

# ALPHA to OMEGA

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## From the IFC President

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 over night 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. We need to continue to prove that Greek life is an essential part of Bucknell and should play a prominent role in the Plan for Bucknell. New leaders need to emerge and learn from the hard work of their predecessors and build upon their foundation. We have an opportunity to cement our position in a new era for Bucknell and we cannot let it slip by.

The Interfraternity Council, the governing body of the thirteen 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 keeping 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 that are plaguing campuses nation wide and often unintentionally offending our fellow peers. We need to be aware of the social consequences of our actions and do our best to avoid unnecessary indignation. In addition, we also hope to continue to address faculty relations in conjunction with the Provost's office through faculty luncheons; creating a channel of communication between faculty and Greeks that was noticeably absent. This parallels a broader need to promote our accomplishments not only to ourselves, but to the whole Bucknell community and even the national Greek community. Hopefully through collaboration with other student organizations, the administration and public safety we can work towards greater awareness and involvement with the rest of the Bucknell community.

I would finally like to congratulate Theta Chi on its official colonization on Bucknell's campus and Ben Portman, Dean Marrara, and Officer Snyder who presented a seminar on law enforcement and Greek life at the northeastern Greek leadership association conference.

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. So 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

As we write this article we are busy preparing for our annual Greek Week, a celebration of Bucknell Greek Life. The members of the Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils as well as the Fraternity and Sorority Presidents have put in a lot of work in preparing for this event. The week is kicked off with the annual Wing Fest, an event in which local restaurants and campus Fraternities donate wings to raise philanthropy for the Million Penny Project. We hope to beat the \$2,000 mark that was set at last year's event. On Tuesday, chapters will compete in the second annual Academic Bowl in categories such as sports, pop culture, and academics. On Wednesday, chapters will hit the volleyball courts as they show off their athletic talents in our first ever Volleyball Tournament. The week will conclude with the Greek God and Goddess Competition as the Greeks show off their many talents. We hope that this week will prove to be as successful as those past and that all of the hard work and positive efforts by the Greek System during this week will allow for the outside community to see Greek Life in a different light.

As we move forward in our terms as Vice Presidents of External Affairs, we hope to provide outsiders with a view of what a true Greek System is. The young men and women that are a part of the Bucknell Greek Community are the perfect example of what it means to be Greek. As you read through this issue of Alpha to Omega please take careful note of the many accomplishments that our chapters have achieved thus far in the semester and join us in congratulating the Bucknell Greek Community as we move forward with the year.

**STEPHEN HORSFIELD AND KATIE WOLFE**

VICE PRESIDENTS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
INTER-FRATERNITY AND PANHELLENIC COUNCILS

## Community Service

The Greek community has had another very successful year of community service and philanthropy projects. There have been both a variety of individual fraternity and sorority successes as well as larger Greek-wide events.

We are currently having a Greek-wide book drive to benefit the Milton Library as well as local daycare centers. This project will culminate on March 2, national "Read Across America Day" when the books will be delivered.

Last semester we raised money for the Million Penny Project with the Greek Iron Chef Event. This event allowed members of the community to get together in a fun, competitive environment, while benefiting our Greek-wide philanthropy. This fundraiser, along with various individual fundraisers, allowed us to meet our Million Penny goal for the year. The benefactor of this project was Community Harvest, a local soup kitchen that provides hot meals once a week. The \$10,000 check was presented to them at a Bison Basketball game earlier this semester.

Currently we are in the process of selecting the new Million Penny Project benefactor. We will begin fundraising for this project with Wing Fest which will take place during Greek Week. We look forward to yet another successful year of community service and philanthropy.

## IFC Community Service and Philanthropy Update

**CHRIS PALMER**, IFC COMMUNITY SERVICE/PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

2006 was a very successful year in both community service and philanthropy for the Bucknell Greek community. Greeks on campus contributed over 23,000 hours and nearly \$130,000 in philanthropy money to various local and national organizations. Through Greek-wide events such as the Greek Iron Chef and Wing Fest, Bucknell Greeks raised \$10,000 towards the Million Penny Project, which benefits a different local organization every year. On February 14, 2007, IFC and Panhellenic proudly presented the \$10,000 Million Penny Project check to Community Harvest, a local soup kitchen that is run by Bucknell students. IFC also supported Chris Wilson, a Phi Kappa Psi member who spent time over his winter break to volunteer in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans.

This spring, Bucknell Greeks have gotten off to a great start in continuing to show their commitment to community service and philanthropy by participating 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, started an inaugural book drive to benefit local libraries and children's centers throughout February and the beginning of March. The annual spring Wing Fest will be held during Greek Week at the end of March, which kick starts Greek fundraising towards the Million Penny Project again. All members of IFC and the Greek community are excited for a very successful 2007 in the areas of community service and philanthropy.

## Preparing for Sorority Recruitment

**DOAN HUYNH**, PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

I am very excited for the upcoming months and of all the preparations to be done for a successful sorority Recruitment in the fall. There are many exciting new changes for the promotion of Recruitment to all eligible Bucknell women this semester. We are currently working hard on making "The Truth about Panhellenic" posters that will highlight six Greek women, each representing a chapter and their commitment to athletics, research, or community service. We are also planning a service event during Greek Week on March 28 for the first-year women. At this event, we will be making children kits for Geisinger's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit so that the newborn's visiting siblings have something to do as their parents spend time with the newborn. The kits will contain: crayons, color pencils, activity books, coloring books, and sketchpads. We hope that this event will be meaningful for all the women and a good opportunity for the first-year women to learn more about the service aspect of Greek life as they meet Greek women who can offer advice and answer questions about Recruitment and Greek life.

In addition to these new promotional endeavors, we are in the process of acquiring and training everyone on the new software we are using for this year's Recruitment. We will be using Collegiate Recruiter from Interactive Collegiate Solutions to help Recruitment run smoother and more efficient. I am ecstatic about everything the Recruitment staff and I are working on and I hope you will support us in all that we are doing for pre-Recruitment!

## 2006 Chapter Awards

The IFC and Panhellenic recognized the accomplishments of 2006 at their Annual Greek Awards Ceremony on February 13, 2007. The award winners are as follows:

**CAMPBELL RUTLEDGE JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.48 GPA; 85 members)  
Theta Chi (3.48 GPA; 18 members)

**LOIS HEENEHAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
Delta Gamma (3.55 GPA; 122 members)

**MOST IMPROVED**  
Theta Chi

**RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD**  
Delta Gamma  
Chi Phi  
Phi Kappa Psi

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD**  
Alpha Chi Omega  
Sigma Phi Epsilon

**PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM AWARD**  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
Chi Omega

**RECRUITMENT AND NEW MEMBER EDUCATION AWARD**  
Chi Omega  
Lambda Chi Alpha

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AWARD**  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
for bringing the Israeli Soldiers to campus

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD**  
Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Delta Rho  
for their community Easter Egg Hunt

**OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY ADVISOR**  
Paula Shaw, *Chi Omega Advisor*  
Dr. Don Stechschulte, *Sigma Chi Advisor*

**OUTSTANDING ALUMNI VOLUNTEER/ALUMNI ADVISOR**  
Barbara Leauber, *Kappa Alpha Theta*  
Gene Spencer, *Kappa Delta Rho*

**OUTSTANDING FRATERNITY & SORORITY ATHLETE**  
John MacFeeters, *Lambda Chi Alpha*  
Chessa Forer, *Pi Beta Phi*

**OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OFFICER**  
Adam Curry, *President, Phi Kappa Psi*  
Cathy Kruesi, *PH Delegate and P for P Chair for Kappa Alpha Theta*

**OUTSTANDING JUNIOR AWARD**  
David Quinn, *Phi Kappa Psi*  
Alison Faux, *Pi Beta Phi*

**OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD**  
Mark Kohler, *Tau Kappa Epsilon*  
Cassie Ostroski, *Chi Omega*  
Molly Lewis, *Delta Gamma*

**2006 PRESIDENT RECOGNITION**  
Michelle Wirkus, *PH-Pi Beta Phi*  
Ben Portman, *IFC-Chi Phi*

**PAUL PIGMAN MEMORIAL AWARD**  
Karen Gardner, *Alumnae Advisor to Chi Omega*

**GARY SOJKA LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
Bob Thomas, *Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Programs*

**JOHN DUNLOP COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**  
(Highest Award for a Bucknell Undergraduate Greek member)  
Michelle Wirkus, *Pi Beta Phi*  
Ben Portman, *Chi Phi*

**SILVER STAR CHAPTERS**  
Alpha Chi Omega  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Chi Omega  
Theta Chi  
Delta Gamma  
Kappa Alpha Theta

# Fraternity & Sorority Updates

## Alpha Chi Omega

The sisters of Alpha Chi Omega are excited to begin another great semester! At the Greek Awards on February 13, Alpha Chi Omega was awarded the Community Service Award, Community Relations Award, and the Silver Star Award. Thank you to all of our members for your dedication and hard work! We are looking forward to making 2007 another great year!

We are really excited for Greek Week and other events this Spring. On April 21 we will be hosting a new philanthropy event. With the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, we are planning a Volleyball Tournament and Barbeque. We are hoping to raise money for our philanthropic foundations and to provide a fun-filled afternoon for participants. We hope that this new event can become a lasting tradition!

We are looking forward to meeting new girls at Open Suites and we will be busy preparing songs to present.

As we approach the end of our semester we will be appreciating our senior members and thanking them all for their commitment to Alpha Chi. We wish all of our seniors the best of luck! We will miss you!

## Chi Omega

REBECCA COTTRELL

Chi Omega has started this semester off with a bang. We received 6 awards at the Greek Awards ceremony including the Recruitment/New Member Education Award, Philanthropy Award, Outstanding Senior Award went to Cassie Ostroski, The Outstanding University Advisor Award for our incredible advisor Paula Shaw, and the Paul Pigman Memorial Award went to Karen Gardner for all of her hard work and dedication to Chi Mu. We are all

very exciting to be recognized for all of the hard work that our advisors and sisters have put into our sorority over the past year.

Currently, we are preparing for our big philanthropy event of the semester, the Spring Clothing Drive, which benefits Haven Ministries. We had great success with this project last year and hope to continue that trend once again this year. Our sisters have also been giving back to the community in another way, throughout the semester we have been working with the local Brownie Troops in the area helping during weekly meetings and assisting at their Brownie Buzz off; we are also working on our next event for them, Princess for a Day.

We just completed open bidding and are proud to welcome 7 new, wonderful girls into Chi Omega, making this spring's recruitment the largest we have had and hopefully the last. Our new pledges are enthusiastic and excited about discovering all that it means to be a Chi Omega and we as sisters are looking forward to sharing our sisterhood with them.

This semester we look forward to furthering the bonds of sisterhood while striving to create fun and worthwhile community service, philanthropy and non-alcoholic events.

## Chi Phi

BRENDAN HAMILL, PRESIDENT

This semester, Chi Phi has focused on maintaining our overall vitality and connecting with our core values of Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity. We've added two quality new members to our roster through rolling recruitment thus far and are hoping to add several more excellent men by semester's end. On February 23rd and 24th, we

welcomed 39 of our Chi Phi brothers from other schools in the region, as well as our National staff, to Bucknell to participate in an exchange of ideas and educational programming about the history and traditions of our fraternity.

On March 24th, we will be hosting the Special Olympics on campus where special athletes will be participating in swimming and basketball competitions. We hosted this event last year and are excited to be participating again. Chi Phi will also be participating in the Relay for Life to help fund research for cancer and is currently seeking to establish a philanthropy event that we can coordinate and run in future semesters.

Chi Phi was also honored with the Risk Management Award for the second straight year at the Greek Awards. Additionally, Ben Portman, a member, and founding father, of our chapter, received the highest honor possible for a Greek student when he was awarded the John P. Dunlop Commitment to Excellence Award.

Finally, it will be a sad day at semester's end when our first full class of seniors will be graduating. These men have sacrificed a great deal in establishing this chapter and their presence not only on campus, but within the chapter house, will be sorely missed.

## Delta Gamma

The sisters of Delta Gamma are excited to continue their "Do Good" tradition on the Bucknell campus this spring. Our new chapter management team has been installed and is working diligently to follow in the footsteps of our previous leaders. We were honored to receive the following Bucknell Greek Awards for 2006: Silver Star, Risk Management Award, and the Lois Heenehan Scholarship Award for the

chapter's 3.55 GPA. These achievements represent Delta Gamma's lifelong commitment to scholarship, community, and sisterhood.

We recently participated in an existing chapter retreat, and continue to bond by enjoying lunch and dinner events, cheering for our sisters in their various sports, musical organizations, and plays, and exploring all Bucknell has to offer. Our first non-alcoholic, cookie decorating, welcomed many hungry sisters and campus friends. Our next non-alcoholic should be a blast, as we try not to slip at the ice skating rink!

Community service is one of our favorite ways to come together while giving back to the community. You can always find a Delta Gamma playing bingo at Riverwoods nursing home or tutoring children through Bucknell Buddies. We are also organizing a team for Relay for Life held on March 25th.

Currently, our energies are being focused in preparation for our annual AnchorSplash fundraiser, which will take place Thursday, April 12 at 8:30 pm in the Kinney Natatorium. Last year we collected over \$5,600 to donate to Delta Gamma's national philanthropy, Service for Sight, and we hope to continue the success this year. We encourage fellow Greeks and the campus community to grab their bathing suits and organize teams for this "Wetter is Better" themed night of fun and service!

All of the sisters of Delta Gamma are very proud of our accomplishments. We hope to continue our tradition of success at Bucknell this year while continuing to build strong relationships with other Greek organizations and the campus community as a whole!

## Delta Upsilon

JIM RITTER, VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Delta Upsilon is back on campus as a Greek organization for the first time in three years. Beginning with only 12 members after formal recruitment, the membership has rise to 29 men. Due to

our success, we have been given permission to move back into the fraternity house next semester. The men of DU and the alumni are also pleased to announce that our installation and initiation ceremony will be held later this semester, in which we will officially become a chapter on campus.

Community service and philanthropy are well under way and we have placed a great deal of effort into the projects. In the coming weeks, Delta Upsilon will be hosting a series of philanthropic events at Bucknell and in the neighboring community called Hoops for the Hungry. Each event consists of a basketball competition where participants will earn points based on the difficulty of their shot. With an entry fee of canned goods, we look forward to assisting the local food bank and the community.

Though still new to the Bucknell Greek system, the colony of Delta Upsilon is continuing to make great progress with the Plan for Prominence. As the semester progresses, we hope to move forward in other areas as well. The brotherhood will be focusing heavily on alumni relations. The extremely strong support of many of our alumni has not gone unnoticed, and we look forward to reaching out and reuniting all DUs. We are also looking becoming more involved in campus affairs and relations. Delta Upsilon has a strong history on Bucknell's campus, and we look forward to restoring the chapter to its former strength and prestige.

## Kappa Alpha Psi

JAMES TUCKER, PRESIDENT

The Xi Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. returned with only one member for the Spring 2007 semester, James Tucker. That did not stop the Fraternity from getting off to a brilliant start. The Annual Dinners & Dates auction was held in the newly redeveloped Bison for the first time,



but that did not stop the ladies from coming out in large numbers and spending big. To a packed audience in the Bison, 9 bachelors were auctioned off for dinner dates in the spirit of Valentine's Day for a total of over \$2,000. Proceeds this year go to Susquehanna Valley's Women in Transition, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

In the ensuing months, look for new members of Kappa Alpha Psi to jump in running. You can see the fraternity at the Step Show hosted by BASE over House Party Weekend. Ladies keep your eyes open for the annual Women's Appreciation Day in April. The semester will conclude with the Xi Kappa Chapter Reunion Weekend, April 27-29. Alumni will return to campus to celebrate 18 years of achievement in every field of human endeavor here at Bucknell University.

## Kappa Alpha Theta

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta have begun an exciting spring semester following a very successful fall semester. Continuing from a successful fall recruitment, the new pledge class came into Theta 50 strong and ready to contribute all of their energy and ideas to developing our chapter on campus. Our annual Pancake Brunch on Parent's Weekend was a large success that also

helped to bring our sisters together through service. Through our presence at campus events, Theta strives to be a positive influence in the Bucknell community.

We are proud that we were recently recognized for achieving Silver Star status for all of our hard work in service, philanthropy and academics. Following chapter elections, it is clear that the sophomores of Theta have a lot to offer to our sisterhood as many officer positions have been filled by the energetic sophomore class. This in itself is indicative of the positive role that we hope to play on campus in the coming years. Theta has taken on many service projects in the recent weeks, ranging from tutoring to volunteering at the food bank and also donating at the blood drive.

Our Theta spirit has been noted on campus particularly during our premiere of our chapter's dance to "Space Jam" which led to an invitation to perform at the halftime of a men's basketball game. You can find us not only on the dance floor but performing in music ensembles, on sports teams, working for the Bucknellian, and as members of campus cultural groups. The conclusion of the spring semester promises to be filled with many more opportunities to serve our community as well as connect with the other chapters on campus. With fourteen members of the chapter abroad, we look forward to their return in the fall to continue what will no doubt be a stellar year for the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

### **Kappa Delta Rho**

**PATRICK LEHR**, PRESIDENT

The Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho has started what is hoped to be 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. 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 Bucknell radio station and 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. During the fall semester KDR raised money for the Million Penny Project through its annual Chili Cook-off co-hosted with Pi Beta Phi Sorority. This year \$800 was raised. Our new Community Service chair, Devin Gilhuly, has been busy planning the many events Kappa Delta Rho brothers will participate in this semester. Once again this spring the brothers are going to coach a team in the local YMCA youth basketball league. Other community service and philanthropy projects planned for this year include American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Anchor Splash, as well as highway clean-ups and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House.

The future of the chapter is in good hands with the addition of twenty-two new brothers from the Fall '06 pledge class. The new members are ready to take the reigns as many already hold positions that are vital to the fraternity. Kappa Delta Rho looks forward to a great spring 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](http://www.orgs.bucknell.edu/kdr).

### **Kappa Kappa Gamma**

Founded on the basis of friendship, moral support, self-growth, intellectual development, and positive principles, the sisters of the Delta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma have many achievements to be proud of so far this year.

Our philanthropy event for Valentine's Day, Kappa Kisses, went very well raising the most we ever have through this event for our philanthropy. Our annual Locks of Love drive was also a great success, bringing in over 1,000 inches of hair, given by over 90 students and faculty. This was our greatest contribution yet and we could not be more excited! This event has inspired us to have the same success at our upcoming philanthropy event, Kappa Klassic. This is our biggest event of the year and by starting out planning now, we hope it to be an even greater success than last year.

We also have joined hands with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon to enhance community service. So far we have already held a very fun Bingo event with the elderly, with many more events to come in the semester. We feel that it is events like these that truly bring everyone together and not only shows others, but also ourselves, how big of a difference we can make.

During the remainder of this year, Delta Phi is also dedicated to strengthening our bonds of sisterhood. We are making efforts to attend all of our sister's events and happenings as a group to show our support both for our sisters and our school. We cannot wait to finishing this year strong, but also cannot wait to start again in the fall!

### **Lambda Chi Alpha**

**JASE CLARK**, PRESIDENT

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have been very fortunate in the success of last semester and continue to aspire to its chapter's mission statement. Last semester, Lambda Chi Alpha hosted the

Greek Iron Chef event in which 3,500 dollars were raised for the Million Penny Project. Our recruitment efforts results were very successful with a sophomore class of 27 new members and the fraternity being awarded 'Best New Member Education.'

This semester we look to maintain our involvement with the community by hosting a benefit concert in conjunction with the Students for Fair Trade and the Bucknell Brigade and plans are also being made to participate in the North American Food Drive. Efforts are also being made to host a blood drive at our house, an event that has been in the making for some time now. We also look forward to House Party and hosting events that will produce an entertaining and safe weekend for all that participate.

### **Phi Kappa Psi**

**JACK BIERWIRTH**, PRESIDENT

The brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi is looking forward to the spring of 2007. Phi Psi hosted a Super Bowl party and will be hosting a Final Four Party along with barbeques for informal spring recruitment. We are looking forward to meeting the men of the Class of 2009.

As usual, the brother hood will be busy doing several different types of community service and philanthropy. Several members weathered the cold to donate money for the Polar Bear Plunge in early February. Proceeds from Battle of the Bands that took place on February went to the American Heart Association. Again, Phi Psi has created a group to raise money in Relay For Life. A few of the brothers will be coaching a YMCA Basketball team again this year.

The big development for Phi Psi this semester has been the creation of a new scholarship. The scholarship will be given to a boy or girl senior at Lewisburg High School who best demonstrates the joy of serving others. This scholarship will give the winner

even more of an opportunity to pursue academics after high school. It looks to be a promising spring.

### **Pi Beta Phi**

With only a little over a month into the school year, the Pi Beta Phi calendar is filling up with many exciting activities. Jessica Wilkinson, VP Event Planning, organized our first Non-Alcoholic, Valentine's crafting event in February. The chapter made personal Valentine's for members of Riverwoods Community Center. Our chapter received great feedback from the residents of Riverwoods, and we hope to work with them again soon.

Thanks to the hard work of Kate Bernhardt and Allison Winter, we have many great community service and philanthropy events planned for the semester. In commemoration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, eleven girls from our chapter visited the Lewisburg Children's Center to donate books, perform a skit, and surprised the children with a Dr. Seuss cake. Other upcoming events include Relay for Life, in which over 50 members are participating, and our annual Pi Phiesta Dinner! Last semester our chapter raised an astounding, \$9,857 and served the community through 2,494 hours of service. Our chapter is continuing to work hard to exceed these numbers from last semester.

Our chapter has also been very successful attending and organizing campus programming events. VP of Member Development, Allie, Litwak, arranged an all sorority program with psychology professor, Bill Flack about his research in sexual assault at Bucknell.

A very special congratulations needs to be extended to Pi Phi Greek Award winners Chessa Forer (Outstanding Student Athlete), Allison Faux (Outstanding Junior), and Michelle Wirkus (The John Dunlap Commitment to Excellence Award). Overall, our chapter is proud of our

accomplishments of last year, and we use our achievement to further propel our members to enhance our local community and campus.

### **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

**JACKSON J. NOEL**, EMINENT ARCHON

The Pennsylvania Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon experienced a very successful year in 2006. I would first like to commend our past Eminent Archon, Steven Marino, for being named Eminent Archon of the year for the Rho-Eta province. Steven's commitment to SAE and the Greek system stretches much further than any award could ever illustrate; it has been a pleasure working with him as a leader, and having him as a brother.

In early February, SAE held the annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival at the Silver Moon reception hall. This year's event had a record attendance of over 800 patrons and also brought in over \$19,000 for the Donald Heiter Community Center. Our philanthropy chair, Andrew Guild, collaborated with Ted Hickes, our brother that is on the board of the community center, to plan a fantastic event! Andrew is now busy planning a new philanthropy event, SAE's Casino Night, which will make its debut in October.

In November, the brotherhood celebrated the initiation of 32 new brothers. Now it has come time to recruit a new pledge class for next fall. Our recruitment chairs, William Sullivan and Christopher Garrison, are very excited about the upcoming recruitment period and expect to continue our tradition of excellence in recruiting new members. So far, we have hosted a Super Bowl party, but there should be plenty more freshmen friendly events to come this semester.

Recently our brotherhood has been working to establish a firm connection with our alumni. We have decided to hold an alumni networking night in



New York City this July. The event should provide alumni and brothers alike an opportunity to get to know one another and understand the long-term benefits of maintaining a strong network of support.

It already appears that we are going to have yet another great year. It is our goal to reach Silver Star status with the university, and I look forward to having even more positive progression for our fraternity!

### **Sigma Alpha Mu**

**ROGER T. LYNCH,**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu Sigma Phi Chapter have had a great semester so far. Six brothers that attended the Polar Bear Plunge each had a letter painted on their chest that spelled out "Sammy!" and a picture of the brothers was featured in "The Daily Item." The annual Alumni vs. Brothers Paintball Outing in April should be great fun as always. The chapter is also very excited to celebrate our 75th anniversary this year.

### **Sigma Chi**

**MIKE NEEDHAM,** PRESIDENT

With a new year underway, the members of Sigma Chi have many objectives in mind. To begin, a new executive board has been elected, with President Michael Needham at its head. They have proposed a set of goals

designed to establish a stronger brotherhood, introduce a broader sect of the student population to the fraternity, and give more back to the community outside of Bucknell.

In order to introduce more students to the fraternity, the brothers of Sigma Chi successfully hosted a party for the Super Bowl. Men of the freshmen class came and watched a very good game while they were also able to enjoy wings and a chance to meet with their future brothers should they choose to rush Sigma Chi. The brothers have also held a few events at the house, including a registered party at the beginning of February.

Philanthropy and community service are both very important to us all, and this is no different for Sigma Chi. This semester, we are looking to improve both. Brothers have already volunteered to coach in a youth basketball league held in Milton, while the entire chapter is sponsoring a baseball team here in Lewisburg. These are only two groups of many with which we want to be involved.

A goal for the brothers of Sigma Chi is to win the distinction of the most outstanding chapter, an award presented by the Regional Director for Sigma Chi fraternity chapters at Penn State, Dickinson and Bucknell. The Peterson is given to the chapter who exemplifies leadership, philanthropy, and a number of other areas which

should be the backbone to every fraternity. Finally, the chapter would like to achieve Silver Star distinction for the 2007 calendar year. We believe that with hard work, this is attainable. However, if we do not achieve Silver Star distinction, we will conduct ourselves as such to achieve Good Standing.

Fraternity recruitment is back in full swing with the new semester. Events at the chapter houses during the Super Bowl gave the freshman class their first glimpse of Fraternity life, and the Sunday events turned out to be a huge success. All of the chapters reported impressive attendance by first year students and brothers who came to hang out and eat good food while watching the game. Coming up in April, each chapter will hold events during the Final Four so the freshmen can meet more fraternity brothers.

Another upcoming event is "Meet the Greeks," a program that will give first year students an overview of what Greek life has to offer at Bucknell. This event is the kick off to Greek Week. This year it is going to be held in the Weis Center and will have representatives from every Greek organization in attendance.

### **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

**STEPHAN MCELREATH,** PRESIDENT

In a year following their attainment of Silver Star Status, the Pennsylvania Kappa Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon embarks on 2007 with great promise and enthusiasm. From their success in academics, campus involvement, philanthropy, community service and through out many other facets, SigEp Penn Kappa continues to be one of the premier SigEp chapters in the nation.

For 2006, SigEp's 85 members have successfully maintained a 3.48 GPA while continuing to have the highest fraternity GPA at Bucknell. In recognition of their academic achievements, they were awarded

numerous national accolades at the annual Carlson's Leadership Academy hosted by SigEp national this past February. Among their many awards included the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse Award for Academic Excellence and the Scholarship Cup.

SigEp has also continued their tradition of campus involvement. The brothers hold a plethora of roles on campus including the vice presidents and representatives of BSG, varsity athletes, orientation staff, IFC executives, ROTC cadets, leaders in the performance arts, and much more.

In recognition of his leadership quality and character, former chapter president Patrick O'Malley was awarded the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award from SigEp national. This award allows Patrick the honor of awarding a deserving sophomore brother of his choosing a \$1,000 scholarship. The goal of SigEp is to make their community a better place as well as perfecting themselves as "Balanced Men."

Further examples of this can be seen in their work as community servants. This past semester the chapter sponsored their second annual golf tournament and long drive contest, which raised over \$13,000 for YouthAIDS. Over fall break many brothers went to New Jersey to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. They have also continued their work with Haven Ministries, YMCA youth basketball league as well as numerous other community organizations. Over the next semester SigEp plans so participate in Relay for Life as well as sponsoring a charity softball game.

In further efforts to enhance alumni relations, SigEp is holding their second annual alumni cruise and dinner in New York City this next month. Chapter executives will also be attending the SigEp national conclave in Atlanta, GA over the summer.

In every aspect in and outside of Greek life, SigEp works to uphold their three pillars of virtue, diligence and brotherly love. With strong leadership, a strong brotherhood and a firm tradition SigEp is sure to carry their previous success into 2007.

### **Tau Kappa Epsilon**

**IAN HARTSHORN,**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

Tau Kappa Epsilon Beta Mu is off to a great spring semester. Coming off the success of attaining Top TKE status, our spring rush program yielded four excellent candidates. The candidates have been hard at work planning a service project with a local soup kitchen. We eagerly look forward to their induction in the upcoming weeks.

On the philanthropy front, the planning for our nationally recognized Ronald Reagan Run for Alzheimer's Research is underway. With a goal of raising \$25,000, we have our work cut out for us, but are confident in the generosity of our community, friends, and families. We recently met with our Alumni Board who as always provided us with insight and support concerning the Reagan Run and other upcoming goals.

Several of our sophomore and junior brothers recently met with over 200 Tekes at our annual Regional Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They attended sessions on recruitment, chapter management, and fraternity traditions. These current and future leaders of the fraternity returned from the trip with a recommitment to TKE's ideals of Love, Charity, and Esteem.

Our new executive board, installed in January, has set aggressive goals to reconnect with alumni, engage faculty and the campus community, and improve the house. These new goals will help us make our fifth year since recolonization our best!

### **Theta Chi**

**ERIC HUSELTON,** PRESIDENT

The Gamma Eta colony of Theta Chi is off to a great start this semester. We acquired ten new members this year, bringing our total chapter size to 22 members. This is our largest new member class yet in our almost two years of being back at Bucknell. On February 17, our interest group was officially recolonized at Bucknell. This was a huge step forward for the group and we are planning on becoming installed next year.

Our success extended far beyond our recolonization and for the fall semester of 2006, the brothers of Theta Chi posted the highest GPA with a 3.57 and the most community service hours per member of any Greek organization at Bucknell. The brothers of Theta Chi lived up to our motto of "The Helping Hand." Our community service included helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house, helping to restore a local historical site, as well as reading to local elementary school students during National Children's Book Week. This spring, the brothers have hosted a packed Superbowl Party and Game Night, which were both huge successes.

Theta Chi was recognized for its accomplishments at the Bucknell Greek Awards Ceremony in February, taking home the Campbell Rutledge Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award for having the highest fraternity GPA for 2006. Theta Chi was also awarded the Silver Star Award and the Most Improved Fraternity for 2006. The brothers are very excited at the potential to take even greater strides forward this next year in recruitment, academics, and service.

# From the Panhellenic President



Thus far the Spring semester has been very productive for the Greek community. I would first like to thank Michelle Wirkus and Ben Portman, the outgoing Panhellenic President and Interfraternity President for all their hard work last year and specifically for their leadership at the officer transition workshop in January. I would also like to congratulate all the new Greek leaders on their new positions. Lastly, I would like to congratulate all the recipient of Greek Awards this year and thank all the chapters for their hard work to meet the Plan for Prominence requirements for 2006. Four sororities and two fraternities received Silver Star and the Greek community continues to excel academically with an all Greek GPA above the Bucknell student average. Thank you again for the time you put in.

Fall recruitment 2006 was the most successful recruitment yet at Bucknell. The Panhellenic council is working towards an even smoother recruitment in 2007 with the use of a new web-base recruitment program that will allow chapters to spend more time getting to know their potential new members and less time filling out forms. Panhellenic has already started meeting with chapter recruitment chairs to start planning recruitment. We are very excited about our new pre-recruitment event on Wednesday, March 28, that is geared towards first year women during which we will put together activities boxes that we will take to Geisinger Hospital for the brothers and sisters of the patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We believe this will be a great opportunity to get to know first year women while at the same time giving back to the local community. Our second annual pre-recruitment event, Open Suites, will take place on Tuesday, April 24, and give first year women glimpse of what fall recruitment will be like.

Both Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils were very proud to present a check for \$10,000 to Community Harvest at the Bucknell basketball game on February 15th. This money was raised the entire Bucknell Greek Community as our 2006 Million Penny Project and will be used to help maintain the local soup kitchen. We are currently deciding on a candidate for the 2007 MPP and will begin fundraising for this effort with Wing Fest on Monday, March 26, kicking off Greek Week 2007.

Panhellenic looks forward to working with the Interfraternity council to further promote Greek Life at Bucknell and spread awareness to both faculty and the local community to inform them of the many positive contributions we make.

STACY SWIFT '08, PANHELLENIC COUNCIL PRESIDENT



## Alumni Liaison Update

ASHLEY PARO AND BILL MASSARRO

As the Alumni Liaisons of the IFC and Panhellenic Council, we are eagerly working to further relations between the Bucknell alumni and the current study body. We recognized the strong interest for alumni-student interactions at the Alumni Greek Council meeting earlier this semester, and have been eagerly working to put together an interactive program to achieve this objective. We are currently in the process of arranging a Greek Alumni Career Luncheon, a program which would encourage Bucknell alumni from a variety of career fields to come and share their experience in the workforce with present students. This event is tentatively scheduled for Homecoming weekend, and will be open to members of all sororities and fraternities. We have received very positive feedback for this program from all the chapters in Bucknell Greek Life, and believe it will provide beneficial interactions for students preparing to make their transition into the workforce. We believe this Alumni Luncheon will provide a great opportunity to further Bucknell's student-alumni relations.

## IFC

NICK PANERO, IFC VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL

A major aspect of the position is serving as the IFC Judiciary Chair. I bring any Risk Management violations before the council, and facilitate the self-governance. Utilizing the Greek Monitoring Team (GMT), I hope to reduce the amount of risk management violations that occur. IFC officers serve as the GMT, monitoring all registered parties on campus. Through their extended presence, and close working with chapter presidents and risk managers, we are aiming to eliminate riskier situations. Exhibiting self-governance and self-monitoring is crucial in maintaining our responsibility.

Other aspects of the position include serving on other committees and councils, as well as assisting the other officers with their responsibilities. COGL is one of these councils, one which allows for Greeks and faculty/administrators to work for the progression of our system. With regard to other officers, we're all working to have a successful House Party and formal fall recruitment.

## IFC GAMMA Chair

ADAM HINSHAW

So far this semester, all non-alcoholic programming has gone very well. Recently, both IFC and Panhellenic Gamma chairs, I and Stephanie Joong, worked closely with Bob Thomas from Student Health Services to bring Matt Bellace back to campus. Matt is a motivational speaker and comedian who graduated from Bucknell in 1996. He is well known on campus for founding Calvin and Hobbes in 1993. He also attended Drexel University where he received his PhD in Clinical Psychology. After school Matt became involved in the comedy circuit, seeing it as an excellent venue to not only educate people, but to entertain them.

IFC and Panhellenic contacted Matt so he could deliver his message to Bucknell. Matt proved to be a very engaging and entertaining speaker, incorporating people from the audience into his presentation. Moreover, many found that Matt deftly walked the fine line between comedy and gravity as he talked about making healthy choices regarding drug and alcohol use and getting high naturally. Filling nearly every seat in Trout Auditorium, the event was very well attended, both by Greeks and non-Greeks alike. Additionally, the audience gave Matt their undivided attention and energy, readily participating when asked. Matt said he highly enjoyed speaking to the audience and returning to Bucknell.

In the weeks to come, Stephanie and I intend to begin organizing and planning for Alcohol Awareness week for the fall semester of 2007. We will also be distributing a national alcohol survey to every fraternity and sorority on campus. The survey will be a learning tool to help heighten people's awareness of their drinking habits. In the mean time, we will continue to construct new and creative ways to incorporate alcohol-free activities into the campus around us.



## Fraternity Recruitment

BILL GROEN, IFC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

Fraternity recruitment is back in full swing with the new semester. Events at the chapter houses during the Super Bowl gave the freshman class their first glimpse of Fraternity life, and the Sunday events turned out to be a huge success. All of the chapters reported impressive attendance by first year students and brothers who came to hang out and eat good food while watching the game. Coming up in April, each chapter will hold events during the Final Four so the freshmen can meet more fraternity brothers.

Another upcoming event is "Meet the Greeks," a program that will give first year students an overview of what Greek life has to offer at Bucknell. This event is the kick off to Greek Week. This year it is going to be held in the Weis center and will have representatives from every Greek organization in attendance.



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