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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends & Students,

I can't believe we are already into October! This fall has been jam-packed with activities and we have been keeping very busy in the Greek Life Office. We started the semester out by helping with New Student Move-In and had high attendance at our Greek Interest Barbeque on the Sunday before classes began. Our numbers were also good for Formal Rush and Recruitment.

This year the Greek Life Office sponsored a Carnival for the Kids during Family Day and gave proceeds to Up 'Til Dawn. This was an opportunity for us to provide entertainment during the Family Day BBQ and raise money for a good cause. Over 90 students assisted with the execution of the event by working at tables and people really enjoyed the event.

Currently the Greek Life Office is working on three different initiatives for the Greek community on campus. We are restarting the Greek Community Relations Board and will begin calling a group of students together in the next few weeks to begin having conversations about relations across campus and in the Kirksville community. We are also revising the Greek Challenge for Excellence and will have it ready by November so chapters can be recognized for their achievement during the past year.

You will also read more about our Greek Spirit Nights later in the newsletter. We are really excited to support Bulldog Athletics on campus and share a little of our Greek spirit with other students on campus. These games should be entertaining and will give us a chance to gather more often as a Greek community to support our teams.

We are always looking for ways to include what is going on around campus in this newsletter, so please continue to tell us about your events. This way we can include information in our announcements and mention it here in our "Dates to Know" section.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate this fall's new additions to our fraternities and sororities. We are so happy to welcome you to our Greek community. This semester will be exciting for you, so enjoy!

Go Bulldogs!
Go GREEK!

Beth Tuttle, btuttle@truman.edu
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CARNIVAL FOR THE KIDS



Clifton Ricana, of Beta Theta Pi, takes a pie in the face at Carnival for the Kids. Thanks to everyone who participated!

This year the Greek Life Office sponsored an event during Family Day called Carnival for the Kids. We saw an opportunity to introduce our organizations to our families, increase our visibility and raise money for St. Jude's. The carnival was funded by Greek Life, and organizations provided representatives to work the activities.

Booths ranged from classic carnival games like the ring toss to the messy but entertaining pie toss. Cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones were a big hit after the barbeque, and children could learn to write their names in a foreign language.

make cards for the St. Jude patients or have their picture taken with Spike the Bulldog. All proceeds were donated to St. Jude's. A special thank you to Dean Glichrest for providing barbeque for all the workers and to the following organizations for their support and participation!

Alpha Sigma Alpha, Association of Black Collegians, Beta Beta Beta, Beta Theta Pi, Circle K, cheerleaders, Delta Zeta, Illusion Danz Team, Nursing Students Association, NPHC, Panhellenic and IFC councils, Sigma Kappa, the showgirls and Spike the Bulldog!

Alicia Baker

DATES TO KNOW!

OCT 13-14:
STOP THE BOP PHILANTHROPY
SIGMA CHI DELTA

OCT. 15:
PRESIDENT'S ROUND TABLE
SUB ALUMNI ROOM
7-8:30 PM

OCT. 16:
UP TIL DAWN PHILANTHROPY
ALL TEAM MEETING
SUB GEORGIAN ROOM
4-8 PM

OCT. 18:
GREEK SPIRIT NIGHT
FOOTBALL GAME
2 PM

NOV. 1:
GREEK SPIRIT NIGHT
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
6 PM

A NEW SIGN OF GREEK LIFE



The Greek Life Office has a new logo! Designed by a fellow Greek, Willa Dawson, the logo combines the traditional Greek laurels with the Truman "T". Thanks to Dawson's hard work with publications, the Greek Life Office finally has a logo to represent itself! Look for this sign on everything from polo shirts to tablecloths. Keep an eye out for this image!

Graeme Allen

MEET THE ADVISOR: DAVE LUSK

Dave Lusk is the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and former IFC advisor. Lately, he has been spending much of his time with the CSI working to increase services for the Truman community. Dave advised IFC for 5 years.

What were your favorite times serving as IFC advisor?

I especially enjoyed the lively meetings when discussion was a little spirited. I probably view IFC differently than many. I truly believe that it is the main responsibility of the gentlemen around the room in IFC to have the executive board work for them and the greater Greek Community. I think a healthy functioning IFC allows for difference of opinions and that at times, not everyone will agree. What is important to me is that people speak their minds and represent their concerns.

I think it is important that IFC meetings went from 7 minutes when I started advising IFC to take a full hour. I think it is important that people have a venue to come together, have a choice on how they want to represent themselves, and hopefully choose to be engaged and make IFC a strong guiding body.

What are your hopes for the future of the Greek Community?

I have a lot of hopes for our Greek Community. My main hope is success!! I feel that we cannot become comfortable with the way things are and that we must be proactive in addressing many of the issues that are facing our chapters. The Greek Community is a strong community and sometimes when we are strong we do not attend to

issues proactively. We have some tremendously gifted leaders in our organizations and I look forward to these leaders utilizing IFC to make IFC stronger, to make individual organizations stronger, and ultimately help Greek Life successfully navigate the future.

Patrick Henry spoke the following at his last public speech in March 1799. I think this quote is relevant in many ways today: "Let us trust God, and our better judgment to get us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs."

Dave leaves us with these last words, "We are strong! We are brilliant! Let's be proactive!!"

Graeme Allen

Congratulations Homecoming Court!



This year, four Greeks earned spots on the 2008 Homecoming Court. Seniors Kevin Andert, Brittany Beck, Willa Dawson and Tim Sitton did a great job representing our Greek community! Congratulations to our 2008 King and Queen, Tim Sitton and Willa Dawson. Tim is a biology major, and currently serves as president of Beta Theta Pi. Willa is a romance languages major, and currently serves as the assistant new member educator for Sigma Kappa. Again, congratulations to all our 2008 Homecoming Court!

SORORITIES HOST ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

FRATS AT BAT

On September 27 fraternities participated in a fun filled day of competition at the annual Frats at Bat softball tournament held at the NorthPark Complex.

This event was sponsored by the women of Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta and proceeds benefited their national philanthropies (Alzheimer's Research and Juvenile Diabetes, respectively). This year's tournament included teams from several fraternities, including last year's winner

Sigma Tau Gamma, and the first non social fraternity to enter the tournament, Delta Sigma Pi.

In addition to great barbeque, there were a few close games during the tournament. In the end, Sigma Phi Epsilon triumphed over Lambda Chi Alpha in the final game.

Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta had a successful event raising money for their philanthropies while having a great time with members from other organizations.

Shawn Gadley

GREEK SPIRIT NIGHTS: GO BULLDOGS! GO GREEK!

This year, Greeks and Truman athletes are teaming up to show more support for each other. In attempts to gain more school spirit the Athletic Department and Office of Greek Life have planned Greek spirit nights at numerous varsity athletic events.

At the Greek Spirit nights there will be a section in the stands roped off specifically for Greeks to sit in. Greeks had the opportunity to purchase Greek Spirit Shirts to show our Truman and Greek pride! Attending the Greek Spirit Nights will also count for points in the Greek Challenge for Excellence. In addition, the athletic teams will be picking out the most spirited Greek and a tremendous prize will



be given to that lucky winner. Mark your calendars for upcoming Greek Spirit Nights:

October 18th 2pm football
November 1st 6pm women's volleyball

During the spirit nights, the Greeks will have opportunities to participate in different

activities put on at halftime. One example of an activity that will be done at the volleyball game is hitting a ball over the net and trying to hit a Pagliai's pizza box. If you hit the box you get a gift certificate for a FREE pizza party.

In return for Greek support at the varsity games, athletes will be getting more involved in the Greek philanthropy events. The athletic department is incredibly excited about Greek Spirit nights and is planning some really awesome events for the Greeks at their games. This is a great opportunity to show your Greek and Truman spirit! Go Bulldogs!

Danielle Holmes

MEET THE GREEK

On Monday September 21, 2008 National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations held the event "Meet the Greek".

Unlike the other councils, NPHC includes both sororities and fraternities. Meet the Greek was an opportunity for incoming freshmen to get to know the divine nine (all of the NPHC organizations). Each organization gave potential new members the background of their organization such as their founding dates, philanthropy, social events, founding principles and much more. They also went over their different calls and signs. The members of NPHC have a lot of pride for their organizations and the traditions that they represent.

At Meet the Greek students were encouraged to ask questions on GPA requirements, community service activities, time commitment and what other organizations their members are in. Organization representatives gave speeches to address these and other relevant topics.

Junior Neosha Hayes, who

is the historian for NPHC, planned this event. She hoped potential members would gain a "well rounded idea of all the historical black organizations on campus and get any information they might want or need." Hayes did a fantastic job of making sure everyone left that night more knowledgeable about NPHC. Hayes put together a packet of information for all who attended. that included important definitions and the dos and don'ts of recruitment.

One unique characteristic of NPHC recruitment is that it is not discussed, so please remember that you should never ask a new member which organization they want to join or ask active members who is part of their membership intake process. It's a very personal process, and it's important that all Greek members respect this method.

The night was a huge success. Most importantly, the potential new members left more educated about NPHC organizations and better able to make an informed decision.

Danielle Holmes



NPHC TERMS TO KNOW

- **Cross- Initiated:** Refers to transition ("crossing over") from pledge to new member at the end of the recruitment period after being evaluated by the new member's chosen organization
- **Dropping line:** To quit the process of becoming a member (similar to de-pledging)
- **Line:** The group of people who cross when you do (similar to pledge class)
- **M.I.P.:** Membership Intake Process: the process adopted by the NPHC in the early 1990's to put an end to dangerous rites of passage (known as hazing). Hazing is prohibited by all our NPHC organizations, as with all other Greek chapters at Truman
- **On Yard:** Organization that have active status on campus
- **Soror:** A term used by members of sororities or women's fraternities when referring to each other

AROUND CAMPUS...

PI KAPPA PHI SPONSORED PUSH-UPS FOR PUSH ON THE QUAD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR PHILANTHROPY, PUSH AMERICA

