assistant Director of Greek Life, Student Activities, and Leadership.

Jennifer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Ashland University in 2004 where she became a member of Alpha Delta Pi. In 2006, she received a Master of Arts in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. As a graduate student, she worked for Office of Greek Affairs at BGSU. Upon graduation, Jennifer moved to Ada to join the ONU community in the summer of 2006. Jennifer serves as the advisor for the Panhellenic Council and the Greek Week Committee and also is a member of the Life Safety Committee for the Greek Housing inspections.

Jessica Douglas—Graduate Assistant for Greek Life, Student Activities, and Leadership.

Jesse is a 2006 graduate of Capital University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Professional Studies. During her time at Capital, Jesse was a member of the Pi Phi Epsilon sorority, served in many positions on the University Programming Board and was heavily involved in the Orientation programs. Jesse is currently pursuing a Master's degree in College Student Personnel at Bowling Green State University; she serves as the co-advisor to Order of Omega.

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