

ALPHA to OMEGA

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From the Panhellenic President

MARY O'SULLIVAN '09, PRESIDENT, PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Last semester the Panhellenic and Interfraternity (IFC) Councils worked hard to continue improving relations with non-Greek students, faculty and the greater Lewisburg community. Through new innovative ideas and events, our councils were able to improve the overall Greek image. With our first ever IFC and Panhellenic Faculty Dessert Reception, Greek leaders got the opportunity to socialize and exchange thoughts with a variety of Bucknell's administrators and faculty members. The event was very successful and we look forward to hosting our second faculty event in the near future.

All of the fraternities and sororities have worked hard this year to raise money for the HandUp Foundation, our 2008 Million Penny Project (MPP) recipient. After a very successful Wing Fest fundraiser and an end of the semester clothing and furniture drive, all of Bucknell's Greek chapters have done a wonderful job helping to reach our MPP \$10,000 goal. This semester, we are hoping to introduce new fundraising events that will be fun for the all of our students and local community.

After a fantastic and successful formal sorority recruitment, the Panhellenic Council is happy to welcome the 292 new members who were extended a bid on September 5th. With our new sorority women all in their respective chapters, the Panhellenic Council hopes to continue fostering positive inter-sorority relations. Last spring, many of the sorority chapters began to host non-alcoholic and philanthropy events with other sorority chapters. In the upcoming semester, we hope not only continue these positive interactions, yet also to expand upon them. At Panhellenic General Council Meetings, sorority presidents and delegates announce all of their upcoming events and thus encourage other sorority members to participate or attend. These open lines of communication have helped to form a positive sorority atmosphere and educate all six chapters about what each sorority is planning and accomplishing on campus.

The IFC and Panhellenic Councils have continued to have monthly joint executive council meetings to allow both councils to openly discuss issues that effect Greek students. Along with joint executive meetings, IFC President Joseph Valickus and I have continued the second semester of President Lunches—monthly lunches for all sorority and fraternity presidents to discuss events, expectations and clarify any confusion between chapters. We believe that these lunches have previously helped to bring the Greek leadership closer together and overall improve inter-chapter relations.

The Panhellenic Council is very excited to begin working on a scholarship program that will help to subsidize three sorority women's chapter dues per semester. While the program is still in its beginning stages, we hope that it will be a financial relief for some Greek women. As always, the Panhellenic Council is open to new ideas and suggestions, and hopes that implementing programs such as the Panhellenic Scholarship will help to continue to make Greek life the rewarding and fun experience that it is for us all!

Letter from the Editor

Another exciting semester is awaiting the Bucknell Greek community. We would first and foremost like to welcome 529 fantastic new members into our Greek family. We are extremely happy to have such a strong new class entering into one of Bucknell's strongest traditions! The Bucknell Greek system is a great place for students to show their full potential. Whether it is through our strong academics, our love of helping Lewisburg and other local communities or our outstanding leadership abilities, the Greek system is an incredible opportunity to offer learning through experience.

All of our chapters have been actively participating in our Million Penny Project, where all Greeks set a goal of raising \$10,000 to be donated for a local charitable organization – The HandUp Foundation. Our first large scale fundraiser, the annual Wing Fest, was a huge success during the Spring semester. We now look forward to new fundraising opportunities throughout the upcoming semester and have full faith we will reach our goal for this great charity.

Throughout this edition of *Alpha to Omega*, please take notice of the great work, initiatives and successes that each and every one of our chapters has strived to achieve. I am so proud to be apart of a group of people that prides themselves on helping others and teaching values of friendship, commitment and excellence.

JACLYN SPECHLER

VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

From the IFC President

JOE VALICKUS '09, PRESIDENT, INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Bucknell Greeks continue to demonstrate why our Greek system is so highly regarded. After a great spring semester and successful recruitment, Mary O'Sullivan, the Panhellenic President, and I are excited to continue the system's very positive work. Fraternities and sororities maintain outstanding involvement within the community, continuing to expand upon previous semester's statistics for community service hours and philanthropy dollars. Last semester, Greek students demonstrated academic excellence with average GPAs above that of the entire campus community. Yet, we seem to see little change in the perception of our Greek students. Despite the many reasons for our Greeks to be recognized for their positive impact, minor setbacks or national incidents remain centered within the spotlight. Mary and I are passionate about uniting all of our organizations to combat such scrutiny.

It is clear that our Greek system is successful, and, historically, we have found that it is utilized as a national model for aspiring colleges and universities. Rare issues on campus, negative publicity and national Greek issues continue to compete with the positive work of Bucknell Greek organizations. Though the contribution from each chapter is often instrumental in characterizing the success of our system, it is also the Greeks' responsibility to remain cognizant of potential negative issues and downfalls. Unfortunately, it seemingly only takes one misstep or mistake from one chapter to catalyze criticism. It is necessary to continue to prove that Greek Life is an essential part of the Bucknell experience and should

remain an integral aspect of its mission going forward.

The Interfraternity Council, the governing body of Bucknell's 13 fraternities, is perpetually aiming for increased communication and unity. Having been initiated last semester, plans are continuously underway to further collaborate with other prominent Bucknell entities in addition to fraternities and sororities. Our communication and involvement with Public Safety, Bucknell Greek alumni and multicultural organizations on campus are only a few of the important groups with which we interact. We believe it is of great importance to further our relationship with administration and faculty. For example, as Bucknell's Campus Master Plan progresses, Greeks are looking to remain involved in both campus and alumni conversations. Mary and I believe that a unified Greek front will provide the best means of establishing meaningful connections, promoting our accomplishments and assisting with positive press and publicity.

I would also like to congratulate David Goodwin, who has been hired as the Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Bucknell should be proud of its Greek system. It offers unique experiences in leadership and personal growth. Though already prominent in exemplifying the strength of Bucknell students, I believe that it is necessary to continue to push further, seizing the opportunity to elevate our Greek system to higher levels.

National Hazing Study

CHIP MARRARA, ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS

Recently I read a hazing study from professors Elizabeth J. Allan and Mary Madden of the University of Maine. I e-mailed this study to many of you in hopes you had an opportunity to read it because it is very good. Their study includes many actions that take place here at Bucknell University in our student and athletic organizations.

Their study provides initial findings of the National Study of Student Hazing. The research is based on the analysis of 11,000+ survey responses from undergraduate students enrolled at more than 50 colleges and universities. Additionally they completed over 300 interviews with students and campus personnel at 18 academic institutions.

For their study, hazing was defined as "any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers them regardless of a person's willingness to participate." The following are discussed in the report:

- 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams or organizations experience hazing.
- Hazing occurs in many student organizations including athletics and Greek-letter organizations. These behaviors are abusive, dangerous and potentially illegal.
- Alcohol consumption, humiliation, isolation, sleep deprivation and sex acts are common hazing practices.
- 25% of the behaviors occurred on-campus, in a public space; 25% of hazing experiences are in the presence of alumni; and students are most inclined to talk with peers (48%) or family (26%) about their hazing experiences.
- In more than half of the hazing incidents, a member of the offending group posts pictures on a public web space.
- 95% of hazing cases go unreported to campus officials.
- 69% of students who belonged to a student organization reported they were aware of hazing practices in their own organization.
- 47% of students arrive at college having experienced some form of hazing.
- 90% of students who have experienced hazing in college do not consider themselves to have been hazed

Professors Allan and Madden recommend working with college students to:

- Design prevention efforts that are broad and inclusive of all students.
- Commit to educate the campus community about the dangers of hazing; send a clear message that hazing will not be tolerated and that those engaging in hazing behaviors will be held accountable.
- Include all students, staff, administrators, faculty, alumni and family members on hazing prevention issues.
- Involve all students in hazing prevention efforts and introduce these at orientation.
- Understand that prevention efforts need to be more comprehensive than one-time presentations and plan comprehensive efforts.

I think we'd be naïve to believe that hazing does not take place at Bucknell University. It comes in many forms and levels of severity and very few student organizations and athletic teams are unaffected. If we as a campus are going to take hazing seriously, we as an entire community, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and students must become part of the solution. To read the entire national hazing study, please log on to www.hazingstudy.org/publications/hazing_in_view_web.pdf.



Alumni Liaisons' Message

GREG WAGNER AND JENNIFER ALLEN

As the Alumni Liaisons of the IFC and Panhellenic Council, we are eagerly working to further relations between the Bucknell alumni and the current student body. The first Greek Alumni Career Luncheon was a success this past fall, and we are having a great time planning this event again for Homecoming Weekend. This year we will be holding the networking brunch in Larison Dining Hall on Sunday, October 26th at 10:30 a.m. The brunch is open to members of all sororities and fraternities, and offers the students a chance to learn about Bucknell alumni from a variety of career fields. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to hear first-hand accounts of their interests and provides beneficial interactions for students preparing to make their transition into the workforce. In addition, we are working with the Department of Alumni Relations to pilot the B-Link program, which will connect current Greek students with alumni online. Alpha Chi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon have been chosen as the organizations that will pilot the program because they are the respective affiliations of the alumni liaisons. Alumni can access these web pages through their alumni network on Bucknell's website. Finally, we look forward to working alongside the Alumni Greek Council this year as well in order to strengthen the alumni relations to the Greek community.

Fraternity & Sorority Updates

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega is delighted to welcome fifty new members to Eta Chapter at Bucknell University! We are confident that the new member class will continue in our chapter's tradition of academic success, campus leadership, and altruistic values; we look forward to the enhancements that each woman is sure to bring our sisterhood.

The outstanding new member class isn't the only new addition to Alpha Chi this semester. We are also proud to unveil a newly renovated suite in Hunt Hall! The renovation was supported by the Alpha Chi Omega Housing Corporation as well as Eta Chapter funds. We were fortunate enough to work with Eta Chapter alumnae and professional interior designer, Donna Hewes Roberts '77. Donna volunteered her expertise and large amount of time and traveling to ensure that Alpha Chi would have a suite that is not only beautiful but also multi-functional. With the new wall paint, carpeting and furniture, our sisters will benefit from enhanced areas for studying, carrying-out chapter business and socializing.

These wonderful new additions have provided motivation for the continuation of our chapter's success both inside and outside of the classroom. Alpha Chi earned a 3.61 Spring '08 GPA, the highest of any Greek organization on campus, and in addition, raised \$12,717 for charity, the most of any sorority!

Our schedule for this semester will contain many community service and philanthropic projects, sisterhood bonding events, non-alcoholic campus wide social activities and a faculty-relation event. We hope to co-host and work with other Greek organizations on such events, and look forward to

supporting those organizations by participating in their own projects as well!

Chi Omega

After ending a great spring semester, the sisters of the Chi Mu chapter of Chi Omega look forward to another exciting year! After many weeks of preparation and practice, the recruitment process is now completed. We are thrilled to welcome 35 amazing new women into our sisterhood! Chi Omega is friendship, character and class. Each new member exemplifies these qualities in which we take pride. We look forward to teaching these women more about the meaning of our sisterhood throughout their new member education program this semester.

With recruitment finished and the new member education program underway, the sisters of Chi Omega have turned their attention to our largest philanthropy event of the year. Our annual "Just Wish for It" silent auction was held over Family Weekend, September 26-27th. Our sisters prepared donated auction items and organized the details of this auction over many weeks. All proceeds raised from the auction are donated to Chi Omega's national philanthropy, the Make a Wish Foundation. The funds raised will support the work of the Make a Wish Foundation by assisting to fulfill a wish of a child diagnosed with a life threatening disease.

In addition, Chi Omega plans to uphold great participation in many community service projects including Community Harvest, the Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross Blood Drives and assistance with local Girl Scout troops. Chi Omega is thrilled for what we hope is another great semester!

Chi Phi

After another successful spring semester, the Phi Lambda Theta chapter of Chi Phi sent six representatives to New Orleans for Chi Phi's national congress. At the congress, the Bucknell Chi Phi's were honored with five national awards, including the risk management award, the philanthropy award and the chapter excellence award. Additionally, seven brothers lived in the house this summer and helped construct the new front porch. Formal recruitment also went well, and 17 new members were pledged on September 5, 2008. Though this number is somewhat smaller than previous years, the chapter is thrilled with the new class and plans to add to their numbers throughout the semester with rolling rush. Throughout the semester the new members will experience a variety of team building activities, such as a paintball trip, CLIMBucknell and a house project of their choice. As far as standard chapter operations go, Chi Phi is looking forward to another successful semester of community service, philanthropy and social events.

Delta Gamma

The sisters of Delta Gamma are very excited to start another year at Bucknell. Spring semester was highly successful and set the tone for yet another promising year. In the spring, we donated countless hours of our time to community service opportunities. Sisters spent time at local organizations such as Riverwoods, an assisted living community and Evangelical Hospital. Our annual spring fundraising event, Anchor Splash, brought together over 20 different organizations and raised over \$4,500 dollars for the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. After winning

the Gold Star Award here at Bucknell, our success as a chapter continued at Delta Gamma's Biennial Convention held in Palm Springs, CA. At the convention, we were honored to receive five awards including Outstanding Chapter and the award for Academic Excellence in our region. We are so proud of our achievements and even more excited about the start of Fall semester.

Our Fall Recruitment went very well and we are happy to welcome 50 new members to the Epsilon Beta Chapter! Our sisters are thrilled to extend the bonds of friendship and sisterhood to these young women. With this new addition to our chapter, we hope to continue the Delta Gamma tradition of excellence on and off campus. We look forward to all that awaits us this semester!

Delta Upsilon

The Demosthenean Chapter of Delta Upsilon is excited to welcome a new associate member class into the fraternity. After a successful rush period we look forward to our second year back in Demosthenean Hall. Ahead of us is a semester packed with community service, philanthropy and social events. We are especially excited to bring back the old DU tradition of the Demie Play. The Demie Play is an



opportunity for us to invite the entire campus and local community to come watch us perform a play that we have written, produced and star-in ourselves. It will be a great time for everyone and an excellent way to raise money for a good cause.

In Delta Upsilon's continued effort to serve the community we have many events planned in addition to the Demie Play. As we did last year, we will be helping out during Saturday football games to set-up, operate and break-down the inflatable toys that the local children love. And during formal recruitment we constructed cubby holes for the children at the Milton YMCA. On the social calendar DU already has several non-alcoholic events planned for the beginning of the semester that will be open to the entire campus. And we are looking forward to this year's Homecoming and alumni reception where we will have the opportunity to show our alumni the progress we have made in two short years.

Lastly Delta Upsilon is deeply saddened to say goodbye to a great friend and mentor who not only was instrumental in bringing DU back to campus, but who was an outstanding presence in the Bucknell community as a whole. Our faculty advisor Charlie Pollock passed away over the summer and our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. In his honor Bucknell plans to create a memorial scholarship which will carry on his name and support the community that he loved. And as a chapter, we will continue to strive for excellence in serving the community and promoting our values.

Kappa Alpha Psi

The Xi Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated was founded at Bucknell in 1991. It has since produced gentlemen of high caliber that have instilled in the succeeding brothers the same principle

of achievement. Ranging in profession from doctors to financial consultants, the chapter has kept the principle alive. While on campus, the brothers do community service as well as many philanthropy events. This past spring, they raised over \$2,000 for the Susquehanna Valley Women in transition in the annual Dinners and Dates Auction.

Kappa Alpha Theta

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta are delighted to welcome 50 new members into our chapter! We could not be happier with this wonderful group of young women. The junior and seniors had a great time bonding during recruitment and are excited to get to know the new members. Everyone enjoyed bid day bowling and an ice cream party on the suite! Theta has many sisterhood events planned already, such as 'speed dating' to get to know all the sisters and a trip to the corn maze.

We are currently preparing for our annual Pancake Brunch to support CASA, our national philanthropy. The Pancake Brunch will take place during Family Weekend in Larison Dining Hall from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come and enjoy pancakes and other delicious food prepared by our sisters! We also hope to hold another philanthropy event later on in the semester.

Throughout the semester, our sisters will continue to serve the community. We will be volunteering together at Community Harvest and the local food bank, as well as continuing our participation in Bucknell Buddies, Best Buddies and Head Start.

We look forward to another successful year with the addition of new sisters who will strengthen our commitment to excellence.

Kappa Delta Rho

After a very successful spring semester, the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho have



moved back into their residence on Fraternity Road. From the work put in last semester, KDR is able to boast having currently produced the most community service and philanthropy dollars per member and most educational and university sponsored events attended. Under the same leadership, Chris Collier, who is taking over as Senior Tribune, KDR plans to dive into another great semester at Bucknell University. With the help of the alumni and National Fraternity, the brothers expect to make positive strides on this campus.

This year, KDR experienced one of their strongest recruitment periods thanks to the hard work and efforts of Nick Donahue. With 26 pledges, Junior Tribune Chris Dunne will be running a second course of The Path, KDR's national new member education program. As the future of the fraternity, the new members will become both acclimated to Greek life at Bucknell and will become aware of the standards of the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity on whole. They will actively take part in our social and service functions and continually learn what KDR brotherhood is really about.

Of course, the brothers will continue to rack up community service hours, now putting a greater focus on

helping out with children in the local community. Their philanthropy endeavors will follow the same principle. The brothers of the Iota Chapter plan to focus their efforts on KDR Kids, the KDR National service and philanthropy initiative. Look for the brothers coaching athletic teams in the community as well as running after school sports programs at the Milton YMCA. Under Community Service Chair Phil Nazareus and Philanthropy Chair Nick Doyle, KDR plans to put up another semester of impressive statistics. The brothers look forward to making a lasting impression on this campus and establishing a precedent for years to come.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

The Delta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma completed a successful spring semester, and looks forward to continuing such achievement this fall. We are happy to welcome back our sisters that were abroad, and are pleased to have our sorority full of familiar faces again. Our membership chairman Renee Signore, worked incredibly hard throughout fall recruitment, and we are thrilled to have 51 new ladies entering our sisterhood. In the upcoming weeks the new members will be given extensive information regarding Kappa's history and values, which will better aid their understanding of the organization that they have joined.

Our emphasis on community service and philanthropy continues to be strong, and with the closing of the spring semester we were able to raise a little under \$4,000 for our national philanthropy Reading is Fundamental as well as other charities. We also sponsored Locks of Love at the beginning of March, and collected over 2,000 inches of hair, a record breaking donation for Bucknell! In total, 17 Kappas donated hair and 223 ponytails were collected from the Bucknell community. We are so pleased with

the results, and want to thank all those that generously donated for such a noteworthy cause.

We recently hosted a leadership consultant in the beginning of September, who assisted us in the continued development of our sisterhood here at Bucknell. In October we will be hosting a haunted house for the children of Lewisburg, which will no doubt be a fun and engaging event for both the sisters and kids. Again, we are ecstatic to have just recruited a pledge class of outgoing and driven ladies, and look forward to getting to know them as fall progresses!

Kappa Sigma

The Alpha Phi colony of Kappa Sigma is pleased to report its continued success going into the fall of 2008. On August 20th, the members of Kappa Sigma officially returned to their historic house looking forward to continuing the traditions handed down by many generations of brothers as well as establishing their own. After a grueling week of labor and repairs, the Alpha Phi Colony is proud to call 64 University Avenue home for what will hopefully be hundreds of years to come.

Twelve new members were recruited through this fall's formal rush process allowing Kappa Sigma to take its place among Bucknell's great fraternities. All 12 men were selectively chosen to exhibit the fine principles upon which Kappa Sigma was founded – fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

The Alpha Phi colony has met most of the qualifications for installment and expects to become an initiated chapter before the close of this semester. Beginning with eight fine gentlemen in the fall of 2007, Kappa Sigma has grown leaps and bounds as it now boasts 38 members. Kappa Sigma will undoubtedly continue to grow and prosper into the new academic year.

Lambda Chi Alpha

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have started out the fall semester of 2008 on a successful note with 26 associate members to our ranks to go along with an award from our National Headquarters annual Stead Leadership Conference for Campus Involvement of which we are extremely proud. 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 21st year at Bucknell University. We also look to focus our efforts upon participating in the North American Food Drive, a new endeavor to this Lambda Chi Alpha chapter, but a very noble and worthy cause to which the brothers will be proud to put their names.

Phi Kappa Psi

Coming back to school, the brothers here at the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi haven't missed a step and this semester looks as promising as the last. Twenty-nine out of 29 sophomore men have accepted bids to join the brotherhood after the rush process from the first weeks of school. With the addition of so many good men, we hope to grow stronger in the community and as individuals. The chapter continues to help the Lion's Club with the selling of concessions at the Bucknell University football games. Also there are plans to visit Haven Ministries and T&D Cats and to perform highway cleanups. The brotherhood wants to be as closely-knit as possible. A scheduled golf outing at the Bucknell Golf Club over Parents Weekend and spur of the moment outings to the Lewisburg pool in the early fall prove that the brotherhood does a lot together. Along with these activities, the chapter remains very determined in intramural athletic events

that Bucknell University offers, including soccer and ultimate frisbee. Every one of the brothers continues to devote many hours to their studies even though we participate in so many activities. The chapter is happy to be back and ready for a great semester and year.

Pi Beta Phi

The beginning of the school year has been extremely exciting for the sisters of Pi Beta Phi. With another successful recruitment period behind us, we now look forward to getting to know the group of sophomore girls that are pledging Pi Phi. Furthermore, we are eager to implementing our new and improved "New Member Education" plan, lead by Pledge Mother Kelsey Brown, which is designed to inspire Pi Phi pledges to become enthusiastic and dedicated members of our sorority. VP of Event Planning, Caitlin O'Shea, has also been working very hard to keep the pledges involved and busy by planning sisterhood events during which the pledges can not only bond with each other, but also with the junior and senior members of Pi Phi.

In other news, due to the success of the first annual "Pi Phi Picnic" last spring, our sorority plans on hosting another philanthropic event in the near future. VP of Philanthropy, Mollie



Friedman-Weiss, has been working with her committee to come up with an idea that will top the "Pi Phi Picnic" in participation, donations and fun – not an easy task! We plan on donating the proceeds to First Book, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own new books. Each member of Pi Phi has already donated at least one of their own beloved children's books to the organization this semester. While we plan our big event, the sisters of Pi Phi are getting involved in community service by participating in downtown cleanup, the Head start program and Bucknell Buddies tutoring. This fall, our goal is to continue our currently unmatched dedication to the local community.

Finally, we are proud to say that our Alumni Advisor, Carol Tevis, is now also the President of the Greek Alumni Council at Bucknell University. We have no doubt that Carol's leadership will help the council promote the highest ideals of Greek Life. With such a promising start, we anticipate that this fall semester to be both productive and full of fun!

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The Pennsylvania Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is off to a great start this fall. Recruitment is over and we now have a pledge class of 28 members. These men come from all across the country and are active in University athletics, clubs and other organizations. On behalf of the brothers I would like to thank our recruitment chairs, Rob Kolansky '10 and Steve Kornreich '10, for their hard work and effort during recruitment, which allowed us to bring in a great pledge class. Over the next eight weeks our new class will be educated by our new member educators and will soon live by the standards set forth by our credo, The True Gentleman.

I am also pleased to announce that

the transformation of our old chapter room into our new dining area is now complete. The campus facilities crew has finished the construction of a new door leading into our new dining area which now makes serving 90 men possible. We look forward to continuing our chapter's success with some great events planned for this semester. In order to continue Penn Zeta's success, we have formed an ad hoc special interests committee that oversees the formation of a new house improvement plan, parent's club, capital campaign and alumni advisory board. Keep an eye out for our fall issue of the Iris for more details. We look forward to seeing alumni at our event during Homecoming Weekend – please feel free to stop by the house with your families if you are returning for the spirited weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back home.

Sigma Chi

The brothers of the Kappa Chapter of Sigma Chi are enjoying the beginning of a new semester by welcoming 30 potential new members to our fraternity. Thanks are due to everyone who helped out during recruitment, but especially to Mike Dallanegra and Matt Walsh. The quality of our pledges is a testament to their hard work and the idea that recruitment is a year-round process.

This summer we sent five of our brothers to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at the University of Missouri. There, we grew in our ideas of what leadership entails and focused on leaving a positive legacy. We left BLTW with new goals and plans for the chapter, as well as with a James F. Bash Significant Chapter Improvement Award.

In compliance with fulfilling the Plan for Prominence and building upon our relationship with the community, Sigma Chi is aiding the Union County chapter of the American Red Cross and



the Mifflinburg Area Military Moms' Association in a school supply drive. They are collecting supplies to send to the troops stationed in Afghanistan to help them set up and maintain the schools there.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

With the end of rush, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon are eager to instill in its new members from Bucknell's Class of 2012 the sense of responsibility and pride that stems from the acceptance of Greek life. And proud we are, for last semester we achieved record levels of philanthropy and community service. Weekly, brothers traveled down Market Street to aid with the operation of soup kitchens or volunteer weeknights at Haven Ministries. Others gave back to the community through T&D's Cats of the World where our brothers assist the owners with a variety of tasks, ranging from feeding the big cats to clearing fields to be used for deer pens. Those looking to aid their fellow men gave blood last semester or volunteered countless hours to SERV to aid those in immediate danger on campus.

Geared towards the youth of the greater Lewisburg area, brothers traveled to the Jungle Café to promote the opening of an after school program geared for at-risk youth and spent an afternoon

at the local YMCA. On a personal note, we joined the friends and families of our brothers during the annual Relay for Life, where many walked and even nine brothers completed the 26 miles in support of cancer victims. All in all, Sigma Phi Epsilon produced nearly just over 1,200 hours of community service in over 30 organized activities and raised \$10,965 in philanthropy. Academically, last semester Sigma Phi Epsilon's GPA remained above the fraternity's average and even above the campus average. Athletically, our brothers led the way in intramurals claiming the Pangburn Cup at the semester's conclusion.

While proud of our athletic, academic and philanthropic achievements last semester, every brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon recognizes the need to continue our tradition of excellence. Thus, we have a full semester planned. As we do every fall, we have scheduled our annual golf tournament from which the proceeds help support the fight against youth AIDS. The tournament is a doubly important activity as it allows brotherly bonding while simultaneously raising funds for a worthy cause. Some brothers have already begun a semester of community service by receiving monetary pledges in return for running the Philadelphia Half-Marathon. In keeping with our fraternity's goals of scholar, athlete, gentleman and leader, we have scheduled, in addition to community service events, information sessions geared at informing brothers about on campus issues, including LGBT issues and sexual assault. With our incoming class, we hope to instill the pride and sense of duty meant by the words Sigma Phi Epsilon not only through our past accomplishments but by the desire to surpass them in the upcoming semesters.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Beta Mu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Bucknell University is

looking forward to another very successful year. We were recognized by our National Fraternity with awards in Community Service, Alumni Relations, Extracurricular Activities, Recruitment Results, Chapter Size and Academic Success. We plan to continue this excellence and to remain one of the Top TKE chapters in the Nation.

The Chapter is proud to announce that we have 35 new candidates who are on their way to becoming brothers. With a fraternity of over 70 men we look forward to increasing our involvement on Bucknell's campus and in the local community.

This past semester our chapter raised its GPA to a 3.25. We hope to meet our goal of 3.33 this upcoming semester.

The fifth annual TKE Beta Mu Reagan Run will take place this October. Last year we raised \$36,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. We will be holding our second annual Wing Eating Competition this fall to help raise money. In addition to philanthropy, the chapter contributed 719 hours of community service last fall.

The Beta Mu chapter would like to thank all of our alumni for their

continued support. We look forward to setting the bar even higher this semester and continuing a tradition of success.

Theta Chi

The Gamma Eta colony of Theta Chi is off to a strong start this semester. Over the past year, we have excelled with our academics and service. Also, our house has recently undergone some internal and external improvement projects.

Last semester, our members had an average GPA of 3.42 which was well above the all-male average. At the national convention held in Indianapolis in July, our colony was recognized by all of the Theta Chi chapters for our academic accomplishments on this campus.

Our fraternity has also lived up to our motto of "The Helping Hand" by remaining actively involved in community service and philanthropic opportunities. Last semester, we participated in a number of service opportunities including a variety of cleanup activities in the town of Lewisburg, helping at a local museum, working with Habitat for Humanity, assisting with renovations in a local

public library and sponsoring a youth night at a café. This fall, we are expecting to assist the local detachment of the Marine Corp. League to package gifts for Toys for Tots. Last year, we organized a collection of toys and monetary donations toward the local Toys for Tots, raising over \$1,500 for the cause, and we hope to improve upon that this year.

The Theta Chi house has also undergone significant improvements. Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, we have been able to furnish our kitchen so that it can be used for meals on a regular basis. Also, there is work being done to improve the patio in our backyard.

As a result of our positive progress, it is expected that Gamma Eta colony will be re-installed as a chapter in the spring semester. The hard work, motivation and success of our members have led us to achieve great things, and we will strive to continue our success.

Community Service & Philanthropy Update

SCOTT SHAPIRO AND ASHLEY HAMILL, COMMUNITY SERVICE/PHILANTHROPY CHAIRS

Each year, Bucknell Greeks work hard to raise a total of \$10,000 to donate to a local organization that has been selected as the recipient of the Million Penny Project (MPP). After a rigorous nomination process, it was decided that this year's MPP is the HandUp Foundation in Milton, PA which is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in financial crisis.

This past spring, the IFC and Panhellenic Council were both pleased with the overwhelming response to Wing Fest, the MPP's annual spring fundraiser. With a handful of local restaurants and fraternities who graciously donated wings, Bucknell Greeks were able to raise an astonishing \$3,167.00 for the HandUp Foundation. Additionally, a clothing and "junk" drive was held at the very end of the spring semester in which students donated miscellaneous items to HandUp's Discount Center where they sell gently used clothing and appliances at discounted prices. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the volume of contributions received and the overall success of this drive. Many thanks go out to Dean Marrara and David Goodwin for all of their kind help and support, as well as to all of the students and faculty who contributed.

Currently, for the fall semester, IFC and Panhellenic are working hard to come up with a new MPP fundraiser in hopes of coming one step closer to reach the ultimate goal of \$10,000. If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear your ideas! Lastly, if you are interested in learning more about the HandUp Foundation, or would like to find out ways in which you can personally support them, please do not hesitate to visit their website at handupfoundation.org. It is our hope that the endeavors of the Bucknell Greeks will make a positive and enduring impact upon the HandUp Foundation now and in years to come.



A Word from the IFC Recruitment Chair

KARAN SHAH,
IFC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

I still remember the beginning of my sophomore year when I was debating whether or not I wanted to join a fraternity, but looking back at it, I think I made one of the best decisions in life. My fraternity experience has been awesome thus far. My time in a fraternity motivated me to run for the Recruitment Chair of Interfraternity Council. I wanted to reach out to students like myself and show them the benefits of joining a fraternity. I wanted to show them that fraternities had a lot to offer to an individual in terms of lifelong friendships, leadership and networking opportunities and academic success.

From a recruitment chair's perspective, the 2008 formal recruitment has been one of the most successful recruitments we have had at Bucknell University. This year, we were able to get 272 students to register for formal recruitment, which is the highest number in the past eight years. Out of the 272 students that registered for recruitment, 244 students ended up joining one of the 12 fraternities on campus. I feel that these numbers reflect the success of the entire fraternity system on campus.

For me, this position has enriched my fraternity experience. This position has taught me lifelong lessons of communication and planning. I feel that the lessons I have learned from my leadership position I will carry with me to my future job.

Sorority Recruitment

ERIN WOLFE, PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

Formal Fall Recruitment is now over and all six sororities are excited to welcome and educate their new members. We again used the web-based program, the Collegiate Recruiter, from Interactive Collegiate Solution to organize and process our entire recruitment. We had fairly few potential new members withdraw from the recruitment process this year thanks to our awesome Gamma Chis! Thus, this year, 88% of women who went through recruitment received a bid and 61% of upper-class women at Bucknell are Greek! These record breaking numbers show the success of this year's recruitment and the Bucknell Greek system as a whole!

Bid Day this year was Friday, September 5, and Smith Quad was definitely hopping! Each chapter spent the night with their new members, doing a variety of activities such as bowling, mini-golfing and more! Welcome Day photos were taken of each sorority on Saturday, September 6th.

Currently we are working on new member post-recruitment surveys to gather information on how to make next year's recruitment a bigger success. In addition, we will be interviewing three wonderful organizations with potential interest in joining our Greek system here at Bucknell. The extension process is very exciting for the Panhellenic Council and we look forward to announcing the name of Bucknell's newest sorority by the end of the school year!

From the GAMMA Chairs

PENTON MOTT AND ALESANDRA AGRESTI, GAMMA CHAIRS

On September 23rd, the Bucknell Greek Community will have a Hazing Prevention Education program featuring Judge Mitch Crane. Judge Mitch Crane has been a practicing trial attorney since 1977, as well as had six years as a municipal judge in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He now travels the nation and has spoken to college students at over 500 campuses on a diverse array of important issues from hazing, sexual assault, negligence and alcohol abuse.

A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Judge Crane has been awarded the fraternity's distinguished alumnus awards, Frank J. Ruck Interfraternity Leadership Award and The Order of The Golden Heart, Sigma Phi Epsilon's highest award. Judge Crane is experienced in communicating to college students and inspiring members of the Greek community. Greek members from all organizations are eager to learn about hazing prevention to further improve Greek life on campus. Bucknell is proud to host him this fall and looks forward to learning about his career and experiences.



FRATERNITY & SORORITY STATISTICS (SPRING 2008)

FRATERNITIES

Academic Rank	Chapter	GPA S'08	Cum	Chapter Size	Community Service Hrs.	Philanthropy \$ Donated	Programs Attended	Number of Reg. Events
1	Sigma Alpha Mu	3.49	3.29	18	60 (3.3)	205 (11.39)	4, 6	6
2	Chi Phi	3.47	3.34	64	1,528 (23.9)	11,281 (176.27)	2, 4, 5, 6	19
3	Delta Upsilon	3.43	3.33	38	517 (13.6)	3,022 (79.53)	1, 5, 6, 7	21
4	Theta Chi	3.42	3.57	26	270 (10.4)	408 (15.69)	2, 4, 6, 7	7
5	Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)	3.41	3.11	27	15 (0.5)	135 (5.00)	1, 6, 6	4
	All Greek Average ****	3.41	3.32	*****				
6	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.38	3.34	88	1,007 (11.4)	10,965 (124.60)	1, 2, 4, 6	18
7	Phi Kappa Psi	3.36	3.29	79	1,051 (13.3)	7,141 (90.39)	4, 7	15
	All Campus Average	3.34	3.27	*****				
	All Fraternity Average	3.31	3.23	*****				
8	Lambda Chi Alpha	3.26	3.18	66	349 (5.3)	1,116 (16.91)	2, 6	7
9	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3.25	3.19	88	261 (3.0)	8,700 (98.86)	1, 2, 6	12
10	Tau Kappa Epsilon	3.25	3.11	70	719 (10.3)	1,160 (16.57)	1, 2, 6, 6	6
	All Male Average ****	3.24	3.17	*****				
11	Sigma Chi	3.21	3.10	76	76 (1.0)	0	none	7
	All Non-Greek Male Average	3.19	3.13	*****				
12	Kappa Sigma	2.99	3.03	26	94 (3.6)	55 (2.12)	6	2
13	Kappa Delta Rho	2.89	2.98	29	790 (27.2)	5,467 (188.52)	1, 2, 2, 3, 6, 7, 7	4
14	Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.	2.82	2.54	3	-	-	-	6
	TOTALS			698	6,737 (9.7)	\$49,655 (\$71.14)		144

SORORITIES

Academic Rank	Chapter	GPA S'08	Cum	Chapter Size	Community Service Hrs.	Philanthropy \$ Donated	Programs Attended	Number of Reg. Events
1	Alpha Chi Omega	3.61	3.49	125	1,067 (8.5)	7,344 (58.75)	4, 5, 6, 7	7
2	Delta Gamma	3.55	3.47	126	1,450 (11.5)	5,144 (40.83)	2, 6, 6, 7, 7	6
3	Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.52	3.43	139	991 (7.1)	1,533 (11.03)	2, 5, 6, 6, 7	10
	All Sorority Average	3.51	3.42	*****				
4	Chi Omega	3.49	3.44	104	1,159 (11.1)	8,273 (79.55)	2, 5, 6, 6	26
5	Pi Beta Phi	3.48	3.31	137	1,615 (11.8)	7,225 (52.74)	2, 4, 4	9
	All Female Average	3.45	3.37	*****				
6	Kappa Alpha Theta	3.43	3.43	121	1,239 (10.2)	1,563 (12.92)	2, 6, 7	12
	All Non-Greek Female	3.41	3.33	*****				
	All Greek Average	3.41	3.32	*****				
	All Campus Average	3.34	3.27	*****				
	TOTALS			752	7,521 (10.0)	\$ 31,082 (\$41.33)		70

Community Service & Philanthropy: The number in parenthesis is the hours of community service and/or dollar amount per chapter member.

Programming Key: 1 = Alcohol/Drug Education 3 = Hazing Prevention 5 = Faculty Relations 7 = Other Approved Program
2 = Gender Issues/Sexual Assault 4 = Diversity and Tolerance 6 = Health Program

Number of Events: This is the number of events hosted/sponsored by that organization. It includes non-alcoholic events.

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