



## Office of Greek Life A Quarter in Review—Winter 2006-07

### Chapter Advisor Meeting Recap

On Sunday, February 11, 2007 an advisor meeting was held in the Affinity Commons Building. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together advisors from all chapters on campus so they could not only get to know one another but also to ensure that advisors are kept up to date on the happenings within the Greek community. The meeting was hosted by Alice-Kay Hilderbrand (Vice President for Student Affairs), Chad Shepherd (Director of Greek Life), Jennifer Lambdin (Assistant Director of Greek Life), and Jesse Douglas (Graduate Assistant for Greek Life). There were 14 advisors in attendance and all chapters were represented at the meeting! The agenda included the following: an update and discussion on the current Risk Management Policy, overall housing inspection discussion, review of 'A Quarter in Review' which was distributed in the fall, as well as time for general discussion for the group. The consensus reached by all at the conclusion was for the advisor meetings to take place once per quarter on a Sunday afternoon. The spring quarter advisor meeting is Sunday, April 15 at 4PM with more specific information to follow. For any advisors that were unable to attend the meeting, we are seeking accurate contact information for all advisors. If you have any address, phone number or email changes, please email Chad or Jennifer. Thank you to all of the advisors that were able to attend the meeting! We appreciate the time you put into being an advisor including your attendance on a Sunday afternoon for this meeting! Thank you again!

### Risk Management Update

The process started in January of 2006 when ONU's Greek Leaders met to discuss the current Greek Risk Management Policy. This 'Greek Summit' led to the formation of a Risk Management Task Force composed of fraternity men and sorority women that wanted to change the Risk Management Policy into something that could be followed and enforced by the Greek community. This task proved to be very challenging and provided little accomplishment by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year. However, during 2006-2007, the Interfraternity Council picked-up where the Task Force left off the previous year. After several trials and errors, a Fraternity Risk Management Policy is nearly complete. The main purpose of the policy is to provide guidelines and direction for Fraternity Registered Events (events with alcohol). IFC hopes to have the system in-place for a trial during the spring quarter of 2007.

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## Recruitment

As recruitment is a 365-days a year process, this quarter has been no different!

- During the winter quarter, Alpha Xi Delta held several informal recruitment events. The ladies had the opportunity to meet and get to know potential new members through a movie night, ice cream trip to Coldstone Creamery, and sisterhood dinners. The chapter was successful with their recruitment efforts with 6 new members. Congratulations to the women of ΑΞΔ!
- Interfraternity Council has planned the spring recruitment process. A “Wing Eating Contest” was scheduled for February 13, but was cancelled due to the closing of the University for the weather. The recruitment schedule for the spring has been set and is included in the spring quarter dates.
- The fall recruitment dates have been set by the Panhellenic Council. The dates are listed below and all times will be set by the end of spring quarter.
  - September 21—Open House
  - September 23—Philanthropy Round
  - September 28—Sisterhood Round
  - September 29—Preference
  - September 30—Bid Day

## Retention

In continuation of the retention review from the Fall of 2006, below is a look at retention of new members throughout the year to this point.

### Interfraternity Council

- Overall male retention for new members since Fall 2006 is 68% (56 of 82).
- Chapter Retention
  - Delta Sigma Phi - 9/11 (82%)
  - Phi Delta Chi - 10/14 (71%)
  - Phi Mu Delta - 9/18 (50%)
  - Sigma Phi Epsilon - 6/8 (75%)
  - Sigma Pi - 14/20 (70%)
  - Theta Chi - 8/11 (73%)
- Current Chapter Totals
  - DSP—29    PDC—54    PMD—34
  - SPE—42    SP—56    TC—21
- Total Membership for All Fraternities - 236
- Campus-Wide Male Greeks to Male Undergraduates - 15%

### Panhellenic Council

- Overall female retention for new members since Fall 2006 is 88% (100 of 114).
- Chapter Retention
  - Alpha Xi Delta - 19/22 (86%)
    - Winter Included - 25/28 (89%)
  - Delta Zeta - 27/31 (87%)
  - Kappa Alpha Theta - 29/30 (97%)
  - Zeta Tau Alpha - 27/30 (90%)
- Current Chapter Totals
  - AXD—75    DZ—78
  - KAT—81    ZTA—85
- Total Membership for All Sororities - 319
- Campus-Wide Female Greeks to Female Undergraduates - 20%

**Total Campus Population—17% Greek**

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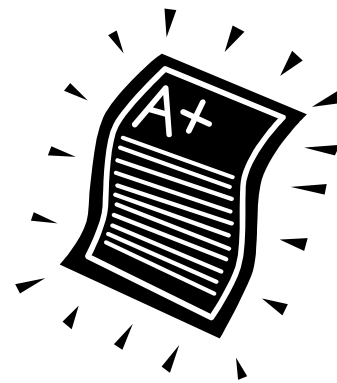
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## Scholarship—Winter 2006-07

	Term	Cumulative
INDEPENDENT WOMEN	3.21	3.17
ALL WOMEN	3.20	3.18
Zeta Tau Alpha	3.20	3.19
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.18	3.26
<b>GREEK WOMEN</b>	<b>3.15</b>	<b>3.20</b>
Delta Zeta	3.15	3.25
ALL INDEPENDENTS	3.10	3.11
ALL CAMPUS	3.08	3.10
Alpha Xi Delta	3.05	3.10
<b>ALL GREEK</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.08</b>
INDEPENDENT MEN	3.00	3.04
Phi Delta Chi	2.99	3.10
ALL MEN	2.97	3.02
Theta Chi	2.92	2.86
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.87	3.06
<b>GREEK MEN</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>2.93</b>
Sigma Pi	2.71	2.84
Phi Mu Delta	2.59	2.83
Delta Sigma Phi	2.57	2.78

Winter grades for individual members who have signed a grade release form will be available during the first week of spring quarter.

All grades will be available for pick-up by the Chapter President or Scholarship Chair via hard copy at the Office of Greek Life.



## House Inspections

- On January 23, a meeting was held for representatives from all chapters to discuss the Life Safety Inspection process for Greek housing. The Office was represented with attendance by Chad and Jennifer, and 9 of the 10 chapters were represented at the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, chapters divided up into their respective groups (i.e. renters, owners, and Affinity Village) in order to discuss relevant issues.
- Chapter house inspections were scheduled to be completed the week of February 12. Due to the weather and closing of the University, four inspections had to be rescheduled during finals week. Thank you to those chapters who were flexible due to this change!
- The Winter quarter inspections were graded for all in accordance with the previously created forms: renters, owners, and Affinity Village groups.
- For the Winter Quarter inspections, 8 of 10 chapters passed the overall inspection. Results were sent electronically to chapter leadership, advisors, and housing corporations the week of February 26.

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- During Spring Break, the Life-Safety Committee reconvened to review the sanctions and overall process for the housing inspections. The following is the updated policy regarding housing inspections.
  - ONU will inspect the Greek Housing Facilities during fall, winter and spring quarters as well as once over the summer break.
  - *The first failed inspection will result in the following actions:*
    1. A warning letter will be issued to chapters failing.
    2. Chapters must submit a detailed, line-item description (based on the inspection form) of each failed area indicating a plan-of-action for correction by the next inspection. The plan-of-action is due within three weeks of receiving the inspection results.
    3. If the needed repairs are major or extensive, a chapter can request that a 'time extension' be granted for the specific area. The time extension allows chapters to work on the deficient area without failing the same section with each quarterly inspection. Each request for time extensions for needed repairs will be evaluated and approved/disapproved by the Life Safety Committee.
  - *The second successive failed inspection will result in the following actions:*
    1. Prohibition of all 'chapter-house social events' until the identified facility problems are corrected (as determined by the Life Safety Committee).
    2. Chapters will be required to attend a Life Safety Program (90% of members must attend).
    3. The Chapter's National Office will be notified of the inspection results.
  - *The third consecutive failed inspection could result in the following actions:*
    1. Recommendation to close the facility to the University Vice Presidents.
    2. State inspections of the facility.
- A meeting will be held at 9pm on April 3 for chapter representatives to come together to discuss the overall process and share ideas.

## Chapter Corner

### Delta Zeta

During the winter quarter, Delta Zeta was very active within their chapter and on campus. On January 10, DZ held their national fundraiser, Buy-A-Woo, on the Ohio Northern campus. During this event, DZ "auctioned" off sisters and raised over \$700 to donate to Delta Zeta's national philanthropy for the speech and hearing impaired. Ten days later, DZ held their semi-formals in the Affinity Village commons; everyone in attendance had a great time. Then, on February 11, DZ elected their new 2007-2008 executive board along with other chair positions. The new executive board is compiled of: President,

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Stefanie Ratermann; Vice President of Membership, Katalyn Yenne; Vice President of New Member Education, Katie Whitney; Vice President of Programming, Jessica Benner; Secretary, Sarah McDicken; and Treasurer, Desirae Avery.

### **Kappa Alpha Theta**

Throughout winter quarter, the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta have had some wonderful opportunities to grow as a sisterhood. First, the 2007-2008 officers were slated and took on their new roles on January 21, 2007. The executive board includes: President, Beth Guthrie; Vice President of Administration, Kimberly Blezien; Vice President of Development, Leslie Burdett; Vice President of Education, Amanda Quatkemeyer; Vice President of Finance, Adrienne Derr; Vice President of Panhellenic, Martha Claypool; Vice President of Public Relations, Melissa Csuhran; and Vice President of Membership, Anna Persichetti. Also, the newly installed officers recently attended Theta's District Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where executive boards from the district met and collaborated to develop new ideas to implement within their own school's Theta chapter. Another opportunity that the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta were presented with included being invited to the Dayton Alumnae Chapter's Founders Day Luncheon on January 27, 2007. Members of the chapter were able to converse with past and present sisters and share in this momentous anniversary.

### **Phi Delta Chi**

This year, the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Phi Delta Chi has been very active throughout the Ohio Northern community as well as the community of Ada, OH. Some of our activities have included regular health screenings at the Wal-Mart in Kenton, a "Drugs are Not Candy" program at the Lima Wal-Mart, regular road cleanups on Route 235, weekly tutoring at Ada High School, and tutoring to freshman chemistry students on a regular basis. Recently, the chapter co-sponsored a pasta dinner with the Ohio Northern chapter of NCPA to benefit the Leukemia society, raising approximately \$2,100. Beyond this, the brothers of Phi Delta Chi have been fortunate enough to take trips to the Midwest conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a meeting of Southeast chapters in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

### **Phi Mu Delta**

Phi Mu Delta has just wrapped up a very busy winter of house improvements which included new ceiling tiles throughout the house, fire alarm updates, and plumbing work. The PMD's announced their new sweetheart, Abbey Bertsch, at their winter formal, and received a beautiful new paddle from their outgoing sweetheart Ally Davis. The Brothers are busy planning their 2nd annual car show to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital and hope to see the rest of ONU's campus there to support them.

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### Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon is proud to announce that the brotherhood has worked tirelessly throughout the academic year to continue exemplifying their three cardinal principles: virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. The house's kitchen has been renovated with the plan to begin meal service within the chapter facility. The fall new members have been initiated and plans are finalized for spring rush. The actives have continued to strive for high academic achievement and set our winter quarter GPA goal at 3.10. The brotherhood participated in a philanthropic health walk and volunteered to help at the University Career Fair. The active chapter recently passed an updated edition of local chapter bylaws which will be implemented at the start of spring quarter. Along with the above mentioned achievements and activities, the Ohio Alpha Chapter proudly celebrated its 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Ohio Northern University on February 21, 2007.

### Sigma Pi

So far this year, Sigma Pi Fraternity has accomplished many goals and have set the bar high for coming years. Sigma Pi is proud to announce that they have 13 new members this year who will be the future of the chapter. The house has received many improvements including a new roof and a remodeled formal room, and there are also plans to remodel the basement into a lounge area. Sigma Pi still has many events planned including a drunk driving simulator for alcohol awareness, formals, and buy-a-pi.

### Theta Chi

Theta Chi spent winter quarter focus on putting "Alma Mater first" and on living up to its governing principle of being "The Helping Hand."

After struggling with scholarship in the fall, many ideas were turned to Academic programming. Tuesday and Thursday study tables were well-attended, and dinner was provided on these nights by the House Mother, Claire Harter. A quarterly academic challenge has been instituted with Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. On the philanthropic front, brothers participated in two large service events. First, was the annual Casino Night. Many students attended the event, and the proceeds were donated to the Ada Food Pantry.

Also, the chapter received credit in the *Northern Sun* for collecting toys that were donated to a local church for distribution throughout Ada and neighboring communities to needy families. In addition to organized events, the brotherhood combined to average over ten hours of recorded service during winter quarter. The brothers are proud to say that Theta Chi at Ohio Northern truly lives up to the promise of "The Helping Hand."

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## Zeta Tau Alpha

The members of Zeta Tau Alpha are proud to announce that they have initiated 26 new members this past winter quarter. New officer training also occurred, and the new executive officers are as follows: President, Catherine Taylor; Vice President, Melissa Stechschulte; New Member Coordinator, Natalie Clark; Membership, Carrie Giverson; Treasurer, Sarah Campopiano; Secretary, Jessica Hakes; Scholarship, Theresa Szczygiel; Panhellenic, Brittani Farinacci; Historian, Kelly Rovesti; and Ritual, Amanda Martz. ZTA continues actively collecting Yoplait lids to help with the fight against breast cancer and have also been helping with the local blood drives. The service chairs also have started a recycling program this quarter that has received tremendous participation from the chapter. In celebration of Valentine's Day, ZTA had a formal dinner social with Theta Chi. The members of Zeta Tau Alpha have been working hard to take measures that will improve their chapter GPA with new scholarship incentives and study table requirements. Additionally, members already are planning ahead for their largest service project of the year, the Annual Spring Golf Outing.

## **Panhellenic Council Update**

Winter Quarter brought new programming and tremendous success for Panhellenic Council. The Greek Women of ONU began the quarter by reaching out to others in need during the Christmas season. Led by the Vice President of Development, Leslie Burdett, Panhellenic Council joined forces with Hardin County Helping Hands to adopt five deserving families. Student Senate and IFC joined with PhC on this endeavor, along with every sorority chapter on campus. Each group was responsible for one family, and the project culminated with a celebration event with the entire ONU Greek community, University administrators, and the families we served. The families each received a "mock" fireplace filled to the brim with gifts as everyone enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. Additionally, the five groups decorated their fireplaces, and President Baker and Toby Baker assisted in selecting the best fireplace. The winner, Kappa Alpha Theta, received a \$50 check for their philanthropy, CASA from PhC. Overall, the event highlighted the generosity and philanthropic spirit of the entire campus Greek community.

Additionally, Panhellenic Council restructured the Executive Officer selection process, creating an application, interview, and election system. The new officers are listed below and the outgoing 2006 Executive Board would like to wish the new council officers a productive and successful year!

Winter quarter also brought many new ideas and planning for the upcoming year with the transition of officers. The Executive Recruitment Board met this quarter to begin tweaking the recruitment rules and to set the recruitment dates for the fall. The new executive board also has spent time brainstorming for new ideas and opportunities for the council as well as the Greek

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community as a whole.

Finally, throughout the 2006 Panhellenic Council Executive Board term, the officers have been working diligently on completing the Mid-American Greek Council Association (MGCA) awards applications. The ONU Panhellenic Council is proud to announce that we have been awarded the award for excellence in Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs for the Sutherland Division I.

### **2007-08 Panhellenic Council Executive Board**

President	Natalie Mittlesteadt (ΔΖ)
Vice President of Administration	Erica Mt. Castle (ΔΖ)
Vice President of Recruitment	Amy Vasinko (ΑΞΔ)
Vice President of Recruitment Counselors	Carissa Stinson (ΑΞΔ)
Vice President of Development	Carrie Giverson (ΖΤΑ)
Vice President of Finance	Jessica Steele (ΖΤΑ)
Vice President of Scholarship	Rachael Szucs (ΔΖ)
Vice President of Risk Management	Courtney Anderson (ΚΑΘ)
Vice President of Public Relations	Denise Jansen (ΖΤΑ)
Advisor	Jennifer Lambdin

## **Interfraternity Council Update**

Since the new IFC Executive Board took office in January, they have focused attention on getting the Risk Management Policy revised and the final draft approved by the University's lawyers. The goal is to put it into effect in the spring as a trial period. IFC also is working on rewriting and approving the Judicial Constitution and Judicial Board.

A planned wing eating contest and information night, to attract new guys to join fraternities, had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Many ideas are being considered for a philanthropy project to complete. IFC held its initial pizza party to reward the fraternity with the highest GPA. Finally, the website is being updated.

### **2007-08 Interfraternity Council Executive Board**

President	Doug Hoersten (ΣΠ)
Vice President of Administration	Mike Wasil (ΔΣΦ)
Vice President of Judicial Affairs	Kevin Cieplowski (ΘΧ)
Vice President of Recruitment	Seth Castle (ΦΜΔ)
Vice President of Finances	Jon Manocchio (ΣΦΕ)
Vice President of Risk Management	Michael Flynn (ΦΔΧ)
Vice President of Public Relations	Bryan Mulvany (ΣΦΕ)
Vice President of Scholarship	Justin Saunders (ΦΔΧ)
Vice President of Philanthropy	Axel Brandt (ΘΧ)
Advisor	Chad Shepherd

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## MGCA Recap

The Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference was held February 22 -25. Seven representatives from ONU attended the conference: Courtney Anderson (PhC—VP of Risk Management), Meghan Davlin (PhC—Outgoing President), Doug Hoersten (IFC—President), Natalie Mittlesteadt (PhC—President), Justin Saunders (IFC—VP of Scholarship), Amy Vasinko (PhC—VP of Recruitment), and Jen Lambdin. The delegation spent the weekend attending sessions on a variety of topics to better the Greek community at Northern. The Panhellenic Council submitted two award applications and received recognition in the area of Self-Governance and Judicial Affairs. In addition, Meghan Davlin was chosen to receive the Wayne C. Colvin Award which is presented to one undergraduate Greek leader in the entire Midwest region who far exceeds the Greek standard of excellence.

## Looking Ahead...Spring Quarter

### March

- 5, 6, 8—PhC Recruitment Counselor Interviews
- 5—IFC Smokers—Sigma Phi Epsilon @ 7pm; Theta Chi @ 9pm
- 6—IFC Smokers—Phi Mu Delta @ 7pm; Phi Delta Chi @ 9pm
- 7—IFC Smokers—Sigma Pi @ 7pm; Delta Sigma Phi @ 9pm
- 8—IFC Bid Lists Due to Office @ 12pm; IFC Bid Hand-Out @ 8pm
- 9—IFC Bid Acceptance 9am—5pm
- 9—Time Extensions due for Housing Inspections

### April

- 3—Housing Meeting for Chapter Representatives @ 9pm (McIntosh Room 7)
- 6—9—Easter Break
- 15—Chapter Advisor Meeting @ 4pm
- 24—Greek Week—Greek Sing
- 25—Greek Week—Greek Chapel
- 26—Greek Week—TBD (Game Show or Bowling)
- 27—Greek Week—Relay for Life
- 28—Greek Week—Greek Olympics
- 29—Greek Week—Volleyball
- 30—Greek Awards Banquet—7pm—McIntosh Ballroom

### May

- 7—11—Spring Quarter Housing Inspections
- 20—Undergraduate Commencement

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