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Greetings!

We hope you enjoy this month's edition of NewsGreek. We are always looking for up and coming news in our Greek Community, so please feel free to let us know what is happening with your chapter in the next few months. Also, if you have any questions about this month's articles, don't hesitate to contact us. Remember: be you. be greek!

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Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils attend MGCA in St. Louis



Your IFC and PHC leaders represented K-State well this past weekend at the Mid-American Greek Council Association annual meeting in St. Louis. Among the highlights was the recognition of the Panhellenic Council as a Kaleidoscope Award finalist for innovating and creative programming and the award of the Wayne S. Colvin Award for outstanding leadership to Andy Gigstad (FarmHouse), 2008 IFC President. [\[Read more.\]](#)

Sigma Phi Epsilon helps Kansas Mission of Mercy

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is going to be helping with the free dental clinic Kansas Mission of Mercy February 19 - 22. The clinic

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upcoming dates

February 19th - 22nd

Sig Ep with Kansas Mission of Mercy
 free dental clinic

February 28th

Greek Leads

Month of March

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March 4th

Badge Day

March 6th

Up 'Til Dawn Final Event

March 14th-22nd

SPRING BREAK

March 29th

Kappa and Pike "Pike Spike"

Philanthropy

April 13th - 17th

Greek Week

April 17th

Fraternity Experience Day

performs over \$ 1,000,000 worth of free dental care over the weekend. Dentists will pull approximately 12,000 teeth during the event. There will be 96 stations set up throughout Kansas, and anybody who is willing to wait in line will be eligible for free care. The station in Manhattan will be at the Armory off of Highway 24. There will be no requirements as far as finance and insurance are concerned. Thank you Sigma Phi Epsilon for your commitment to the community. If you have anymore questions, contact [Zach Harmon](#).

Ecolympics

Make March Much Greener: Imagine getting the Greek Community together for a whole month to make K-State a greener place to live. That's what Michael Bell, director of sustainability on SGA, is proposing. March will be a month-long competition promoting 'green decisions' across campus, appropriately titled Ecolympics, to do just that.

The board is encouraging the Greek community to become involved in preservation related activities to win competitions for each house. Through using less water, conserving energy, saving gasoline by carpooling/biking/walking to class, lowering utility bills, and incorporating educational 'green' programs we can make a difference. There will be special judging considerations for the houses that come up with the most innovative ideas on how to conserve.

With the support of local businesses, including Westar Energy, this event should be something to look forward to! The closing ceremony will be at Sunset Zoo, complete with music, games, informative programs, and to announce the winners. The closing ceremony will be April 4th from 2 - 5 p.m. Look for more information as the end of March draws near.

For more information visit www.seegreencampaign.com.

Bare your badge!

March 4th has been selected as this year's Badge Day! Don't forget to dress in badge attire and wear your pin; we want to represent our Greek Community well! There will be a community service project integrated into the day that benefits the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. The shelter is requesting items such as paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, powdered laundry detergent, and non-perishable foods be collected for donations.

Brotherhood Exchange program

The fraternities in Kansas State's Greek Community are going to have the opportunity to participate in a unique experience through the Brotherhood Exchange Program. The Brotherhood Exchange program is a way for Greek men of different fraternities to experience life in another chapter house. It is a great way to engender bonds of interfraternal friendship, and also an opportunity to get to know more people outside of your chapter house, and in the community. The men participating in this program have the choice of how long their stay will be with another fraternity. If you or your chapter is interested in participating, please contact [Jimmy Kelley](#).

Season for Nonviolence

The Season for Nonviolence has started and is in full swing! There are still some events left at the end of this month, check them out! The season goes thru March and into April as well. For more info about the Season for Nonviolence, and for a full list of events please check out: www.k-state.edu/nonviolence. Hope to see you there!

Feburary 24th - 7:30 p.m., K-State Rec Center: Yoga for a Better Body Image

A free yoga session and get some quick tips on ways to improve body image.

Feburary 25th - 7:30 p.m., K-State Student Union, Little Theatre: Film: I Am Beautiful

Forty-four minute documentary about women coming to terms with their self-image

March 4th - 1:00-3:00 p.m., Union 212: Dealing with Anger

SafeZone/Counseling Services presentation

March 9th -7:00 p.m., K-State Student Union, Little Theatre: Vegetarian or Carnivore?

Wait-there's more! Why do we eat the way we eat? Learn about dietary choices from a panel of eaters-vegan, vegetarian, lacto-vegetarian, carnivore and more.

Social Responsibility Committe

Congratulations to the new members of the SRC! We know you will do a great job this year.

Paul Fangman - Alpha Tau Omega
 Sam Long - Beta Theta Pi
 Matt Tedman - Beta Theta Pi
 Ben Kretzer - Delta Sigma Phi
 John Harrington - Lambda Chi Alpha
 Steve Coen - Lambda Chi Alpha
 Mitch Widener - Sigma Nu
 Charley Twietmeyer - Sigma Pi
 Matt Grace - Sigma Pi

Will Crooks - Tau Kappa Epsilon

Be Relevant: Fraternity Relevance Accreditation

What is fraternal relevance? Why base accreditation and recognition around relevance?

Fraternities and sororities, since their founding, have been the model and values-based organizations. Upon agreeing to membership, each individual brother or sisters commits to living as best they can the creed, mission, symphony or object of their fraternity or sorority. Members commit to living a lifestyle reflective of noble ideals and values and therefore are often critiqued more harshly than the average college student.

In considering relevance, chapters at Kansas State University are not asked to look to other campus chapters as a measuring stick. Though many ideals and values may in fact be the same as those of other chapters, a slight difference in founding principles and current policy can mean a major difference in expected action. Instead, Kansas State University chapters are expected to demonstrate mission and action congruence. It's simple - do what you say you will do. Chapters and the members making up the chapter, in order that they are most relevant, should live up to and strive to better live up to their fraternal mission. If Kansas State University chapters are to be most relevant, they will set and achieve outcomes annually which strive to bring them more aligned with their organization's specific founding principles. The Kansas State University Greek community wishes to ensure its relevance. Relevance of the community, however, can only be achieved by the actions of each individual chapter.

For more information visit <http://www.k-state.edu/greek/news/berrelevant.htm>

Quote of the Month

"Knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly, or it vanishes."
--Peter F. Drucker

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