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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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Former National President Visits Sigma Kappa

The Theta Tau Chapter of Sigma Kappa was visited by Angela Guillory on Saturday, February 21. Angela Guillory, a past Sigma Kappa National President, is the current Assistant Dean of Students and the Director of Greek Affairs at Louisiana State University. She came to the Theta Tau Chapter to give a presentation on the importance of treating your sisters well.



"The heart and core of an organization is about how we treat each other," said Guillory. It is very important to do the best you can to keep a positive attitude, even when you're having a bad day. "Do you want to be that person who brings sunshine? It's your choice; it's your decision."

Guillory also took the time to go over some confrontation skills with the chapter, helping to make quarrels with sisters easier to resolve.

"[Your] goal is 'win-win,'" stated Guillory. Her advice to the women of Theta Tau included being sincere and using "I" statements, instead of "You" statements.

"She is an outstanding role model for Greek leaders and is an asset not only to Sigma Kappa but the Greek Community," stated Jennifer Cassells, Sigma Kappa President. "I am proud to wear the same badge as her." -- written by Chelsey Eimer

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upcoming dates

April 4

- Ecolympics Closing Ceremony

April 5

- Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, & Delta Delta Delta's Easter Egg Hunt

- Lambda Chi Alpha & Delta Delta Delta's 3v3 Philanthropy

April 5-8

- Alpha Tau Omega's Homeless 4 Hunger

April 6-10

- Blood Drive

April 7

- Fraternity Recruitment Workshop

April 13-17

- Greek Week, sponsored by TGI

April 17

- Fraternity Experience Day

April 18

- Open House

- Sigma Phi Epsilon Marlatt Elementary Clean-up

April 19

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon Root Beer Pong Tournament

April 22

- PHC Extension visit: Delta Gamma

April 23

- PHC Extension visit: Zeta Tau Alpha

April 27

- PHC Extension visit: Alpha Phi

April 24

- Delta Upsilon Formal

April 25

- Kappa Delta Shamrock Golf Meet

- Let's Just Play

- Spring Fest

K-State Greek Affairs unveiled a 5 year strategic plan in June 2007, and since that time Greek Affairs Staff along with some amazing and committed student leaders have made the strategic plan come to life. The strategic plan was developed based on the concept of mission & action congruence, and has given the K-State Greek Community a road map to continued excellence. The plan has been used a model for strategic planning within the national fraternity and sorority community, and has been the topic of several educational sessions at professional conferences. Additionally, the steadfast commitment to the implementation and utilization of the strategic plan has led the community to address community issues effectively and efficiently.

The strategic plan was intentionally divided into 3 time specific areas which are 0-18 months, 18 months - 3 years, and 3 - 5 years. We have just completed the first stage of strategic plan and with great success. Over 60% of all the strategic issues have been addressed and several new and innovative programs have been developed to take the community to new heights. These programs include the Fraternal Relevance Accreditation and Minimum Expectations Program, Greek Leadership Education And Development Sessions (LEADS), New Member Council, Greek Leadership Retreat, and membership recruitment and retention initiatives. Other significant achievements include the addition of a sorority in 2010, revisions to risk management and judicial policies, addition of retention focused positions to the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council Board of Directors, and the improvement of web based communication and administrative resources such as a new Greek Affairs website and electronic newsletters.

Many key issues such as over programming, community sustainability, chapter and membership development, and social responsibility have been addressed with great success through the implementation of the strategic plan. Recruitment and marketing initiatives have helped increase community recruitment. Community programming now focuses on achieving specific learning outcomes and is designed to maximize effectiveness while limiting the time demand on students. Most importantly, Fraternal Relevance Accreditation and Minimum Expectations program has challenged our chapters to assess their relevance to the mission and values of their fraternity or sorority. Fraternities and sororities across the country have been working for decades to align their actions with their values, and K-State is once again leading the way through this program.

The strategic plan has and will continue to guide the K-State Greek Community to excellence and in the process will prove its relevance and importance to the larger K-State Community. It goes without saying that none of our success would be possible without the hard work and considerable time commitment from outstanding students, staff, alumni, and community partners. The work is not done, but we need to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of the K-State Greek Community and say thank you to everyone who makes our Greek Community what it is. Special thanks goes out to the amazing student leaders and alumni/ae that have led the way serving on IFC and PHC, Anthony Carter, Michelle LeCluyse, Andy Gigstad, Macy Wendler, Tim Lindemuth, and Gayle Spencer. It is a great time to be Greek at K-State and we have a lot to be proud of. To learn more about the K-State Greek Affairs Strategic Plan visit the Greek Affairs website at www.k-state.edu/greek.

K-STATE's to Host Three Candidates for Newest Sorority

The national sororities of Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Zeta Tau Alpha bid to become K-State's 12th National Panhellenic Conference sorority chapter.

A process that formally began on October 7, 2008 has finally advanced to the point where K-State's Panhellenic sorority community is inviting three national sororities to campus to be considered as the newest K-State sorority. "We are so excited to invite representatives from Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Zeta Tau Alpha to campus. These three groups are some of the finest in the country," Meghan Butler, K-State Panhellenic Council president said.

The procedure for Extension, or inviting a new sorority to campus, is a lengthy and intentional process. "When I first came to campus in 2007 it was apparent K-State could sustain a new sorority," Shawn Eagleburger, Assistant Director of Greek Affairs said. "When the number of qualified women interested in joining a sorority is greater than the number of spots we have in the sorority community, it's important the Panhellenic considers Extension. After much thought and debate, the Panhellenic voted to support the Extension process and to invite a new sorority to campus."

A committee, made up of one representative from each sorority currently on campus and including alumnae and undergraduates first reviewed campus statistics and trends to see if Extension was actually feasible. After agreeing Extension was appropriate, the committee was able to outline what qualities would make a new sorority most successful. The committee offered a call for applications of all interested National Panhellenic Conference sororities. "We were thrilled to receive a number of very outstanding applications," Eagleburger said. The committee spent two weeks reviewing application materials and seeking feedback from current members of the sorority community and was then able to make a decision of which groups to invite to formally offer campus presentations.

Following campus visits, one group will be selected by the Extension committee to colonize in the fall 2010 semester.

Stop, Collaborate, and Listen

A common sight in Hale Library is a bunch of people clustered around one of the computer pods, trying to work together on a project, squinting at the small screen and angling for better positions. Have you ever done this, and wished for more space to collaborate with your friends and classmates on a presentation or project? Well, never fear - Hale Library is here.

You may have seen some large, fancy-looking screens in Hale and wondered what they were, and who forgot to put them away. These, my friends, are collaboration stations. And they're out on purpose, just for you. Plug in your laptop and park yourself on some comfy chairs with your other group members while you tweak your PowerPoint presentation to perfection, or show off the work you've done on your group paper, or have everyone plug in headphones to watch a video. Don't have your laptop with you? No problem - you can check one out from iTAC.

The best part? These stations are mobile, so you can roll them on over to a more convenient spot or into a group study room to get your work done. You'll typically find one collaboration station on each of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.

Don't let group project anxiety get you down. Just take it from someone who knows and "stop, collaborate, and listen."

Continuous Open Bidding Going Well

Collectively, this year has proven to be the most successful COB process to date. The new member class at K-State is up from last year due in part to such a great turnout for spring informal recruitment. Just over eighty women have joined a K-State sorority since fall recruitment, fifty of those bids occurring this spring. All sororities that were eligible to recruit new members have done so. "We could not be happier with the way COB went for us this year. Not only did we get the chance to meet with some fantastic women throughout the recruiting process, but we also had the privilege of welcoming five new members to our house," commented Ashlyn Smith Vice-President of Membership for Kappa Alpha Theta. Congratulations to the sororities on all their new spring members!

Fraternity Experience Day

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](#).

Greek LEADS

The spring session of Greek LEADS was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. LEADS consisted of two sets of three concurrent sessions in the mornings. Concurrent sessions ranged from fire safety to public relations. During the noon hour the keynote speaker Ross Szabo presented to a crowd of about 250 people in Forum Hall. Ross spoke about mental health issues and breaking down the stereotypes associated with mental health issues. After Ross' presentation, there was a "Hot Topics" session consisting of three concurrent hot topics: "Being an Involved Alumnus/Alumna," "Career Strategies," and "Diversity in the Greek Community." IFC and PHC would like to thank all of those people who came to participate in LEADS and also thank all of those who presented. The fall session of Greek LEADS will be Saturday, September 12. Mark your calendars.

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Quote of the Month

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." - Aristotle

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