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THE GREEK REPORT

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends & Students,

Hello to all the members and supporters of the Greek Community at Truman State University. The semester is in full swing and with Midterm Break approaching we are off to a great last few months of the 2008-09 academic year.

The Greek Life Office has continued to pursue our new initiatives for this spring and the Greek Community Relations Board is going strong. The students participating in the group have decided to work on inter-Greek relations and hope to sponsor an all-Greek philanthropy before the end of the semester.

Our Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council have transitioned their officers and are making plans for Fall RUSH and Formal Recruitment, while NPHC wrapped up a successful new set of events called "NPHC Week-End." The officers on all three councils have been doing an excellent job in communicating with each other and their members and I am excited to see what lies ahead.

The Greek Challenge for Excellence portfolios are due April 17 to the Greek Life Office and anyone who has questions about the completion of the portfolio should let myself or one of the interns know and we would be happy to attend a chapter or exec meeting to explain the process in more detail.

Keep an eye out for information regarding Greek Week 2009: Game ON! The events will start with The Big Event on March 21 and will conclude with a formal on March 27. More information is available at greekweek.truman.edu. You may also refer to the greeklife.truman.edu website for more information on the Greek Challenge for Excellence and Greek Life Intern applications.

Last, but not least, congratulations to the men of Alpha Kappa Lambda for completing their rechartering process on February 18, 2009. Welcome back!

Go Bulldogs!
Go GREEK!

Beth Tuttle, btuttle@truman.edu
Director of Greek Life, Summer Conferences & Special Events

GREEK COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

The Greek Community Relations Board started off the year with an open forum to give Greeks a chance to voice their concerns and hopes for Greek Life at Truman. Based on this meeting and the topics those present deemed most important and relevant to Greek Life, the executive board put together a schedule for the rest of the semester. Over the first half of the semester, John Williams and Willa Dawson hosted discussions on both inter-Greek relations and the possibility of putting together an All-Greek philanthropy event.

While discussing inter-Greek relations here at Truman, many of those present felt that the most important thing we can do individually is to force ourselves out of our comfort zone and interact with other Greeks outside our organization. While we may chose to wear different letters, we all chose to be Greek and have something in common. By interacting with other organizations, we can help break down stereotypes we have amongst ourselves, which is the first step in getting rid of stereotypes of Greeks in general

and will benefit us all. Over the next few weeks, we challenge you to step outside your own comfort zone and cross organizational lines – try partnering up with a Greek not in your organization for your next class project or join a group of other Greeks the next time you have lunch in the SUB.

Over the next few weeks the Greek Community Relations Board hopes to join forces with the three councils and create an All-Greek philanthropy to benefit the university and local community, and to show everyone how much we can accomplish with our numbers! Keep reading those All-Greek emails and the Greek Report for more information on how you can get involved!

Next semester, the Greek Community Relations Board will be discussing campus relations, hazing and working on our philanthropy project. The meetings are most effective when we have a lot of opinions, so be sure to join us to give us your input on these hot topics!

Alicia Baker

DATES TO KNOW!

MARCH 18:
7 P.M.

GCRB MEETING
SUB CONFERENCE ROOM

MARCH 19:
BIG MAN ON CAMPUS
BALDWIN AUDITORIUM

MARCH 21:
BIG EVENT

MARCH 22 - 28:
GREEK WEEK!

APRIL 1:
GCRB MEETING:
SUB CONFERENCE ROOM

APRIL 2:
PRESIDENT'S SQUARE TABLE
7:00 SPANISH ROOM

APRIL 9:
GREEK LIFE SUMMIT
7:00 GEORGIAN ROOM B

APRIL 13:
SPRING BREAK

APRIL 25:
THE BIG MIX

THE BIG MIX: UNITING STUDENTS FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Last year during the Big Event, a small group of students had the opportunity to participate in a very unique service experience. The Mix It Up! program sought to enhance the students' service projects with diversity and personal development. Led by Student Senate and the Serve Center, Mix It Up!'s pilot students came from Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir, Association of Black Collegians, Blue Key, and Habitat for Humanity.

The students were placed in groups of varying ethnicity, orientation, hobbies and interests, etc. and then went out into the community

to do their service project. They then participated in a follow-up activity which included a very personal reflection. The project was a huge success, drawing close to 70 people crushing estimations of only 30 participants, and this year Serve Center and Student Senate want to make it even bigger.

This year, the program has been renamed the Big Mix and will take place on Saturday April 25th so that students can volunteer in both the Big Event and the Big Mix. The event coordinators are hoping to expand the Big Mix to dozens more campus organizations, including Greek Life.

They want to continue breaking down barriers of communication between campus organizations and the Big Mix is a great way to encourage positive interfraternal relations. The Big Mix is scheduled to take place at Thousand Hills State Park on April 25th from 8 AM to 3 PM. Please contact JoEllen Flannigan at jaf3154@truman.edu if you are interested in more information. The deadline to sign up is April 10th so there is plenty of time to decide. We hope that Greeks will take the opportunity to improve campus relations!

Graeme Allen

FREEZING FOR A CAUSE: RECENT PHILANTHROPY EVENTS FEATURE CHILLY WEATHER TO RAISE MONEY

PHI TAUS FREEZE FOR FUNDRAISING

This year, to promote their philanthropy, Phi Kappa Tau stripped down to their swim suits and hung out on the mall for a week. From January 17 through the 24, Phi Taus were baring it all in the bitter cold for a great cause. The Freeze 4 Fundraising raised nearly \$500 for Hole in the Wall Camps, a Phi Tau philanthropy, which were founded by Paul Newman. The camps provide an escape for children whose lives have been interrupted by serious illnesses and are free of charge to the participants, so the support of organizations like Phi Tau are essential to keep them running.

Phi Tau President Mark Treska came up with the idea as a way to make money with minimal cost to the organization. "The only thing we really had to lose was our dignity or possibly some fingers due to frostbite."

The Phi Taus are also busy gearing up for another fundraiser, their 14th Annual Cookout for Kids. Starting next week, they will be out on the quad taking orders for their April 7 delivery day. The meals consist of either half of a barbequed chicken or pork steak, beans, coleslaw, bread, and a drink for \$8. The chapter is working on sponsorships from local businesses and organizations to eliminate as much of the food costs as possible, in order to ensure that the greatest amount of money possible goes to Hole in the Wall Camps. For more information about the camps, visit holeinthewallcamps.org and look for the Phi Taus on campus during the next couple of weeks to place your order and support our fellow Greeks!

Graeme Allen



Members of Phi Tau spend time on the mall in their swimsuits in January

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Over 100 Truman Students plunged themselves into incredibly frosty cold water on February 14 to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics. This year was Kirksville's Fourth Annual Polar Bear Plunge and was a broke previous records in the number of participants and the money raised. In total, the event raised over \$23,000 for Special Olympics! Other events across the state of Missouri this year raised a whopping \$1,853,751. This is a huge success for Special Olympics!

Participants had to raise at least \$50 to partake in the plunge. Plungers were also asked to dress in costumes for a chance to win the best outfit award. People were wearing panda outfits, clown suits and much more. Some plungers were daring and wore much less than that, stripping

down to Speedos and swimsuits! After participants plunged, they got a free sweatshirt and there was a tent available for them to change and warm up. The temperature that day was a brutal 33 degrees, but the plungers still willingly jumped into the frigid water.

Senior football player Wes Hadler said, "I'm so glad I participated in the plunge, it was a good feeling raising money for such a great cause. However, that water was so cold I thought was going to drown." Hadler raised around \$75 and was a member of team Vanilla Ice.

If you would like to contribute to Special Olympics, you can sign up on the Serve Center website to be a volunteer at the event on April 18.

Danielle Holmes

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Ever wonder what all those abbreviations stand for? Here's your guide to understand all the abbreviations of the Greek Life Office!

GAB:

Greek Advisory Board, made up of the council advisors for all three councils

GCE:

Greek Challenge for Excellence

GCRB:

Greek Community Relations Board

IFC:

InterFraternity Council

NPC:

National Panhellenic Conference

NPHC:

National Pan-Hellenic Council

DELTA SIGMA THETA HOSTS CREDIT WORKSHOP

This year, based on the current economic situations, Delta Sigma Theta felt the need to educate Truman students about what credit really means to them – how it helps, how it hurts, and how to get it. To do so, they brought in two managers from the local Bank Midwest to help us understand how credit is really affecting our lives.

After talking participants through the dos and don'ts of credit, Jill Williams, a manager at Bank Midwest, walked the students through the process of getting their free credit report (which, by the way, you can access at annualcreditreport.com, NOT freecreditreport.com). They even broke credit scores down to criteria students can easily understand by relating a score of 700 or above to be on the "honor roll". The seminar,

hosted in the library computer room so everyone could immediately access their scores, gave students a chance to ask specific questions about how credit would affect their lives in terms of getting student loans, buying a car, and even finding a job.

Their week of service also featured events such as the family reunion in Pershing, and a recycling competition. Winners of the competition received free admission to their pageant. Delta Sigma Theta put a ton of hard work into helping Truman students understand what credit really means to them, and how to improve their credit report in the future.

Alicia Baker

GREEK WEEK

SCHEDULE

Saturday, 3/21:
Big Event

Sunday, 3/22:
Basketball Tournament

Monday, 3/23:
6:30 Opening Ceremonies

Tuesday, 3/24:
3:00 Family Feud Trivia
7:00 Skit

Wednesday 3/25:
3:00 Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt
7:00 Battleship: Dodge Ball

Thursday, 3/26:
3:00 Greek Olympics
7:00 Lip Sync

Friday, 3/27:
6:00 Unity Stroll
9:00 All Greek Formal

GREEK WEEK TEAMS

Colonel Mustard (Yellow):

Sigma Tau Gamma
Alpha Gamma Delta
Phi Kappa Tau
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Phi Sigma Kappa

Left Foot Blue:

Sigma Kappa
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc
Alpha Kappa Lambda

Luigi (Green):

Lambda Chi
Sigma Sigma Sigma
Phi Kappa Theta
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Purple Parrots:

Pi Kappa Phi
Alpha Sigma Alpha
Delta Chi
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Sigma Chi Delta

Red Army

Beta Theta Pi
Delta Zeta
Phi Lambda Phi
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Alpha Phi Alpha

GREEK WEEK 09: GAME ON!

Get excited for 2009's "Game On" Greek Week March 22-29! The Greek Week Directors, Tom Crenshaw and Katelyn Boschert, and all of the Greek Week committee have a jam-packed, fun-filled week planned for everyone.

The committee has added new and exciting events to Greek Week this year. One of these events, battleship dodge ball, will be held in the Pershing natatorium and will include a ball and giant inter-tubes. Like always, teams will get points for participating in this event. Also premiering this year is the Amazing Race, which is structured like a scavenger hunt. There's still one more new, surprise event underway, planned for the Friday of Greek Week. To get more details on all of these events you can talk to your organizations liaison or come to the events!

In addition to these events, philanthropy has had a major overhaul. Instead of each team holding a philanthropy event on the quad on different days of Greek Week, the philanthropy work is already underway! Each team will come up with their own event and has until Greek Week to raise \$500. Also all teams are playing in an all Greek basketball tournament the Sunday before Greek Week kicks off. All proceeds from the philanthropies will be given to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Familiar favorites will also be back on the Greek Week schedule, including opening ceremonies, trivia, skit, lip sync, unity stroll and Greek Olympics. The committee has been working hard to make Greek Week 2009 a special and memorable one for everyone.

Danielle Holmes

RALPH CUPELLI: PHI KAPPA TAU ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

The Dr. Edgar Ewing Brandon Award is an award recognizing outstanding chapter advisors with more than five years of service. This year, the award was presented to Assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ralph Cupelli. Mr. Cupelli has served Truman's campus for over 20 years and serves as the primary advisor for Phi Kappa Tau.

The award was initially meant to be presented to Cupelli in August at a convention, but due to unforeseen circumstances had to be pushed back to Homecoming. Unfortunately, once again situations occurred preventing the presentation of the award, so the men of Phi Tau had to hold onto the award until Halloween. When Cupelli finally got word of his award, he was both honored and surprised. Even more impressive, this is not Cupelli's first time winning the award. He was first presented this award in 1993, making him the only person to ever win twice.

Cupelli is ultimately appreciative to the men of Phi Tau because

the award is given based on good chapter recommendations. When asked why he's remained an advisor for over 20 year Cupelli replied, "I receive great pride in seeing the members of Phi Tau grow and mature in positive ways, as well as watching my advisees progress into responsible adults."

As for goals for Phi Tau, Cupelli's main objective is to serve as a good contact between the university, community and Phi Tau's current and alumni members. He remains an easily accessible resource for Phi Tau, providing guidance for the chapter while allowing them to lead their organization in the right direction.

Cupelli stated his main reward of being Phi Tau's advisor. "It keeps me younger while creating a lasting bond with young men that will grow in to great and supportive alumni". At the rate he's going, the Dr. Edgar Ewing Brandon Award recipient, Ralph Cupelli will be forever young.

Shawn Gadley

NPHC UNITY WEEKEND

This January, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) held a council wide weekend of service and social events to unify all seven historically Black Greek letter organizations on campus.

The weekend began with the Martin Luther King Memorial Project titled, "I Have a Dream." The service event involved the playing of the historical speech the event was named after, followed by a discussion about the advancements minorities have made since the speech was first given.

Socialization was important in uniting the Greeks, and the social events kicked off with "Bowling with the Greeks" at Leisure World, which was free for the first fifty people compliments of NPHC. The first NPHC Weekend closed with a Greek Unity Party which spawned a new NPHC unity stroll created by NPHC President Maurice Mathis. In favor of the non-Greek population the party had very minimal strolling by NPHC organizations.

The weekend was something fresh and new, as well as a chance to unify the council and will hopefully develop into something even greater in future years.

WHERE CAN I... GET LETTERS?!

Copy Systems:

103 E. Filmore

660-627-3233

Short Sleeve: \$28

Long Sleeve: \$32

Crew Sweatshirt: \$35

Hoodie Sweatshirt: \$41

Processing time is generally around ten days. They provide fabric for backing, but you must bring your own fabric for the letters.

Ewenique Stitches:

210 N. Franklin

660-665-3666

Short Sleeve: \$18

Long Sleeve: \$22

Crew Sweatshirt: \$28

Hoodie Sweatshirt: \$35

Although you're welcome to bring your own fabric, they do have fabric at the store you can use for your letters. Processing time is generally two to three weeks.

The Golden Ruler

404 S. Elson

660-665-4653

Short Sleeve: \$16.50

Long Sleeve: \$19.50

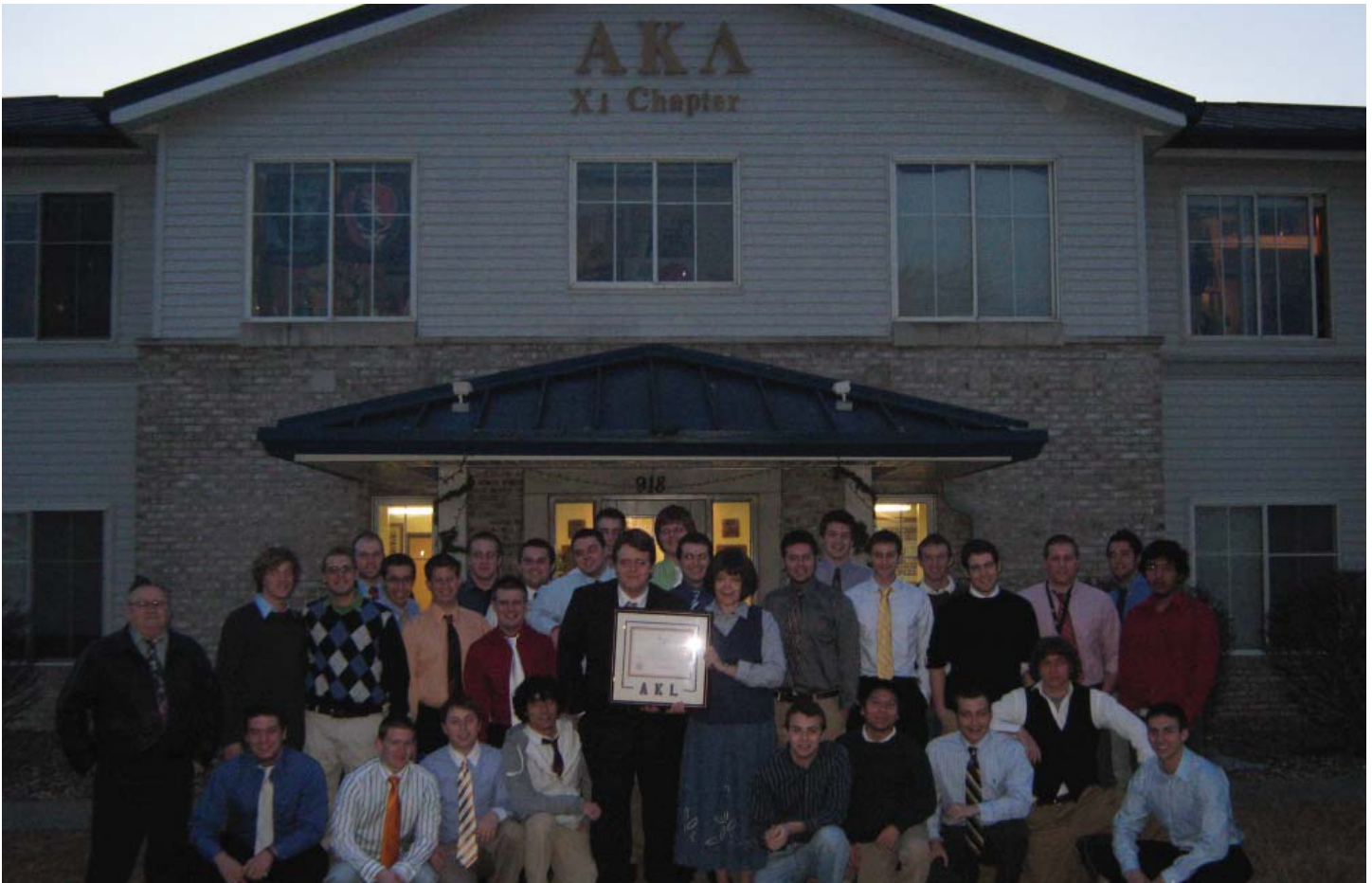
Crew Sweatshirt: \$27

Hoodie Sweatshirt: \$33

The store keeps approximately five books of fabric on hand that you can chose from, but bringing your own fabric in is not allowed. Processing time is generally two weeks.



NPHC Greeks during their bowling event at Leisure World during the NPHC Unity Weekend



Members of Alpha Kappa Lambda pose in front of their house with their charter and Dean Gilchrist

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