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DAVID QUINN '08, PRESIDENT, INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Greek system at Bucknell University has made many great strides in the past year and has proven itself to be one of the most envied Greek systems in the Northeast. However, this praise did not develop overnight and is the culmination of the tireless work of student leaders, members of the Alumni Greek Council, the Council on Greek Life, and the Deans of Students and their staff, who have all contributed to improving Greek Life at Bucknell. They all worked together selflessly to achieve last years level of success and deserve a great deal of thanks and appreciation.

Despite the improvements made to Greek Life in the recent past, it is still far from perfect. The tragic incident at Rider University has forced us to review our own risk management policies and strive to make our parties even safer. It served as a reminder that we cannot rest on our laurels but need to continuously improve upon past excellence to prove that Greek Life is an essential part of Bucknell.

The Interfraternity Council, the governing body of the fourteen fraternities on campus, is perpetually working towards a stronger, more united system. Our eleven man council has been working closely with the Panhellenic Council to plan Greek wide events such as Meet the Greeks, Greek Week, and House Party. We also serve the individual chapters by holding them accountable to the Plan for Prominence and search for solutions to the diverse set of issues facing each house.

This year we hope to address inappropriate party themes and other illicit conduct that are plaguing campuses nationwide and often unintentionally offending our peers. We need to be aware of the social consequences of our actions and do our best to avoid unnecessary indignation. Hopefully through collaboration with other student organizations, the administration, and Public Safety, we can work toward greater awareness and involvement with the entire Bucknell community.

I would finally like to congratulate all our new members and challenge them to uphold our ideals and to build upon the strong foundation left to them by their predecessors. Bucknell's campus is continually evolving and I trust that you will overcome any future challenges.

In closing, Bucknell Greeks should be proud of their system, but also realize that there is still progress to be made. This campus offers numerous opportunities but none as potentially life changing as Greek Life. It would be a shame for it to be left out or fade away as Bucknell enters a new era of development. I will do my part to push Greek Life one step further and keep it relevant and prominent for decades to come.

Letter from the Editors

Greetings from the Greek Community at Bucknell! We are proud to welcome 521 new Greek members into our organizations with the conclusion of another successful formal recruitment. The women had an unprecedented year with 65% of the sophomore class accepted bids to become members of sororities. Men's recruitment was also successful, attracting even more sophomore men than last year to the Greek system. Also, the Greek system welcomes back Kappa Sigma Fraternity to campus with their successful re-colonization. We are both excited and optimistic about these new additions to our already thriving Greek community.

As the fall semester moves forward, there will be many exciting events planned that will showcase what it means to be Greek at Bucknell. One of the highlights is the Million Penny Project, in which our benefactor, The Blue Butterfly Fund, will be the focus of our philanthropic efforts. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to aid this local, cancer patient aid organization.

This past spring was highlighted by what we believe was the most successful Greek Week ever. Organizations competed in various events including, raising money for the MPP through Wing Fest, our annual Academic Bowl, a volleyball tournament, and the Greek God and Goddess Competition. The organization scoring the most points throughout the week was FIJI. This week was the perfect showcase of the Greek system at Bucknell coming together for a greater good.

As you read through the Fall edition of Alpha to Omega, please note all of the accomplishments that Bucknell's Greek members have been a part of these past few months. We hope you join us in congratulating our Greek system on another successful semester.

STEPHEN HORSFIELD AND KATIE WOLFE

VICE PRESIDENTS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INTER-FRATERNITY AND PANHELLENIC COUNCILS

Game

This year, the goals to make strives in the area of diversity will involve more interaction between multicultural organizations and fraternities. This will come in the form of possible events such as barbecues, community service activities, socials, and educational experiences. These strides are being made in hopes to make the process or interaction between Greeks and multicultural groups more dynamic and meaningful. With the help of the Chief Diversity Officer on campus and the school's support, we hope to plan events that will enhance our awareness of diversity on campus and in the world.

A secondary goal is in hopes that we, as Greeks, can appreciate the diversity that exists within ourselves. Nearly 200 or more Greeks are ethnically diverse and our goal is to become aware of that.

IFC Community Service and Philanthropy Update

CHRIS PALMER, IFC COMMUNITY SERVICE/PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

The spring 2007 semester was very successful in both community service and philanthropy for the Bucknell Greek community. Fraternity men on campus contributed nearly 6,000 hours, over \$37,000 in philanthropy money to various local and national organizations, and Greeks as a whole topped 12,500 hours and \$75,000 in philanthropy for the spring. In February, the Interfraternity Council and Panhel decided that the recipient of this year's Million Penny Project would be the Blue Butterfly Fund, a local non-profit company that raises money to help families cover the costs that come with having a family member suffer from cancer. Greeks continued to raise money towards the Million Penny Project through the annual "Wingfest" event, which again was a rousing success. Local businesses, including "Wingfest" winner, Bull Run Inn, contributed hundreds of delicious wings that were enjoyed by all those in attendance. Last spring also saw Greeks participate in events like the Polar Bear Plunge, Relay for Life, and weekly downtown cleanups in Lewisburg. IFC and Panhellenic, with the help of Mrs. Landis, also started an inaugural book drive throughout February and the beginning of March to benefit local libraries and children's centers.

This fall, Bucknell Greeks will undoubtedly continue to show their commitment to community service and philanthropy. The Greek Iron Chef is the fall event which will help raise money towards the completion of the MPP, and we look forward to continuing on the success of that event. An annual AIDS walk and continual downtown cleanups in Lewisburg are only two of the examples of countless other projects that Bucknell Greeks will continue to support. We look forward to another successful semester helping out in the community this fall.

The Buzz of Sorority Recruitment

DOAN HUYNH, PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

Formal Fall Recruitment is now over and all six sororities are excited to welcome and educate their new members. This year's Recruitment ran smoothly and efficiently with the help of the Collegiate Recruiter from Interactive Collegiate Solutions. With this new web-based program, all the chapters were able to obtain the Recruitment schedules of Potential New Members faster, and the Panhellenic Recruitment Staff was able to convey messages and information to the chapters easier. In addition, the Potential New Members did priority ranking this year instead of accept/regret which made Recruitment a more positive experience for all the Potential New Members. Overall, less Potential New Members withdrew from the Recruitment process this year, and I can happily say that we were able to accommodate the Potential New Member's preferences and now have 291 new members for the six sororities. Thus, this year, 85% of women who went through Recruitment received a bid. This is record breaking and further supports the success of this year's Recruitment!

The new members for all the sororities received their bids on Bid Day, Friday, August 31st, and then had their pictures taken on Welcome Day, September 1st. We used a university photographer this year and it worked out great since the pictures are of a better quality and price! In addition, we had a cheer off in the Grove that concluded with a personalized cake for each sorority.

Recruitment was very success this year and it is all due to the hard work and dedication of the Panhellenic Recruitment Staff, Gamma Chis, Sorority Recruitment Staffs, and Mrs. Karen Landis.

Currently we are working on new member post-Recruitment surveys to gather information on how to make next year's Recruitment a bigger success. We are also meeting with chapter officers to come up with a strategic plan towards a No Frills Recruitment.



IFC Recruitment

BILL GROEN, IFC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

The IFC just finished off another exciting year of recruitment. 230 undergraduates joined a fraternal organization which is the largest group since 2000. 53% of all sophomore males were extended and accepted bids. With this new class, Bucknell University continues to be a national leader in Greek recruitment. Members of the IFC are often sought out for advice from other schools as we have an exceptional reputation for a thriving Greek System. During recruitment each house hosted a variety of events from pig roasts to Sumo competitions. The IFC also welcomed Kappa Sigma back to campus. Representatives from Kappa Sigma's national organization did a great job to successfully re-colonize the chapter. Looking ahead, many chapters have plans to continue to recruit students throughout the year.

IFC GAMMA Chair

ADAM HINSHAW

This semester we will be holding our Alcohol Awareness Week during the week of October 21st to October 27th. At the moment, Panhellenic Gamma Chair, Stephanie Joong, and I are considering viable options for speakers and formulating plans for philanthropy and community service events. One idea is to have a donation in which the proceeds will be given to a local alcohol and drugs rehabilitation center.

Another idea involved showing a movie that does not glorify drinking, and having a public service announcement by IFC and Panhellenic before the feature. Admission will be charged and proceeds will go to a local alcohol and drugs rehabilitation center. We look forward to a successful Alcohol Awareness Week and a more drug and alcohol aware Greek system at Bucknell.

IFC

NICK PANERO,
IFC VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL

In addition to the standard responsibilities of this position, I will be working on two other very important events this semester: attracting new leadership, as well as properly preparing this leadership for their terms is a vital aspect of Greek life. The first event I will be organizing is the IFC elections. This occurs in November, so considerable time will be spent reaching out to Greeks explaining the significance of the Interfraternity Council. Additionally, early into the spring semester, IFC will be holding the annual Officer Transition Workshop. Concentrating on lectures and breakout sessions, this workshop is always very beneficial to all Greek leadership.

Fraternity & Sorority Updates

Alpha Chi Omega

ALYSSA BECKLER, PRESIDENT

The sisters of the ETA chapter of Alpha Chi Omega have been off to a busy start this semester. Recruitment was an exciting and busy time for all of our members. We were thrilled to bring in new girls, and educate them on the values and accomplishments of our chapter. Our VP of Recruitment, Erin Fickenscher worked diligently to prepare for a successful and organized recruitment. The efforts of all our women paid off when we welcomed 51 new members to Alpha Chi on August 31. We are delighted to have our new members, and they are already making a wonderful contribution to our sisterhood. We are eager to educate them about the history of our sorority and share our own wonderful experiences as Alpha Chi's with them.

We didn't have much time after recruitment ended before our next big event. On September 4, Alpha Chi was luckily enough to sponsor a program entitled "Kristin's Story" on our campus. Through a grant, our chapter brought Mrs. Andrea Cooper to Bucknell for the third time to share the tragic story of her daughter's acquaintance rape, consequential depression, and suicide. Mrs. Cooper travels the country with the help of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation and Alpha Chi Omega Foundation to educate college students on sexual assault and what they can do to help their friends who may be victims of the crime. It was an honor to have Mrs. Cooper visit, and it was a great accomplishment for our chapter to be one of seven universities chosen to receive the grant. Many girls had the opportunity to spend time with



Mrs. Cooper before and after her presentation and we were all sad to see her leave. She spoke to a packed Weis Center and we believe her presentation will have a lasting impression on our campus.

Our chapter was also recently awarded the Excellence in Scholarship award for the 2006-2007 academic school year by our National Headquarters. Great work girls!

This semester we hope to hold our annual philanthropy event "A-Chi-O Mistletoe" and donate our profits to this year's MPP organization The Blue Butterfly Fund and to our Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, which supports victims of domestic violence. We are in the process of planning a brunch for our parents during Family Weekend and many other exciting activities. We hope to have another wonderful semester!

Chi Omega

REBECCA COTTRELL

While it is always sad saying goodbye to seniors, excitement comes with getting to know our 34 fabulous new members. After wrapping up Chi Omega's 8th recruitment process we are thrilled to welcome these women into our sisterhood. Each new member

exemplifies the class, charisma, and spirit we seek in our sisters. We could not be happier with this pledge class which has made the Chi Mu Chapter of Chi Omega the largest it has ever been.

With recruitment finished and our new member program underway, our sisters have begun to focus on our biggest philanthropy event of the year, the "Just wish for it" auction. Last year this auction brought in a little over \$3,000 and we hope to exceed that amount this year. All of the money raised goes towards granting the ultimate wish of a young child suffering from a life-threatening disease. Chi Omega sisters will also hold a second annual key-chain selling event this year which raises money for Million Penny Project. Our other community services projects include helping out with the local Girl Scout troops, Mostly Mutts and Ronald McDonald House. We also look forward to expanding our community service options with events such as a walk for AIDS and volunteering at a local triathlon.

Chi Omega's Chi Mu Chapter at Bucknell will continue to thrive on service and sisterhood. Our reputation for excellence will be upheld with the help of our dedicated sisters and enthusiastic new members.

Chi Phi

The Chi Phi Fraternity welcomed 24 new members through formal rush this fall and will likely add to that total through rolling recruitment. We are both excited and impressed by the enthusiasm and character these individuals have portrayed thus far and are anxious to get them fully integrated into the workings of our chapter. To begin this integration process, we have rewritten our new member education program and are optimistic that it will be a big success. As a part of the education process, we have set up a meeting with the Career Development Center, who will teach us the fine art of resume writing and other necessary skills. Additionally, an etiquette dinner has been planned as part of an effort to mold well-rounded Chi Phi gentlemen.

Also, the brothers of Chi Phi are excited to host the 3rd annual Female Greek Leadership Reception. This event is a semi-formal event where our brothers prepare dinner for the female Greek leaders as a way of saying "Thank you" for all of the hard work and dedication of our Greek sisters.

Lastly, we are planning on creating an Outstanding Faculty Member award that will be given out semi-annually to a faculty member who has demonstrated extraordinary ability either in their field or in the classroom. The winner of the award will be honored with a plaque and a donation to a charity of their choosing.

Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma is so excited to begin the fall 2007 semester at Bucknell! The recruitment process proved to be a great success as the Epsilon Beta chapter welcomed 50 new members into the sisterhood. The Juniors and Seniors cannot wait to share the special bonds of sorority life with these young women. We hope the new additions to our group will continue to honor the

Delta Gamma tradition of excellence on and off campus.

Our spring accomplishments continue to inspire chapter members to bring out their best. Academically, we maintained the second highest GPA for sororities, with a 3.54. Our members participated in 1,965 community service hours and donated \$10,737 to philanthropy, coming in first among all sororities. In April we hosted our annual AnchorSplash, raising over \$7,500 to donate to the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, in accordance with our national philanthropy, Service for Sight. This fall we have several exciting events planned. We will be hosting the annual Wing Eating Contest with Tau Kappa Epsilon as well as participating in numerous community service events. Looking into the past, Delta Gamma has so much to be proud of and we hope to surpass these precedents as we dive into the future of this year at Bucknell.

Delta Upsilon

JIM RITTER

VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Demosthenean Chapter of Delta Upsilon is pleased to welcome a rush class of eleven associate members. We have high expectations for this class and are confident that they will help Delta Upsilon grow in size and quality. DU is looking forward to a third successful semester back on campus and especially excited about moving back into the house. Twenty-five of the current twenty-eight brothers are living in the house this semester and the associate members will have the opportunity to move in for the spring term. The house is in fantastic condition due to its recent renovation. This semester, Bull Run Inn, under new owner Mike Purcell, is catering the fraternity house, serving three meals a day. The relationship has been excellent so far providing fantastic food and a great opportunity for the brotherhood.

Delta Upsilon is anticipating a great semester focused heavily on community service and philanthropy. We already have plans to participate and host several events. First, during September, DU will be participating in National Public Lands Day, an effort to clean up local towns and parks. We will also be helping out at Bucknell football games by setting up and running the kids blow-up rides. DU also plans to co-sponsor a philanthropy event with Kappa Alpha Theta in late September.

This fall, DU kicked off its social calendar by hosting an outdoor concert on the Engineering Quad. One of our primary goals for the semester will be to continue hosting events such as this, providing an alternate social environment for the Bucknell community. DU is also planning on hosting an alumni reception in celebration of our Founder's Day in November. This event will be an excellent opportunity for our many alumni to come and see the progress we have made. Delta Upsilon hopes to see great success in the coming months, striving to improve upon the standards for Greek's at Bucknell by upholding the standards upon which our organization was founded.

Kappa Alpha Psi

HARRISON BAKER, PRESIDENT

We recently had a game night in the common area of Swartz hall and it turned out to be a big success. This semester we plan on having a couple of card tournaments open to the student body, where we will be giving away cash prizes, so come with your "A" game. We will also be having our annual Kappa Comedy Show during homecoming weekend. This will include a night of comedians who have recently been featured on comic view and comedy central. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our illustrious organization.

Kappa Alpha Theta

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta started out this semester with a bang, welcoming 50 new members to our constantly growing chapter! This year's Bid Day theme was "There's No Place Like Home" reinforcing how much of a family Theta has become to all of us. With participation in a diverse range of campus activities and representing majors in both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering, our new members are sure to enhance our chapter with their varied talents and obvious enthusiasm.

Kappa Alpha Theta is sponsoring even more philanthropy events this semester. In addition to our annual Pancake Brunch on Family Weekend and the Fashion Boutique, we are starting a new fundraiser entitled "Preppy Sports" co-hosted by the brothers of Delta Upsilon. Featuring croquet, badminton, bocce, and a "most preppy contest" the event is sure to be a blast and will hopefully become a well known Theta tradition. Come see us sporting our green Theta polos and join the fun! Proceeds from our upcoming events sponsor our national philanthropy, CASA.

After graduating a sensational senior class at the end of the spring semester, we are looking forward to filling their shoes with our outstanding new members. Theta is looking to uphold our strong standards of scholarship and leadership at Bucknell. Our new sisters will help us to continue developing the bonds of sisterhood that make our chapter so cohesive and to maintain a positive image on campus and within the greater Bucknell community.

Kappa Delta Rho

PATRICK LEHR, PRESIDENT

The Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho is finishing another successful semester on campus. From community service and philanthropic endeavors to an

extensive social schedule, the chapter is continually opening its doors to the community. Consul Patrick Lehr now leads the multi-layered structure that makes such events possible. Brian Czop (Senior Tribune), Rob Soper (Junior Tribune), Patrick McCrann (Quaestor), and Wes Dyson (Praetor) are new additions to the executive board and will work hard to ensure the chapter's overall success. We are also working closely with the alumni to improve the physical condition of the house including the repainting of the pillars and general appearance of the house outside. The brotherhood as a whole is very involved on campus. KDR is well represented on the varsity tennis, water polo, track, and soccer teams, as well as the ROTC.

At this year's Bucknell Greek Awards, KDR received the Community Relations award for its Easter egg hunt held with the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. This is the first award won by KDR on campus in numerous years. Our new Community Service Chair, Devin Gilhuly, has been busy planning the many events. One event was the Relay for Life in which KDR raised over \$2,500 and participated in 200 total hours of community service. Kappa Delta Rho brothers will participate in this semester. Once again this spring



the brothers coached a team in the local YMCA youth basketball league. Other community service and philanthropy projects planned for this year include, the Anchor Splash, as well as highway clean-ups and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House.

The brothers of Kappa Delta Rho are looking forward to fall rush. We know the future of the chapter is in our hands since we select future brothers. It is an exciting, but serious process. Kappa Delta Rho looks forward to a great fall semester in which it will continue to improve the chapter in every aspect possible. For additional information on the chapter's events, schedules, brothers, and more, check out our website at www.orgs.bucknell.edu/kdr.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Kappa Kappa Gamma at its core is friendship, leadership and scholarship. This past year, Kappa has been working to further the growth of these qualities in our sisterhood and look forward to furthering them in the near future.

After many improvements and growth of the sisterhood last year, Kappa Kappa Gamma is now looking anxiously to that future. Kappa is proud to welcome 52 wonderful new members to the chapter this fall, after a very successful recruitment season.

Since Kappa Kappa Gamma encourages members to seek opportunities for self-growth in a variety of interests in the chapter, campus, and in the community, we look to furthering the accomplishments in these areas of last year with these new members. Kappa will be hosting tailgates on the weekends of Homecoming and Family Weekend. Also, we will be continuing with the tradition of initiating the new members into the sisterhood and celebrating the Founders' Day of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The monthly sisterhood

events we introduced into the calendar last year will also be a big part of the upcoming semester, as well as a Faculty Reception for all the wonderful faculty here at Bucknell University.

The emphasis on community service, philanthropy, and academics will also be stressed. Each girl will complete at least 10 hours of community service (even though most girls will easily exceed this amount). In accordance, Kappa will be involved in the Bucknell Haunted House on Halloween for the local children of Lewisburg. On top of all of this, as shown by Kappa Kappa Gamma having the highest GPA of all the sororities on campus, Kappa excels in the academic field and will make a conscious effort to keep up the importance of academics in college life.

This semester, the chapter council will continue the steps taken to better the Delta Phi chapter. With such a strong semester behind us, we cannot wait to begin this year, especially with the addition of new members to our chapter!

Lambda Chi Alpha

JASE CLARK

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have started out the fall semester of 2007 on a successful note with twenty-one new associate members to our ranks to go along with an award from our National Headquarters for New Member Recruitment which we are extremely proud of. With the start of a new year, Lambda Chi Alpha will look to continue its pursuits in community service and philanthropic efforts in both traditional approaches along with a new venture. The annual Lambda Chi Alpha 5K run will be back for its 20th year at Bucknell University. It has also been decided that Lambda Chi will again serve as hosts for the Greek Iron Chef event. We also look to focus our efforts upon participating in the North

American Food Drive, a new endeavor to Lambda Chi Alpha but a very noble and worthy cause that the brothers will be proud to put their names to.

Phi Gamma Delta

ZACHARY FRENZEL, PRESIDENT

It was a very successful rush this year for Fiji. We are pleased to announce that we have gained 11 new sophomore members this semester and even a Bucknell senior. Our new members are already taking an active role in the fraternity, James Cartales was recently named Community Service Chairman, and Kaz Kawamura was recently named Philanthropy Chairman. Our new members are also very active in campus activities, some of whom are on Bucknell's varsity wrestling team and very excited to rebuild FIJI's long history with Bucknell's wrestling program. The brothers are all looking forward to getting to know these men better in the coming weeks and passing on the 125 year history and traditions of the Delta chapter. Recently, the brothers have been doing some community service in Milton by volunteering as coaches for Milton's U-12 boys soccer team along with the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho. Last but certainly not least, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding our most popular philanthropy event, Luigi Fiji, this November. So, be ready for some great Italian food come November!

Phi Kappa Psi

JACK BIERWIRTH

This semester looks to be a productive and rewarding experience for the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi here at Bucknell University. 32 sophomore men accepted bids to join our brotherhood during the rush process during the first week of classes and are eagerly beginning the pledge

process at the house. Over the summer, Juniors Matt Chodkowski and Eric Miller attended the Woodrow Wilson Conference National Conference in Nashville, TN. Penn Gamma won numerous prestigious national awards, including the Academic Excellence Award in District II, and was awarded Magna Cum Laude through the Dr. Thomas D. Myers Scholarship Award. In striving for excellence, we are continuing to participate in numerous community service activities. Events include highway cleanups, working the concession stands at Bucknell football games, and other events organized by The Lion's Club, which recently awarded the Chapter with a President's Appreciation Award for our contributions to the Children's Miracle Network. Numerous community services opportunities will continue to be schedule as the semester unfolds. The brotherhood remains at close-knit as ever, with various activities planned every week including wing-nights downtown. Also scheduled is a brotherhood golf outing at the Bucknell Golf Club and a potential day of brotherhood paintballing later in the semester. Brothers are also staying active with high attendance in intramural athletic events and long hours of academic study. Overall, everyone is happy to be back and enjoy the healthy activity of our chapter.

Pi Beta Phi

The Pi Beta Phi chapter is proud to announce the welcoming of 52 new sisters to our chapter! Under the leadership Meghan Brown, our recruitment chair, the chapter worked very hard to prepare songs, skits, and philanthropy projects for recruitment. Our chapter enjoyed the sisterhood bonding sessions of preparing for recruitment and could not be more thrilled with the new pledge class. We

are also pleased for the return of 20 sisters who studied abroad this past spring. The chapter is excited to hear about their adventures and travels as we welcome everyone back!

The Pi Phi chapter is excited for many philanthropy and community service events to come. Allison Winter, VP Philanthropy, is currently planning our annual Chili Cook-Off co-sponsored with the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho. In addition, our chapter is currently working with sister, Chelsea Schmitz Bucknell '07, who is working for Teach for America in Louisiana. Our chapter intends on supporting her cause by sending supplies to her classes in hopes of promoting our national philanthropy, Link to Literacy.

We would like to congratulate to all the sororities and fraternities on their new pledge classes, and we look forward to working with them this semester.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

JACKSON NOEL, PRESIDENT

The Pennsylvania Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is celebrating an excellent beginning to the new semester. Recruitment has just finished up, and we have a new pledge class of 32 members. The new members come from New York all the way to California and play sports such as lacrosse, hockey and golf. All of the brothers are certainly pleased with the quality pledge class we have received, and I would like to thank recruitment chairs, Chris Garrison '09 and William Sullivan '09 for all of their hard work. Over the next 8 weeks, the new members will be educated by our new member educators and will soon live life by the ideals set forth by our credo, The True Gentlemen. Last semester our chapter continued our tradition of excellence by once again posting astonishing numbers for philanthropy and community service. Our house GPA

also increased for the third consecutive semester, a trend that I hope will continue for some time. We have a great semester of events planned, and we cannot wait to get back into the swing of things. If any alumni are going to be around campus, please let us know so we can arrange for you to stop by the house!

Sigma Alpha Mu

CHRIS SHAKE

This year the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Phi chapter are celebrating our 75th year at Bucknell University, and are looking forward to meeting many alumni for our celebration on homecoming weekend. Sigma Alpha Mu International is also gearing up for our 100th anniversary in 2009, which is giving us an even better opportunity to connect with alumni across the country.

Even though formal rush has concluded, we are still bringing in new members who are looking for a true family on campus. They will be helping us with our many community service and philanthropy programs, including our annual Krispy Kreme delivery on reading day and many events in the surrounding area. We will of course continue to contribute to the Alzheimer's Association along with all other Sammy chapters.

We are excited about this coming year and its opportunities.

Sigma Chi

The brothers of Sigma Chi are enjoying the successes of last semester's hard work and are hopeful in the promise of the new pledge class. Every year, we submit a Peterson Application to the Sigma Chi Headquarters office. The document details our chapter's operations and longer term initiatives. This year, we won the Province Cup, carrying both distinction and a monetary award. We are applying the award to the construction of a study

hall. The remainder of the award will represent the principle donation to a new Kappa scholarship fund.

Several of the chapter's executives and chairpersons attended the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in August. This gives the chapter's leaders a chance to brainstorm ideas for the coming semester. It was largely successful, as we planned rush, came up with new ideas for making the Plan for Prominence more rewarding, and outlined our budget, among other endeavors yet to be realized.

In early September, our brothers traveled to Gettysburg College as undergraduate Sigma Chi representatives in an effort to reinstate one of Sigma Chi's oldest chapters. This was our second visit this year and we are pleased to announce that our goal to initiate next year's pledge class is well underway, given a strong 25-person interest group.

We were fortunate in finding exceptionally worthwhile philanthropic endeavors over the past six months. In the spring, we sponsored a Challenger Little League baseball team. We continued our strong support for the Relay for Life and took advantage of a unique opportunity to give to the Alumni Bike Race Scholarship Fund; a Bucknell-Penn effort to raise money for scholarship during a bike race across the United States.

In the coming months, our chief goal will be fulfilling our duty to the Plan for Prominence. Many concerns over the efficiency of the chapter's operations have been resolved and we are looking to continue our pledge to create a chapter-specific scholarship fund. Some of our projects will require more effort than can be given by the current executive board. As such, we have implemented a new officer transition process, concentrating our efforts on clearly defining and relating officer responsibilities by way of a mentorship process. The problem of

year-over-year officer turnover is one universal to Greek institutions and is the greatest challenge to the long term strength of a fraternity. Fortunately, we have received a high degree of interest in brothers filling leadership positions and I am confident that the Sigma Chi Kappa Chapter will continue its path of success.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

STEPHAN MCELREATH

The Penn Kappa chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is pleased to welcome thirty-one new members as part of this fall's formal recruitment. This diverse class brings many strong qualities to the fraternity. New members are heavily involved in both academics and co-curricular activities, which include Men's Crew, New Student Orientation, and Bucknell Student Government. The class is also geographically diverse with men hailing from all across the United States.

These new members will immediately begin taking part in a strong new member development plan that will help teach the history and ideals of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Though this plan, new members will work to coordinate a community service event and several house projects that will both give back to the community and to the house. All of these elements are part of a year-long program that will introduce new members to what it means to live a balanced life as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is excited about the many events it has planned for the fall semester. The house is already in the process of coordinating the 3rd annual Brothers Golf Tournament, scheduled for the beginning of October. This event will raise money to benefit PSI/YouthAIDS, a national charity that works to educate youth around the world on HIV/AIDS related issues. The brothers hope to once again raise over

\$10,000 for the cause. The success of this year's golf tournament will add to the overall success of this philanthropic event over the last two years, which has produced a total of over \$23,000 in philanthropic dollars.

The brotherhood is also pleased to report that it will continue its tradition of giving back locally as it already has plans in place to assist with local community service groups. The brothers are coordinating projects through the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Haven Ministries, and T&D's Cats of the World. In addition, a group of brothers will be traveling to Paterson, New Jersey during fall break to assist with several Habitat for Humanity projects in that area.

Inside the classroom, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon have been very successful in achieving a GPA average of 3.48, which is one of the top GPA averages for Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapters around the country and is the highest of any fraternal organization on campus.

The Penn Kappa Chapter looks forward to another strong semester at Bucknell and will strive for continued success and excellence in maintaining a balanced mind, body, and soul throughout all their upcoming endeavors.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

DREW LARSON, HISTORIAN

After a successful spring semester, the Beta Mu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is looking forward to the promise of a new year. Rush activities took priority during the first two weeks of the semester, and the chapter is proud of its strong group of men on their way to becoming brothers. The new member educator, with the help of the chapter at large, has begun instilling them with the defining principles of TKE: love, charity, and esteem.

Over the summer, six brothers attended TKE's national conclave in

Las Vegas and interacted with and learned from leaders at other chapters. Beta Mu garnered awards for excellence in community service, alumni relations, academics and extracurriculars. It received honorable mention in recruitment and chapter size. In addition, Beta Mu was honored with the distinction of raising more money than any other TKE chapter for the fraternity's national charity, Alzheimer's Association.

Last year, Beta Mu raised over \$23,000 for the Alzheimer's Association through its third annual Reagan Run, where brothers running a relay from Lewisburg to Washington, D.C. in honor of former president Ronald Reagan, a member of TKE, who died of Alzheimer's in 2004. This year, the chapter is shooting even higher, with a goal of raising \$25,000. In addition to philanthropy, Beta Mu has donated more than its share of time to the local community, logging 688.5 hours of community service last semester, including an overnight trip to a drug rehabilitation facility. For the rest of the year and into the next, Beta Mu plans to maintain its high level of commitment to community, and in every endeavor it undertakes.



Theta Chi ERIC HUSELTON

The Gamma Eta Colony of Theta Chi is excited to begin another successful semester, marking its second year back in its house. Through formal recruitment, Theta Chi has been able to add some quality new members to its ranks. We hope to continue to pick up more throughout the semester to build on the momentum of our colonization last semester, and with hopes of possibly being installed next spring.

Last spring, Theta Chi posted a record high GPA with the brothers averaging a 3.66 for the semester. This won the Gamma Eta Colony a Scholarship Certificate at this summer's National Theta Chi Chapter Leadership Conference in Columbia, South Carolina.

Theta Chi plans on continuing to be heavily involved in community service and philanthropic events this semester and the brothers hope to win the Silver Star Award for the second year in a row.

The brothers of Theta Chi appreciate all of our alumni support and would like to invite our alumni to our house on Saturday, October 20, on Homecoming Weekend.



From the Panhellenic President



I would first like to welcome the newest members of our sororities and fraternities to the Bucknell Greek Community. You have an exciting journey ahead of you! Many years of tradition, personal growth, friendship, and sisterhood and brotherhood to look forward to. After serving as Panhellenic President for one semester, I can confidently say that I have grown as a Greek leader and I am especially proud to say I am part of the Bucknell Greek

Community. My experience last semester with both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils at the Northeastern Greek Leadership Association in Pittsburgh truly showed me the Bucknell Greek system is in a league of its own. We should be very proud of our high GPA, our tradition of giving back to the local community through the Million Penny Project, the many hours of community service we contribute, and the educational programming chapters provide for their members. These are just some of the many reasons Bucknell Greeks are well-rounded and an asset to the University. Additionally, this past semester has taught me that being Greek is not just about the letters you wear on your shirt, its about being part of the entire Greek community. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with members of all six sororities on campus. While we are all part of different organizations, we all share the same core values and appreciation of what it means to be part of the Greek community.

We have already had a strong start to the fall semester. Panhellenic would like to celebrate a very successful recruitment with our new web-based program. Immediately following welcome weekend, Alpha Chi Omega brought Andrea Cooper to speak about her daughter, Kristin, who committed suicide after being raped. Kristin's story was a very powerful program for both the sororities and fraternities. We are also very excited about a new Greek event coming up, over Homecoming Weekend. Alumni liaisons, Ashley Paro and Bill Massaro have been working hard to find new ways for current Greeks to connect with Greek Alumni. We are putting together a Greek Alumni Luncheon during which Greek students will have the opportunity to get to know alumni from a variety of backgrounds.

In recent years, the Greek system has been under a lot of pressure as the media draws attention to downfalls of fraternities and sororities. IFC and Panhellenic have been working hard to fight the many stereotypes we are given. One of my goals for the remainder of the semester is to continue to fight these stereotypes by encouraging Greek women to be respectful of themselves and continue to make smart decisions, always being conscious that they are representing their sorority. I would also like to commend the Interfraternity Council and fraternities for their efforts, both last semester and this fall, in making their events safer for everyone. The Interfraternity President, David Quinn, and I are both committed to ensuring the Bucknell Greek System continues to flourish at Bucknell. I am confident that we will continue to improve and grow as a community and I am looking forward to a wonderful fall semester.

STACY SWIFT '08, PANHELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

2007 Important Dates

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Fraternity Meal Plan Conversion Date

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7 p.m. - Hazing Prevention Education with Erle Morring

Location: Weis Center

Sponsored by Kappa Kappa Gamma

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 to TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Fall Break

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 - HOMECOMING

9 p.m. - Comedian Jim Gaffigan

Location: Sojka Lawn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Following the football game - Band: Antigone Rising

Location: Sojka Lawn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

11 a.m. - Alumni Greek Council

Location: Hunt Hall Formal

12 noon - Greek Alumni Career Luncheon

Location: Terrace Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7 p.m. - Liability Issues discussion with
University General Counsel and former Union
County Judge, Wayne Bromfield

Location: Vaughan Lit Auditorium

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Family Weekend

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Fall Rosters are due

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Central Billing Cards for the spring 2008 semester are due

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5 p.m. - Greek Iron Chef Competition
for the Blue Butterfly Fund

Cost: \$5.00

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